



Creating Energy & Strength through Unity
Our alliance provides continuity and a communication
network for citizens and groups dedicated to progressive causes.

Progressive Alliance Calendar January 2024

*"The bad news is time flies.
The good news is that you are the pilot."
Michael Altshuler*

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January 1, 3, 5 SHARE Ministries' Food Distribution

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays are SHARE Ministries' and EDC Food Bank food distribution days from 10am-noon. 1031 Thompson Way, Placerville. For other days and locations go [HERE](#) See flyer below.

January 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 Wakamatsu Farm Wednesday Workdays

Projects center around small site improvements. 9-12 noon. Contact: ARConservancy.org/events

January 5 Free Public Viewing Placerville Observatory

Public viewing is **free every Friday and Saturday night in January**. Please check back by 3PM on the day of the event for weather or staffing closures. Time: 7:30-9:30pm. Location: Community Observatory, 6699 Campus Drive, Placerville. Information [HERE](#)

January 6 Friends of the Library Book Sale

The monthly book sale is from 8:30-1:30 in the back of the Placerville Library. Books are \$7 a bag. Contact: folplv@icloud.com

January 6 First Saturday Tour and Open Garden Day

The tour starts at 9 am and lasts about an hour. Then you are free to roam around the various demonstration gardens and ask questions of the Master Gardeners onsite. Gardens close at 12 noon. 6699 Campus Drive, Placerville. Purchase a \$2 parking permit at any kiosk. Contact: <https://mgeldorado.ucanr.edu>

January 6 New Year Cleanse Hike

Welcome positive energy in 2024 and say good bye to any negative experiences from 2023. The 2.5 mile hike will travel to the South Fork of the American River. Well behaved children of all ages and dogs on leash welcome. (Rain date 1/20) Register online: [HERE](#)

January 6 Free Daytime Solar Observing at Placerville Observatory

Monthly daytime solar viewing happens the first Saturday of each month. Please check back prior to the event for weather or staffing closures. Time: 10am-12pm. Location: Community Observatory, 6699 Campus Drive, Placerville. Information [HERE](#)

January 7 Community Table

The community table takes place every other Sunday each month at 24 Carrot Farm, 2731 Jacquier Rd, Placerville. Drop off donations between 8-9 am. The table opens at 9am. Contact: schrodycomb@gmail.com

January 8-21 Tibetan Monks return to Placerville

Many ceremonies and activities are scheduled. Visit the Placerville Friends of Tibet website for all the information and schedules for both the Folsom visit from January 3-6, and the Placerville visit from January 8-21. [HERE](#)

January 10 Free Master Gardeners Class: Gardening for the Future

Learn about sustainable gardening, permaculture, food forests and more. 9am-12 noon. Cameron Park Community Center, 2502 Country Club Dr, Cameron Park. Contact: mgeldorado@ucanr.edu

January 11 Democratic Women of EDC Meeting

Zoom meeting. RSVP: [HERE](#) or demwomenedc@gmail.com for information.

January 12 Master Gardeners: Search for Excellence-Cross Pollination

This award-winning presentation will be streaming on You Tube and Facebook channels. 12 noon-1 pm. No reservations needed. Contact: mgeldorado@ucanr.edu

January 13 Free Master Gardeners Class: Vegetable Gardening in the Foothills

Learn about plant selection, planting times, site selection, soil preparation, and more. 9am -12 noon. Pilot Hill Grange, 1701 CA Highway 93, Cool.

Contact: mgeldorado@ucanr.edu

January 13 Fundraiser Meet and Greet with Margaret Fortune

United Democrat club members will be hosting a fundraiser for Margaret Fortune, Candidate for District 1 Supervisor. If you're able to attend and interested in possible carpooling, contact: savage956@hotmail.com Can't attend but want to contribute? Go [HERE](#).

January 14 Sogetsu Ikebana Class

Learn the Japanese Art of flower arranging. Ages 8+ with adult supervision welcome. 10am-1pm. Preregistration required: [HERE](#)

January 16 Madrone Group of Sierra Club

Zoom meeting, 6:00 pm. Link [HERE](#). Meeting ID: 845 1069 6367, Passcode: 347087. Contact: David zelinsky.david@gmail.com

January 18 United Democrats Meeting

The United Democrats of El Dorado County will be meeting on Thursday, January 18th at Noon at the Round Table Pizza on Missouri Flat Road in Placerville. Our Speaker will be Michael Barkley, Candidate for Congress in District 5. Contact: savage956@hotmail.com

January 20 Art Walk on Main St Placerville

Historic Downtown Placerville. Main Street galleries and merchants host changing art shows and late night shopping every third Saturday of the month. Demonstrations, refreshments, music and more. Enjoy the art galleries, restaurants, and shops which will be open late. 5-8 pm.

January 21 Community Table

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January 21 Capturing Wakamatsu: A Poetry Walk/Workshop

Explore the Farm and surrounding area and then write a poem about your experience. Children 8+ welcome with adult supervision. 12-2 pm. Register: [HERE](#)

January 28 Snowshoe Tour with a Forester

This is an easy-moderate introductory snowshoe hike through the woods. Learn about the forest environment and about basic back country awareness. Fit 13+ welcome. 9am-4pm Register online: [HERE](#)

Save the Date

February 24 Crackin' Crab for Kids Fundraiser for Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Go [HERE](#) for information. Contact juan@bbbsns.org or 530-626-1222 ext 104

Election 2024

Some wonderful local folks have stepped up to run for office. Here is where we'll list their events, canvassing and phone banking opportunities. Please do what you can to help!

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Sean Frame is running for CA Assembly District 6. Probably not your district but he started the El Dorado Progressives in 2016 and we encourage you to check him out and donate if you can. They have yard signs available now if you or someone you know lives in that area. Sign up for a sign [HERE](#).

For Your Information

Master Gardener Help Desk is Open T/W/Th from 9 until 12 noon. Stop by if you have a gardening question or problem. 311 Fair Lane, Placerville. Contact: 530-621-5512 or mgeldorado@ucanr.edu

The Master Gardeners Public Office will be closed Dec. 22-Jan. 2.

The Center for Violence Free Relationships is open for in-person appointments if zoom and phones services are unavailable. Visit their website for protocols for in-person appointments. thecenternow.org
Crisis Support Line (530)626-1131 or (916)939-6616

Community Volunteers/ Help Wanted/ Donations Needed

Housing El Dorado is looking for input and volunteers! Help make a meaningful difference in our community by sharing your ideas and/or time. **See flyer below.**

Websites and Contact Information:

Big Brothers/Big Sisters

Contact: Amber Henrichs
530-626-1222

amber@mentors4youth.org

EDC Progressive Alliance

edcprogressivealliance@yahoo.com

Democratic Women's Club

www.edcdems.org

Contact: Lorraine King
916-220-2872

Lorraine.king@sbcglobal.net

El Dorado County Democratic Party

www.edcdems.org

info@edcdems.org

El Dorado Peace & Justice Community

www.edpjc.org

jrmarti2@earthlink.net

Jim Martin (530) 622-9549

El Dorado Progressives

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/287092428352556/>

eldoradoprogressives@gmail.com

<https://eldoradoprogressives.org/>

Friends of EDC Seniors

www.friendsofEDCseniors.org

info@friendsofEDCsenior.org

530-334-6090

League of Women Voters EDC (nonpartisan)

www.lwveldorado.org

(530)621-2260

Myrtle Tree Arts

Paul and Ameera Godwin

myrtletreearts@gmail.com

Sierra Club Madrone Group

www.sierraclub.org/mother-lode/madrone

barbara.brydon@comcast.net

Contact: Barbara Brydon

Sierra Wildlife Rescue

(530)621-2020

<https://sierrawildliferescue.org/>

The Center for Violence-Free Relationships

24/7 Crisis Help Line: 530-626-1131 or

916-939-6616, Office Phone: 530-626-1450

or 916-939-4464 www.thecenternow.org

United Democrats of El Dorado County

www.edcdems.org

Contact: John Savage

Savage956@hotmail.com

Photo of the Month



Toyon Berries Welcome Winter on the Bike Trail in EDC

Photographer Leslie Sellman-Sant

Flyers



**VOLUNTEERS
URGENTLY
NEEDED**

WE NEED YOU!

If you have a passion for our unhoused neighbors and want to make a meaningful difference in our community, we want to hear from you!

Call or email us at:
(530) 317-8877
housingel dorado@gmail.com

Or visit:
Tinyurl.com/HEDVolunteers



Housing El Dorado



Food Distribution Sites

Food Bank

El Dorado County

Camino

Camino Adventist Community Services
3520 Carson Rd
Wednesdays 9 am - Noon

Cameron Park

Light of the Hills Lutheran Church
3100 Rodeo Rd
1st, 2nd & 3rd Tuesdays 11am - Noon

El Dorado

El Dorado Community Church
4701 Church St
2nd & 4th Fridays 11 am - 2:30 pm

El Dorado Hills

Hills Church
800 White Rock Rd
2nd & 4th Tuesdays 10 am - 11 am

Garden Valley

House of Prayer
7901 Hwy 193
2nd & 4th Wednesdays 11 am - 2 pm

Placerville

Foothill Indian Education
100 Forni Rd
1st & 3rd Fridays 11:30 am - 1 pm

Placerville

Green Valley Community Church
3500 Missouri Flat Rd
Saturdays 8 am - 11 am

Placerville

Placerville Adventist Community Services
6831 Mother Lode Rd
2nd & 4th Wednesdays 9 am - Noon

Placerville

SHARE Ministries
1031 Thompson Way
Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays 10 am - Noon

Placerville

Upper Room Dining Hall
1868 Broadway St
Daily 4 pm - 5 pm

Pollock Pines

Pollock Pines Community Church
6361 Pony Express Trl
2nd & 4th Fridays 11:30 am - 1 pm

Somerset

Pioneer Bible Church
6851 Mt Aukum Rd
2nd & 4th Fridays 1 pm - 2 pm

South Lake Tahoe

SLT Family Resource Center
3501 Spruce Ave
2nd Friday 10 am - 4 pm

South Lake Tahoe

Phoenix Food Pantry
2733 Lake Tahoe Blvd
Wednesdays 10:30 am - Noon

South Lake Tahoe

St. Theresa's Bread & Broth
1041 Lyons Ave
Mondays 4 pm - 5:30 pm

South Lake Tahoe

Lake Tahoe Community
Presbyterian Church
2733 Lake Tahoe Blvd
Fridays 4 pm - 5 pm

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