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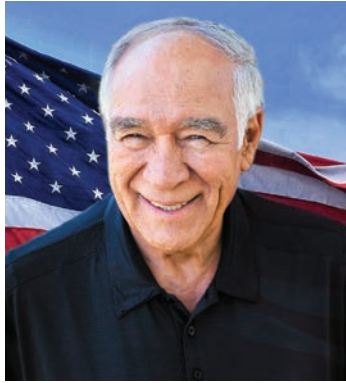
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Mayor's Report

Dear Residents,

In the many years that I have been an elected official in the Village, I have rarely seen the level of public involvement that we've had these last few months. This tells me you are interested and concerned, and I am listening. I also believe there are some misunderstandings that I would like to clarify.



First, 4th Street. Our community has undergone many changes over the years. When my girls were growing up, our schools were full of local kids. We had a grocery store on Ranchitos Road and a beloved local hardware store on 4th Street. But let's face it—in the 90s and early 2000s, 4th Street was in pretty bad shape. The lack of streetlights and sidewalks created a dangerous, unfriendly atmosphere. The four-lane road had cars speeding through the Village. 4th Street was not at all conducive to pedestrian activities—evening walks, children and strollers—and was not supporting the potential of Village businesses.

We turned things around with our 4th Street Improvements Project. That \$9 million dollar investment has begun the transformation of the corridor into a destination for shoppers and visitors of all kinds—art seekers, Instagram photographers, movie-makers—and is attracting new businesses for Los Ranchos residents! This amazing urban renewal has not disrupted the rural charm of the Village, but rather, has drawn attention to it in a positive way.

Now we turn to Village Center, so named because of its potential as a hub of activity central to the Village.

The Village Center project is a partnership between the Village and Palindrome Communities. This experienced development group was chosen in 2018 because of their interest in doing something other than simply building a big box store. The plan is a mixed-use development with housing, retail, community spaces, a community garden, a brew pub and more.

People have asked me why are we “giving” Palindrome the land? While, we spent 16 years purchasing the land we are

not giving it free and clear; it is our leverage. Palindrome must meet key benchmarks that assure us that they are fulfilling their end of the deal. Here are just a few of the costs Palindrome has had to incur before we will turn over title:

- ▶ Demolition of the storage facility and strip center
- ▶ Purchase of two home properties along Osuna Road
- ▶ Hiring of local trades professionals—landscapers, surveyors, architects, and engineers (\$2M of pre-development expenditures)
- ▶ Acquisition of \$56 million dollars of financing (money we do not have at the local level)

And, just in this first month of activity, the Village received \$180,000 for building permits and financial guarantees that assure us that Palindrome will build the infrastructure.

The project will bring new economic development opportunities to the Village. It will provide new housing options, and will maximize the urban space along 4th Street while honoring our rural/agricultural surroundings. What big box would run an acequia through its property and buy the water rights to irrigate its community garden?

Most importantly, the project will bring new revenues into the Village for services we need and want. Services like:

- ▶ More staff to patrol the Village for code violations
- ▶ Park, road, and facility improvements
- ▶ New revenue for land and open space acquisition
- ▶ More improvements to our existing open space—better irrigation to del Norte; more programming at the Agri-Nature Center

We selected Palindrome to revitalize a down-at-the heels corner of our Village because we do not have the capacity to do this alone. Through this partnership, we avoid ending up with a big box store, fast food lot, quick serve or other development incongruous with our community. Instead, we get to have a beautiful, vibrant, mixed-use neighborhood that brings in revenue and meets the character of our Village.

And, like our improvements on 4th Street, the Village Center will be a place we will be proud of.

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The event will be advertised in a variety of print ads, radio announcements, and calendar listings.

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Please contact Norma Jean Scott at 505-345-3669 if you are interested in participating.

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Autumn Updates

CHAVEZ ROAD

The Village is finalizing a funding agreement for the Chavez Road Multi-use Trail with the New Mexico Department of Transportation. Once fully executed, the Village will issue a Request for Proposals for Professional Services for preliminary engineering and a public right-of-way survey. Preliminary engineering will include a utility investigation, environmental and cultural impacts study, geotechnical and topography reports, and 30% drainage and design alternatives. The Village wants to hear from residents as we begin this portion of the project. We will seek public involvement and will advertise through our website, newspaper, and our social media channels.

AGRI-NATURE CENTER

The Village has issued a Request for Quotes from qualified contractors under a State of New Mexico Price Agreement for the construction of roadway improvements at the Larry P. Abraham Agri-Nature Center from Rio Grande Boulevard to the Center. We anticipate awarding the contract in October with anticipated completion of construction in May of 2023. This project is funded by the Village and the New Mexico State Legislature. The project will provide better accessibility into the facility, ADA parking, and will maximize the viewshed, preserve existing trees, and provide opportunities for a new pollinator garden, new fields, and a new raised bed plaza in front of the warehouse (see plan below).

4TH STREET

The 4th Street Revitalization Project Phase 2 from Pueblo Solano to the northern Village limits is in the 100% engineering and design phase. The Village is developing a schedule to get as much public involvement as possible at key design decision points. We will advertise the meetings widely so please stay in touch.



PHOTOS | Above: Chavez Road. Below: Planned improvements at the Agri-Nature Center



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Bike to the Balloons

By Dan Gay, P&Z Commissioner and Ditch Committee Member

I don't know how everyone else feels about the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta, but I absolutely love it.

I love it as long as I don't have to get up at 4:00 AM and put up with traffic and drive and pay to park and wait in line and stand around in the cold. Lucky for me, I can ride my bike there and just enjoy the balloons.

Although there are a few different ways to get there by bike, the route most used by bicyclist is the paved AMAFCA Diversion Channel trail north of Alameda, across the pedestrian bridge to Balloon Fiesta Park gate 21. The City of Albuquerque usually has a secure bicycle storage area at Gate 21 but check the City's website before you go.

From almost every end of the Village you can find a bike path that takes you to Paseo del Norte without having to ride in too much (or any) traffic. From there, you can access the bike path that

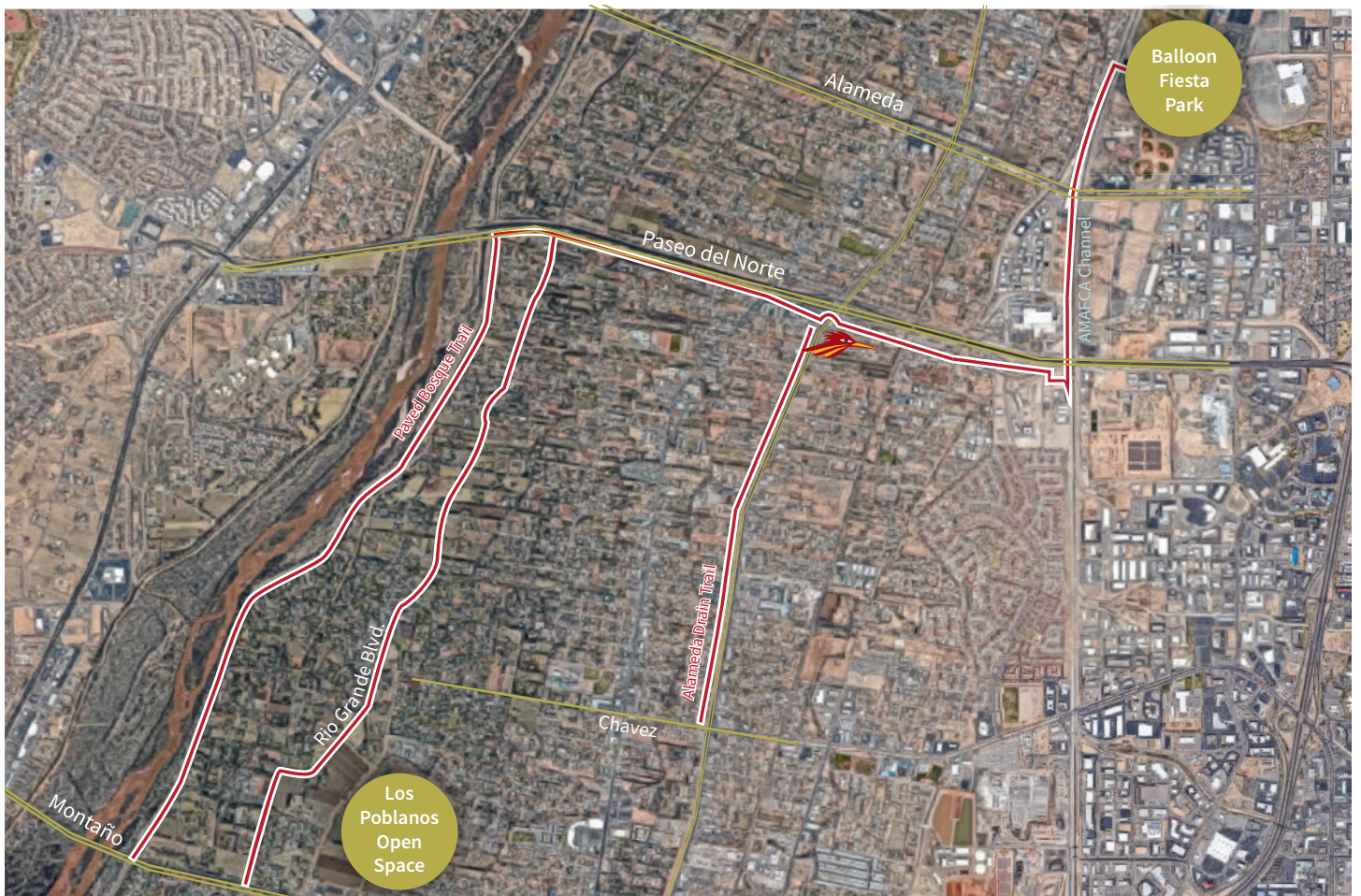
parallels Paseo, up over 2nd Street to the Los Ranchos Rail Runner Station and access the northbound AMAFCA Channel east of Edith Blvd. If it is more efficient from wherever you live, you can make the same basic route up Alameda but that has a few more busy street-crossings.

Another way to see the events is to make your way to the AMAFCA Channel and view the balloon launch area from the top of the drainage canal. If you don't pay the entrance fee, you can't use the facilities, but if you are really craving that breakfast burrito, be sure you stop at Blake's on 4th and El Pueblo, the Los Ranchos Bakery, or any other Los Ranchos morning staple. Show your Los Ranchos pride!

You should consider making a practice trip on a non-event day when it is less crowded to make sure that it is something you feel safe and comfortable doing. Always make sure that you have all the required safety equipment, like front and rear lights, high-visibility clothing, and a helmet.

If the Balloon Fiesta is too cold, crowded or just not something that appeals to you, consider making the trip for the Fourth of July fireworks show or one of the summer concert series held at Balloon Fiesta Park.

Depending on the event you want to attend, your physical condition, your comfort level riding a bike, and others in your party (like young kids) you can tailor your trip to make it a safe, enjoyable and efficient trip for everyone.





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Peak Harvest Season

By Sue Brawley



Our traditional Costume Day will be October 22 when people and pets can dress in costume and trick-or-treat at vendor tables. There will be photo opportunities with Cider Man.



Los Ranchos Growers' Market

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OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER | Depending on the first frost date, the market may have apples, pomegranates, watermelon, pears, roasted chile, hot peppers, cucumbers, tomatoes, sweet peppers, summer squash, okra, eggplant, onions, garlic, assorted greens, beets, salad turnips, carrots, herbs, NM pecans, pinto beans, potatoes, various winter squash, grass-fed beef, wild Alaska salmon, honey, jams/jellies, baked goods, jerky, and more! Many of the winter squash varieties are good keepers—pick some up now for later in the winter. Winter squash makes delicious pies as well as soup (see recipe on opposite page). Local products include Wilder Gardens' tomato sauce that pairs well with Elena's fresh pasta. Also there may be winter/cool-weather bedding plants available. Enjoy a slice of breakfast pizza from Zio Brothers' pizza, a breakfast sandwich from Los Ranchos Bakery, waffles from Sweet Nothings, and coffee from various vendors. Weekly music in October and November will include Double or Nothing (Rob and Mike), Los Radiators, Joe DeRouche, Harmon & Fort (Nolan and Randall), and Albuquerque Skeleton Crew. Pets are allowed on leashes.

Vendor Profile: Wilder Gardens

Wilder Gardens LLC's Original Recipe Tomato Sauce is Vicki Coffin's recipe developed for her grandchildren after a bumper garden crop and their reluctance to eat fresh veggies. She entered and won 4 Blue Ribbons at the New Mexico State Fair before beginning commercial production in 2017.

Vicki grew up on in a farming family in Colorado. Fresh homemade food was everyday fare and everyone worked in the garden, with the crops and the livestock. Today Wilder Gardens LLC is located in Los Lunas, NM and their sauces are produced in a community kitchen, The Mixing Bowl, located at the South Valley Economic Development Corporation.

Their philosophy is to produce good food from fresh ingredients that contain no preservatives or artificial ingredients. They only make the sauces if they can source New Mexico grown tomatoes and support the local farming community. They support recycling and pay a 25 cent return fee for their glass jars.

The Original Recipe Tomato Sauce and the new Darla's Spicy Tomato Sauce is marketed at growers markets including Los Ranchos Growers', Albuquerque Downtown Growers', Albuquerque Rail Yards and La Familia Growers'. With this year's harvest they will expand into wholesale and retail distribution.



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Ingredients

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1 carrot chopped
1 stalk celery chopped
5 cups chicken stock
1-1/2 cups light cream
2 Tb. Butter
1/4 tsp. ground ginger (optional)
Freshly ground pepper, Salt

Add chopped onion, carrot, and celery to butter melted in a 4 quart saucepan. Stew to wilt but not brown. Add squash and stir into vegetables. Add 4 cups chicken stock and 1/2 teaspoon salt. Bring to boil, cover, reduce heat, and cook for 30-40 minutes or until squash is tender. Stir in ginger. Puree in a blender with remaining chicken stock. Add cream and season with salt and pepper to taste. Reheat and serve. Makes 8 cups.

Recipe by Marilyn Bettman, Eakes Farm



Lavender Festival 2022: That's a Wrap!

By Katie Snapp, Lavender in the Village

2022 Lavender Wraps Up Successfully! HUGE thanks and swags of lavender to everyone for the wrap-up of 2022 Lavender Festival and month. A scaled-down market replaced the traditional festival and resulted in a totally pleasurable outcome! Nearly 6500 people strolled through Hartnett Park on Sunday, July 24 to enjoy shopping, music, and activities. It was kicked off the previous Saturday evening with a fundraising concert that embraced our sponsors with live music and early previewing of all the vendors. We hope you had the chance to enjoy the perfect weather with us that evening.

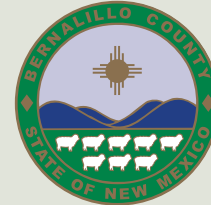
Special mention to The Village of Los Ranchos administration and employees, Mayor Don Lopez and the Village Trustees, Rio Grande Community Farms, Blue River Productions, the residents of Los Ranchos, all our boutique event partners, and all our vendors and all our lavender-loving patrons. We heard rave reviews of this being the best festival yet.

After Covid, the festival's governing board reengineered the look and feel of the fest to emphasize a smaller, greener, and shadier locale. The Lavender Festival location, originally founded to take place on the grounds at Los Poblanos Historic Inn and Cultural Center, now takes place at Hartnett Park by the Village Hall. It has evolved into a successful non-profit organization and an event with a wildly loyal following; so much so that we barely need to advertise it to fill it up! Covid also prompted the introduction of more intimate events with the boutique offerings like brunches, tastings, and tours. Vendor selection is scrutinized to favor local businesses as well as agricultural products.

Of particular pride to us is the realization of a vision from nearly ten years ago to offer our own lavender fields for enjoyment. With the help of the village staff at the Agri-Nature Center, we have produced a lavender harvest that allowed for U-Pick evenings during July. Thanks to our Village of Los Ranchos partners for their farming prowess in making that happen.

Next year, you will see Rio Grande Community Farms more actively involved in taking over the festival as we hand off the festival portion of our non-profit to their ready hands. Thank you everyone for another great year!

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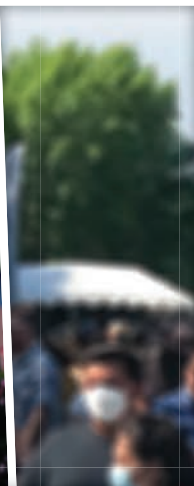
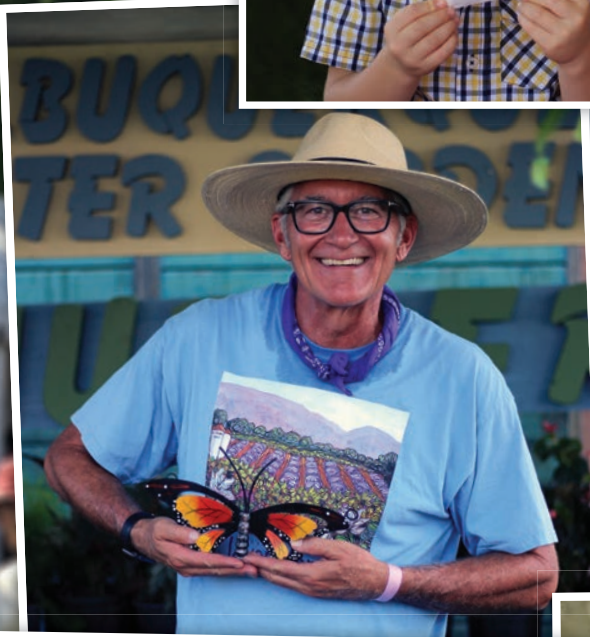


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Garlic, garlic, garlic

By Bill Shen, Master Gardener

Most gardeners associate October with the end of growing season and the beginning of winterizing the garden. However, there are vegetables that can be planted in October here in Los Ranchos that do not require special winter protection. Garlic is one such vegetable that is particularly well suited for Los Ranchos' climate and soil, and is resistant to most local diseases and pests. They require very little care during our winter and can be left in the open without frost protection. In fact, garlic is so well suited to Albuquerque, that at one time 300 varieties of garlics were grown in a farm in the South Valley for the Seed Saver Exchange program!

The basic planting instructions for garlic are as follows: break bulbs into individual cloves and plant each clove 2" deep with its pointy end up. Cloves should be spaced 4" apart in rows 6" apart. Water well immediately after planting and water weekly, but once established, garlic can go without any additional water from November to February. If the winter months are particularly dry, garlic will benefit from watering once every two weeks.

Beside these basic instructions, there are three "secrets" to growing great garlic in Los Ranchos:

1. Plant garlic in early October. This will give it sufficient time to develop strong roots to endure low maintenance over the winter.
2. Plant the largest cloves only. Save the smaller cloves for eating. Large cloves have more energy to develop a large root system over the winter period when photosynthesis is reduced. And: large cloves produce large bulbs.



3. Use slow-release organic fertilizer during the winter, but add nitrogen-rich fertilizer in March and again in April. Organic fertilizer releases its nutrients via bacterial action which is temperature-dependent so that few nutrients are released when it is cold, but more nutrients are released when it is warm. This matches garlic's winter growing needs particularly well. With its root system well established, garlic will grow rapidly in March, so fast-acting inorganic nitrogen fertilizer such as ammonia sulfate is particularly beneficial. A second round of nitrogen fertilizer in April will result in maximum-sized bulbs. Garlic will need regular watering from March until it is harvested in late June when half of its leaves have turned brown.

My personal favorites that do very well in Los Ranchos are Inchelium softneck, Polish softneck, Purple Italian hardneck, Music hardneck, and elephant garlic. Many varieties of garlic will be planted in the Agri-Nature Community garden this October. Come visit us to learn more about garlic!



PHOTOS | Above: A comparison of Elephant Garlic bulbs (on the left) to the "regular" sized bulbs we're all used to seeing (on the right). Right: Elephant Garlic flowers.



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dialogue in the future.





Return of the Sandhill Cranes

By Karen Herzenberg, Instructional Coordinator at the Rio Grande Nature Center State Park

Sandhill Cranes are, along with roasting green chile, one of the hallmarks of autumn in New Mexico. This large, graceful bird with its haunting calls audible from flocks high in the sky is easy to observe due to its size and penchant for foraging in agricultural fields. They begin showing up in the Albuquerque area in mid-September.

Sandhill cranes arrive in New Mexico for the winter after raising a brood of one to two chicks as far north as Alaska and Siberia and as close as Colorado. The family groups remain together during migration and after their arrival. They stop to feed in marshy and grassy areas along the Rio Grande Valley and spend the nights in open water where the sound of splashing will alert them to coyotes or other predators.

Young birds look very similar to adults by this time and it's not possible to tell females from males at a distance. The Sandhill Cranes will begin migrating north again in February with some staying as late as April.



BEST PLACES TO OBSERVE CRANES

IN THE VILLAGE OF LOS RANCHOS

- ▶ The Agri-Nature Center
- ▶ Los Poblanos Open Space is on the north side of Montañito between 4th Street NW and the Montañito bridge. Walking paths around and through this area provide the opportunity to view cranes up close.
- ▶ Del Norte Open Space (4th Street to Rio Grande north of Paseo del Norte)
- ▶ At the River morning and evenings as viewed from the Montañito and Alameda Bridges.

ADDITIONAL LOCATIONS

- ▶ Rio Grande Nature Center State Park has a viewing platform at the northeast corner of the overflow parking lot. This platform looks out onto the City Open Space, "Candelaria Nature Preserve," just northeast of the Park.
- ▶ Open Space Visitor Center east of Coors between Montañito and Paseo del Norte. The visitor center has a patio/viewing platform looking out onto the fields where cranes spend the day.
- ▶ Valle de Oro National Wildlife Refuge is at 7851 Second Street SW about three miles south of Rio Bravo. During the day, cranes can be easily observed in the open fields and grassy areas via walking and driving trails.



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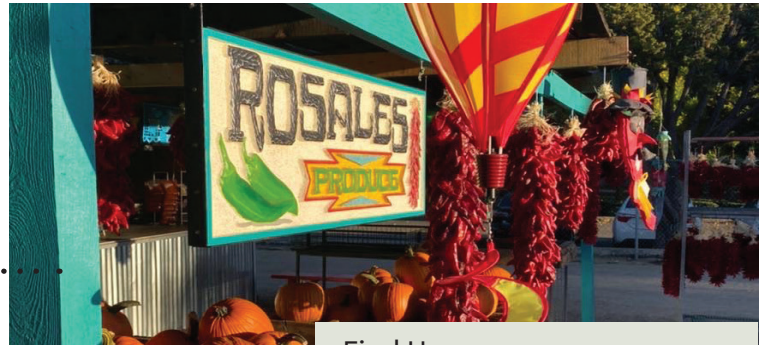
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Rosales Produce



Rosales Produce has been selling green chile at its location on 4th Street in the Village of Los Ranchos for the past 13 years. But Rosales' story goes back farther than that. It all started 53 years ago with Ezekiel Rosales on five acres of land in Escondida. The business is still family-owned and is now operated by three generations of "Rosaleses" on 90 acres along the Rio Grande Valley in Lemitar, NM. Though famous for their chile, they also grow watermelons, cantaloupes, honeydew melons, tomatoes, cucumbers, squash, sweet corn, and blue corn.

A seasonal business, Rosales Produce operates three stores: one in Escondida (2 miles north of Socorro) off exit 152; one in the South Valley at 2001 Isleta Blvd.; and one in the Village of Los Ranchos. They also ship their chile out of state to new and loyal customers who have moved.

Rosales' chile is grown from New Mexico Certified original seeds—no hybrid or GMO seeds here! Only a handful of New Mexico chile farmers are New Mexico Certified, and the Rosales family is proud to be among



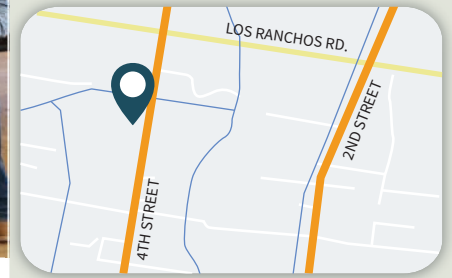
PHOTOS | Top right: Rosales Produce stand on 4th Street. Above from left to right: Cecil Rosales, Tommy Rosales, Rolinda and Marty Rosales, Linda and Mario Rosales; Bottom Right: Rosales' chile fields in Lemitar

them. They grow Sandia A Hot, Barker X-Hot, Big Jim Medium Hot, NM 6-4 Mild, and Lumber Super X-Hot—also known as Triple X (XXX)—varieties. In 2020, their chile was voted "The People's Choice," making it New Mexico's number one favorite chile.

Even though it is a seasonal business, Rosales Produce has become a fixture in the Village of Los Ranchos. As Rolinda Rosales puts it: "The people

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of this community have welcomed us with open arms since day one." Loyal customers show up year after year to get their chile fix from Rosales, but some take it a step further, and even feel called to wax poetic over their chile (see poem on right)! If your chile inspires poetry, you know you're doing something right.



An Ode to Rosales Chile

*New Mexicans are different than most
We have our own unique flair
The hotter the chile, the better
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And Christmas often the reply
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by Randy Baca, 2022



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Country in the Villages

By Linda G. Benavides



The Music in Corrales series was created by the all-volunteer Corrales Cultural Arts Council (CCAC) in 1986 to bring musical offerings to the Corrales community. The series was conceived as a way of preserving New Mexico's vast musical and cultural heritage, and as a way to create a new one as well. They are collaborating with the Village of Los Ranchos to present a Country Music concert in the Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque on October 15th to be enjoyed by residents of the Villages of Corrales and Los Ranchos (plus neighboring communities) alike.

The concert will feature The Cowboy Way, a New Mexico based Western music trio that combines the considerable talents of Jim Jones, Doug Figgs and Mariam Funke. In 2021, they received the International Western Music Association's "Group of the Year" award for the fourth time. Their family-friendly shows feature tight harmonies, high energy and smoking instrumentals. Cowboy Way will take you on the ride of a lifetime as they honor the traditional cowboy songs and original compositions. Saddle up!

The event doubles as a "Music in Schools" fundraiser. This non-profit coordinates with schools' principals and music teachers and brings performers contracted by Music in Corrales to schools for a free concert, or to teach a class. Music in Schools also works with local musicians, arranging for them to perform or provide free music lessons. Another initiative helps teachers get training to continue what the kids have learned. During COVID, the program focused on getting videos, instruments, and music lessons to the schools.

As part of the Country in the Villages concert scheduled for October 15th, The Taylor Middle School Guitar Ensemble, directed by music teacher Liz Torres will open the Country in the Villages concert on October 15th starting at 4PM to showcase their talents. The event will also feature food vendors. Hope to see you there!

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ALL THE HAPPENINGS AT THE AGRI-NATURE CENTER

By Joshua O'Halloran

This is the time of year of harvest! It is wonderful to have completed another growing season and to look back on all that was accomplished and the bounty that was grown in our Village this year. One of the new crops grown in the Village this year was heritage grains. We partnered this year with the Rio Grande Grain Collective to do some trials of some cereal grains on the farm. It has been such a learning experience and it is an exciting new crop that I believe has great potential for our area!

HISTORY OF GRAINS IN NEW MEXICO

New Mexico was once a large grower of heritage grains and there were over 300 small mills in operation around the state. In the late 1800s New Mexico was growing over 230 varieties of wheat! Today very little wheat is grown in New Mexico and most of the wheat grown is hard red winter wheat. Our hybridized modern wheat is bred for high yield and easy harvest and has resulted in the loss of biodiversity, nutrition, and flavor. We remove the bran and germ from wheat and then we have to add vitamins D and E to it so that it has some nutrients again. Most wheat is now grown in the Midwest and New Mexico has almost given up on it altogether.



RIO GRANDE GRAIN COLLECTIVE

The Rio Grande Grain Collective is a group of bakers, backyard gardeners and farmers who have gotten together with the goal of bringing back some of the heritage grains that used to be grown in the region. They have collected small amounts of seed from the Rocky Mountain Seed Alliance and trialed around 60 varieties of heritage barley, rye, and wheat. Some of these varieties started with 100 seeds, and they have now grown them out for seed increases and currently have 100s of pounds of seeds for many of these varieties that were almost lost. Some of the top performing varieties in these trials include Khorasan (Kamut), Sonoran White, Einkorn, Emmer, Turkey Red, Red Fife, Spelt, and Poltavka wheat; Swiss Mountain rye; and Tibetan Purple barley. These seed increases have led to more availability of seed that can be offered to small scale farmers who wish to grow grain and us at the Agri-Nature Center!

STEPS TO BRINGING BACK A LOCAL GRAIN ECONOMY

Bringing back a local grain economy is difficult and requires a community effort. The first step is creating a demand for local heritage grains within our community so that it makes economic sense for farmers to grow. Then we need the farmers to grow these grains, as well as millers, malters, and brewers who are willing to process and distribute the grains. This requires specialized equipment that can lead to a bottle neck in this process. In addition to small scale combines that can be used to harvest and clean the grain, we also need mills and malting equipment that can make the grain ready for market. There is an effort to share equipment to make this more accessible to small-scale farmers, but we are a long way from where we were with the grain chain that we had in New Mexico in the 1800s. We need to lower start up costs for farmers so that we can create a local grain economy on smaller acreage.

PHOTOS | 1. It's a dance party! Live music plays as people thresh the grains by dancing on top of tarps. 2. Lee-Ann Hill, Farmer and Rio Grande Grain team member, and participants checking the wheat to see if it needs more threshing. 3. Ron Boyd, Farmer and Rio Grande Grain team member, showing the kids how to use a Treadle Thresher.



OUR EFFORTS AT THE AGRI-NATURE CENTER

At the Agri-Nature Center we are in our second year of growing grain, and we are learning a lot in the process. We started by planting Sonoran wheat and spelt in late October of 2021. The crop came up nicely and then the cranes and geese migrated down in November and enjoyed the feast of grain that we had provided for them. As disappointing as this was, it was a great learning experience. We then planted some Tibetan Purple barley in the Spring of this year and despite a lot of weed pressure, we were able to harvest a small amount of barley. We have now planted Turkey Red wheat and Sangaste Rye this September and we will try to keep the birds from eating all of it so we can have a harvest next summer!

To celebrate the harvest and raise awareness to local heritage grains, we hosted a grain Fiesta at the Ag Center this summer! It was a wonderful collaboration with Rio Grande Grain, the NM Healthy Soil Working Group, and Seeding Regenerative Agriculture. We were able to bring people together to enjoy a grain inspired meal and demo small scale grain equipment. We demonstrated a treadle thresher, seed aspirator, tabletop mills, a clipper, and seed spiral. We had a wonderful day learning about all things grain! I hope you will join us next year for our grain Fiesta as we harvest our fields and share the bounty with one another.



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Trolley Coffee



As many of you know, we have had a beautiful trolley sitting in the warehouse at the Agri-Nature Center for several years now. Whenever we have visitors come to the Ag Center, the trolley is one of the biggest attractions. We get many questions about it and the kids love playing on it!

Over this past year, we have worked with numerous partners to help make all of our programs happen. One of these partners this summer was the Albuquerque Sign Language Academy (ASLA). The ASLA joined us throughout the summer with crews of young adults who worked at the Ag Center and were paid for their work through the Youth Conservation Corps (YCC).

In conversations with the crew leads, we talked about the need to find opportunities for the young adults who are deaf or hard of hearing to develop employment skills as they transition out of the ASLA. Enter trolley coffee! Through these conversations was spawned the idea of turning the trolley into a coffee shop that would employ ASLA students and give them the opportunity to learn a marketable skill.

MOVING FORWARD

As these discussions have continued, we have developed a partnership that includes ASLA and Cutbow Coffee. The owner of Cutbow Coffee has agreed to manage the coffee business and train the students; ASLA has agreed to provide the employees for the business through their students and graduates, and they have agreed to secure grant funding for the renovation of the trolley. The Village will provide the trolley and a beautiful setting at the Agri-Nature Center. This is agritourism, economic development, and community partnership at its finest!

Tune-up For Traveling

By Lisa Knighton



Lisa, CEO of AtHomeBeFIT, and ACE certified personal trainer, seeks to improve how the world ages with her exercise programs, both in-person and live-streaming. The methods she uses change the lives of women who are dedicated to improving their fitness and overall health. She can be reached at (706) 340-7989 or by email at Lisa@athomebefit.com.

Are you making plans to travel during the winter holidays? Perhaps your best friend just called to say she wants you to join her in the spring as she walks the endless cobblestone streets of San Miguel de Allende. Come January, maybe you're planning a visit to a Disney Park with your grandchildren.

And as someone who enjoys traveling and experiencing the world through other cultures, or spending vacation with your family, you're eager to pack and go. You make sure your passport is up to date. You reserve flights and book cozy hotels. But what about your physical body? Are you tuned-up and ready?

Now, months before you go, is the time to prepare. To enjoy the journey and all the sights along the path, you'll need a reach throughout your shoulder, a certain length to your stride, and it may sound cliché, but you'll want a spring in your step. When your grandson tugs on your hand, you'll want to be ready to join in as he pulls you along to the next amusement ride.

To start, have you considered that there are three primary areas, or platforms, of movement? The shoulders, the hips, and the ankles. Movement at each of these three spots can be improved with attention and focus, creating more ease and freedom.

Thinking back on your last trip, did lifting your small bag into an overhead bin create more of a challenge than you expected, or worse, did it cause pain? Rounded shoulders and poor posture may contribute to shortness in the chest and over-length in the back muscles, making lifting a small suitcase burdensome. With a well-designed exercise program that

consists of myofascial release, mobility, and strengthening to create a duo of extensibility and stability in the shoulder girdle, your muscles are better positioned for lifting a bag, pushing it about, and bringing it down.

The same can be said about the freedom needed of the hip and the ankle. The ability to step into a train clearing the gap, or to ascend multiple stair-steps to get a stunning view of the city, makes for a safer, more enjoyable trip. And for walking about many hours at a theme park or to experience on-foot the countryside, the muscles of the lower leg—the smaller muscles of the deep inner leg, not the larger calf—must be strong enough to flex the foot over and over. If you spend many hours sitting now, begin a practice of going out for walks, and notice too how these walks feel. Are you shuffling as you walk? If yes, this can be improved with specific exercises. Also, getting a solid routine of both regular and lateral squats and resistance work to follow enhances hip mobility and gluteal strength.

Remember, the muscles of the legs and hips are indeed a large component of

the core, and vitality in the hip platform will serve you all around.

Begin now. Dedicate several days each week to a well-designed exercise program, ensuring that your travels will flow with ease and grace. Make your vacation time less focused on how you feel in your body but instead on the experiences you can enjoy, the hikes you can take, the many modes of transportation you can easily conquer.



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FEATURING SUZIE MAZARR-PROO, FIBER ARTIST

By Gordene MacKenzie

Take a walk on the wild side! Visit Los Ranchos Art Market and meet the brilliant fabric designer and fiber artist Susie Mazarr-Proo. Two of her favorite subjects, powerful women and laughing dogs, appear on her carefully crafted jean jackets, clothing, pillows, tote bags, and more. Susie's line of wearable art reveals rich multi-layered fabric collages, some of which she paints and embellishes with her tulle work. Her powerful women in history jean jackets make political statements and are customer favorites. To create her jean jacket collages she uses facial images of powerful women like Ruth Bader Ginsberg, Michelle Obama, and Frida Kahlo. Susie carefully researches each historical figure. Research for some of her unique Ruth Bader Ginsberg jackets resulted in her using the supreme court justice's favorite color blue, her favorite flower hydrangea, and includes a quote, "I have not left you, just handed you the torch." A Michelle Obama Jacket reads "Choose people who lift you up." A toddler shirt Susie created has colorful images of famous women and bears the quote, "the future is female."



Other fabric designs are inspired by nature and include flowers, bees, ravens, dogs, and other animals. A large hand drawn, hand painted blue octopus with tentacles graces the back of a jacket she custom made for a scuba diver. A large painted raven appears with a heart and tulle work on another jacket. But, by far some of Susie's favorite designs are emblazoned with colorful images of her own and her customers' dog companions. "I've had dogs all my life and can't imagine being without them. Sometimes when they open their mouths they appear to be laughing." Her business name Laughing Dog Designs-ABQ was inspired by her laughing canines. She does custom designed pet totes using your pet's image. Susie approaches her art with the same care she did in her long career as a toxicologist and a science teacher. She is on a continual quest for different fabrics, "I can use to tell a story with my art."



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'Tis the Season for Taking Pictures

By Berry Ives

With Sandhill Cranes returning to New Mexico, and hot air balloons filling the sky, 'tis the season for taking pictures.

Taking colorful photos of hot air balloons is as easy as pie. But maybe you'd like to take it up a notch to try to get something that may stand out from the mundane "balloon photos." One approach to this is to broaden your perspective by not thinking of the balloon as the *subject*, but as an element of a composition extracted from an event and its setting. Think of your image area as your canvas, and carefully observe your setting to bring anything of interest into the frame. The lower left quadrant is often considered most important, so pay special attention to that area. But be aware of all parts of the framed area to get the most interesting composition.

Part of the composition is the choice of vertical versus horizontal format, so don't let "landscape" format simply be your default. Many landscape format shots may have worked better using a vertical format. This may especially apply in many cases where balloons or cranes are up in the air. Speaking of vertical, another perspective is to shoot straight up or nearly so, from below a launching balloon or flying cranes.

To avoid hazy images, you should shoot away from the sun, unless you are striving for an effect such as a balloon being backlit by sunlight passing through. Late afternoon usually produces richer colors, but the time of day may be dictated by when the events occur, which is often in the early morning.

Most folks will be shooting with their cell phone cameras these days, and it is true that many of those cameras can produce



surprisingly good, high resolution photos. However, it is more difficult to control the composition, compared to a camera with a zoom lens.

A standard camera also allows for selective focus by setting the lens to a large aperture and focusing on the part of your image you wish to be sharp, usually in the foreground, and which parts to make soft or blurry. This can create a beautiful perspective with depth and reduce the complexity of a busy setting. Or you could use a long focal length (telephoto) at a distance to compress the depth and emphasize the crowded field of balloons and spectators.

For photographing cranes, also, you will greatly expand your opportunities if your camera or phone has telephoto capability. It is often disappointing how small and far away birds look when taken with a normal or wide angle lens. Of course, if you are lucky enough to detect and park near a large flock, and if you're patient, they may all take off, and, with some luck, fly right overhead.

Whatever your choice of equipment, make sure to get out there in the early morning or late afternoon, and enjoy the beauty of the season.



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OBITUARY

Margaret Weinrod



Margaret Weinrod, 91, a Los Ranchos resident since 1965, passed away at home on July 12, 2022. She studied anthropology at UNM, and worked for Alumni Relations for many years. She was an accomplished spinner, weaver, and natural dyer. An active member of Las Aranas Spinners and Weavers Guild, she sold her work at many venues, including a crafts cooperative in Old Town and Sheep to Shawl during the State Fair. She enjoyed cross-country skiing, bicycling, hiking, yoga, and photography, and had a great love for the outdoors. She is survived by her son James, his wife Allison, and her grandchild Mavin. No service is planned, but a longer memorial can be found online at the Neptune Society.

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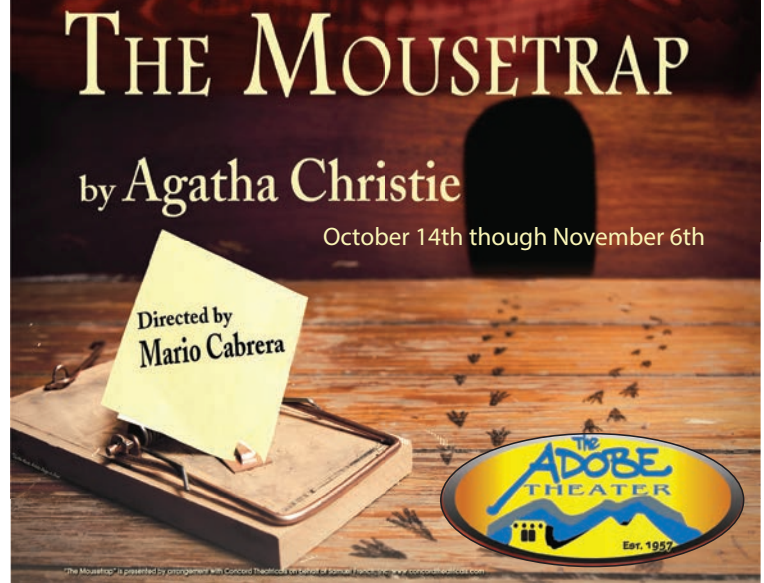
Whodunnit?

By Marcelle Cady

THE MOUSETRAP | And here we are—only three months to the end of 2022! Nine months have passed so swiftly. The Adobe Theater must be applauded for presenting a variety of wonderful plays each month. Just two more to go this year. Agatha Christie’s iconic murder mystery, **THE MOUSETRAP** about a group of strangers trapped during a snowstorm, is brimming with intrigue, sophisticated humor, and surprising twists.

Whodunnit?! And can we still wonder after so many versions? Can an Agatha Christie mystery still be interesting if you already know the ending? **THE MOUSETRAP** may be Dame Agatha’s most famous drama due to its record run (ongoing since 1952) in London’s West End, but its longevity is more due to do its endless attraction to the playing out of the mystery. “Will it turn out differently this time?”

THE MOUSETRAP was originally written as a 20-minute radio drama for Queen Mary (consort of King George V) as an 80th birthday gift, following her request for a new radio play by Christie. It is a tightly-crafted, enjoyable, thoroughly



intriguing and entertaining piece of theatre. It was broadcast on May 30th, 1947 under the name *Three Blind Mice* starring Barry Morse. The story drew from the real-life case of Dennis O’Neill, who died after he and his brother Terence suffered extreme abuse while in the foster care of a Shropshire farmer and his wife in 1945.

The play is based on the short story, itself based on the radio play. But Christie asked that the story not be published as long as it ran as a play in London. The short story has still not been published within the United Kingdom, but it has appeared in the United States in the 1950 collection *Three Blind Mice and Other Stories*.

Well-known to Albuquerque’s audiences as an actor onstage, Mario Cabrera directs a sterling cast—Emily Cox, Mike ‘Eddie’ Dethlefs, Caitlin Kelly, Yannig Morin, Caleb Daniel Ramsell, Nicee Wagner, Michael Weppeler, and Alaina Warren Zachary.

Mario Cabrera opines: “The Mousetrap’s primary appeal comes from the way its author gives the audience reasons to suspect each guest, and the mounting suspense about the potential death of ‘Three Blind Mice.’ The Mousetrap is a play of a classic mystery. If it can be enjoyed by a viewer who knows the outcome, it will be a real treat for those who have the fun of trying to unlock its secrets for the first time.”

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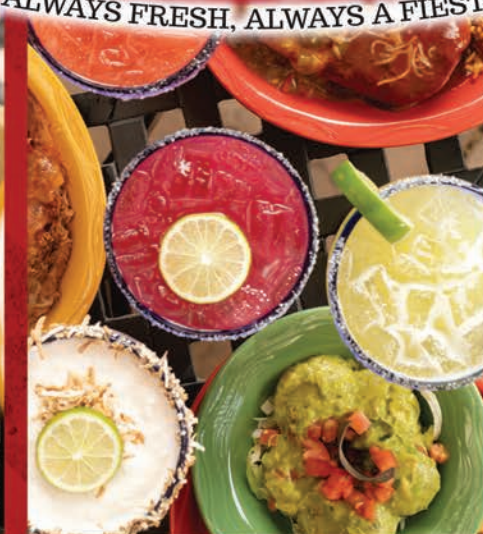


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Guest Artists at the Los Ranchos Art Market

By Gordene MacKenzie with Trish O'Riley

When young residents of the non-profit The Ranches were offered the opportunity to create artwork to sell at the Los Ranchos Art Market they were excited, and the fun began.

On August 27th Dawn Goodrum (the Ranches' Director of Community Outreach), Jaclyn (one of the house mothers at the Ranches), and three resident high school artists, Kimberly, Lexie, and Liz were guest artists at the Los Ranchos Art Market. The girls were there to sell their art and their classmates' art. "Dawn shared her art supplies with us and taught a class where we made this art," they said. Dawn shared that she too "enjoyed making art with the kids."

At the Art Market the young artists learned how to display and sell their art. Colorful painted wooden trucks with strawberries, fall themes, rodeo decorations and more adorned the front of their booth and were a favorite with customers. Painted wooden Welcome signs embellished with flowers and different themes glistened in the sun as they hung off shelves and were displayed on tables. Abstract and realistic painted wooden owls were interspersed among hand-drawn and hand-stamped greeting cards.

Kimberly, Lexie, and Liz, our visiting artists, were eager to talk about their art and share what inspired it. Kimberly said her love of goth, space, and the stars were the inspiration for her Welcome sign that makes you feel like you are among the stars. She enjoys drawing Anime and loves creating art. Currently, "I am sanding down and rebuilding a dining room table in my shop class," she said. Lexie's Welcome sign was decorated with sunflowers and



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white hearts. "Sunflowers make me feel happy and relaxed," she said. "Making art is exciting...I feel I have grown so much in this program." Lexie also enjoys singing. Liz loves to write and composes and sings her own songs. She painted a beautiful sky scape on a large wooden owl shape with the words, "Live, Laugh, Love." "I love looking at the sky and enjoyed mixing colors that suggest the different shapes of the clouds and all the different colors of blue in the sky," Liz said.

Throughout the day they mingled easily with their customers and shared wonderful stories about each piece of art. Customers observed "They were naturals at selling." They also enjoyed trading their works with the other Art Market artists. It was a beautiful and successful day. A further art class is now being developed so the residents can create more works to sell. Each of the young artists are looking forward to participating again. Visit @losranchosart on Facebook, or losranchosartmarket.com for more Holiday Market info.

PHOTOS

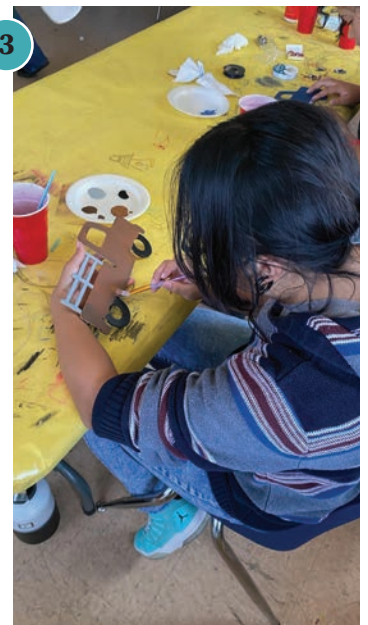
1. The Ranches' welcome banner at the Los Ranchos Art Market
2. Dawn Goodrum with some of the participants' artwork at the market
3. Ranches' participants shard at work making art to sell
4. Ranches' participants proudly showing off their creations

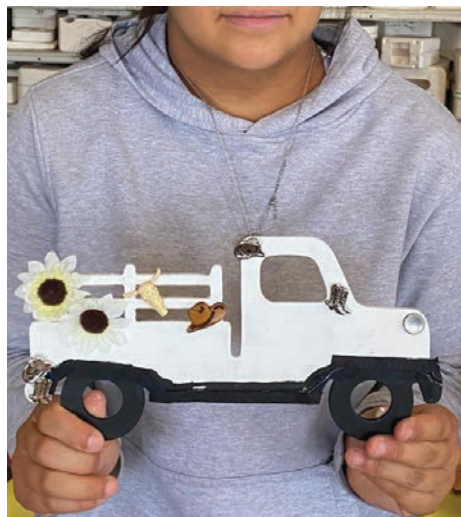


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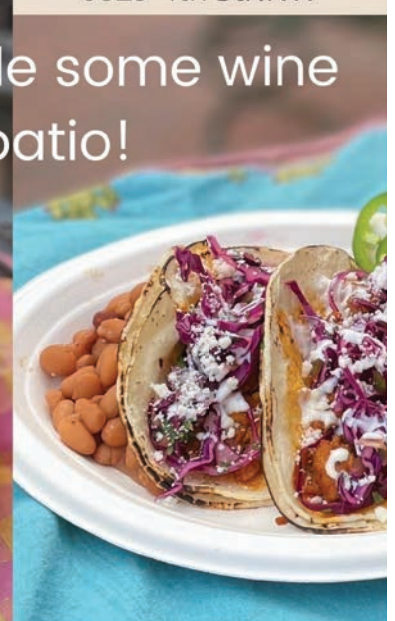


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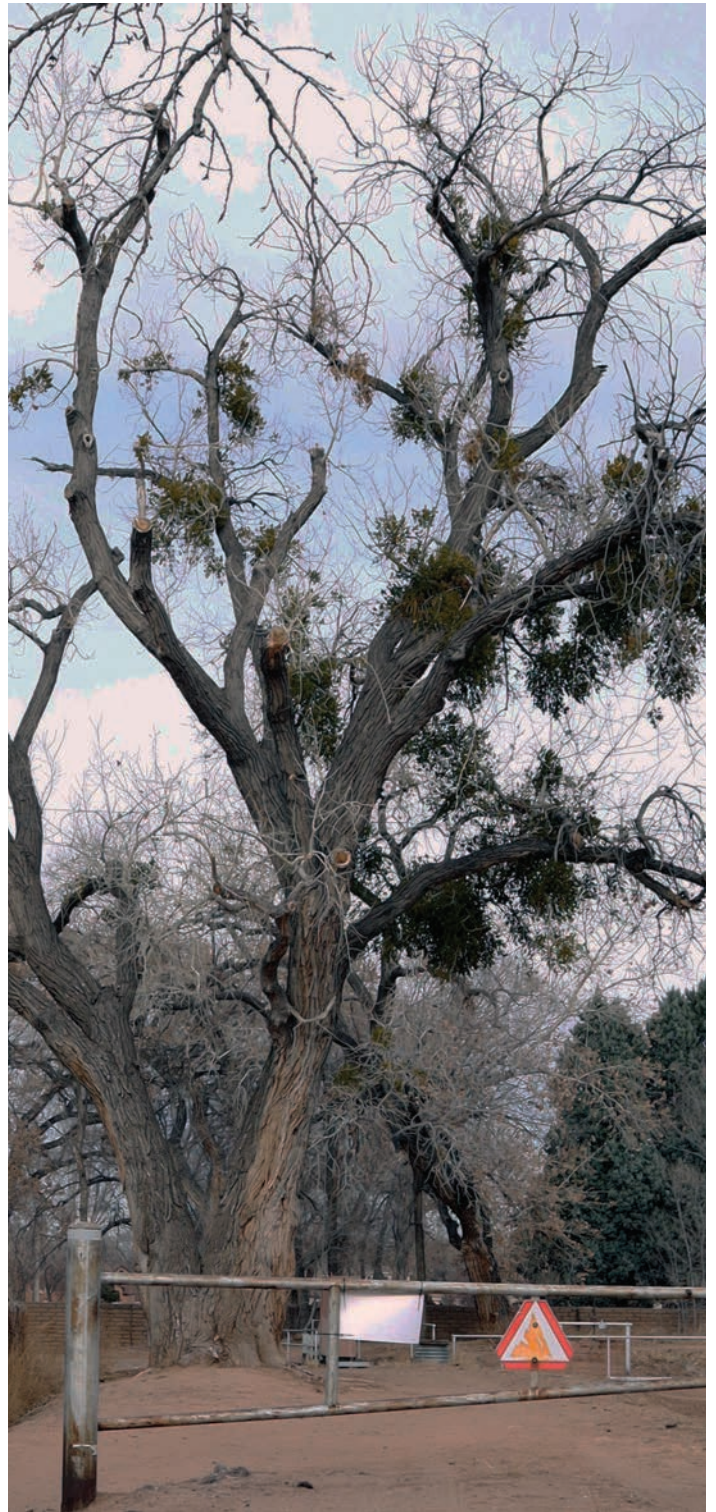
Mistletoe: the Kiss of Death for Cottonwood Trees

By Katherine Jackson

The cottonwoods' large verdant canopy peacefully shades our Bosque trail, backyards, and sidewalks. The cottonwoods are currently being attacked by a parasitic plant called Mistletoe. The plant leafy mistletoe, as defined by NMSU's Horticulture specialist Marissa Y. Thompson Ph.D., cannot photosynthesize its own food and depends on a host plant for water and nutrients.

This parasitic plant is spread by birds consuming the seeds and expelling droppings that land on bare tree limbs. Mistletoe has greenish-yellow leaves that have smooth edges and a waxy finish. The scientific name is *Phoradendron*, which means "tree thief." The growth, if left untrimmed, will eventually overtake the host plant which guarantees its demise.

Normally our cottonwoods would be healthy enough to fight this parasite however, due to exceptional drought resulting in low rainfall plant life is struggling. The health of our cottonwood population is imperative to fire safety along the entire Rio Grande Valley. If the majority of cottonwoods succumb to the infection of Mistletoe the fire danger rises accordingly, the shade will dwindle, and the structure provided by the roots will disappear causing irreparable damage to our riverbeds and acequias. Healthy river ecology is the most effective way to prevent disaster for all bordering plants, animals, and human populations.



The plant mistletoe is a death sentence to Cottonwood trees if left untreated. Luckily, there are options to reduce the damage caused by mistletoe. This parasite can be removed from trees when growth is spotted. The cost of having a tree trimmed is exponentially less than the cost of removal as quoted by local tree trimming services.

We must take action by discussing plans to enact education, getting the community involved, and by investing into removing this danger safely and cost-effectively.

A Day in the Life...

HIGHLIGHTING THE BEAUTIFUL, THE UNIQUE, THE QUIRKY VILLAGE OF LOS RANCHOS
FEATURING: CLASSIC CAR CRUISE ON 4TH STREET



Fall Fixes

By Tim Tourville

Yes, it's true: Fall is here, and that means winter is just around the corner. The changing of the seasons is always a good time to invest in a little home maintenance so your abode is running smoothly and you catch any potentially large (and expensive) problems before they get out of hand. Follow this checklist and you'll be in good shape for the winter.

INTERIOR

- ▶ Check ceiling and surfaces around windows for evidence of moisture
- ▶ Check caulking around showers, bathtubs, sinks, toilet base
- ▶ Ensure stairs and railing do not have any loose sections
- ▶ Test all fire and safety systems, including carbon monoxide detectors

HEATING AND COOLING

- ▶ Clean or change furnace filters
- ▶ Keep area around heating and cooling equipment clear
- ▶ Boiler systems: check water level and shut-off valve for leaks

ELECTRICAL

- ▶ Periodically check for exposed wiring and cable. Replace as necessary
- ▶ Check lamp cords, extension cords and receptacles for wear
- ▶ Trip circuit breakers every six months and ground fault circuit interrupters monthly

DOORS & WINDOWS

- ▶ Look for loose or missing glazing putty
- ▶ Check caulking for deterioration at the openings and joints between dissimilar materials
- ▶ Check weather stripping
- ▶ Check for broken glass and damaged or missing screens



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PLUMBING

- ▶ Check all faucets, hose bibbs and supply valves for leaking
- ▶ Check for evidence of leaks around and under sinks, showers, toilets and tubs
- ▶ Inspect lawn sprinkler system for leaky valves and exposed lines
- ▶ Check the main water shut-off valve for operation and leakage
- ▶ Winterize the irrigation well, especially the pressure tank.

ROOF

- ▶ Check for any missing, loose or damaged shingles
- ▶ Look for open seams, blisters and bald areas on flat roofs
- ▶ Clean gutters, strainers and downspouts
- ▶ Check flashing around all surface projections, sidewalls and protrusions
- ▶ Trim back all tree limbs and vegetation away from the roof

FOUNDATION AND EXTERIOR

- ▶ Check foundation walls and floors for cracking, heaving, spalling, deterioration or efflorescence
- ▶ Inspect chimney for loose, deteriorated or missing mortar or bricks
- ▶ Verify basement and crawlspace has no moisture or leaks.
- ▶ Inspect all decks, patios, porches, stairs and railings for deterioration
- ▶ Cut back and trim all vegetation from structures

Invariably when I include a checklist with my article I receive gratuitous comments like... "Thanks a lot Tim! My partner just copied and pasted your "Fall Fixes" to my "Honey Do" list..."

Enjoy the Fall!



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Summary of Residential Property For Sale in the Village of Los Ranchos

DATA FROM MLS AS OF AUGUST 22, 2022 9:45 AM

Listing#	Street#	Street Name	Listing Price	ApxSqFt	BR	BA	G	Lot Acres	Listing Office	Office Phone	Listing Member
1018334	7515	Rio Grande	3,500,000	4,401	3	4	10	5.82	Keller Williams Realty (KWLR01)	(505) 271-8200	Dominic Serna
1019883	8817	4th Street	3,375,000	Vacant land				7	Coldwell Banker Legacy (CBLR14)	(505) 292-8900	Nichole Bronstorp
1020207	5301	Rio Grande	2,800,000	7,060	3	6	6	3.7	Keller Williams Realty (KWLR01)	(505) 271-8200	Dominic Serna
1019706	7622	RIO GRANDE	2,800,000	2,785	3	2	2	4.24	Berkshire Hathaway NM Prop (PGRE02)	(505) 798-6300	Patricia Field
1019143	1703	Edwardo Y Juanita	1,775,000	5,111	4	5	3	1.08	Keller Williams Realty (KWLR01)	(505) 271-8200	Susan Feil
1018256	7829	Rio Grande	1,299,000	5,168	4	5	5	1	Coldwell Banker Legacy (CBLR14)	(505) 292-8900	Timothy Tourville
1019395	421	Mullen	865,000	3,275	4	3	3	0.52	Coldwell Banker Legacy (CBLR09)	(505) 293-3700	Sandi Pressley
1021140	8633	Rio Grande	675,000	Vacant land				1.56	Berkshire Hathaway ALLSTAR (ALST01)	(505) 994-8585	Juan Duran
1019033	707	Calle del Pajarito	640,000	4,139	5	4	3	0.47	Absolute Real Estate (NINV01)	(505) 681-8578	Michael Schlichte
1018198	519	Charles	580,000	2,480	3	3	0	0.33	Realty One of New Mexico (RONM26)	(505) 883-9400	Maria Marquez
1015819	352	Enchanted Valley	479,900	2,483	3	2	2	0.46	Realty One of New Mexico (RONM02)	(505) 883-9400	Terry Chavez
1018219	308	Enchanted Valley	476,500	2,058	4	2	2	0.37	Realty One of New Mexico (RONM02)	(505) 883-9400	R. Jean Duran
981897	840	El Pueblo	365,000	Vacant land				1.13	Coldwell Banker Legacy (CBLR09)	(505) 293-3700	Richard Jackson
998155	7221	Zia View	320,000	Vacant land				0.55	Absolute Real Estate (NINV01)	(505) 681-8578	Leola Robledo
998647	7201	Zia View	320,000	Vacant land				0.55	Absolute Real Estate (NINV01)	(505) 681-8578	Leola Robledo
998648	7220	Zia View	320,000	Vacant land				0.56	Absolute Real Estate (NINV01)	(505) 681-8578	Leola Robledo
998646	7200	Zia View	320,000	Vacant land				0.56	Absolute Real Estate (NINV01)	(505) 681-8578	Leola Robledo

Some listings may have changed realtors—please ensure all listings have a permit for the current brokerage.

The information herein is deemed reliable, but not guaranteed from SWMLS compiled on or before August 22, 2022 by Tim Tourville, Coldwell Banker Legacy.

Welcome to the Village!

The Village of Los Ranchos is proud to welcome and support new businesses that have chosen to make Los Ranchos their base of operation. Some of these are new starts and some have relocated from elsewhere. We urge you to stop by, say hello and make an appointment or a purchase.

Business Name	Address	Type of Business
Marigold Moon	6920 4th St. NW Suite B	Holistic Healing
Radical Hope, PC	6666 4th Street NW	Psychotherapy
Desert Fairy, LLC	6920 Unit B 4th St. NW	Body Products, Vintage Clothing, Art
Moochi, LLC	6855 4th St. NW, Suite C-1	Donut Shop
Neko Neko, LLC	6855 4th St. NW, Suite C-1	Ice Cream Shop
Max's Treasure Thrift & Antique Store	6601 4th St., Suite G	Thrift Store
Daniel F. Ward	7209 4th Street NW	Tattoo
Fresh Herb Foods LLC	7103 4th Street NW Unit F-1	Cannabis
Dolled and Dapper, LLC	6601 4th St. NW	Hair Salon (booth) rental



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PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION MEETING SUMMARY

July 12, 2022 7PM/Regular Meeting (DRAFT Minutes)

Location: Warren J. Gray Chambers

Commissioners Present: Dan Gay, Vice Chair; Karen Christensen, Secretary; JT Michelson; Connie Barrow; Mary Homan.

Commissioners Absent: Drew Seavey, Chair (Excused); Shelleen Smith (Excused)

Staff Present: Tiffany Justice, Planning & Zoning Director; Ann Simon, Village Administrator; Michelle Austin, Administrative Assistant; Nann Winter, Village Attorney

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was amended as Item 4.C. V 22-06 was withdrawn.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Claudia Apodaca – 1615 Francisca Rd. NW Los Ranchos, Christine Muehlenweg – 5645 Rio Grande Blvd. NW Los Ranchos, Bob Muehlenweg – 5645 Rio Grande Blvd. NW Los Ranchos, Camille Varoz – 427 El Paraiso Rd. NW Los Ranchos, Cynthia Sylvester – 333 Willow Rd. NW Los Ranchos, Loretta Chavez Smith – 536 Chavez Rd. NW Los Ranchos, Randy McKee – 749 Chavez Rd. NW Los Ranchos, Linda McKee – 749 Chavez Rd. NW Los Ranchos, Bud Latven – 363 Tyler Rd. NW Los Ranchos, Bill Shen – 8646 Rio Grande Blvd. NW Los Ranchos, Nancy Nangeroni – 7315 Guadalupe Trl. NW Los Ranchos, Gordene MacKenzie – 7315 Guadalupe Trl. NW Los Ranchos, Debbie Tissot – 378 Tyler Rd. NW Los Ranchos, Patricia Martinez – 512 Grecian Ave. NW Albuquerque, Diana Clark – 601 El Paraiso Rd. NW Los Ranchos, Michelle Smiley – 623 El Paraiso Rd. NW Los Ranchos, Robert Chavez – 324 Enchanted Valley Place NW Los Ranchos, Peter Weinreb – 6509 Poza Rica Ct. NW Los Ranchos – Written Comment, Angela Jensen – 551 El Paraiso Rd. NW Los Ranchos – Written Comment

Discussion: Most comments were in opposition to V 22-06 and overdevelopment in the Village. As V 22-06 was no longer on the agenda, comments on that application were heard during the general public comment period.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda

June 14, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Gay reported a correction to be made. Commissioner Michelson moved to approve the consent agenda with the minutes as amended. ***The motion carried (4 - 1) by roll call vote.*** (Commissioner Christensen – Yea, Commissioner Homan – Abstained, Commissioner Gay – Yea, Commissioner Michelson – Yea, Commissioner Barrow – Yea)

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPLICATIONS

A. SDP 22-01 A request by Kevin Archibeque for a preliminary review and recommendation to the Board of Trustees of a residential Site Development Plan for a development in the GD zone in the Fourth Street Character Area. The property is located at 8404 Fourth Street NW and is legally known as Lot B-2 Land of Gonzales-Rissman, within projected section 16, T. 11 N., R. 3 E., N.M.P.M., Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, New Mexico, as filed in the Office of the Bernalillo County Clerk on September 24, 2014. The property contains 0.8141 acres more or less.

► Director Justice, having been sworn in by Attorney Winter, gave the planning report with recommendation of approval with conditions.

► Sworn in speakers for discussion in order of presentation:

Kevin Archibeque – 8404 4th St. NW Los Ranchos	Applicant
Loretta Chavez Smith – 536 Chavez Rd. NW Los Ranchos	In favor
Yolanda Archibeque – 8404 4th St. NW Los Ranchos	In favor
Camille Varoz – 427 El Paraiso Rd. NW Los Ranchos	In opposition

► Discussion:

The applicant, Kevin Archibeque, spoke to his application and responded to comments. Commissioner Gay commended the applicant for going through the process.

► Motion: Commissioner Homan moved to forward to the Board of Trustees a recommendation of approval with conditions. ***The motion carried unanimously.***

B. SBB 22-05 A request by Mark & Jenny Valencia for a Bed & Breakfast Permit as allowed by §9.2.25(E)(1) in the A-1 Zone in the North Rio Grande Character Area. The property is located at 7628-1 Rio Grande Blvd NW and is legally known as Lot 1 of Plat of Lots 1 Thru 4 Casas de Los Santos, projected section 20, T. 11 N., R. 3 E., N.M.P.M., Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, New Mexico, as filed in the Office of the Bernalillo County Clerk on April 20, 1994. The property contains 1.2296 acres more or less.

► Director Justice, having been sworn in by Attorney Winter, gave the planning report with recommendation of approval with conditions.

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July 12, 2022 7PM/Regular Meeting (DRAFT Minutes) continued

► Sworn in speakers for discussion in order of presentation:

Dawn Volpe – 7628-1 Rio Grande Blvd. NW Los Ranchos	Applicant
Joe Volpe – 7628-1 Rio Grande Blvd. NW Los Ranchos	Applicant
Kristine Lamariana – 140 Camino Vega Verde Corrales	In favor
Andrew Pope – 7634 Rio Grande Blvd. NW Los Ranchos	In opposition
Tammy Cleff – 7628-2 Rio Grande Blvd. NW Los Ranchos	In opposition
Margaret J. Hirsch – 7630 Rio Grande Blvd. NW Los Ranchos	In opposition
Craig Olson – 7628-4 Rio Grande Blvd. NW Los Ranchos	In opposition
Veronica Navigato – 7634 Rio Grande Blvd. NW Los Ranchos	In opposition

► Discussion:

The applicants, Dawn and Joe Volpe, spoke to their application and said the property owners would be willing to install signage or a gate on the private driveway to limit traffic in response to concerns they heard. There was one speaker in favor of the application, who spoke to knowing the operators and that the operation and operators would be quiet and peaceful. There were five speakers in opposition to the application, who spoke on the nature of the private driveway and the operation bringing increased traffic to it, that the operators, as renters, have less long-term investment in the property compared to property owners, raised concerns on the use of the operation as a wellness center and concerns on the operation's proposed parking spaces and buildings, the operation's potential conflict with subdivision covenants, and general business impact on the residential area. The applicant responded to comments heard, including clarification that they intend to live on the property long-term, the parking spaces shown are more than what will be utilized, the business will not be a wellness center, and the covenants allow Bed & Breakfasts.

► Commissioners' Discussion:

Commissioners asked how covenants factor into Commission decisions. Director Justice and Attorney Winter explained that the Village does not enforce covenants and Village decisions do not consider covenants. Commissioner Homan asked what the reapplication process is if the applicants were denied. Director Justice answered there is a six-month waiting period before they could reapply. Commissioner Homan asked the applicant if they would consider withdrawing and reapplying after discussing with the neighbors. The applicant said they would not as they need to see what the impact will be like and cannot do that without first operating. Commissioner Gay noted that the public notice was not displayed where the public could see it and that it is inappropriate to approve a business on a shared private driveway without shared input or approval from those on the driveway. Director Justice explained that the public notice sign was not required to be displayed on a public road.

► Motion: Commissioner Homan moved to deny the application. *The motion carried (4 - 1) by roll call vote.* (Commissioner Christensen – Yea, Commissioner Homan – Yea, Commissioner Gay – Yea, Commissioner Michelson – Nay, Commissioner Barrow – Yea)

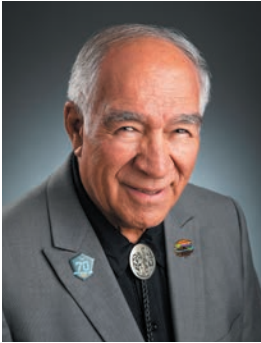
C. V 22-06 A request by Palindrome Communities, LLC for a Variance from §9.2.14(D)(4)(a) “Maximum Building heights shall be the lesser of three (3) stories or forty-eight (48) feet” to allow for a building height of up to fifty-five (55) feet in the VC Zone in the Fourth Street Character Area. . The properties are located at the southeast corner of Fourth Street and Osuna Road NW, at a portion of 6530 Fourth Street NW and 6518 Fourth Street NW. Most lots involved are vacant and do not have addresses. The properties are legally known as portions of certain tracts of land known and described as Tracts 58B, 59B1B1, 59B1B2, 59E1, 59E2, and all of certain tracts of land known and described as Tracts 59C1, 59C2, 59D1, 59D2, as shown on Map No. 29 of the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District, Bernalillo County, New Mexico; a portion of Lot 1-B Amended Plat of Lot 1-B of Merritt Acres, Bernalillo County, New Mexico, as filed in the Office of the Bernalillo County Clerk on November 27, 1979; a portion of South Half of Lot 1 Merritt Acres, Bernalillo County, New Mexico, as filed in the Office of the Bernalillo County Clerk on July 15, 1929. The properties contain 6.2267 acres more or less.

► *Item 4.C. – V 22-06 was Withdrawn*

REPORTS

Director Justice gave the Planning & Zoning Department report.

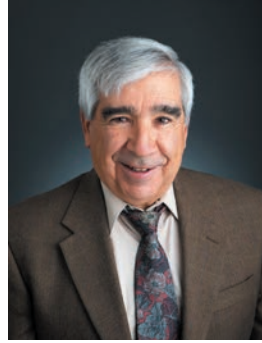
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING SUMMARY



Donald T. Lopez
Mayor



Sandra Pacheco
Mayor Pro Tem



Gilbert Benavides
Trustee



Allen Lewis
Trustee



George Radnovich
Trustee

JUNE 8, 2022 7:00PM/Regular Meeting

Location: Warren J. Gray Chambers and streamed on the Village Website and Facebook page

Present: Trustee Pacheco, Trustee Benavides, Trustee Lewis (Trustee Radnovich- excused, Mayor Donald T. Lopez-excused.)

Chair: Mayor Pro Tem Pacheco

AGENDA APPROVAL

Trustee Benavides moved to amend the agenda to move 5.-9.D. to be heard after 11.D. New Business, starting the agenda at 10. Public Hearings. *Motion Carried to amend agenda 3-0.*

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. LL 22-01 A request by VARA, LLC, 6770 Fourth Street NW, Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, NM for a Craft Distiller Liquor License with On-Premises Consumption & Package Sales, Application No. 1224607, NM Alcohol & Gaming Division, in the SU-1 Zone in the Fourth Street Character Area. The property is located at 6770 Fourth Street NW and is legally known as a certain tract of land known and described as Tract 24 A as shown on Map No. 29 of the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District, situate in projected section 28, T. 11 N., R. 3 E., N.M.P.M., Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, New Mexico. The property contains 1.23 acres more or less. *Motion Carried 2-0, Trustee Benavides recused himself.*
- B. LL 22-02 A request by VARA, LLC, 6770 Fourth Street NW, Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, NM for a Winegrower Liquor License with On-Premises Consumption & Package Sales, Application No. 1224609, NM Alcohol & Gaming Division, in the SU-1 Zone in the Fourth Street Character Area. The property is located at 6770 Fourth Street NW and is legally known as a certain tract of land known and described as Tract 24 A as shown on Map No. 29 of the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District, situate in projected section 28, T. 11 N., R. 3 E., N.M.P.M., Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, New Mexico. The property contains 1.23 acres more or less. *Motion Carried 2-0, Trustee Benavides recused himself.*
- C. LL 22-03 A request by Los Poblanos LLLP, dba Los Poblanos Historic Inn and Farm, 4803 Rio Grande Blvd NW, Los Ranchos, NM 87107, for a Craft Distiller 1st Off-Site Location Liquor License with On-Premises Consumption and Package Sales, with Patio Service; Application No. 1226897, New Mexico Regulation and Licensing Department, Alcoholic Beverage Control Division. The property is located at 4803 Rio Grande Blvd NW, Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, NM, in the SU-1 Zone of the South Rio Grande Character Area, and is legally known as Tract A1, Lands of Albert Simms III, Filed 7/6/67. Vol. B4 Folio 97 and Warranty Deed Filed 9/16/78 Vol. D14A Folio 811-813 and Plat of Tracts A2A and A3A, a replat of Tracts A2 and A3, Lands of Albert Simms II, Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, New Mexico, December 1998. The property contains 25.6371 acres, more or less. *Motion Carried 2-0, Trustee Lewis recused himself.*
- D. PP 22-01 A request by Chavez Guadalupe, LLC for approval of a Pilot Project Proposal as allowed by §9.2.27 for a residential development in the A-1 Zone in the Guadalupe Trail Character Area. The property is located at 6535 Guadalupe Trail NW and is legally known as certain tracts of land known and described as Tracts 35A2A, 36A1E2, 36A1F, 36A2E2, 36A2F, 36A3E2, & 36A3F as shown on Map No. 29 of the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District, within projected section 29, T. 11 N., R. 3 E., N.M.P.M., Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, New Mexico. The property contains 9.29 acres more or less. *Trustee Benavides moved to defer item to August 10, 2022, Motion Carried 3-0.*

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING SUMMARY, *continued*

Reconvened Meeting of the June 8, 2022 Meeting on Monday, June 13, 2022

Location: Warren J. Gray Chambers and streamed on the Village Website and Facebook page

Present: Trustee Pacheco, Trustee Benavides, Trustee Lewis (Trustee Radnovich- excused, Mayor Donald T. Lopez-excused.)

Chair: Mayor Pro Tem Pacheco

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Discussion and Approval of Resolution No. 2022-06-03; A Resolution Proclaiming Dangerous Fire Conditions and Extreme Drought Conditions Existing within the Village of Los Ranchos; Banning Open Burning and Imposing Restrictions on the Sale and use of Fireworks within the Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque. **Motion carried 3-0.**
- B. Discussion and Approval of Resolution No. 2022-06-04; A Resolution Accepting the Approval of a Celebration Permit. **Motion carried 3-0.**
- C. Discussion and Approval of Resolution No. 2022-06-06; A Resolution for a Leasing Program for the Management of publicly owned del Norte Open Space. **Motion Carried 3-0.**
- D. Discussion and Approval to Advertise Ordinance No. 289; An Ordinance Amending the Village of Los Ranchos Codified Ordinances Chapter 9 Article 2 Sections 13 And 14 to include Transit Regulations; Amending Chapter 9 Article 2 Section 18 Regarding Off-Street Parking Space and Dimension Requirements; Amending Chapter 9 Article 2 Section 4 Regarding Driveway Access to Structure.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Fred Youberg, 5723 El Prado NW, Camille Varoz, 427 El Paraiso Road NW, Joe Craig, 505 Calle Del Pajarito NW, David Montoya, 517 Pueblo Solano NW

PRESENTATIONS

Captain Chris Romero, Bernalillo County Sheriff's Department

FINANCIAL BUSINESS

- A. Discussion and Approval of Cash Report-May 2022; **Motion Carried 3-0.**
- B. Discussion and Approval of Resolution No. 2022-06-01; A Resolution authorizing the Village of Los Ranchos to update the contribution amounts of the seventy-five percent pick-up of the PERA Municipal General Member Plan 2 Member Contribution, effective July 1, 2022. **Motion Carried 3-0.**
- C. Discussion and Approval of Resolution No. 2022-06-02; A Resolution approving the Village of Los Ranchos implementation and credit card payment procedures effective June 8, 2022. **Motion Carried 3-0.**
- D. Discussion and Approval of Resolution No. 2022-06-05; Budget Adjustment Request (BAR). **Motion Carried 3-0.**



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MAYORAL OUTING
Mayor Lopez, Trustee Benavides and Village staff meet with residents near Edgewood Park to talk about park improvements. Some ideas included placement of playground equipment, fencing, and parking, among other issues.

