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Mayor's Report



Lavender Festival Highlights the Best of Los Ranchos

by Larry Abraham

It is that time of the year when we can showcase our Village to the rest of the world. The ditches are flowing, fields are greening up, alfalfa is being cut, and fruits and vegetables are growing. Our visitors are treated to a vibrant display of our rural and agricultural heritage. This year we are celebrating fifty years of incorporation, and our history and heritage will be in full bloom throughout the Village. This is the sixth year for the Lavender in the Village Festival, and a major feature will be an exhibit highlighting the archaeological roots of our Village as documented by the late Kit Sargeant.

Additionally, to show our appreciation to the elected officials who have been such great stewards of our Village, we have installed a nine foot oak plaque acknowledging all the elected officials from 1958 to present. We are also trying to gather pictures of every elected official to display in Village Hall. We have hung what photos we do have. This is the perfect time of the year to appreciate all the diligent work our elected officials and volunteers have put in to protecting the Los Ranchos way of life.

During the summer, Los Ranchos is also on display every Saturday morning at our Growers' Market. Each year the Growers' Market keeps getting better and better. The Canine Celebration and Health and Fitness Fair, in conjunction with our Growers' Market, are a welcome addition to the schedule. Our Crafters are presenting some interesting demonstrations of their arts. I encourage you to attend the Growers' Market each Saturday. Come down and purchase some wholesome and homegrown vegetables and fruit, but more importantly, it is a chance to meet your neighbors. It is a great social atmosphere that will start your weekend off with a smile! We have installed more picnic tables, umbrellas and bike racks to accommodate an increasing attendance. My thanks go out to the many volunteers and vendors that showcase our Village each Saturday morning at the Growers' Market.

I would like to thank in advance all of our volunteers who have worked so hard to make the Lavender Festival one of the premier festivals in the State of New Mexico.

There will be a nominal admission charge for the Lavender festival this year. As a courtesy, we will be offering free admission to Village residents who stop by Village Hall the week before the event to pick up their wristbands. On Saturday and Sunday, your driver's license that says Los Ranchos



will get you in free.

I would like to congratulate Karen Dunning, a Village resident, and Adrian Olgesby on their election to the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District Board. Additionally, I want to thank Village resident and outgoing board member, Jim Roberts, for his tireless efforts in representing the interests of the Village and those of its residents during his tenure as a conservancy board member.

Village Vision

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Upcoming Events

Deadline: September Village Vision

Friday, July 31st

Deadline: October Village Vision

Friday, August 28th

Lavender in the Village Barn Dance

Friday, July 10th, 6:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.

Planning and Zoning Commission Meetings

Tuesday, July 14th, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, August 11th, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 8th, 7:00 p.m.

Board of Trustees Regular Meetings

Wednesday, July 15th, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, August 12th, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 9th, 7:00 p.m.

4-H Club Meetings

Monday, July 20th, 7:00 p.m.

Monday, August 17th, 7:00 p.m.

Monday, September 21st, 7:00 p.m.

Independence Day celebrated

Friday, July 3rd

Village Office Closed

Independence Day

Saturday, July 4th

Join the LRFD for hot dogs and fireworks!

Labor Day

Monday, September 7th

Village Office Closed

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Growers' and Arts/Crafts Market (Saturdays)

July 4th, 7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

July 11th, 7:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Lavender in the Village - special extended hours

July 12, 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Lavender in the Village - special extended hours

July 18th, 7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

July 25th, 7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Fruit and Ice Cream Special

August 1st, 7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

August 8th, 7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

August 15th, 7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

*Cooking in the Village with Jennifer James
Green and Sustainability Fair*

August 22nd, 7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

August 29th, 7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

September 5th, 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

September 12th, 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

September 19th, 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Beans, Chili, and Corn Celebration

Village At-a-Glance



Lavender in the Village, July 10-12

For more information please go to www.lavenderinthevillage.com

Wristbands

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Growers' Market

To stay current with what is being sold at the Growers' Market, which bands are playing, and events, please go to www.meetatthemarket.com

Facebook

I encourage anyone who wants to stay up to date with construction projects, road closures, and special events, to log on to Facebook and sign up to follow the group "What's Happening in Los Ranchos?"

Repaving Rio Grande to Montañó

We will be repaving Rio Grande Blvd. and widening the road for our bike trail, which will run from Chavez to Montañó.

July 4th Celebration

Our Fire Department will be hosting a July 4th celebration with hot dogs and hamburgers and a "small town" fireworks display, starting at 7:00 p.m.

New Merchandise Has Arrived for Summer

The Village has received a shipment of stylish visors, just in time for summer outdoor activities. Colors are white and cream; they are \$11.00 each, at Village Hall.

Need Photos of Past Village Mayors and Trustees

To all family members or friends of a past Mayor or Trustee: please call Village Hall if you have a photo or contact information that we can use, as we are working to collect photos of all former Trustees and Mayors.

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An Introduction to Lavender in the Village

by Sue Brawley

Why lavender? This is a question we are often asked. The North Valley boasts a rich, several-hundred years-old agricultural tradition. Several years ago, when the Village did a survey of all its residents, those residents responded that they would like to keep their fields in production, but they were no longer able to do the work themselves. In order to revive and redefine agriculture in the Village, from agriculture with a large “A” to agriculture with a small “a” due to scale issues, the Agriculture Committee of the Village contacted other towns that have had success with lavender as a specialty crop. In early spring 2000, efforts were initiated to develop the crop in the valley by installing three test areas.

To promote awareness of lavender, Lavender in the Valley was formed as part of the Village’s Agriculture Committee. For several years, Lavender in the Valley, with the help of many volunteers and sponsors, offered various lectures and special events. Now Lavender in the Village has, since 2004, become a festival celebrating lavender in all its forms and uses.

Lavender is the best known of the fragrant herbs. It is a perennial plant with narrow gray green leaves and long spikes with purple, white or pink flowers. It is one of the most versatile herbs because its fragrant stems, leaves and flowers can all be used fresh or dried. It is distinctive for its scent and taste. It is used in perfumes, oils, sachets, soaps, candles, wreaths, diffusers, bouquets, and many other things around the home, such as shampoos, aromatic vinegars, and cooking. It is known as a moth deterrent.

The medicinal uses of lavender are well documented for relieving hyperactivity and insomnia. Lavender is drought, fire, and deer resistant, and it attracts bees and butterflies. The lavender name comes from the Latin “lavare,” to wash, indicating its use both in baths and for clothes. Our word laundress comes from “lavandre.”

Lavender has a rich 2,500-year history and a long history in New Mexico. Alhucema, the Spanish name for lavender, was used as a tea for stomach aches, especially for babies with colic.

As a plant in New Mexico, lavender is one of the original xeriscape perennials. It doesn’t need a lot of water once it’s established; it can take the heat and direct sun; it doesn’t need a lot of attention and you can generally plant it on any side of your property.

It’s easy to try one or two of the many varieties of lavender. Some varieties form large bushes – about three feet across – while others are small and compact, suitable for a kitchen garden. The scent varies, too, from mild (as with Spanish lavender) to strong enough to perfume a whole yard. Just be sure to provide regular water until the plants are well established.

You may learn more about growing lavender from the experts who will speak at Lavender in the Village. Take a plant or two home, and then sit back and join the bees as they love your lavender!



Lavender Posters

2009 Lavender in the Village posters, featuring artwork by Dee Sanchez, are now available for pre-sale at the following Los Ranchos locations:

- Village Frame Crafters, 6801 4th Street NW
- Los Ranchos Growers’ Market, 6718 Rio Grande Blvd. NW – Saturday mornings only
- Kelly Jo Designs, 6829 4th Street NW
- Los Poblanos Tiendita, 4803 Rio Grande Blvd. NW,
- Los Ranchos Village Hall, 6718 Rio Grande Blvd. NW.

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Last year’s poster, featuring artwork by Adrian Panaro are also for sale for a donation to Lavender in the Village.

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Look for Extended Growers' Market at Lavender

by Sue Brawley

Growers' Market

July is the heart of the fruit season with figs, nectarines, Stark Early Blaze apples, peaches, plums, and raspberries. August marks the arrival of wonderful sweet corn and tasty melons (Sugar babies, crimson sweets, Crenshaw's, and cantaloupes.) In both months, try some of the various types of tomatoes, green & purple beans, potatoes, various types of summer squash (patty-pan, zucs, zephyr, roly-polly), fresh garlic, green onions, radishes, carrots, and rutabagas. Different types of basil will be available for pesto, stir-fries, and salad uses. Bouquets are beautiful and you can select from cosmos to sunflowers to lavender and more.

On July 11th and 12th, as part of the Lavender in the Village activities, the Growers' and Arts/Crafts Markets will have special, extended hours, on Saturday, from 7 am to 1 pm, and on Sunday, from 8 am - 1 pm.

- There will be fresh lavender bouquets, lavender plants and companion plants.

- Food specialties include: South Mountain Dairy will have Herbs de Provence Chevre and Honey Lavender Chevre; Pasta Divina will have Herbs de Provence pasta, lavender butter, and Herbs de Provence cream sauce; Nancy Hobson will have Apricot-lavender and Strawberry-lavender jams; Cravin' Cookies will have lavender cookies and pound cake; Denise has great lavender vinegar; and Randy Shamlian will have pies dusted with lavender sugar and lavender-orange scones.

- Rhetta Herlan will demonstrate lavender wand making.

- Arts & Crafts vendors will feature lavender-themed jewelry, soaps & toi-



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leties, cards, pottery, and more!

- The Market will present a series of short "Ask Our Expert" presentations every hour on the half-hour from 8:30 - 12:30 on both Saturday and Sunday. Our experts will then be available at their booths to answer questions throughout the festival. Look for the sign "Expert" on the special booths. Bring questions to ask our experts who include chefs and food specialists, growers, landscape designers and horticulturists, certified herbalists, and makers of scents, soaps and lavender wands.

- Music by the Blarney Stones, and Rob Roman.

Come sample yummy fresh fruit and ice cream on July 25st!

On August 15th, the market is pleased to present the first Green & Sustainability Fair in conjunction with the 9th annual Cooking in the Village with

guest chef, Jennifer James. The Green & Sustainability Fair, coordinated by Matt Vaive of Greengoes (green products and services), will feature local products and services. Check out the Village's website, or try www.meetatthemarket.com for more information on the fair. BeeBee, the clown will be at both events to paint faces.



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Help Us Continue Lavender's Great Traffic Record

by Sgt. Jason Lazo,
Bernalillo County Sheriff's Dept.

It's that time of the year again when we get to put on our "Lavender in the Village" event. This year appears to be on track to have one of the largest turnouts yet, as the event continues to grow from year to year. With larger turnouts come larger traffic issues, both with vehicles and pedestrians. It will be more important than ever that people keep an eye out for people walking, and that drivers obey the posted speed limits

and ensure that they stop at any and all stop signs.

While parking areas have been significantly increased this year, there will still be a lot of vehicles traveling in and around the Village during the event. This increases the potential for "road rage" incidents as well. We will need everyone's help in exercising patience, cooperation, and understanding while the event is taking place. Law Enforcement will be on hand to address problems should they arise. In the past, the event has always gone smoothly with

no major incidents occurring, and I believe this year will be the same as the people in our community are an outstanding group of individuals. Should you witness a potential problem taking place or about to take place, please don't hesitate to contact Law Enforcement so we can address it and try to prevent the matter from escalating.

Be safe, stay alert, and enjoy all the wonderful benefits that come with living in a community as great as ours, to include this year's "Lavender in the Village".

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Chief's Corner



The Fire Fighters' Helmet Through the Centuries

by Chief Greg Perez

Jacobus Turck of New York is credited with inventing the first fire helmet around 1740. It was round with a high crown and narrow rim, and was made of leather. The leather helmet, as it's known today, came from very modest and non-fire beginnings. Although the year the helmet was actually invented is mired in speculation, it is generally agreed upon as happening sometime between 1821 and 1836.

The gentleman credited with its founding was a volunteer fireman in New York City, who made a living as

a luggage maker. H.T. Gratacap had carved a niche in an innovative ocean transit luggage market, making his luggage from specially treated leather so it would offer superior durability and withstand wetness without rotting. Being a volunteer Firefighter in New York City, he and his compatriots became aware of the need to provide Firefighters with better head protection. Gratacap rose to the need by inventing the first American fire helmet in 1836. That helmet was named 'The New Yorker', and although being re-engineered many times throughout its life, it is still produced today.

Shortly afterwards, two brothers named Cairns, who were operating a Metal Badge, Button, and Insignia business in New York, came up with the idea to mount an identification badge to the front of Gratacap's helmets, hence the first front piece and holder. Most leather fire fighting helmets were adorned with the emblem of an eagle which secured a leather front to the fire fighting helmet, and that eagle has become very symbolic over the years. History states that the eagle was actually sculpted as a memorial for a fallen Firefighter in the early 1800's, and its presence is still retained today.



ESCRIBIENTE Speaker
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The Things We Did Last Summer: a look at calligraphy work and conventions attended during the summer months. The meeting takes place at 6:30 PM at the Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center, 501 Elizabeth SE.

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In Memoriam Frank Feather

Village residents will be saddened by the news that former Trustee of the Village, Frank Feather, passed away on June 5th. Born in Mesilla Park, NM, in 1927, Frank Feather was a horticulturist of note. Gardening was his passion and his delight. He worked at his family's plant farm and nursery, and then moved to Socorro to assist in the development of the grounds at New Mexico Institute of Technology. He completed a BS degree in biology at New Mexico State University, while serving as superintendent of grounds at the university. In 1964, he and his family moved to this area, and from 1968 to 1970, he was on loan to North Carolina State University's mission to Lima, Peru, where he advised the Universidad de Agricultura on setting up a Physical Plant Department.

Mr. Feather was horticulturist at the Physical Plant Department of the University of New Mexico for twenty-five years, retiring in 1989. He was active in Rotary, and served on the board of the American Society of Consulting Arborists. He taught gardening classes for Continuing Education, and was on call for the Village as a horticultural consultant. He also played the oboe and English horn with the El Paso Symphony Orchestra.

Frank Feather is survived by his wife of fifty-eight years, Virginia Lyon Feather, his son, Tolbert V. Feather, and two granddaughters. The funeral was held on June 9th, and donations may be sent in his name to the Red Cross, for whom he spent many years volunteering as a first aid teacher.

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Birds of a Feather

Helping Baby Birds That Have Fallen From Their Nests

by Roberta Beyer

With new bird babies born every day, Spring brings inevitable avian tragedies; babies falling from nests. At the Fat Finch, we are often asked about what is the best way to help a baby bird in distress.

The best response depends on how old the baby bird is. If it is a hatchling, an unfeathered baby, about the only thing that will save it is to find the nest from which it fell and put it back. Don't worry about its parents rejecting it because your odor is now on it. Unless you smell like a ferret, and maybe even if you do, the parents will take care of it.

If you can't find the nest or it is too high for you to reach, the best thing to do is make one for the baby out of a small plastic container (like a margarine tub) and kleenex and put that nest as close to the point where the baby must have fallen. Remember the law of gravity: It has no feathers; it didn't fly. It fell like an apple, straight down.

Then watch for an hour or so. Watch from a distance because the parents won't return if you're too close. If the parents return, the baby will survive unless it was irretrievably injured in the original fall. If the parents don't come back, call Wildlife Rescue of New Mexico at 344-2500. Follow the instructions they give you. They are located next to the Rio Grande Nature Center. They are saints who help injured birds and other animals.

If the baby has feathers, it is a fledgling. If it is on the ground and has no apparent injuries, it is fine as long as you and your pets keep away from it. Its parents will be back. Secure the area and watch. If, after a couple of hours, no parent comes to help it and you



see the nest, it is OK to put the bird in the nest. If, even after that, the parents don't arrive, call Wildlife Rescue.

If you have to attempt a rescue yourself, about all you can do is prepare a

small container for the bird which you can cover so the bird is in the dark. Then put the container somewhere

warm until you can get the baby or injured bird to Wildlife Rescue.

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A Few Useful Facts About Lavender

by Penny Rembe

Do you know the difference between lavender and lavandine?

Fine lavender is a small plant that grows in France. It reproduces by seeding. It has always been used for medicinal purposes and in perfumes for its delicate fragrance.

Spike lavender is a tall plant with several branches, with each stem carrying a small flower. It reproduces by seeding. It has too much camphor to be used for perfume but it is used in Spain and Portugal in paint products.

Lavandine grows all over the world. It is a tall plant and grows in large round clumps. It is a hybrid - a cross between fine lavender and spike lavender. It can only be propagated from cuttings. It is stronger than fine lavender and yields more oil.

How is lavender used?

The Romans used lavender to scent their baths and linens. It has always been recognized for its medicinal properties. 100% pure lavender essential oil can treat:

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Lavender disinfects and heals. It fights infections. Put 1-2 drops on a spoonful of honey to cure a sore throat.

Lavender relaxes and relieves pain, but it shouldn't be used by pregnant women or young babies.

In cooking, a little lavender goes a long way. Be sure and pulverize the buds that you use in marinades and breads, or infuse them in teas or hot milk or cream to flavor crème brûlée and puddings.

The best recipe is the oldest - lie down in a lavender field at noon, take a deep breath, and let the fragrance lull you to sleep!

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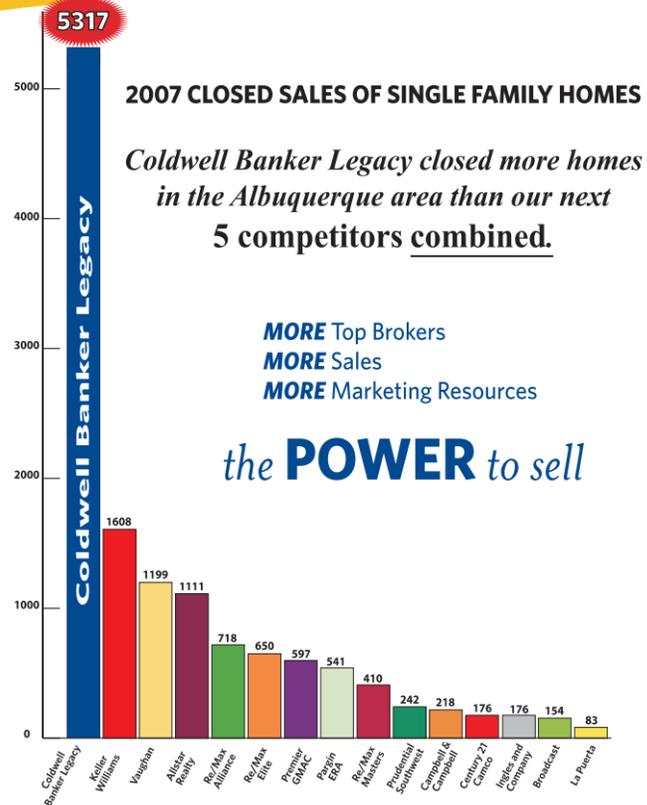
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This year, Lavender in the Village will present Sunny Birklund and the Puppet Playhouse who will present puppet shows and 'gigantes', giant walkabout puppets based on historical puppetry traditions in the Southwest.

The puppet shows are a lively mixture of marionettes, paddle dancers, and hand puppets with lots of fun audience participation, and include a vintage Spanish hurdy gurdy which the kids can play.

The 'gigantes', a festive tradition from carnival, fiestas, and ballet folklorico, are up to twelve feet tall, and interact with visitors. We encourage picture taking to remember your fun day at the event!

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Lavender's Ability to Captivate is Without Question

by Lorilee McDowell

It's summertime, and no! The livin' is not necessarily easy these days! But at this time of year, our Village begins to give off a scent of lavender, and a lovely purple haze lingers over the fields of Los Poblanos. In our own garden, lavender is pretty much in full bloom - the Buena Vista is dark purple, and Nana is, too. Munstead is paler in color, but the bees love every plant equally.

I was turning the pages of the July issue of FRANCE Magazine the other day, and my eye caught on a paragraph, which I will quote:

"Out in the warm Provencal morning, the hillsides are redolent with plant perfumes. We could be inhabiting an Impressionist painting where oceans of wildflowers gladden the olive groves and the fields are full of purple lavender. In six weeks these lavenders will be harvested and then dried for three days before being steam

pressed for their essential oil. We are less than 20 minutes from Grasse, the perfume capital of the world.

Lavender honey is one of life's natural doctors. Lavender has been farmed in this region since antiquity. Highly prized for its antiseptic properties, the Provencal people believe it to be a cure for everything, including the plague!" Sounds like home, doesn't it!

John and I have seen the lavender in Provence, and driven down the long, long hill to Grasse, where the perfume in the air is truly wonderful. But, oddly enough, the most overwhelming lavender scent I've ever experienced happened one summer when I was taking a course at the University at Norwich in England.

One day I drove toward the north coast of Norfolk, and suddenly my car was filled with the perfume of lavender. (No air-conditioning - you had to keep the windows open!) After several miles, I crossed a low hill, and there

before me were the miles of fields and farm buildings of Norfolk Lavender, the producer of much of the planet's cosmetic lavender oil, soaps, and lotions. It was astonishing, an experience not to be forgotten.

And then we moved here to the Village, and once again we're surrounded by lavender - in fields, in yards, beside commercial buildings - everywhere there's a patch of soil, it seems. I wonder if we ever take the time to really appreciate this plant, and the atmosphere it seems to generate wherever it grows.

There are articles in this issue which describe its practical and medicinal virtues, but I would only suggest that once in a while, in the midst of your rushed and rigid schedule, you pause by the fields of lavender, or bend down to smell that little plant in your own backyard. You'll feel calmer, more relaxed, ready to carry on with your day. A little lavender can be magic!



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Lavender an Easy Improvement for a House on Sale

by Tim Tourville, CRS

Don't discount the power of the sense of smell. For years, retailers have benefited from pumping pleasing, odor-neutralizing scents into their stores. Appealing scents can help home sellers as well.

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August 10: 7:00 PM - Secondary Orientation

August 11: 7:00 PM - Elementary Orientation

August 12: - First Day of Classes

June 9, 2009 - Action Report

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

A. Roll call

Commissioner Radnovich, Commissioner Martinez, Commissioner Brawley, Commissioner Hunter, Commissioner Crawford, Commissioner Simon, Commissioner Brown.

Chairman Hunter stated a quorum was present.

B. Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was approved as presented unanimously (6-0).

2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Residents may address the Planning and Zoning Commission to comment on issues, problems, or successes on **topics that do not appear elsewhere on the agenda**. Audience members will be given an opportunity to comment on agenda items as they come up. **Speakers must register with Village Staff prior to the beginning of the meeting.**

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Regular Meeting – May 12, 2009

The minutes were approved as presented unanimously (6-0)

4. CONSENT AGENDA

All matters listed under the Consent agenda are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent agenda and will be considered separately.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPLICATION

A. **V-09-16** A request by Anita and Julian Padilla Jr. for a Variance from the twenty five (25) foot rear setback required by Ordinance 183 as amended, Section 6(E)(3) to allow a ten (10) foot rear setback for a garage in the A-1 Zone of the Guadalupe Trail Character Area. The parcel is located at 831 Louanne Lane and is legally known as Lot 1-B, Plat of Anita Marie Subdivision, Projected Section 16, T11N, R3E, N.M.P.M., Elena Gallegos Grant, Lots 1-A, 1-B, 1-C and 1-D, Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, New Mexico, June 2008. The property contains 1.000 acres more or less.

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TUE., JULY 14, 2008

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The Variance request was denied by unanimous vote (6-0).

B. V-09-17 A request by Anita and Julian Padilla Jr. for a Variance from the twenty five (25) foot rear setback required by Ordinance 183 as amended, Section 6(E)(3) to allow a ten (10) foot rear setback for new construction of a guest house in the A-1 Zone of the Guadalupe Trail Character Area. The parcel is located at 831 Louanne Lane and is legally known as Lot 1-B, Plat of Anita Marie Subdivision, Projected Section 16, T11N, R3E, N.M.P.M., Elena Gallegos Grant, Lots 1-A, 1-B, 1-C and 1-D, Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, New Mexico, June 2008. The property contains 1.000 acres more or less.

The Variance request was denied by unanimous vote (6-0).

C. S-09-01 A request by Scott Whittington for Final Plat approval for a major (5 lot) subdivision in the C-1 Zone. The property is located at 6137 and 6203 2nd Street and is legally known as a certain tract of land situate within Projected Section 28, T11N, R3E, N.M.P.M. Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, New Mexico, being Tracts 74-B-1-B and 74-B-2-B of the M.R.G.C.D. Map No. 29, as shown and designated on the records of the Bernalillo County Clerk, June 29, 2006. The property contains 9.9 acres more or less.

The Final Plat was approved unanimously (6-0).

6. OLD BUSINESS

7. NEW BUSINESS

8. REPORTS

A. Planner's Report

Planner Seebach gave the Planner's Report.

9. COMMISSIONER'S INFORMAL DISCUSSION

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

A COPY OF THE AGENDA MAY BE OBTAINED AT THE VILLAGE OFFICE, 6718 RIO GRANDE BLVD NW, DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS OF 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM. THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT HOURS ARE FROM 8:00 AM TO NOON, AND BY APPOINTMENT FROM NOON UNTIL 5:00 PM. If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or any other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the hearing or meeting, please contact the Village Clerk at 344-6582 at least one week prior to the meeting or as soon as possible.

I certify that notice of the Public Meeting has been given in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Section 10-15-1 through 10-15-4 NMSA 1978 and the Open Meetings Resolution 2009-1-P&Z.

Linda Seebach
Director, Planning and Zoning



Board of Trustees Summary

June 10, 2009

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING
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WED., JULY 15, 2008
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1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Abraham called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

A. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Alison Hudson, 529 Roehl Road, stated her concerns with the Mayor's cancellation of the "Celebration of the Arts" at the Anderson Winery. She asked the Board of Trustees to review the cancellation and reinstate the Art Show.

Steve Thurmond, 7104 Guadalupe Trail, stated that the winery seems amenable to showing pieces of artwork and it seems like a perfect entry to show what is beyond that. He said if that can be a place where people can begin to see things of the Village of an artistic nature, he hopes it can be done.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes - May 13, 2009 Regular Meeting

B. DEPARTMENT AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 1. Law Enforcement/BCSD
- 2. Fire
- 3. Animal Control

The minutes were approved as reflected; however, the conditions read into the record on Page 15 of the minutes are incorrect. Even though the minutes are accurate as to what occurred, the applicant will have to be notified that these conditions need to be amended by Board action at its next meeting.

4. REPORTS

A. Mayor's Report

- Announced that the plaque with the entire history of past and present elected officials has now been placed on the wall in Village Hall. He is also trying to get pictures of the elected officials who are still alive or pictures that we can photo shop. There are pictures of the current elected officials in the lobby and the employees' pictures will also be hung there.

- Announced that former Trustee Frank Feather passed away on Friday, June 5.
- Have closed on the Phyllis Chavez property which squares off our property at 4th and Osuna.
- Lavender in the Village will be held on July 10th, 11th, & 12th and one of the themes, in addition to the 50th Anniversary, is the older history that will have a pretend dig where people will bid on pottery chards
- Growers' Market will have a Health and Fitness event on June 20th.
- The Fire Department will have a 4th of July event.
- Trustee Homan announced that the Village of Los Ranchos supported a statewide energy efficiency potential study and funding will come out of the stimulus fund.

B. Administrator's Report

Administrator Ward reported on the following:

- The check registry requested by the Board has been provided to each Board member.
- The JPA with Bernalillo County for permit and inspection services will be presented to the Board at the July meeting.
- He will have another walk through for the Taft Middle School next Tuesday, June 16.
- The I & J Sewer Project is finished and residents have been coming in for parcel permits.
- Paving on Ortega is finished and Osuna resurfacing will start tomorrow. It will include sidewalks, curb and gutters all the way to 2nd Street.
- Progressing with the environmental work on Rio Grande and should start paving from Chavez to Montañño after the Lavender Festival.
- Removing the poles at 4th & Los Ranchos and will be installing a new signal system.

C. Planner's Report

Planner Seebach reported on the following:

- Year-to-date statistics for building permits.
- Received the building permit and plans for the Unser Challenger Learning Center.
- Working with Ms. King on ordinance revisions.

D. Legal Report

Attorney King reported on the following:

- There was no litigation report.
- She has done some research for Administrator Ward and worked on some issues for Planning & Zoning.
- She served as Planning & Zoning Legal counsel.
- The oral argument on the Caruso legal case will be held this Friday, June 12.

E. Fire Dept. Report

Chief Perez reported on the following:

- Focused training on ladder and hose operation.
- The members of the swift water and diver team participated in the search for Corbin Hayes.
- The total calls for the month of May were 70.

- The swift water team assisted the Albuquerque Police Department with the Mayor's raft race.
- The 4th of July celebration will begin at 7:00 p.m. with free hotdogs and a fire works show.

5. FINANCIAL BUSINESS

A. Cash Report - May

The Cash Report was approved as presented.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPLICATIONS

A. A Request by Mark Baczek, Agent for Victory Christian School for Final Site Development Plan Approval for Commercial Construction of a School Gymnasium in the C-1 Zone. The Property is Located at 220 El Pueblo NW and is Legally Known as a Portion of Tract A, Alameda Bible Church, Home Of Victory Christian School, Situated Within The Boundaries Of M.R.G.C.D Property Map 24, Projected Section 16, T11n, R3e, N.M.P.M., City Of Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, New Mexico. The Property Contains 3.5664 Acres More or Less. SDP-09-01-Deferred from the May 13, 2009 Meeting.

This item was approved with conditions and findings.

B. A Request by the Village of Los Ranchos, Los Ranchos Fire Department for Final Site Development Plan for Government Building in the VC Zone. The Property is Located at 414 Schulte Road and is Legally Known as Lots Numbered Thirty-Eight-A-One (38-A-1) and Thirty-Eight-A-Two (38-A-2) of Schulte Acres, a Replat of Tract 38A being Lots 38-A-1 and 38-A-2, Schulte Acres, Within the Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, New Mexico, as the Same are Shown and Designated on the Plat of Said Subdivision, Filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Bernalillo County, New Mexico, on March 21, 2001, in Volume 2001C, Folio 87. The Property Contains 1.0008 Acres More or Less. THIS ITEM WILL BE POSTPONED TO THE JULY 8, 2009 BOARD MEETING.

This item was deferred to the July 8, 2009 Board Meeting.

7. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion and Approval to Destroy Public Records that are Eligible for Destruction according to the Records Retention and Disposition Schedules

The Board gave approval to destroy the public records that were eligible for destruction.

B. Discussion and Approval to Dispose of Fixed Assets that are Obsolete or Worn-Out

The Board approved disposal of the fixed assets.

C. Discussion and Approval of Memorandum of Understanding for Mutual and/or Automatic Aid for Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services with Sandoval County Fire Department

The Memorandum of Understanding for Mutual Aid with Sandoval County Fire Department was approved.

9. **TRUSTEES INFORMAL DISCUSSION**

Trustee Mary Homan announced that she has a new grandson.

Mayor Abraham reminded the Board that the Lavender Barn Dance will be held on July 10th and a table has been reserved for Trustees.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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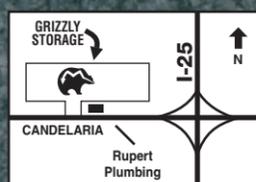
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Theatre News

Lanford Wilson's *Talley's Folly* at the Adobe this July

by Phil Bock

The beautiful, romantic play, "Talley's Folly," is just right for summer time. Part of Lanford Wilson's trilogy about the Talley family of Missouri, it takes the audience through 93 minutes of courtship. The scene is a deserted boathouse on July 4, 1944. Matt Friedman and Sally Talley were meant for each other, but Matt needs to convince Sally that it's true. Can this "hairy Jewish accountant" from St. Louis succeed with the small town girl whose family would gladly set the dogs on him? We won't know until the very final scene, for both of them have secrets that first must be revealed.

Leslee Richards, who last brought "Rabbit Hole" to ADOBE audiences, has chosen this lyrical love story about two lonely people in search of wholeness for our July production. As Matt, who conducts the courtship ("This is a waltz, remember."), she has cast Benjamin Liberman (most recently seen as Otello in "Goodnight Desdemona" at The Vortex). The reluctant Sally is portrayed by Aleah Waldron, who brought Izzy to life last summer in "Rabbit Hole." The audience will be entranced as they match wits, stop and start, and reveal themselves as people with strong ideas and stronger feelings.

Lanford Wilson is the author of many prize winning works. "The Mound Builders" was presented at the ADOBE in 1996. Other familiar plays include "Angels Fall" (set in New Mexico), and "The Rimers of Eldritch," and the comedy, "Hot I Baltimore." His sequel to "Talley's Folly," titled "The Fifth of July" was produced at UNM.

Director Richards says "I felt we all needed a little pick-me-up in these

tough times and a play full of joy and romance would be the perfect thing. "Talley's Folly" by Lanford Wilson opens at the ADOBE Theater, Friday July 10th, with performances Friday and Saturday at 8:00pm, and Sunday at 2:00pm through August 2nd. Tickets are \$14, seniors and students \$12. Reservations 898-9222 weekdays. Info: lesleerich@comcast.net

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Cooking a Perfect Sunday Brunch Celebration

by Randy Shamlian

I dread what things may come on the road to modernity. Peering into the future at a scene in a random home on a leisurely Sunday morning might look like, sound, and smell so artificial that something organic (by that, I mean alive and real) may distort these future beings' senses. While having a breakfast of a hybrid orange-flavored beverage called TWANG (that guarantees to boost them to the moon) and synthetically altered ham and eggs in a kitchen complete with a panoramic screen and surround sound, the futurist family opts to experience a swaying field of daisies for their visual awakening. Piped in hypoallergenic daisy scent accentuates the experience, as songbirds filter through the speakers with a glorious glowing sunrise that actually radiates off the screen.

A "PLEEP" of an incoming message on the screen from some Spacebook member reads: "I am breathing." A young teenage family member responds, "Oh my God, so am I." The parents condescendingly smile as the mother types on her Blackberry remote/cell/do-everything control device. The successive post on the screen now reads: "Jane is breathing too." A string of responses quickly appear on screen to absolute ad nauseam.

Please, tell me this scenario won't be so! But as I occasionally drive along Paseo del Norte and pass by the commercial bakery, I often pick up a scent of some pungent fake fruit-like smell that can curl the straightest of toes. Although, I am not a complete purist who strictly eats organic foods, I do subscribe to a healthier approach, and what better way than to indulge in the bounty of offerings at the Los Ranchos

Growers' Market to achieve that lifestyle.

With July being the month of the Lavender Fest, a fine Sunday brunch comes to mind as a means of celebration. An orange-lavender scented scone with Purple Sage honey and a dollop of Irish butter can easily set the tone. Farm fresh eggs are always abundant at the Market for poaching to make Eggs Florentine atop grilled crostini, layered with garlic and pine nut studded spinach and exotic oyster mushrooms, and ultimately drizzled with a creamy sauce made from The Old Windmill Dairy white cheddar.

Some of Chef Mia's chicken breakfast sausage makes for a perfect accompaniment. And pan-fried fingerling potatoes with scallions, crushed red pepper and fresh herbs will round out the brunch meal. Raspberry tartlets made with an apricot cream can certainly make for an ideal finishing touch.

The following is a recipe for orange-lavender scented scones:

Recipe (8 scones):

- 2 cups pastry flour
- 1/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1/4 tsp baking soda
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1/2 cup unsalted butter
- 2/3 cup buttermilk
- 1 Tbl orange zest
- 1 Tbl pulverized lavender*
- 1 tsp vanilla extract

Top coating for scones:

- 1 egg
- 1 Tbl buttermilk

Lavender sugar:

- 1/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1 Tbl pulverized lavender*

*Pulverized lavender (mortar and pestle works best or in a food processor). The lavender can be purchased from Sue Brawley at the Market.

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. Stack two baking sheets together and line the top baking sheet with parchment paper.

Combine flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda and salt. Cut the butter into small pieces and blend into the flour mixture with a pastry blender until coarse. Combine buttermilk, vanilla extract, orange zest, and lavender. Add the buttermilk mixture to the flour mixture and blend until the dough comes together. (Do not over mix the dough.)

Transfer to a lightly floured surface and form into a round roughly 1 1/2 inches thick. Cut into eight pieces. Place the scones on the baking sheet. Brush tops with egg/buttermilk mixture. Sprinkle with lavender sugar mixture.

Bake for about 20 minutes or until golden brown. Serve warm.

Enjoy!

Randy Shamlian is the author of *A Slice of Apple Pie*, a contributor to *Edible Santa Fe*, and a screenwriter. He's also at the *Growers' Market* with fresh fruit pies and other baked goods.

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