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I want to take this opportunity to thank all of our residents and businesses for showing confidence in me to be your mayor for four more years. This is the first time a mayor has been re-elected in our Village since Mayor Hartnett, our very first mayor.

I firmly believe our Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, or simply 'Los Ranchos,' is the nicest address in New Mexico. It has romance, ambiance and the perception of value.

In my first mayor's column I stated.... "One of my main goals as Mayor is to create a sense of Village pride... Los Ranchos is hardly an insignificant Village. We are the 33rd largest municipality in NM, larger than Taos, three times larger than Edgewood and eleven times larger than Chama. I'd like us to be recognized as a destination, not just a drive through Village...."

In my last four years as mayor, I have spent countless hours trying to understand why residents of Corrales are so passionate about their village and would never use Albuquerque as their address. Why do people use Alameda, Placitas, and Taylor Ranch as their address when they are not even cities, nor do they have any form of government? Why would our own Chamber of Commerce not embrace the effort? Why is it so easy to get people from

out of town to use 'Los Ranchos', but so difficult to get our own residents, who have lived here nearly fifty years, to use Los Ranchos? Why do our businesses not want to take advantage of the perceived and real value of a Los Ranchos address? Why do we waste so much time on something that seems so obvious?

Since our incorporation in 1958, we have, sadly, lost millions and millions of dollars because our Village residents and businesses have been using Albuquerque as their address.

It has been said that our forefathers wanted to "fly under the radar," and that probably served the community well twenty years ago. Times have changed. We can no longer take that attitude. We have a desire to protect our rural atmosphere and treasured open space. We compete for local, state, and federal dollars with local governments from throughout the state. We are under constant development pressure from all our borders. We must clearly take control of our community.

Doing so means having the resources to dictate our future. With a Los Ranchos address, the taxes you pay on services like PNM, Qwest, Comcast, Verizon, and every on-line or catalogue purchase you make will be

allocated to Los Ranchos. The Village Government is exclusively funded with gross receipts taxes. Road maintenance and improvement, fire and police protection, services like animal control, and amenities like public open space, all require significant dollar resources to make happen. Change your address to Los Ranchos and *demand* that your suppliers, utilities, and service providers do the same for you.

We have made great strides in getting "Los Ranchos" the recognition it deserves, and creating a distinct identity for our Village. Not only is there a perception of value in the name "Los Ranchos de Albuquerque," there is real value in being in Los Ranchos.

As we approach our 50th anniversary, please join me in recognizing Los Ranchos for the truly beautiful place it is, and make every effort to get the "Albuquerque address" out of our magnificent Village! It takes a bit more effort on everyone's part, but the entire Village must make that commitment in order to protect our future.

For those of you who can remember, the very first thing I did as Mayor was to change the look and name of the monthly publication from "Los Ranchos News" to the "Village Vision". In this issue you will notice we are changing the Village Vision again and going to a full-color magazine to more fully capture the "Spirit of Los Ranchos".

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Larry Abraham".

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**Upcoming Events - May/June/July**

Growers' & Arts/Crafts Market Saturday, May 3rd, 7:00 am - 11:00 am  
*Market Season Opens*

Growers' & Arts/Crafts Market Saturday, May 10th, 7:00 am - 11:00 am  
*Ask the Expert - Mary Moses  
 Sprouting Edible Seeds*

**Mother's Day!**  
**Sunday, May 11th**

Green Waste Pickup - Waste Management May 12th thru May 16th

**Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting Tuesday, May 13th- 7:00 pm**

**Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Wednesday, May 14th- 7:00 pm**

Growers' & Arts/Crafts Market Saturday-May 17th, 7:00 am - 11:00 am  
*Wild Alaska Salmon & Greens with Guest Chef "Kenny, the Fishhugger"  
 Children's Book Signing with Children's author "Carol Cordsen"  
 OLD VEHICLE DAY - Old Vehicles by Poco Quatros Model A Club  
 Fire Dept's First Annual Pancake Breakfast:  
 7 - 10:30. \$5.00 donation - All you can eat!*

Growers' & Arts/Crafts Market Saturday, May 24th, 7:00 am - 11:00 am  
*Ask the Expert - Larry Kloepfel -Composting*

**Memorial Day!**

**Monday, May 26th - Village Office Closed**

Growers' & Arts/Crafts Market Saturday, May 31st, 7:00 am - 11:00 am

Growers' & Arts/Crafts Market Saturday, June 7, 7:00 am - 11:00 am

**Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting Tuesday, June 10th- 7:00 pm**

**Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Wednesday, June 11th- 7:00 pm**

Growers' & Arts/Crafts Market Saturday, June 14th, 7:00 am - 11:00 am  
*Fire Dept's Second Annual Pancake Breakfast: 7:00 - 10:30.  
 \$5.00 donation - All you can eat!*

**Father's Day!**  
**Sunday, June 15th**

Growers' & Arts/Crafts Market Saturday, June 21st, 7:00 am - 11:00 am

Growers' & Arts/Crafts Market Saturday, June 28th, 7:00 am - 11:00 am

**4th of July!**  
**Friday, July 4th - Village Office Closed**

Fire Dept 4th of July Event Friday, July 4th - Begins at 6:30 pm

Growers' & Arts/Crafts Market Saturday, July 5th, 7:00 am - 11:00 am

**Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting Tuesday, July 8th- 7:00 pm**

**Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Wednesday, July 9th- 7:00 pm**

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The Village Vision is an official publication of the Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque. Its primary mission is to promote the "Spirit of Los Ranchos," while informing Village residents of activities, both public and govern mental, currently in progress throughout the Village. It is published monthly and distributed free of charge to residents and businesses. Non-residents and other interested parties may subscribe by contacting Los Ranchos Village Hall at 505.344.6582. Price including S/H is \$20.00 per annum.

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The deadline for the next issue is printed in the Calendar on page 2 of each issue. Advertisements must be paid at Village Hall before each deadline, and submitted to the Coordinator. (see above)

**CONTRIBUTIONS**

Material of general interest about the Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque is encouraged. Please submit all communications to the Coordinator. Articles should be sent by Word attachment, and photographs are best received on a disc. Please call before submitting material to confirm space and suitability.

**Village Vision**

takes every precaution to ensure accuracy of all published works. However, it cannot be held responsible for the opinions expressed or facts supplied herein. Factual inaccuracies brought to the attention of the Coordinator will be corrected when possible.

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## **VILLAGE VISION GOING FULL COLOR**

In an effort to promote our Village, support our local businesses, and spread the "Spirit of Los Ranchos," we are transitioning the Village Vision to a full color magazine. In upcoming issues we will include color maps of the Village and full color photos of Village events. As a side note, the actual cost to produce the magazine has gone down, and accordingly we will keep the advertising rates for local businesses the same.

## **LOS RANCHOS NM.gov Now Official**

**LOS RANCHOS NM.gov** is now our official website address and all of our emails end in .gov. This is one more step in creating a distinct identity for our city and promoting the name Los Ranchos. We still can be reached at our old email addresses, as well as villr.com or villageoflosranchos.com.

## **MINUTES ON THE WEB**

Each issue of the Village Vision has a condensed version of the minutes of both the Board of Trustees and the Planning and Zoning meetings. If you want to hear an audio recording of each of the minutes, you may go to **LOS RANCHOS NM.gov** and click on minutes. This audio program is best accessed through internet explorer.

## **LOOK FOR AARON'S SANDWICH TIME TO BE RELOCATING**

Start preparing yourselves for good  
**VILLAGE VISION**

old home cooked comfort food! Plans call for a 3200 square foot sit-down restaurant located where Hacienda Home Centers used to be. You will be able to enjoy comfort food just like mom use to make while watching several big screen TV's, as well as having WiFi service. By the gleam in Aaron's eye, this is going to be a true asset to the Village. Look for Aaron to be open, hopefully by early August, and with a new name.

## **BARB'S AND TOP DOG NOW OPEN**

And we have two more new restaurants already open in Los Ranchos Villa shopping center!

## **VERIZON AND AT&T CELL TOWER UPDATE**

Verizon is currently under construction with their equipment installation as we go to press. We anticipate Verizon to be locating their antennae on the cell tower tree this month, and be on air by June. AT&T is reviewing the lease agreement and has been issued a permit for their equipment installation. We hope to have them on air by July 1st. For all of you who have or want an Iphone, it won't be long now!!!

## **I AND J SEWER PROJECT REMAINS ON SCHEDULE**

The I and J sewer project remains on schedule. Residents can anticipate rolling closures along Rio Grande for the length of the project, which should

be completed by January, 2009. We anticipate putting the new lines in service sometime in early 2009 after the whole system is tested. Please remind your contractors that they must come to the Village for a permit before starting any work on your residence.

## **BIKE LANES**

We are finishing up the design of the bike lanes from Chavez to Paseo, and we will complete the first phase when Rio Grande is repaved for the I and J sewer project. We anticipate this to be late 2008 or early 2009. We are looking for additional funding to repave Rio Grande from Chavez to Montano, and incorporate the new bike lanes as well.

## **SHARE YOUR VILLAGE PHOTOS**

Now that we are in full color, we would again like to ask everyone to share favorite Village photos with us. You can email to **RHALL@LOS RANCHOS NM.GOV**.

## **LAVENDER**

Dates for this year's Lavender in the Village are July 11th (the evening Barn Dance), 12th, and 13th. The website is being updated, and plans are well under way. Mark your calendars, and think about joining the fun as a volunteer.

# Noteworthy Villager



## JUDGE VICTORIA GARCIA

The Village held an election in March which saw Victoria Garcia winning a second term as Los Ranchos' Municipal Judge. Since you might not know Judge Garcia (unless you've had need of her services!), I thought readers might like something of a close-up on the Village's judge.

To begin, Victoria is a quiet, lovely lady! She is a native of Ogden, Utah, has a degree in educational psychology from Utah State, and an MA and law degree from the University of Utah. She practiced mental health counseling in Utah for seventeen years, and

comments that it was a good way to get to know herself. She lived in Placitas before moving to the Village, and told me that she loves the diversity in the north valley. Her law career started with estate litigation, when she worked with old New Mexico families, and learned much about the history of the area. She was associated with District Court, was administrative staff attorney for Judge Brennan, and now holds the position of General Counsel for the Department of Information Technology for the State, which keeps her running back and forth to Santa Fe most days.

Victoria told me that working at the Municipal Court level, and on behalf of the Municipal League, is what she really loves, since it brings her in contact with people in small towns. When she moved to Los Ranchos, a friend suggested that she run for the position

of judge. She did, and met many Village residents in the process. The folks at Village Hall have been very helpful, and so has our Village attorney. Victoria is a strong advocate of the mediation process. She is trained in dispute resolution, and feels it's always helpful if people will just talk to each other. Respect, she says, is the key to keeping a dialog going.

When I asked what she does for fun, she answered, "Not enough!" She does, however, very much enjoy painting and drawing, as well as reading, and she tries to get outside to walk and ride her bike. And at home, there's her delightful cat, Spike, who, Victoria says, is "such a guy"!

Victoria is beginning her second term as our Municipal Judge. I hope you have the great pleasure of meeting her as she walks or rides around the Village.



## JOEL STRIBLING

Joel Stribling, youngest son of Martha and Tom Stribling, co-owner and CEO of Supercuts of New Mexico, loving father, beloved son, brother, comic and prankster, cheers angels and humors our Lord this day, Thursday, April 3, 2008. Those near and dear to him, honoring his memory, are his mother, Martha; wife, Lori; his children: Joel, Jr., Deanna, Rachel, Daniel,

Martha C., and Timothy. The "Big Guy's" siblings: Tom, Jr., Marti, Margaret, Mike, Ladd, and Jon. Nephews: Luke, Burl, Sam, William, Marshal, and Levi. Also honoring his memory are his many employees and business associates. The memorial took place on April 3, 2008, at Calvary Chapel. Joel will be greatly missed.

## In Memorium

# Victory Gardens

by Joe Brawley



Victory Gardens were the back yard and public space gardens most remembered from World War Two. They were part of the war effort to provide food resources for the country as well as to boost morale. In the United States, Canada and Great Britain they were known by several names including "war gardens" and "food gardens for defense."



*"The goal was to produce enough fresh vegetables through the summer for the immediate family and neighbors. Any excess produce was canned and preserved for the winter and early spring until next year's victory garden produce was ripe."* - Smithsonian Institution

Fruits, vegetables and herbs were standard in the Victory Garden. In addition to the produce itself, the Garden provided a way where those on the home front could get involved in the war effort. It provided a way to, on a daily basis, contribute to the cause.

World War Two was a time of rationing. Rationing of gasoline, materials and food. The Victory Garden provided a way for millions of small garden plots to augment the food supply of the nation.

*"Throughout the World War II years, millions of victory gardens in all shapes and sizes--from window boxes to community plot--produced abundant food for the folks at home."* - Smithsonian Institution

Schools and Government Agencies, private foundations and seed companies, businesses and individuals all participated in the effort. In the United States, the Gardens could be seen from coast to coast in vacant lots, parks, baseball fields, backyards and schoolyards. This was an activity that not only included people across the country but also people of every socio-economic group and age. Adults and children worked to prepare the soil, weed, water and harvest. It is estimated that Victory Gardens produced up to 40 percent of all of the vegetable produce nationally.

One continuously operated Victory Garden is known to remain in the Fens outside Boston. The Fenway Victory Garden is very much alive and a force in the community. It is likely that the tradition lives on in backyard gardens across the country and vividly in the memories of those who lived those years.

*"Within the Fens exists the oldest remaining wartime "Victory Garden" (1941) planted by citizens. Today, it is a well-loved and tended community garden of flowers and vegetables."* -Emerald Necklace Conservancy, Brookline MA



## Images courtesy of:

"We'll Have Lots to Eat This Winter, Won't We, Mother?" - Artist: Al Parker, U.S. Office of War Information Poster No. 57 Smithsonian Institution [www.si.edu](http://www.si.edu)

"Grow it Yourself" - Artist: Herbert Bayer, Rural Electrification Administration, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Smithsonian Institution [www.si.edu](http://www.si.edu)

"San Francisco City Hall" - City of San Francisco's Department for the Environment Victory Gardens 2007+ [www.futurefarmers.com/victorygardens/what.html](http://www.futurefarmers.com/victorygardens/what.html)

"Trailer Garden" Photo- Smithsonian Institution [www.si.edu](http://www.si.edu)

## Other Links:

Fenway Victory Garden at [www.fenwayvictorygardens.com](http://www.fenwayvictorygardens.com)

PBS Television Series at [www.pbs.org/wgbh/victorygarden/index.html](http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/victorygarden/index.html)

# Growers' Market Opens!

There's an English madrigal which begins: "Now is the month of maying, when merry lads are playing. Fa la la la...." How appropriate for this lovely time of year in the Village! Young animals are in the fields, fruit trees are flowering, daffodils and tulips are bringing color to gardens, and I'm sure the hummingbirds will be along soon. Best of all, the **Los Ranchos Growers' Market** is about to open its sixteenth season on **Saturday morning, May 3rd**, and the growers and volunteers are ready! We have a great season planned, with special events, guest chefs, and plenty of music, besides the best and freshest of produce.

Here's the summer Market schedule as we know it now:

May 17th: **Kenny the Fishhugger** demonstrating wild Alaska salmon and greens, plus the **Poco Quatros Model A Club** with their vehicles. *And...* Page One Books presents book signing of "**Market Day**", with children's author, **Carol Cordsen**. *And...* the Fire Department will present its first annual **Pancake Breakfast** from 7:00 to 10:30 AM at the fire house. \$5.00 donation for All You Can Eat!

June 14th: The **Los Ranchos Fire Department** will present their second annual **Fathers' Day Pancake Breakfast**. See above under May 17th!



July 12th and 13th: **Lavender in the Village!** All sorts of special stuff, including four guest speakers (a horticulturist, a landscaper, an herbalist, and a chef), and you'll just have to keep checking future issues for the rest!

July 26th: The **annual fruit and ice cream tasting** - bring the kids!

August 9th: **Cooking in the Village** with guest chefs **Jennifer James, Kelly Burton, and Nelle Bauer**. Come taste what these talented ladies can do with what we grow, and hear about their new restaurant!

August 23rd: **Kevin and Mickey Lin** of **Kanpai Taiwanese Cuisine** will demonstrate their oriental take on our fresh produce - something new this year.

September 13th: The annual **Beans, Corn, and Chile** celebration with guest chefs **Joe Sausage** and **Chile King, Bruce Goddard**.

October 4th: **Balloon Fiesta! Kenny the Fishhugger** will be back with more salmon and grass-fed beef recipes. Also, **Flying Star's Executive Chef** will have a new menu item for us to taste.

October 25th: Last, but not at all least, **Costume Day**, with trick or treating and costumes.

And all season, Village Vision food columnist, **Randy Shamlian**, will be writing monthly columns for your magazine, introducing our growers, and providing recipes to fit the produce available at the stands.

Sound like fun? Well, come on over on summer **Saturdays, 7:00 to 11:00 AM**. Join our growers, our volunteers, and **Rudy, Panda, Lilly, Buster**, and all our other canine friends at the award-winning Los Ranchos Growers' Market!

**SPRING 2008**





## Agri-Highlights

### EAT LOCALLY GROWN FOOD

How much fossil fuel is embedded in the food you eat? Eating locally produced food helps cut fuel and energy use. Complement the food that you buy at the Market with a small back yard garden. May is a great time to plant tomatoes, peppers, basil and other herbs, green beans, cucumbers and other tasty vegetables. Plant a little extra and bring it to Market. Whether you have a basket of peaches or several heads of lettuce, the Growers' Market encourages "backyard growers" to sell at the Market.

### SUMMER GROWERS' MARKET BEGINS MAY 3RD

Market starts its 16th season on Saturday, May 3th, from 7 - 11 am! Please note that we start at 7 am. The Market season runs for 26 weeks,

every Saturday, from May through October. Market tables will have an assortment of lettuces, greens such as arugula, chard, kale and sorrel, green onions, rhubarb, eggs, honey, salmon, beef, pasta, goat cheese, and breads. This is a great time to pick up locally grown bedding plants (flowers, veggies and herbs) and seasonal color spots. Toward the end of May, fresh peas - snow, shelling, and edible pod - will be available.

### ASK THE EXPERT SERIES AT GROWERS' MARKET

The Agriculture Committee sponsors the "Ask the Expert Series" at the Growers' Market. Mary Moses will discuss "Sprouting Edible Seeds" on May 10th, and Larry Kloepfel, our composting expert, will be on hand Saturday, May 24th, to answer your

composting questions.

### OLD VEHICLE DAY SAT. MAY 17TH

The first Growers' Market special event of the 2008 season will feature a display of Old Vehicles by The Poco Quatros Model A Club on Sat. May 17th. Kenny, the Fishhugger will demonstrate cooking with Wild Alaska Salmon and local spring greens. Page One Books presents "Market Day," a book signing with children's author, Carol Cordsen. Come join the fun!

### HELP NEEDED/HELP AVAILABLE:

We have a list of persons who can assist with custom tractor work, pruning, general garden work, and plowing and mowing, etc. Call the Village Office, 344-6582, for the list of names and phone numbers.

## Earn & Learn at Growers' Market

During the 2007 season, the Growers' Market was fortunate to have various students working at the Market. The Growers' Market encourages students to grow and sell produce, and also hires students to assist with special events. It is a great learning and earning experience for them, and the Market benefits as well.

Joe Lewandowski (Valley High School) assists his family in growing and then selling vegetables at the Market all year long. The Market also hires Joe to do the weekly set-up and clean-up. Amy Seibert (Valley High School) assisted with sales at the Lewandowski booth, and was one of several high school students who helped with the Market special events.

Students and student groups are eligible for a reduced Market fee of \$2.50 per week, instead of the regular \$5 per week fee. Amongst the sixteen different student groups at the Market last year were the following four groups:

Alex Montoya (Taft Middle School) and his brothers (Alvarado Elementary School) have a great back yard garden and small orchard. Nicholas Cruz (Taft Middle School) is a budding herbalist, who shared a booth with Alex. Alex and Nicholas will be back this year with their tasty tomatoes, herbs, plums, and other fresh produce.

Jessie (Ernie Pyle Middle School) and Charlie Garcia (Kit Carson Elementary) grew and sold a variety of

vegetables with their grandfather. Jessie was a 2007 State Fair winner with 1st in Small Commercial Tomatoes, 2nd in Large Commercial Tomatoes, 2nd in Largest Tomatoes, and 3rd in Largest Green Chile!

The Albuquerque Academy Environment Club grew seedlings as a fundraiser for sale last May.

Magda & Denda Urrea, home schooled, raised baby chickens and zinnias for sale at the Market as part of their class projects. Their picture is featured as the month of May photograph in the 2008 Commemorative Calendar.

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## ESCRIBIENTE PROGRAM FOR MAY 7, 2008

"Nature at Its Best" will be the subject of the Wednesday, May 7, 2008, 6:30 pm, meeting of Albuquerque's Calligraphy Guild at Manzano Mesa Center, 501 Elizabeth SE. Come join the free, public demonstration by the membership as we explore materials from nature that can replace traditional writing paper. More information? Call Escribiente at 265-0015, or [alma@almasanderson.com](mailto:alma@almasanderson.com)

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



## Greetings!

The weather is warming up and more people are going to be out of their homes walking, bicycling, and taking in all the beauty the Village has to offer. As many of our roads are very narrow (i.e. Guadalupe Trail, Chavez, El Paraiso, etc.), it is especially important that motorists slow down and are vigilant in doing the posted speed limit(s). With all the construction taking place on Rio Grande, detours are a significant factor and cause increased vehicle traffic on the aforementioned roads. I would encourage everyone to put the word out to friends, family, and other visitors that 4th Street is a much better alternative to avoiding the detours than using the narrow, residential streets such as Guadalupe Trail.

Also worth mentioning is the recent motorcycle crash involving one of our Deputies. I have received many calls inquiring as to his condition and I can thankfully say he is going to be OK. Deputy Meeks sustained several broken bones in his left arm and will require some surgery, but he is expected to make a full recovery. Deputy Meeks and I appreciate all the support and caring you have extended, and it just reinforces what a wonderful community the Village is.

As predicted, it is going to be a busy year in our Village, but I am confident we can get through this with minimal discomfort and/or inconvenience if we all just practice being patient and, more importantly, work together as a community. Be safe!

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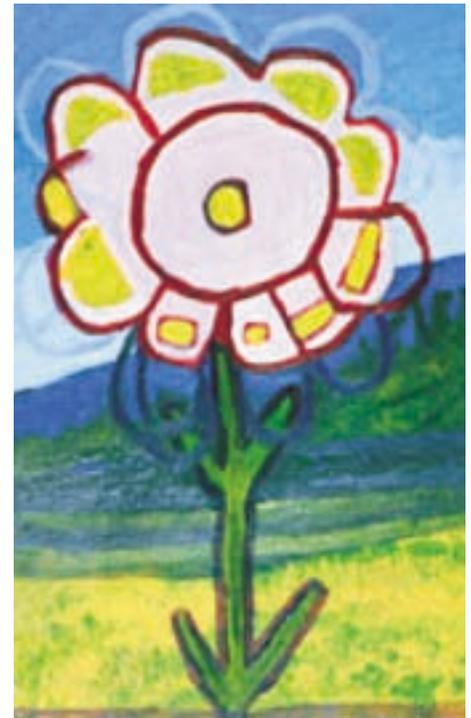


**Terence Shelly, Eagle Scout!**

*Terence is the 52nd Eagle in troop nine since it began in 1959. Over 130 people attended his ceremony on March 15th. He is considering the study of film and digital media.*

**VSA IN THE COMMUNITY**

*The First Flower*  
by Cheryle Coburn  
Sowing Seeds



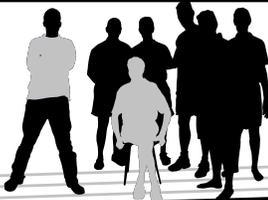
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## Be Aware!

As warmer weather approaches, so does the risk of water related emergencies. The Village of Los Ranchos is surrounded by a number of water ways that can pose a great danger if not respected. It is important for residents to understand the water ways in their area, and the potential threats associated with them. Below is a piece taken from the "New Mexico Ditches are Deadly" website: [www.ditchesaredeadly.com](http://www.ditchesaredeadly.com) which is a great resource to help keep kids safe.

### What's the Danger?

Although arroyos and ditches can appear harmless, it's important to remember that a flash flood, New Mexico's number one natural disaster, can occur at any moment. Here's what you need to know about ditches and arroyos.

### Ditches

Are mud lined waterways that run north to south, parallel to the Rio Grande River. Their purpose is to move irrigation water. They are usually filled with water from March 1st to October 31st of every year. The water in ditches can move up to twenty miles an hour! Some ditches have undertows. If you're caught in one of these, your chances of getting out are very slim. Many ditches contain debris such as glass and barbed wire. There are often dead animals in the ditches. Bridges over the ditch can be slippery or possibly rusted. The banks of ditches are very slippery - if someone falls in, he can't easily get out! The age range of drowning victims is 2 years to 87 years old.

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### Arroyos

Arroyos are cement or dirt-lined waterways that run east to west or west to east. Their purpose is to move flood water from the mountains or mesas to the Rio Grande River as quickly as possible. 99% of the time they are dry, so it is tempting to walk, jog, skateboard, or rollerblade in them. They fill with

water when it rains. It may be sunny in Albuquerque, but raining in the mountains. Water comes down so fast that it's called "flash flooding." Within ten seconds you could get caught in water going up to forty miles per hour. It is nearly impossible to get out!





# 5th Annual Lavender IN THE VILLAGE

This year at Los Poblanos during the Lavender Festival, we want to bring children back to the natural environment and help them discover the great outdoors. Getting out to green spaces is absolutely vital to children's imaginations and development. Children need to connect with nature when they're young, or it won't mean anything to them when they're grown. How many walks do you take with your kids, your grand kids? When

you think back to your happiest days as a child, weren't they all outside? I loved being outside, climbing trees, exploring the neighborhoods, walking the walls behind us, and peeking into people's back yards. I knew every short cut through the alleys in our neighborhood and could name every neighbor from our house to grade school. If kids don't explore the open spaces, parks, and bosques now, how will

they be able to relate to our future environmental policies? These valuable spaces will mean nothing to them. One of the ways we hope to link kids with nature is by hiding fairy gardens through the formal historic gardens at Los Poblanos. Kids can discover hidden houses made out of twigs and berries. Come with your imaginations wide open!

## Calling All Bakers!

Lavender cookies, cakes, pies and tarts; cheesecake, and brownies too; what could be more delectable? Los Poblanos is searching for a few good bakers to create wonderful confections that use lavender as the theme. So, put on your aprons, seize some culinary lavender and prepare to enter the 1st Annual Los Poblanos Culinary Lavender Bake-Off, to take place during the 5th annual Lavender in the Village Festival, July 13th!

Judges will be looking for streamlined, quick-and-easy recipes; of course, taste, appeal, creativity and the best use of lavender are also heavily weighed. But, if your quick-and-easy entry looks and tastes like it took hours, we'll swoon with joy! Now start baking, so that you can be the winner at this year's Lavender in the Village Festival.

- *It's gotta taste good! Flavor will be the top criterion. The first bite has to make us want more. Test your recipe several times at home to get it just right.*
- *Focus on appeal. We're looking for recipes that not only taste good but look good and offer something unique. Really think about how lavender will be incorporated into your creation.*

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*Judging will occur at Los Poblanos Inn on the 13th of July, during this years Lavender in the Village Festival. The festival and Los Poblanos Inn are located in the town of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, along the historical Rio Grande Blvd.*



## How To See Los Poblanos Flower Fairies

Who wants to see gentle flower fairies? Well, this summer at Los Poblanos YOU can and we will teach you how! Please join us on July 8th, 2008 at 10:30-11:45 AM, when we will transform our gardens into a lovely fairy paradise. But do hurry! The class is limited to twenty children and registration starts NOW. Each child will receive "Flower Fairies of the Garden" by Cicely Mary Barker. We will meander together on pathways through multiple lush gardens in search of hidden fairy houses. Make lovely fairy furniture so that you can bring fairies to your garden at home. Last, but certainly not least, we will have great fun! Please call 344-9297 to register for the class; there is a fee of 12.00 per child.

Time: July 8th, 2008  
at 10:30-11:45am

Class size: 20

Ages: 4-10

Class time: 1 hour 15 minutes

Fee: \$12.00 per child

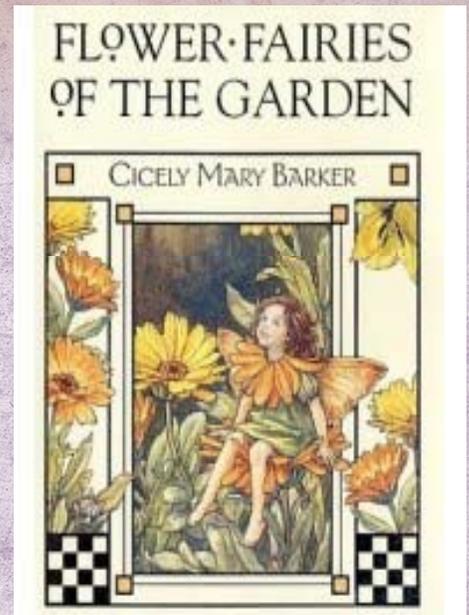
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## Disruption and Entrapment

Apple production would pose few problems in our area were it not for the coddling moth. This is the pest that causes wormy apples. Not too many years ago, pesticides such as Guthion, Imidan, and Sevin provided the only means for control. All were toxic in varying degrees, Guthion being the most toxic, a category 3 pesticide. Imidan and Sevin were category 2 and 1 respectively, category 1 being the least toxic.

Over twenty-five years ago, the first experiments with mating disruption began. The principle upon which mating disruption depended required spreading the scent of the female codling moth throughout an orchard. With the scent everywhere, the males could not find the females to mate.

Among the first methods were wicks resembling pipe cleaners that were saturated with the female scent. They were expensive and required changing monthly. Another approach of some years ago used a battery powered device that sent puffs of scent into the orchard at timed intervals. I used these for a couple of years, but the nozzles for the aerosol scent clogged frequently. Thus the cabinet that contained the aerosol required frequent monitoring. These were not too effective.

More recently, researchers have developed methods that release the scent into the orchard, which last for a few months. Among them are wicks that release the female scent more slowly and last longer, such as Isomate (trade-marked). Trécé has also announced a

dispenser that clips onto a branch or twig. To my knowledge, neither of the above is available in our area. One that has proven effective and is available in our area is NoMate spirals, which snap onto a branch or twig. I used these last season with some success. My mistake was in not replacing them in early July. It seems that they require two applications in a season, the first just prior to bloom, and the second in early July.

The NoMate spirals are sold in bags of 400, which cost slightly more than \$100.00, and are available from: Jerry Bohmsalk dba Growers Ag Supply, 930 G Avenue, Douglas, Arizona 85607.

Gemplers in Madison, Wisconsin, also supplies the NoMate spirals. The shipping from Arizona costs less.

Trapping the codling moth provides another method for control. The traps – wing traps – consist of a covered surface coated with a sticky material similar to that on fly paper. The bait consists of a pheromone-scented lure, centrally placed within the trap. The lures need replacing monthly. The sticky material needs replacing only when saturated with moths. The traps provide an excellent supplement to the NoMate spirals. The recommended rate of application is 20 traps per acre. For just a few trees, three or four traps should suffice. I plan to use both mating disruption and traps.

Jerry Bohmsalk in Douglas, AZ, sells both Scentry brand traps and lures, which are available at less cost than from elsewhere.



## Luebben, Johnson & Barnhouse, LLP

*Attorneys At Law*



What was formerly a school at 7424 Fourth Street NW, is now the office, still being renovated, of the law firm of **Luebben, Johnson & Barnhouse, LLP**. The handsome building, which I had toured when it was a school, is in the process of becoming equally attractive law offices, and it still retains the old adobe building that was at its heart. A splendid place to work!

This law firm specializes in all phases of Indian law, bringing together under one roof four senior attorneys and two associate attorneys with one hundred fifteen years of combined experience in representing Indian tribal governments and tribal entities as general counsel and in matters concerning environmental protection, water rights, land rights and natural resources; commercial, business and real estate law; and gaming, taxation, and economic development. The firm's attorneys represent tribes and tribal entities throughout the western United States, and are licensed to practice in the western states, as well as the District of Columbia, the courts of the Navajo Nation, the federal Sec-

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ond, Ninth and Tenth circuit Courts of Appeals, the U.S. Court of Federal Claims, and the U.S. Supreme Court.

I met first **Karl Johnson**, the managing partner of the firm, who is the past chair of the Indian Law Section of the State Bar of New Mexico, and who has taught and practiced federal Indian law and commercial law for twenty-five years. Karl began his career with DNA-People's Legal Services, and lived for a time on the Reservation with his young family. He later taught federal Indian law at UNM.

**Thomas Luebben** is next. Tom has also taught Indian law topics as an adjunct professor at UNM, and as a guest lecturer at the University of Arizona School of Law. He is also the director of litigation for the non-profit Native Lands Institute. His undergraduate degree is in geophysical engineering from the Colorado School of Mines, and I quickly learned that he is a long-time river runner and all around outdoors type, who thought that running the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon with my geologist - river-guide husband sounded like a perfect

way to spend a week or two!

Next up is **Randolph "Dolph" Barnhouse**, who also lives in the Village. Dolph received his MBA and JD degrees from UNM, and has over twenty years' experience in federal Indian law, commercial transactions, and business litigation. He has served as executive director of DNA-People's Legal Services, the largest Indian legal services program in the country. He is a past member of the Bureau of Land Management's New Mexico Resource Advisory Council, and recipient of the 2003 Courageous Advocacy Award from the State Bar of New Mexico.



**James Fitting** is the last of the senior attorneys, and is Of Counsel with the firm. Jim is the former Assistant Attorney General for the Economic and Community Development Unit of the Navajo Nation Department of Justice. He is certified as a Federal Indian Law specialist, and has been involved in cross-cultural economic and community development projects both here and abroad. He now concentrates on the development and financing of businesses in Indian country.

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and wills and estates. As Karl Johnson told me, everything except tax law and criminal law! If you have a legal matter to resolve, give these nice folks a call. And make sure they show you their stunning new conference table, made of wood from Hawaii, where they also have some business. Any problem will vanish sitting there!

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**Samuel Hough** is one of two associate attorneys with the firm. Before joining this firm, Sam served as the Directing Attorney in the Eureka, CA, office of California Indian Legal Services, where he provided legal counsel to Indian tribes on a diverse array of Indian law and general civil matters. He is of Serrano Indian descent from the Morongo Band of Mission Indians, California.

Finally, I met **Kelli Keegan**, the newest associate with the firm, a graduate of UNM School of Law with a Certificate in Indian Law. She received the Advocacy Award from the American

Indian Law Center's Pre-Law Summer Institute. Prior to joining the firm, Kelli worked as a Special Prosecutor for the Pueblo of Laguna, and is now concentrating her practice on litigation, Indian gaming and commercial transactions. Kelli is a member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe.

This firm's concentration is, obviously, on all aspects of Indian law, but **Luebben, Johnson & Barnhouse** also maintains an active general law practice, focused on business representation of clients in business and commercial matters, real estate transactions, water law, personal injury,

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# BARB'S PLACE

## NEW MEXICAN CUISINE

### Barb's Place

It's 8:00 AM. Time for breakfast! If you're ready for a treat, head for Barb's Place in the Los Ranchos Villa Shopping Center. I say this because I've just spent the last hour or so, interviewing Barbara Vigil and her husband, Anthony, at their colorful restaurant - and I'm starving! Barb was describing her special huevos rancheros: on the plate, place a large flour tortilla (or three small corn tortillas). On the tortilla, goes a generous helping of refried beans. Around the beans, arrange a 'halo' of hashed brown potatoes. In the center, go the eggs, and on top, your choice of Barb's special red or green. Yum!

I can only describe this restaurant as a happy place! The walls are painted such wonderful bright colors that one feels as if he's walking into a Mexican fiesta! And on those walls are arranged a series of framed antique photographs, all from Anthony's family. The oldest is on the east wall, and from the clothing, must date to the late nineteenth century. When you go to Barb's Place, be sure to take a few minutes to look at those photographs.

Barb was born in Pasadena, California, but moved to Albuquerque at the age of four, and she's been here ever since. She learned to cook at home - she had six younger brothers, and since she was in charge of the kitchen, she was soon used to cooking for a small army! Her mother taught her, and part of keeping all those mouths fed included making fifty tortillas every

night! Breakfast at home became an assembly line of pancakes. And, she told me with a smile, those brothers all ended up cooking for their families - it must be in the genes!

I had been told that there was a connection to the old Ramon's Restaurant, which used to be located in the former Northdale Center, and sure enough, Barbara used to work there, as a cook and as a waitress. In fact, she employs three others who used to work at Ramon's, and Anthony also worked there, part time. Barb and Anthony had tried several other locations for their restaurant, but none worked out for a variety of reasons, so they finally decided that they belonged back at Ramon's old spot, and they are happy

here. And so are a number of senior citizens, who used to eat at Ramon's - sometimes twice a day. They were sadly displaced when that restaurant closed, but Barb says they are now back eating with her.

So what does Barb consider as her specialty? Her red! She said she's really picky about getting each batch just right, making sure that it's always consistent. Green, she said, is hard to control because of the jalapenos, which vary in heat, so it takes careful monitoring. She says she uses lots of fresh garlic, and makes her own 'everything'. Her weekly specialties include her own version of Frito pie, which,

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she said, children really like. She also mentioned her carne adovada, blue corn beef enchiladas, and her fresh homemade hamburgers.

I was getting the point that this is a food family, with all the talk of family barbeques, her mother's restaurant, her brothers cooking, but then I dis-

covered that there's another side to these folks. Both Barbara and Anthony, and her mother, are jewelers! Her mother taught Barb when she was in high school, and all of them still work at it. You can see the results in the glass cases by the cash register in the restaurant, and very attractive the silver and bright stone pieces are.

Barb's Place is a fine new addition to Los Ranchos Villa Shopping Center. It's open every day, so it's not hard to find a moment to drop in for a bite. And don't forget to look at those photographs!

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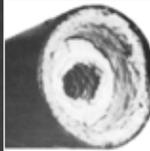
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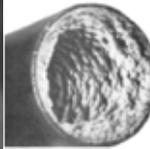
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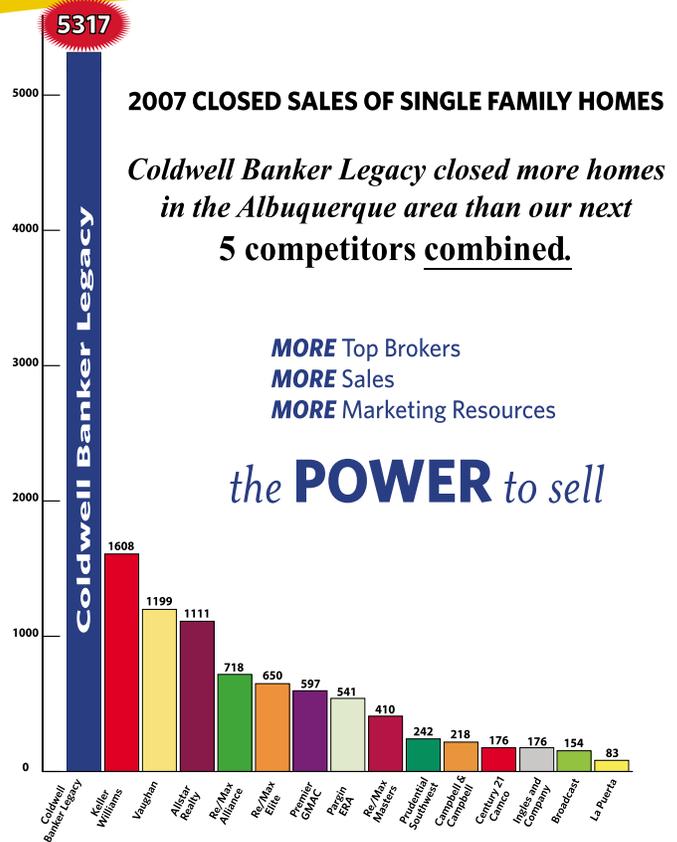
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8905 Ortega Ct NW	514131	\$405,000.00	62x160	2200	3	2.5	2	Dee Padilla	Dee Padilla & Associates	269-8668
712 Charles PI NW	614916	\$419,000.00	14472sf	1970	4	2/0/0	2	Craig Hays	Coldwell Banker Legacy	292-8900
1105 El Pueblo NW	522333	\$449,000.00	0.78	1775	3	2	0	Christina Ortega	American Realty	897-3657
216 Nico Trail NW	529726	\$449,000.00	0.18	2268	3	2.5	2	Cindy Chavez	Prudential Sandia Real Estate	271-5800
720 Mullen Rd	611524	\$490,000.00	0.574	3400	3-5	0/2/0	4	Susan B Kilar	Keller Williams Realty	897-1100
824 Ortega NW	518855	\$499,000.00	1	3200	6	3.75	2	Agha Shinwari	Premier GMAC Real Estate	292-6300
8240 Guadalupe Trail NW	607273	\$549,900.00	46609sf	2900	3	2	2	Winnie DeVore	Vaughan Company Realtors	823-6677
6781 Rio Grande BI NW	608795	\$550,000.00	24877sf	4500	4-5	3/0/0	3	Robyn Finkelstein	New Earth Realty	867-1100
1034 Pueblo Solano Rd NW	514458	\$595,000.00	1.1	2209	4	2.75	2	Lynn Johnson	Keller Williams Realty	897-1100
814 Ranchitos Rd NW	517408	\$599,000.00	1	2388	4	2	0	Nancy Montoya	Century 21 Champions	865-3381
700 Ranchitos Rd NW	515992	\$599,000.00	0.26	2899	4	2	2	Kurstin Johnson	Vista Encantada Realtors LLC	884-0020
8424 Guadalupe Trl NW	523963	\$649,000.00	2.16ac	2366	3	1	0	John Kim	Pargin Realty ERA	296-1500
5719 Rio Grande BI NW	528367	\$694,500.00	1.44	3100	4	2.5	2	Tim Tourville	Coldwell Banker Legacy	244-1600
8200 Rio Grande BI NW	607492	\$699,000.00	53578	2380	4	1/1/0	2	Nancy Banes	Coldwell Banker Legacy	828-1000
533 Roehl Ct NW	606188	\$735,000.00	.527ac	2456	3-4	4	2	Marsha A Adams	Coldwell Banker Legacy	293-3700
6509 Caballero Parkway NW	521011	\$736,500.00	26136sf	4589	4	3	3	Ann Cloud	Keller Williams Realty	271-8200
800 El Alhambra Cir NW	526398	\$795,000.00	1	2859	3	2.5	2	Irene Williams	Coldwell Banker Legacy	898-2700
805 Ranchitos NW	529427	\$795,000.00	1.1	2700	4	3	2	Sandra Dorney	Coldwell Banker Legacy	898-2700
4604 Los Poblamos NW	525534	\$797,900.00	420x142x313x106	2724	3	2.5	3	Elena Goodman	Keller Williams Realty	271-8200
515 Roehl Rd NW	503450	\$799,000.00	0.71	3465	5	3.75	3	Clara Encinias	Rio Grande Brokerage	877-7000
8808 Rio Grande BI NW	606613	\$800,000.00	0.933ac	4392	4	3/0/1	4	Ronald Campbell	Campbell & Campbell	821-7666
1418 El Portal NW	603035	\$840,000.00	1.15 ac	3655	5	3.75	3	Barbara L Brennan	Keller Williams Realty	271-8200
724 Ranchitos NW	601577	\$849,900.00	0.48 ac	3362	4	2.5	3	Crystal & Steve	Coldwell Banker Legacy	898-2700
1035 Green Valley Rd NW	507282	\$850,000.00	1.73	2081	3	1.75	4	Alex Baca	Coldwell Banker Legacy	244-1600
7530 Rio Grande NW	486840	\$899,000.00	1.5	3236	4	1.75	2	T. Schroeder	Shaw & Shaw Ltd.	765-1440
805 El Pueblo NW	604707	\$927,211.00	43560sf	4500	4-5	2/0/1	4	Cindy Chavez	Prudential Sandia Real Estate	271-5800
1418 Bonito Suenos Ct NW	611258	\$950,000.00	1ac	5920	4	4/1/0	3	Joe Schifani	Affordable Realty Services Inc.	889-4565
6409 Avenida La Cuchilla NW	527094	\$965,000.00	0.93	3894	5	3.25	3	Ed Smith	Re/Max Masters	883-8979
609 Roehl Rd NW	615509	\$995,000.00	0.407ac	3531	4-5	3/0/1	3	Crystal & Steve	Coldwell Banker Legacy	898-2700
Nuevo Hacienda NW	533959	\$1,150,000.00	10890	4200	4	3+	3	Alexa Knight	Knight Realty & Assoc LLC	299-8343
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919 Salamanca NW	611480	\$1,190,000.00	0.84	5600	4-5	2/1/1	0	Raul Portillo Jr	Berger Briggs RE - Insurance	247-0444
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7542 Rio Grande BI NW	602053	\$1,399,000.00	43560	4170	4	3.5	4	Jill S Levin	New Frontier Realtors	798-2530
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1122 Green Valley NW	613810	\$1,500,000.00	1.007ac	5000	3-4	2/1/0	4	Marsha A Adams	Coldwell Banker Legacy	293-3700
8809 Rio Grande BI #3 NW	521410	\$1,800,000.00	1	4131	3	3.25	5	Fred & Sandra Creek	Coldwell Banker Legacy	292-8900
641 Chavez NW	507534	\$1,800,000.00	3	6950	7	9	3	Michelle Selby	Coldwell Banker Legacy	293-3700
1015 Cottonwood NW	606773	\$1,899,000.00	1.200 ac	7500	4	2/2/1	3	Dana Brown	Keller Williams Realty	271-8200
970 Bonita Rosas NW	520959	\$1,900,000.00	1	4800	4	4	4	Bill Chreist	Sunn Quality Homes, Inc.	899-7377
1039 Cottonwood Trail NW	518747	\$2,499,000.00	1	5753	4	4.5	3	Lynn Johnson	Keller Williams Realty	897-1100
9001 Rio Grande BI NW	517691	\$2,500,000.00	1.43	10756	9	4/3/2	7	Jeremiah Collins	Coldwell Banker Legacy	244-1600
<b>PENDING</b>										
124 Nara Visa NW	609286	\$165,000.00	0.33	VACANT LAND				Maureen Marcilla	Re/Max Alliance Realtors	298-9999
4629 Los Poblamos Cir NW	528087	\$429,000.00	0.56	VACANT LAND				A.J. Yarbrough	AJ Yarbrough Realty	858-1800
6716 Edgewood Dr NW	512476	\$309,900.00	150x125	2918	4	1.75	2	M. Theriot & J. Szklarz	Coldwell Banker Legacy	828-1000
1118 El Pueblo	532382	\$459,900.00	1	2094	3	2/1/0	1	Leanna Tafoya	Coldwell Banker Legacy	292-8900
1034 Pueblo Solano Rd NW	514458	\$499,000.00	47916sf	2209	4	2/1/0	0	Lynn Johnson	Keller Williams Realty	897-1100
4139 Dietz Farm Circle NW	514975	\$797,800.00	0.68	3203	3	2.5	2.5	Lynn Martinez	Coldwell Banker Legacy	293-3700
806 Salamanca	509494	\$890,000.00	0.76	4809	4	2.25	2	Nancy Banes	Coldwell Banker Legacy	828-1000
1002 Acequia Trail NW	524472	\$985,000.00	3585	3	3					
6915 Guadalupe Trl NW	513279	\$985,000.00	54450	3540	4	3+	5	Jan DeMay	Coldwell Banker Legacy	293-3700

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## Existing Home Sales

While there has been a slowdown in unit sales for the Albuquerque market, resulting in increased inventory, there has only been slight pressure on price, mostly in the luxury home market. The average price for a home increased by 6.3 percent in 2007. Steady appreciation in 2007 and the influx of new employers will help keep prices strong.

In spite of the price increase, the larger inventory means buyers have more choices, greater expectations, and demand more incentives from sellers. Buyers expect properties to be in top condition. 'As-is' properties are being

bypassed for those in 'move-in' condition. Homes cannot be 'priced right;' they must be 'priced aggressively'.

Because of higher inventory, some properties are on the market longer. As of January 2008, the average number of days on the market, for properties that sold, was ninety-two, compared to fifty days in January 2007. Today's market is complex and using an experienced real estate professional to assist sellers with staging, pricing, marketing, and negotiating with buyers, is mandatory. Buyers also benefit by working with an agent for strategizing and negotiating with sellers' agents.

I would like to give you statistics specific to The Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, but at this time it is almost impossible. Unfortunately, the Albuquerque Board of Realtors does

not have an area designation for our Village. Mayor Abraham and I are working to get this changed so that our Village is properly identified in the MLS, but it is a tough battle. Recently, it is possible to input Los Ranchos de Albuquerque in the "city" field instead of Albuquerque, but some Realtors fail to do so. I go through the Village listings in the MLS often and get the mistakes corrected as soon as possible. Please, when selling your home, make sure your Realtor inputs the city as Los Ranchos de Albuquerque!

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## Building On Success

A drive through the North Valley in Los Ranchos de Albuquerque will reveal yet another stunning addition to the grounds of Casa Rondeña Winery. John R. Calvin, the company's owner and winemaker, has designed and is building a new space which, when completed in July, will not only add to the already unique and beautiful winery, but will have the capacity to store up to 500 wine barrels and 5,000 cases.

"As the demand for our wines has grown, we find that both of the winery's current buildings are too small" says Calvin, and to those who know of his twenty-five year contribution to Los Ranchos, "If I'm not building something, I'm not happy." The new facility will be replete with the Arabic and Roman details for which Calvin is known, together with a 30' brick dome over a 26' high octagon, which he plans to use for private tastings for the winery's best customers. The new building will also allow the winery to increase production from the current 5,500 cases (he started with 400 in 1995) to 10,000.

The winery has continued to grow and its success is largely a result of the outstanding quality of its people. Some have been with the company since its inception. The winemaker is particularly excited to introduce the finely tuned professional, Eric Olsen, as the new cellar master. Mr. Olsen has had extensive experience in New Mexico, "and is the only person I have met in New Mexico who is capable of running our cellar the way it needs to be run. Being in charge of our wine cellar requires a person of intellectual ability, patience, and an appreciation

for the art of winemaking, together with an extensive knowledge of our machinery." Eric, a New Mexico native "is the right person for us." Mr. Calvin is and will remain the winemaker for the organization.

Perhaps the most important addition to the winery is its new trio of Calvin Select wines. John believes that his new Clarion, a proprietary blend of Syrah and Tempranillo, will be one of the winery's greatest assets in years to come. Widely known for his Meritage Bordeaux style red, which continues to garner gold and double gold medals from New York to California (see website for listings of awards), he explains, "Many places in the world produce good blends of the Bordeaux varieties, and we're very proud of ours, but the Clarion is uniquely New Mexican.

In Casa Rondeña Winery's continuing effort to contribute to the community, Mr. Calvin is pleased to lend his support to an array of local organizations in 2008. In April, the winery will host two very special charity events: the University of New Mexico's "Art and Autism", a fundraiser to help build an Autism wing in the Center for Development and Disability, and the Nancy Floyd Hayworth Breast Cancer Foundation's VIP party, which will be held the night before the luncheon. The New Mexico Symphony Orchestra is an organization close to Mr. Calvin's heart and one he has supported year after year. During last year's "Vintage Albuquerque Wine Auction," a case of the 2005 Meritage Red raised an impressive \$5500 for the NMSO, yielding the highest amount paid for a case of wine in the auction's history. Casa Rondeña has been asked to provide

the wine for this year's "Symphony Ball" held in April. Casa Rondeña will pour the award-winning 2005 Meritage Red and the 2007 Viognier, which the winemaker heralds as the best white wine he has produced to date.

One of the most prominent musical events in the southwest, the renowned Música de Rondeña concert series, directed by Guillermo Figueroa and Valerie Turner, returns to Casa Rondeña Winery in August. The winery hosts the not-for-profit event every year to promote one of this area's true gifts, Maestro Figueroa. Casa Rondeña rejoices that it can share his enormous talent with New Mexico. The Albuquerque Journal has stated that the festival is "one of the jewels of musical Albuquerque." It is a great opportunity for New Mexico to experience the finest food, music, and wine. For more information, please contact 505-344-5911 or visit our website [www.casarondena.com](http://www.casarondena.com).

Casa Rondeña Winery will begin a series of cooking classes, taught by the winery chef, Mr. Scott Clapp, starting in early summer. An indoor and outdoor show kitchen is being provided by Viking Appliances, cabinetry by Cindy Mauchley, with Santa Fe Custom Works, one of the area's most admired kitchen builders and designers.

see **Casa Rondeña** p30

Patrons interested in attending a myriad of other festivities, including the annual spring Paella Dinner, cooking classes, concerts, barrel tastings with the winemaker, Harvest (grape picking) Party and BBQ, or booking your next special event, should call the winery event director, Aubrey Smith. All events are offered to wine club members first, of course. The company offers five different wine club memberships, ranging widely in price, and very flexible for folks with different tastes; membership is available to all.

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*This note arrived from Casa Rondeña after the main article was written  
Congratulations to the winery!*

Casa Rondeña Meritage garners praise from top wine expert!

In the April, 2008, issue of the exclusive food and wine magazine, *Saveur*, Paul Lukacs, wine editor and author of "American Vintage, The Rise of American Wine", included Casa Rondeña Meritage in the Meritage society's top ten finest.

Mr. Lukacs sampled wines from 50 out of 205 wineries that produce a Meritage in the U.S. and chose ten wines which he felt "exhibited compelling character and presented a diversity and breadth that exemplify" the Meritage designation. Casa Rondeña Meritage is described as "delicate but not frail, with nuanced subtlety; a delectable surprise."

Casa Rondeña Meritage is only one of two non-California Meritage wines to be included in this list – and it is the only wine under \$40.00 to be so honored! Other wineries included in the ten best are well-known California wineries such as Dry Creek, Rodney Strong, St. Supery, and Franciscan, and Chateau St. Michelle of Washington. Their Meritage wines are priced between \$40.00 and \$125.00, while Casa Rondeña Meritage retails for only \$23.00!

Sincerely,  
The proud staff  
Casa Rondeña Winery



*In our recent Village election, Mayor Larry Abraham and Trustees Mary Homan and Tim McDonough were unopposed. Judge Victoria Garcia was reelected. All were sworn in for their second terms by Judge Teresa Baca. Congratulations to all!*

# Planning & Zoning Commission Minutes

## March 11, 2008 - Action Report

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING  
WILL BE HELD ON TUE., MAY 13, 2008**  
a complete official written and audio version of the  
minutes is available online at [www.losranchosnm.gov](http://www.losranchosnm.gov)

1. CALL TO ORDER Chairman Gollis called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

A. Roll call – Commissioner Crawford, Commissioner Martinez, Commissioner Gollis, Commissioner McDowell, Commissioner Simon, Commissioner Hunter present. Commissioner Radnovich excused.

B. Approval of Agenda – Agenda approved unanimously (5-0).

### 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.

A. Appreciation of Sam Gollis' five years of service.

Administrator Kelly Ward expressed appreciation to Chairman Gollis and read a letter of appreciation from Mayor Abraham. P&Z Director Terry Nighbert and Assistant Director Linda Seebach expressed their appreciation for all Chairman Gollis had done for both the Village and staff.

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Regular Meeting – February 12, 2008

Minutes were approved unanimously (5-0)

### 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.

None

### 5. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPLICATION

V-08-03 A request by SignArt of New Mexico for a Variance from Section 21 §D(8) and (7) size of commercial signs in the VC Zone of the 4th Street Commercial Corridor. The business, Eye Care For You, is located at 6601 4th Street, Suite R and legally known as Tract A-1-A-1 of the Northdale Shopping Center Plat, the same as filed in the Office of the County Clerk of the County of Bernalillo in Book 2005C, Page 69 on February 17, 2005. The property contains 3.437 acres of land more or less.

The application for Variance was approved unanimously (5-0).

### 6. OLD BUSINESS

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Election of Officers

Election results: Matt Hunter, Chairman; Hap Crawford, Vice-chair; and Carisa Martinez, Secretary.

8. REPORTS

A. Planner's Report

Planner Nighbert gave the 2007 yearly report and presented a listing of projects and on-going responsibilities staff accomplishes.

9. COMMISSIONER'S INFORMAL DISCUSSION

10. ADJOURNMENT The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 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

## Los Ranchos Racquet Club Summer 2008 Junior Program

The Los Ranchos Racquet Club will be offering junior clinics for beginner to intermediate level players, ages 5-12 years old. The groups will be separated as follows:

- Pee-wee Group 5-7 yrs old
- Junior Group 8-12 yrs old

Starting June 3rd, clinics will run three times a week, Tuesday through Thursday, and will last for two weeks. Each session will consist of 6 classes. The clinics will continue throughout the summer ending in August. The times for each class are:

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## April 9, 2008

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING  
WILL BE HELD ON WED., MAY 14, 2008**  
a complete official written and audio version of the  
minutes is available online at [www.losranchosnm.gov](http://www.losranchosnm.gov)

### 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 with item 6.E & 6.F [M2 Builders] being deferred to the May 14th Board Meeting.

Mayor Abraham read proclamations and proclaimed April 11, 2008 as Tribute to Teacher Excellence Day and World Parkinson Disease Awareness Day.

### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public comments.

### 3. CONSENT AGENDA

#### A. MINUTES -

JANUARY 9, 2008 - Regular Meeting [Deferred from the 2/13/08 Meeting]  
FEBRUARY 13, 2008  
MARCH 10, 2008 Special Meeting

#### B. DEPARTMENT AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. LAW ENFORCEMENT/BCSD
2. FIRE
3. ANIMAL CONTROL
4. PLANNING & ZONING

### C. APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES IN SUMMARY:

- 1) An Ordinance amending Chapter 31, implementing a Village Wide Floor Area Ratio [Proposed Ord. No. 216]
- 2) An Ordinance amending Chapter 31, Section 21, Signs [Proposed Ord. No. 217]
- 3) An Ordinance amending Chapter 31, Section 24, Application and Approval Process [Proposed Ord. No. 218]

The Consent Agenda was approved as presented. The motion carried 4-0.

### 4. REPORTS

#### A. MAYOR'S REPORT

There was no Mayor's report due to the number of items scheduled to be heard at this meeting.

#### B. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Ward reported on the following: met with APS regarding Taft Middle School Field project; sewer project on Rio Grande is moving steadily; planning of Lavender in the Village has begun and they are now a 501 (c)(3); gates have been installed at the Chamisal and the main canal off Ortega; progress has begun on "the Barn" in installing sprinklers and a usage policy.

#### C. PLANNER'S REPORT

## Board of Trustees *from p33*

Planner Nighbert reported on the following: he has prepared three ordinance revisions; working with NMDOT on a Map Coop Grant Application for Osuna/Ortega and Green Valley & Ranchitos Roads; coordinating with Larkin Group Engineering and Albuquerque Asphalt on emergency repairs for the intersections of El Pueblo, Ranchitos and 4th & Los Ranchos Streets.

### D. LEGAL REPORT

Attorney Martha King reported on the following: She worked on the appeals of Landau vs. VLR and Neff vs. VLR; drafted cell tower agreements and reviewed ordinances for zoning department.

### E. FIRE DEPT. REPORT

Fire Chief Greg Perez stated that he had no report other than what was included in the Board packets.

## 5. FINANCIAL BUSINESS

### A. CASH REPORT - FEBRUARY & MARCH

The cash report was approved as presented. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

### B. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FY 2008/2009

Administrator Kelly Ward presented highlights of the budget summary and stated that the Budget will be presented at the May 14th Board Meeting.

## 6. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPLICATIONS

A. AN APPEAL BY RON CHAVEZ OF PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION APPROVAL OF CU-07-04, A REQUEST FOR A DRIVE-THROUGH COFFEE SHOP IN THE VC ZONE AND THE 4TH STREET COMMERCIAL CORRIDOR, ON DECEMBER 11, 2007, AGENDA ITEM 5A. THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT 6561 4TH STREET NW AND IS LEGALLY KNOWN AS TRACT 41G, M.R.G.C.D. MAP NO. 29, ELENA GALLEGOS GRANT IN PROJECTED SECTIONS 28 AND 29, T11N, R3E, N.M.P.M. CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE, BERNALILLO COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, MAY 31, 1962. THE PROPERTY CONTAINS .9317 ACRES MORE OR LESS. CU-07-04. POSTPONED FROM FEBRUARY 13, 2008.

The appeal was denied and the Planning and Zoning Commission approval for the coffee shop drive through facility was upheld with conditions and findings. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

B. A REQUEST BY JOSHUA J. SKARSGARD, ESQ. AGENT FOR DOUG PETERSON, PROPERTY OWNER, FOR SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN APPROVAL FOR NEW COMMERCIAL CONSTRUCTION IN THE VILLAGE CENTER ZONE AND FOURTH STREET COMMERCIAL CORRIDOR. THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT 6561 4TH STREET NW AND IS LEGALLY KNOWN AS TRACT 41G, M.R.G.C.D. MAP NO. 29, ELENA GALLEGOS GRANT IN PROJECTED SECTIONS 28 AND 29, T11N, R3E, N.M.P.M. CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE, BERNALILLO COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, MAY 31, 1962. THE PROPERTY CONTAINS .9317 ACRES MORE OR LESS. SDP-07-07. POSTPONED FROM FEBRUARY 13, 2008.

The Site Development Plan was approved with conditions. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

C. AN APPEAL BY ALLISON AND FISHER OF PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION REVERSAL OF APPROVAL OF HO-353, DESERT OASIS RECOVERY ON FEBRUARY 12, 2008, AGENDA ITEM 5B. THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT 6915 GUADALUPE TRAIL NW AND IS LEGALLY KNOWN AS LOT 4A, AMENDED PLAT OF LOTS 1,2,3,& 4, LANDS OF RANDALL DAVIS, WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF LOS RANCHOS DE ALBUQUERQUE, SECTION 20, T11N, R3E, N.M.P.M., BERNALILLO COUNTY, NM. THE PROPERTY CONTAINS 1.2500 ACRES MORE OR LESS.

The appeal was denied and the decision of the Planning and Zoning Commission was upheld, which was to not renew the home occupation license with findings. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

D. A REQUEST BY BETTY BLEA FOR FINAL APPROVAL FOR SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR COMMERCIAL CONSTRUCTION IN THE C-1 ZONE OF THE 4TH STREET COMMERCIAL CHARACTER AREA. THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT 7222 4TH STREET AND IS LEGALLY KNOWN AS TRACT 153-B M.R.G.C.D. MAP 27, VILLAGE OF LOS RANCHOS DE ALBUQUERQUE, BERNALILLO COUNTY, NEW MEXICO. THE PROPERTY CONTAINS 1.458 ACRES MORE OR LESS. SDP-07-08 POSTPONED FROM FEBRUARY 13, 2008. POSTPONED FROM FEBRUARY 13, 2008

The final site development plan was approved with conditions. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

E. A REQUEST BY M2 BUILDERS, LLC FOR A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR A PLANNED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT FOR A MAJOR THIRTEEN (13) LOT SUBDIVISION IN THE R-3 ZONE OF THE PASEO CHARACTER AREA. THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT 8312 4TH STREET NW AND LEGALLY KNOWN AS TRACT LETTERED "B" OF LANDS OF JOHN AND AGNES MCDONNELL, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF BERNALILLO COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON OCTOBER 30, 2006, IN VOLUME 2006C, FOLIO 327. THE PROPERTY CONTAINS 3.4449 ACRES MORE OR LESS. THE 2ND PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT 8409 2ND STREET AND IS LEGALLY KNOWN AS A CERTAIN TRACT OF LAND SITUATED IN ALAMEDA, WITHIN SECTION 16, T11N, R3E, N.M.P.M., BERNALILLO COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, BEING KNOWN AS TRACT 149-B, AND A PORTION OF TRACT 146-A2, M.R.G.C.D. MAP 24, THE PROPERTY CONTAINS 1.31 ACRES, MORE OR LESS. SUP-07-06.

This item was deferred to the May 14, 2008 Board Meeting.

F. A REQUEST BY M2 BUILDERS, LLC FOR PRELIMINARY PLAT APPROVAL FOR A MAJOR THIRTEEN (13) LOT SUBDIVISION IN THE R-3 ZONE OF THE PASEO CHARACTER AREA. THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT 8312 4TH STREET NW AND LEGALLY KNOWN AS TRACT LETTERED "B" OF LANDS OF JOHN AND AGNES MCDONNELL, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF BERNALILLO COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON OCTOBER 30, 2006, IN VOLUME 2006C, FOLIO 327. THE PROPERTY CONTAINS 3.4449 ACRES MORE OR LESS. THE 2ND PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT 8409 2ND STREET AND IS LEGALLY KNOWN AS A CERTAIN TRACT OF LAND SITUATED IN ALAMEDA, WITHIN SECTION 16, T11N, R3E, N.M.P.M., BERNALILLO COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, BEING KNOWN AS TRACT 149-B, AND A PORTION OF TRACT 146-A2, M.R.G.C.D. MAP 24, THE PROPERTY CONTAINS 1.31 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

This item was deferred to the May 14, 2008 Board Meeting.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM [Proposed Ord. No. 215]

The Board adopted the Emergency Management Ordinance. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

B. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH AMAFCA, BERNALILLO COUNTY AND THE VILLAGE OF LOS RANCHOS TO PROVIDE FUNDING, RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT AND FOR THE GARDUÑO ROAD STORM DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

The Board approved the Agreement with AMAFCA. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. FORMAL ACTION ON SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT IN RETAIL ONE VS. VILLAGE OF LOS RANCHOS

This item was deferred to the May 14th Board Meeting.

B. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR NORTH VALLEY AREA I PHASE 2 AND AREA J SEWER PROJECT BETWEEN BERNALILLO COUNTY AND THE VILLAGE OF LOS RANCHOS

The Cooperative Agreement for North Valley Area I, Phase 2 and Area J Sewer Project was approved. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

C. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2008-4-1 - RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE VILLAGE OF LOS RANCHOS MUNICIPAL ARTERIAL PROGRAM PROJECT REQUEST FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS TO OSUNA ROAD AND REPAVING OF ORTEGA ROAD THROUGH THE CAPITAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS FOR THE 2008 LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATION(S) TO THE NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Resolution No. 2008-4-1 was approved. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

D. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2008-4-2 - A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE VIL-  
LAGE OF LOS RANCHOS COOPERATIVE PROGRAM PROJECT REQUEST FOR REPAVING OF GREEN VALLEY  
AND RANCHITOS ROADS THROUGH THE CAPITAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS FOR THE 2008 LEGISLATIVE  
APPROPRIATION(S) TO THE NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Resolution No. 2008-4-2 was approved. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

E. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2008-4-3 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VIL-  
LAGE TO SUBMIT A NEW MEXICO CLEAN AND BEAUTIFUL GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NEW MEXICO DE-  
PARTMENT OF TOURISM FOR THE PASEO DEL NORTE OPEN SPACE

Resolution No. 2008-4-3 was approved. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

F. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL TO AUTHORIZE PERMISSION TO APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP WITH KEEP  
AMERICA BEAUTIFUL, INC. AND TO SUBMIT THE \$125.00 ONE-TIME MEMBERSHIP FEE

The Board gave approval to apply for the membership with Keep America Beautiful. The motion carried unanimously,  
4-0.

G. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF THE AWARD OF TWO REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE VILLAGE  
VISION MAGAZINE, PAGE AND GRAPHIC DESIGN TO ONE STOP BUSINESS SHOP, AND PRINTING AND DIS-  
TRIBUTION TO STARLINE PRINTING, AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH ONE  
STOP BUSINESS SHOP AND STARLINE PRINTING

The Requests for Bid were awarded to One Stop Business Shop and Starline Printing. The motion carried unanimously,  
4-0.

H. DISCUSSION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE MAYOR TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO A DEVELOPMENT  
AGREEMENT WITH PETERSON-LOS RANCHOS, LLC.

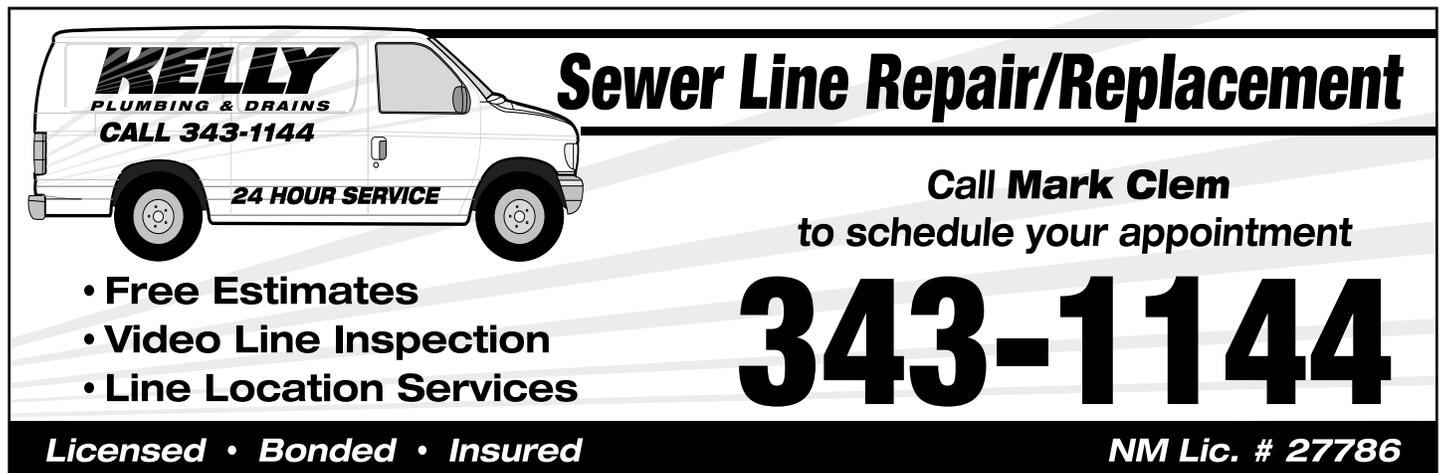
This item was withdrawn and no discussion was held.

9. TRUSTEES INFORMAL DISCUSSION

Trustee Rael asked about the progress on the plaque that Leo Bartolucci has requested on former elected officials. Mayor  
Abraham stated that this will be part of the Museum.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.



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## The Legend of Doc Holliday with Music

Doc Holliday, Wyatt Earp, and the Gunfight at the OK Corral are the stuff of legends and western movies, but never before the subject of a musical. However Peter Link (Music), Joe Bravaco (Book) and Larry Rosler (Book and Lyrics) have written an exciting new musical about this iconic moment in American history that is loaded with drama, romance, poignancy, humor, and a score "that mixes to beautiful effect country-western strains with a pop sensibility and even soaring melodic lines reminiscent of opera", according to The American Theater Web. The Adobe Theater will present the western (and NM) premiere of this new musical, **SUNDOWN**, directed by Jane and Cy Hoffman, opening April 25th.

The Hoffmans heard a CD of a studio recording of the SUNDOWN music and fell in love with it; copies of this CD are available for purchase at The Adobe Theater. When they obtained a copy of the script from the

authors, they realized that it would be a wonderful show at the Adobe. "The story is so haunting and the music so extraordinary, that we knew we had to do this show," they said. "We are thrilled that the first amateur production of SUNDOWN will be here in Albuquerque." SUNDOWN will be the fourth musical directed by the Hoffmans at the Adobe Theater; the previous shows were No Way to Treat a Lady, Gigi, and The Apple Tree.

The story centers on an ailing Doc Holiday (played by Adobe favorite, MacLean Zehler) and the tough lady, Kate, who falls for him (played by Stephanie Burch, who was recently seen in the title role of Gigi at the Adobe). Their plans to settle down run afoul of the three Earp brothers, led by Wyatt Earp (performed by Ron Bronitsky), and their battle for control of Tombstone, AZ against the Clanton gang. Tensions escalate, ultimately leading to the final shootout and a surprising conclusion.

The cast also includes Adobe regulars T J Cardella (last seen in Morning's at Seven), Kelly O'Keefe (Jim in Gift of the Magi), Fred Schwab and Hi Tillery (both seen in Gigi), and a host of newcomers. You won't want to miss this tuneful, unforgettable retelling of a Western classic. Adobe musicals usually sell out, so make your reservations soon.

SUNDOWN by Larry Rosler, Joe Bravaco and Peter Link, directed by Cy and Jane Hoffman, opens April 25th (no preview performance) and plays Fri and Sat at 8:00 pm, Sun at 2:00 pm, through May 18th, at the newly-remodeled ADOBE Theater, 9813 Fourth St. NW. Tickets are \$14 (\$12 for students and seniors). Note that Entertainment Book coupons will not be accepted for SUNDOWN. For reservations, call 898-9222.

For information, contact: Jane or Cy Hoffman 822-0849 or [choffman9@comcast.net](mailto:choffman9@comcast.net).



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## Exotic Edibles of Edgewood

Recently, I had an opportunity to interview Gael Fishel and Scott Adams of **Exotic Edibles of Edgewood**. These fine folks grow oyster mushrooms for a few local restaurants, health food markets, and the Los Ranchos de Albuquerque Growers' Market. I was excited to learn the process of oyster mushroom farming. So, I headed east out of Albuquerque on a sunny cool morning and wound up on some dusty dirt road miles from civilization. I ultimately came upon some barking, but welcoming dogs as I rolled up to Gael and Scott's uniquely constructed home.

After an intriguing fact-filled session I was brought into a 12' x 16' blue painted wooden shack, known as the spawn room, which housed the oyster mushrooms. Instinctively, both my visual and scent senses were on full tilt, being something I had never experienced before - it was like being on some science fiction movie-set!

There were several rows of plastic bagged hay bales, similar to mini punching bags, hanging from the ceiling rafters. Before the hay bales are hung, they are immersed in boiling water, for pasteurization purposes, and then they are spun in a large barrel tumbler to extract any excess water. Once hung, the bags are inoculated with the mycelium spores, which activate the mushroom colonization. The pods had multiple outgrowths of oyster mushroom clusters of various sizes and the aroma was incredibly earthy. I imagined I was many millennia away in some "Garden of Eden," while the misters overhead spread a light rainfall.

My host chatted away while they harvested the pleurotus ostreatus, an exotic variety of mushrooms. Ostensibly, most all mushrooms, other than the

garden-variety type such as the button mushrooms, are considered "exotic." Interestingly, I found that a similar species of mushrooms has been foraged in the Bosque by locals for many years. Gael and Scott excitedly spoke of the health benefits of their exotics as I took in the wholesome aroma of the spawn room. Oyster mushrooms are known medicinally for their cardiovascular and cholesterol controlling benefits,

as well as having anti-inflammatory, antiviral and antibiotic properties.

As I left the little mushroom farm, Gael and Scott gave me a huge cluster of their earlier harvest. On my homeward journey, while being in a culinary state of mind, I began to conjure up some delights using what I would consider one of the finest edible creations nature has ever produced. Here's one of the dishes I came up with:

### Oyster Mushroom Fettuccine Alfredo (Serves 6) (This recipe will be featured in *Albuquerque The Magazine* - April Edition)

- 1 LB fresh oyster mushrooms - trimmed
- 1 LB fettuccine (preferably fresh)
- 6 Tbls unsalted butter
- 3 oz pancetta\* - medium chopped  
(\*a good quality bacon can be substituted for the pancetta.)
- 2 medium shallots - minced
- 2 cups heavy cream
- 1 ¼ cup Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese - grated
- 2 tsp fresh thyme - finely chopped
- ¼ tsp. Hungarian paprika
- ½ tsp. sea salt
- ¼ tsp. fresh cracked black pepper
- fresh chives - finely chopped

Trim oyster mushrooms, reserving 4 large caps for plate garnish; medium chop the remainder. Sauté pancetta and shallots in butter till shallots are translucent; add all the oyster mushrooms. Cook till tender. Reserve the 4 oyster mushroom caps. Add to sauté pan heavy cream and Hungarian paprika; reduce by a quarter.

Cook fettuccine in a 6-8 qt. pot of boiling sea salted water till al dente (firm to the bite). Drain and return to pot. Toss the cooked fettuccine with heated mushroom pancetta sauce, Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese, fresh thyme, salt and pepper.

Garnish plates with reserved oyster mushrooms and chives. Serve with additional grated Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese.

(Suggestion: This Alfredo works nicely with a salad, some chicken cutlets, crusty Italian bread, and angel food cake with fresh berries tossed with a Gran Marnier and orange zest for dessert.) **Enjoy!**

**Randy Shamlian** is the author of *A Slice of Apple Pie* & contributor to *Edible Santa Fe*. You can contact him through his book website: [www.asliceofapplepie.com](http://www.asliceofapplepie.com)



# Green Waste Collection Week of May 12, 2008

The Village and Waste Management have scheduled the Spring Green Waste (tree trimmings, leaves, etc.) pick-up. The collection will occur on your regular service day during the week of May 12, 2008. If you desire to have green waste picked up you must call the Customer Service Department at 892-1200 to schedule the pick up. The call must be made no later than 3:00 P.M. on May 5, 2008.

### Processing Green Waste:

1. The amount of green waste collected shall not exceed ten (10) bags or bundles of such yard waste. No whole trees or tree stumps, or unbagged tumbleweeds will be accepted.
2. All bags or bundles must weigh less than 50 pounds. Bundles may not exceed four (4) feet in length and must be securely tied. Bags need to be of sufficient strength so they do not break during loading into disposal vehicle.



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## May- Summer Events

### Alvarado Elementary School

Solar Road NW, Albuquerque, NM 87107  
344-4412

May 7: ASA meeting at 1:30 pm  
May 7: Bilingual Fiesta  
May 9: Ice Cream Social  
May 20: 5th Grade Graduation  
May 22: Last day of school

August 11: First Day of School

### Bosque School

4000 Learning Road NW, Albuquerque, NM 87120  
(505) 898-6388  
[www.bosqueschool.org](http://www.bosqueschool.org)

May 7, 2008: Strings and Band Concert, 7:00 p.m. in Budagher Hall

May 13, 2008: Spring Choral Concert, 7:00 p.m. in Budagher Hall

Bosque School's Summer Athletic Camps are Open to the Public:  
Soccer, Tennis, Volleyball, Basketball

For more information visit [www.bosqueschool.org/summercamps.htm](http://www.bosqueschool.org/summercamps.htm)

### Los Ranchos Elementary School

7609 Fourth Street NW, Los Ranchos, NM 87107  
898-3611

*Los Ranchos Elementary School did not respond to our request for information.*

### North Valley Academy

7939 Fourth Street NW, Los Ranchos, NM 87114  
505-998-0501

Intersession: April 7 to May 4  
Open House: May 2, 11:00am-1:00pm  
First Day of Last Trimester May 5, 8:00am

Doorway to the Arts June 24th 6:00pm-8:00pm  
Parent Teacher Conferences June 25-27, 1:00 PM - Early Dismissal

Last Day of 2007-2008 School Year: August 1st

First Day of 2008-2009 School Year: September 2nd

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## **Sandia Preparatory School**

532 Osuna Blvd Rd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87113  
505.338.3000 (phone)  
505.338.3099 (fax)

2008 Graduation at Sandia Preparatory School  
Saturday, May 31 | 10:00 a.m. | East Quadrangle

SummerPrep 2008 at Sandia Prep  
June 2 to July 11

SummerPrep 2008 offers over 80 outdoor, academic, arts and sports classes for students entering Kindergarten through 12th grade. There are two consecutive three-week sessions

New Student Orientation

Monday, August 11 | Sandia Preparatory School

Orientation is for new students at Prep and takes place before the first day of school for all other students.

First Day of School for 2008-2009

Tuesday, August 12 | Sandia Preparatory School

All classes begin. Info: 338.3000 | [www.sandiaprep.org](http://www.sandiaprep.org)

## **Taft Middle School**

620 Schulte Rd. NW, Los Ranchos, NM 87107  
344-4389

May 6: Washington DC Trip Meeting 7:00pm Cafeteria

May 8 - 9: Greater SW Music Festival, Amarillo, TX

May 14: Orchestra Spring Concert

May 15: All Bands Concert 6:30pm

May 16: 8th Grade Dance

May 19: Honors Assembly

May 20: Washington DC Trip meeting, 7pm Cafeteria

May 26 - 30: 8th Grade Washington DC Trip

May 21: Last Day of School

June 3: Primary Election, 7am-7pm Gymnasium

June 7 - July 13: Summer School Session Taft MS

Schedule of Continuing Education Classes offered at Taft Middle School this summer: For more information call 277-2527

Conversational Spanish, June 10 - July 29 on Tuesday evenings from 6pm- 8pm

Conversational Spanish, June 12 - July 31 on Thursday evenings from 6pm- 8pm

Writing Poetry, June 10 - July 30 on Thursday evenings from 6:30pm- 8:30pm

Latin Dance, June 11- July 30 on Wednesday evenings from 7pm- 9pm

## **Taylor Middle School**

8200 Guadalupe Trail NW, Los Ranchos, NM 87114  
898-3666

May 15: Talent Show during the day, cafeteria

May 16: School field trip to Cliff's (AM); yearbook signing in PM

May 20: 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony (AM); 8th grade dance (PM)

June 9 for seven weeks: County summer program for 5 to 11 year olds



## Sewer Construction Update

*Thank you for your patience.* We realize this is a messy and inconvenient project, and we are working as quickly and as safely as possible. The Contractor is actively trying to keep the dirt watered to avoid the excessive dust created by the spring winds. Sometimes this feels like a losing battle...

The Area I&J project is beginning its 4th month and as of this writing is slightly ahead of schedule. The side roads seem to get a little narrower the further north we go, and construction may go a bit slower in these areas. It is anticipated that this month will be spent installing sewer line in Tinnin Farms, Rio Grande, and the side roads north of Green Valley. I do not anticipate that we will be north of La Senda Lane until late spring or early summer. We should be finished installing line and re-paving in Tinnin Farms and Rob Lee Meadows in May 2008.

Please be prepared for delays and shut downs on Rio Grande over the duration of the project. The Village website, [/www.villageoflosranchos.com](http://www.villageoflosranchos.com), is a good way to stay abreast of road impacts. As always, you can call Rodrigo or me for assistance. Additionally, the County has contracted with Wilson and Company to assist with inspection services. The inspectors are familiar with the project and can answer most questions. Don't hesitate to contact us if you have questions or concerns.

The Contractor will be handing out flyers announcing the anticipated date that construction will begin on your road. You can expect these flyers to be handed out 4 to 7 days prior to the start of construction on your road.

The system being installed is a gravity sewer system run by a series

of lift stations. Because of this, we have some flexibility when it comes to the placement of your sewer stubs. Please review the information below and contact the County prior to sewer installation on your road. If you do not contact us, we will install the stub 6 feet deep somewhere along your front property line.

### SEWER STUBS

Below are some steps you may want to consider when trying to determine the best location for your sewer stub. If you are not planning on installing your sewer yard line, contact a plumber to assist you with the steps below. Please consider hiring a licensed and bonded plumber.

1. Depth of Sewer Line at House:
  - a. Locate your sewer clean outs and determine the depth to the bottom of your sewer line. Generally, the clean out is located between the house and the septic tank.
  - b. If you can not find, or do not have a sewer clean out, you must determine the depth of the sewer line exiting your house by digging it up.
2. Length of Yard Line
  - a. Measure the length required for the new sewer yard line (from the house to the street)
3. Horizontal Location of Service Stub (at street)
  - a. The location of your yard line at the street (2a) will tell us the horizontal location of your sewer stub.
  - b. Once the County's contractor is getting close to your residence, you will receive a flyer requesting that you provide the desired horizontal placement of your sewer service stub.

Please be on the lookout for the flyer.

#### 4. Vertical Location of Service Stub (at street).

a. Call or email the County Project Manager to confirm that we have your stub deep enough. We can determine proper depth providing you are able to give us measurements described in 1 and 2 above. **PLEASE make certain to mention if your property is above, below, or about the same elevation as the street.**

b. Unless you've been contacted previously, all sewer stubs will be a minimum of 6 feet below the street. This depth is usually deep enough to maintain proper yard line slope and keep yard trenches as shallow (less expensive) as possible. If needed, in many cases, we are able to provide a deeper stub. A deeper stub may be required for

- A home that sits back from the street
- A home that has cleanout depths (1a /1b above) deeper than 2 feet
- A home that sits below the street

**Project Manager:**  
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For the most current information, see the Village websites:  
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[www.villageoflosranchos.com](http://www.villageoflosranchos.com)

