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Winter 2016

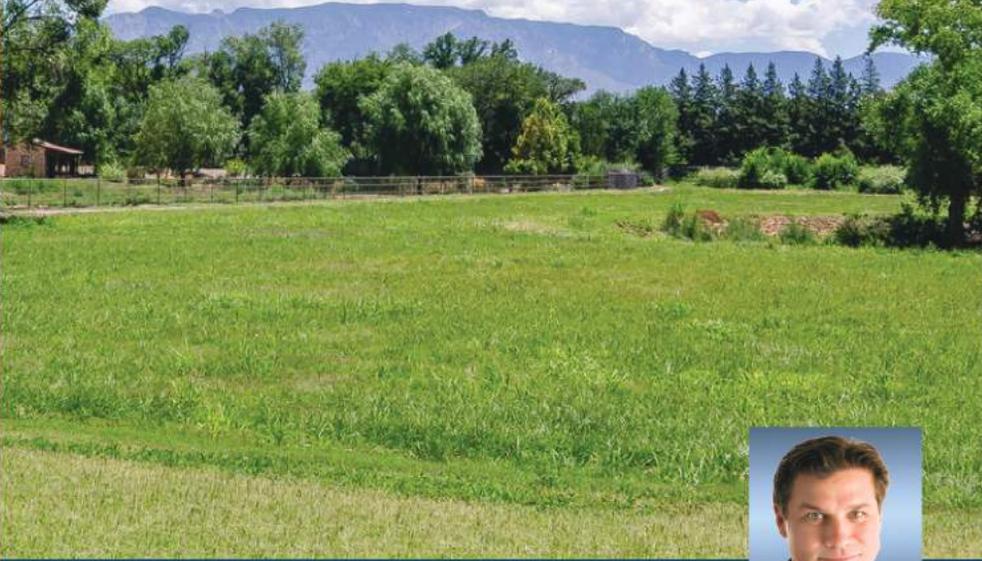




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## Mayor's Report

by Larry Abraham

# Happy New Year! 2016

The Village of Los Ranchos ends 2015 with a very successful year. We have an ending cash balance of approximately \$9.5 million. We had zero audit findings for the prior year ending July 30, 2015. This is affirmation that you can run government like a business and when you do, good things happen. We completed the purchase of 6611 Edgewood in order to expand and improve the park at Osuna and Edgewood. Additionally, we purchased 311 Osuna and are completing the purchase of 321 Osuna and the adjoining lot. You may have noticed BCSO K-9 and SWAT units and their counterparts from other agencies conducting training at these properties. The properties are an eyesore and we will be removing the buildings and beautifying our gateway into the Village. We continue to have a very good relationship with Bernalillo County Fire and Rescue Department and Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office. I think the presence of law enforcement in our village is at an all time high. Additionally, I am extremely grateful to have Deputy Robin Hopkins as our public safety director.

We are currently in the design phase of our Fourth Revitalization Project and will break ground later this year. The project will result in slower traffic, improved lighting, pedestrian facilities such as sidewalks and crosswalks, additional on street parking and landscaping. Our goal is to create a pedestrian friendly destination for our residents and businesses. More importantly, the Fourth Street project is all about creating an environment in which our existing and future businesses will have the greatest chance for success.

On a similar business note, I could not be prouder of how our businesses dominated many of the categories in the *Albuquerque The Magazine* "Best of City Awards." Congratulations to all of our businesses! Los Ranchos businesses had eleven "Best of the City" awards.

Additionally, our businesses were mentioned thirty-two times in the top five categories. As a side note, I am not sure how Papa Burgers was left out of the magazine as it is my favorite place in New Mexico for a green chile cheeseburger? It was not that long ago the majority of our businesses and residents were using Albuquerque as their address. In the last twelve years, we have built a strong foundation to build upon for our Fourth Street renovation project. Los Ranchos is recognized as one of the finest residential areas in New Mexico and I would like our businesses to have that same opportunity with a "Los Ranchos Main Street." Our revitalization project will create that opportunity.

Over the last several summers, I have traveled considerably and visited many small vibrant business communities. I am convinced, more than ever, that Los Ranchos is a great place to live and we can make it a premier place for our businesses to thrive. It will not be easy as change never is, but ultimately for Los Ranchos to prosper for generations to come, we must invest in the sustainability of our business community. I remind everyone that Los Ranchos does not receive any property tax for operations and our future depends on supporting our present businesses and encouraging new businesses.

I am still very passionate about the future of Los Ranchos.

To this end, I am running for one more term as mayor. For as much progress that we have made over the last several years, we cannot afford to lose momentum. For that reason, I am humbly honored to ask for your continued support for reelection as your mayor.

I wish everyone a very Happy and Prosperous New Year!

# Calendar

## Planning and Zoning Commission Meetings

Tuesday, February 9, 7:00 p.m.  
 Tuesday, March 8, 7:00 p.m.  
 Tuesday, April 12, 7:00 p.m.

## Board of Trustees Regular Meetings

Wednesday, February 10, 7:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday, March 9, 7:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday, April 13, 7:00 p.m.

## Deadlines: Los Ranchos Vision Magazine

*Advertising and Article Submissions Due*  
 Friday, March 4, Spring Issue (April/May)  
 Friday, April 22, June Issue

## Growers' and Arts/Crafts Market

Saturday, February 13, 10:00 a.m. – noon  
*Valentines Celebration*  
 Saturday, March 12, 10:00 a.m. – noon  
*Luck of the Irish*  
 Saturday, April 9, 10:00 a.m. – noon  
*Last Winter Market, Swing into Spring*

## Municipal Election Day Early Voting - (in person)

Begins February 10 - Ends February 26

## Municipal Election Day

Tuesday, March 1, from 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

## Municipal Election - (mailed) Absentee Voting

Begins January 26 - Ends February 26

## Municipal Election - Voter Registration Closes

Tuesday, February 2

## Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Monday January 18  
*Village office closed*

## Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 26  
*Hartnett Park, 6718 Rio Grande Blvd NW*

## Easter

Sunday, March 27

## FEBRUARY

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# Village at-a-Glance

## 2016 Municipal Election

Voting day is March 1. Early voting begins February 10. Please visit [www.losranchos.gov](http://www.losranchos.gov) or contact the Village Clerk at 344-6582 for more information.

### Candidates for office include:

Candidates listed in the order in which they filed for candidacy.

Mayor (Four-Year Term):

Donald T. Lopez

Larry P. Abraham

Trustee - Two Positions (Four-Year Term)

Mary E. Homan

Allen L. Lewis

Diane E. Albert

## Growers' Market

The Winter Market is in full swing. Come and take a look at the selection of dried peppers, garlic, assorted greens, carrots, leeks, potatoes, winter squash and eggs. Also available at the market, smoothies, chocolates, honey, baked goods, hot coffee, and more! Enjoy some great music and stock up on your winter veggies and handcrafted items.

## Easter Egg Hunt

Each year, the Village of Los Ranchos hosts an Easter Egg Hunt for Village residents, their families, and friends at Hartnett Park located at 6718 Rio Grande Blvd NW, Los Ranchos, NM 87107, the day before Easter Sunday. The egg hunts begins promptly at 10:00 a.m. It is a free event for kids up to age 12.

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## Fire Corner

*by Staffing Division Chief Greg Perez,  
Bernalillo County Fire Department*



# The Beginning of a New Year

Another wonderful year has come and gone and we are looking at the new one before us. This past year brought with it the hiring of a new Fire Chief; Chief Celaya is celebrating his seventh month at the helm and is making some very positive changes.

The past year was a good one for the Bernalillo County Fire Department. In 2015, we completed the remodel of two of our East Mountain stations. We were able to update some of our older fire stations across the county. We saw a steady increase in the number of from 2014 levels. Also in 2015, we fully implemented with the City of Albuquerque a closest unit response program. This program will ensure, regardless of the agency or jurisdiction, the closest possible rescue or fire unit will respond to your emergency.

We continue to do great things as a department in our continuous effort to provide the best possible service to the members of our community. On behalf of your County Fire Department, we thank you for a successful year and we look forward to serving you proudly in 2016. May this New Year bring you health and happiness in all you set out to achieve this year.

## Senior Safety

Due to the growing popularity of in-home care for seniors, it is important to make sure you and your loved ones are aware of the potential dangers present in the home for seniors living alone. You can help prevent falls and accidents by making changes to unsafe areas in the home with these tips.

The following general home safety tips can help keep you and your loved ones safe:

- Consider a medical alert or a buddy system.
- Keep a fire extinguisher and smoke detector on every floor.
- Never smoke when alone or in bed.
- Always get up slowly after sitting or lying down. Take your time, and make sure you have your balance.
- Wear proper fitting shoes with low heels.
- Use a correctly measured walking aid.
- Remove or tack down all scatter rugs.
- Remove electrical or telephone cords from traffic areas.
- Avoid using slippery wax on floors.
- Wipe up spills promptly.
- Avoid standing on ladders or chairs.
- Have sturdy rails for all stairs inside and outside the house, if necessary, purchase a stairlift.
- Use only non-glare 100 watt or greater incandescent bulbs or the fluorescent equivalents.
- Leave a light on in your bathroom at night.
- Make sure that all staircases have good lighting with switches at top and bottom.
- Make sure that staircase steps should have a non-slip surface.

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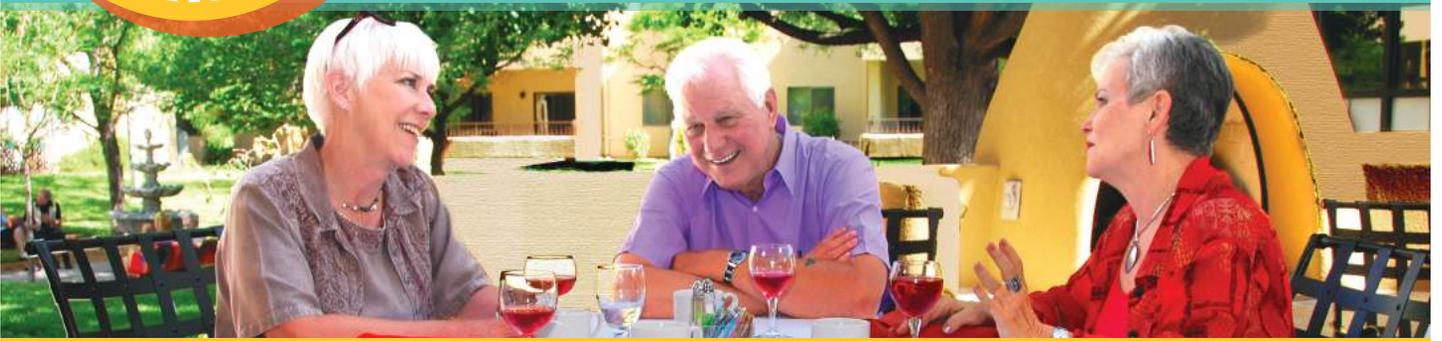
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## Ditch Writer

An Agri-highlights Column  
by Sue Brawley and Lorilee McDowell

# Winter Growers' Market

The Winter Markets are the second Saturday of each month from December to April from 10 a.m. to noon. The markets will be held outside in the regular location, tennis court parking lot, except in the case of inclement weather, when the market will be held in the adjacent community barn. Several of the growers have greens such as arugula, chard, spinach, and lettuce that they are growing in cold frames for the winter. On January 9 and February 13, one may find greens and micro greens, leeks, some root vegetables, dried fruit, honey, eggs, jams/jellies, pies, indoor plants, herbs, dried flower arrangements, hot posole and burritos, arts & crafts, and music. On February 13, join us for a Valentines Celebration and pick up a Valentine gift for someone special.

### Thanks to Community Partners:

The Growers' Market Board (a volunteer-run organization: Sue Brawley, Cathy Lewandowski, Tom Fay, Phil Herlan, Bill Brockman, and Mary Moses) would like to express its appreciation for all the support that has been received from the various Community Partners during our 23<sup>rd</sup> season. The support makes a difference! Thanks to KKOBB and *Alibi* for sponsoring the market. Thanks also to Village of Los Ranchos, the Mayor and staff. We have appreciated the partnership with the Los Ranchos 4-H Club that staffed our "Earn & Learn" program. Thanks to American Surf N' Turf/Kenny the Fishhugger, Angela Jensen, Jericho Nursery, Moses Kountry Health Food Store, Chef Mia Maes, Poco Quatros Model A Club, John

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[www.losranchosgrowersmarket.com](http://www.losranchosgrowersmarket.com)

## From Market to Your Table

by Lorilee McDowell

### SCALLOPED CABBAGE

Last month, I found the greatest cabbage at the Market. It was sort of a pointy head, and very green. I brought it home, and this is what I came up with:

Slice three or four leeks (white and light green parts) and sauté them in butter until they are soft and starting to brown. Toward the end, add one or two minced cloves of garlic. Remove the outer leaves from the cabbage, remove the stem, and slice as much of it as you need into a steamer. Steam until the cabbage starts to soften. In a baking dish,

layer the cabbage and the leeks, adding salt and freshly ground pepper. Make a cheese sauce: stir butter and flour into a roux; add milk and half and half until the sauce is thickened. Add shredded cheddar cheese and stir until the cheese is melted. Pour the sauce over the cabbage and leeks, sprinkle with breadcrumbs and Parmesan cheese, and bake in the oven approximately thirty minutes at 350° or until it is brown and bubbling. It is good side dish with a roasted pork loin and mashed sweet potatoes.

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# 2015 Stop & Shop Recap

by Staff Writer

The 11th annual Stop & Shop is history. As you pack away all the holiday bling and while the events of the weekend are still fresh in your mind, jot down any ideas that you may have to help us make the event even better next year.

Consistently, 28-35 North Valley businesses participate in the event each year. This year 29 businesses, from Cravin' Cookies..and More at the northern most end of Fourth Street to Fathers Building Futures at the southern end, joined the businesses located in the Los Ranchos corridor to spread the "buy local, support small business" message and kick-off the holiday season. Visitors to the Village continue to enjoy the unique and one-of-a-kind gifts offered by the local businesses and it is still common to hear "We just didn't know there was so much to see here (on Fourth Street). It is such a wonderful little secret."

One hundred percent of the participation fees collected from participating businesses goes into promoting the event, including, print and radio advertising and social media. This year, with additional financial assistance from the Village, a live remote with KKOB was a part of the advertising/promotional plan. Located at Joliesse Chocolates, the on-air talent, Scott Stigler, interviewed, Troy Lapsys, Mayor Larry Abrahams,



and a representative from Fathers Building Futures. In an informal survey, we queried visitors as to where they had heard about the event and the responses were from all of the media sources we had hit.

The Village would like to extend a thank you to Norma Jean Scott, Rustic Home, who lead the planning effort for the Stop & Shop, Javier Cardenas, A Few Old Things and Debbie Stuart, Porch & Twig for helping Norma Jean pull it together.



# Village of Los Ranchos Businesses Take "Best" Awards Again



The latest *Albuquerque The Magazine* is out and the Best in the City listings has the Village of Los Ranchos taking 11 of the top Best of Winners spots and 36 of the Top 5 positions.

Consistently, year after year, Los Ranchos businesses are chosen by readers as their top picks as the best of the best in and around the city of Albuquerque. This year, favorites such as Sadie's of New Mexico, Los Pablanos, Vernon's Speakeasy, Casa Rodeña Winery, Dan's Boots and Saddles, and Kelly Jo's Designs were joined by new businesses to the Village such as The Ivy Tea Room and Weck's.

If you're out and about, stop in and congratulate the businesses and enjoy the services, food or gifts that they offer.



## Best of: Winners

**Chips and Salsa** – Sadie's of New Mexico

**Local Farm** – Los Pablanos

**Queso** – El Bruno's

**Romantic Restaurant** – Vernon's Speakeasy

**Pancakes** – Weck's

**Business Owner** – Gary Goodman

**Residential Painting Company** – Mike's Quality Painting

**Menswear Store** – Dan's Boots and Saddles

**Antique Store** – Los Ranchos Antique Mall

**Pet Boarding** – Canine Country Club & Feline Inn

**Vintner** – John Calvin, Casa Rodeña Winery





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### Best of: Top 5

- Food products made locally –**  
Sadie's of New Mexico Salsa
- Chips and Salsa –** El Bruno's
- Navajo Taco –** El Bruno's
- Green Chile –** Sadie's of New Mexico
- New Mexican Restaurant –**  
Sadie's of New Mexico and  
Casa de Benavidez
- Steakhouse –** Vernon's Speakeasy
- Sopaipillas –** Sadie's of New Mexico
- Guacamole –** El Bruno's
- Red Chile –** Sadie's of New Mexico
- Patio Dining –** Casa de Benavidez
- Undiscovered Restaurant –**  
The Ivy Tea Room
- Vegetarian Dining –**  
Taste of the Himalayas
- Beef Jerky –** Delicious Beef Jerky
- Taco –** Sadie's of New Mexico
- Margarita –** Sadie's of New Mexico
- Jazz Club –** Vernon's Speakeasy
- Girls Night Out –**  
Kelly Jo's Designs by Wine
- Product made locally –**  
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- Bed & Breakfast –**  
Los Pablanos and  
Sarabande Bed & Breakfast
- Picnic Place –** Casa Rodeña Winery
- Place to get married –** Los Pablanos
- Plumbing Company –** Albuquerque  
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- Local Wines –** Casa Rodeña Winery
- Wine and Spirit Shop –** Kelly Liquors
- Liquor Store –** Kelly Liquors
- Home Furnishings –**  
Furniture Superstore
- Gun Shop –** Los Ranchos Gun Shop
- Doggie Day Care –**  
Canine Country Club and Feline Inn
- Best Burger –** Blake's
- Pizza Delivery –** Pizza 9
- Take-out –** Blake's
- Brunch –** Farm and Table

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of New Mexico





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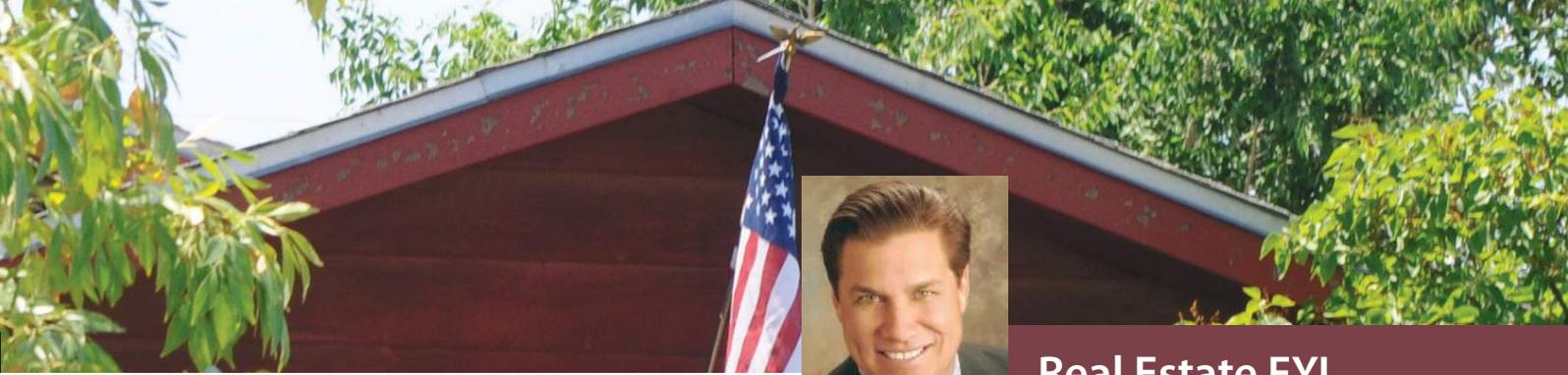
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ADDRESS	MLS#	LIST PRICE	LOT	SF	BR	BA	G	AGENT	COMPANY	PHONE
6930 Rio Grande	851114	\$2,200,000.00	6.92	VACANT LAND				D'Nette Wood	Avio Real Estate, LLC	(505) 463-2910
8202 Guadalupe	852015	\$1,000,000.00	2.54	VACANT LAND				Linda Martinez	Coldwell Banker Legacy	(505) 828-1000
8817 Fourth Street	847953	\$900,000.00	6.92	VACANT LAND				Timothy Tourville	Coldwell Banker Legacy	(505) 292-8900
Rio Grande	823985	\$800,000.00	2.93	VACANT LAND				Aaron Sandoval	Advance Realty	(505) 203-1097
1031 Cottonwood NW	836962	\$539,500.00	1.09	VACANT LAND				Karsten & Associates	Keller Williams Realty	(505) 897-1100
7530 Rio Grande	853998	\$499,000.00	2.23	VACANT LAND				Thomas Schroeder	Rafter S Realty	(505) 934-2118
8727 Rio Grande	839245	\$475,000.00	1.35	VACANT LAND				Paul Billingham	Keller Williams Realty	(505) 271-8200
8710 Rio Grande	839031	\$399,000.00	1.43	VACANT LAND				Thomas Schmidt	Homes in Transition, Inc	(505) 503-8056
719 San Juan Place NW	855008	\$375,000.00	1	VACANT LAND				Susan C Feil	Coldwell Banker Legacy	(505) 293-3700
585 Alma Encantada	832133	\$325,000.00	1.55	VACANT LAND				Susan Nelson Anderson	Coldwell Banker Legacy	(505) 828-1000
6767 Guadalupe	827559	\$275,000.00	1	VACANT LAND				James Shull	ABQ Properties LLC	(505) 717-3002
915 La Senda	846112	\$249,000.00	0.72	VACANT LAND				Mark Thompson	Cauwels & Stuve Realty & Dev.	(505) 266-5711
328 Rancho	846529	\$240,000.00	1	VACANT LAND				Susan Nelson Anderson	Coldwell Banker Legacy	(505) 828-1000
324 Rancho	846530	\$215,000.00	0.8	VACANT LAND				Susan Nelson Anderson	Coldwell Banker Legacy	(505) 828-1000
6502 Fourth Street	846437	\$215,000.00	0.58	VACANT LAND				John Yost	Jackie Fisher Realty & Assoc.	(505) 285-6800
795 Ranchitos	852348	\$189,500.00	1.12	VACANT LAND				Frank Andreone	Coldwell Banker Legacy	(505) 828-1000
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5503 Rio Grande	842515	\$1,800,000.00	3.48	6610	5	5	2	Timothy Tourville	Coldwell Banker Legacy	(505) 292-8900
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1422 El Portal	842764	\$ 999,999.00	1.12	5943	3	5	3	Christine Lohkamp	Signature Southwest Properties	(505) 332-8838
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912 Salamanca	835671	\$ 945,000.00	0.61	4046	5	4	2	Nancy Mead	Keller Williams Realty	(505) 271-8200
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6822 Fifth Street	852942	\$ 373,500.00	0.38	2504	3	2	0	Patricia DeMar	DeMar Realty	(505) 792-8765
428 Sandia View	843280	\$ 230,000.00	0.5	2336	3	2	0	The Schnoor Team	The Casa Group	(505) 385-2154
6610 Las Casitas	854410	\$ 210,000.00	0.08	1600	2	2	2	The Fairchild Team	Encore Ventures, LLC	(505) 967-4790

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## Real Estate FYI

by Tim Tourville, CRS

# Security Systems: Be Safe and Add Value to Your Home

Here is a home upgrade you may not have thought of: home security. It is not as aesthetically pleasing as new hardwood flooring or as much fun as an in-ground pool, but it can increase the value of your home and make it more attractive to prospective buyers.

Gains in technology have made home security slicker, more innovative, and easier to manage. How slim or robust a system you choose depends on the location of your home, its size, and your personal preference. These days it is easier than ever. A fully automated system allows you to view your property via computer or smart phone, and even automatically lock doors.

A security system will give you greater peace of mind and put money back in your pocket, since most insurance providers offer a discount for homes with monitored

alarm systems. If you're considering purchasing a system, speak with your insurance company first to learn about what is eligible for a discount. Crystal Buckner, general manager of Sonitrol, innovator of verified electronic security solutions, cited they are seeing an increase in the number of commercial grade security systems being installed in residential homes in the Village. Sophisticated security solutions are not just for businesses any more and many of Sonitrol's corporate clients are now requesting home systems.

It is also an attractive feature for prospective home buyers. A modern system that has already been installed is a value-add, both for reasons of personal security and because of the insurance discount (if applicable). Over the last 12 months in the Village of Los Ranchos, 17 houses were sold with alarm systems with an average sale price of \$687,194.

The 39 houses that sold without alarm systems had an average sale price of \$345,778. This information is gathered from and based on data that is uploaded to the MLS by the listing realtor. Accuracy may vary. When listing your home be sure to hire a realtor that will identify all features, including security and alarm information in the listing and marketing of your property.

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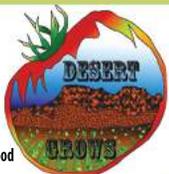
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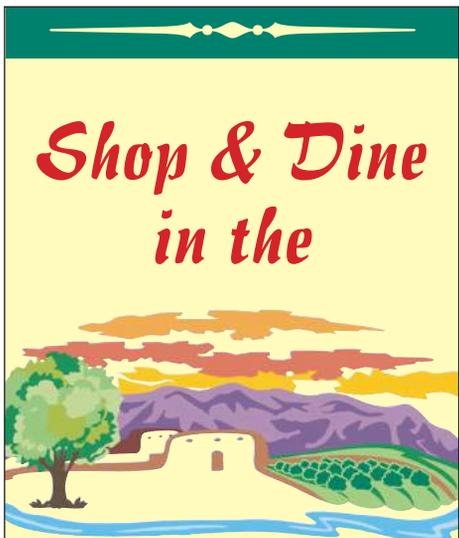
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# Surprise! Social Security is Changing

If you have ever attended a surprise party you know there is a certain order to it. It typically starts when the door opens and everyone yells surprise at the unsuspecting honoree. The November budget compromise between Congress and the President put the party elements in reverse order – they yelled surprise then closed the door.

The surprise came in the form of new legislation that will close the door on some popular Social Security claiming strategies. These changes will provoke dismay from some individuals and a sigh of relief from others. Please keep in mind, this article simplifies a very complex topic. Be sure to explore your options thoroughly.

First things first: People age 70 or older, or those who will be in 2016, will not be impacted by this legislation. Anyone 66 or over, and not yet 70, should reevaluate current claiming strategies before April 30, 2016. The following policy changes could impact your choices when claiming a Social Security benefit.

### Reducing double dipping opportunities

Congress described the changes to Social

Security as closing unintended loopholes in order to protect the solvency of the overall Social Security system. The new law will remove a small number of claiming strategies that could have resulted in cumulatively higher benefits for some people under the old law.

### Disappearing claiming strategies

Filing a restricted application – under the old law, individuals who had reached full retirement age were given an option to apply for one benefit and retain the ability to switch to another at a later date. For example, it was possible to claim only a benefit based on your spouse’s earnings and later claim a retirement benefit based on your own earnings. Under the new law, you cannot restrict your application to the benefit you want; instead, you must take the highest available benefit. The new rules apply to people who are not 62 by the end of 2015. Individuals 62 and over are grandfathered and can still use the old rules when they reach full retirement age.

File and suspend – You can still file for benefits, suspend taking them, and earn delayed retirement credits to get a higher benefit later. But under the new law, your

spouse will be unable to collect benefits based on your earnings record, while suspending your own benefit. There is a very short window of opportunity – if you have reached full retirement age or will reach it by April 30, 2016, then you can still take advantage of the old rules by filing and suspending your benefits – but you must do so by April 3, 2016.

Lump-sum reinstatement – Under the old rules, people who chose to file and suspend could later change their mind and retroactively recover the unpaid amounts during suspension. This is no longer possible under the new rules. You can retain your ability to retroactively recover benefits but you must reach full retirement age, file for benefits, and suspend them by April 30, 2016.

### What should you do now?

If you filed a restricted application, or chose to file and suspend, before the new law was enacted, you can continue to enjoy the benefits of those claiming strategies under the old rules. Even if you are already receiving benefits, you have an opportunity to re-evaluate whether suspension could benefit you.

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# Larry Abraham: Passionate about Los Ranchos

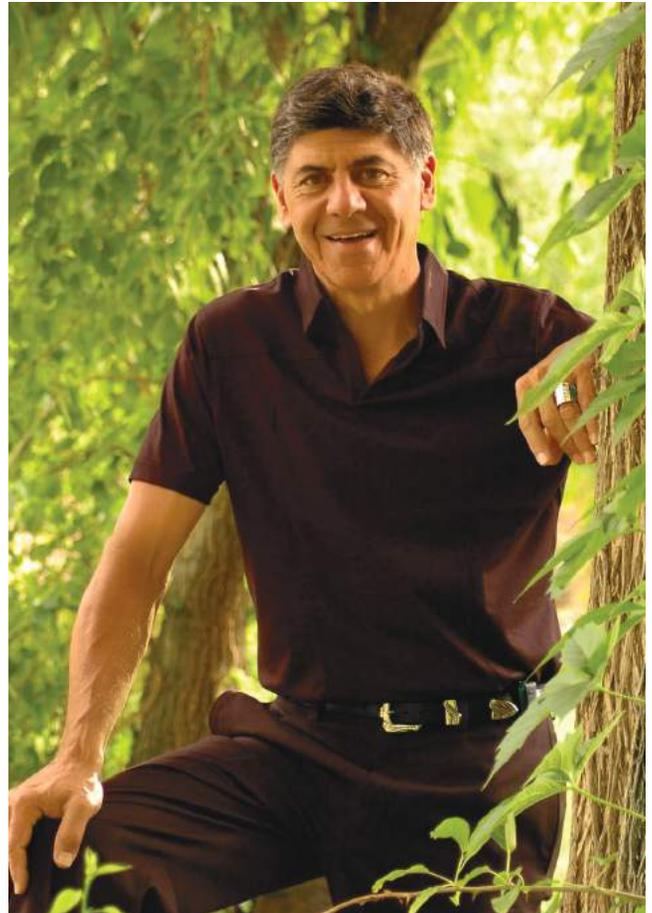
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- Creating a sense of place
- Creating a sense of pride/ownership and community
- Marketing Los Ranchos as a destination
- Exceeding our residents expectations
- Having compassion and understanding for my fellow citizen
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- Protecting the rich heritage of Los Ranchos



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## Regional Positions Held

- Elected Mayor of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, March 2004
- Past Vice-Chair, Metropolitan Transportation Board
- Regional Transit Authority, Board member
- Middle Rio Grande Water Resource, Board member
- Past Chair, Mid-region Council of Governments
- Regional Leadership "Award," Mid-region Council of Governments
- Executive Board member, Mid-region Council of Governments
- Past Chair, Metropolitan Transportation Board
- Workforce Connection of Central New Mexico
- Re-elected Mayor of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque 2008-2012
- 2012-2015 Trustee, Assistant Treasurer UNM Foundation
- Past Chair, New Mexico Rail Runner Express Sustainability Task Force

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# Abraham's Term, in Three Charts



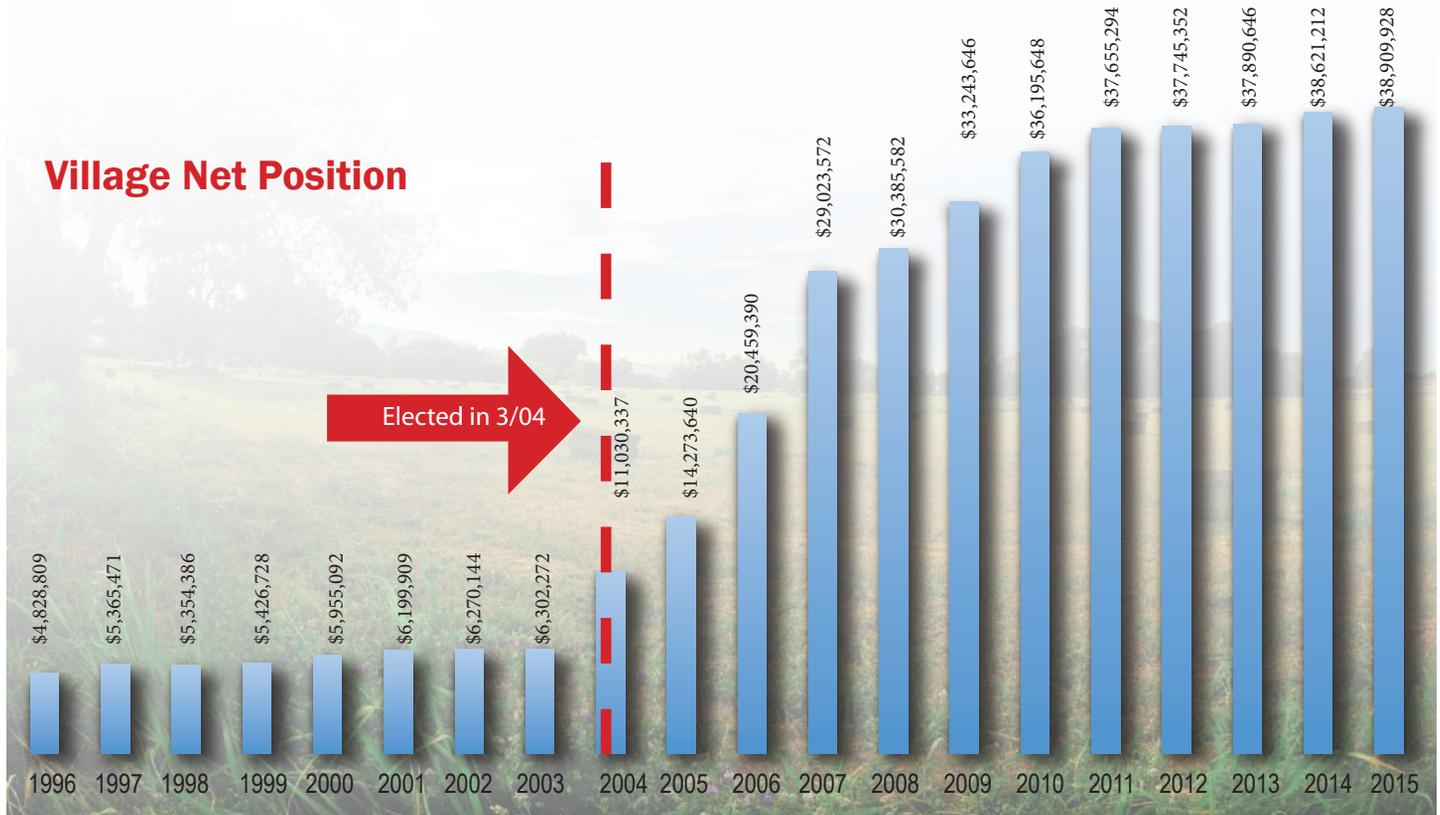
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**“As it turned out, the mayor’s goal was both effective and astute: preserve the community’s beloved age-old character by running its government like a cutting-edge, 21st century business.”**

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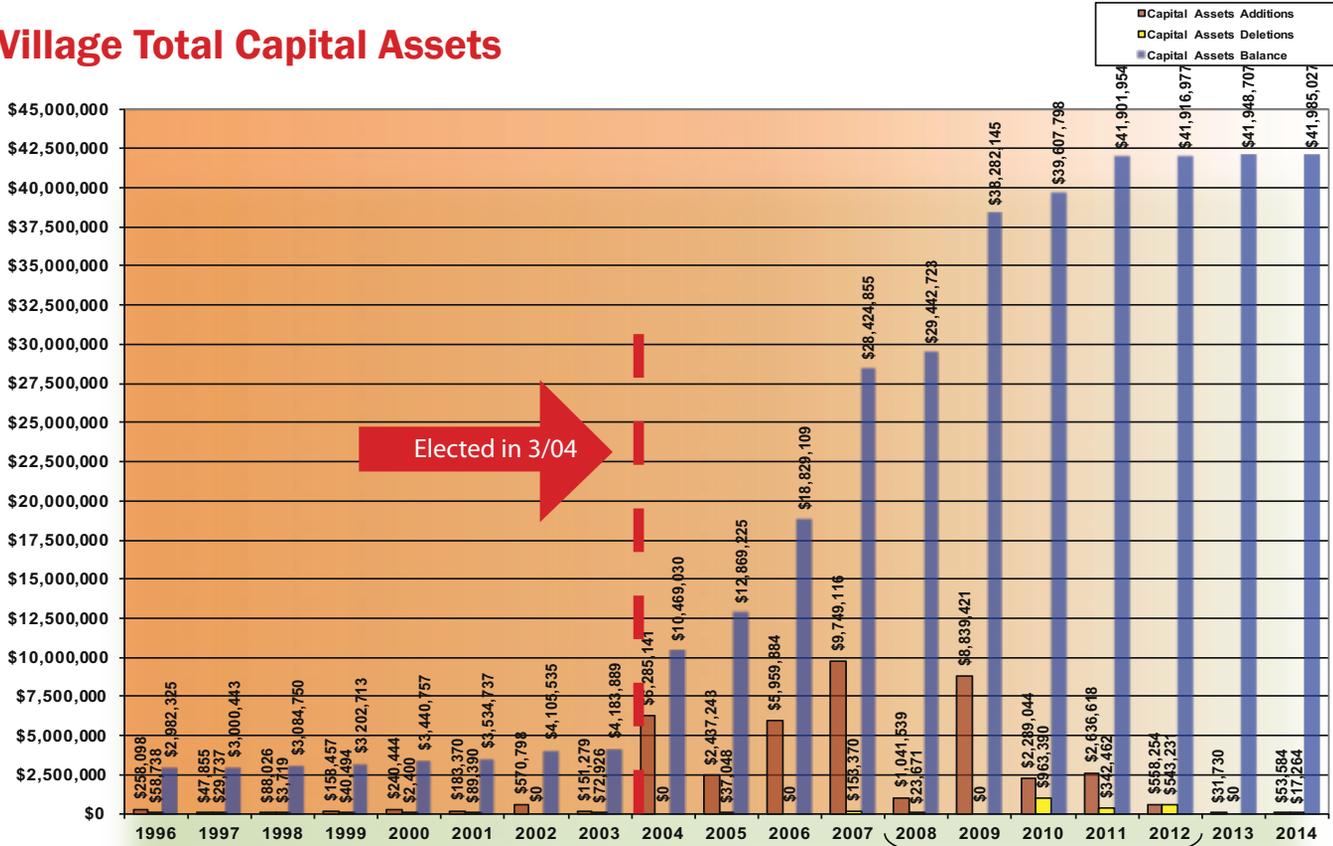


### Village Net Position

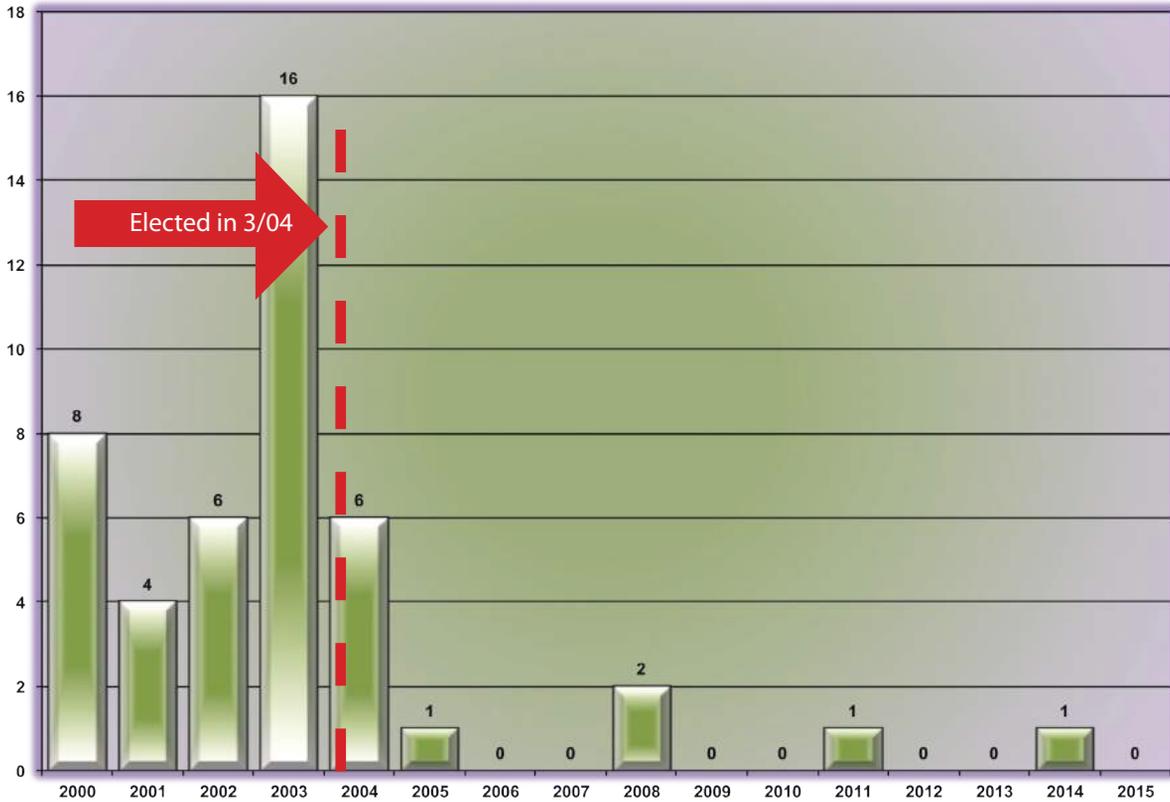


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## Village Total Capital Assets



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# The Mayor's Accomplishments

## Financial Highlights

- First year in office reduced audit findings from 17 findings to 1 non-material finding
- Increased tax revenues by as much as \$1,000,000+ per year
- Decreased expenses significantly
- **Increased cash reserves from \$1.7 million to nearly \$10 million**
- New software for budgeting/grants/bank reconciliation
- All fixed assets inventoried
- New computers and software system wide with redundant backups, including new t

## Brand Development

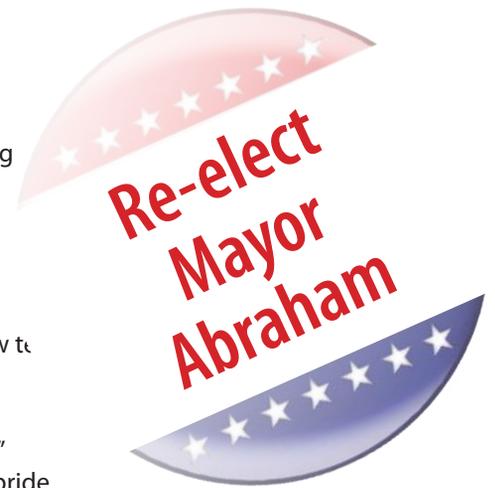
- Created a new Village Logo to market Los Ranchos. Branded "Spirit of Los Ranchos"
- Created and designed *Village Vision* to develop a sense of Village and community pride
- Promoted Los Ranchos as a destination for visitors and a sense of place for residents
- Established a strong social media presence to communicate with residents and promote Los Ranchos
- Complete line of merchandise to promote Los Ranchos
- Worked with USPO to make Los Ranchos as the official acceptable city in the 87107/87114 zip codes
- Worked with Department of Motor Vehicles to use Los Ranchos on licenses and car titles
- All utility companies use Los Ranchos as billing address
- Voter ID cards addressed Los Ranchos for the first time
- Instrumental in Bernalillo County using Los Ranchos de Albuquerque on all property tax bills

## Infrastructure Development

- Electronic Display Speed Boards throughout the community road network
- Completed the Fourth Street Improvement Project (largest capital outlay project in history of Village)
- Taft Fields multi-purpose athletic fields and running track
- Resurfaced Tennis Courts/Basketball Court to a state-of-the-art sports facility; 280 ft. setback reestablished to protect scenic vistas along Rio Grande Blvd.
- Floor area ratios implemented to protect the open space feeling
- Passage of mil levy bond for Open Space purchase
- Perimeter landscaping of Hartnett Park with 80 mature Afghan pines
- Sewer system extended to all of Los Ranchos; completed area I,J, and K sewer system projects
- Resurfacing or repaving all major streets/roads in the Village
- 8,000 square ft community center barn
- New fleet of maintenance vehicles including tractors, street sweeper
- Community trolley car; new Animal Control vehicle
- Instrumental in naming Los Ranchos/Journal Center Rail Stop
- Worked with Albuquerque Journal to create Los Ranchos section in the classifieds
- Created and printed full color Business Directory to promote area businesses
- State-of-the-art camouflaged cell tower with multiple carriers
- Created Department of Public Safety Officer/New DPS Squad car. Emergency Management Response Team
- Presently In-Design Phase to revitalize Fourth Street, construction to begin in 2016, Schulte to Ortega

## Open Space Purchased

- 23 acres Anderson Winery and 11,000 square ft. building
- 22 acres open space north of Paseo with commercial rental property
- One acre Edgewood Osuna as gateway to Village
- One half acre Edgewood Osuna
- Four acres for future Village Center development
- Three lots on north side of Osuna



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# Relief for Domestic Violence Victims and Their Animals

by Sharon Jonas, CARE Program Manager, Animal Protection of New Mexico, and member, Los Ranchos Citizen Corps

When the Los Ranchos Citizen Corps gets together to talk about disaster planning, everyone agrees it just makes sense to include a plan for how to handle our community's dogs, cats, and horses during an emergency evacuation. But when people question why someone wouldn't leave an abusive home, many don't realize that whether the risk is a wildfire or the threat of violence, no one wants to risk leaving their beloved companion animals behind. In either case, if humans are at risk, so are the animals.

Unfortunately, domestic violence is a frequent and serious problem in New Mexico. In 2012, New Mexico law enforcement reported 18,825 incidents of domestic violence. It's not uncommon for survivors to report that their abuser injured, killed or threatened the family dog or cat for revenge or control. However, most domestic violence shelters don't allow animals.



Animal Protection of New Mexico (APNM), a 36-year-old non-profit animal advocacy organization, offers a unique program to help both people and animals affected by domestic violence. In a partnership with the New Mexico Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NMCADV.org), APNM's Companion Animal Rescue Effort (CARE) provides safe temporary housing and other services for the animals of domestic violence victims. By caring for their animals, CARE enables survivors to move forward without leaving anyone behind.

## CARE Saves Lives

Up to 65 percent of domestic violence victims delay leaving due to concern for the safety and welfare of their companion animals.

"All I could think of was, what would happen to my two cats?" said Sandy, a domestic violence survivor who contacted the CARE Hotline for help.

Friends and family would ask, "Why don't you just leave?" "Each time I heard those words it truly broke my heart," Sandy said. "[My cats] are the ones who have given me the unconditional love that everyone wants in life."

"CARE gave me peace of mind so I could concentrate on building a better future for the three of us."

## 2016 Municipal Election

On Tuesday, March 1, 2016, Village residents will be electing a Mayor and two Board of Trustee members. A list of certified candidates is posted at Village Hall and on the website at [losranchosnm.gov/elections](http://losranchosnm.gov/elections), as well as in *At A Glance* on page 3 in this magazine.

There are several important key dates to keep in mind:

- Voter Registration with the Bernalillo County Clerk closes on Tuesday, February 2, 2016. If you need to register to vote or update your information, please do so before this date. Voter registration forms are available at Village Hall.
- Absentee Voting will begin on Tuesday, January 26 and end on Friday, February 26.
- Early Voting at Village Hall will commence on Wednesday, February 10 and end on Friday, February 26.
- Election Day is Tuesday, March 1, 2016. Constituents may cast their votes at Village Hall from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The Village Clerk's duty is to ensure uniformity of election practices with regards to federal and state regulations, in addition to promoting a fair and equitable election. Everyone is encouraged to exercise their civic voice and vote on March 1, 2016.

If you have any questions or concerns pertaining to the 2016 Municipal Election, please do not hesitate to contact [sdominguez@losranchosnm.gov](mailto:sdominguez@losranchosnm.gov) or call 344-6582. Additional information is also available on the Village website at [losranchosnm.gov/elections](http://losranchosnm.gov/elections).

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## Public Safety

*by Robin Hopkins, BCSO  
Director of Public Safety,  
Village of Los Ranchos*



# Safety and Crime Prevention

I am very excited about the new year, and want to thank everyone for the warm welcome I have received. It truly is an honor and a privilege to work for such a wonderful community.

In the short time I have been the Public Safety Director, I have had the pleasure to meet many residents and attend several neighborhood meetings. In 2016, I look forward to much more of the same.

Getting to know your neighbors can be one of the most effective crime prevention tools. Unfortunately, sometimes we wait until after a crime happens to get to know one another. Knowing our neighbors means we can tell when something is not right. There is no overstating the importance of observing and reporting suspicious activity. Home and auto burglaries will, unfortunately, always be an issue, but these crimes can be dramatically reduced when your property is locked and citizens report anything that is out of the norm.

I am happy to attend any neighborhood association meeting or simply a group of

neighbors who want to get together over coffee and talk about safety and crime prevention. Also, I am always available to do vulnerability assessments of your home or business.

Let us ring in the new year with safety in mind.

The Village of Los Ranchos, Bernalillo County and the City of Albuquerque, have all experienced an increase in mail theft, and package delivery theft. If you do not have a post office box, try to get your mail as soon as it is delivered, or arrange to have a neighbor pick it up if you will be gone.

The temptation, during these colder months is to dash out to the driveway, start the car, and dash back inside the house to let it warm up. Warm up car theft, as we call it, has not been a problem in Los Ranchos. But in the surrounding area it has been. Never leave your car unattended while it is warming up, and it is always a good practice to keep your car door locked when you are in it, and always be

aware of your surroundings.

As mentioned before, keep your vehicle and home locked, even when you are home. We have a relatively low crime rate in the Village, but any amount of crime at all is too much.

To report a crime, or any suspicious activity, please call the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Department 798-7000. For non-emergencies, you can reach me at the Village office at 977-1165.

Have a safe and happy New Year!





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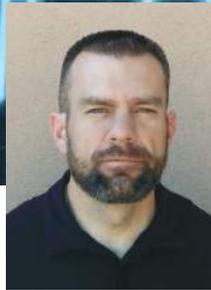


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## Fitness/Health Column

by Dustin Melville

# Stay Warm and Fit This Winter

The winter months can present different challenges when it comes to maintaining your workout consistency. If you typically enjoy conducting a large portion of your workouts outside the gym then preparing for the cold is crucial to maintaining your exercise regime. Here are a few tips to help your training during the winter months.

### Layer Your Clothing

It is no longer as easy as throwing on cotton sweats and going outside for a brisk run. The proper way to dress for cold weather workouts is in light layers. Exercising can make it feel 30 degrees warmer than it is outside. Overdressing, or wearing one heavy outer garment, causes too much sweating. This leads to dampness, chills, muscle tightness, and discomfort. Choosing a moisture wicking fabric as your primary layer will help reduce sweat buildup and keep you warm and comfortable during the session. By wearing several layers you have the option of removing one before you get too warm. If it turns chilly later, you can put that layer back on.

### Keep Your Hands and Head Warm

Exercising pulls blood away from your hands and feet and toward your core. That is why it is important to properly cover your head, hands, and feet. Most body heat—up to 40 percent—escapes through your head. Thin, lightweight gloves made from synthetic fibers should be enough to keep your hands warm. Thick cotton socks will have your feet swimming in sweat. Socks made from a wool blend are thin but keep toes dry and comfortable even through the coldest workout.

### Warm Up Properly

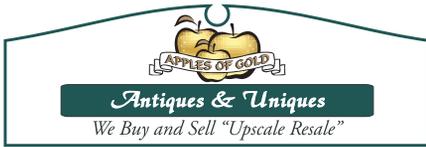
Walking outside and proceeding with a series of aggressive stretches and movements is the worst thing you can do when your body is cold. If you plan to workout outside, make sure you get the blood flowing prior to diving into the routine. This can be accomplished by simply walking briskly for 10-15 minutes prior to a run, or performing a series of bodyweight only movements prior to starting a training session. Just a few sets of squats, lunges, lateral

raises, push-ups, etc. can get the body warm, elevate the heart rate and reduce the chance of injury during a cold weather workout.

### Practice Exercise Safety

Now that it gets dark much earlier, it is especially important to take precautions when training in the dark. Wear reflective tape on your clothing or a vest to be safe when it is dark out so others can see you. If you are running or biking, make sure to use additional light to properly view the trail or street in front of you. To avoid potential injury do not take chances with compromised vision; otherwise, you may end up turning an ankle or slipping on ice. When in doubt, it is sometimes best to complete that winter evening workout inside the gym instead of taking unnecessary risks outside. Good luck with your training.

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## Board of Trustees Meeting

November 10, 2015

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The next regular meeting  
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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Abraham called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

*The agenda was approved as presented.*

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Helen Whitesides, 4059 Dietz Farm Circle, stated she is here with her sister, Elizabeth Gordon, to discuss a letter sent to the Mayor and Trustees in late September. On August 11, 2015, I met with Tim McDonough, Kelly Ward, and John McDowell to express our concerns regarding the horse and the resulted conditions at the Hunter residence at 2409 Glenwood Court NW. Our backyards join where the horse is being kept. Our concerns are the offensive odor of horse manure and urine, a huge increase in flies and vermin, the close proximity of the horse to the adjacent neighbors, and the lack of shelter and space for the horse. At the end of the meeting it was indicated our concerns would be addressed and we would be informed of the outcome. By September 3, 2015 we had not heard from anyone, I called Mr. McDowell and he said he had a meeting scheduled with the Hunters that afternoon. By September 17, 2015 we had not heard anything from Mr. McDowell. I contacted Mr. McDowell to which I was informed that I would receive a letter stating the Hunters are in compliance with the Village Ordinances and they will be erecting a shelter in the future. I informed Mr. McDowell that the Hunters were not in compliance with Village regulations with regard to odor, flies, lack of shelter, and care of the horse. According to Village Ordinance Article 2, §7.2.9 (A) Prohibited Activities, it shall be a violation of this Article for a person to: fail, refuse, or neglect to provide proper and appropriate care and maintenance for an animal in his charge or custody, which shall include: shelter, which shall be weatherproof and structurally sound enclosure large enough to accommodate the animal. Going to erect something in the future is not compliant with the ordinances. The small horse pen currently has only a small sail that provides small shade, and there is no weatherproof or structurally sound enclosure. The horse was totally unsheltered from the torrential July rains and unprecedented number of lightening strikes. One storm had over 280 strikes in less than three hours. After a rain, the horse stands in mud and water, there is no drainage. As of this writing, we have yet to receive a letter from Mr. McDowell. We reiterate our initial complaint. This situation is inappropriate due to the close proximity of the homes, it is unhealthy and unsafe, and appropriate measures have not been taken to ensure compliance with Village Ordinances. The horse should be returned to its former place of residence until: issues of odor and flies have been adequately addressed, a shelter is built that is weatherproof, structurally sound, and large enough to accommodate the horse. We are here to document the lack of response to our complaint. The horse was moved in late June to the residence. There was no response after our meeting in August, or after two phone calls to Mr. McDowell. I emailed the letter dated September 27, 2015 to the Mayor and Village Trustees and I did not receive any response. I also called the Mayor and did not receive a response. On October 26, 2015 I was informed that Mr. McDowell no longer worked as the Animal Control Officer. I called Trustee Homan regarding the situation and she stated she was aware of the situation, and there has been no response. This situation is getting worse. The next door neighbors have experienced an influx of mice in their home, they have trapped 29 mice in the last few weeks.

*Mayor Abraham said he can assure Mrs. Whiteside a response from the Village.*

Helen Whiteside said Matt Hunter has served on the Planning and Zoning Commission and he is aware that he is not in compliance with Village Ordinances.

### **3. PRESENTATIONS**

*None.*

### **4. CONSENT AGENDA**

A. MINUTES – OCTOBER 14, 2015 – REGULAR MEETING.

*The consent agenda was approved as presented. The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.*

### **5. REPORTS**

A. MAYOR'S REPORT Mayor Abraham reported on the following:

- The grower's market regular season will end November 12; the first winter market will be held on December 12, 2015.
- The North Fourth Shop and Stop will be held December 5 through December 6.

B. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT Administrator Ward reported on the following:

- Working on the Comcast franchise agreement with Attorney Chappell.
- Reviewing a request from AT&T for a lease re-negotiation. MINUTES NOVEMBER 10, 2015

C. PLANNER'S REPORT Planner McDonough reported on the following:

- Continuing to develop and manage the storm-water monitoring program.
- Keen Heinzelman has been working on compliance issues with regard to overgrown weeds throughout the Village.

D. LEGAL REPORT Attorney Chappell reported on the following:

- Reviewing and revising potential contracts with Comcast and AT&T.
- The purchase agreement for 311 Osuna is finalized.

E. Public Safety Report Deputy Hopkins reported on the following:

- Looking forward to working with Village residents to create a safer community.
- The First Responders 5K was held on October 26, 2015 to commemorate not only the day I was injured, but also the day the community came together to support law enforcement. The event was very successful.

### **6. FINANCIAL BUSINESS**

A. CASH REPORT – OCTOBER 2015

*The Cash Report for July 2015 was approved as presented. The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.*

### **7. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPLICATIONS**

A. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF A REQUEST FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE LOS POBLANOS INN AND CULTURAL CENTER, SU-1 (SPECIAL USE ZONE).

*Trustee Lewis recused himself from Agenda Item 7.A. The Board moved to approve A*

Request for an Amendment to the Site Development Plan for the Los Poblanos Inn and Cultural Center, SU (Special Use Zone). The motion carried unanimously, 2-0.

B. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF A ZONE CHANGE AND ZONE MAP AMENDMENT FOR TRACT 157A, MRGCD MAP 29 IN THE C-1 ZONE OF THE FOURTH STREET COMMERCIAL CHARACTER AREA.

Trustee Homan joined the meeting at 5:44 p.m.

*The Trustees moved to defer Agenda Item 7.B. to the December 9, 2015 Board of Trustee Meeting. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.*

8. OLD BUSINESS

*None.*

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2015-11-1 CALLING THE MARCH 1, 2016 REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION.

*The Board moved approval of Resolution No. 2015-11-1 Calling the March 1, 2016 Regular Municipal Election. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.*

B. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 6611 EDGEWOOD DRIVE NW LOS RANCHOS DE ALBUQUERQUE NM 87107, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE PURCHASE OF THE PROPERTY.

*The Board moved approval of the purchase of property located at 6611 Edgewood Drive NW, Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, NM 87107, authorizing the Mayor to execute the purchase of the property up to \$194,000 or the appraisal value. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.*

10. TRUSTEES INFORMAL DISCUSSION

*Members of the Board discussed various informal topics. No action was taken.*

11. ADJOURNMENT

*The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.*

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## December 9

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Abraham called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD - None.

3. PRESENTATIONS - None.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

A. MINUTES – NOVEMBER 10, 2015 – REGULAR MEETING.

*The consent agenda was approved as presented. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.*

## 5. REPORTS

### A. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Abraham reported on the following:

- Discussed potential 2016 Lavender Festival with the Lavender Committee.
- Los Poblanos applied for an IRB with Bernalillo County Commission.

### B. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Ward reported on the following:

- The 2014/2015 financial audit was completed and submitted to the state auditor; the Village had no findings.
- Stop & Shop was very successful.

### C. PLANNER'S REPORT

Planner McDonough reported on the following:

- Working on 2016 Business license renewals.
- Continuation of work on storm water permit.

### D. LEGAL REPORT

Attorney Chappell reported on the following:

- Working with Director McDonough reviewing zoning ordinances.
- Attended a seminar hosted by the New Mexico Municipal Attorneys Association.

### E. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

Deputy Hopkins reported on the following:

- Working on bringing the citizens and law enforcement together by meeting with several concerned citizens and home owner associations.
- Working on developing a citizen patrol unit.

## 6. FINANCIAL BUSINESS

### A. CASH REPORT – NOVEMBER 2015

*The cash report for November 2015 was approved as presented. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.*

### B. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2015-12-1 INCORPORATING THE CAPITAL APPROPRIATION PROJECT AGREEMENT CONTROL NUMBER C3150909 WITH THE NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$350,500 TO PLAN, DESIGN AND CONSTRUCT IMPROVEMENTS TO FOURTH STREET IN LOS RANCHOS DE ALBUQUERQUE IN THE 2015/2016 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET.

*The Board moved to approve Resolution No. 2015-12-1. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.*

### C. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2015-12-2 INCORPORATING THE CAPITAL APPROPRIATION PROJECT AGREEMENT ID 15-0734 WITH THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$165,000 TO DESIGN AND CONSTRUCT IMPROVEMENTS TO THE BUILDING AND GROUNDS OF THE LOS RANCHOS AGRI-NATURE IN THE 2015/2016 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET.

*The Board moved to approve Resolution No. 2015-12-2. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.*

**7. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPLICATIONS**

- A. A REQUEST BY CREI, LLC FOR A FINAL SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN APPROVAL FOR A NEW COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE FOURTH STREET COMMERCIAL CORRIDOR AND CHARACTER AREA. THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT 6145 SECOND ST. NW (AKA 208 EL CAMINITO NW) AND IS LEGALLY KNOWN AS A CERTAIN TRACT OF LAND WITHIN PROJECTED SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 11 N, RANGE 3 E, N.M.P.M., ALBUQUERQUE, BERNALILLO COUNTY, NEW MEXICO BEING IDENTIFIED AS TRACTS 74B-1-B, AND 74B-2-B OF THE MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY PROPERTY MAP NO. 29. THE PROPERTY CONTAINS 9.977 ACRES MORE OR LESS.

*The Board moved to approve the final site development plan for CREI, LLC. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.*

- B. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF A ZONE CHANGE AND ZONE MAP AMENDMENT FOR TRACT 157A, MRGCD MAP 29 IN THE C-1 ZONE OF THE FOURTH STREET COMMERCIAL CHARACTER AREA. DEFERRED FROM THE NOVEMBER 10, 2015 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING.

*The Board moved to defer Agenda Item 7.B. to the March 2016 Board of Trustees Meeting. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.*

**8. OLD BUSINESS - None.**

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2015-12-3- ESTABLISHING THE VILLAGE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR THE 53rd LEGISLATURE, FIRST SESSION, 2016.

*The Board moved to approve Resolution No. 2015-12-3. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.*

- B. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 321 OSUNA RD NW, LOS RANCHOS DE ALBUQUERQUE NM 87107, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE PURCHASE OF THE PROPERTY.

*The Board moved to authorize the Mayor to execute a purchase agreement for the purchase of property located at 321 Osuna Rd NW, Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, 87107. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.*

**10. TRUSTEES INFORMAL DISCUSSION**

*Members of the Board discussed various informal topics. No action was taken.*

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

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## Planning & Zoning Meeting

The next regular meeting  
will be held on  
Tuesday, February 9, 2015

### November 10

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:01p.m.

A. **ROLL CALL** - Commissioner Riccobene, Commissioner Seligman, Commissioner Phillips, Commissioner Colman, Commissioner Craig, Commissioner Brawley, Commissioner Tourville have all been excused.

*Chairman Seligman stated there was a quorum present for the meeting.*

B. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Chairman Seligman asked Planner McDonough if there were any changes to the agenda. Planner McDonough stated there were no changes. Chairman Seligman asked if there was a motion for approval of the agenda. Commissioner Colman moved approval of the agenda. **SECOND:** Commissioner Riccobene seconded the motion

*The motion carried unanimously (4-0).*

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD.** None

3. **CONSENT AGENDA**

A. **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Approval of minutes – October 13, 2015 meeting. Chairman Seligman asked if there were any changes or corrections to the consent agenda. Then called for a motion. Commissioner Phillips moved approval of the consent agenda as presented. Commissioner Colman seconded the motion.

*The motion carried unanimously (4-0).*

4. **PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPLICATIONS**

Attorney Chappell swore in those present who would be speaking before the Commission.

A. **SDP-15-06** A request by CREI, LLC for a Preliminary Site Development Plan Review for a new commercial development in the Fourth Street Commercial Corridor and Character Area. The property is located at 6145 Second St. NW (aka 208 El Caminito NW) and is legally known as A certain tract of land within Projected Section 28, Township 11 N, Range 3 E, N.M.P.M., Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, New Mexico being identified as Tracts 74B-1-B, and 74B-2-B of the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy Property Map No. 29. The property contains 9.977 acres more or less.

Planner McDonough gave his report with instructions to recommend approval to forward the application to the Board of Trustees for consideration with conditions.

Chairman Seligman asked for clarification that this is a preliminary site development plan as opposed to a sketch plat review.

Planner McDonough concurred.

Chairman Seligman made a correction to the application calling it a Preliminary Site Development plan. Then asked if there were any questions for Planner McDonough from the Commissioners. Seeing none she then asked the applicant to please come forward and state his name and address for the record.

Matt Gonzales 216 Wayne Road NW, Albuquerque, NM 87114

Jack Corder 10312 Leymon Court NW Albuquerque, NM 87114

Chairman Seligman stated they could go forward with their presentation.

Jack Corder stated that they just wanted to let them know that this will be a new building they have hired new employees and have run out of room. They are hoping this plan will improve the property and attract more businesses to the Second Street corridor in that area.

Chairman Seligman asked them if there was anything else they would like to add. Then asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to speak in favor of the application. Seeing none, she then was there anyone who wished to speak in opposition of the application. Seeing none she then closed the floor to public comment. Then asked if there were any comments from the Commissioners. And recognized Commissioner Phillips.

Commissioner Phillips asked if there were any changes from the sketch plat review that they would consider substantial based on feedback.

Jack Corder stated they did not have any changes. They worked with the staff to make sure it was complete before presenting it.

Commissioner Phillips asked about the engineering report and asked Planner McDonough what the procedure was from the Village's point of view.

Planner McDonough stated that the engineer consultant would review the grading and drainage plan. He is getting an engineer to look at this before the final approval from the Board of Trustees.

Chairman Seligman asked if there were any more questions or comments from the Commissioners. Then recognized Commissioner Colman.

Commissioner Colman stated that this is a very clean package and she was very impressed. That it was the best package she's seen all year and appreciates the effort. And appreciates that they are hiring people. And they are doing an outstanding job and thanked them for it.

Chairman Seligman asked if there were any more questions or comments.

Planner McDonough stated that with the forward the recommendation for approval to the Board of Trustees they do have several conditions, which are standard language that go with compliance of water, landscaping, grading and drainage and dark skies ordinances. So they ask that those conditions go with the recommendation.

Chairman Seligman thanked Planner McDonough. And complimented the applicants on the planning and thanked them for all their cooperation with the Village. Then asked if there was a motion to forward a recommendation of approval to the Board of Trustees.

MOTION: Commissioner Riccobene moved to approve recommends forwarding to the Board of Trustees a recommendation of approval for Commercial Site Development Plan for new commercial development in the Gateway District Zone of the Fourth Street Character Area and Corridor.

With the following conditions:

1. All the requirements of the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority shall be met in the installation of the utilities and governing rules and regulations adhered to by the development.

2. The grading and drainage plan must be approved by the Village engineer prior to obtaining a building permit.
3. Landscaping shall be maintained according to the Site Development Plan.
4. Dark Skies Ordinance requirements must be met.
5. Sign permits must be obtained from the Village and the submitted sign on Fourth Street is approved.
6. Construction shall meet all current Village, County and State Codes.

Commissioner Phillips seconded the motion. Chairman Seligman asked if there was any discussion. Then asked Attorney Chappell on the procedure of the motion details. Attorney Chappell stated that reference to the conditions is sufficient. Chairman Seligman stated seeing no discussion called for a vote.

*The vote carried unanimously (4-0).*

5. **OLD BUSINESS** – None

6. **NEW BUSINESS** – None

7. **REPORTS**

**A. PLANNING DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Planner McDonough reported on the following:

- The Stormwater the Letter of Intent was sent out in June and they have not had a reply from EPA.
- Continuing to work on a monitoring plan.
- There is specific sampling that they have to accomplish.
- Keen has sent out second notices for weed control, only about 7 addresses did not take action on the first notice.
- Marcy continues to work on the database, continued to help with the Village Vision, and mailed out Business Registration • renewals at the beginning of the month.

Commissioner Seligman asked if there were any comments or questions for Planner McDonough. Then recognized Commissioner Phillips.

Commissioner Phillips stated he had a chance to meet the new assistant Ashley Stokes, who is a high quality hire who replaced Shannon. And was wondering what December's meeting might look like. Planner McDonough stated that they did not have anything on for December and might be a good time to have an informal discussion about the Master Plan and zoning and some of the issues. Chairman Seligman stated that might be a great idea.

Attorney Chappell stated he is working on a memo to the Commission and the Board of Trustees on the grounds for zone changes. And will have that done before the Board of Trustees meeting.

Planner McDonough mentioned that they have a new Animal Control officer. John McDowell retired. They have hired Dominic Tomba, who has a background in working with animals and as Ashley jumped in with two feet and is doing a bang up job. Commissioner Seligman asked if there were any comments or questions for Planner McDonough.

Commissioner Colman asked for the December meeting could they have an status update on the Fourth Street Revitalization Project. Planner McDonough stated yes they could do that.

Chairman Seligman asked if there was anything else.

Planner McDonough stated that if there is anything specific they want on the talk about they can contact him and help craft that agenda.

Chairman Seligman stated not seeing anymore comments or questions she then moved onto the next item.

**9. COMMISSIONER'S INFORMAL DISCUSSION**

Discussion included:

Commissioner Riccobene would not be here for the December 8 meeting he will be traveling on business.

Planner McDonough is to email the Commissioners for suggestions on the agenda. They could go over the past year and it would be a good ending to the year.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Seligman called for a motion for adjournment. Commissioner Colman moved to adjourn the meeting.

Commissioner Phillips seconded the motion. Chairman Seligman formally closed the meeting at 7:21 p.m.

*The motion carried unanimously (4-0).*

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**December 8**

**1. CALL TO ORDER** – Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

- A. ROLL CALL - Commissioner Craig, Commissioner Brawley, Commissioner Seligman, Commissioner Phillips, Commissioner Colman, Commissioner Tourville. Commissioner Riccobene was excused.

*Chairman Seligman stated there was a quorum present for the meeting.*

**B. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Chairman Seligman asked Planner McDonough if there were any changes to the agenda. Planner McDonough stated there were no changes to the agenda. Chairman Seligman asked if there was a motion for approval of the agenda. Commissioner Brawley moved approval of the agenda. Commissioner Craig seconded the motion.

*The motion carried unanimously (6-0).*

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD-NONE**

**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval of the minutes of the November 10, 2015 meeting.

Chairman Seligman asked if there were any changes or corrections to the minutes of the November 10, 2015 meeting. Commissioner Craig moved approval of the minutes of the November 10, 2015 meeting. Commissioner Tourville seconded the motion.

*The motion carried unanimously (6-0).*

**4. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPLICATIONS-NONE**

**5. OLD BUSINESS - NONE**

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Discussion related to Zone Code improvements. Chairman Seligman asked for Planner McDonough for the report. Planner McDonough introduced the report from Sites Southwest and explained what it contained. Stating that in the coming months more discussions will happen with hopes that at the end of each discussion they make some progress on trying to define the Fourth Street corridor and how it's going to look like. Tonight will be about

density in the VC Zone. Then went on to introduce George Radnovich and James Foty, from Sites Southwest and they have a short presentation on the report.

Planner McDonough-George Radnovich-Commissioners

- Discussion on the boundaries.

Commissioner Brawley

- Procedure on when they can ask questions.

Chairman Seligman

- Preferred after presentation.

Planner McDonough

- Affirmed after presentation

Presentation by George Radnovich and James Foty

- Density
- Mixed use
- Multi-family
- Parking
- Zone code

Chairman Seligman

- Design guidelines
- Zone code and modification focused on Fourth St.
- Multi-family needs strong design guidelines.
- Taking care when introducing flexibility, too little specificity can be problematic.

Commissioner Brawley

- Opposed to architectural style guidelines.
- Lack of an Architectural Commission. Village is not equipped to manage a detailed architectural style requirement.
- Strict Architectural guidelines leads to a lack of diversity and creativity.
- Not to say you can't have guidelines on height, setbacks, lot size, and bumper zones.

Commissioner Phillips

- Noted discussion not on density, should we be looking at the chapters on design guidelines.

Commissioner Brawley

- Early surveys showed that Variety of the Village architecture is very desirable to our residents.
- Permissive uses and how some are unlikely/outdated.
- Existing Zone code shows the lack of clarity.
- VC Zone was the area for high density.
- Parking is an ongoing problem in particular for small lots.
- Existing Code is miles ahead of the Code that existed in 1995 when the Zoning reviews began.

Planner McDonough

- VC Zone and inappropriate permissive uses.
- Current limitations to density in the VC Zone, max 12 DU.

Chairman Seligman

- We should review by Zones.
- Ugliness of Fourth Street as compared to Santa Fe with their design control.

Commissioner Craig

- Agreed with Commissioner Brawley.
- 6666 Fourth Street building wouldn't meet any of the design criteria we have been discussing yet is a very attractive building.
- Guidelines restrict free market and development.

Commissioner Tourville

- Variety adds to the Village.

Planner McDonough

- Zone by zone determinations.
- Perspectives of the Commissioners on density and scale

Commissioner Brawley

- One question we need to ask is why developers are not developing Fourth Street, reasons for lack of development.
- Perhaps issue an RFI for input

Commissioner Craig

- Romero-Rhoades study said they would not develop in VC Zone until Fourth St. is improved.

Commissioner Tourville

- Cited Peterson's reason for not development. Village too difficult to deal with. Legal fight with neighbors
- Directly asked Leanna Fresquez why they are not developing. Neighbors and the hard time they gave her.
- Need marketing to change our image.

Commissioner Brawley

- Examples of ugly areas being developed.
- Small lots on Fourth and too expensive.

Commissioner Craig

- Define who and what the Village is.
- Historic nature of Village, on par with Santa Fe.
- Fourth Street is the problem child.
- Close to 900,000 people to draw in from the metro area.

Planner McDonough

- Fourth Street character area.
- Planning and Zoning Commission controls zone code.
- Ideas on what Fourth Street will look like.

Chairman Seligman

- If we want to protect the Character of the Village, we need to define what that is.
- The Fourth St. project is a beautification project.
- More commercial zone's for activity.
- No certain criteria, need to define the "look" of Fourth St.
- Mixed usage. Example foot traffic, sidewalk cafes.
- If the only goal is increase businesses you can wipe out the regulations and let the developers in but may not be what we want.
- What are they looking for.
- Need balance between residents and commercial.

Planner McDonough

- Trying to get Commission to define that character.

George Radnovich

- Questioned why Fresquez is not developing.

Commissioner Brawley

- Not just zoning.
- Example of small Washington town who became tryolean village.

Commissioner Tourville

- Likes the ideas of more flexibility.
- Public Parking is huge.
- Vertical density with live work.
- Site specific criteria E/W.

Chairman Seligman

- Character – what do we want it to look like, it may be different in different zone areas.
- Different zone areas, do we look at:
  - Building form/masing
  - Retail vs office.

Commissioner Phillips

- Great report.
- Zoning diagnoses.
- Good idea of Phase One.
- Problem with current zoning code.
- Density for different zones.

Commissioner Brawley

- Village Center Zone.
- Euoepan planning around the center of the Village.
- Osuna and Fourth Street public space.
- Density.

Commissioner Phillips

- Village Center Code.

Planner McDonough

- Waiting for interest to develop in Village Center.
- Issue a RFP
- Development conversations.
- Timing.

Administrator Ward

- Purchasing Land in Village Center project area.
- Need density.
- Village Center code.
- 7 years ago the RFP came back unresponsive.
- Residents want grocery.
- Approached every grocer. Marketing departments all say the same not enough density.

Planner McDonough

- Village Center project area requires economic and site development plan.
- Board of Trustees retain control by stating any modifications they want.

Chairman Seligman

- RFP for entire Village Center project area.

Chairman Seligman

- Village Center zone and public investments.
- Condemning properties.

Administrator Ward

- Village can't condemn for redevelopment.

Chairman Seligman

- Other entity on behalf of Village.

Administrator Ward

- Village would do it themselves.

Chairman Seligman

- Dedication of property important.
- What do they want.
- Developer control.
- No control for the Village.

Planner McDonough

- Originally Village Center zone was developed as a total commercial area.
- Need for more population need more density.
- Density in the Village Center is 6 dwelling units (DU) per acre.
- Have an underlying consistency with the code that needs to be cleaned up.

Commissioner Colman

- Village Center you only want the highest density possible.
- Minimum of 25 DU's. For the Village Center zone only
- Attract small specialty shop with the density.
- Control is by setbacks and open spaces.

Commissioner Brawley

- 2/3 of commercial is parking.
- 30% for parking depending on the amount of cars.

There was more discussion mostly repeating prior concerns.

## 7. REPORTS

A. PLANNING DEPARTMENT REPORT-WAS NOT DISCUSSED OR COMMENTED ON.

## 9. COMMISSIONER'S INFORMAL DISCUSSION - NONE

## 10. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Seligman asked if there was a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Colman moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m. Commissioner Tourville seconded the motion.

*The motion carried unanimously (6-0).*

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\* Minutes pending final approval from the Planning & Zoning Committee



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Albuquerque, NM 87109  
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www.aa.edu  
withinreach.aa.edu (digital viewbook)

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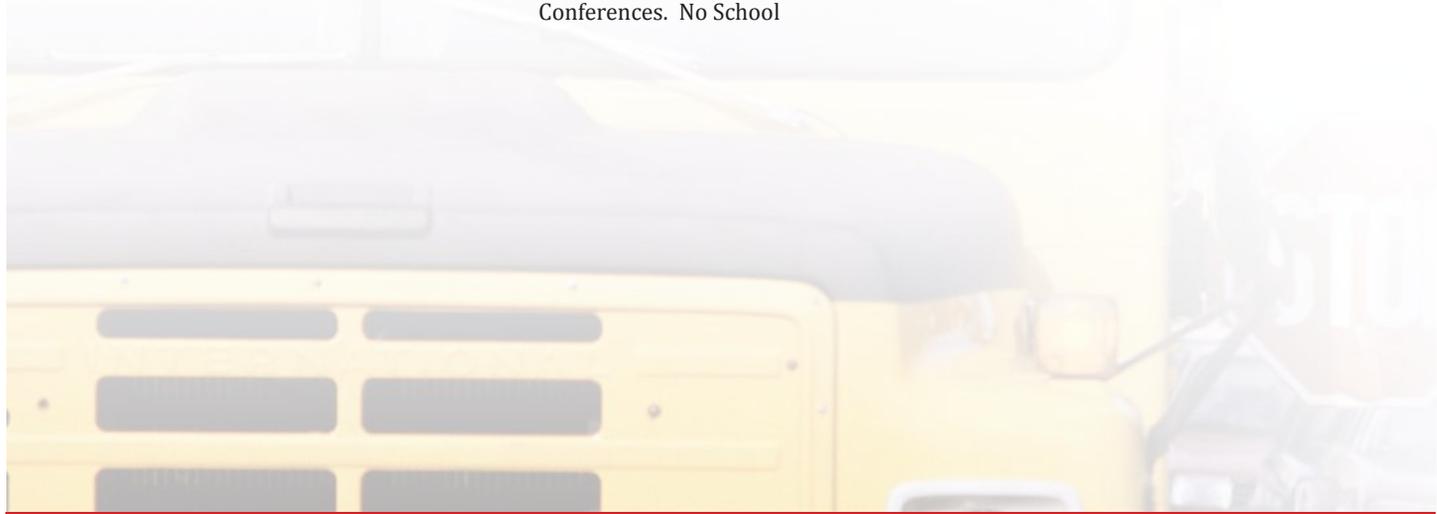
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• February 18 - Regular Governance Council meeting  
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## Theater News

by Marcelle Garfield Cady

# An Exciting Lineup at The Adobe in 2016



The Adobe Theater has an exciting mix of shows for 2016. First up is *Deathtrap*, a wickedly funny comedy thriller by Ira Levin, which opens on January 8. This is followed mid-February by Neil Simon's classic comedy with the famous duo Oscar and Felix in *The Odd Couple*.

One of the great popular successes of recent Broadway history, *Deathtrap* is an ingeniously constructed play which offers a rare and skillful blending of two priceless theatrical ingredients—gasp-inducing thrills and spontaneous laughter. Written in 1978, it holds the record for the longest running comedy-thriller on Broadway and was also nominated for the Tony Award for Best Play.

Seemingly comfortably ensconced in his charming Connecticut home, Sidney Bruhl, a successful writer of Broadway thrillers, is struggling to overcome a dry spell which has resulted in a string of failures and a shortage of funds. A possible break in his fortunes occurs when he receives a script from a student (Clifford Anderson) in the seminar he has been conducting at a nearby college—a thriller which Sidney recognizes immediately as a potential Broadway hit. Sidney's plan, which he devises with his wife's help, is to offer collaboration to the student, an idea which the younger man

quickly accepts. Thereafter suspense mounts steadily as the plot begins to twist and turn with devilish cleverness, and with such an abundance of thrills and laughter, that audiences will be held enthralled until the final, startling moments of the play.

The cast of five features William Lang as Sidney Bruhl (who recently performed on The Adobe stage in *Dancing At Lughnasa* and *Love Letters*); Debi Kierst as his wife, Myra Bruhl; newcomer to The Adobe stage, Shawn King as the young writer, Clifford Anderson. Carolyn Wickwire (recently seen in *Mother Road's Enchanted April*) plays Helga ten Dorp, the *Dutch psychic*; and Rick Huff plays Sidney's attorney, Porter Milgrim.

*Deathtrap* is directed by Hal Simons, well-known for recently directing *Nine, A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum* and *Gypsy*. Not only is he a masterful director, but his acting ability includes the one-man shows *I Am My Own Wife* and *Fully Committed*.

Who isn't familiar with Oscar and Felix – *The Odd Couple*? Neil Simon's classic comedy opens as a group of the guys assembled for cards in the apartment of divorced Oscar Madison. And if the mess is any indication, it is no wonder that his wife left him. Late to arrive is Felix Unger who has just been separated

from his wife. Fastidious, depressed and none too tense, Felix seems suicidal, but as the action unfolds Oscar becomes the one with murder on his mind when the clean-freak and the slob ultimately decide to room together with hilarious results as *The Odd Couple* is born.

Co-directors, Tish and Mike Miller, take up their directorial reins again, together this time, after a long sabbatical. No strangers to The Adobe stage, George A. Williams will assume the role of Felix Unger, and Vern Poitras plays Oscar Madison.

*Deathtrap* opens at The ADOBE Theater on Friday, January 8 and runs four weekends through Sunday, January 31. Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 2:00 p.m., with a special 'Pay What You Will' performance, to benefit the cast and crew on Thursday, January 21, at 7.30 p.m. *The Odd Couple* opens February 12 and runs four weekends through March 6. 'Pay What You Will' performance is Thursday, February 25. Tickets are \$17, seniors and students \$15. Reservations 898-9222 or online at [www.adobetheater.org](http://www.adobetheater.org). The Adobe Theater is located at 9813 Fourth Street NW, Albuquerque, NM 87114.

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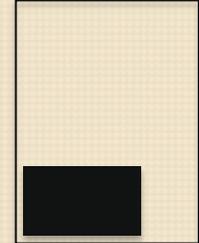
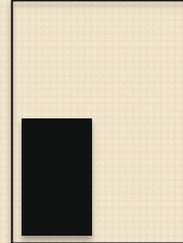
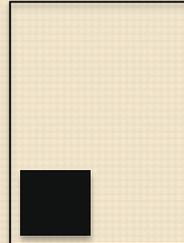
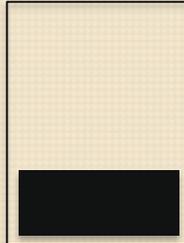
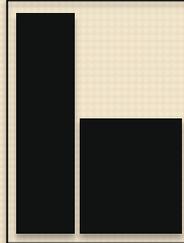
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by Staff Writer

# Creamy Green Chile Chicken Soup

A chill is in the air and a great way to ward it off is with a variation on an old favorite: chicken soup. Here's a Southwestern chicken soup recipe featuring the green chile. Full of Vitamin C, the green chile is also great for soothing the aches and pains of a cold or flu.

Traditional versions of this creamy green chile chicken soup recipe are made with heavy cream or half-and-half, but this recipe from *Eating Well* is made creamy with thickened low-fat milk.

## Creamy Green Chile Chicken Soup

Makes: 4 servings

Serving Size: 1 1/2 cups each

### Ingredients

- 1 pound boneless, skinless chicken breast, trimmed
- 2 cups reduced-sodium chicken broth
- 4 green chiles
- 1/2 cup dry white wine
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 2 cups reduced-fat milk
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground white pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon dried oregano
- 2 tablespoons minced cilantro



Preheat grill to medium-high (if grilling chiles) or preheat oven to 400°F (if roasting chiles).

Place chicken and broth in a large saucepan; bring to a boil. Cover, reduce heat to a simmer and cook, turning the chicken halfway through, until no longer pink in the middle, 10 to 15 minutes, depending on size. Remove from the heat. Transfer the chicken to a clean cutting board, leaving the broth in the pan. When cool enough to handle, shred or chop the chicken into bite-size pieces.

Meanwhile, grill chiles, turning frequently, until blistered on all sides, about 15 minutes. (Alternatively, roast

on a baking sheet, turning once or twice with tongs, until blackened in places, 15 to 20 minutes.) When cool enough to handle, peel and remove stems and seeds. Finely chop 2 chiles; puree the other 2 in a food processor or blender with 1/4 cup of the hot broth.

Whisk 1/2 cup of the broth in a bowl with wine and flour until smooth. Return the pan with the broth to medium heat and whisk in the flour mixture until well combined. Stir in the chopped and pureed chiles and the chicken. Add milk, salt, white pepper and oregano; heat, stirring frequently, until steaming and hot, but not boiling, 10 to 15 minutes. Remove from the heat and stir in cilantro.

### Nutrition

Per serving: 299 calories; 5 g fat (2 g sat, 2 g mono); 72 mg cholesterol; 26 g carbohydrates; 0 g added sugars; 32 g protein; 2 g fiber; 687 mg sodium; 737 mg potassium.

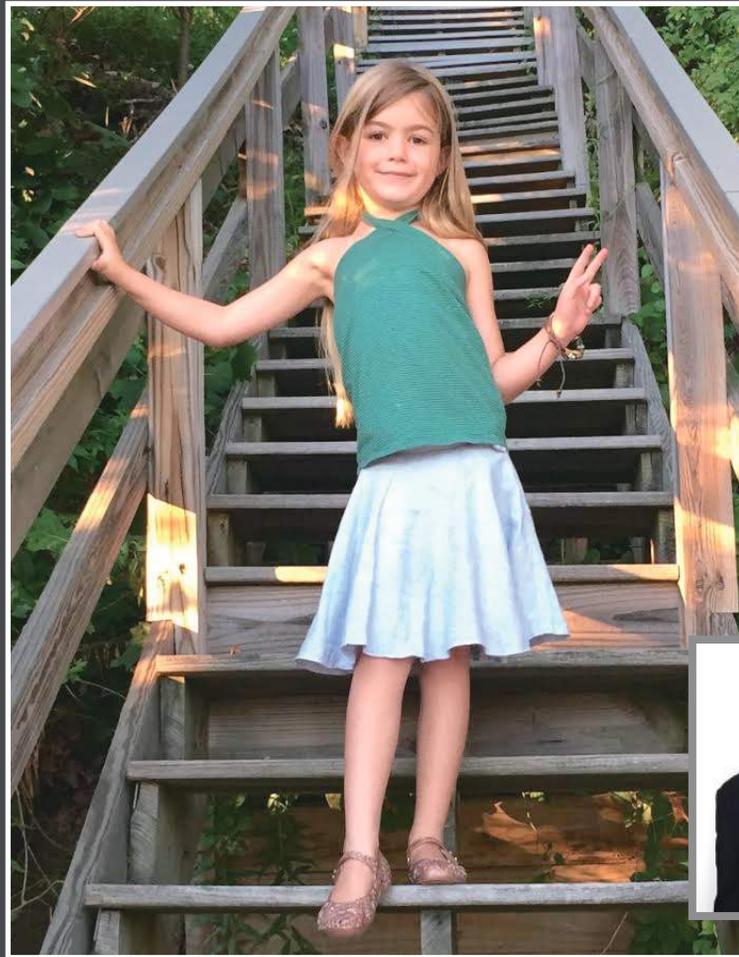
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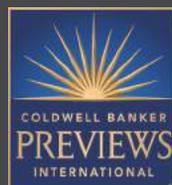
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On Tuesday, March 1, 2016, Village residents will be electing a Mayor and two Board of Trustee members. A list of certified candidates is posted at Village Hall and on the Village website at [losranchosnm.gov/elections](http://losranchosnm.gov/elections).

If you need to register to vote or update your information, please do so before Tuesday, February 2, 2016. Voter registration forms are available at Village Hall. Absentee Voting begins on Tuesday, January 26 and ends on Friday, February 26. Early

Voting at Village Hall begins on Wednesday, February 10 and ends on Friday, February 26.



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