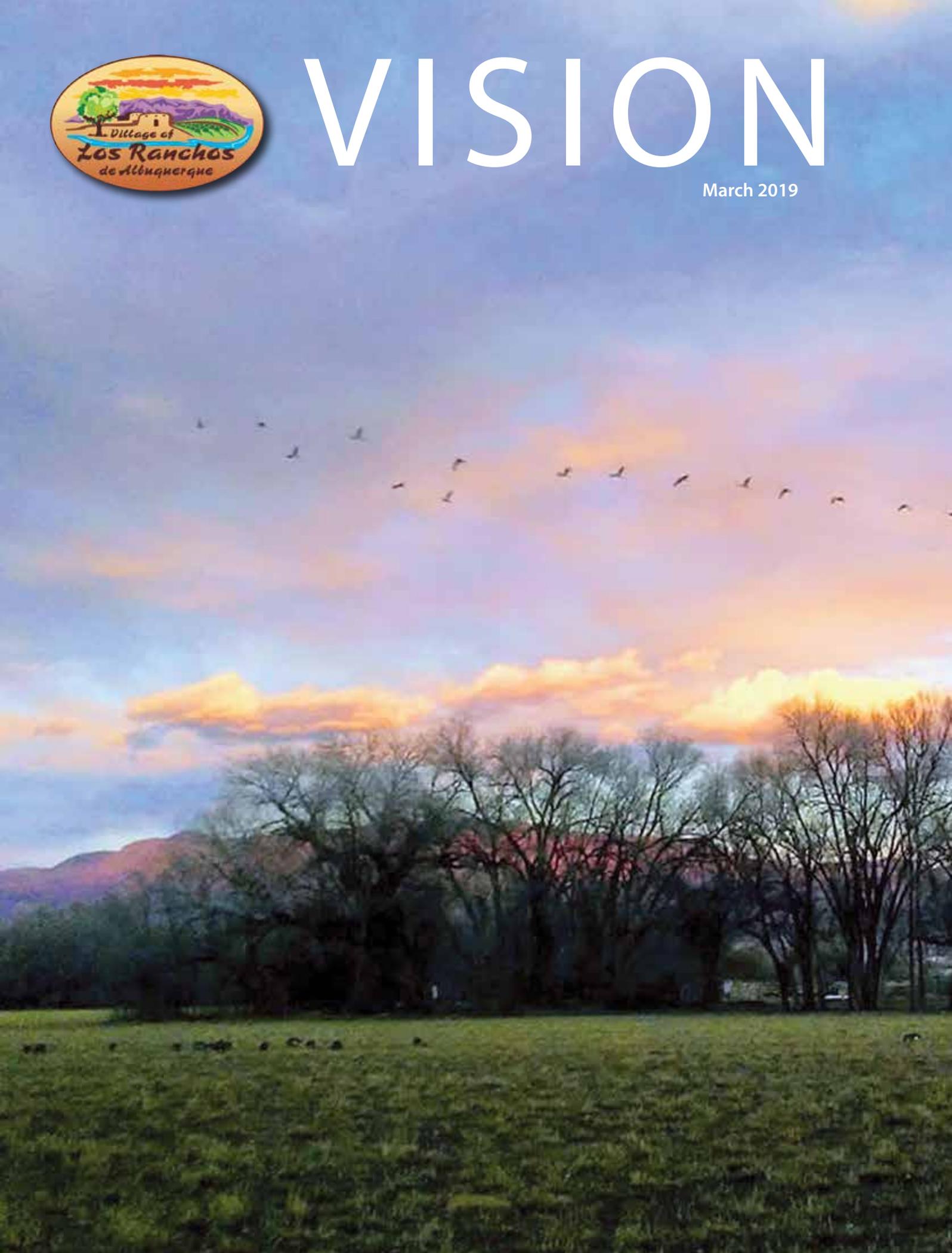




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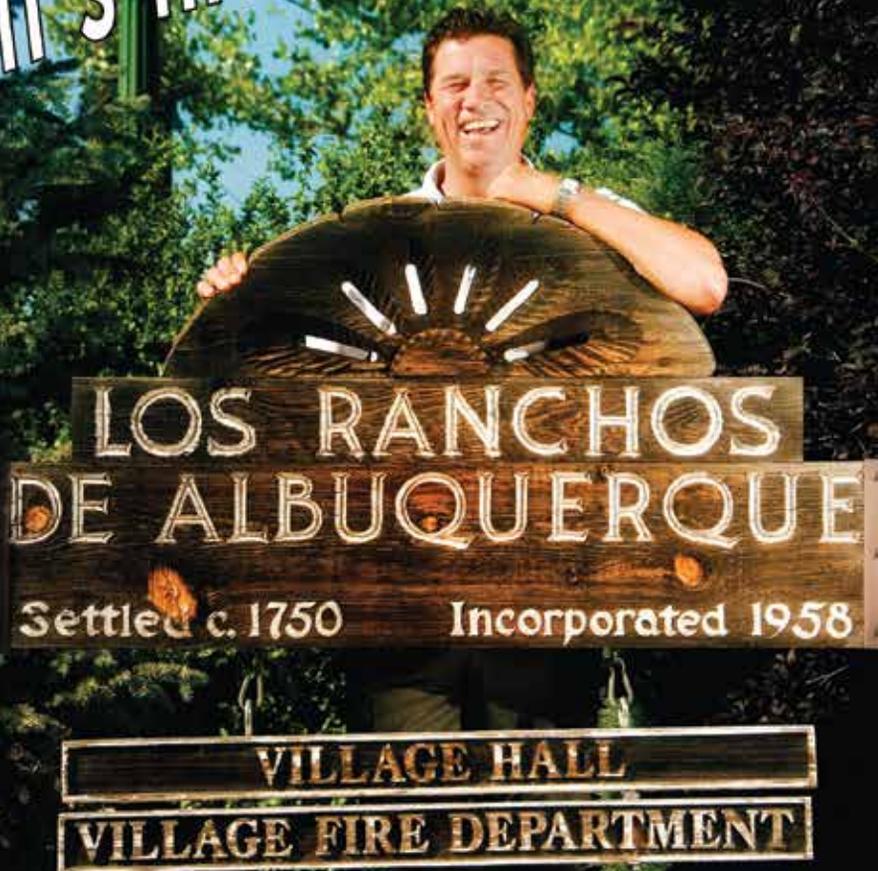
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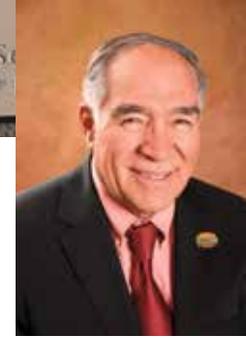
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I am pleased to report on the many initiatives that are ongoing in our Village.

The Village and the Bernalillo County Sheriff's office continue to work together to ensure the Village is a safe community for both residents and visitors as the Sheriff's Department continues to respond to citizen concerns throughout the Village. I am pleased to announce that the Village Public Safety Advisor Fred Radosevich will hold listening sessions the second Wednesday of every month here at Village Hall from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. I invite any resident or business owner with any public safety concern to stop by and visit with him. He can also be reached at [publicsafety@losranchosnm.gov](mailto:publicsafety@losranchosnm.gov).

The Master Plan update process continues with monthly public input meetings, committee meetings, and information regularly updated on the Village website's Master Plan page. We have had one more Master Plan public input meeting since my last update in February on Economic Development. As of this writing, the March public input meeting will be the last topic-specific public input meeting for the Master Plan process.

Thank you to everyone who has attended any of the meetings, your involvement and comments have made this a great part of the process. Our Villagers have brought a great deal of interest, care, and thought about our community to the table through lively conversation. While the Master Plan is a time to look towards the future, it has also been a great way to come together today and enjoy the present. If you have not yet attended, you are always welcome to join in the conversation.

2019 has gotten off to a great start in agriculture with 25 participants at the Grape Propagation Workshop in January, hosted by Dr. Gill Geise, viticulturist with NMSU, and the Southern Rocky Mountain Region Hop Growers workshop on February 14. Both events were held at the Larry P. Abraham Agri-nature Center, where a new sign with event information has been installed. In March, we will hold a grape pruning class on March 2, and a raised bed building class on March 16.

To recap last year, while every growing season is different (quite the understatement), 2018 did not have many frosts or freezes, leading to a pretty good fruit year. Also, while it was

hot in June and July, resulting in many veggie plants having a hard time to set, produce varieties and quantities were quite constant.

This year's agriculture program calendar will see Spring Farm Camp during spring break and Summer Farm Camp during the month of June. More details to follow. Work will also begin in our hops yard, which will be an educational demonstration area backed by classes. An agricultural strategic plan for the future will begin implementation, and we will keep you posted on it.

The Village Growers' Market had record attendance. The regular 28-week season had almost 50,000 customers with an average of approximately 1,800 visitors per market. The five winter markets had almost 3,000 customers, about 600 per market - each winter market is two hours long compared to the four or five hours per market in the regular season. The majority of customers do not live in Los Ranchos. During the regular season, there were 128 different vendors and community groups that came to the market, with an average of 40 vendors per market (not including the arts market vendors). Seven students sold at the market. The market has a lower rate for students to encourage students to grow and sell.

Construction has been completed on the east side of Fourth Street, until the spring when cold-sensitive plantings and street furniture will be installed. I am sure you have noticed that construction has yet to begin on the west side of the street. The Village and our design consultants, Sites Southwest and Tierra West, are completing a constructability review with Bradbury Stamm. Numerous utility and other underground conflicts have been identified and the Village is taking this additional time to avoid immediate and future issues with these conflicts. Additionally, we are working to maximize access to the businesses in the construction zone. Once this review is complete, a final construction schedule will be distributed. This is an unanticipated delay in the project. I assure you that we are working diligently, and I ask you for your continued patience.

# Calendar

## Planning and Zoning Commission Meetings

Tuesday, February 12, 7:00 p.m. *Meeting Cancelled*  
 Tuesday, March 12, 7:00 p.m.  
 Tuesday, April 9, 7:00 p.m.  
 Tuesday, May 14, 7:00 p.m.

## Board of Trustees Regular Meetings

Wednesday, March 13, 7:00 p.m. *Rescheduled to March 20*  
 Wednesday, April 10, 7:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday, May 8, 7:00 p.m.

## Deadlines: Los Ranchos Vision Magazine

*Advertising and Article Submissions Due*  
 Wednesday, February 20, Spring Issue (April-May)  
 Thursday, April 11, June Issue

## Growers' and Arts/Crafts Market

Saturday, March 9, 10 a.m.-noon, *Winter market*  
 Saturday, April 13, 10 a.m.-noon, *Winter market*  
*Last Winter Market*  
 Saturday, May 4, 7 a.m.-noon, *Opening of Market 2019 Season*  
 Saturday, May 11, 7 a.m.-noon, *Regular and Arts & Crafts markets*  
 Saturday, May 18, 7 a.m.-noon, *Regular and Arts & Crafts markets*  
 Saturday, May 25, 7 a.m.-noon, *Regular and Arts & Crafts markets*

## 2035 Master Plan Public Meeting

Tuesday, March 19, 7:00 p.m.

*\*\* Meeting dates and times are subject to change.*  
*Please check the Village website for more information.*

## Larry P. Abraham Agri-Nature Center

Volunteer Program, Wednesdays, 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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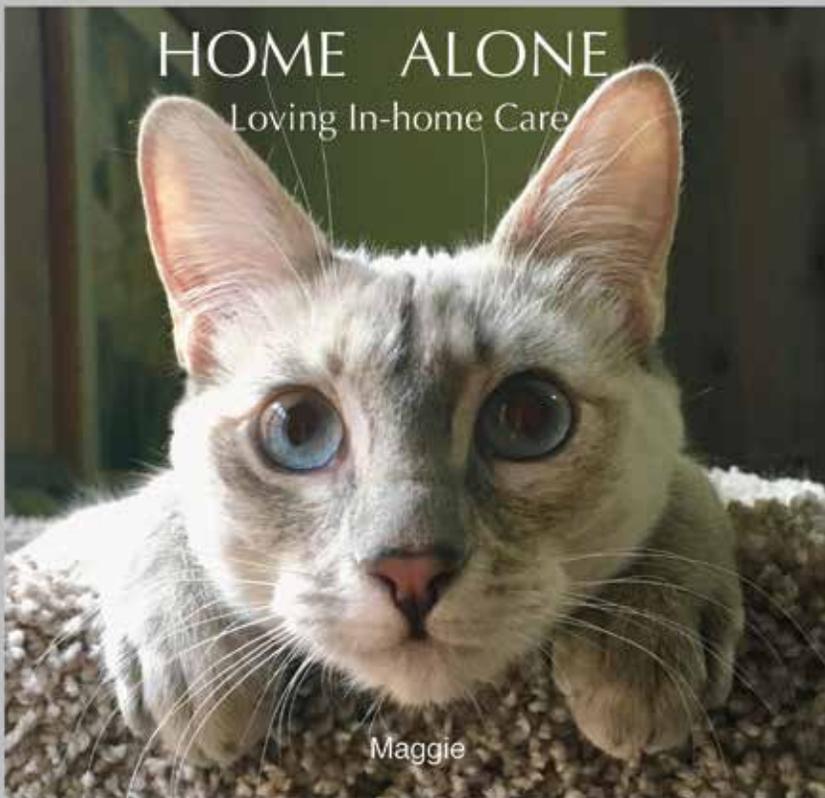
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# Tinnin Farms Homeowner's Association Honors the Late Mayor Larry P. Abraham

by Nancy Haines

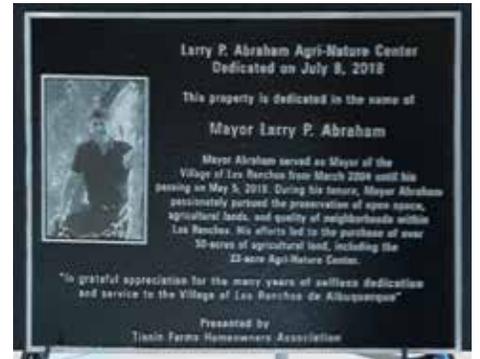
On Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, David Watkins, President of Tinnin Farms Homeowner's Association, presented a plaque honoring the late Mayor Abraham to the Village of Los Ranchos represented by Mayor Donald Lopez at the Larry P. Abraham Agri-Nature Center. TFHOA sponsored this plaque in appreciation for Mayor Abraham's contributions to both the Village and in particular to the Tinnin Farms Development.

The original concept was created by Bob Kitts, Tinnin resident who wanted to "create a nice tribute to a great visionary of our community." Nancy Haines, Village Treasurer and Tinnin resident stated, "What he has accomplished for this Village has been a benefit to us all. What he has contributed to us in Tinnin Farms over the years is worthy of recognition and most of all our appreciation."

The Abraham family, Beverly, Geoffrey, his fiancé Mimosa Andre, the late Mayor's sister Karen; a representation of Tinnin residents and Village employees were present for the tribute. Residents of Tinnin Farms shared stories of the many ways the Mayor's actions benefited the community. Mayor Lopez also shared his experiences and communicated the Village's future plans for the Agricultural Program partnership with New Mexico State University. Geoffrey Abraham spoke eloquently giving thanks and sharing anecdotes about his father.

The plaque will be placed at the entrance of the Center.

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## Ditch Writer Winter Markets

by Sue Brawley

The winter markets are the second Saturday of each month from November to April, 10:00 a.m. to noon. The markets will be held outside in the regular location, the tennis court parking lot, except in the case of inclement weather when the markets will be held in the adjacent community barn. Depending on weather, market vendors may have lots of greens and root crops, including radishes, turnips, and carrots. There may be eggs, leeks, cheeses, and honey. There also will be burritos, hot coffee, pastries (regular and gluten free), and music.

Cold weather bedding plants and some hardy veggie and herb starts may be available. While the last frost date is theoretically April 15, you can plant in protected areas hardy veggies under row cover or using walls of water.

Check out our website for

more information about what local produce and products will be at the market. Or visit our Facebook page at Los Ranchos Growers' Market for local product information and to view pictures.

### Agriculture Farm Extension Classes

Check out the list of classes on the Village's website that are being offered this year at the Larry P. Abraham Agri-Nature Center jointly sponsored by Bernalillo County Extension and the Village. Cost per class is \$5.00, and you can register by calling Bernalillo County Extension at 505-243-1386. Spring classes include:

- Saturday, March 2, 9:00 a.m. -12 :00 p.m. - Grape Pruning
- Saturday, March 16, 9:00 a.m. -12 :00 p.m. - Raised Beds Building Class
- Saturday, April 6, 9:00 a.m. -12 :00 p.m. - Cover Crops
- Wednesday, May 1, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. -Leafy Greens "Cut and Come Back"

### Want to be a Vendor? Selling Extra Produce at the Market:

As you are planning your backyard garden, you and/or your children may want to plant a little extra to give away or to sell. Whether you have a basket of peaches or several heads of lettuce, the Growers' Market encourages "backyard growers" and students to sell at the market. If you would like to sell at the market on an occasional basis or regular basis, call Colene Montoya at 610-9591 or send an email to montoya4664@hotmail.com.



## From Market to Your Table

by Lorilee McDowell

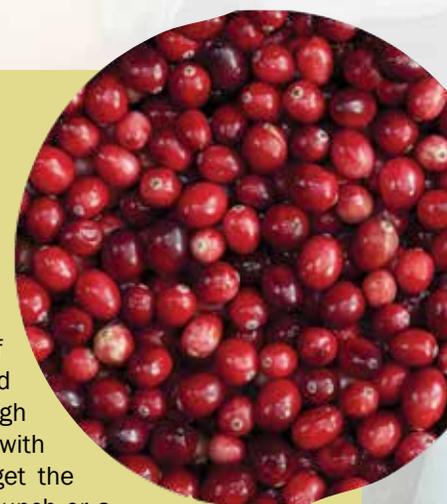
### Spinach Salad

Hurrah! Spinach is back in season at the market. Get a nice bunch and wash and dry it well, and remove the heavy stems. Tear the leaves into pieces and place in a salad bowl. Add a cup or more of dried cranberries.

For a dressing, try bottled poppy seed from the store. It is good over the spinach, combined with a sliced grapefruit and an avocado in chunks.

If you'd like to make your own dressing, mix a tablespoon of minced shallot, a spoon of sesame seeds, and the same amount of poppy seeds. Add a large spoon of sugar,

some sweet paprika, a couple spoons of white wine vinegar, the same amount of good apple cider vinegar, and enough olive oil to make enough dressing for the salad. Toss with the spinach, and do not forget the cranberries! A great healthy lunch or a dinner side dish.



# Rediscover the Village

## Our Arresting Spring

by Dave Bexfield

The Valley? Not on our radar. At all. And aren't there bugs? But, I guess, sure. Homes you can wheel around in do not grow on trees. They are usually called "adult facilities" and conveniently serve food you can gum.



Spring Bradford Pear

Oh, Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, you sneaky little devil. I wasn't supposed to live here. No siree. Nope. After living over 20 years in our starter home on the west side, Laura and I had scraped and scrimped enough to pay off the mortgage early. I was ecstatic. We were unbelievably debt free. Maybe we could travel more. Buy a fancy car. Retire early. Oh, the possibilities! Right honey?

"I want to move." Wait. What? Like move around in a new automobile as we explore life blissfully debt free while contemplating early retirement?

"No, like move to the Foothills, move." Since I worked from home, did not have to commute over the river, and earned one slice of bacon to her package, this decision was not up for much negotiation. And so in March of 2015, after unsuccessfully patrolling Zillow for months, we went to our first open house. In the Foothills. Alas the house we were mildly interested in went under contract that morning, so we blindly went into another open house nearby.

Like most homes in the Foothills, there were random steps. And for someone with an ornery case of multiple sclerosis that requires the use of a wheelchair, that is sorta a problem. As are hills, which tend to be plentiful in an area with "hills" in the name. At least there is a relatively flat bike trail that, while not in the bosque, features nice views of the mountains and an ever-present breeze — of cars whooshing past you on Tramway Blvd at 60 mph. At least while cycling on my three-wheeled hand trike I can smile and wave to people at stoplights... and watch them not smile and not wave back. I was unenthused. And then I overheard a conversation.

A woman was explaining to the open house realtor that she was caring for her elderly mother and needed an ADA or universal design home. "Hey, us too!" I chimed. I also perhaps jokingly quipped that I had out-bid her if such a unicorn could be found in the hilly Foothills. Although I wasn't completely joking.



"I'm downsizing and selling my home in the North Valley," Theresa explained. "It's wheelchair accessible. It's not on the market yet, but maybe you'd like to look at it?"

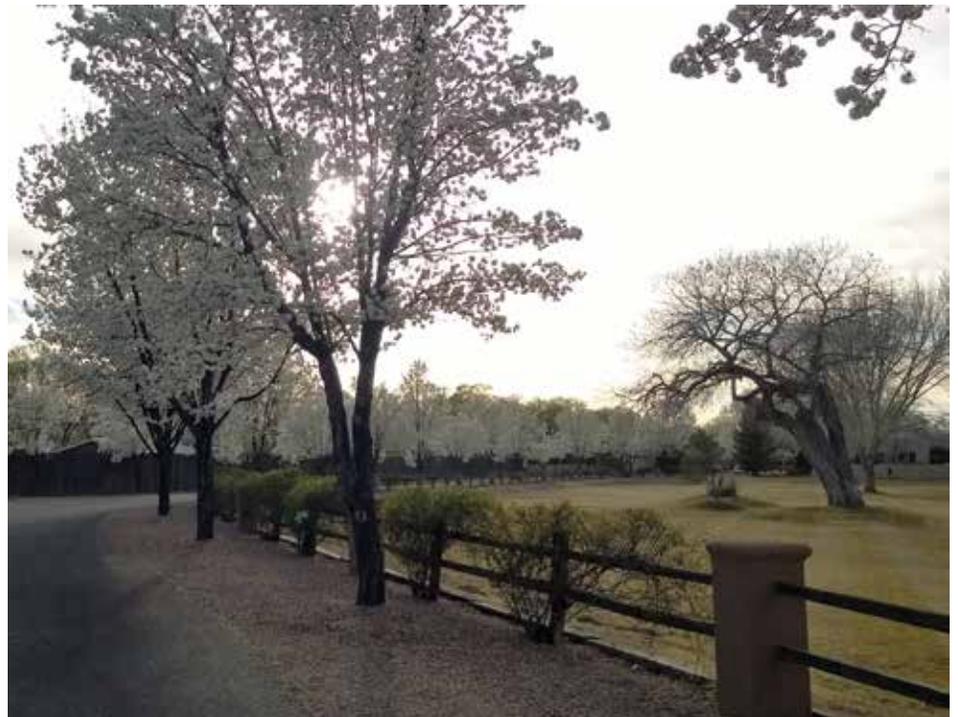
The Valley? Not on our radar. At all. And aren't there bugs? But, I guess, sure. Homes you can wheel around in do not grow on trees. They are usually called "adult facilities" and conveniently serve food you can gum. Several days and a dozen more nixed Foothills (and Old Town and Nob Hill) homes later, we drove down Fourth St into the Village of Los Ranchos with a cautious eye. Could we live here?

Turn at the giant horse on a sign? Oh-kay. Or we could turn on Tyler, just be careful of the guinea hens. Oh-kay. And then we started to get into the



*Spring Guinea Hens*

*Spring Street*



*Spring Pear Trees*

trees, and the quiet. We rolled down our windows. It was mid-March and spring was coming out of its cocoon, but I had never seen it quite like this in other parts of Albuquerque. But this was not Albuquerque. Maybe we could live here.

And then we kept exploring. Signs of spring were everywhere. Trees stretching out of their winter slumber, new buds aplenty. People out for afternoon strolls—walking dogs, holding hands, laughing at jokes lost to us in the breeze. Oh, and what's this? A street lined with blooming Bradford pears for

a breathtaking blizzard of white. And Laura and I looked at each other. You know, that look. That our-lives-could-change-forever-right-here-right-now look.

And then. And then we knew we were home. The fact that the house was wheelchair accessible and perfect for us in just about every respect (well, except for the darn mortgage) almost seemed immaterial. It was then, and still is, another brilliant day in the Village.



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7205 Rio Grande	926202	\$2,250,000.00	9.72	9723	5	3	7	Kate Southard	Kate Southard Real Estate	(505) 264-9586
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## Real Estate

# Give Tripas a Break

by Tim Tourville, CRS

The A-1 Zoning has worked well to preserve the agricultural feel of our Village, but in some instances, the restrictions have had a severe and negative impact on land value. It would serve us well to change the zoning of some lots that are negatively affected by the A-1 code, especially the tripas lots.

*"...tripas are long, narrow lots which are typical of an older pattern of agricultural land use in the North Valley. Many families in the area, particularly early hispanic settlers, passed on land to each of their descendants in equal parts. Agricultural land in the area was worthless without access to irrigation and a roadway, so land was divided such that each lot maintained access to both." <http://losranchosnm.gov/history/>*

The A-1 zoning does have this exception:

5) For very narrow (less than sixty (60) feet wide) tripa, unusually small, and/or unusual shaped lots, one side yard setback may be reduced to less than ten (10) feet providing building height meets the conditions of this Section.

For discussion purposes, let's use a one acre, 60 foot wide tripa lot as an

example. An acre is 43,560 square feet, divided by 60 feet gives you a length of 726 feet. Our FAR (Floor Area Ratio) ordinance basically allows a maximum 20 percent of rooftop per acre assuming a single story, less than 17 feet high, including but not limited to house, casita, garages, sheds, etc. Therefore, the building envelope would be 8,712 square feet. The maximum width of the buildable area would be 30 feet because of the 15 foot set backs on either side creating a maximum length of 290 feet. This makes the possible structure dimensions extremely disproportionate and unappealing. The typical width of a 3,000 square foot house is 72 feet, so you can see how these restrictions greatly reduce the value of a tripa lot, as the building envelope width is inordinately narrow at 30 feet. The below sketch will give you a pretty good idea of the building ratios as they relate to the total lot size.

Some say it is okay because you can use the rest of the land to farm. Well that's not happening. Take a look at an aerial view of tripa lots in the Village and you will see mostly weeds; proof that the A-1 zoning is not contributing

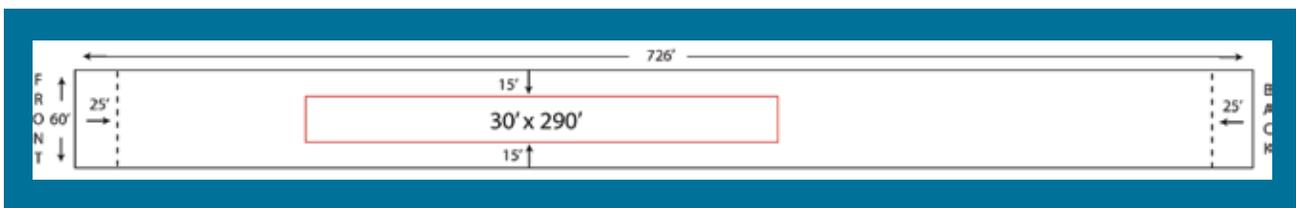


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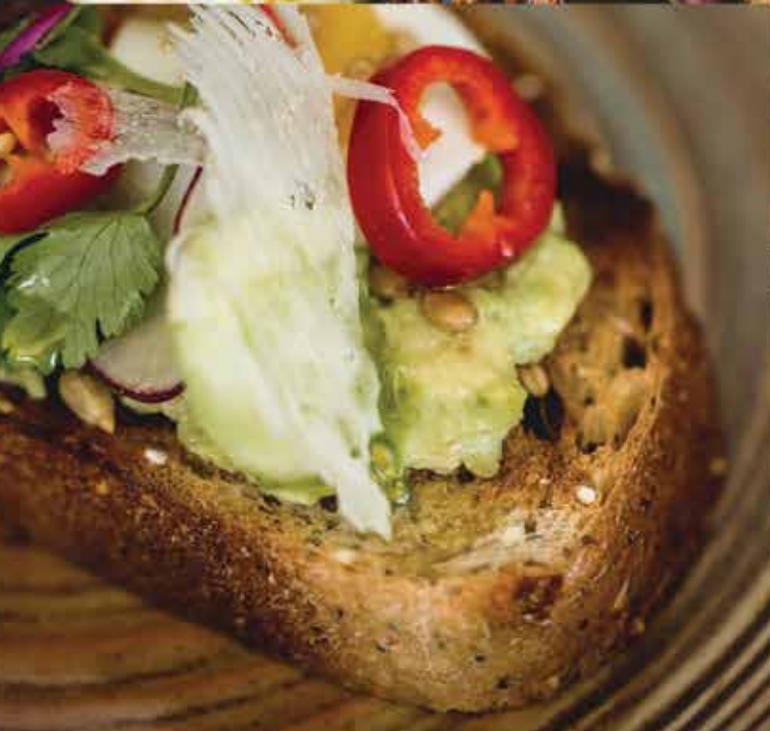
to the agricultural feel of the Village when it comes to tripa lots.

I have had conversations with a few architects, including George Radnovich, that believe, if given a little leeway, some really cool houses can be built on the tripas lots. So, why not change the restrictions to allow for a desirable residence or residences. Not only will it provide an opportunity for some appropriately proportioned houses, it just may get rid of some weeds.



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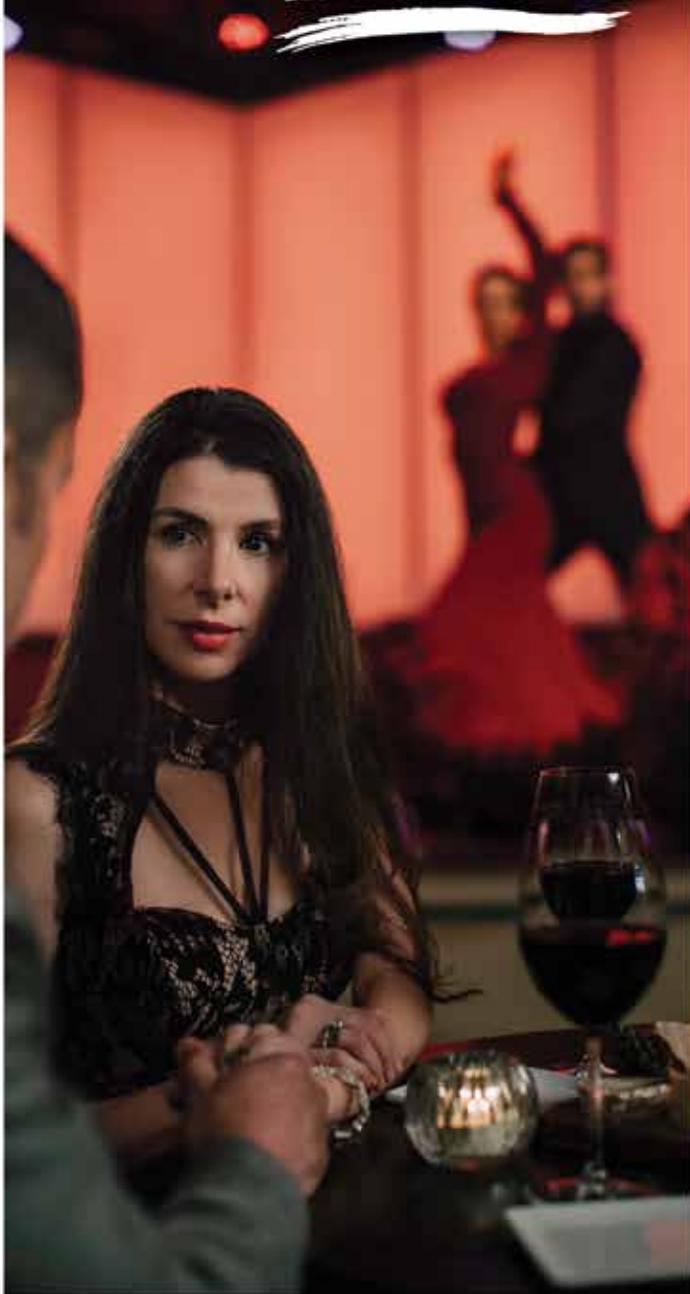
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## Finance

# Cybersecurity Tips for Small Businesses

by Amos Gonzales,

Wells Fargo District Manager, Albuquerque, NM West

From digital payments to social media to mobile ordering, technology has radically transformed how small business owners operate. At the same time, the speed of technology innovations has created an increasingly difficult challenge: how to protect a business from cyber threats.

Many initially think about large companies when discussing cybersecurity breaches, but small businesses are just as vulnerable to threats. In fact, a single business can spend more than \$1 million recovering from damage or theft of IT assets. This can cripple a small business.

The best defense is to be prepared, so here are some strategies you can take to make your business more resilient to cyber threats: Understand your unique needs for security.

Business owners must understand that having a one-size-fits-all approach to cybersecurity can leave substantial gaps, making their businesses vulnerable. The first step is to think about exposure: this includes the hardware and software you are using as well as operations conducted via web or cloud-based systems. You should also consider what unique threats there are to a particular system. An important note: it is not enough to think about your own business. What about the third-party vendors you've hired? Any of their vulnerabilities will affect you too.

### **Prevent against the vulnerability of connected systems**

Connectivity of systems both internally and externally has been a major driver of technological progress, and the advent of things like cloud-based storage and mobile payment options have made doing business easier. But while interconnected systems may make things run more efficiently, it also can increase risk – a vulnerability in one system can affect the connected ones as well.

Keeping critical systems like payroll, business email, and point-of-sale (POS) separate can decrease the inherent risks of connectivity and help ensure that one cyber threat doesn't compromise a business' entire operation. Another solid strategy is to have a well-integrated backup system for both internal and customer information. Regularly backing up all files and having separate POS solutions can help you to prevent a business from being potentially crippled in the event of an attack.

### **Handle employee access carefully**

Employees can also be a major threat to a company's cybersecurity infrastructure. Ensuring proper training and clearly defining access to systems based on your employees' roles helps to cut down the risk that they will introduce a cyber-threat, intentionally or not. Managing the access of employees also includes regularly updating any



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security credentials like usernames and passwords, and immediately removing an employee's access following termination. These are elements that easily can be forgotten and yet can cause serious issues if left unchecked.

### **Do not forget mobile security**

The security of mobile devices like smartphones and tablets is also a key consideration in guarding against cyber threats. Regularly updating passcodes, only downloading applications and files from trusted sources, and avoiding any suspicious links or texts are all important to protecting your business from the risks of mobile technology. In addition, using anti-virus software for mobile devices helps protect them in places with public networks like airports, convention centers, and coffee shops.

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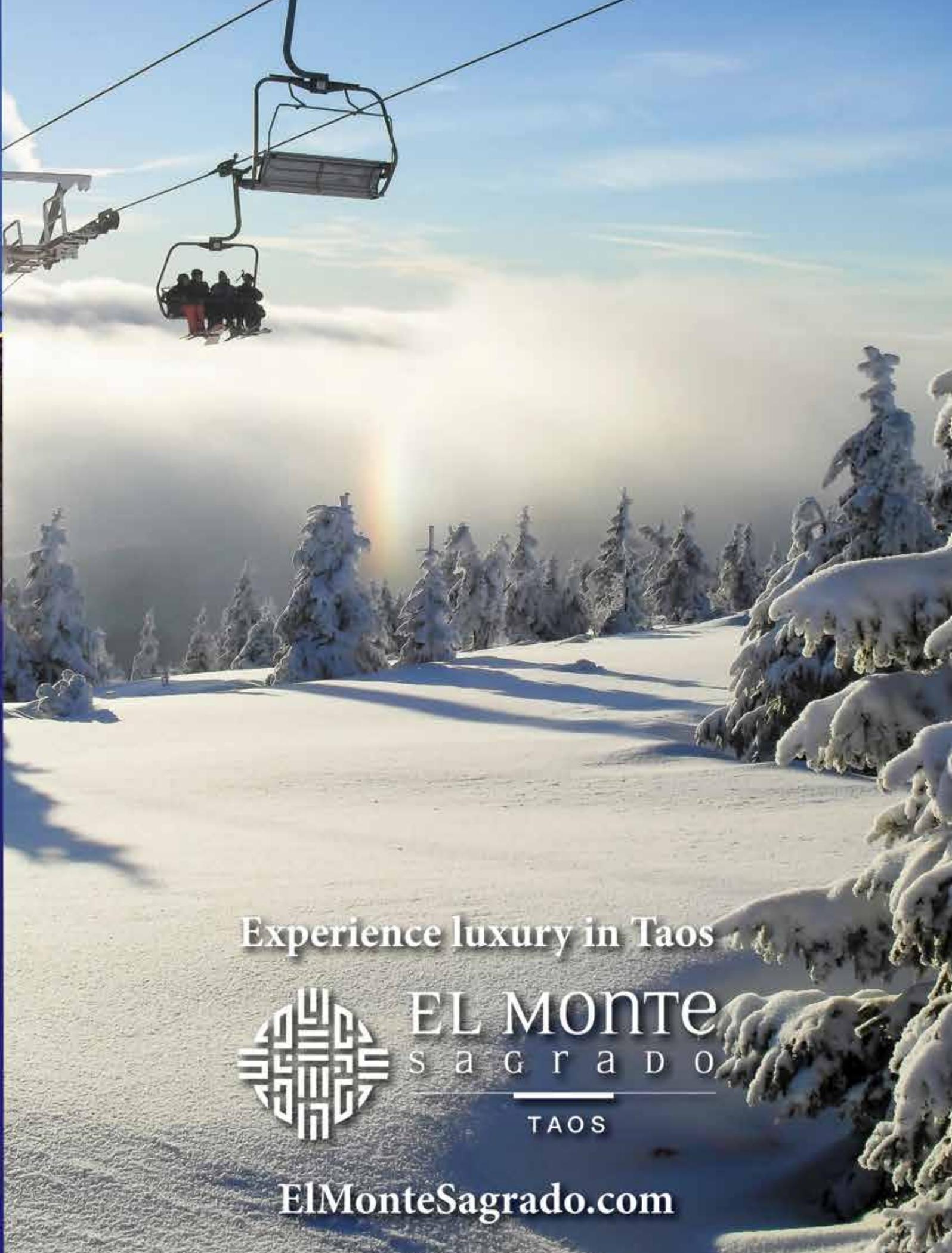


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## Agricultural Valuation Special Method of Valuation for the Village of Los Ranchos *by Fergus Whitney*

At our Agriculture Committee meeting in December, we had a discussion with County Assessor Tanya R. Giddings. The Bernalillo County Assessor's office is committed to fairly and equitably administering the special method of valuation throughout the county.

Assessor Giddings shared the number of parcels with the special method of valuation for 2018 in Bernalillo County of 3,780 and of the 2,430 total parcels in Los Ranchos, 213 have the special method of valuation. She then went on to summarize the statutes of the Agriculture Tax Exemption.

Assessor Giddings also introduced Mr. Tom Sams who oversees Agriculture Tax Evaluations and Exemptions. He gave a brief summary of the process. He said that orchards, poultry and fish were exceptions to the one acre minimum. Applications for the Exemptions can be found online or obtained from the Assessor's office as hard copies. He indicated that the one-year Bona Fide agricultural use is needed prior to applying for an agricultural evaluation.

He said in order to receive an evaluation, the owner should have good record keeping and documentation including bona fide evidence of agriculture use, pictures that document agriculture use, property changes that may affect agriculture, and any subdivisions, to promote good communication. If agriculture use is maintained, lands that were sold with or without a house can be immediately evaluated for the new owner in reference to the agriculture tax exemption.

The assessors' staff is up to speed on current evaluations/appraisals and double checks them for accuracy.

Tom also explained that if contiguous properties are owned by close family members, they can apply for the agriculture tax exemption as a unit.

The Agriculture Committee discussed with Assessor Giddings the small "a" agriculture, highlighting the high percentage of one-acre parcels in the Village. A brief history of why the Village had so many one-acre parcels was given. Vertical farming was discussed by the Committee, and it was shared with Assessor Giddings that this concept be put into consideration when an agriculture assessment is carried out.

A statistic was given by a member of the committee stating that a minimum of 20 percent of one-acre plots could be under agriculture. He feared losing water rights on the land not being used and water rights being sold off by those selling land. He referred to it as "use it or lose it" and that would not be a positive scenario for Los Ranchos.

It was reiterated that it is important to keep receipts and documentation including photographs for the assessor, along with good communication, to help make a good assessment of land usage for agriculture.

All exemptions including the special method of valuation and information about them, as well as property information have historically been made available on the Bernalillo County Assessor website at [www.bernco.gov/assessor](http://www.bernco.gov/assessor)



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and every year on a property owners Notice of Value in early spring.

Among the “lessons learned” in this discussion was the importance to build rapport and ask questions when they arise or when filling out paperwork and other documentation. Also, the Village should look to other states to see how they overcome challenges regarding the high percentage of one-acre lots. What are other states doing to counteract this? Realtors need to be informed or reminded that land which already has an agricultural tax exemption can more easily be evaluated for potential transfer to the buyer, as they too can receive the agriculture tax exemption.

The agriculture committee recommended communication should continue between the Village and the Bernalillo County Assessor’s office and an annual meeting could take place to keep everyone up to speed.

Here are the links for applying for the special method of valuation, which are also available on our website or by contacting Agriculture Program Manager Fergus Whitney at 505 344 6582, Ext 116

or email [fwhitney@losranchosnm.gov](mailto:fwhitney@losranchosnm.gov). Also, here are some direct links to forms you may need, which can be found on website under forms and permits.

- **Agriculture Policy and Procedures**  
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For our Veteran farmers in the community they can also apply for Tax Exemptions outside of Agriculture. Veterans are encouraged to apply before April 30, 2019 in order to receive the exemption for tax year 2019.

Please visit the assessor’s website for additional information. Applications are available at <https://www.bernco.gov/assessor-office>, or visit the NMD-VS Network of Care website at [www.newmexico.networkofcare.org](http://www.newmexico.networkofcare.org).

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Wednesday, December 11 - Wine Tasting for the Holidays by Dr. Gill Giese	6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

All classes will be held at the:

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For more details contact:

Fergus Whitney - Agriculture Program Manager- 505-344-6582.

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Pablo Rael, Mayor Donald Lopez, Mary Homan and Allen Lewis

## Board of Trustees Meeting Report

January 9

The next regular meeting  
will be held on  
Wednesday, March 20, 2019

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

#### A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Lopez called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., Trustee Homan may join the meeting by telephone.

*MOTION: Trustee Rael moved approval of the agenda. Trustee Lewis seconded the motion.*

*VOTE: The motion carried, 2-0.*

Mayor Lopez said with regard to agenda items 8.A and 8.B., there was an issue with the legal advertisement and a special meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 23, 2019. If you would like to speak about those agenda items, please do so under public comment.

### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

1. Diana Clark, 601 El Paraiso Rd NW, said what I want to speak about is not on the agenda. We were at the meeting last night regarding the request for a home occupancy license at 433 El Paraiso. It was approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission and we thought you would also have to approve it. Planner McDonough said home occupation licenses are heard by the Commission and that action is final unless the decision is appealed.

Diana Clark asked how to appeal the decision. Planner McDonough said a letter is filed with the Clerk and there is a \$150.00 fee. Diana Clark asked if the applicant of the home occupancy license was the owner, and I do not believe she is the owner of the property. At least the tax roll says she is not. I wrote the Mayor a letter about traffic on El Paraiso and Mullen.

2. Marcia Smiles, 623 El Paraiso Rd, said this is in reference to the home occupancy license. When the Dr. Hedge's office, the Fruit Basket, and other commercial development was built at Fourth and El Paraiso it was in the contingency that there would not be more traffic on El Paraiso. The Fruit Basket and Dr. Hedges do not have an egress or entrance onto Mullen or El Paraiso. The other businesses have a no-right turn sign and you have to turn left. This home occupancy license creates more traffic after the contingency against additional traffic. When I looked at the tax rolls Lisa Knighton is not listed as the owner of the property. Mayor Lopez asked that she meet with Fred Radosevich to discuss her traffic concerns.

3. Camille Varoz, 427 El Paraiso, said I wanted to thank the administration, Mayor, and Trustees for the hospitality time before the holidays. People that came today, we did not look at the agenda, we thought the Trustees had to vote on the home occupancy license.

There were objections and petitions. That is disconcerting because I feel when there is a petition with so many

signatures, and even though there are guidelines, when there are existing concerns and we were disregarded. I have been coming to these meetings whether it is Planning and Zoning or Trustees Meetings. There are already decisions made. What is a public opinion and/or documentation of concerns that are factual, not personal. Where is the sense of neighborhood. How many, if there are 150 home permits, are we going to approve just because the applicant meets the criteria. That means our neighborhoods will be impacted. We pay taxes and elect officials to act on our behalf for our benefit and quality of life in our rural Village. It seems to be turning into something else, commercial.

4. Bernice Ledden, 427 Mullen Rd, said regarding 435 El Paraiso I will be part of the appeal.

5. Celia Rodgers, 427 El Paraiso, said I will be a part of the appeal. I just accepted a role with Deb Haaland's office, the first Native American Women elected to Congress. I have deep roots here in the Village of Los Ranchos. I support urban values, but feel this neighborhood is changing its vision. I do not feel our voices are being heard. I hope you will thoroughly review the appeal and consider the peace of mind and family values that will be emphasized in the appeal.

### 3. PRESENTATIONS

*None.*

### 4. CONSENT AGENDA

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.

#### A. MINUTES – DECEMBER 12, 2018 – REGULAR MEETING.

MOTION: Trustee Rael moved approval of the consent agenda with the following correction, line 102 change "used" to "use". Trustee Lewis seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion carried, 2-0. 101

### 5. REPORTS

#### A. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Lopez reported on the following:

- Special Meeting on Wednesday, January 23, 2019. The agenda has been posted.
- The Village Clerk, Stephanie Dominguez will be leaving.
- I will be meeting with NMSU to discuss agriculture in the Village.

#### C. PLANNER'S REPORT

Planner McDonough reported on the following:

- Master Plan meetings continue, the next public meeting will be held on January 15, 2019 to discuss residential development.
- Business registration renewals continue.

#### D. LEGAL REPORT

Attorney Chappell reported on the following:

- Second Street Holdings depositions are complete, the Village is not a party.
- Working on the MOU/Lease with Explora to run Village Farm Camps.

#### E. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

Fred Radosevich, Public Safety Liaison, reported on the following:

- Continue meeting with Captain Sharp, BCSO North Valley Commander.
- Attended Stop and Shop to monitor pedestrian crossings.
- Month of November: BCSO responded to 518 calls for service; 91 traffic stops (62 - Fourth Street; 6 - Rio Grande; 23 - Other; 9 - Construction Area; 19 - Fourth/Ortega); 111 welfare checks; 27 alarm calls; 34 disturbances; 6 burglaries; 2 auto thefts; 3 robberies. 130

F. FOURTH STREET PROJECT UPDATE

Project Manager Maria Rinaldi reported on the following:

- East side construction will be complete, with the exception of the northbound traffic lane, by the end of next week.
- Completing a design change to improve the life of the pavement.
- Currently under a constructability review for the westside of the street. Taking additional time to improve on the construction progression.
- Construction contract will be amended once the constructability review is complete. The original contract amount was \$6,300,000.00 current contract amount is \$6,587,209.00 which includes change orders (#1 and #2). Change order #3 recently executed in the amount of \$15,271.00.

6. FINANCIAL BUSINESS

A. CASH REPORTS – NOVEMBER 2018

Treasurer Haines said the ending cash balance as of December 31, 2018 is \$6,263,732.92 which is an increase of \$27,225.53 for this month. Payments to Bradburry Stamm totaled \$238,788.21.

*MOTION: Trustee Rael moved approval of the cash report. Trustee Lewis seconded the motion.*

*VOTE: The motion carried, 2-0.*

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPLICATIONS

*None*

8. OLD BUSINESS

- A. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL TO ADOPT AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2013 CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF LOS RANCHOS DE ALBUQUERQUE CHAPTER 2, ADMINISTRATION OF OFFICERS, ARTICLE 1 VILLAGE OFFICERS : AN AMENDMENT ADDING SECTION 8, ELECTION OF MAYOR AND TRUSTEES, §2.1.8,-AN AMENDMENT OPTING IN, PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION B OF SECTION 1-22-3.1 NMSA 1978, TO ELECT THE MAYOR AND TRUSTEES AT THE REGULAR LOCAL ELECTION HELD ON THE FIRST TUESDAY AFTER THE FIRST MONDAY IN NOVEMBER OF EACH ODD- NUMBERED YEAR, SHORTENING CURRENT ELECTED OR APPOINTED OFFICIAL'S TERMS (ORDINANCE #266).

*\*Deferred to Special Meeting on January 23,2019.*

- B. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL TO ADOPT AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2013 CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF LOS RANCHOS DE ALBUQUERQUE CHAPTER 11 MUNICIPAL COURT, ARTICLE 1 MUNICIPAL COURT, SECTION 4, ELECTION OF JUDGE, § 11.1.4, AND SECTION 5, VACANCIES, § 11.1.5- AN AMENDMENT OPTING IN, PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION B OF SECTION 1-22-3.1 NMSA 1978, TO ELECT THE MUNICIPAL JUDGE AT THE REGULAR LOCAL ELECTION HELD ON THE FIRST TUESDAY AFTER THE FIRST MONDAY IN NOVEMBER OF EACH ODD-NUMBERED YEAR, SHORTENING THE CURRENT ELECTED OR APPOINTED MUNICIPAL JUDGE'S TERM (ORDINANCE # 267).

*\*Deferred to Special Meeting on January 23,2019.*

Trustee Rael provided the following correction under 11.1.5 Vacancies, remove extra "regular".

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2019-1-1A RESOLUTION CONCERNING GOVERNING BODY MEETINGS AND PUBLIC NOTICE REQUIREMENTS AS REQUIRED BY THE NEW MEXICO OPEN MEETINGS ACT.**

*Trustee Rael provided the following correction, remove repeated "held for the purpose".*

*MOTION: Trustee Rael moved to approve Resolution 2019-1-1.*

*Trustee Lewis seconded the motion.*

*Attorney Chappell said this resolution will need a majority vote of all members, this resolution will need to be deferred to the February meeting.*

*Trustee Rael and Trustee Lewis rescinded their motions to approve Resolution 2019-1-1.*

*MOTION: Trustee Lewis moved to defer Resolution 2019-1-1 to the February 2019 Board of Trustees Meeting.*

*Trustee Rael seconded the motion.*

*VOTE: The motion carried, 2-0.*

Proceeding Trustee Homan joining the meeting, Mayor Lopez asked if Agenda Item 9.A. can be reinstated.

Attorney Chappell said I believe you can vote to reinstate Agenda Item 9.A.

*MOTION: Trustee Rael moved to rescind the deferral of Resolution 2019-1-1.*

*Trustee Lewis seconded the motion.*

*VOTE: The motion carried, 3-0.*

*MOTION: Trustee Rael moved to approve Resolution 2019-1-1.*

*Trustee Lewis seconded the motion.222*

*ROLL CALL VOTE: Trustee Rael-aye, Trustee Homan-aye, Trustee Lewis-aye.*

*VOTE: The motion carried, 3-0. 226*

**B. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF A LEASE EXTENSION BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF LOS RANCHOS DE ALBUQUERQUE AND MACCABEE GUNS, LLC/BA/ LOS RANCHOS GUN SHOP, PROPERTY LOCATED AT 6540-6542 FOURTH STREET.**

Attorney Chappell said this is one of the businesses on Fourth Street that was acquired by the Village. The other businesses are on a month to month lease. The lease was extended last year, and the owner has requested a one year extension. Robert Maw, President of Republic Forge manufacturer and federal firearm licensee, said one of the reasons for a one year lease is that it can take three to six months to move a federal firearm license from an address.

Trustee Homan joined the meeting by telephone at 7:44 p.m.

*MOTION: Trustee Rael moved approval of the lease extension.*

*Trustee Homan seconded the motion.*

*VOTE: The motion carried, 3-0.*

**10. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*No action was taken.*

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

*The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.*



## Planning & Zoning Meeting Report

**January 8**

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**The next regular meeting  
will be held on  
Tuesday, April 9, 2019**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

A. ROLL CALL- THERE WAS A QUORUM PRESENT. VICE-CHAIR PHILLIPS CONDUCTED THE MEETING. COMMISSIONER BRAWLEY WAS EXCUSED, COMMISSIONER PARK WAS ABSENT.

B. AGENDA

1. Approval of Agenda

*The agenda was approved as presented (6-0).*

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Camille Varoz 427 El Paraiso Road NW read part of the Home Occupation ordinance when, Vice-Chair Phillips interrupted her and stated that was on the agenda under public hearings and she could make her comments known then. He then closed the Public Comment Period as there were no other speakers.

**3. 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.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – NOVEMBER 13, 2018 REGULAR MEETING

*The minutes were approved as changed unanimously 6-0.*

**4. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPLICATIONS**

- A. HO #543 A REQUEST BY LISA KNIGHTON FOR A HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT AS AUTHORIZED UNDER §9.2.25(D)(4) HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT. THE APPLICANT DESIRES TO PROVIDE INDOOR PHYSICAL TRAINING FOR WOMEN FOR PRIMARILY WELLNESS, PRIVATE INSTRUCTION, POST REHABILITATION FOR ORTHOPEDIC AND MUSCULAR FITNESS, AND SMALL GROUP INSTRUCTION FOR PILATES AND/OR CARDIOVASCULAR WELLNESS (2-4 PEOPLE) IN THE R-2 ZONE OF THE CAMINO REAL RESIDENTIAL CHARACTER AREA. THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT 435 EL PARAISO RD. NW AND IS LEGALLY KNOWN AS LOT 46, UNIT 2 OF EL PARAISO SUBDIVISION IN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4, BERNALILLO COUNTY, NEW MEXICO. THE PROPERTY CONTAINS 0.46 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

*Motion: Commissioner Pacheco moved to approve the application.*

*Second: Commissioner Seavey seconded the motion*

*Vote: carried unanimously (6-0).*

- B. V 19-01 A REQUEST FOR A VARIANCE FROM §9.2.8(E)(2)(A) AREA REGULATIONS, FOR A STRUCTURE IN THE REAR SETBACK AREA OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE R-2 ZONE OF THE CAMINO REAL RESIDENTIAL CHARACTER AREA. THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT 613 CALLE DEL PAJARITO NW AND IS LEGALLY KNOWN AS LOT 10, BLOCK 2, OF THE LANDMARK ESTATES SUBDIVISION A TRACT OF LAND SITUATED IN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3, WITHIN SECTION 16, T. 11 N., R. 3 E., N.M.P.M. BERNALILLO COUNTY, NEW MEXICO. THE PROPERTY CONTAINS 0.50 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

*Motion: Commissioner Eby moved to deny the application.*

*Second: Commissioner Pacheco seconded the motion.*

*Vote: carried unanimously (6-0).*

- C. S 19-01 A REQUEST FOR SKETCH PLAT REVIEW OF A MAJOR SUBDIVISION FOR 3.3 ACRES OF PROPERTY IN THE FOURTH STREET CORRIDOR AND CHARACTER AREA. THE SUBDIVISION WOULD CREATE FOUR (4) R-2 RESIDENTIAL LOTS OF 0.50 AC EACH AND THREE C-1 COMMERCIAL-RETAIL LOTS. THE SUBDIVISION WOULD BE A RE-PLAT OF EXISTING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 7201, 7217, AND 7221 FOURTH ST. NW AND 401 ROEHL RD. NW AND IS LEGALLY KNOWN AS A PORTION OF LOTS 3 & 4 (EXCEPT THE WESTERLY 225 FEET), JUSTEN JONES ADDITION WITHIN SECTION 21, T. 11 N., R. 3 E., N.M.P.M. VILLAGE OF LOS RANCHOS, BERNALILLO COUNTY, NEW MEXICO. THE PROPERTY CONTAINS 3.3 ACRES MORE OR LESS.

*There was no action taken only comments.*

## 5. OLD BUSINESS

### A. DISCUSSION OF THE 2035 MASTER PLAN PROCESS

- The public input meeting on December 4, Community Facilities and Services was well attended.

### B. DISCUSSION OF PRIORITIES FOR 2019

- Continue to get the Master Plan 2035 completed.
- Texts amendments to the code.

## 6. NEW BUSINESS

*There was no new business*

## 7. REPORTS

### A. PLANNING DEPARTMENT REPORT

The planning department report included an update of the Master Plan. Keen Heinzelman has been busy with code enforcement. And Marcy has been handling the business license renewals.

## 8. COMMISSIONER'S INFORMAL DISCUSSION

- Talked about the Commissioners term appointments.
- Talked about changes to the election process.

## 9. ADJOURNMENT

*The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.*

\*Draft and approved meeting minutes are available online at [losranchosnm.gov](http://losranchosnm.gov) or by contacting Village Hall at (505) 344-6582.

# Village Master Plan Updates

Since the last Village Vision update there has been one public input meeting in February to discuss Economic Development. Thank you to everyone who attended this meeting and any prior meetings! If you were unable to attend, summaries of the meetings are available on the Village website on the Master Plan page. You are also invited to attend the next public input meeting, which, as of writing, will be the last specific topic meeting for the Master Plan. Please check the Village website to find out if other public input meetings have been added.

## Public Input Meetings

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at Village Hall 6718 Rio Grande Boulevard NW. This meeting will be a two-part meeting on two separate topics in the Master Plan: Transportation and Historic Preservation and Culture. The first hour of the meeting will be on Transportation (7:00–8:00 p.m.) and the second hour will be on Historic Preservation and Culture (8:00–9:00 p.m.). Everyone is encouraged to attend both meetings, but you can also choose to attend the meeting that holds greater interest for you. Please attend either or both if you are able to, the public input process is only as good as the level of participation.

Transportation will focus on the Village and surrounding area's transportation system, including vehicles and alternative modes of transportation (by foot, bicycle, public transit). This will look at how transportation connects the elements discussed at prior meetings and the relationship between transportation and those elements, such as transportation and recreation or transportation and noise.

Historic Preservation and Culture will focus on the history and heritage of the Village, aspects to be preserved and/or highlighted, and possibilities on how to do so. Historic and cultural assets and character, such as historic places, archeology, and historic lot patterns (trips) will be addressed through a land use lens, in particular addressing this preservation on private property and how to unify the Village's historic character.

## Email Updates and Meeting Reminders

For more current information and more frequent updates, please visit the Master Plan page on our website or sign up for our email update list.

If you would like to receive Master Plan email updates and public meeting reminders, please email [masterplan@losranchosnm.gov](mailto:masterplan@losranchosnm.gov). Please be advised that email lists compiled by the Village are "Public Records" and, per State Statute, are open to public review and Public Records requests.



*If you have any questions about the Master Plan, please call 344-6582 or email [masterplan@losranchosnm.gov](mailto:masterplan@losranchosnm.gov).*

These updates have limited information given schedule requirements for publishing. For more current information, please visit the Village website: [losranchosnm.gov/2035-master-plan](http://losranchosnm.gov/2035-master-plan)

### Meeting Schedule

**Tuesday, March 19, 2019, 7:00 p.m.**

#### Public Input Meeting:

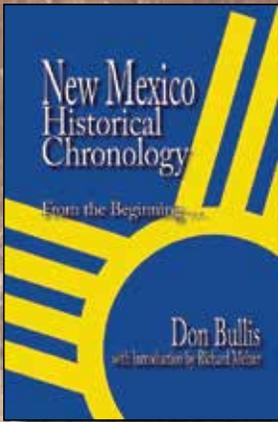
Transportation/Historic Preservation and Culture\*

*\*These are two separate meetings, each for an hour.*

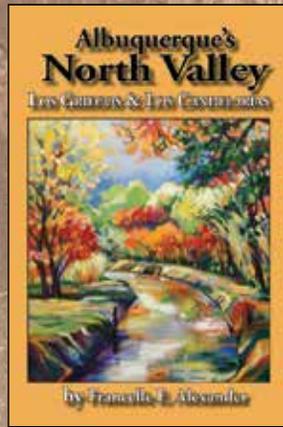
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If you are unable to attend, written comments are welcome. They should be submitted by email to Master Plan Staff at [masterplan@losranchosnm.gov](mailto:masterplan@losranchosnm.gov) or physically mailed or dropped off to Village Hall at 6718 Rio Grande Boulevard NW, Los Ranchos de Albuquerque 87107.

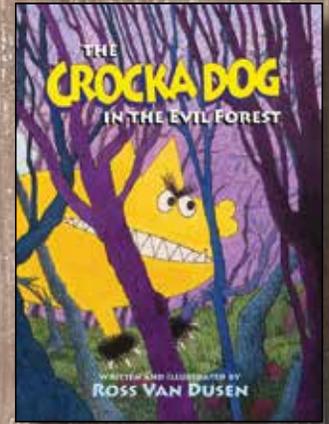
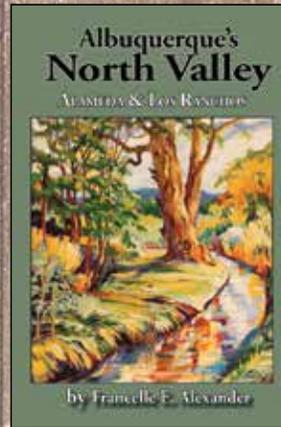
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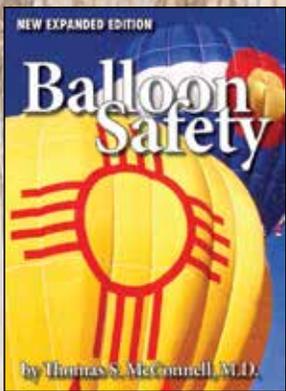


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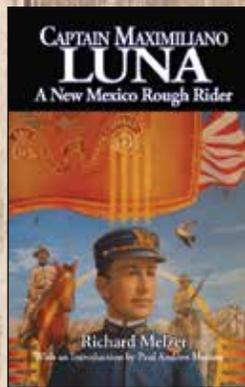


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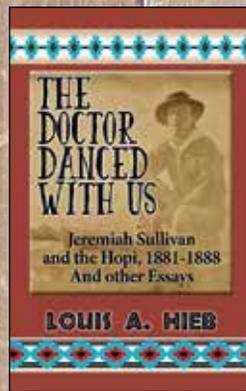
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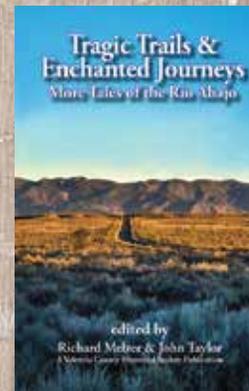
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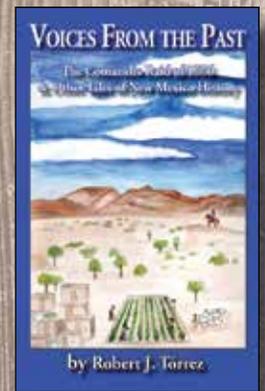
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## Village Life

# Los Ranchos Tidbits & Tipoffs

by Dave Bexfield

### An Authentic Taco Stand Arrives

The former location of Fresh Bistro has a new tenant: Don Choche (7319 Fourth St, 730-7989). If the name sounds familiar, you are probably a regular at Marble Brewery. Jorge Samaniego has been selling killer tacos, burritos and gorditas out of his food truck for nearly a decade to thirsty beer drinkers, and he has decided to make the plunge into brick and mortar here in Los Ranchos. Look for an expanded Mexican menu to include enchiladas and even mole. He hopes to open about the time you are reading this, and he expects beer and wine will be available soon thereafter, summer at the latest. Look for the grand opening signs!

### Discover Your Inner Picasso

Canvas and Coffee (6700 Fourth St, 803-4230, [abqcanvasandcoffee.com](http://abqcanvasandcoffee.com)) is a perfect fit for our eclectic Village. Guests can learn to paint while getting caffeinated (or not, hot chocolate and herbal teas are available) at this funky art studio that is nearing its five-year anniversary in Los Ranchos. The business has built up its family-friendly special event niche, specializing in everything from birthday parties to private functions. Painting programs for kids have been a particular focus, as C&C hosts spring, summer, and winter art classes. But it is their affordable private birthday parties—\$250 for 10 kids (five and older) for two and one-half hours of fun... and NO clean-up—that is making it a regular “go-to” for families looking for something creative, educational and memorable.



### Other Notes of Note

Steel Bender Brewery (8305 Second St, 433-3537, [steelbenderbrewyard.com](http://steelbenderbrewyard.com)) is making serious progress on its expansion as the popular brewery celebrates its second anniversary. ... Bliss Massage Studios (6855 Fourth St, 301-5867, [blissmassagestudios.com](http://blissmassagestudios.com)) in The Village Shops at Los Ranchos, the popular



shopping center that houses Vernon's Speakeasy, is now offering classes in Bowen therapy. ... In the same shopping center, Los Ranchos Shaving Company (6855 Fourth St, 615-5290, [losranchosshavingscompany.com](http://losranchosshavingscompany.com)) has added

facial scrubs and black masks to their cut, trim, and straight razor services. ... ABQ BBQ (7520 Fourth St, 361-2278) is hosting free Irish music jam sessions Thursday evenings from 7-9 p.m. featuring Celtic reels, jigs, hornpipes, waltzes, set dances, and occasional singing. Come listen or join in!



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## Health & Fitness

# Get Motivated with Early Morning Workouts

by Dustin Melville

If you are ready to get your workouts done first thing in the morning you are making a great decision. Obviously workout time is a personal choice for every person and is largely influenced by work schedule, family responsibilities and other daily factors. However, there are plenty of benefits to completing that all important early morning workout session.

The first and most obvious benefit to working out in the morning is that you get it done and over with before the main grind of the day begins. You also do not have to spend the entire day thinking of excuses to skip your workout or have something else come up that takes away your time. If you wake up just a bit earlier than normal, you can get your sweat session out of the way before proceeding with the normal tasks and responsibilities of the day. Once you decide to commit to this workout schedule you will probably find that it is actually easier to work out in the morning than it is to save it for the end of the day. Not only are you working out on an empty stomach in the morning but you have the opportunity to burn stored energy from the previous night. Training in the evening can be difficult if you are hungry and tired from a long work day so it becomes easier to put off the session until the following day.

Exercising in the morning may also help improve the overall quality of your sleep. Working out too close to bedtime

may keep you awake too late, lessening your quality of sleep, and subsequently making you even more tired throughout the day. Most people that workout in the morning tend to feel more energized throughout the day, which leads to better productivity and focus.

So, the question becomes how do you coax your body into getting up even earlier and actually getting out there to exercise?

First, you need to start by setting a strict bedtime and sticking with it. You want to get about 8 hours of sleep every night, so depending on what time you need to wake up to get your workout completed, you need to go to bed at the corresponding time. Doing this for a few weeks will help get your body into a set routine, and eventually you may not even need to set an alarm for the morning. Your body will adjust to the new schedule and begin to get tired at the same time every night as well as wake up at the same time every morning.

Secondly, set out everything you need for your workout the night before. Get your water ready and put your keys by your headphones so you can just get up and go. Many people that initially struggle with morning workouts actually sleep in their workout clothes so they can literally get out of bed when the alarm goes off and leave out the door immediately.

Thirdly, choosing the right music can be an important motivating factor for

early morning workouts. Make sure you have a playlist that you are excited to listen to in the morning to get you going. Start the workout with your favorite song, and if you have to get in the car to drive to the gym, listen to your playlist in the car to get you pumped up.

Finally, if you do not think you will be able to get yourself up every morning try to find a workout buddy or sign up for an early morning exercise class to help keep you accountable. You are less likely to let someone else down if you have to consistently meet them at the gym for each and every workout. If you can't find someone with the same goals and dedication then consider hiring a personal trainer to meet you at the gym. Although this can sometimes be a costly option, a trainer will make sure to keep you accountable for each and every workout as you strive to achieve your fitness goals. Give morning workouts a try and soon they may become the best part of your daily routine. Good luck!

*Dustin Melville, Owner  
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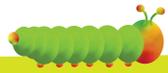
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## School Events

### Albuquerque Academy

6400 Wyoming Blvd. NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87109  
828-3208  
www.aa.edu  
withinreach.aa.edu (digital viewbook)

### Alvarado Elementary School

1100 Solar Road NW  
Albuquerque, NM 87107  
344-4412  
www.aps.edu/schools/alvarado  
Alvarado is accepting transfers as of January 1, 2019 for the 2019-2020 school year. Please come to see our warm, community focused school that has been educating families since 1952. Our opportunities for your child include:

- Dual Language program
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- Active PTA

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### Bosque School

4000 Bosque School Road NW  
Albuquerque, NM 87120  
898-6388

www.bosqueschool.org

Upcoming Events:

- March 1 - No classes; teacher reporting/in-service
- March 4-8 - Winterim Week 2019
- March 11-15 - Spring Break
- April 1-5 - Faculty/Staff Appreciation Week (Parents' Association)
- April 5 - Project Serve - Community engagement and service throughout Albuquerque and Spirit Day
- April 5 - Thespians' One Act Performances at 7 p.m.
- April 16 - Band Concert at 7 p.m.
- April 17 - Strings Concert at 7 p.m.
- April 19 - No Classes; school closed
- April 24 - Bosque Ecosystem Monitoring Program (BEMP) and Watershed Congress
  - April 24 - Choir Concert 6:30 p.m.
  - April 26 - Bosque Scramble at Sandia Golf
  - April 26 - Arts Crawl from 5-7 p.m.

### Los Ranchos Elementary School

7609 Fourth Street NW  
Los Ranchos, NM 87107  
898-0794  
www.aps.edu/aps/losranchos

### North Valley Academy

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

Upcoming Events

North Valley Academy has a busy spring in store, as usual. This is the time that families look for excellent schools of choice. We are currently accepting lottery applications for pre-k4 through 8th grade. You may access those forms on the website at [www.nvanm.org](http://www.nvanm.org). Deadline to turn them in to be eligible for the first lottery draw is March 1. We accept lottery applications all the time and all is not lost even if you end up on the waitlist.

- March 7 - Public lottery draw, 5:00 p.m.
- March 11-15 - Spring Break. No School - Our middle school travelers will be in Boston!
- March 21 - Regular Governing Council meeting, 4:30. All are welcome
- April 8-12 - Spring Book Fair - open to the public. Come and shop for the people you love!
- April 11 - Literacy Night - Read to the Dogs - open to the public.
- April 18 - Regular Governing Council meeting, 4:30. All are welcome
- April 19 - Vernal Holiday. No School
- April 26 - DOORWAY TO THE ARTS - premier art and dessert event. Richmond Street Jazz. Open to the public
- May - 16 - Regular Governing Council meeting, 4:30. All are welcome
- May 24 - Last day of school - 11:00 release.

### Sandia Preparatory School

532 Osuna Blvd. Rd. NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87113  
338-3000 phone  
338-3099 fax  
www.sandiaprep.org

### Sunset Mesa School

Northeast Heights  
298-7626  
sunset-mesa.com
 

- K - 5th Grade Campus  
3020 Morris St NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87111  
505.298.7626  
<https://www.sunset-mesa.com/>
- Preschool  
2900 Morris St NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87112  
505.298.7626  
<https://sunset-mesa-preschool.com>

### Taft Middle School

620 Schulte Road NW  
Los Ranchos, NM 87107  
344-4389  
www.taftms.org  
Upcoming Events
 

- March 7-8 - Student Led Conferences. No School
- March 11-15 - Spring Break. Students and staff return to school on Monday, March 18

### Taylor Middle School

8200 Guadalupe Trail NW  
Los Ranchos, NM 87114  
898-3666 x22154

### Victory Christian School

220 El Pueblo Road NW  
Los Ranchos, NM 87114  
898-3060  
www.vcsabq.org  
Upcoming Events  
Please call 898-3060 for an appointment to tour the school.
 

- March 1 - Choir Retreat
- March 8 - ACSI Regional Math Olympics in Colorado Springs
- March 12 - End of Third Nine Weeks
- March 18 - No School - Frey Day
- March 20 - NMAA District Choir
- March 27 - Christian Service Day
- March 30 - Drama Flea Market
- April 5-6 - NMAA State Choir
- April 7 - Spring Recital (2:00 p.m.)

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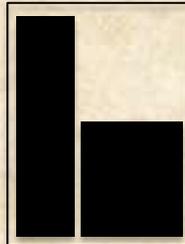
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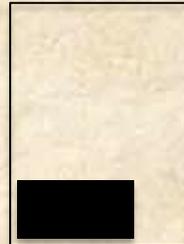
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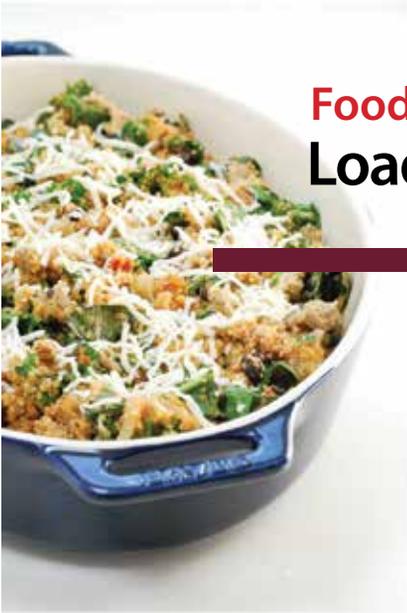
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## Food

# Loaded Spinach Quinoa Casserole



Packed with flavor and healthy ingredients, this casserole makes enough for leftovers. Loaded with spinach, quinoa, ground turkey, beans, spinach and more, it is an easy and delicious well rounded meal all in one bowl. It is also a perfect throw whatever you have left in the fridge type dish.

### Loaded Spinach Quinoa Casserole

Servings: 6

#### Ingredients

- 2 cups quinoa
- 4 cups chicken stock
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 pound ground turkey meat
- 1 onion, diced
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon onion powder
- 1/4 teaspoon dried parsley
- 1/4 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1/4 teaspoon dried basil
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1-2 cups of tomato sauce

1 can black beans, drained/rinsed  
juice from 2 lemons

1 cup shredded mozzarella  
cheese, divided

5 cups spinach, or mixture of  
spinach and kale

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Grease 9x13 inch baking dish and set aside. Cook quinoa with the chicken stock according to the package.

Meanwhile, in a large skillet, heat the olive oil and add turkey meat and onions. Add the salt, pepper, garlic powder, onion powder, dried parsley, dried thyme, and dried basil. Cook until the turkey is no longer pink, about 7-9 minutes. Add garlic and cook for about 1 minute.

Add tomato sauce, turn heat to low and let simmer for about 10 minutes. Squeeze the juice from 1 lemon and stir then remove from heat.

Pour the cooked quinoa into a large bowl. Add the black beans, 1/2 cup cheese, and the juice of 1 more lemon and stir to combine. Add the meat mixture to the quinoa, along with the spinach and stir until well combined.

Pour mixture into prepared baking dish, top with the remaining cheese, and bake for 20-25 minutes until cheese is melted and bubbly



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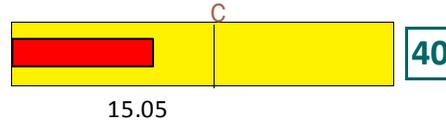
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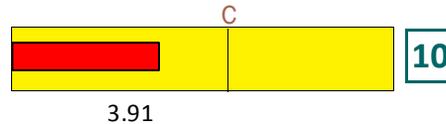
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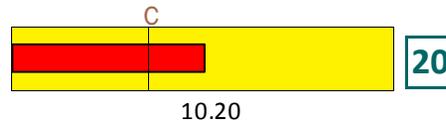
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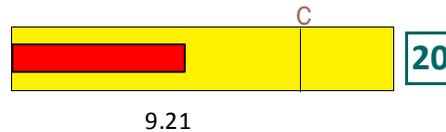
Are higher-performing students improving more or less than expected?



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**Improvement of Lowest-Performing Students**

Are the lowest-performing students improving more or less than expected?



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**Opportunity to Learn**

Do students and families believe their school is a good place to attend and learn?



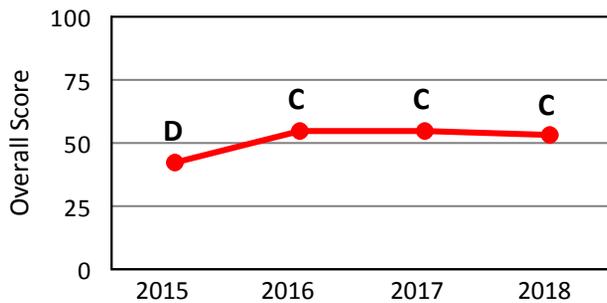
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**Bonus Points**

Schools can earn points for reducing truancy, promoting extracurricular activities, engaging families, and using technology.

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**This School's History**



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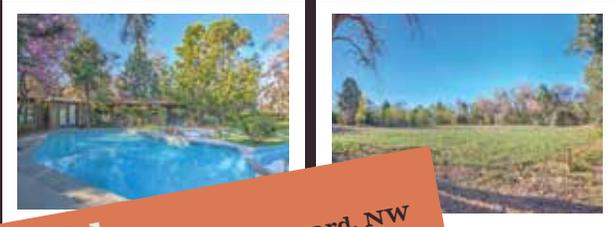


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# happenings

Los Ranchos Mayor, Donald T. Lopez presented a farewell gift to Stephanie Dominguez. Stephanie served the as Village Clerk since 2013. Her last day with the Village was January 14.



Mayor Donald T. Lopez and Chancellor of New Mexico State University (NMSU) Dan Arvizu at NMSU in January 2019. They discussed the agricultural future of our *Vision for Agricultural Activities in the Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque*. NMSU is in full cooperation mode with our Village on agriculture in the Middle Rio Grande Valley and Village of Los Ranchos.

