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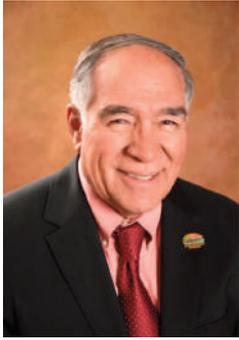
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## Mayor's Report

# My Vision for Our Village

*Donald T. Lopez PE*

I am occasionally asked what my vision is for Los Ranchos de Albuquerque. Since this is the Vision Magazine, what better place to explain what my vision is. Let me sum it up briefly and then expand a bit. My vision is to keep Los Ranchos a semi-rural community that embraces its acequia and agricultural values while building a strong commercial corridor on Fourth Street to help create a vibrant neighborhood we all can enjoy.

I think it is so important to have a strong economic engine in Fourth Street to create gross receipts tax. It is also so important to hear me say that commercial development on the Fourth Street corridor should not and will not impact the rural nature of the rest of our Village. We can have both.

I am very enthused about strengthening our agriculture programs. Fergus Whitney has done an outstanding job of creating a program from scratch that is already being copied elsewhere. NMSU is partnering with us and helping us get grant money. They also have a strong animal husbandry program and will help us as we grow into this new aspect of agriculture.

I see the open spaces on our southern boundary book-ended by the open spaces north of Paseo Del Norte. We will continue to develop these lands and move them into supporting horticulture and animals. Our agricultural programs are not taking place just at the Larry P. Abraham Agri-nature Center.

As a life-long government employee and leader, a part of my vision is to provide effective, customer-friendly service. Grand visions are important to have a sense of where our community wants to go. But, it is important to me that residents know that the Board of Trustees and I have put in place an outstanding staff, which is dedicated to providing as much transparency, accountability and expertise as is possible for a municipal government to have.

The Master Plan update continues to progress smoothly. Since my last update the final topic-specific public input meeting was held in April on Economic Development. Thank you to everyone who attended, and I apologize once again for the short notice rescheduling from February. Thank you to everyone who has attended any or all of these meetings, your involvement has made this process as wonderful as it has been so far. Now that this phase is complete, Village staff have begun to draft the plan and meet with the Master Plan

Committee biweekly to review the drafted sections.

You too will have an opportunity to review and comment on the plan at the upcoming public open house on Saturday, June 29, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Village Hall. Copies of the plan draft will be available for your written comment, and staff will be around to answer any questions you may have. I encourage you to stop by and chat before or after a visit to the Growers' Market.

We are also putting out a call for photographs for the Master Plan to help highlight what we love in the Village. If you would like your photography to be featured in the plan, please check out the *Call for Photographs* article for more information.

Lastly, even if you have missed the meetings or cannot attend the open house, your voice can still be heard. We always welcome written comments on subjects pertaining to the plan. Please see the Master Plan update article for staff contact information.

The Fourth Street Revitalization Project is now underway on the west side of Fourth Street. Most of the demolition has occurred the length of the project and the promenade area is under construction. The "Promenade" is the roadway section between Green Valley and Tyler roads, featuring wide patios, water fountains, and a higher intensity of landscape creating a flexible space to encourage businesses to "spill out" and interact with the street environment. This area will be a focal point on Fourth Street, and I believe it will contribute greatly to the vibrancy of the area. I acknowledge that the construction phase is difficult on our businesses, but let's look forward to the end result and we will continue to do our best to address concerns as they arise through the anticipated completion on or before September 2019.

In sum, I want your help to strike a balance between a strong commercial core and the semi-rural atmosphere we all want. Let me know if you want to volunteer on a Village committee or start a Village activity. Please participate in the Master Plan 2035 process so that it represents you and your family. We can only strike the right balance if we know what you think and how you feel. It is an honor being your Mayor and I am happy to visit with you any time.

# Calendar

## Planning and Zoning Commission Meetings

Tuesday, June 11, 7:00 p.m.  
 Tuesday, July 9, 7:00 p.m.  
 Tuesday, August 13, 7:00 p.m.

## Board of Trustees Regular Meetings

Wednesday, June 12, 7:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday, July 10, 7:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday, August 14, 7:00 p.m.

## Deadlines: Los Ranchos Vision Magazine

Advertising and Article Submissions Due  
 Monday, July 15, September Issue

## Growers' and Arts/Crafts Market

Saturday, June 1, 7:00 a.m. – noon: *Growers' and Arts Markets*  
 Saturday, June 8, 7:00 a.m. – noon: *Growers' and Arts Markets*  
 Saturday, June 15, 7:00 a.m. – noon: *Growers' and Arts Markets*  
*Old Vehicle Day*  
 Saturday, June 22, 7:00 a.m. – noon: *Growers' and Arts Markets*  
*Solar/Sustainability Day*  
 Saturday, June 29, 7:00 a.m. – noon: *Growers' and Arts Markets*  
 Saturday, July 6, 7:00 a.m. – noon: *Growers' and Arts Markets*  
 Saturday, July 13, 7:00 a.m. – 1 p.m.: *Growers' and Arts Markets*  
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 Saturday, July 27, 7:00 a.m. – noon: *Growers' and Arts Markets*  
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 Saturday, August 3, 7:00 a.m. – noon: *Growers' and Arts Markets*  
 Saturday, August 10, 7:00 a.m. – noon: *Growers' and Arts Markets*  
 Saturday, August 17, 7:00 a.m. – noon: *Growers' and Arts Markets*  
*Peak of Season*  
 Saturday, August 24, 7 a.m. – noon: *Growers' and Arts Markets*  
 Saturday, August 31, 7 a.m. – noon: *Growers' and Arts Markets*

## Independence Day

Thursday, July 4  
*Village Office closed*

## 2035 Master Plan Public Meeting

Saturday, June 29, 9:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m.  
*Open House, Village Hall*  
*Please check the Village website for more information.*

## Larry P. Abraham Agri-Nature Center

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

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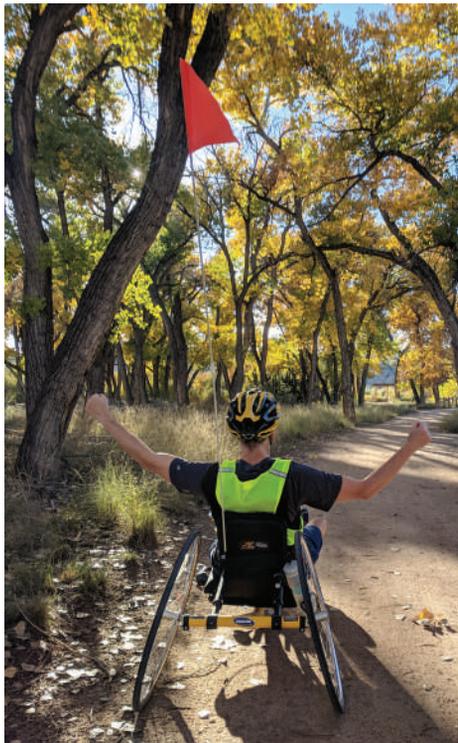
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## Rediscover the Village

# Do This Before You Die

by Dave Bexfield

Calling the Bosque Trail a Godsend is an understatement. And the fact that it is literally in our backyards is nothing short of pinch-worthy. We're not dreaming. We live here.



Photos by Dave and Laura Bexfield

Such a dramatic headline, no? But when it comes to getting outdoors and discovering nature, Outside Magazine has specific instructions. And in March of this year they published an article: The 25 Best Runs in the World Right Now (with an alternate clickbait tease, "The 25 Places You Need to Run Before You Die"). In the preface, the author makes no bones about it. "These are without a doubt the best runs on the planet."

So, nestled between the Alps' Tour du Mont Blanc and New Zealand's Kepler Track—and rubbing shoulders with epic runs in South Africa and Hong Kong and Patagonia—there is a familiar route listed. A waaay too familiar route. The Bosque Trail, aka Paseo del Bosque.

I know, some of you are probably thinking, What?!? And others, Shhh!!! But the secret has been out for years. Dozens of world-class runners have trained on our trails including Mo Farah, Galen Rupp, Alan Webb, and Paula Radcliffe. And you'll frequently spot Olympians in training who have descended here from Asia, Europe and Africa. You can easily tell who they are.

For one, they are fast (duh). The coach is always riding a bicycle behind them with a couple of stopwatches. And they are rather focused. OK, really, really focused. I know this to be true because the patented Dave Wave most Villagers are familiar with is totally and completely ignored. Smiling doesn't help. I've learned not to get offended.

Now before you start protesting that the world-famous-run-before-you-die 16-mile multi-use trail technically isn't in Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, chew on this. It mostly isn't in Albuquerque either; it's largely in Bernalillo County. Nearly as much of the trail borders our little Village as it does Albuquerque. So, the way I look at it, this is our trail. (Well, except for the maintenance part, the city can pay for that.)

As someone with multiple sclerosis and little ability to walk, much less run, I take to the Bosque Trail on my three-wheeled handcycle. And the new off-road section that meanders through the trees, an addition completed a few years ago, is life altering. At least for one person. Me. The off-road sections

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## Rediscover the Village Do This Before You Die

of packed crusher fines permit me to get deep into the trees, a much-too-frequent challenge for those with mobility issues. Calling the Bosque Trail a Godsend is an understatement. And the fact that it is literally in our backyards is nothing short of pinch-worthy. We're not dreaming. We live here. Right next to one of the best trails. On the planet.

I invite you to get out and discover the trail if you haven't been. Walk, run, ride, I don't care, just get out there. As for riding, virtually anything non-motorized is fair game (motorized mobility aids for those who are disabled are an exception, of course). Equestrians bring your steeds, cyclists

bring your Surreys, mahouts bring your elephants. Wait, maybe not elephants. The closest parking to get to the trail (just a short jaunt west) is located off Rio Grande Blvd just south of Paseo del Norte on the west side. The off-road section, which runs from Tingley Beach to Montaño, is suitable for all wheelchairs and strollers and is best accessed from the Rio Grande Nature Center.

See you on the trail! Just be prepared for adventure. You might run into an Olympian, a celebrity exercising to stay in shape during breaks in filming, or a character from a fairy tale. Like Rapunzel. How do I get myself into these situations? Jiminy



cricket, I ask that myself almost every day. It is another brilliant day in the Village.

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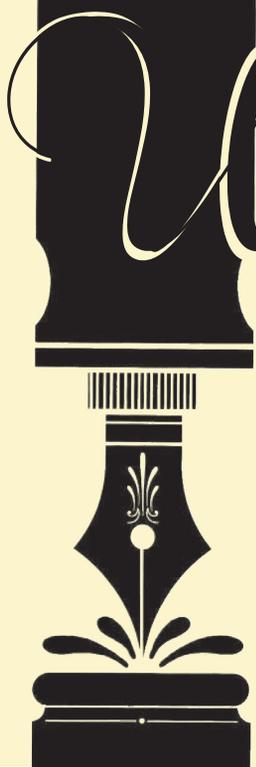
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## Ditch Writer Winter Markets

by Sue Brawley

In June the market tables will have a greater variety of locally grown produce and it will be the start of the fruit season. So far, it appears there may be fruit this year. Fruit choices may include strawberries, blackberries, peaches, apricots, and plums. At the beginning of June, pick up tender peas (shelling, snow and edible pod.) (See

Lorilee's yummy pea recipe below.)

There will be a variety of greens including lettuces, chard, kale, sorrel, arugula, spinach, and micro greens. Different types of basil will be available for pesto, stir-fries, and salad uses. Beets, carrots, cucumbers, broccoli, and salad turnips will join the first of the beans and perhaps early summer squash. Garlic and shallot scapes, green garlic and green shallots

will make their appearances.

You will find a variety of plant starts as well as color spots for your garden. Fresh bouquets with various flowers will be available. As with all our markets, enjoy the music while picking up local arts and crafts as well as locally produced foods such as breads, pastries (gluten and gluten free), pasta, jams/jellies, smoothies, grass fed beef and pork, and more.

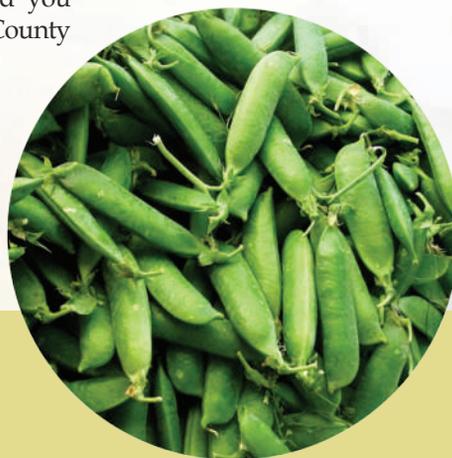
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### Agriculture Farm Extension Classes

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 and you can register by calling Bernalillo County

Extension at 505-243-1386. Spring classes include:

- Wednesday, June 5, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.: Summer Raised Bed Class.
- Wednesday August 7, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.: Fruit Tree Harvesting.
- Wednesday, August 21, 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.: Herbs Class



## From Market to Your Table

by Lorilee McDowell

### Late Spring Peas

There's nothing like freshly shelled and barely cooked new peas! There should be nice new herbs in your garden by now. Gather as many of your favorites as you like, chop a generous 1/2 cup of them and add to a large bowl. I like tarragon, basil, some parsley, and chives. I'm also partial to dill, and marjoram is nice, but subtle. Don't forget mint.

Zest a lemon and add to the bowl with a couple spoons of the juice. Add a finely grated toe of garlic. (If it's still around, you may use green garlic.) Pour in three tablespoons of olive oil.

Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Add enough pasta for the folks you're feeding, and cook it until not quite al dente. Add a cup of freshly shelled peas to the boiling water and cook until just done. Remove 1/2 cup of the pasta water and add to the bowl with the lemon and herbs. Drain the pasta and peas and add to the bowl. Toss well with several large spoons of grated Romano cheese. Adjust the seasoning to taste.

I like to use a short pasta, like penne or ziti, but orecchiette (little ears) will nicely catch the peas and herbs. Chop and sauté a little chopped bacon or pancetta until crisp and add it at the end for additional flavor.

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# Village Master Plan Updates

## Master Plan Update

The last topic-specific public input meeting was held in April on Economic Development. Thank you to everyone who attended this meeting and any prior meetings! If you were unable to attend, summaries of this meeting and others are available on the Village website on the Master Plan page.

## Public Input Meetings

Saturday, June 29, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Village Master Plan staff will hold a public open house for an opportunity to review the draft of the Master Plan update at Village Hall 6718 Rio Grande Blvd NW. This could be a convenient chance to stop by and chat with us before or after a visit the Growers' Market!

Attendees may leave written comment and verbal comment will not be documented. If you are unable to attend, you may still leave a written comment via email or physical letter. In the months following the public open house the plan will be put through the approval process to the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Board of Trustees.

*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)

## Schedule

### Public Open House

**Saturday, June 29, 2019, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

### Village Hall

*Drop by to see the draft, talk with staff, and leave comments*

### Photo Submission Deadline

**Sunday, June 30, 2019 by 11:59 p.m.**

*Deadline to submit photos to be selected for the 2035 Master Plan*

## 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.

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If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of a reader, amplifier, remote speaker, qualified sign language interpreter, or any other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the meetings, please contact the Village Clerk at 344-6582 at least one week prior to the meetings or as soon as possible.

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.

\*Please be aware that written comments will be noted but points raised may not be discussed. In person attendance is preferred to facilitate discussion.

*Background image by Kurt Keber*



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

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ADDRESS	MLS#	LIST PRICE	SF	LOT	BR	BA	G	AGENT	COMPANY	PHONE
6930 Rio Grande	910246	\$2,200,000.00	VACANT LAND	6.92				Marsha Adams	Sotheby's Intl Realty	(505) 982-6207
916 Chamisal	933987	\$999,000.00	VACANT LAND	2.81				Jeannine DiLorenzo	Keller Williams Realty	(505) 271-8200
7409 Rio Grande	919187	\$660,000.00	VACANT LAND	2				David Baird	Acthora	(505) 503-7999
8633 Rio Grande	912968	\$399,000.00	VACANT LAND	1.56				Feil Cabinet Team	Keller Williams Realty	(505) 271-8200
8727 Rio Grande	912573	\$374,000.00	VACANT LAND	1.35				Sadee Cloak	EXP Realty LLC	(505) 554-3873
7616 Rio Grande	937554	\$325,000.00	VACANT LAND	1.06				Mella Morrison	Vista Encantada Rlt	(505) 884-0020
6502 Fourth St.	846437	\$215,000.00	VACANT LAND	0.58				John Yost	Jackie Fisher Rlty	(505) 285-6800
5821 Padre Roberto	920709	\$2,950,000.00	5815	1.06	5	5	5	Suzanne Kinney	Coldwell Banker	(505) 293-3700
7205 Rio Grande	940848	\$1,975,000.00	9723	9.72	5	3	7	Kate Southard	Kate Southard RE	(505) 264-9586
5200 Eakes	941828	\$1,800,000.00	8908	.2	6	7	3	Missy RE Group	Keller Williams Realty	(505) 271-8200
1623 Francisca	926580	\$1,445,000.00	7166	1.11	4	6	3	Lynn Johnson	Keller Williams Realty	(505) 897-1100
1015 Cottonwood	935650	\$1,299,999.00	7500	1.17	5	5	3	Joseph Maez	The Maez Group	(505) 718-4980
8206 Rio Grande	937297	\$1,100,000.00	3946	1.2	3	4	3	Suzanne Kinney	Coldwell Banker	(505) 293-3700
4611 Rio Grande	935886	\$995,000.00	3769	3.12	4	4	7	Peter Cochran	Weichert, RltImage	(505) 207-3432
746 Chamisal	941745	\$950,000.00	3442	1.13	3	4	2	Susie Fairchild	Encore Ventures, LLC	(505) 967-4790
5110 Eakes	922688	\$900,000.00	3800	3	5	5	3	David Baird	Acthora	(505) 503-7999
8714 Rio Grande	920136	\$859,000.00	3976	2.18	5	5	3	Ann Taylor	Corrales Realty	(505) 890-3131
819 El Alhambra	942167	\$850,000.00	4287	1.05	5	4	3	Joseph Maez	The Maez Group	(505) 718-4980
1016 Acequia	940810	\$839,000.00	3651	0.45	4	3	2	Kate Southard	Kate Southard RE	(505) 264-9586
6504 Ave. La Cuchilla	936787	\$799,000.00	4362	1.03	5	5	3	Feil Cabinet Team	Keller Williams Realty	(505) 271-8200
8412 Rio Grande	937286	\$749,000.00	3697	2.8	4	3	3	Jan DeMay	Coldwell Banker	(505) 293-3700
509 Los Ranchos	934742	\$659,000.00	4180	1.18	4	4	2	Dee Dee Cordova	Coldwell Banker	(505) 892-1000
5703 Rio Grande	931138	\$619,000.00	2447	0.33	3	4	2	Susan Nelson Anderson	Coldwell Banker	(505) 828-1000
8312 Guadalupe	918053	\$550,000.00	2208	2.73	4	1	0	Santiago Aceves	RE/MAX SELECT	(505) 433-5600
604 Ortega	934323	\$479,000.00	3970	1	3	2	3	Keller Williams Rlty	Venturi Group	(505) 271-8200
8150 Guadalupe	941252	\$449,900.00	2540	1	4	4	0	Carol Neely	Roadrunner Rlty & Invest	(505) 639-5961
8428 Fourth St.	925942	\$335,000.00	3100	0.66	2	2	0	Lacretia Thunborg	Corrales Cottonwood	(505) 507-2915
6600 Edgewood	937168	\$250,000.00	1667	0.49	3	2	3	Shea Nolan	Realty One of NM	(505) 883-9400
625 Ranchitos	924739	\$170,000.00	1210	0.18	2	1	0	Marie Barreras	Coldwell Banker	(505) 865-5500

## Real Estate

# Was Your House Hit by Hail?

by Tim Tourville, CRS

It was just after New Years, I was taking the faralitos off the parapets of our adobe house and noticed the old flat roof was looking a bit worn. So I called three reputable roofers to give me an evaluation and a quote for repairs. Two of the companies explained how I could extend the life of the roof for a few more years by giving it a "tune-up" at a cost of around \$1,800. The third company informed me that my roof had hail damage.

Recalling the hail storm we had in the Village last summer, I wondered if that could've been the culprit. The roof inspector recommended I contact my homeowners insurance company to see if my policy covers hail damage. He even offered to meet the insurance company's claim adjuster at my house. Well, my policy does cover hail damage, the roof inspector met the claims adjuster, and the insurance company agreed there was hail

damage. Then I noticed my neighbor was getting a new roof so I gave him a call. Sure enough, the hail storm whose swath went through our neighborhood on July 30, 2018 was indeed the culprit.

As a realtor, I believe it is part of the service I provide to notify past or possible future clients, friends, neighbors and acquaintances of situations like this. It turns out, several of the folks I contacted are now filing claims and getting new roofs. Of course, you still have to pay the deductible and depreciation is also a factor. Your insurance agent can explain all of that to you.

Hail damage is not exclusive to roofs and skylights. It can also damage garage doors, exterior light fixtures, pool and spa covers, etc.

Has hail damaged your house? Call a reputable roofer or three to find out if your roof has hail damage and take the steps needed to protect your investment.



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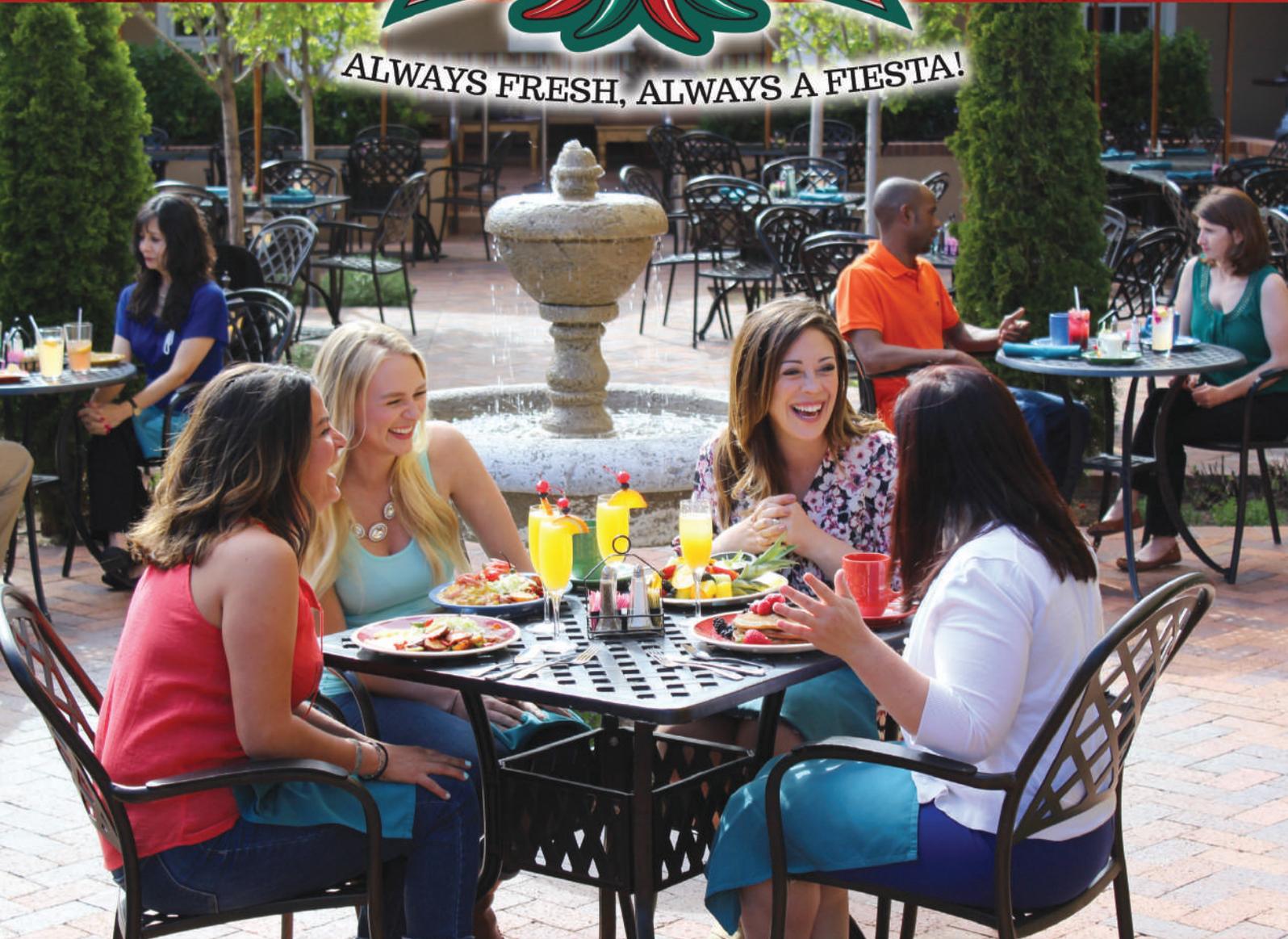
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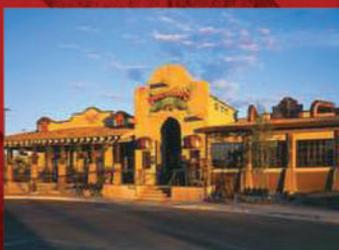
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## Finance

# Stateside or Abroad: Tips for Keeping Your Finances Organized During Travel in 2019

by Amos Gonzales,  
Wells Fargo District Manager, Albuquerque, NM West

For many Americans, the spring months and the weeks leading up to Memorial Day mark the start of travel season. Whether you're going abroad or traveling stateside this spring and summer, it's important to think ahead about how you'll manage your money on-the-go.

Fortunately, in today's digital world, virtually all of your financial travel arrangements can be made in the palm of your hand. From scheduling bills due during travel, to initiating a travel plan to prevent card disruptions, mobile banking apps give convenience a whole new meaning. While mobile banking is more convenient, there are simple steps you should take to help stay on top of your finances and ensure you don't fall victim to scams.

Consider these tips to help keep your finances organized and secure as you embark on travel this year:

### Start with a travel notification

Most banks and card issuers will temporarily turn off your card if they notice suspicious activity, such as a large purchase or charges in an unusual location. While it's actually a good thing, it can be frustrating to deal with, especially while traveling abroad. To help your bank monitor your account appropriately and ensure consistent card access, place a travel notification

on your bank account and credit cards before you hit the road. Some banks are making this step easier than ever. Wells Fargo, for example, has an in-app predictive banking feature that prompts customers to set up a travel notification at the time of booking. For instance, upon buying an airline ticket, a customer may be prompted to set up an account travel plan for their upcoming trip, which alerts the bank to potential transactions in other states or countries. It's simple and convenient, and only takes a few minutes.

### Be prepared in case of fraud

Unfortunately, scammers have long preyed on unsuspecting travelers. It pays to plan ahead and be vigilant to avoid costly mistakes while traveling. When it comes to getting cash, avoid standalone ATMs as these are primary targets for skimming devices that can steal your card's information via a card reader. Only withdraw cash from ATMs inside banks or via cash-back options at merchants. Also, beware of bogus Wi-Fi networks. When using a public network, say at a hotel or café, play it safe by asking an employee for the specific name of their network, and whether they require a security key for access – it's a good idea not to access your banking apps from any unsecured network.

It's important to keep credit and debit

cards with you at all times, or locked in your hotel room safe. If at any time you misplace your card, or realize you accidentally left it somewhere, act quickly to help prevent fraud. For Wells Fargo customers, it's as simple as accessing the card "on/off" feature via your mobile app. Once the card has been recovered, you can simply turn it back "on."

### Review your purchases when you get home

If you're a seasoned mobile banker, you likely monitor account and card activity from your mobile app frequently, and while traveling. If you see any unusual activity or unauthorized transactions, alert your bank and card issuer right away to resolve disputes and request replacement cards. It's also worth keeping an eye on your accounts for any delayed travel-related fraud for a short time after returning home.

By keeping these tips in mind, it's easier than ever to keep your finances organized and secure whenever, and wherever your travels take you. A little thought and planning on the front end can save you time and money in the end.



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# Summer at the Art Market

by Pamela Armbrecht

It is summertime in New Mexico. The days are longer and warmer. It is also the beginning of the new season of the Art Market. The Art Market is held in conjunction with the Growers' Market every Saturday morning from 7:00 a.m. to noon in the tennis courts parking lot at Hartnett Park.

All the art is made by the person who is offering it for sale. One of the great things about that is if you have any questions about a product, the person who made it is right there with the answer. Another great thing is that many of the artists are willing to work with you to create something unique just for you. So, if you see something you like but the size, the shape or the color isn't quite right, the artist may be able to make just what you want.

You will find a wide range of treasures each Saturday morning to include reclaimed and refurbished furniture, jewelry, pottery, candles, quilts and other fabric home and personal accessories, woven scarves, metal work, wood creations, soap and

other personal care products, wall art in a variety of styles and techniques, beadwork, tote bags, batik tee shirts, and glass mosaics. There are more than fifty vendors that participate in the Art Market; some are new this season and some are returning artists. We have selected several new artists that are definitely worth coming to check out. One of the fun things about artists is that their creative brains are always on. They typically have way more ideas than they have time to create them all. So even when you see a vendor that you have seen regularly, you will almost always discover something new and intriguing in his or her booth.

The Art Market is a wonderful place to shop for gifts for all occasions and for everyone, including for yourself. So plan on spending part of your Saturday morning in our wonderful rural setting being inspired by all the beauty and creativity on display at the market. The weather is usually lovely and the parking is free and close. You will be glad you did.



# A New Generation of Winegrowers in Los Ranchos

by Fergus Whitney



Local landowner Bronson Duran is seeking a farmer with wine growing experience to establish a one to two acre vineyard on his property on Rio Grande Boulevard. For further details contact Bronson at 505- 264-0925. He is one of many landowners who has expressed a desire for a vineyard on their property.



Grapes ready for harvest at Casa Rondeña Winery

"The first wine making in New Mexico stemmed from the need for sacramental wine in New Spain. As the Spanish Crown edict prohibited wine making here, the requisite transport of wine from Spain brought it across the ocean from Cadiz, via Veracruz, then overland to Mexico City and finally along the Jornada del Muerte to Santa Fe. A number of missions were established during the mid 1500s, after the "conquest", as the Catholic Church pursued its quest for souls (and of course, gold and real estate)," per *Casa Rondeña: New Mexico Wine History*. In ten years, time New Mexico celebrates 400 years in winemaking in the state. The Village of Los Ranchos has many vineyards with the very popular Casa

Rondeña as one of our agri-tourism endeavors with a winery, tasting room, and wine shop.

The Larry P. Abraham Agri Nature Center on Rio Grande Blvd. was once home to the Anderson Winery. Fortunately, the Village has managed to save some of the vineyard with more than 100 plants. This has allowed the Village to start four viticulturist classes with Dr. Gill Geise of NMSU. This year's classes include grape propagation, grape pruning, when to harvest, and wines for the holiday cheer.

We feel that as we begin to bring a new generation of growers we need to facilitate classes that will help them to inspire to grow more vineyards in Los



Vineyard at Casa Rondeña Winery



Ranchos. The Village has had quite a few inquiries from homeowners wanting their lands to be turned in to vineyards. We hope to hear from interested growers. Two recent articles in *Edible New Mexico* and *New Mexico Let's Eat* focused on the new generation of winegrowers in the state. The New Mexico Vine and Wine society has helped grow the local industry and supports those who are refining their skills. You can check out their website at [www.nmwine.com](http://www.nmwine.com).

Recently in March the New Mexico wine conference was held attracting amateur winemakers, commercial winemakers, and wine enthusiasts. This year also introduced a new education program around cider production. The New Mexico Craft Cider is on the cusp of growth.

So, who are the current new generation winegrowers in New Mexico and how can they inspire more growers in the industry?

### **New Generation of Winegrowers in New Mexico**

*Noisy Water Winery,  
Ruidoso, New Mexico.  
Jasper Riddle - Aged 32  
[www.noisywaterwinery.com](http://www.noisywaterwinery.com).*

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*Sean Sheehan Winery  
Sean Sheehan - Aged 38  
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[www.sheehanwinery.com](http://www.sheehanwinery.com)*

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*Luna Rossa Winery – Las Cruces  
Marco d' Andrea - Aged 22  
[www.lunarossawinery.com](http://www.lunarossawinery.com)*

"Luna Rossa was founded in 2001 by Paolo and Sylvia D'Andrea; they have together put their hard work and dedication in building a great winery. Paolo was born and raised in the region of Friuli, which is located in the northeast part of Italy. He comes from a heritage of four generations of wine growers. Since a young age he has been involved in grape growing and wine making. He graduated from a college of viticulture in Spilimbergo, Italy with an expertise in grafting vine plants. He came to the United States in 1986 and was hired to teach the Hispanic laborers how to prune the vineyard for a large company in New Mexico."

It's evident that a new generation of growers are becoming more interested in wine growing both in Los Ranchos and New Mexico.

In the Village, we have many homeowners expressing interest in having their fields planted with grape vines. I hope that Noisy Water Winery, Sean Sheehan Winery and Luna Rossa winery encourage new blood into the industry and inspire some young wine growers in our Village.

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## A New Generation of Winegrowers in Los Ranchos

If you have an interest in growing grapes, expanding your current vineyard operations, or are a landowner in the Village, please contact me with your information and I will make the necessary connections for the venture to begin. Fergus Whitney Agriculture Program Manager, 505 344 6582 Ext 118, [fwhitney@losranchosnm.gov](mailto:fwhitney@losranchosnm.gov). Also check out Bernalillo Cooperative Extension Service for Viticulture Classes in Los Ranchos in 2019. Contact John Garlich at (505) 243-1386 or [garlich@nmsu.edu](mailto:garlich@nmsu.edu).



(Above) Enrico Gradi loads wine casks in front of his winery on North Fourth Street, October 1970. He made only one type of wine, Italian Red Zinfandel. He made his own crusher, wine press, and barrels. Usually, it took a day and a half to crush all the grapes and put them in vats. Once it started fermenting, the process would take all of his time – twenty four hours a day for one week. Wine making was his first love.



(Left) Federal prohibition Agents (known locally as federales) break casks of wine in the 1920s. When the federal agents or revenueurs caught a bootlegger, they brought hatchets and sledgehammers to destroy the stills and the barrels of booze. A lot of people lost a whole year's work in a matter of minutes in a federales raid.



### Grapes: When to Harvest

by Dr. Gill Giese,  
Wednesday, September 18, 2019  
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the  
Larry P. Abraham Agri-Nature Center  
4920 Rio Grande Blvd NW,  
Los Ranchos, NM 87107



# An Innovative University/ Municipality Partnership

by Dr. Lauren Goldstein,  
Program Manager for  
Strategic Initiatives  
NMSU Office of the Chancellor



Imagine that the Village of Los Ranchos and New Mexico State University (NMSU) grew their existing relationship into an expanded, supported strategic partnership--what would that look like?

This innovative university/municipality partnership will provide an experiential learning opportunity for students from multiple fields of study, who will become conscious global citizens and environmental stewards. It will also elevate the Village of Los Ranchos' position as a leader in "agriculture of the future" by disseminating the tools, knowledge, and outreach necessary to engage community members in practice. The partnership will offer a sustainable model that can be scaled to other locations in the state.

Village residents and visitors alike will benefit from such a partnership. The Village's robust offerings already

attract thousands of participants. John Garlisch, Bernalillo County Cooperative Extension Agent, explains that, "On average, the Los Ranchos Workshop Series sees about 500 attendees during the year. Master Gardeners volunteer on-site weekly during the growing season and have about 15-20 participants each week. The farm camp series for youth, co-sponsored by Explora, in spring and summer, hosts nearly 150 students. In July, the Village hosts the Lavender Festival which may get 7,000-10,000 visitors exploring the farm site."

To strengthen connections and provide support for these and other existing programs, NMSU will work directly with Los Ranchos Agricultural Programs Manager Fergus Whitney and his team to support and grow their projects' capacities toward a shared future. Notably, the Larry P. Abraham Agri-Nature Center will continue to transform into the destination hub for on-site community connection and agricultural education.

Whitney states, "The agriculture of the future is not just cultivating crops, it also cultivating a new generation of farmers complimented with other professions through developing entrepreneurship. The intersections of STEM fields and agriculture will begin to drive the direction of education, research and development for a new generation. Los Ranchos is committed to be a leader in respecting our past, while looking to our future with renewed optimism."

As the state's land-grant, space-grant, Hispanic-serving university, NMSU is prepared to assist Los Ranchos to become a model for this agricultural revitalization, transformation, and innovation. Using a highly respected process

known as Strategic Doing, whose foundation lies in community development, NMSU personnel will host a series of connected workshops to build strategic networks that consciously move participants from the role of traditional stakeholders to that of engaged shareholders, building quick, action-oriented collaborations that are both community-owned and shareholder-driven.

A Village of Los Ranchos/NMSU strategic partnership will expand capacity in relevant educational and extension-related programs and services to the community in areas involving environmental sustainability, agricultural business and education, and economic development and entrepreneurship. As partners, NMSU and the Village of Los Ranchos realize the benefit of leveraging the growing "agriburbia" movement taking place across the US by fostering multigenerational, community-driven programs that embody the agriculture of the future.

"We look forward to building on existing relationships between Los Ranchos and the NMSU Cooperative Extension Service, College of Engineering, and Arrowhead Center," says Dr. Patricia Sullivan, director of the Office of Strategic Initiatives at NMSU. "It is an exciting opportunity to drive alignment in the strategic directions of the university, of the Village, and of the State of New Mexico."



# Easter Egg Hunt 2019



## Fire Safety

### 2019 Easter Egg Hunt *by Greg Perez*

*(Above) Mayor Don Lopez, Selica and Selah, and the Easter Bunny enjoying the Easter Egg Hunt. Photo courtesy of Cynthia Jaramillo*

We want to thank all of you who participated in the 18<sup>th</sup> annual Village of Los Ranchos Easter Egg Hunt. This year's event was dedicated to the memory of our late Mayor Larry Abraham who was always such a huge fan of this event.

We estimate approximately 1,500 people attended the event. A total of 5,000 eggs were hidden and gone within two minutes.

The Bernalillo Fire Department loves being a part of this event every year and thanks all those who work behind the scenes to make it possible. We look forward to seeing you again next year...

- Mayor Donald Lopez
- County Manager Julie Morgas Baca
- Village of Los Ranchos Board of Trustees
- County Commission
- Village of Los Ranchos Staff
- Bernalillo County Fire and Rescue
- Waste Management



*(Left top) Children rush the grounds to find as many colored eggs as possible.*

*Left bottom) Families gathered to welcome the Easter Bunny who arrived on the Bernalillo County Fire Engine.*

# A Very Special Thank You...



*(Right) Harper Yates and Mason Jackson enjoying the fire truck. Photo courtesy of Shannon Jackson*

The Village of Los Ranchos would like to thank volunteers Caitlynn Grimes, Alianna Acosta, Jasmine Valdez and Ashley Dapson from the New Mexico State University Chi-Omega Phi Delta Chapter Sorority and the Boy Scouts Troop 9, who helped fill 5,000 Easter eggs for the annual Easter Egg Hunt held at Hartnett Park on April 20, 2019. These two groups of volunteers tirelessly helped with this project in preparation for the annual event and we truly appreciate everyone's efforts.



*Mason Jackson and Harper Yates enjoying the Easter Egg Hunt. Photo courtesy of Shannon Jackson*



*Everyone out enjoying the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 20, 2019 at Hartnett Park. Photo Courtesy of Cynthia Jaramillo*

# Call for Photographs

As the Master Plan Committee process nears completion, staff are beginning to assemble the document before it is submitted to the Board of Trustees. As part of this, we are requesting photographs from residents to highlight the Village and what we love in the Village. We encourage you to submit for the 2035 Master Plan any photograph(s) that:

- you took yourself;
- do not show people; and
- reflect something you feel is important to the Village or that represents the Village.

If you would like to submit a photograph(s), please send them in as high resolution as possible to [masterplan@losranchosnm.gov](mailto:masterplan@losranchosnm.gov). If the file size is too large, you may also link to

a cloud storage system (Google Drive, OneDrive) or deliver a thumb drive in person to Village Hall. All photographs must be in digital format. The deadline for photograph submissions is 11:59 p.m. on June 30, 2019. There is no limit on the number of photographs you may submit, however, the Village reserves the right to select which photograph(s) will be included in the 2035 Master Plan. Your photograph(s) may be featured on the Village website under Multimedia Photo Submissions; however, the Village also reserves the right to select which photograph(s) will be featured on the website.

If you have any questions, please email [masterplan@losranchosnm.gov](mailto:masterplan@losranchosnm.gov), call (505) 344-6582, or stop by Village Hall 6718 Rio Grande Blvd NW and ask for the Planning Department.

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## 2019 Senior Games *by Mary Homan*

# Prepare to Cheer on Visiting Senior Athletes



The 2019 National Senior Games will be held in Albuquerque and the surrounding areas June 14 -25, 2019. It is the largest multi-sport event for 50+ aged athletes in the world. The National Senior Games has been held in various locations across America every two years since 1987 and has included athletes from all 50 states, Canada, Mexico, and many Caribbean countries. According to the National Senior Games Association website, [www.nsga.com](http://www.nsga.com), holding these sporting competitions is a way of “commemorating the birth of the modern Olympic Games focusing on values such as fair play, perseverance, respect and sportsmanship.” This is a prestigious event that follows the international Olympics in style, complete with a parade of athletes waving their representative state or country flags (June 19, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at Dreamstyle Arena).



To compete in the games, you must be at least 50 years of age by December 31, 2018 and have qualified for the 2019 National Senior Games in one of the United State’s state senior game competitions held in 2018. The competitions are broken down into gender and age group categories

across twenty sports and many specific events within those sports. These sports categories are: Archery, Badminton, Basketball, Bowling, Cycling, Golf, Horse-shoes, Pickleball, Power Walk, Race Walk, Racquetball, Road Race, Shuffleboard, Softball, Swimming, Table Tennis, Tennis, Triathlon, Track and Field, and Volleyball. Los Ranchos has at least six individuals qualified to compete in thirteen different events in the 2019 National Senior Games and they include: Fran-coise Barns, Sharon Harrington, Stephen McKernon, Charles Shubert, Marv Sommers, and Mary Homan.

Spectating attendances at all events are free and encouraged! Fans are needed to come out and cheer the competitors on to success. Watching these senior athletes is inspiring. You can watch our 80+ New Mexico women’s national championship basketball team, see the 90+ year old athletes compete in a number of events or pick your favorite sport to see the skill of the younger 50+ year old athletes.

Three thousand energetic and dedicated volunteers are needed to help host the games. People familiar with the various sports are important but so are the children and people of all ages to welcome our out-of-state guests, as well as cheer on the competitors at the various events. You can register as a volunteer at [2019nsg.my-trs.com/](http://2019nsg.my-trs.com/) or find general information on volunteering for the event at [Volunteer@nsga.com](mailto:Volunteer@nsga.com) . Please consider volun-



teering, your help is needed!

Hosting the National Senior Games is a tremendous honor for any city and state. The games will be a tremendous economic development driver for the state of New Mexico. Ten to twelve thousand competitors and a similar number of supporting family members and out-of-state fans are expected to descend upon the Albuquerque Metro area bringing with them an estimated \$30-\$32 million in tourism spending. Los Ranchos can expect tourists associated with the games to visit our beautiful Village and stroll our Growers’ Market, taste wines at Casa Rondeña, enjoy the tranquility of Los Poblanos, buy pottery at Kelly Jo’s, sample our wonderful restaurants, and visit our other wonderful retail establishments.

The 2019 National Senior Games brings a great opportunity to showcase our area and New Mexico in a positive light. The games will allow New Mexico to highlight our community with all of the great things we have to offer, possibly attracting retirees and tourists to visit or relocate here where they can pursue healthy lifestyles and active retirement years.



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## Board of Trustees Meeting Report

Trustee Tom Riccobene, Trustee Pablo Rael, Mayor Don Lopez, Mayor Pro Tem Mary Homan and Trustee Allen Lewis

The next regular meeting  
will be held on  
Wednesday, July 10, 2019

### March 20 -DRAFT

Before calling the meeting to order, The Boy Scouts of America led the guests in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lopez called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Mayor Lopez called for a motion to remove Item 8 A. from the agenda, stating that the State of New Mexico does not require a mid-year budget. Corrections, revisions, and amendments to the budget necessary to meet the requirements of law will be presented for discussion and approval.

Mayor Lopez asks for a motion to remove 8A. from the agenda.

**MOVED:** Trustee Rael moved to remove item 8.A. from the agenda  
**SECONDED:** Trustee Homan  
**CARRIED:** Motion passed 2-1 (Trustee Rael-Yes; Trustee Homan-Yes; Trustee Lewis-No)

Mayor Lopez asks for a motion to approve the agenda

##### A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

With the notation to remove the following agenda item:

##### A. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2019-1-2 OF THE MID-YEAR BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018/2019;

**MOTION:** Trustee Rael moved to approve the agenda  
**SECONDED:** Trustee Homan  
**CARRIED:** Motion Passed 3-0 (Trustee Rael-Yes; Trustee Homan-Yes; Trustee Lewis-Yes).

#### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD [3 MINUTE TIME LIMIT]

(Please sign in with the clerk if you wish to speak under public comment on an item that is not already on this agenda)

##### A. DAVID HUDSON, 529 ROEHL COURT:

- i. Discusses the Lavender Festival, picking up the lavender plants from Colorado
- ii. Hire an Economic Developer, for economic development within Los Ranchos to capitalize on the uniqueness of the Village. Make the Village beautiful.

##### B. KEITH BAIRD, 913 GREEN VALLEY ROAD:

- i. Concerned with all the construction work on Fourth Street and the loss of two major tenants. Supports David Hudson's comments in the hiring someone for economic development.

- ii. The Village should buy billboards to advertise the current businesses “they are open for business” along with advertisements in *Albuquerque*, *The Magazine*, radio, and an article in the *Albuquerque Journal*. Also hire a highly qualified full-time marketing person on the Village staff.
  - iii. Request that the Village purchase new lapel microphones and devices for hearing.
- C. DAVID BAIRD, 8211 GUADALUPE TRAIL:
- i. Discusses Ordinances and how they are enforced and some that are not even plausible or reasonable, primarily the noise ordinance. Ordinances have been abused in the Village. Especially now with the new commercial district, how is this going to work with a new commercial district?

*Mayor Lopez: Recognized State Senator Candice Gould in the audience.*

### 3. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

- A. NONE

### 4. CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Lopez: No separate discussion on these items, asks for a motion of approval of the minutes from the February 13, 2019 regular meeting.

*MOTION: Trustee Rael moved to motion the approval of the minutes*  
*SECONDED: Trustee Lewis*  
*CARRIED: Motion Passed 3-0 (Trustee Rael-Yes; Trustee Homan-Yes; Trustee Lewis-Yes).*

### 5. REPORTS

#### MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Lopez reported on the following:

- Traveled to Washington DC with Trustee Homan to attend the National League of Cities. Successful in meeting with all of NM's Congressional delegation.
- Significant lobbying was discussed, to include availability of Federal funding to complete the Fourth Street project.
- Spoke to Congressional delegation for the use of the Federal Farm Bill significant funding for agriculture and further exploration will take place.
- The Village Administrator, Mr. Bob Perls, had a meeting with Tony Khader, owner of G & T Auto, and he is quite happy with the project in front of his property.

#### ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Perls reported on the following :

- Conducted cyber security and physical security evaluation, looking at new IT services. Make assets safer, protect our employees, protect our inventory because there has been an ongoing problem.
- Discussed the process mapping exercise he conducted with the staff and identified the functions for quality improvements. Re-structuring and right sizing. There will be one additional new P & Z person, slight raises, but nobody was promised a raise, but a small incremental raises.

#### PLANNER'S REPORT

Mr. Tim McDonough reported on the following:

- Master Plan update, meeting March 19, 2019, discussion on transportation and historic preservation, about 25 people attended. Presentation provided by Tiffany, it was a very positive meeting. All the meetings and background information are on the web.
- Meeting with the Master Planning committee every two weeks, ideas to improve going forward, not on the past. Marcy is retiring, process of taking applications, interviews next week and following up with a code enforcement officer.
- Five conditional use for guest houses, two applications for home occupations, multiple plan sets for homes. Looks positive for the Village going forward.

#### LEGAL REPORT

Attorney Chappell reported on the following:

- Relatively busy month, procurement issues, you'll see more of that come up in the next board meeting.
- Has been updating Mr. Perls, and spent some time paving the way into possible litigation with the City of Albuquerque for Tax and Revenue and come up with some options.

#### PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

Fred Radosevich, Public Safety Liaison reported on the following:

- Traffic control plans on Fourth Street, looking at lag of east side to the west side, leave all the barriers while the construction going on for 30 days or during the timeframe.
- Has been working on building security with Bob Perls.
- The fire department for January and February had 225 calls out of Station 30, Sheriff's Department 591 calls.

#### FOURTH STREET PROJECT UPDATE

Mayor Lopez (on behalf of Maria Rinaldi who is not present) reported on the following:

- Substantially complete on the East side except for the parking lot, preparing punch list.
- Site Southwest reviewing the landscaping on the east side and preparing punch list.
- There is a discrepancy between the number of utilities spotted prior to construction and the number of utilities and obstructions actually encountered during construction on the east side.
- Pothole work has been completed.
- Construction on the westside is scheduled to begin on April 8 and to be completed by late this year.

Mayor Lopez commented that no one had any idea what was out there prior to 1937 this was Route 66 from 1937 to probably a couple of years ago and over many, many years, between concrete, pavement added, and asphalt added there was never any underground drainage capability installed in that project and no lighting. We are bringing it up to current standards and it has to be done correctly. I am being told that the westside is a little more difficult. Getting the plans correct, understanding what is underground is critical to successful completion of the project.

Trustee Rael asked, would it be complete around August or can you say now that it's going through the end of the year? Mayor Lopez responded, my expectation once the contractor gets going and hopefully they can get work done as quickly as possible that it will not be at the end of the year. I think it will be sooner than that, but I can't tell for sure.

Mayor Lopez asks for a motion to close the meeting as scheduled at 8:00 p.m. for the closed session.

*MOTION: Trustee Homan moved to enter into closed session*  
*SECOND: Trustee Rael*  
*CARRIED: Motion Passed 3-0 (Trustee Rael-Yes; Trustee Homan- Yes; Trustee Lewis-Yes).*

#### RECESS

**Mayor Lopez: The closed session only included items on the agenda, which was to discuss limited personnel matters. Mayor Lopez asks for a motion to reconvene the open meeting, 8:22 p.m.**

*MOTION: Trustee Rael motioned to reconvene the regular meeting*  
*SECOND: Trustee Lewis*  
*CARRIED: Motion Passed 3-0 (Trustee Rael-Yes; Trustee Homan-Yes; Trustee Lewis-Yes).*

## 6. FINANCIAL BUSINESS

### A. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF CASH REPORT – FEBRUARY 2019.

Treasurer Haines presents cash report:

- Ending cash balance at February 28th; \$6,456, 242.12, an increase of \$212,061.02 for the month.
- YTD deficiency of revenues over expenditures \$726,167.01
- Expenditures:
- Agri-Nature expenses have increased
- Bernalillo Fire Services 3rd Quarter payment
- Bernalillo County for Fire Protection

Received Two State grants

- \$86,274.33
- \$84,324.36

Mayor Lopez asks for a Motion to Approve the Cash Report for February 2019

*MOVED: Trustee Lewis motioned to approve the Cash Report*

*SECONDED: Trustee Homan*

*CARRIED: Motion passed 3-0 (Trustee Rael-Yes; Trustee Homan-Yes; Trustee Lewis-Yes).*

## 7. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPLICATIONS

Mayor Lopez announced that all testifying stand to be sworn in.

Mr. Bill Chappell administered the Oath.

Mayor Lopez:

- A. Appeal of HO #543 - AN APPEAL OF THE JANUARY 8, 2019, VILLAGE OF LOS RANCHOS PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION APPROVAL OF A REQUEST BY LISA KNIGHTON FOR A HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT AS AUTHORIZED UNDER ORDINANCE §9.2.25(D)(4). 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 AND IS IN THE R-2 ZONE OF THE CAMINO REAL RESIDENTIAL CHARACTER AREA. THE APPELLANTS: CAMILLE VAROZ OF 427 EL PARAISO RD AND DIANE CLARK OF 6001 EL PARAISO RD; REQUEST THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO REVIEW THE APPROVAL OF A HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT ON THE FOLLOWING GROUNDS: SAFETY, HEALTH AND TRAFFIC IMPACT.

Mayor Lopez: This is an appeal of the record, meaning the decision of the board of trustees will be based on the packet included in the agenda packet. Thus, the parties are not allowed to re-litigate from the beginning of a home occupation permit application. The parties are just to present evidence and support of the stated reasons for the appeal, i.e. safety, health, and traffic impact. Tim will be stating this under his introduction.

Mr. Tim McDonough: Included in the packet is all of the documents are presented with the findings and the opposition to the appeal. As a result of that notification we received, objections to the business, which then, code requires that it go to a hearing for the planning and Zoning Commission. Hearing was scheduled for the Planning and Zoning Commission and we noticed the hearing to all the neighbors within 300 feet per code. Misstated as deminimis, re-noticed to clarify the clerical error on our part. With recommended approval six to zero by the commission found no reasons to deny the request.

Blake Whitcomb, Hunt & Davis P.C., 2632 Mesilla Street NE, Albuquerque, NM 87120: Represents Camille Varoz, client never received a second notice, only the first notice. I believe it's the board's responsibility to send this back to the commission to be reheard to be properly noticed, to create a proper record and provide us more than two days to look at the complete record in order to actually file an appeal. If you deny this on merit, I still believe this needs to be reheard by the commission to provide proper notice.

Camille Varoz, 427 El Pariaso, Los Ranchos, NM: Premise for the appeal is due to safety, traffic impact and health. Safe guards for the neighborhoods, Statement of vision or mission for the neighborhoods, jeopardy of the neighborhoods from single family into mixed use commercial. Petition of 20 residents are against it.

Mayor Lopez: Mr. Chappell, Diane Clark is not here can another person represent her?

Mr. Chappell: Testimony must be under oath, a statement read by someone else is not under oath.

Camille Varoz: Appeal to the Board of Trustees, moving forward with economic development, but think about safety as taxpayers. Bernice Ledden, sworn in, can she read the letter, as a signed petitioner.

Mayor Lopez: Mr. Chappell please provide clarification.

Mr. Chappell: Two issues; testimony must be under oath, statement cannot be read. Rules are, if someone did not participate

in the original hearing, they cannot participate in this hearing unless they are an attorney.

Mayor Lopez: This attorney can speak.

Mr. Chappell: This attorney can speak and make arguments.

Mr. Blake Whitcomb: Bernice can submit a letter into the record over objection.

Mr. Chappell: Rules are very clear.

Trustee Lewis: The letter from Diane Clark is in the packet.

Mr. Blake Whitcomb: The letter was mailed in.

Trustee Homan: It's Exhibit Three (3).

Mr. Whitcomb: Argument is complex and should be sent back to the commission. A business under the home occupation permit should not generate significant vehicular traffic, must not disrupt the residential nature of the neighborhood. Grant the appeal and deny the permit issued, to create a real record. I urge the Board to say no, we don't want this kind of activity to happen in the neighborhood.

Mayor Lopez: At this time, I would like Mr. Chappell to please present the defense on the home occupancy permit on behalf of the Village.

Mr. Chappell: There was a clerical error on first notice, the difference between a deminimis and regular home occupation permit has to do with signage. If there are no objections after notices are sent out the planning department can make that decision. However, if there are objections it must go to the planning and zoning commission, the initial notice went out and there were objections, so it went to the planning and zoning commission. The other issue, the record was not provided to Ms. Varoz until two days before the appeal expired. Ms. Varoz came in two days before the appeal period expired and requested that Mr. McDonough grant an extension on the appeal period. I gave an opinion that he did not have the authority to grant the extension on appeals, and she needs to file an appeal. There is nothing in ordinance that indicates that we have the ability to extend the appeal period. So, the procedure was correct. The planning and zoning commission considered a lot of testimony and made a decision. The one issue that came up regarding parking, the ordinance in which they must comply, states that it should not generate a significant amount of traffic. I read the notice of appeal and Mr. Whitcomb was not involved with that. Health, safety, and trash, the notice went out as a deminimis, occupation permit, the record reflects that proper notice was sent out prior to the planning and zoning commission hearing and they are the one that made the determination. That is my review of the record.

Mayor Lopez asked if there were any questions from the Board?

Trustee Homans questioned the comment regarding the twenty-one minutes that were missing.

Mr. Chappell indicated that he saw that there was a technical problem with the recorder.

Trustee Lewis asked if it was testimony or the meeting?

Mr. McDonough indicated that it was of the meeting, so the first twenty-one minutes of the meeting was not recorded. Some of that was public comment, the record picks up where the recording began and picks up a pretty full record.

Trustee Lewis said that the letter in the packet included is from Diane Clark, and that there is a statement in there that the petitioners are constructing a new building behind their home?

Mr. Chappell responded with, they are converting one of their bedrooms, 500 square foot or less as a part of the house. There is an outside entrance, but no construction.

Mayor Lopez asked if there were any further questions from the Trustees before there are any questions?

Mr. Chappell clarified that the appellant's get to make their case, then the Village will respond, then the appellant will get to respond.

Trustee Homan commented, the Village itself cannot uphold or rule on neighborhood covenants.

Mr. Chappell responded, that is correct, unless those covenants are part of Village approval. Village approval of home occupation permit does not supersede the covenants, then the homeowners have the right to enforce private action.

Trustee Homan said, they can seek private legal action in a court of law.

Mr. Chappell replied, yes, it's a contract.

Mr. Blake Whitcomb: The notice in the newspaper states correctly it was a home occupation permit, I also know that the mailing did not state home occupancy, but state deminimus. I think if there is improper notice or inadequate notice that the decision is void. Given the nature of the ten cars throughout the day might not be nothing, but ten cars at once creates a commercial situation. I respectfully request the Trustees grant the appeal.

Mayor Lopez asked if there were comments from the Trustees.

Mr. Chappell: Close the floor for comments. Move to deny the appeal.

*Mayor Lopez: I need a motion to approve or deny the appeal*  
*MOVED: Trustee Homan motion of the approval to deny the appeal in order to initiate discussion.*  
*SECONDED: Trustee Rael*

Mayor Lopez: Ready for discussion.

Trustee Lewis discussed, the HOA has an opportunity to come back if the home occupancy is in violation. If there is any question regarding the due process, we need to make sure there is no question that Ms. Varoz is getting correct due process.

Trustee Homan confirmed about the way it was posted, even though it was corrected, and the missing minutes were not an intentional error, it can create a challenge legally. With respects to all concerned, it needs to be vetted, we need it to be close to perfect as possible. However, not everybody may agree on what the outcome should be.

Trustee Rael stated, in this case, they can have an occupational license there are others in the neighborhood. I disagree with five cars in the neighborhood, you have people visiting with five cars. I think we have to go with denying the appeal.

Trustee Lewis questioned, What would be our action for sending it back, for due process?

Mr. Chappell: clarified that if you grant the appeal, on a substantive matter that would be the end of it. But on the procedural matter, you can grant the appeal and it goes back to the Planning and Zoning commission.

*WITHDRAW: Trustee Homan, I make a motion to withdraw the motion.*  
*MOVED: I will make a new motion to remand the case back to the Planning and Zoning to clarify and correct the record.*  
*SECONDED: Trustee Lewis*  
*CARRIED: Motion passed 3-0 (Trustee Rael-Yes; Trustee Homan-Yes; Trustee Lewis-Yes).*

## 8. OLD BUSINESS

- B. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2019-2-13, IN ACCORDANCE WITH NMAC 2.2.2,10 (M) (4) (2/27/2018) AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF FY 2017/2018 VILLAGE OF LOS RANCHOS FINANCIAL AUDIT, WHICH WAS PRESENTED BY JARAMILLO ACCOUNTING GROUP LLC (JAG).

Mayor Lopez requests a motion to approve the Resolution

*MOVED: Trustee Lewis moved to approve the Resolution*  
*SECONDED: Trustee Rael*  
*CARRIED: Motion passed 3-0 (Trustee Rael-Yes; Trustee Homan-Yes; Trustee Lewis-Yes).*

## 9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

## 13. NEW BUSINESS

A. PURSUANT TO NMSA 1978 § 3-11-5, VILLAGE EMPLOYEE SHALL BE APPOINTED BY RECOMMENDATION OF THE MAYOR AND CONFIRMED BY THE GOVERNING BODY WHEN A VACANCY IS FILLED.

1. Confirmation of appointed Village employees  
Mayor Lopez announces Tiffany Justice for appointment as Village Planner, needs a motion to approve.

*MOVED: Trustee Homan moved to approve Village Planner, Tiffany Justice*  
*SECONDED: Trustee Lewis, Trustee Rael*  
*CARRIED: Motion passed 3-0 (Trustee Rael-Yes; Trustee Homan-Yes; Trustee Lewis-Yes).*

Mayor Lopez presents Cynthia Jaramillo for appointment as Village Executive Assistant, needs a motion to approve.

*MOVED: Trustee Rael moves to approve Village Executive Assistant, Cynthia Jaramillo*  
*SECONDED: Trustee Lewis*  
*CARRIED: Motion passed 3-0 (Trustee Rael-Yes; Trustee Homan-Yes; Trustee Lewis-Yes).*

B. DISCUSSION OF THE PROCESS TO NOMINATE QUALIFIED ELECTORS TO FILL THE VACANCY OF A GOVERNING BODY MEMBER UNTIL THE NEXT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH NMSA 1978 §3-12-1.

Mayor Lopez requested that he would like for the Board of Trustees to give him some advice on how to proceed to fill the vacancy in accordance with the NM Statute.

Trustee Rael mentioned that there were five or six people who volunteered, we just need to decide which one.

Trustee Homan mentioned that she had a discussion with other municipal officials around the state and provided three examples of how they have conducted their process of how to fill the vacancy.

Mayor Lopez stated that he does not want to put a name out and only get one vote. The individual that was named that day, was frankly humiliated, and I do not want to have that happen again.

Trustee Lewis mentioned, in order to avoid the re-occurrence, maybe we should create a committee.

Trustee Rael stated that we should bring a person forward and the Board can decide.

Mayor Lopez concluded with perhaps at the April meeting the board can make a decision.

Trustee Lewis concurred.

C. DISCUSSION OF POSITIONS, TERM DETAILS, PROCEDURES AND DATES ASSOCIATED WITH 2019 VILLAGE ELECTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH NMSA 1978 § 1-22-3 (B) AND VILLAGE ORDINANCE § 2.1.8.

- Mayor Don T. Lopez term to expire November 2019;
- Trustee Mary Homan, term to expire, November 2019;
- Trustee Allen Lewis term to expire November 2019;
- Trustee Pablo Rael, term to expire November 2021;
- Trustee open seat, anyone appointed and confirmed, will

hold the seat until the next general election, November 2019, serve until 2022, when the term expires. The open seat will only have a two-year term.

Mr. Chappell clarified the terms and reiterates that Bernalillo County will clarify the terms and the way the ballot will read.

- D. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL TO REIMBURSE EXPENSES FOR ATTENDANCE AT NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES CONFERENCE AND LOBBYING OF NEW MEXICO'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION ON BEHALF OF THE VILLAGE OF LOS RANCHOS. VILLAGE ORDINANCE §2.1.6(A).

Mayor Lopez asks for a motion to approve expenses

*MOVED: Trustee Lewis moved to approve the expenses*

*SECONDED: Trustee Rael*

*CARRIED: Motion passed 2-0 (Trustee Rael-Yes; Trustee Homan-Recused herself, Trustee Lewis-Yes).*

Mayor Lopez invited Mr. Chappell to speak.

Mr. Chappell stated that he would like to thank you for allowing me to be Village counsel. Contract is up April 8, 2019. By statute professional services contract cannot be extended more than four years. He has decided not to continue on as the Village Counsel.

Mayor Lopez commended Mr. Chappell and thanked him for all the work he has done for the Village. Mayor Lopez went on to say that we will need to call a special meeting to prepare a resolution to approve a Village Attorney, the Village needs a licensed attorney.

Mr. Chappell indicated that he would finalize everything that he has been working on and assist with the transition. Statute allows the Board of Trustees to create a position for a Village Attorney. Mr. Chappell also stated that previously there were two in-house attorneys, and that he was brought on because that didn't work out.

Mayor Lopez invited all Trustees to bring up any issues.

Trustee Rael requested a status of the paperwork on the mobile home.

Mr. McDonough explained that the paperwork is complete, need to submit to Santa Fe, so it should only be a few more weeks.

Trustee Rael had a question regarding the previous meeting minutes.

Mr. Chappell replied that they do not have to be verbatim, but they do need to have substance, but the approved minutes are the official minutes, not the audio.

Trustee Homan discussed what occurred at the Master Plan meeting, participation in Arbor Day and the Senior Games.

## 11. ADJOURNMENT

*The regular meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.*

## April 3, 2019 - DRAFT

Before calling the meeting to order, the Mayor led the guests in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lopez called the special meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Mayor Lopez asks for a motion to approve the agenda

*MOTION: Trustee Homan moved to approve the agenda*

*SECONDED: Trustee Rael*

*CARRIED: Motion passed 3-0 (Trustee Rael-Yes; Trustee Homan-Yes; Trustee Lewis-Yes).*

### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD [3 MINUTE TIME LIMIT]

(Please sign in with the clerk if you wish to speak under public comment on an item that is not already on this agenda)

#### A. DAVID HUDSON, 529 ROEHL ROAD NW:

- i. Chairman of the Lavender, discussed the Lavender Festival several weeks ago, where he presented numbers and a plan which consists of planting lavender, and costs which were submitted. He has not received comments, suggestions or a check. What does the Village need from the lavender committee?

Mayor Lopez apologized and will have Mr. Perls delve into it at 8:00 a.m. tomorrow to find out why you have not received a response.

The festival is critical to the Village, always has been, always will be. Let's let Mr. Perls deal with this right away tomorrow. Bob Keers, 7037 Guadalupe Trail;

- i. Who is paying for the orange barrels on Fourth Street? There is no apparent progress being done. Are we paying for that?

Mayor Lopez stated that the contractor pays, but we indirectly pay for all traffic control.

### 3. OLD BUSINESS

A. None

### 4. NEW BUSINESS

- A. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2019-4-1, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NEW MEXICO PROCUREMENT CODE NMSA 1978, §§ 13-1-28 THROUGH 13-1-199 (1984, AS AMENDED THROUGH 2016), AUTHORIZING APPROVAL ACTION BY THE GOVERNING BODY TO BE IN FULL COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO PROCUREMENT CODE.

Mr. Perls reported that to be in strict compliance with the state procurement requirements, the Village needs to create a central purchasing office. By being in full compliance, all purchases should be made by the Chief Procurement Officer, which will be me. I will go through the certification process next week. We need to make a really quick purchase for an attorney and secure some services that we really need right now.

Mr. Bill Chappell stated there were some things that needed to be done as far as the procurement code. Under the statutes, the governing body is required to designate a central purchasing office. The governing body should enact some regulations with respect to procurement of professional services and procuring services that are not professional. At the request of the Mayor, I went back to make sure that we comply. So, what I put together was some very simple regulations that the governing body is supposed to adopt. What I put in here is equivalent to what the regulations are that apply to state agencies that don't apply to local municipalities. I put some of those regulations along with the statutory references as to how they should come about. The governing body is able to determine what constitutes professional services. Went further and talked about other procurements, those are for non-professional services, contracts, purchase of goods and services that are not included in professional category. I tried to incorporate those things in there to come up with something fully functional and a fully

compliant resolution so that down the road we have it documented. This governing body is also designated as the Board of Finance for the Village. So ultimately you have all the control, but under this resolution, as there is in the state statute, there is no limitation as to the amount of money spent, provided it has to comply with the procurement code, it has to comply with the regulations you have adopted, and it has to be in the approved budget. The Mayor through the procurement officer, can move forward with those procurements.

Trustee Lewis mentioned that because this is unusual, I want to open it up to the audience.

David Hudson asked how has this been handled in the past?

Trustee Lewis replied that we had Kelly in the past, he was our procurement officer, so we haven't had to do that in the past.

Mr. Chappell indicated that the procedure that was used then is used now. If it was in the budget they did those things, if not, they came back to the board for the approval. No change in the process, just as a legal matter, to be in complete compliance.

Tom Riccobene, 532 Westgate Lane NW Los Ranchos; asked that with Mr. Chappell leaving, you need to hire a replacement, but that replacement will be a short term, until you get a request for proposal. Because this is a small purchase then why the meeting other than to go ahead and get notice out to follow state code?

Mr. Chappell replied, yes, in order to be in full compliance with the code, we need to pass this resolution.

Trustee Lewis also commented that we also need to be able to start the RFP process as quickly as possible.

Tom Riccobene stated even though we have a 60-day pass from the state, we have to put a resolution in?

Mr. Chappell further stated yes, and that the central purchasing office is the Mayor's office and he has designated Mr. Perls.

Mr. Perls indicated that the letter from the state designates me that I have the temporary 60-day.

Mayor Lopez asked for any further questions from the audience or any other questions.

Mayor Lopez asked for a motion

*MOVED: Trustee Lewis moved to approve the resolution No. 2019-04-01 regarding the Procurement Code Compliance.*

*SECONDED: Trustee Homan*

*CARRIED: Motion passed 3-0 (Trustee Homan-Yes; Trustee Lewis-Yes; Trustee Rael-Yes).*

## 5. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Lopez asked for a motion to adjourn the special meeting.

*MOVED: Trustee Rael moved to adjourn the meeting*

*SECONDED: Trustee Lewis*

*CARRIED: Motion Passed 3-0 (Trustee Rael-Yes; Trustee Homan-Yes; Trustee Lewis-Yes).*

*The special meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m.*

# April 10, 2019 - DRAFT

Before calling the meeting to order, the Boy Scouts led the guests in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lopez called the regular meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

*MOTION: Trustee Homan moved to approve the Agenda*  
*SECONDED: Trustee Rael*  
*CARRIED: Motion passed 3-0 (Trustee Rael-Yes; Trustee Homan-Yes; Trustee Lewis-Yes).*

## 2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD [3 MINUTE TIME LIMIT]

(Please sign in with the clerk if you wish to speak under public comment on an item that is not already on this agenda)

None

## 3. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

None

## 4. CONSENT AGENDA

There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

*MOTION: Trustee Homan moved to send the minutes back to staff for correction*  
*SECONDED: Trustee Rael*  
*CARRIED: Motion passed 3-0 (Trustee Homan-Yes; Trustee Lewis-Yes; Trustee Rael-Yes)*

Mayor Lopez stated that the minutes will be resubmitted at the May 8th meeting.

## 5. REPORTS

### MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Lopez reported on the following:

- Received a change order request from Bradbury & Stamm for the Fourth Street project dated January 17, 2019, for \$626,432.40, after the design team, Maria Rinaldi, had intense negotiation, we signed a change order dated April 8, for \$36,039.97, that is almost a \$580,000.00 savings. Commended Maria for all her hard work.

### ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Perls reported on the following:

- Attending a four-day procurement course, upon completion, will be the Certified Procurement Officer.
- Switching IT vendors from Kiko to ABBA Technologies for day to day services. We hope to then use Prodentify to put in place the physical and cyber security.
- Consensus to serve on the MRCOG committee.
- Personnel and org chart need another few weeks to work through a personnel ordinance.
- Waiting for feedback from the State Economic Development team on the Film Policy.
- Re-focusing on Village Center, getting new appraisals, hoping to break ground in a year. Start the eviction process on the mobile home park, which could be a yearlong process.
- Working on the master right of way franchise agreements to make it easier to negotiate and working with Attorney Winter.
- Meeting with Susan Unser April 30th, to negotiate a settlement.
- Would like to attend the Board of Trustees closed meetings when it relates to personnel issues.

Mayor Lopez directed Mr. Perls to contact David Hudson on Monday to set up a meeting to find out what the Village needs to do in regard to the Lavender Festival.

### PLANNER'S REPORT

Planning Director McDonough reported on the following:

- Major effort is the Master Plan, focusing on historic preservation and transportation. The next meeting is April 16th, on economic development and have invited all the businesses on Fourth Street.
- Meeting with the Master Planning Committee twice a month, then will go to every two weeks. The goal is to have an open house on June 29th from 9-1.

## LEGAL REPORT

Attorney Winter reported on the following:

- Introduced herself and who her firm represents.

## PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

Public Safety Liaison Radosevich reported on the following:

- Meeting weekly with staff and Mr. Perls about what is going on in the Village.
- Worked with Maria on traffic issues and had them resolved quickly.
- Working on Village Hall and Agri-Nature security plan.
- Bernalillo Co. Sherriff's Dept. has received 629 calls; 197 of those are traffic stops in the Village.
- Bernalillo Co. Fire Dept. Town Hall, on April 18<sup>h</sup> from 6-8.
- Have a meeting set up on April 30<sup>th</sup>, to discuss fire inspections, what's required and who pays for them. By the ordinance, it requires a resolution indicating payment and frequency of inspections.
- Speed Boards have been set up in various locations.

## FOURTH STREET PROJECT REPORT

Project Manager Rinaldi reported on the following:

- Construction activities are continuing on East Side, it is complete, but for a few punch list items.
- For safety reasons, the on-street parking on the east side will continue to be closed until a center median is open.
- Some concerns are still being worked on by the design team.
- Construction will begin on the westside, as scheduled April 8<sup>th</sup>, as promised by the contractor.
- Signage to be removed and notified all the owners what is to be salvaged and what is to be returned to the owners.
- Discussed all the change orders regarding 4<sup>th</sup> Street project and are all caught up to date. Providing rounded numbers, all change orders totaled \$508,000.00, and an additional 109 days, takes us to approximately July 18<sup>th</sup>. The original contract was \$5,864,000.00, with all the new items based on the re-design, approximately \$192,000.00, with all the change orders from the beginning of the project totaling through change order twelve, \$1.1 million. The total contract cost at this time, \$7,232,642.00, with a project ending date of September 24, 2019. Adds an additional 276 days that includes all the change orders; total calendar days of 633 days, it was originally 357.

## AGRI-NATURE CENTER REPORT

Program Manager Whitney reported on the following:

- Signage for the Larry P. Abraham Agri-Nature has been put up.
- Twelve master gardeners are volunteering at the center.
- An average of twenty-five people attending the agriculture classes since the beginning of January.
- The fields are being prepped for Lavender, the plants should be arriving in May.

## 6. FINANCIAL BUSINESS

### A. CASH REPORT-MARCH 2019

Treasurer Haines reported the ending cash balance March 31, 2019, is \$6,616,833.79, which is an increase of \$160,591.67. Year to date deficiency of revenues over expenditures of \$565,575.34.

- Small Cities Assistance Grant; \$390,275.80 that is \$230,000.00 more than our budget, and \$258,572.00 more than the prior year.
- Total paid on the Fourth Street Project \$352,179.39

Mayor Lopez asked if there is a motion to approve the Cash Report

*MOTION: Trustee Lewis moved to approve the Cash Report*

*SECONDED: Trustee Rael*

*CARRIED: Motion passed 3-0(Trustee Rael-Yes; Trustee Homan-Yes; Trustee Lewis-Yes)*

### B. DISCUSSION OF THE TAX AND REVENUE GROSS RECEIPTS TAX LAWSUIT UPDATE

Treasurer Haines reported that this is an update on the pending lawsuit resulting from municipalities that are suing the New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department. The state proposed to provide the Village with a "V-9" report, this report would agree to our distribution report we have been receiving every month. The individuals using this report would have to take a confidentiality training and sign a confidentiality agreement. A major condition is that we are not allowed to confront any business about the information that we receive from the State.

Village personnel, along with Attorney Chappell met and came to a consensus that we would work with TRD rather than join the lawsuit. Attorney Chappell concurred with the decision, and the Village would continue to reach out to Village business and any contractors coming into the Village and make sure they are using the Los Ranchos code when submitting their CRS1 forms. In the future, we could reach out to our local legislator's and the New Mexico Municipal League to draft legislation between TRD & the Municipalities so that there is more transparency in the collection of gross receipts revenues.

Mayor Lopez commented that it was wise that we work with the State and not be adversarial.

Trustee Homan commented that from her perspective, if we were offered what has been rejected by other cities, because they have tried to work with the State Taxation and Revenue for over several years, that we have been given false hope.

Trustee Lewis inquired if they are answering any of the questions?

Mr. Perls commented that his impression was that what we are being offered is more detailed reporting capabilities. We need to be sure on big projects, that the locator identifier is correct and that they are paying Los Ranchos tax and not paying Albuquerque tax instead. I continue to think this is the right decision.

Trustee Homan asked if there was any provision of any back taxes that may be owed?

Treasurer Haines responded, we can go back into time to see what was going on, but they are unsure of the exact amount of time. The municipalities requested to go back ten years in all of the various reports. This is not going to be over for a long time.

## 7. PUBLIC HEARING AND APPLICATIONS FOR APPEAL

None

## 8. OLD BUSINESS

### A. DISCUSSION OF THE PROCESS TO NOMINATE QUALIFIED ELECTORS TO FILL THE VACANCY OF A GOVERNING BODY MEMBER UNTIL THE NEXT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH NMSA 1978 §3-12-1.

Mayor Lopez stated that he decided to start the process all over again, reading the following press release:

PRESS RELEASE  
VILLAGE OF LOS RANCHOS DE ALBUQUERQUE

Mayor Donald T. Lopez is seeking interested qualified electors to fill a vacancy on the Village of Los Ranchos Board of Trustees. The vacant position was created by the appointment of former Trustee Don T. Lopez, when he filled the unexpired term of Mayor Larry Abraham, who passed away on May 5, 2018.

In accordance with New Mexico statute NMSA 1978 §3-12-1:

Any vacancy on the governing body of a mayor-council municipality shall be filled by appointment of a qualified elector by the mayor of the municipality, with the advice and consent of the governing body.

The law also requires that the term of the appointment will expire December 31, 2019. Any qualified elector appointed by the Mayor to fill this vacancy on the governing body shall serve until the next regular local election, which will take place in November 2019, the term will then fulfill the remaining two years of the vacancy.

A "qualified elector" means any resident of this state who qualified to vote under the provisions of the constitution of New Mexico and the constitution of the United States in accordance with NMSA 1978 §1-1-4.

Interested qualified electors are requested to submit the following:

- Letter of Interest
- Resume
- Certified Voter Registration; registered to vote in the Village of Los Ranchos (Obtained from the Bernalillo County Clerk's Office located at One Civic Plaza NW, 6th Floor Albuquerque, NM 87102; Monday-Friday, 8:00 am-5:00 pm.)

Submit the completed packet to the Village Clerk by email: [dmolina@losranchosnm.gov](mailto:dmolina@losranchosnm.gov) or 6718 Rio Grande Blvd. NW Los Ranchos, NM 87107 no later than April 30, 2019.

Mayor Lopez stated however many qualified electors come forward, he will invite them to come before the Board of Trustees and make a short statement. Thereafter, allow Trustees to provide, along with assistance from our Village Attorney, advice and consent.

## 9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. None

**10. NEW BUSINESS**

A. APPROVE REHAB TO VILLAGE HALL AND THE AGRI-NATURE CENTER AND COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH EACH MR. PERLS REPORTED THIS IS TO WRAP UP A \$165,000.00 APPROPRIATION, THE REMAINING AMOUNT OF \$63,000.00, TO SPEND THE REMAINING MONEY TO FIX UP THE AG CENTER, FIX THE ROOF, PAINT WALLS, TO MAKE IT LOOK BETTER.

Trustee Lewis requested that Mr. Perls go into more detail.

Mr. Perls responded that he has pictures to circulate, but the roof needs replacing and remove the parapets on the inside patch and paint, remove carpet, and other items as required, and it will stabilize the structure.

Trustee Homan asked if we really need to do an approval on this? Didn't we give approval already?

Mayor Lopez clarified that it was approved but did not include the approval of the details. We need to obligate the money before the end of the fiscal year.

Mr. Perls further clarified that we need to do this because part of the audit from the State requires authorizing the final portion of the legislative appropriation.

Mayor Lopez asked for a motion to approve

*MOVED: Trustee Rael moved to approve to spend the \$63,000.00*  
*SECONDED: Trustee Lewis*  
*CARRIED: Motion passed 3-0 (Trustee Rael-Yes; Trustee Homan-Yes; Trustee Lewis-Yes)*

B. RENEWAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH PALINDROME COMMUNITIES, LLC, A NEVADA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Mayor Lopez stated for the record, Trustee Rael recuses himself from any decisions on Item B.

Mr. Perls reported that this does not alter the MOU at all but extends it for another 90 days.

*MOVED: Trustee Homan moved to approve the MOU*  
*SECONDED: Trustee Lewis*  
*CARRIED: Motion passed 2-0 (Trustee Rael-Recused himself; Trustee Homan-Yes; Trustee Lewis-Yes)*

**11. TRUSTEE INFORMAL DISCUSSION**

Trustee Rael mentioned that the tree out in front of the building has deteriorated and needs to be updated.

Trustee Homan requested that we return back to the regular format of the agenda packets.

Mayor Lopez suggested to seek some professional help from our Attorney.

Attorney Winter responded that she saw that there were missing transitions and took comments on the minutes to heart and it will take thirty minutes to see what type of minutes are adequate under the Open Meetings Act.

Trustee Lewis mentioned that he had three items he would like to discuss; 1.) Addressed the property on Green Valley and convert it to capital. 2.) Dust the Trolley off and take the Trustees, Planning and Zoning and anyone else would like to ride, to drive around and see some of the things in the Village, cluster housing and the housing needs and how the Village fits in. 3.) At some point we should have an informal retreat, so we are fully up to speed on the Master Plan before it comes before the Board.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.



## Planning & Zoning Meeting Report

Al Park, Tom Riccobene, Lynn Eby, Jeff Phillips, Sandra Pacheco, Drew Seavey and Dan Gay

The next regular meeting  
will be held on  
Tuesday, June 11, 2019

April 8

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

- A. ROLL CALL- THERE WAS A QUORUM PRESENT. VICE-CHAIR PHILLIPS CONDUCTED THE MEETING.
- B. INTRODUCTION NANN WINTER WAS INTRODUCED AS THE NEW ATTORNEY FOR THE VILLAGE OF LOS RANCHOS.
- C. AGENDA
  - 1. Approval of Agenda

*The agenda was approved as presented (7-0).*

### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There was no public comment.

### 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 – MARCH 12, 2019 REGULAR MEETING

*The minutes were approved as changed unanimously 7-0.*

### 4. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPLICATIONS

*There were no hearing scheduled*

## A. OLD BUSINESS

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

- The Planning Director announced that Tiffany Justice is now a full time employee as a planner.
- Update on the Master Plan are now doing a draft and will present it to public review by the end of June. There was a question on how this would be handled, and Planner Justice responded that they would have an open house in the hall on a Saturday with hours partially coinciding with the Growers Market. The public will be able to review, make comments and talk to staff.

### B. Discussion of Priorities for 2019

- Texts amendments to the code are still a work in progress.

## B. NEW BUSINESS

### A. Election of Officers

Results of the Election are as follows:

Chairman-Jeff Phillips, Vice-Chair-Tom Riccobene, Secretary-Lynn Eby

## C. REPORTS

### A. PLANNING DEPARTMENT REPORT

- East side of Fourth St. is 98 percent finished. West side has begun, with a scheduled date of completion of September.
- Planning Department busy with building permits, variance requests, B & B requests, and May 14th meeting will be busy.
- Administrative Assistant was chosen waiting for response.
- Fergus Whitney and Dominic Tomba will be moving their offices to the Larry P. Abraham Agri-Nature Center. Keen Heinzleman has been made Facilities and Public Works manager. They will be hiring a new code enforcement officer full time.
- Planning Director Tim McDonough announced he has turned in his resignation and his last day will be May 17, 2019
- Planning Director was commended by Chairman Jeff Phillips and was reiterated by Commissioner Eby.

## D. COMMISSIONER'S INFORMAL DISCUSSION

Reminder of open meeting act and how you cannot talk about any case only procedural aspects. And reminder that the Commission should check their emails early.

Time designation for meeting is 10:00 p.m. The Commission can motion to continue the meeting after 10:00 p.m. or they can defer it to a different date and time.

## E. ADJOURNMENT

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



## Health & Fitness

# The Secrets to Building Workout Habits for Life

So what's the secret to lifting for life? What really keeps people motivated to consistently hit the gym? The better question might be "what keeps YOU motivated to stick with your workouts?" I've been consistently working out in the gym for more than 25 years and have trained hundreds of clients in that period of time. Many of these clients have unfortunately allowed issues such as lack of motivation, injuries, and general life problems to derail their workout programs. Here are a few tips to hopefully help you maintain training longevity for life.

### Never Stop Working Out

I know, this seems pretty simple and obvious but trust me, it's extremely difficult to adhere to consistently. A lot of people lose motivation once they stop going to the gym, even for short periods of time. I'm not saying that you should train every day but a lot of people who see a slight drop in motivation immediately take time off. After that point in time motivation will typically continue to drop even more. So, if you start to lose motivation, keep training. You can change the type of training you do by simply reducing volume or exercise intensity but whatever you do, just keep going to the gym.

### A Little Is Better Than Nothing

This is the big one! When you become a real adult with a full-time job, family,

mortgage, and a lot more stress, you find that you have much less time to devote to training. Sure, maybe you can't spend two hours in the gym anymore like you did when you were young (even though you probably only actually trained for an hour) but even just hitting the gym hard for 20 minutes is a million times better than doing nothing at all. There are plenty of productive exercises and techniques to explore in just 20 minutes that will provide sufficient benefits and keep your workouts on a positive track.

### Prioritize Training

Okay, this principle sounds cliché but it's true, and not many actually do it. If you make training one of your priorities, you'll find a way to get it done, it's as simple as that.

### Build A Home Gym

This makes things so much easier for people with a busy schedule. For most people the problem is not only the time spent training, but the 20-30 minute commute to the gym. This all adds up over time until pretty soon the excuses to skip the gym altogether become all too prominent. If you have a home gym it'll be easy to schedule a quick daily workout and you don't really need much equipment to get started. If you have a power rack, barbell/weights and adjustable bench you can get solid results. Here is just a partial list of exercises that can be done with

minimal equipment.

- Bench Presses
- Military Presses
- Back and Front Squats
- Lunges
- Deadlifts
- Barbell/Dumbbell Rows
- Barbell Curls
- Lying Triceps Extension
- Chin-Ups
- Power Cleans

The list goes on and on and is only limited by your creativity and motivation.

### Read About Training

Reading and learning about new training techniques, programs, diet plans and other information will inevitably keep you motivated to stick with your own workouts on a day-to-day basis. Reading not only gives you fresh ideas to try out in the gym but provides an ever-growing basis of knowledge to continually take your training to new levels. Above all else, keep training hard and the results will follow. Good luck!

*Dustin Melville, Owner  
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## School Events

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Albuquerque, NM 87109  
828-3208  
[www.aa.edu](http://www.aa.edu)  
[withinreach.aa.edu](http://withinreach.aa.edu) (digital viewbook)

### **Alvarado Elementary School**

1100 Solar Road NW  
Albuquerque, NM 87107  
344-4412  
[www.aps.edu/schools/alvarado](http://www.aps.edu/schools/alvarado)  
Upcoming Events: Alvarado is registering for Fall 2019-2020! We are accepting transfers for both the Dual Language or General English classrooms now. Please come by and join 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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We offer parent tours every Friday, so please call and schedule yours today! We welcome you at any of our upcoming events.

### **Bosque School**

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

[www.bosqueschool.org](http://www.bosqueschool.org)

Upcoming Events:

- June 5 - New Parent Reception 6:30 p.m.
- July 4 - Holiday
- June and July - One-week Summer Programs for students in grades 1-12; ongoing registration [bosqueschool.org](http://bosqueschool.org)

### **Los Ranchos Elementary School**

7609 Fourth Street NW  
Los Ranchos, NM 87107  
898-0794  
[www.aps.edu/aps/losranchos](http://www.aps.edu/aps/losranchos)

### **North Valley Academy**

7939 Fourth Street NW  
Los Ranchos, NM 87114  
998-0501  
Upcoming Events  
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### **Sandia Preparatory School**

532 Osuna Blvd. Rd. NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87113  
338-3000 phone  
338-3099 fax  
[www.sandiaprep.org](http://www.sandiaprep.org)

### **Sunset Mesa School**

Northeast Heights  
298-7626  
[sunset-mesa.com](http://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  
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### **Taft Middle School**

620 Schulte Road NW  
Los Ranchos, NM 87107  
344-4389  
[www.taftms.org](http://www.taftms.org)

### **Taylor Middle School**

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

### **Victory Christian School**

220 El Pueblo Road NW  
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898-3060  
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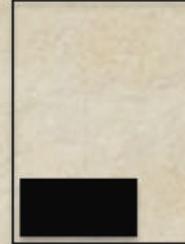
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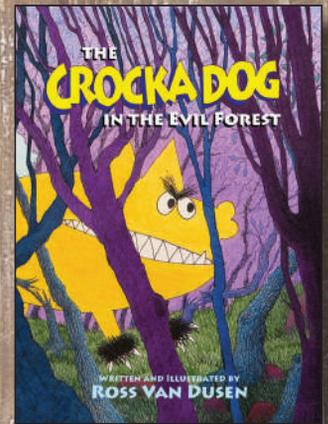
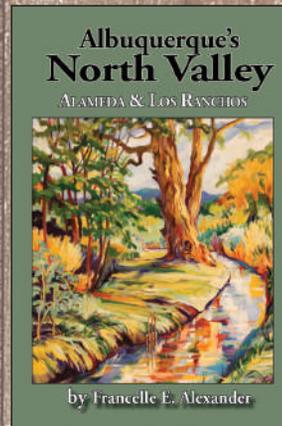
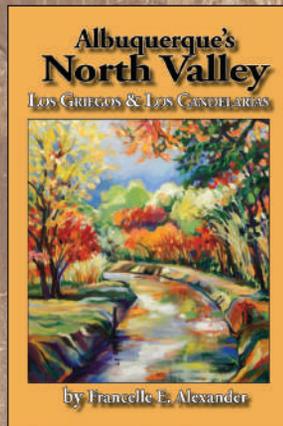
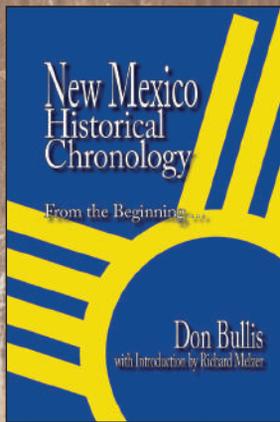
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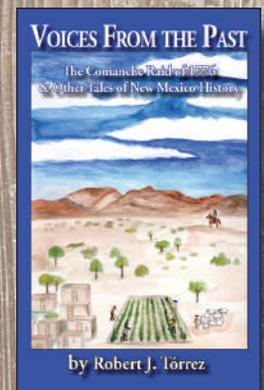
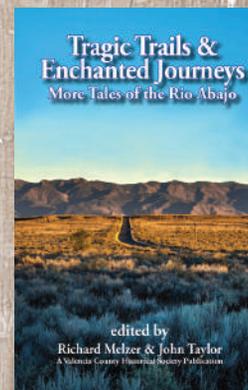
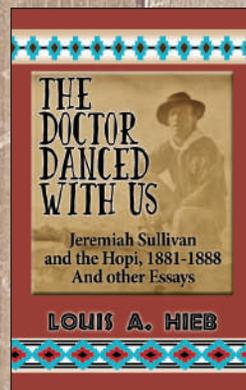
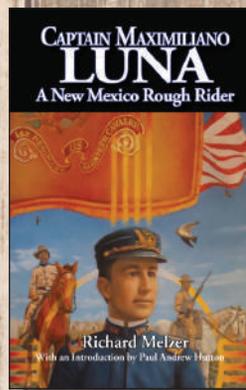
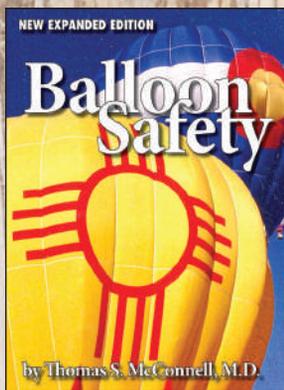


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# happenings

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Mayor Don Lopez presents Marcy Bissell, Planning and Zoning Assistant with a gift on her retirement day April 30, 2019.

