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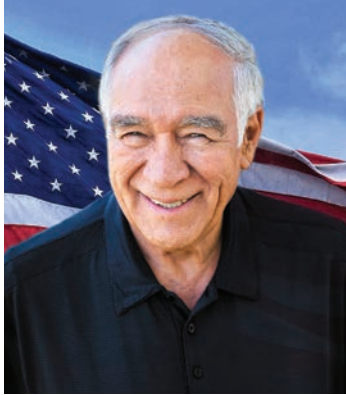


# Mayor's Report

Dear Residents,

I begin this letter with holiday greetings and a blessing for the new year.

The Village will see changes in the coming years, through newly elected officials, new projects, improved roadways, new open space, and a continuation of our 4th Street Redevelopment project. And, while I look forward to seeing what the new year brings, I am immensely proud of what we've accomplished together in 2023.



**New Public Open Space:** I am most proud of our effort to secure the Anderson Fields, 23 acres and a historic home in one of the most important viewsheds in all of New Mexico. Together with the adjacent Agri-Nature Center, we now have 50 acres of contiguous public land and forever open space. And, the Land Acquisition Fund, created in my administration, keeps growing.

**Community Engagement and Participation:** In response to calls for more citizen participation, especially concerning housing density issues in the C1 and VC Zones, and the Pilot Conservation Ordinance, we established the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC). This committee comprises dedicated community members who have volunteered their time and expertise to make recommendations on these critical issues.

**Improved Parks and Trails for Better Quality of Life:** We have beautiful parks and recreation areas in Los Ranchos and we're working to improve each and every one of them. Edgewood Park is getting playground equipment, seating, and a new perimeter fence. The Del Norte Open Space has a new trail around the East field and new trail signage showing walking distances for those who recreate there. There will be a new Edible Trail at the Agri-Nature Center and a new playing

surface on the tennis courts at Hartnett Park. Finally, we repurposed the playground at Old Village Hall into pickleball and a half-court basketball court.

**An Emphasis on Agriculture:** My administration has taken agriculture education to the next level. We have increased the lectures and workshops at the Agri-Nature Center, introduced livestock to the fields, developed an outdoor kitchen classroom for farm to table demonstrations and hands-on learning.

Finally, we have created new traditions at the Village by adding a wintertime Matanza and fall Fiesta to the calendar to complement the summertime Lavender Festival, and of course our wonderful growers' market.

**New Businesses in Los Ranchos:** Not only will we see 12,000 square feet of new business space at the Village Center in the coming year, we are seeing new businesses and new real estate investment in the 4th Street corridor every month.

**The Most Beautiful Roadway in New Mexico:** While many had a hand in redeveloping 4th Street into the beautiful corridor that it is, there is still work to do. The street north of Pueblo Solano needs sidewalks, traffic calming, ADA parking, lighting, and safer access to public transit. Those are some of the plans we have for the next phase of 4th Street.

Thank you for being a part of the Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque. It has been an honor serving you as your Mayor.

For more information about the Village of Los Ranchos, upcoming community events, public meetings, employment opportunities, and much more, please visit our website at [www.losranchosnm.gov](http://www.losranchosnm.gov).

Mayor Donald T. Lopez, PE, CMO







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One of Los Ranchos' most popular events! Don't miss it. A four-page insert can be found starting on page 24.



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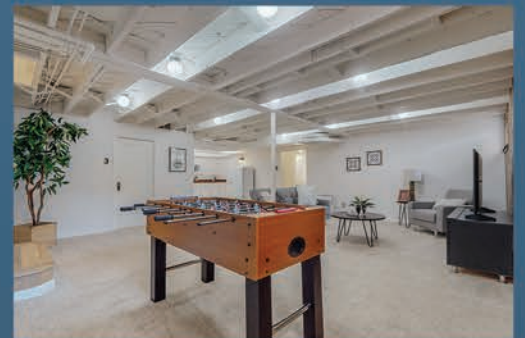
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# 4th Street, Roadway Improvements, Del Norte Open Space, and More

**OUTDOOR KITCHEN CLASSROOM** (and surrounding environment) The outdoor classroom is complete. The project includes outdoor kitchen equipment for farm to table cooking demonstrations, a new concrete plaza, and shade structures. The outdoor classroom also features an adjacent raised bed garden of differing heights to accommodate those with disabilities. We are also in the design phase of the edible trail and additional landscaping and signage. Be on the lookout for that project in the coming months.

**4TH STREET PHASE 2** The Village has contracted with Bohannon Huston for the final design and engineering. The Village held an open house specifically for property owners/tenants in the project area on September 19 and 20, 2023 that was very well received. The utility phase is underway. Coordination meetings have been held with all providers in the project area. Coordination will continue through 90% design with all utility impacts to be removed by August 2024. Other construction coordination is occurring with ABQ Ride (bus stops/bus service), Waste Management of NM, and US Postal Service. Bernalillo County and Wilson Engineering have begun design of the 4th St. road diet project (reduction to two travel lanes and a bike lane) from Alameda Blvd. to Ortega. We continue to coordinate on the best way to tie in with existing bike lanes in Los Ranchos, including a possible lane over the Paseo Bridge.

**ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FY23-24** The Village has been awarded NMDOT COOP funding of \$603,690.00. We will begin the environmental review phase of the project to include the following roads for repaving (pulverize, subgrade prep., asphalt): El Paraiso Road, Guadalupe Trail-Chavez to Tyler, Charles Place, Ortega Road east of 4th Street. Particular

attention will be paid to maintain the current road grade to prevent issues on the roadway shoulder and adjacent properties. The project also includes crack seal on the following roads: Los Poblanos Place, Los Poblanos Court, Chavez Road-west of Rio Grande Blvd., Los Ranchos Road, Vineyard Road, Rio Grande Lane, Place, and Court. We anticipate construction to begin in early spring.

**CHAVEZ ROAD MULTI-USE TRAIL** The Village is in contract with Parametrix in the amount of \$347,349.54 for preliminary engineering and design services with an anticipated completion date of July 31, 2025. Currently, the topographic survey is complete, and the right-of-way investigation/research is underway. The sub-surface utility engineering (SUE) and environmental work are also imminent. The first public information meeting will be held when there is adequate survey information to determine preliminary scope alternatives. The goal of the project is to provide a trail that improves the safety of all users in a manner that respects the culture, environment, and quality of life of the Village. Public input will be invaluable in ensuring that the goal of the project is met.

**PEDESTRIAN CROSSWALKS ON CHAVEZ ROAD** We are on the schedule of the installation contractor and hope to see these crosswalks installed by the end of the year.

**DEL NORTE OPEN SPACE** Jacobo Sanchez, the Village’s contract farmer, will be creating a berm and trail along the east field and trenching a ditch to improve irrigation. The Village installed wayfinding signs for those recreating, welcome signs for balloonists, and 65 Afghan pines and 50 Rio Grande Cottonwoods along the east field. In addition, the Village is doing extensive tree trimming to eliminate a fire hazard and make the trails more useable. The Village removed and mulched 12 trees that did not make it through the drought. The cost of that tree work was \$16,078 which came out of the Rescue Act fund. Come out and see this spectacular property.

**PICKLEBALL** The pickleball courts on Green Valley Road are complete. Check them out! They are sure to be a hit among Villagers.

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# Winter Markets are Here

By Sue Brawley



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## Vendor Profile: Kay-Nine Treats

Donna Kay Lasusky has been a vendor at the market for three years selling homemade, organic dog treats that are all natural and made without preservatives. The treats are made with fruits and vegetables, which, when available, come from our local growers and organic peanut butter. They are available with wheat or grain-free coconut.

Flavors include *Elvis has left the Building* (banana, and chicken bone broth), *Apple and BaNana* (apple sauce, apple juice, bananas and oats), *Healthy Harvest* (apple sauce, apple juice, pumpkin, and oats), *Bananas for Pumpkin* (bananas, pumpkin, and apple juice), and *Veggie Vibes* (carrots, carrot juice, zucchini, and pumpkin).

Kay sells three standard treat sizes: training-size, button-size for small dogs, and regular bone-size for medium to large dogs. Custom sizes and shapes are available at no extra charge! Treats can be ordered ahead by calling (505) 315-9974 or emailing [kaynicetreats@gmail.com](mailto:kaynicetreats@gmail.com).



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## THROUGHOUT THE HOLIDAY SEASON

By Anne Spitz, Media & Communications at WM

As family and friends gather for the holidays to share a meal, exchange gifts, or toast the end of one year and the beginning of the next, one constant remains. Throughout our merry making, we generate waste. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Americans generate an additional 1 million tons of trash per week during the holidays.

While many folks want to, and attempt to, recycle properly, some confusion regarding current recycling rules often lingers and only escalates during the holidays. Which bin does the gift wrap go in – recycling or trash? What about the broken ornaments and the eggnog jug? What do we do with the artificial tree that's seen its last season?

WM (formerly Waste Management) offers some easy-to-follow Holiday Recycling Tips.

**BASIC RULES OF RECYCLING** Tis' the season for a quick review of the basic rules of residential recycling. Only recycle clean cardboard, paper, metal food and beverage cans, and only household plastics shaped like bottles, jugs, jars or tubs. Glass is not recyclable in curbside carts. Place recyclables loosely and directly into recycling carts—never bag them up.



**HOLIDAY GIFT MATERIALS** – Recycle cardboard boxes, paper-based packing material, gift boxes and gift bags, plain greeting cards. Reuse or throw away ribbons and bows. Watch out for glitter: it makes any product non-recyclable. When recycling cardboard boxes, remove the packaging inserts, flatten the box and place it inside your curbside cart with the lid closed.

**HOLIDAY DECORATIONS** Most common decorative items should go in the trash, such as wreaths, garland, broken ornaments, holiday lights, power cords. Live Christmas trees can often be recycled at a local drop-off location (check with your municipality). Artificial Christmas trees can be donated but do not belong in recycling. Toys are also not recyclable.

**HOLIDAY FEASTS** Food-related items that can be recycled include aluminum beverage cans, metal food cans, plastic water and drinking bottles, plastic eggnog and apple cider jugs, plastic beverage bottles, pizza boxes, and clean pie tins. Make sure *not* to recycle plastic bags, plastic/wax wrap, dirty paper plates, or plastic utensils.



### Seasonal Recipe: Winter Squash Pie

Most winter squash makes tastier pies than most pumpkins, Spaghetti squash being an exception. Our favorites are Long Island Cheese, Musquee de Provence and Butternut. To cook winter squash, wash and cut in half or quarters. Remove seeds and strings. Place in a baking pan skin-side up, and bake at 325 for 1 hour or more, depending on size, until tender. Scrape the pulp from the shell and purée. Preheat oven to 425. Line a 9" pie pan with pie dough.

#### Ingredients

2 cups puréed winter squash  
 1 ½ cups undiluted evaporated milk or rich cream  
 ¼ cup brown sugar  
 ½ cup white sugar  
 ½ tsp salt, 1 tsp cinnamon, ½ tsp ginger, ¼ tsp nutmeg  
 2 eggs, lightly beaten

Mix the ingredients until well blended. Pour the mixture into the pie shell. Bake 15 minutes at 425, then lower the temperature to 350 and bake for another 45 minutes, or until a knife inserted comes out clean. Serve with whipped cream, and enjoy!

Recipe by Sue Brawley of the Los Ranchos Growers' Market



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# The Art of Letting Go

I am in love with New Mexico in the fall time. There are so many activities to enjoy this time of year: the State Fair, the Corrales Harvest Festival, the Rio Grande Arts and Crafts Festival, and of course, the Balloon Fiesta. And in the backdrop, there is the tantalizing aroma of chile roasting. Admit it, you smell that chile roasting and there is a part of you, deep down in your soul, that is so proud to be a New Mexican. Who else rolls down their windows while driving by The Fruit Basket?

But one of my favorite Los Ranchos activities is walking the ditches and watching the golden cottonwood leaves float to the ground. So, in the spirit of our beautiful and majestic trees releasing their leaves and finally starting to relax into their winter naps, I want to talk about the art of letting go.

I'm sure in your life, as is the case with everyone, you are holding onto something or someone that is no longer serving you. Do you have a bad experience that you can't stop replaying? A bad decision you ruminate on? Or maybe a fight with someone that you never really got over?

I invite you, right now, to get over it. Let it go. Release the things that you are holding so tightly that your hands, mind, and heart are closed to receiving anything new and good.

Here are some ideas for releasing and forgiving so that you are open to enjoying your life more.

**Acknowledge Your Feelings** It's important to recognize and validate your feelings of anger, hurt, betrayal, or resentment. Allow yourself to feel these emotions without judgment.

**Understand the Impact** Reflect on how holding onto anger and resentment affects your own mental and emotional well-being. Recognize that forgiveness is primarily for your own benefit, not necessarily for the person who hurt you.

**Clarify Your Expectations** Sometimes, our expectations of others contribute to our suffering. Reflect on whether the person who hurt you had the capacity or intention to meet your expectations.

**Empathize** Try to understand the perspective and circumstances of the person who hurt you. Consider the factors that may have influenced their actions.

**Distinguish Forgiveness from Reconciliation** Forgiving someone doesn't necessarily mean you have to reconcile or trust them again. You can

forgive someone and still choose to keep your distance or maintain healthy boundaries.

**Write a Forgiveness Letter** Consider writing a letter to the person who hurt you, even if you don't plan to send it. Express your feelings, explain your perspective, and, if you're ready, extend forgiveness in the letter.

Some of these take practice. It may be uncomfortable to explore your emotions but once you can express them to yourself without judgment it's easier to communicate them to others. Most importantly, celebrate your progress! Recognize your own growth and resilience. I truly believe that little wins lead to big success.



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### A VISIT WITH ARTIST KATHLEEN SCHWEIZER

By Gordene MacKenzie

Walking into Kathleen Schweizer's spacious studio I was struck by the well-organized rolls and stacks of colorful art paper, as well as shelves of altars, art journals, matchbook and cigar box art, large paintings, and collages. Kathleen has a background in textiles and sells high end suitable-for-framing Greeting cards, jewelry and more at the Los Ranchos Art Market where she has sold since 2004.

Kathleen grew up in a family of makers where creativity flourished. Her art career started at age 4 "when I sneaked into my parents ice cream business storeroom and hand painted the entire inventory of boxes with oil-based paints."

Kathleen's house is like an art museum embellished with rich colors, gorgeous art quilts, life masks, mosaics, and colors I never knew existed from her spinning, dying, and weaving work. She once moonlighted as a costume and scenery designer in one of the many cities she lived in from Chicago to Seattle to Puerto Vallarta. There she became the unofficial Catnip Queen doing volunteer work for the Animal Protection Association, creating handmade fabric cat toys. She also sold her art in local galleries.

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Many of her cards feature the Dutch iris paper folding technique where you cut patterned paper into small strips in a spiraling design that resembles the iris of an eye or camera. Kathleen warns: "paper is not safe around me." She is always on the lookout for paper that she can incorporate into her designs like the inside of security envelopes, chocolate candy wrappers, cat food bags, and exotic designer paper. Some of her cards are embossed and have a 3-D appearance. If she had only one wish granted she said, "it would be to sing just like Aretha Franklin!"



Kathleen and her creations. At top: Guadalupe Shrine. To the right: Tile and Shell Collage and Butterfly made of security envelopes.



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- ▶ Follow the tracking of your package so that you can be home when it is delivered, or have a trusted neighbor pick it up for you and hold it until you get home.
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- ▶ Change the delivery address to your work, so the package can be delivered to the work address.
- ▶ Require a signature for delivery, so the package cannot be left on the porch.
- ▶ Consider using a package delivery service. They can be found in a lot of stores already and the package is delivered to them instead of being left on your porch.
- ▶ Have a visible security camera on your porch, with a sign. Unfortunately, some thieves don't care if there is a camera or not, but it will help law enforcement track down the porch pirate.
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# Making Your Own Chile Ristra

A COLORFUL NEW MEXICAN TRADITION

By Danise Coon and Stephanie Walker, New Mexico State University Cooperative Extension Service

From mid-September until frost, green chile matures and turns deep red. New Mexicans have traditionally harvested and strung red chile into colorful arrangements called ristras. The chile is allowed to dry in New Mexico's warm sun, and then is stored—still on the ristra string—for use in various traditional food dishes during the winter. The ristra is also a symbol of welcome and hospitality.

Green chile is not acceptable for making ristras. Because it has not reached maturity, green chile will only shrivel and turn a dull orange color as it dries. Selecting the proper type of chile (or cultivar) is also a critical consideration when making a ristra. Many modern New Mexican-type chile cultivars have been bred for thick fruit walls. While this attribute provides for optimal green chile use, the fruit do not readily dry, or may deteriorate rather than dry, when hung on a ristra. The New Mexican-type cultivars 'New Mexico 6-4', a mildly pungent cultivar, and 'Sandia', a hot cultivar, are commonly used in ristras because of their superior drying characteristics.

Select pods that are mature but still fresh, red, free of blemishes, and straight with pliable stems. For a full-size ristra made with New Mexican pod types, you will need approximately 130 pods for a 2-foot ristra. For a mini ristra made with de Árbol-type pods, you will need approximately 800 pods for a 1-foot ristra.



Ristra Making Workshop at the Agri-Nature Center taught by Chantelle Wagner from Big Jim Farms on October 5th. The 30 participants got to make their own ristras and take it home. The leftover chile peppers were turned into ristras to decorate the Agri-Nature Center.

## TWO-FOOT NEW MEXICAN POD TYPE RISTRA

Start with a 5-foot double strand of a durable, heavy twine or string, like baling twine. Hang the double strand from a sturdy area like a rafter or hook. From the top of the double strand, measure down 3 feet and tie both strands together in a knot, allowing the extra 2 feet of twine to hang below. This method allows you to start from the bottom of the ristra and work your way up.

Using three pods at a time, place the stems in between the double strands on top of the knot that was made at the 3-foot mark. Using the extra 2 feet of twine below the knot, tie a half-hitch or overhand knot to secure the three stems to the double strand of twine above the knot (Figure 1). Then tie another half-hitch knot to doubly secure the pods; this will ensure a tight, secure ristra (Figure 2). Keep adding pods in this same manner three or four at a time to fill in and make a nice, full ristra, making sure to secure with two half-hitch knots each time. If you run out of loose tying strands, you will need to add another section of twine to your tying end; just cut another 2-foot strand and tie it to the current tying strand.



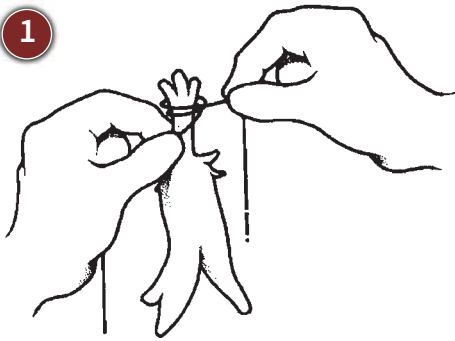
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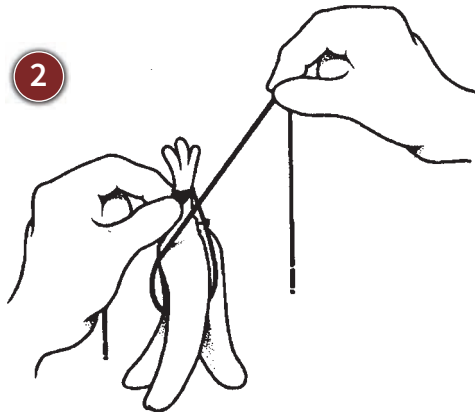
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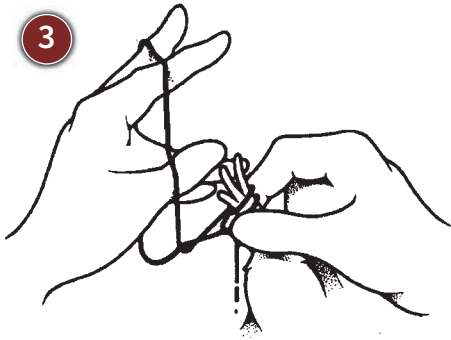
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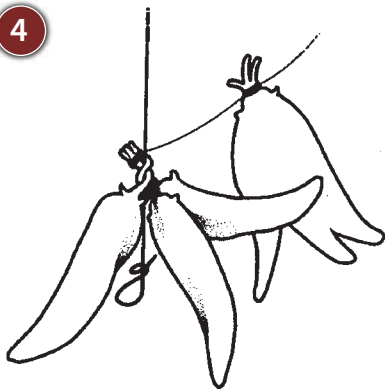
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After all pods are secured, tie off the top and make a 2- or 3-inch loop that will hang your ristras.

If using whole cornhusks for the topper, fray or comb through the cornhusks to separate. Then at the halfway point of the husk, tie the frayed husk to the top of your ristra, allowing the husk to fan out over the top of the ristra. The cornhusk top will hide the loop that hangs your ristra.

#### TWELVE-INCH MINI RISTRA

Start your mini ristra by making small bundles of pods with 15–20 pods per bundle. Put the pods together by the stems and tie them securely with a rubber band or piece of string (Figure 3). After you have secured 30–40 bundles of pods, hang a 3-foot double strand of heavy twine from a secure hook or rafter. At the 1.5-foot mark on the double strand of twine, tie the strands together in a knot and allow the remaining 1.5 feet to hang below.

This is the same general method as described previously or working your way from the bottom of the ristra to the top. Start by placing one of the bundles above the knot in between the doubled strands. Use the 1.5-foot length of twine below the knot and tie a half-hitch to secure the bundle; keep adding bundles and tying knots until you have the length of ristra desired (Figure 4).

Add frayed cornhusks to the top for effect.







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# The Responsible Way To Walk Your Dog

## THE IMPORTANCE OF WALKING YOUR DOG ON A LEASH

By Dominic Tomba, Animal Control Officer/  
Animal Husbandry Program Manager

Walking your dog is not just a daily chore; it is an essential activity that benefits both you and your furry companion. While some may argue that allowing dogs to roam freely without a leash is harmless, there are several reasons why walking your dog on a leash is crucial. In this article, we will explore the importance of leash walking, emphasizing safety, responsible pet ownership, and the positive impact it has on your bond with your four-legged friend.

### ENSURING SAFETY

Walking your dog on a leash is the first step towards ensuring their safety. Leashes provide control and prevent your dog from running into dangerous situations such as traffic, encountering aggressive animals, or getting lost. Even the most well-behaved dogs can be unpredictable, and a leash acts as a safety net, allowing you to react quickly and protect your pet from potential harm.

### RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP

Leash walking is a fundamental aspect of responsible pet ownership. It shows respect for others in your community, including fellow pedestrians, cyclists, and other dog owners. By keeping your dog on a leash, you demonstrate that you are considerate of others' comfort and safety. It also helps prevent any unwanted interactions or conflicts with other dogs or people who may not be comfortable around dogs.

### TRAINING AND SOCIALIZATION

Walking your dog on a leash provides an excellent opportunity for training and socialization. Leash walking allows you to reinforce basic commands such as "sit," "stay," and "heel." It helps your dog learn to walk calmly beside you, promoting good behavior and obedience. Additionally, on-leash walks expose your dog to various sights, sounds, and smells, helping them become more comfortable and well-adjusted in different environments.

### HEALTH AND EXERCISE

Regular exercise is vital for your dog's physical and mental well-being. Leash walking provides an opportunity for them to burn off excess energy, maintain a healthy weight, and



prevent behavioral issues caused by boredom or pent-up energy. It also promotes cardiovascular health, muscle tone, and joint flexibility. By incorporating leash walking into your routine, you contribute to your dog's overall fitness and longevity.

### 5. STRENGTHENING THE BOND

Walking your dog on a leash is not just about physical exercise; it is also a chance to strengthen the bond between you and your furry companion. Spending quality time together during walks allows for mutual trust and understanding to develop. It provides an opportunity for you to observe your dog's behavior, body language, and needs, fostering a deeper connection. Regular leash walks create a positive association with you as their caregiver, leading to a happier and more well-adjusted pet.

### CONCLUSION

Walking your dog on a leash is an essential responsibility that should not be overlooked. It ensures the safety of your pet, promotes responsible pet ownership, aids in training and socialization, contributes to their overall health, and strengthens the bond between you and your furry friend. By embracing leash walking as a regular activity, you not only provide physical exercise but also mental stimulation and emotional fulfillment for your beloved companion. So, grab that leash, head outside, and enjoy the many benefits that come with walking your dog on leash.

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# Holiday Theater Season

By Marcelle Cady

**MISS BENNET: CHRISTMAS AT PEMBERLEY** | Can you believe the Holiday season is upon us? The Adobe Theater celebrates with a sequel to Jane Austen’s most popular story *Pride and Prejudice* set two years after the novel ends, co-written by the prolific American playwright Lauren Gunderson, with Margot Melcon. **MISS BENNET: CHRISTMAS AT PEMBERLEY** is a sweet drawing-room comedy set in the home of the Darcys. Bookish middle-sister Mary is its unlikely heroine. Mary is growing tired of her role as dutiful middle sister in the face of her siblings’ romantic escapades. When the family gathers for Christmas, an unexpected guest (Mr. Darcy’s aristocratic but socially bumbling bookworm cousin, Arthur) sparks hopes for independence, an intellectual match, and possibly even love.

This production is directed by Robin Havens-Parker who has appeared several times on stage in Albuquerque, most recently in *Nonsense* at Albuquerque Little Theatre. Robin has assembled an excellent cast, Sarah Kesselring, Cash Martinez, Jessica Alden, Tanner Sroufe, Lauren Jehle, Isaac Dean Carrillo, Valerie Lawdensky and Clair Gardner to play the familiar characters of Mary Bennet, Elizabeth and Fitzwilliam Darcy, Jane and Charles Bingley, Lydia Wickham, Anne DeBourgh as well as Arthur DeBourgh.

Performances are December 1 – 24. Details can be found on the Adobe Theater website.

As an aside, you may notice that The Vortex Theatre is presenting a similar story by the same playwrights. Their show is *The Wickhams: Christmas at Pemberley*. These two plays are part of a trilogy (the third one is not being staged in Albuquerque). Why not see both?



From left to right: Valerie Lawdensky, Sarah Kesselring, Lauren Jehle, and Jessica Alden in "Miss Bennett: Christmas at Pemberley"

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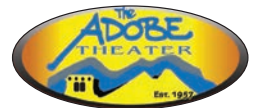
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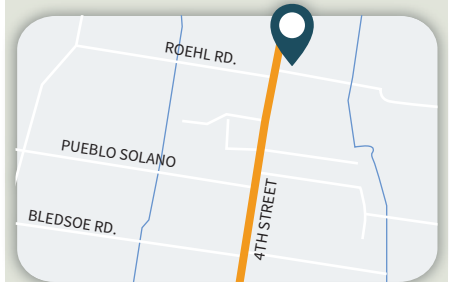
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## In Memoriam



**Patty Anderson**  
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Patty Geraldine Anderson was the youngest of four daughters born to Henry and Elma Nasset in Bagley, Minnesota. While attending a local Bagley baseball game, Patty met her future husband and the love of her life, Maxie L. Anderson. Maxie and Patty married and soon after began their family of four children. In 1956, Patty and Maxie moved to Albuquerque where Maxie was pivotal in creating the successful Rancher's Exploration and Development Mining Company. He quickly became recognized as an innovator within the mining industry and as a world record setting balloonist. Patty shared Maxie's adventurous spirit. Their son Kristian also shared in Maxie's endeavors as the co-pilot on the Kitty Hawk transcontinental gas balloon flight.

Following the tragic death of her husband in Europe, while he was participating in the 200th anniversary event of ballooning, Patty and her oldest son, Michael, developed the concept of creating a balloon museum. This became a reality in 2005 when the Anderson Abruzzo International Balloon Museum opened.

Patty was a strong business woman who contributed to the success of several family businesses and real estate developments including Rancho Caballero, Anderson Valley Vineyards Winery, Rio Grande Plaza and Sun Country Arabians. Patty, along with her daughter Stephanie and youngest son Brett Timothy, were very involved with the training and showing of their champion Arabian horses. Additionally, Brett Timothy managed and maintained the Anderson Fields in Los Ranchos.

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Decorate your home with prunings from the garden. Any plant with bright berries or dried seed heads can look very festive.

► **Put out water and seed for the birds.**



► **Cover cool weather vegetables now** to give them a boost in February. Be sure to remove frost protective cloth to water at least once a month.

► **Begin looking through books and catalogs** and thinking about what to plant in the spring. Some shrubs and trees provide color and texture. It's a good time to start thinking about next spring's plantings which can add more texture and color next December.

► **Water everything once deeply:** lawns, trees, shrubs, and flower beds. Hose off evergreens.

► **If you bought a live Christmas tree,** plant it in your yard right after Christmas. These plants are stressed by indoor conditions. Don't keep them inside for more than a couple of days if you want a healthy yard tree. Select a location that matches the mature size of the tree.

► **Continue transplanting cool season vegetables** until December 15th.

► **De-icers** — If you use driveway and sidewalk de-icers, read the label carefully. Look for those that are safe to use around plants. Rock salt, a common de-icer, melts and runs into lawns and plantings, killing them and ruining the soil.

► **Weekly check walk** — Walk around the garden examining plants. Look for broken branches and promptly prune them. Be sure to water deeply on a warm day at least once each winter month.

This information is brought to you by the Albuquerque Master Gardeners. For more information visit [abqmastergardeners.org](http://abqmastergardeners.org). Have questions? Call the Master Gardeners Hotline at (505) 243-1386 or the Bernalillo County Extension Service at (505) 243-1386.

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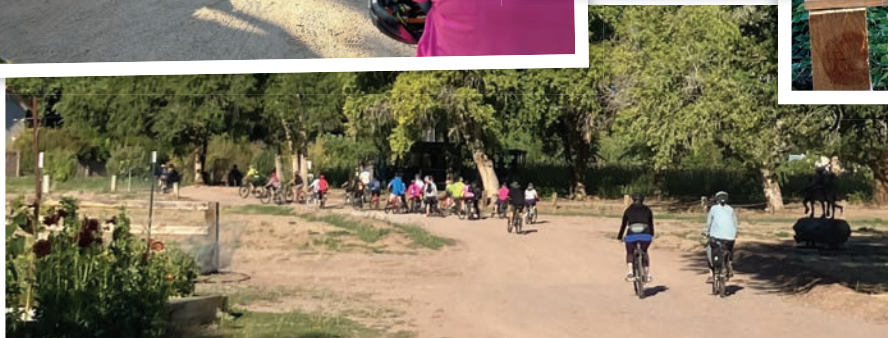




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On Sunday, October 1st, 60 participants took off by bike from the Agri-Nature Center to travel a four-mile scenic loop around Los Ranchos and visit local farms Rainbow Farms, Loose Leaf Farm, Thanks and Trust Turmeric and Ginger Farm, Burque Bee Farm, RCJ Orchard, and Tres Hermanas Farm.



## THE REAL ESTATE MARKET



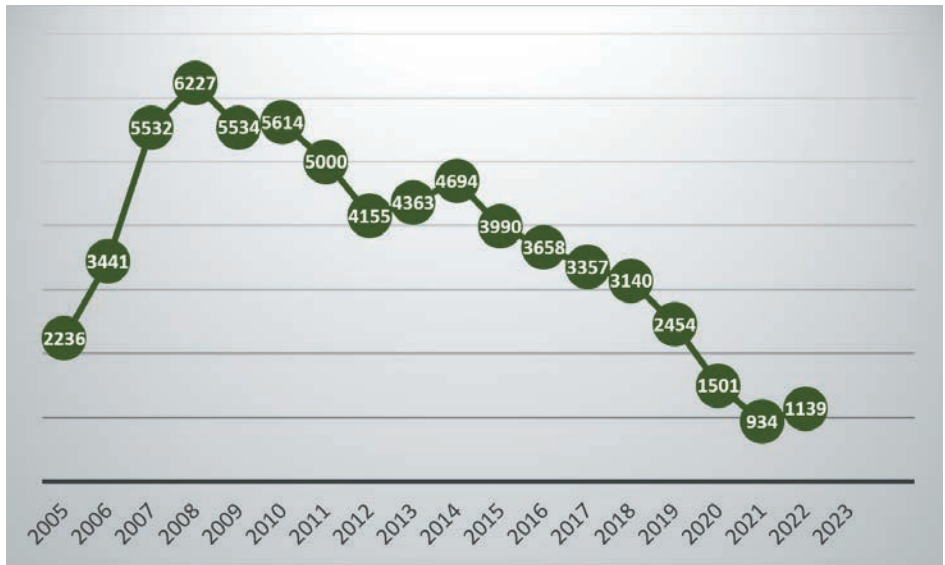
WITH TIM TOURVILLE

### Tim's Take on Inventory

When the inventory of homes for sale is as low as it has been over the last few years, the situation is much more challenging for buyers. For one, it's hard to find your "just right" home when there are fewer homes to choose from. Two, houses priced at or slightly above market value typically sell the day of or within just a few days of going on the market. Three, buyer's often find themselves in multiple offer situations where they have to outbid other buyers. In this situation, not only does a buyer need to offer a higher price but the offer needs to have better terms than the competing offers. Sellers are in the driver's seat and look for terms like a quick closing, possibly occupying the property after closing, and an offer not contingent on inspections or the appraisal, etc.

As you can see in the historical table below, our inventory is starting to come back up again. The number of Active homes for sale in the Greater Albuquerque Area MLS was at its highest in 2008-2009 during the Great Recession. Many homeowners could no longer afford to make their mortgage payments because they lost their jobs and/or were victims of predatory lending. Some had enough equity and could sell their home, but many were forced into foreclosure. As we came out of the recession, inventory began to decrease and hit rock bottom shortly after the 2020 Covid lockdown. The demand for

Average Number of Homes for Sale in the Greater ABQ Area  
Class RI & R2 (Existing Single-Family Detached & Condo/Townhome Attached)



homes after the lockdown was caused by many factors. To name a few, buyers who were waiting until after the lockdown re-entered the market at about the same time; Millennials wanted to move out of their parents house after being locked down with them for months; more babies were being born; and the folks who were working from home wanted a better work environment.

Buyers are now asking me, "If there is going to be another recession, should I hold off on buying until the inventory goes up?" My answer is, "I don't think so." The Great Recession of 2008 was caused by the mortgage industry meltdown. As a result, there are more regulations in place for mortgage approvals, so I don't see that scenario happening again. Even if we go into a recession, the supply of houses will likely remain about the same, and the demand will still be there. As Will Rogers said, "Don't wait to buy real estate, buy real estate and wait."



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

Listing#	Street#	Street Name	Listing Price	ApxSqFt	BR	BA	G	Lot Acr.	Listing Office	Office Phone	Listing Member
1026922	7012	Rio Grande	\$3,700,000	7,839	5	5	8	8.06	Ida Kelly Realtors	(505) 888-1000	Channing Kelly
1024201	7028	Rio Grande	\$2,698,800	LAND				6.8	Berkshire Hathaway NM Prop	(505) 798-6300	Juan Duran
1039404	5111	Rio Grande	\$2,500,000	7,388	5	6	4	2.65	Keller Williams Realty	(505) 271-8200	Susan Feil
1040628	7622	Rio Grande	\$2,500,000	2,748	3	2	2	4.24	Sotheby's International Realty	(505) 982-6207	Marsha Adams
1032914	4900	Rio Grande	\$2,400,000	3,600	3	5	2	6.92	Hanna Commercial, LLC	(505) 332-0522	Richard Hanna
1029433	520	Sandia View	\$1,399,900					2.72	The M Real Estate Group	(505) 247-1002	Thomas Mestas
1041756	8617	Rio Grande	\$1,250,000	3,118	3	4	2	1.42	Maestas Real Estate Services	(505) 463-3565	Anita Maestas
1039106	8209A	Guadalupe	\$1,200,000	3,181	3	3	2	2.08	Kate Southard Real Estate	(505) 264-9586	Kate Southard
1042406	1024	El Pueblo	\$975,000	2,375	3	3	3	0.8	Sotheby's International Realty	(505) 982-6207	Marsha Adams
1042295	1118	El Pueblo	\$899,900	2,282	3	3	0	1.03	The Maez Group	(505) 718-4980	Joseph Maez
1039455	820	Ranchitos	\$679,000	3,184	3	4	2	0.23	Keller Williams Realty	(505) 271-8200	Livian Group
1027262	1001	Cottonwood	\$495,000	LAND				1.52	The Maez Group	(505) 718-4980	Joseph Maez
1027246	7220	Zia View	\$299,000	LAND				0.56	Absolute Real Estate	(505) 681-8578	Leola Robledo
1027247	7201	Zia View	\$299,000	LAND				0.55	Absolute Real Estate	(505) 681-8578	Leola Robledo
1027248	7200	Zia View	\$299,000	LAND				0.56	Absolute Real Estate	(505) 681-8578	Leola Robledo
1027249	7221	Zia View	\$299,000	LAND				0.55	Absolute Real Estate	(505) 681-8578	Leola Robledo

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# Three Goodbyes

THE VILLAGE SAYS GOODBYE TO THREE INDIVIDUALS



## ALLEN LEWIS

We said goodbye to Trustee Allen Lewis in September. After 10 years on the Board of Trustees, and two on the Planning and Zoning Commission, Allen is most proud of the support of Agriculture in the Village, the expansion and acquisition of the Anderson Fields, and keeping the Village financially stable through the Pandemic. He looks forward to a vibrant 4th Street to help fund services for Villagers into the future.

A regular Growers' Market attendee, Allen started the "Coffee with your Trustee" listening table at the market. As a long-time resident (Allen grew up on Green Valley Road beginning in 1960) Allen attended Ranchos, Taft, and Valley schools graduating in 1971. He spent his career as an entrepreneur, where he started and developed various types of businesses including a chain of rental stores, a parking company and even his own vineyard. Currently, he is involved in real estate development with a focus on urban infill projects.

Allen and his wife Carla plan to remain in the Village with their new puppy Maddie and Layla.



## SANDRA PACHECO

Sandra Pacheco served as a Planning and Zoning Commissioner before being elected to the Board of Trustees in 2019. For the last two years she served as Mayor Pro Tem. Sandra and her family moved to the Village of Los Ranchos nearly 30 years ago where she and her husband, Chris, raised their three children.

Sandra's commitment to the Village began when, as a sitting Commissioner, she joined the 2035 Master Plan committee working alongside many Village residents and business owners to ensure that their voices were heard as they defined the Village for the next 15 years. She is proud of how the Village has implemented many ideas in the Master Plan, from open space preservation to contemplating new housing alternatives.

Sandra is a Certified Wine Sommelier and will continue to work in the New Mexico wine industry. You will often see Sandra walking the ditches and talking to Village residents. She will be doing this in the future with her new grandbaby Vinny.



## ANN SIMON

After a long career in public service, Ann Simon announced her retirement from the Village. She moved to Los Ranchos with her husband Dave and two daughters in 2003. With a Master's in Public Policy from Georgetown University and nearly 10 years on Capitol Hill and the White House, Ann began her career in New Mexico at Bernalillo County and then at the Mid-Region Council of Governments running programs in economic development and agriculture before joining the Village of Los Ranchos as the Administrator.

At the Village Ann ran the first ever Business and Economic Development Advisory Committee, secured over one million dollars in grants to small businesses during COVID, and developed four budgets that resulted in surplus funds dedicated to open space acquisition. She helped build a top tier staff, incredible partnerships, and a sterling reputation with state agencies and the legislature.

In her nearly four-year tenure, the Village accomplished large complex projects, like Village Center and the purchase of the Anderson Fields, to fixing parking lots, and improving roadways and the Agri-Nature Center. Ann put the Village on good footing with new trails, new trees, improving playgrounds, and bringing pickleball to the community. She will be missed.





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# CITIZENS'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

By Robert Chavez, Chair 9/13/23

CAC's Conservation Pilot Ordinance 284 project started at the beginning of this year. The charge was to review the current ordinance and propose a revised or new ordinance in time before the moratorium expires in December 2023.

The scope of this project was defined as follows: "Review and recommend changes to the existing Pilot Conservation Ordinance or recommend a new ordinance that addresses the community's density concerns but allows for the conservation of land in future residential developments."

Key considerations of this project were defined as follows:

- CAC overwhelmingly determined the Pilot Conservation Ordinance 284 cannot be used for a 2nd or 3rd "pilot projects" to achieve the density multiplier authorized for the Chavez-Guadalupe Tr. development.
- Define what is open space: "Open space should be labeled conservation area. Conservation area usage should be flexible so the developer can be creative in their designs. This would allow the village character to be better maintained in these residential developments. In addition, the new ordinance needs to have specifics that require the conservation area to be maintained by the residents in the development.
- Determine if the ordinance should be a "Pilot" or a standard one. After long discussion over a couple meetings, the committee concluded that the ordinance should stand on its own. Pilot suggests a possible reversal if it does not work and that cannot happen after a residential development is built under the new ordinance.
- Determine if the new conservation ordinance could meet the original goals of Pilot Conservation Ordinance 284 or are there other factors that should be considered.
  - o Conservation of open space and "special Features of the property (acequia's, trees, etc.) Yes, this was determined to be one of the primary goals. This goal was overwhelmingly confirmed in the public meeting. An additional primary goal the committee added for the new ordinance was to maintain the character of our village as continued residential development occurs.
  - o Allow for more affordable housing to occur because of this ordinance. The committee concluded that this could be obtained One way to get some more "Los Ranchos affordable" housing is to allow in the conservation ordinance - mixed size lots so smaller dwellings could be built in a development along with the larger ones.
- Determine if the new ordinance should be constrained to the Guadalupe Character zone or expanded to other zones.
  - o The committee had extensive data sets and maps created. They covered the village as follows:
    - ▶ Village parcel location, numbers of parcels by size and the zoning numbers associated with each.
    - ▶ Village parcel location, numbers of parcels by size and the zoning numbers associated with each by character area.
  - o The conclusion was that the new conservation ordinance should be allowed in all character areas—Village wide.
- What minimum parcel size would qualify for the new ordinance. After considerable review and input from three developers interviewed, 3 acres was determined to be the minimum.
- Can the ordinance be applied with the same factors across all zoning types or should it be designed to be unique by zone.
  - o The committee reviewed potential scenarios of bonuses by zone and % conservation and has concluded that the ordinance will be best if it addressed the bonus criteria uniquely by zone. A1, A2, A3, R2, and R3
- There is a need to balance the resident's density concerns with the developer's financial viability of utilizing the conservation ordinance.
  - o The committee interviewed three developers that have done major projects in the village to get their perspective of conservation. In addition, an open meeting was held with residents and developers to get input and give feedback to both sides on the conservation concept. The committee's opinion of the new conservation ordinance was that it had to be a reasonable balance between residents wants and developer's economic realities.
- Could this ordinance be made legally mandatory by setting a small percentage of required conservation area. Then incentivize dwelling unit bonuses based on additional conservation land a developer allocates.
  - o The determination by legal council is that a mandatory conservation set-aside would have to be done through the Subdivision Ordinance, a separate process.

The CAC is continuing to meet every other Wednesday from 9-10:30. The meetings are open to the public and we hope to see you.





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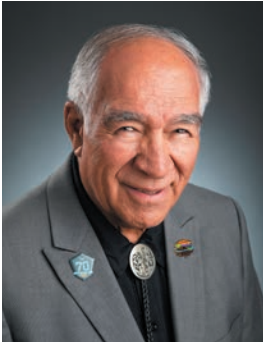
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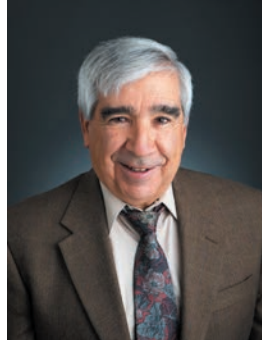
## BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING SUMMARIES



Donald T. Lopez  
Mayor



Sandra Pacheco  
Mayor Pro Tem



Gilbert Benavides  
Trustee



Allen Lewis  
Trustee



George Radnovich  
Trustee

### AUGUST 9 and AUGUST 17, 2023 7:00PM/Regular Meeting\*

Location: Warren J. Gray Chambers and streamed on the Village Website and via Zoom

Present: Mayor Donald T. Lopez, Trustee Benavides, Trustee Radnovich, Trustee Lewis

Excused Absent: Mayor Pro Tem/Trustee Pacheco

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Comments by Matt Beck, 20 First Plaza Suite 725, Albuquerque, NM 87102; Joe Craig, 505 Calle Del Pajarito NW; Mel Eaves, 721 Chavez Road NW; Randal Gins, 908 Green Valley Road NW; Julia Mummert, 330 Vineyard Road NW; Loretta Chavez Smith, 536 Chavez Road NW; Nancy Nangeroni, 7315 Guadalupe Trail NW; David Montoya, 8831 4th Street NW; Frank Reinow, 1144 Ortega Road NW; Randy McKee, 749 Chavez Road NW; Gordene MacKenzie, 7315 Guadalupe Trail NW; Judith Gray, 435 El Paraiso Road NW (Remote Participation)

#### PRESENTATIONS

A. Los Ranchos Elementary School; Cindy Smith, Community School Coordinator.

#### DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS (*Trustee Radnovich recused himself at 8:27pm, prior to the Attorney's Report, left the chambers.*)

g. Attorney's Report: Attorney Nann Winter presented the Attorney's report in great detail regarding a letter received from Mr. Beck who represents Friends of Los Ranchos. In the letter, Mr. Beck indicates that Mr. Craig intends to apply for enforcement of an Open Meetings Act Violation in connection with the approval accomplished by the Village as it concerns Palindrome. He provided a copy of this letter to the Attorney General. In the packet is the Stelzner Law Firm's response to Mr. Beck's July 19, 2023, letter. (*Trustee Radnovich returned to the chambers.*)

#### FINANCIAL BUSINESS

A. Discussion and Approval of the July 2023 Cash Report.

Unusual or Significant Items:

1. The Village paid Bernalillo County \$120,199.97, check #2859 for FY24 first quarter payment of the EMS & Fire Intergovernmental Agreement.
2. The Village had \$682,804.47 in accounts receivable received in July 2023 that is revenue for fiscal year 2023 (7/1/2022-6/30/2023).
3. The Village had \$112,948.20 in accounts payable paid in July 2023 that are expense from fiscal year 2023 (7/1/2022-6/30/2023).

**Motion to Approve Report Passed 3-0**

#### PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Discussion and Approval of Resolution No. 2023-08-01; A Resolution Adopting The FY2025-2029 Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP). Administrator Simon presented the list and explained that this is a plan what the community wants to address, what we want to work towards, what we want to potentially fund.

Public Comment: Loretta Chavez Smith, 536 Chavez Road NW

**Motion to Adopt ICIP Passed 3-0**

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## BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING SUMMARIES, *continued*

- B. Discussion and Approval to Advertise Ordinance No. 296; An Ordinance Authorizing the issuance and sale of the Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, New Mexico Taxable Industrial Revenue Bond (Clover Holdings, LLC Project) series 2023, in the maximum principal amount of \$5,000,000 in one or more series to construct, renovate and equip beef jerky manufacturing, storage and warehousing operations; authorizing the execution and delivery of an indenture, lease agreement, bond purchase agreement, bond, and other documents in connection with the issuance of the bond and the project; making certain determinations and findings relating to the bond and the project; ratifying certain actions taken previously; and repealing all actions inconsistent with this Ordinance. Administrator Simon introduced the Industrial Revenue Bond.  
Public Comment: Loretta Chavez Smith, 536 Chavez Road NW; David Montoya, 8831 4th Street NW  
**Motion to Approve Passed 3-0**

### NEW BUSINESS

- A. Discussion and Approval of Resolution No. 2023-07-03; A Resolution designating the Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque's participation in the Local Government Road Fund Program Administered by the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT). Discussion and Approval of Resolution No. 2023-08-02; A Resolution Declaring the intent of the Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, New Mexico to issue Industrial Revenue Bonds entitled Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, New Mexico Industrial Revenue Bonds (Clover Holdings, LLC Project) Series 2023.  
Public Comment: Loretta Chavez Smith, 536 Chavez Road, NW; Joe Craig, 505 Calle del Pajarito NW; Bob Keers, 7037 Guadalupe Trail NW; Gordene MacKenzie, 7315 Guadalupe Trail NW; Nancy Nangeroni, 7315 Guadalupe Trail NW  
**Motion to Approve Passed 2-1 by Roll-Call vote: Trustee Lewis-Yes; Trustee Benavides-Yes ; Trustee Radnovich-No**
- B. Discussion and Approval of a Voting Delegate and Alternate; 2023 New Mexico Municipal League Annual Conference to be held August 30-September 1, 2023. **Motion Passed 3-0**
- C. Discussion and Approval of the Destruction of Records as allowed by Resolution No. 2022-12-04.  
Public Comment: Joe Craig, 505 Calle del Pajarito NW  
**Motion Passed 3-0**
- D. Pursuant to § 3-11-6 A. (1) NMSA 1978; Subject to the Approval of a Majority of all members of the Governing Body; The Mayor shall submit the names of employees to the Board of Trustees for confirmation. a.) Raphael Clark-Faust; Temporary/Seasonal Farmer Agri-Nature Center. **Motion Passed 3-0**

### TRUSTEE INFORMAL DISCUSSION

- ▶ Trustee Lewis  
I would like to see the issue of compensation for the Mayor and Trustees come back before the board.
- ▶ Trustee Benavides  
The issue with the Industrial Revenue Bond it would have been nice to hear more early on, I would have been more comfortable understanding the advantages and the risk to the Village and the company as well.
- ▶ Trustee Radnovich  
I wanted to bring up again Hartnett Park and the Barn, our goals for the place. I would be a proponent of moving the barn.
- ▶ Mayor Lopez  
Candidate Filing Day is Tuesday, August 29th at the Bernalillo County Clerk's office, filing location in the Ken Sanchez auditorium from 9:00am-5:00pm.

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## SEPTEMBER 13, 2023 7:00PM/Regular Meeting (DRAFT MINUTES)\*

Location: Warren J. Gray Chambers and streamed on the Village Website and via Zoom  
Present: Mayor Donald T. Lopez, Trustee Benavides, Trustee Radnovich, Trustee Lewis, Mayor Pro Tem/Trustee Pacheco

Mayor announced: Allen Lewis, who has served this Village as Trustee since 2014, resigned his position at the end of August stating family/personal reasons. All of us here at the Village would like to thank Allen for his many years of selfless service to the community and for always considering what is best for the Village when making decisions. We wish the best for Allen and his family and will always be grateful for his time and dedication.

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## BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING SUMMARIES, *continued*

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Comments by Camille Varoz, 427 El Paraiso Road NW Trail NW; Joe Craig, 505 Calle Del Pajarito NW; Christian Reedy, 8642 Rio Grande Blvd. NW

### PRESENTATIONS

Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC); Robert Chavez, Chairman. 324 Enchanted Valley Place NW

### FINANCIAL BUSINESS

#### A. Discussion and Approval of the Cash Report ending August 31.

Unusual or Significant Items:

1. The Village paid AMAFCA \$7,500.00 for FY24 Stormwater Quality Team Participation, check# 2925.
2. The Village reimbursed Bernalillo County Sheriff's office \$10,856.65 for June 2023 deputy overtime and LEPF Expenditures, check #2928.
3. The Village paid Bohannon Huston \$57,720.72 for 4th Street revitalization Phase 2 professional services, check #2955.
4. The Village paid Franken Construction \$25,427.70 for pay application 3 for Ag Center Roadway, work from May-June 2023, check #2935.
5. The Village paid Mid-Region Council of Governments \$3,331.00 for the FY24 MRCOG Application fee, check #2963.
6. The Village paid New Mexico Finance Authority \$318,605.25 for the Series 2021 GO Bond Principal and Interest payment, this was paid via a wire transfer on 8/1/2023.

***Motion to Approve Report Passed 3-0***

#### B. Discussion and Approval of Resolution No. 2023-09-01; A Resolution Approving a Budget Adjustment Request; FY 2023/2024, commending

Budget Revisions Related to the Capital Infrastructure Fund.

***Motion to Approve Passed 3-0***

#### C. Discussion and Approval of Resolution No. 2023-09-02; A Resolution Approving a Budget Adjustment Request; FY 2023/2024, Revisions Related to the American Rescue Act Fund.

#### D. Discussion and Approval of Resolution No. 2023-09-03; A Resolution Approving a Budget Adjustment Request; FY 2023/2024, Revisions Related to the Fire Protection Fund.

***Motion to Approve Passed 3-0***

#### E. Discussion and Approval of Resolution No. 2023-09-04; A Resolution Approving a Budget Adjustment Request; FY 2023/2024, Revisions Related to the Special Revenue Fund.

***Motion to Approve Passed 3-0***

### PUBLIC HEARINGS

#### A. Discussion and Approval to Advertise Ordinance No. 297; An Ordinance Revising Chapter 2 of the Codified Ordinances, Amending Sections 5 & 6, pertaining to Compensation of the Mayor and Trustees.

Public Comment: Joe Craig, 505 Calle del Pajarito NW

***Motion Passed 3-0***

### NEW BUSINESS

#### A. Discussion and Approval of Resolution No. 2023-09-05; A Resolution of Support and Commitment to seek funding from the Water Trust Board.

***Motion to Approve Passed 3-0***

#### B. Discussion and Approval of Resolution No. 2023-09-06; A Resolution Accepting the Approval of a Celebration Permit.

***Motion Passed 3-0***

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# PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION MEETING SUMMARIES\*

## October 10, 2023 7PM/Regular Meeting (DRAFT MINUTES)\*

Location: Warren J. Gray Chambers

Commissioners Present: JT Michelson, Chair; Mary Homan, Vice-Chair; Connie Barrow; Shelleen Smith; Robert Martinez

Staff Present: Brennon Williams; Ann Simon, Village Administrator; Michelle Austin, Administrative Assistant; Nan Winter, Village Attorney; Kiko Jeanette, IT Specialist & Zoom Moderator

### CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of August 8, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes. *The motion carried 6-0.*

### PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPLICATIONS

A. V 23-06; A request by Allen and Marsha Leatherwood for a Variance from 10 §9.2.7(E)(2)(a)2 requiring a 15' side setback in the A-1 Zone in the Guadalupe Trail 11 Character Area. The property is zoned A-1, and is located at 1007 El Pueblo, NW, 12 Los Ranchos NM 87114. It is legally known as A certain tract of land being and 13 comprising the Easterly portion of Tract numbered Thirty-four-a-2, as shown and 14 designated on the MRGCD Property Map No. 24 Tract D lands of Leatherwood and 15 Whipple, situate within the Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, and contains 16 3.0365 acres more or less.

▶ Mr Williams gave the planning report with recommendation of approval with conditions.

▶ Speaker: Marsha Leatherwood - 1007 El Pueblo Rd. (Applicant)

▶ Motion: Commissioner Homan moved to approve. *The motion carried 5-0.*

B. V.23-07; A request by Eric Huetter for a Variance from §9.2.11(E)(2)(a) requiring a 10' side setback and 15' rear setback in the R-3 Zone in the 4th Street Character Area. The property is zoned R-3, and is located at 334 Pueblo Solano, NW, Los Ranchos NM 87107. It is legally known as Lot numbered Thirty-six of the VALRICA ADDITION, a subdivision of a tract of land in School District Number 22, Bernalillo County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the map of said addition filed in the office of the County Clerk of Bernalillo County, New Mexico on January 19, 1946.

▶ Mr Williams gave the planning report with recommendation of denial.

▶ Speaker: Eric Huetter, 334 Pueblo Solano (Applicant)

▶ Motion: Commissioner Barrow moved to approve with following conditions: 41 Applicant will provide Planning and Zoning an updated site plan, survey showing new setbacks 42 and dimensions of garage in 30 days. *The motion carried 5-0.*

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### PICKLEBALL

The Pickleball Courts and half-court basketball courts on Green Valley Road are newly resurfaced and complete. This repurposing of the old Volleyball court behind Old Village Hall is long in the making. The popularity of this fast-growing and easy-to-learn sport gave rise to a couple of test courts which led to the permanent courts you see here today. To borrow paddles and balls from Village Hall please call Amelia Hinojos at (505) 344-6582. Hope to see you on the courts!



### OUTDOOR KITCHEN CLASSROOM

There is a new outdoor kitchen classroom at the Agri-Nature Center! This beautiful new education space will provide opportunities for cooking demonstrations, lectures, farm camps, classes for Master Gardeners, and other uses. For more information please call Joshua O'Halloran at (505) 220-3230.



### TREE PLANTING AT DEL NORTE

Villagers with a heart for our Open Spaces came together in early October to plant 65 Afghan Pine trees at the Del Norte Open Space. The project is intended to beautify the area, and provide a green berm for noise control along the busy Paseo del Norte corridor.

But we were not done yet! The Village also planted 50 Rio Grande Cottonwoods in the Open Space. For information about the Del Norte Open Space please call Keen Heinzelman at (505) 344-6582.