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Town of San Luis

NEWSLETTER

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Main Street Vision and Mission

The San Luis Main Street Committee gathered together for an all-day workshop on Friday, January 31st, 2020 to create a vision, mission and strategic plan for San Luis' Main Street candidate program. The workshop was lead by Melissa Antol who works with the Colorado Main Street Program, a division of the Department of Local Affairs.

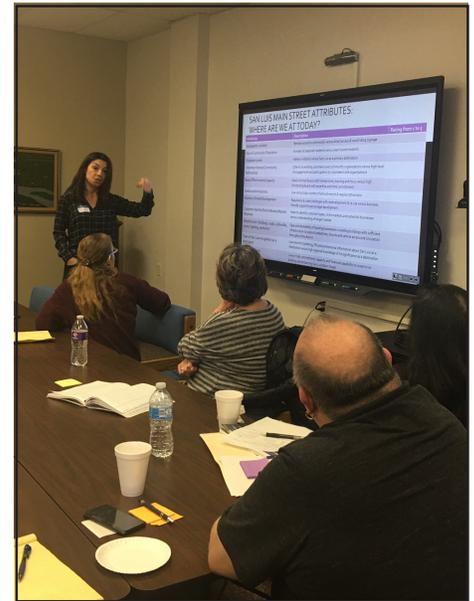
Antol led the group of eleven local citizens, who have signed up to be part of the steering committee, in a series of exercises to help develop a strategic plan to move the town's Main Street Program forward. Revitalization of Main Street is critical to the future economic development of San Luis.

The mission of the Main Street Steering Committee: To revitalize downtown San Luis through economic development and community collaboration while nurturing our culture.

The draft of the future vision: To create a vibrant Main Street that expresses San Luis' authenticity.

The three goals the committee established were: 1.) Street-view beautification. 2.) Support and promote downtown business. 3.) Market to position San Luis a tourist destination.

For San Luis to survive into the future a focus on economic development is essential. The issue of boarded-up and neglected buildings will need to be addressed at some point but the committee will



focus the first year on just cleaning-up our Main Street through several projects that enhance the look of our downtown.

The Main Street committee will meet again February, 21st, 2020 to establish specific transformational goals to accomplish in 2020 to beautify Main Street. Some of the projects discussed were: Painting the curbs and crosswalks; cleaning the sidewalks; installing banners, flower pots and benches; marketing San Luis through a brochure that will be distributed throughout the state; and displaying art in the windows of vacant buildings.

The Town of San Luis would like to thank Melissa Antol and Main Street Coordinator Gale Langley of the Colorado Department of Local Affairs for making this workshop possible which will help strengthen

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Do you know? A complete census count means continued funding to Colorado for over 55 federal programs, a possible additional seat in the House of Representatives, and good data to inform local, state, and business decisions for the next 10 years.

The State of Colorado is working with the U.S. Census Bureau to ensure that everyone is counted once, only once, and in the right place. In addition to broad outreach efforts, Colorado and the Census Bureau are also conducting efforts to reach hard-to-count communities.

Hard-to-count populations can include those who are hard to locate, hard to contact, hard to persuade, hard to interview. Renters, single parents, non-English speakers, recent immigrants, and young adults are some of the hard to count populations in the state. Barriers such as wanting to remain hidden, high mobility, homelessness, lack of trust in the government and how data will be used, language barriers, and low internet access, among others, lead to low response rates.

Specialists work closely with trusted community leaders to help educate and spread awareness about the 2020 Census. For the first time ever, people will be able to respond to the census online and over the phone, and they can also mail in their form. The 2020 Census belongs to everyone and we need YOUR help to be successful.

Let your friends, neighbors, and leadership know that the 2020 Census matters to you! It benefits your community.

Responding to the Census

There are multiple ways to respond to the Census: online, using a computer or a smart phone; over the phone by calling a toll-free number; by using a paper form; or by responding to a Census enumerator. The online and telephone versions of the Census Form will be available in 13 languages.

The Census Bureau will send invitations to complete the Census to all housing units. A housing unit is a house, an apartment, a group of rooms, or a single room occupied or intended for occupancy as separate living quarters.

Invitation letters or packets will be sent to Colorado beginning in mid-March, 2020. The majority of Colorado housing units will receive a letter, either in English or in English and Spanish. Some housing units in areas with limited internet connectivity will receive packets containing the invitation letter and a copy of the paper form. Some housing units in rural areas, e.g., where residents receive mail from a Post Office Box, will have a Census invitation packet delivered by a Census enumerator.

The Census Bureau will contact you up to five times before sending a Census enumerator to your home.

All invitation letters and packets will contain: a Census-generated housing unit ID number; the URL for the online Census form; and, the toll-free phone number to the Census Service Center. You can call this number to complete the Census over the telephone or to request a paper form.

When to respond to the Census?

You should submit your Census form as soon as you can after receiving your invitation letter or packet. The data collection period ends in June, 2020, but the Non-Response Follow-Up period begins in the end of April, 2020.

The Census Bureau is required by the U.S. Constitution to count all people living in the United States as of April 1, 2020. Because of this requirement, the Census Bureau sends enumerators to housing units that have not submitted a form.

When you complete your census form, you help bring in funding to Colorado for vital services, provide valuable aggregate data for state and local decisions, and ensure fair representation in the U.S. House of Representatives. The 2020 Census will shape the next 10 years, don't leave your future blank!

This article has been prepared by the Colorado State Demography Office for inclusion in local newsletters, and web pages in support of 2020 Census Outreach.

Home Ownership? Notice of Election Cancellation



Are you tired of renting? Have you thought about homeownership? Community Resources and Housing Development Corporation (CRHDC) can help! We help you with your path to home ownership!

CRHDC is currently accepting applications for Luz del Cielo subdivision located on Pedro and Salazar Street in San Luis. Construction is being planned for the next grant cycle which begins September 2020. The San Luis project plan is to build three bedroom homes with a garage. Homes range in size from 1,100 to 1,086 square feet.

CRHDC encourages first time homebuyers and other eligible individuals who want to live in San Luis to apply now.

Self-help eligibility income, from all sources is: 1-4 persons very low income, \$34,050; low income for 1-4 persons not to exceed \$54,500; 5-8 person very low income; \$44,950 and low income 5-8 person not to exceed \$71,950.00.

Our staff will assist you every step of the way, from the application process through the construction phase, to move in. Use your own hands to help build your own home. Become part of a neighborhood that thrives in our community of San Luis. Please call (719) 589-1680 for more information.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the TOWN OF SAN LUIS, Costilla County, Colorado, that at the close of business on the sixty-fourth day before the election, there were not more candidates for Trustee than offices to be filled, including candidates filing affidavits of intent to be write-in candidates; therefore, the election to be held on April 7th, 2020 is hereby canceled pursuant to section 1-13.5-513(6) C.R.S.

The following candidates are hereby declared elected:

Jessica Y. Durgan
(4-year term) April 2024

Roberta Romero
(4-year term) April 2024

Attest:
Rebecca Romero, Town Clerk
February 3, 2020

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Giant Jenga and Checkers
Bingo and much more!

Sat, Feb 29th
5:30pm-7:30pm

Family Fun Night

Parish Hall
512 E. Church Pl
San Luis, CO

Admission: \$2 per person
Under 1 free

Admission includes:
Access to all games,
food and chance to win prizes

Hosted by: Costilla County Prevention Partners

Adelante San Luis Student Activity Center Opening

Adelante San Luis, a project of the Colorado Trust, is pleased to announce the opening of the Student Activity Center on Thursday, January 23rd, 2020 for all high school students. The SAC will be open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings until the end of the school year.

While attending Adelante San Luis' Student Activity Center, local youth will have a chance to expand on their academics, develop positive communication and social skills and engage in fun and positive physical activities and ventures.

By attending, they will have the ability to not only receive homework help, but also gain assistance toward individual college pathways by exploring career opportunities. Studies also show that students who attend an after school program complete more homework assignments, show a decrease in school absences, and improve grade point

averages that directly impact future college application acceptance. Students also prove to display overall healthier behaviors by being socially connected and are less likely to engage in harmful behaviors.

Ultimately, after school programs have a very positive impact on students grades, personal health, family and social lives, their schools and within their communities. With this in mind, we actively encourage you to support high school youth to drop-in to Adelante San Luis' Student Activity Center after school and take full advantage of this opportunity for positive growth.

For more information please contact Judith Gurulé, Adelante San Luis Community Coordinator at the Adelante office on 316 Main Street in San Luis or call: 719-298-8728 or contact Judith by e-mail at: judith@coloradotrust.org.

Town Hall Meeting Dates

All Town Hall meetings are open to the public. Please join us!

Town Hall Meeting

The 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm.

Work Sessions

The 1st Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm.

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Congratulations Madrid Family

for the best Christmas decorated house in 2019 who received a prize of \$100!

The Madrids gave the \$100 back to the Town to go toward the San Luis Community Park in memory of

Coramae and Lee Madrid

Thank You Madrid Family we appreciate your generosity!

Support San Luis Businesses

ASC Electronics	672-0262
BeLeaf Wellness	206-3361
Family Dollar	
Carson Construction	298-0727
Central Oil	672-3840
Ernie's Barbershop	588-9942
GT's Trash Service	672-3601
Gus's Liquor Store	672-3331
Jacales Art Gallery	588- 6831
J&J Self Storage	672-3660
La Casa Canna Bis	672-4220
Mondragon's Tire	672-3325
Mrs. Rio's Restaurant Tai Kitchen	672-0211
Painted Sage	(303) 919-9937
Picadilly Pizza	672-0340
R&R Market	672-3346
Romero Funeral	589- 9200
San Luis Inn	673-3399
San Luis Music	680-3933
San Luis Propane	672-4204
Sonia's Convenience	672-4461
Speedway Garage	672-9903