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Town of San Luis

NEWSLETTER

June 2020 — FREE

Congratulations Seniors!



A high school graduation is a big deal for our San Luis Youth; it's important. And for many decades we have celebrated it in the same formal way—with pomp and circumstance and walking down the aisle to receive a diploma. But the coronavirus school closure this spring upended the traditional pomp and circumstance, leaving our seniors probably feeling a bit cheated with losing the fun of a full Senior year in high school.

However, the citizens of the Town of San Luis showed their support in a fun way for our 2020 Seniors. Thank you to each and every one of you who joined the senior car parade and showed support to make this a special day for the Centennial graduates on Saturday, May 23, 2020. Thank you to the school organizers of this event as well.

We all wish we can give all of you the graduation you deserve, that your family members all have the chance to hear your name called out to see you walk across that stage and receive your diploma. Maybe that can still happen in the future. Who knows?

And although you're entering a very different world from the one you expected, it's a world that needs you. A commencement speech is supposed to contain some kind of essential information, some piece of wisdom passed down from a life experienced speaker to youthful listeners, here it is: Nothing in life is better than being needed!

It's an exciting time of life and we are certain each senior is looking toward their future, to a new way of life, whether it be a new job or going off to college. Bon Voyage!

Adelante Contract Job Announcement

Adelante San Luis is seeking a community-based evaluation independent contractor with knowledge and experience in evaluation and a commitment to health equity to serve as a learning and evaluation partner with our team. In collaboration with our team, this person will design and conduct an evaluation of our community health equity plan focused on issues of Economic Development, Revitalization of Culture and Social Connection in our community. **Duties include:**

- Collaborate with and Coach the Resident Team
- Develop an Evaluation Plan
- Develop Data Collection Instruments
- Conducting Data Collection and Analysis
- Participate in Trainings and Calls
- Share Evaluation Findings

Qualifications:

- Experience in Evaluation or Monitoring
- Knowledge of Data Collection Methods
- Ability to Work Collaboratively
- Understanding of Health Equity
- Experience in Group Facilitation

Compensation: \$25,750 a

year, paid monthly.

To apply, please submit qualifications and references together in one file (either Word or PDF file) to Judith Gurulé, judith@coloradotrust.org by June 24, 2020.

The Community Partnerships for Health Equity strategy is a funding strategy in which The Colorado Trust partners with residents in cities, towns and neighborhoods across the state to build community power to achieve health equity.

San Luis Board of Trustees Vacancies

The Town of San Luis has two open positions on the Board of Trustees. The Board meets the 1st and 2nd Tuesdays of every month. There will be special meetings as well. You must be a San Luis resident for no less than 12 consecutive months, live within the town limits, be a registered voter, and be a minimum of 18 years of age.

The Board is looking for energetic folks who are ready to roll up their sleeves and desire to make a positive difference in our community. If selected as a Trustee, the position serves a two-year term until April 2022. If interested please send a letter of intent listing your qualifications, vision for the Town of San Luis and why you would like to become a Town Trustee to Town of San Luis, P.O. Box 200, San Luis, CO 81423. You can also deliver it to the town hall located at 408 Main Street; or email your letter of intent to townclerk@townofsanluisco.org.

Town Hall Meetings

Will be held by conference call until further notice.

If you would like to attend by phone please email townclerk@townofsanluisco.org

**Town Hall Meeting
6:00 pm**

The 2nd Tuesday of each month

**Work Sessions
6:00 pm**

The 1st Tuesday of each month

Centennial School Receives 200 Laptops!



Adelante San Luis realized how much our community has been impacted in so many ways by the COVID-19 pandemic. Now more than ever, we need to come together as a community and support one another. That's why our group reached out to and collaborated with several organizations serving our community, to try and address the incredible need many of our friends and neighbors are experiencing right now.

Adelante San Luis partnered with The Colorado Trust, a state-wide charitable foundation, and PCs for People, to grant 200 laptops to Centennial School District R-1. There was a need to support remote learning for our students during this trying time.

We are proud of the hard work the faculty and staff at Centennial do investing their time and energy on our youth. We are grateful that we can support them and their efforts during this challenging time.

The Town of San Luis Supports Centennial Seniors

The Town of San Luis was pleased to support our Centennial Seniors this year by a gift of \$100 for each of the 15 graduating seniors! The Board of Trustees wish you the best in your future endeavors.

Fiesta de Santiago y Santa Ana Cancelled for 2020

During this COVID-19 pandemic and for the safety and health of the community a tough decision has been made by the San Luis Board of Trustees, the Costilla County Health Department and the Sangre de Cristo Parish to cancel the annual Fiesta de Santiago y Santa Ana event.

Costilla County Public Health has had conversations with Father Damian De La Cruz Nunez, Sangre de Cristo Parish Priest, and the Town of San Luis who also add to the Santa Ana annual celebration, recommending cancellation of these activities for the continued health and safety of our community. San Luis has a large population of older residents and it is important to keep everyone safe during these uncertain times.

Large events and mass gatherings offer more opportunities for person-to-person contact and therefore pose greater risk of COVID-19 transmission. Plus, many folks come to San Luis from out of the area and out of state for this annual event. So far, Costilla County has had only a few cases and hopefully it remains that way.

Meanwhile we must all do our part to stop the spread of this virus. Please remember health officials now recommend wearing non-medical cloth masks or face coverings when you need to leave home. For more information continue to visit <https://covid19.colorado.gov> Stay Safe!! We hope to see everyone next year!!

San Luis Moves Forward in Difficult Times



Without a doubt, the economic impact of COVID-19 will be felt for our San Luis citizens and town for years to come. But even in difficult times, the simple truth remains—life moves forward no matter what events transpire in our world.

The Town of San Luis has been lucky in many ways because there were little to no business closures. This means that the town did not experience the excessive loss of tax revenue that other towns and cities experienced during the shutdown of our communities.

In reality, San Luis fared better than most with increased tax revenues because a lot of folks were shopping online, our businesses were open and people were still shopping for basic items at local town businesses. (Yes, we can even find toilet paper on the selves now.) In fact, the town received more tax revenues during April of 2020 than last year at this time. It will be interesting to see how the town fairs financially in May.

This is good news for our community, meaning we don't have to play financial catch up or reduce the town's budget. Hopefully the

trend continues throughout this continued pandemic. Please show your support to our hometown businesses by continuing to shop here at home. Be sure and thank our essential workers for taking the risk and their willingness to stay working to serve our community.

The Town would like to thank our residents for wearing masks in stores and public places. Please continue to do so. This has kept our town relatively safe so far from any COVID-19 cases in our community. Other small towns in the valley have not fared so well. That is why it is important to continue safety measures when out and about in our community. Remember, think safety first for everyone!

Meanwhile, the Town will soon be starting the addition of a bike trail and walking path in the San Luis Community Park. This was made possible by grant funding. The project came to a halt in March due to the virus shutdown, but now that Colorado has move into the Safer at Home phase we can slowly start to move forward to get this fun project started for the community.

Phase one will be demolition of the old gym. We hate to say goodbye to this building, filled with so many memories for folks, but it has fallen into such disrepair that it has become a health and safety issue to leave it standing. So, soon we say goodbye to the old and move on to create something new! Please join us in our excitement for new beginnings in the park to make it a fun park for everyone to enjoy!

Tiffany Gallegos, Mayor

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(English and Spanish) for Colorado general information.

Colorado updates and guidance:

<https://covid19.colorado.gov>

CDC updates and guidance: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus>

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Home Ownership?



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.

Support San Luis Businesses

- ASC Electronics 672-0362
- BeLeaf Wellness 206-3361
- Family Dollar 672-0377
- 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 Thai Kitchen 672-0211
- Painted Sage (303) 919-9937
- Piccadilly 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
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