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Town of San Luis

N E W S L E T T E R

November 2019 — FREE

Downtown Streets Workshop

The Town of San Luis would like to thank the citizens who attended this fun and informative workshop on October 21st focused on revitalizing our downtown and main street. The workshop taught how to communicate and work with state and local agencies, identify problems and solutions and discover projects to improve our downtown.

Some of the ideas presented:

Close call mapping, which considers setting up a map in town hall where people can show where they have almost been in a traffic accident. This will start to show problem areas to correct.

Community buy-in is always a critical part to any town project. Most communities have the issue of people not attending informational meetings until a decision they are not in favor of is about to be made.

Public Engagement is important! Leaders need to go to the peo-

ple with projects being considered and show up at community events, other organizational meetings and have one-on-ones to listen to community needs and ideas.

Successful communities have used good partnerships with CDOT and other state organizations to complete main street projects. As a community it is also important to invest in planning! Grant money comes to established plans faster.

Consider installing way-finding signs for tourists for the Shrine, Vega, Parking, and other town points of interest.

Implement a Vacant Store Front Ordinance to encourage owners to take pride in their Main Street by restoring their unused buildings.

Some quick wins would be to install planters and light pole banners around town. What ideas do you have? Please come to the Town Hall to share them! We listen!

La Puente invites all members of the community to the annual

**Thanksgiving
Community Meal**

November 28 · 1-3 PM
La Puente Shelter 911 State Ave.



To donate or volunteer contact Hugh Poland
at 719-587-3499 or email volunteers@lapuente.net

From the Mayor



It's hard to believe 2020 is almost upon us, but I am happy to announce much has been happening behind the scenes within the Town of San Luis. The Town has been awarded over \$126,000 in grant revenues through the efforts of our Town Manager. We've purchased property through grant funds to create a Town Plaza on Main Street, just north of Town Hall; we've added two radar speed signs on Main Street asking traffic to slow down; two heart-shaped recycle containers were installed in the park and on Main Street encouraging folks to keep our hometown streets clean; a Master Design Plan was implemented for our San

Luis Community Park and a grant has been submitted to The Colorado Health Foundation. If awarded we will start phase one of the Master Design Plan; and we are also pleased community members have stepped up and joined our Colorado Main Street Candidate Committee.

The Board and I are eager to see a lot of projects come to fruition in 2020. Join us in our excitement that San Luis is making positive changes! *Mayor Tiffany Gallegos*

Notice of Proposed 2020 Budget

NOTICE is hereby given that a proposed budget has been submitted to the San Luis Board of Trustees for the ensuing year of 2020 at the Regular Town Hall Meeting, held at 408 Main Street, San Luis, Colorado on October 8, 2019, at 6:00 P.M. A copy of proposed budget has been filed in the office of the San Luis Town Clerk, where same will be open for public inspection. Any interested elector of San Luis may inspect the proposed preliminary budget and file or register any objection(s), thereto, at any time prior to final adoption of the budget on December 10th, 2019.

Support Your San Luis Community Park

The Town of San Luis is applying for a grant for \$142,000 from the Colorado Health Foundation (CHF) to seek funding to expand the San Luis Community Park. The goal is to add a quarter-mile walking and biking path around the park plus a children's bike playground next to the Kaboom playground.

To complete the project, the

Town will need to raise \$35,000 in matching funds. The Town would like to ask town citizens to show their support by donating any amount, large or small, to the Town Park fund. Your donation to the Park Fund will show the CHF that citizens support this project. To donate come into the Town Hall during regular business hours.



The Town is sponsoring Fall Dumpster Days for town residents on November 9th and 10th from 8 am to 5 pm to dispose of trash, branches, piles of wood and other rubbish from their yards. The dumpster will be placed at the Town Shop on the south end of town.

We would like all residents to make a concerted effort in cleaning up dried brush, wood and rubbish from their yards as a safety measure to prevent future fires. We are offering this service free of charge. The dumpster will be on first come, first served bases and closed once the dumpster is full.

Common household trash will not be allowed for dumping. No furniture, appliances or tires allowed. This service is available for Town residents only. The dumpster will be monitored. The dumpster will be available for yard trash only. For questions please call Town Hall, 408 Main Street, 672-3321.

Clean Up San Luis Day

**Saturday
November 9th, 2019
10 am to 2 pm**

*Meet at the San Luis
Community Park
to help pick up trash from our
neighborhoods!
Everyone Welcome!*

Manito Crismas



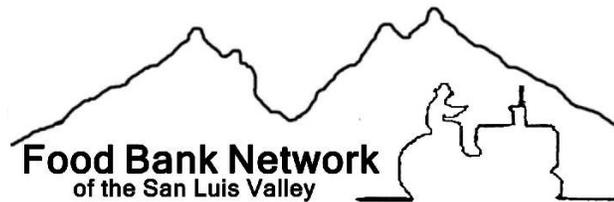
Join us for our annual San Luis Manito Crismas Celebration – December 7th, 2019

The Town of San Luis and Adelente San Luis will team up again for the fourth annual San Luis Manito Crismas celebration the first Saturday of December, 2019. The Town is invited to celebrate the tradition of “Oremos” a local tradition over 100 years old. For centuries, this winter tradition has been celebrated in the Hispanic villages of northern New Mexico and southern Colorado. Christmas morning and is known as Mis Crismes (My Christmas).

The San Luis Town Hall will host Santa and everyone is invited to a Town Hall Christmas Open House. Watch for posters around town for more details on times and locations for the fourth annual San Luis Manito Christmas Celebration!



**Come to our Pet Food Bank on the Last Monday of Every Month at La Puente’s Food Bank Network of the San Luis Valley, 513 6th Street, Alamosa
12:00 PM – 2:00 PM**



Your family is eligible for pet food from Colorado Pet Pantry once every two months.

Typically, this pet food bank is held the last Monday of each month, with exceptions when the Food Bank Network is closed.

For more information, visit www.coloradopetpantry.org.

Need a Turkey for Thanksgiving?

The Town of San Luis is Sponsoring a Turkey Drawing!



Fill out this form and drop off at the Town Hall at 408 Main Street to be in a drawing to receive one of six turkeys. Drawing will take place Friday, November 18th, 2019 at 10:00 am at the Town Hall. You do not need to be present to win. One entry per person. Must live within the town limits to enter drawing.

Name: _____

Physical Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Own Your Own Home in San Luis



Use your own hands and time to build your own home! Community Resources and Housing Development (CRHDC) has been providing pathways to housing resources in Colorado for 47 years. The CRHDC staff will assist you every step of the way, from the application process through the construction phase, to move in.

The benefits of a Self-Help Home are: no down payment; affordable monthly payments; flexible qualifying guidelines; fixed low interest rate loans; learn home maintenance skills and become part of neighborhood that thrives in our community of San Luis.

CRHDC services include property development, financing, education, partnership and technical assistance. See us at www.crhdc.org or call 719 589-1680 and ask for Ramona to learn how you can own your own home in San Luis.

Cat's Alive Voucher Program

Cat's Alive and the Town of San Luis have partnered to help residents have a low-cost way of spaying or neutering their cat. The Town has 10 vouchers for the cost of \$20 to take your cat to Dr. Deal in Monte Vista for spaying or neutering. These vouchers can save you over \$100 depending on whether you have a male or female cat. Just come in to Town Hall to pick up a Cat's Alive Voucher.

If you want to know when and where the next Free Spay/Neuter Clinic will be set up, join the Facebook group called SLV FREE OR LOW COST SPAY NEUTER CLINICS. Once there read the posts and click the link that allows you to sign up for the next clinic—there may be a series of questions you will need to answer. These clinics require same day drop off and pick up, usually after 5:00 pm. Your pet must be 4-months-old or older to be eligible to receive a Rabies shot.

If you cannot make any of the free clinics, designate a friend or family member to bring in your pet(s) for you. They can sign the consent form as your agent.

Also, you can visit: <https://slv-petresources.com> to register for upcoming SLV clinics.

Miracle of San Acacio Play Rescheduled

San Luis Music, a local non-profit organization was scheduled to present The Miracle of San Acacio, at the Sangre de Cristo Heritage Center Museum this fall. Due to circumstances delaying the renovation and opening of the Carlos Beaubien Theater, this musical play will premiere on the first weekend of April 2020, in San Luis, Colorado. An original work written by Elizabeth Naccarato, Dana Valdez Maestas, and Richard de Olivas y Cordova, the play is based on the legend of the Miracle of San Acacio.

The Miracle of San Acacio is a historical musical play with entertainment for the entire community. It is a story of the culture of living in the newly formed village of San Acacio, of young love, of faith, and a vision that would change a community. This production will debut the renovation of the Carlos Beaubien Theater next Spring 2020. The play will be performed by local adult and child actors. The production team is looking for any and all community members that are interested in participating in the play, as actors or crew, contact Elizabeth Naccarato Gettel at (719) 680-3933.

Town 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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