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Town of San Luis

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The Town of San Luis held its second Town Plaza Project Design Review on September 23rd, 2020 by Zoom video conferencing. The Town would like to thank those folks who attended to give their input on the designs. All citizens are encouraged and welcomed to attend these video meetings. The picture above is just one of the student's design concept for the Plaza.

The first design review was presented in the August 2020 town newsletter. This second video meeting was to narrow down the concept design. In an effort to create a unique design for San Luis the round concept was chosen from the first meeting. Jeffrey Wood, Architect and University Technical Assistance (UTA) Coordinator, and five of Jeff Woods' students of the Colorado Center for Community Development College of Architecture and Planning, University of Colorado Denver to presented their second round design concepts for

the town plaza space at the second video meeting. The video of this meeting can be viewed on **facebook/thetownofsanluisco**. The vision the Board of Trustees have for the Town Plaza space is to create a local gathering place for San Luis friends and family as well as a place to gather for events, concerts, to grab a cup of coffee with friends and to create vendor spaces for local entrepreneurs to sell local foods, gift items or farmer market produce to locals and tourists visiting the Stations of the Cross Shrine.

The Board of Trustees is eager to complete this project for much needed economic development for San Luis. The Town Plaza project will improve our downtown area by making an attractive and inviting addition to Main Street for locals and visitors. Economic Development is key to San Luis' future economic growth ensuring our community's history and descendants thrive into the future.

Colorado releases guidance for safe Halloween during COVID-19

Celebrating Halloween is a cherished fall tradition for many people. The individual risk from some Halloween activities, like trick-or-treating door-to-door, may seem lower, because people are outdoors and interactions may be short. But, when lots of people participate in lower-risk activities at the same time, it raises the potential for disease spread.

It's important to follow best practices to help prevent the virus from spreading. Wear a mask that fully covers your nose and mouth, wash your hands frequently, and maintain at least six feet of distance from people outside your household. Avoid crowds. There are ways to minimize the risk of catching or spreading the virus while having fun on Halloween. Think carefully about how you might lower the risk, not only for yourself and your family, but for your community.

The general guidelines are; people should not participate in any in-person activities, including handing out candy, if they: Are sick, especially with COVID-19 symptoms; have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 and are currently in the quarantine period; have recently tested positive for COVID-19 and are currently in the isolation period. People at increased risk of severe illness from COVID-19 should think about the risks and benefits of activities they are considering.

Wear a mask that fully covers your nose and mouth, wash your hands frequently, and keep your distance whenever you are out in public or around people who are

not a part of your household.

Outdoor gatherings are generally safer than indoor gatherings. Smaller groups are generally safer than larger groups. Shorter gatherings are generally safer than longer gatherings. It's safer to gather with people who consistently wear masks, keep physical distance, and follow other prevention recommendations.

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment encourages alternatives to traditional, door-to-door trick-or-treating this year to limit the potential spread of COVID-19.

Door-to-door, trick-or-treating involves mixing lots of different households at close range. When you open your door to hand out candy, you are unlikely to be able to keep at least six feet of distance. Door-to-door trick-or-treating means lots of closer interactions over a short period of time. Taken together, these may raise the risk of COVID-19 spread. It can be very hard not to mingle with friends and neighbors while trick-or-treating. Even if you intend not to interact, it may be hard to avoid.

Get creative, and figure out ways to hand out candy while keeping appropriate distance. For example: Line up individually wrapped treats at the end of the driveway or yard's edge and watch the fun from a distance; Use a plastic slide, cardboard tubes, or plastic pipes to deliver candy from a distance; Take kids on an outdoor, distanced treasure hunt to look for candy or Hallow-

een-themed items.

Whatever form your trick-or-treating takes, it's safest to: have adults accompany trick-or-treaters to help them follow precautions; Stay with your household members. Avoid mingling with groups from other households; stay at least six feet away from non-household members. If going door-to-door, limit the time you spend at doorways. Whether you're trick-or-treating or handing out candy, keep your masks on—save the candy eating for when you return home!

Costume masks are not a substitute for masks that protect against COVID-19 spread. Masks that protect against COVID-19, should be made from two or more breathable fabric layers that cover the nose and mouth, with no gaps around the face. Wear non-costume masks when indoors with non-household contacts and outdoors whenever six feet of distance cannot be maintained. If wearing a costume mask over a cloth mask makes it hard to breathe, consider a Halloween-themed cloth mask as part of the costume instead.

While the state mask order applies to indoor settings only, specific counties may have outdoor mask orders. Kids age 10 years and younger are not required to wear a mask, but we recommend everyone 3 years and older wear one, unless they cannot medically tolerate it.

Keep a list of guests and their contact information so they can be notified quickly in the event of a COVID-19 exposure. For more information visit: covid19.colorado.gov/halloween-tips-and-tricks.

Invitation to Bid

Notice is hereby given that the Town of San Luis will receive sealed bids in the office of the Town Clerk, P.O. Box 200, San Luis, Colorado 81152, no later than Friday, November 20th, 2020 at 4:00 pm for the demolition and removal of debris of the existing roof and the replacement of the roof on school bell tower at the San Luis Community Park located at the corner of 6th Street and Main Street, San Luis, CO.

Bids shall be made in accordance with the following requirements for bidders.

1. The cost will include demolition of the school bell tower roof plus removal and disposal of the old roof debris.
2. Replacement of the roof to match the exact historic style of the existing roof.
3. Prices shall exclude all taxes as the Town of San Luis is tax exempt.
4. Work must be completed by May 31th, 2021.
5. All bidders must be licensed, bonded and insured for consideration.
6. All bidders must have experience with roof restoration.
7. All bids must include three references.

The Town of San Luis Board of Trustees reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

For questions or to schedule a site visit call the San Luis Town Manager at (719) 672-3321.

/S/ Susan Sanderford
San Luis Town Manager

Fall Dumpster Days–November 13, 14 & 15, 2020



The Town of San Luis is sponsoring Fall Dumpster Days for town residents on November 13th through 15th, 2020 from 8 am to 5 pm to have a place to remove trash, branches, piles of wood and other rubbish from their yards. If you still have broken limbs from the September snow storm, now it the time to dispose of them.

The dumpster will be placed at the Town Shop on the south end of town for residents to bring and dispose of their yard trash. We would like all residents to make a concerted effort in cleaning up any dried brush, wood and rubbish from

their yards as a safety measure to prevent fires as well since Colorado is still in a fire ban. We are offering this service free of charge. The dumpster will be on first come, first served basis and closed once the dumpster is full.

Common household trash will not be allowed for dumping. No furniture or appliances allowed. NO 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.

Town of San Luis Awarded \$25,000 Gates Family Foundation Grant

The Town of San Luis is pleased to announce the award of a \$25,000 grant from the Gates Family Foundation. This grant was awarded to be applied for matching funds for the San Luis Community Park Bike Playground and Walking/Biking Path currently being installed in the town park.

A portion of these funds was also applied for matching funds for the purchase of the 614 Main Street property, adjoining the park. The Town was able to purchase this property through a \$36,500 grant from the Great Outdoors Colorado awarded in July of 2020. The purchase of the 614 Main Street prop-

erty, through the estate of Helen Vigil, expands the town park by .75 acres. The current 1939 adobe home on the property is slated for restoration to be used as an Air BnB to help raise funds to sustain and add new features to the park. Future park projects include a splash pad, upgrading the basketball court, adding a bike pump track and skateboard track and a stage for concerts and events.

Other matching funds grants awarded for the park were \$5,000 each from the The Colorado Trust and the North Texas Foundation and a \$7,000 grant from the El Pomar Foundation.

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Small Business

www.choosecolorado.com

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www.helpcoloradonow.org

San Luis Town Hall Upgrades

The San Luis Town Hall has been closed to the public since the end of March 2020 due to the Coronavirus pandemic outbreak. In August of 2020 the Town was allocated \$50,000 in federal Coronavirus Relief Funds through the Colorado Department of Local Affairs to be used specifically for upgrading the Town Hall for health safety for the staff and public and for Coronavirus related expenses.

These expenses also included computers for staff and trustees to work from home and attend video conferencing town meetings; removal of the old carpeting and replacement with easy to sanitize and clean vinyl flooring; updating the counter and adding glass partitions; and the purchase of personal protective products such as hand sanitizers and masks for the public who enter the town hall and for the working staff; and other upgrades of the office. To date only \$20,000 of those funds have been used. Although still under construction the goal is to open the Town Hall and Welcome Center to the public by November 1st, 2020.

Town Hall Meetings

Currently Town Hall Meetings will be by Zoom video 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

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
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Painted Sage	(303) 919-9937
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