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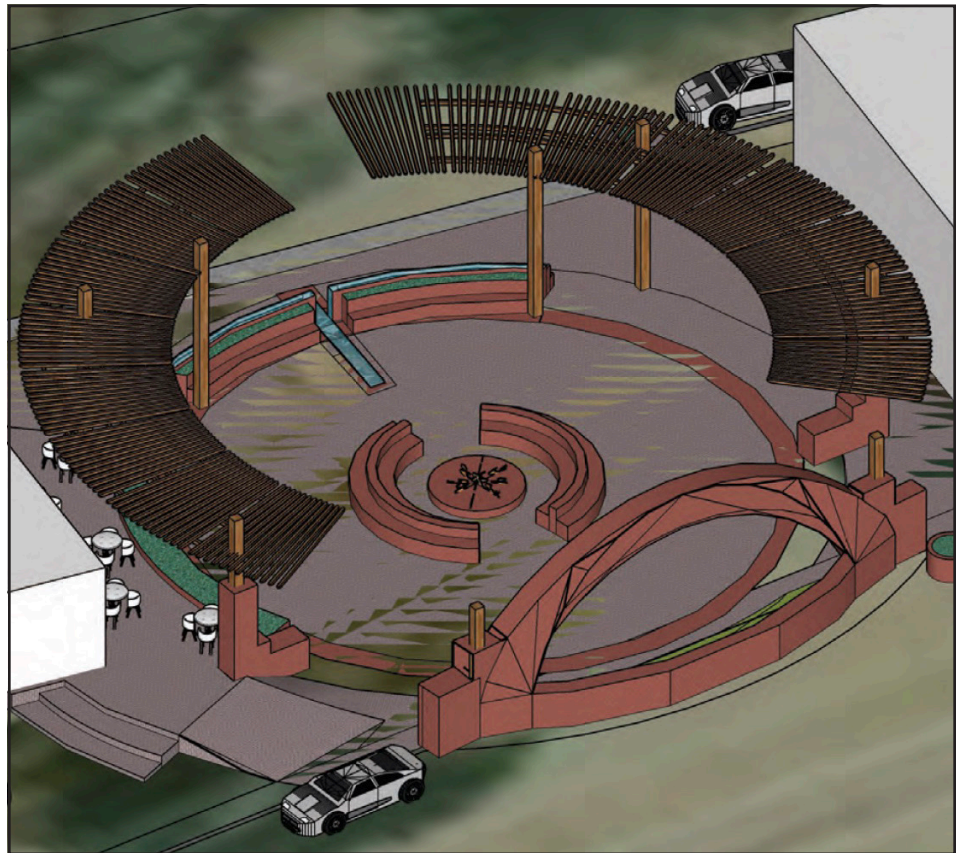
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# Town of San Luis

## N E W S L E T T E R

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### San Luis Town Plaza Design Concepts



The Town of San Luis Town Plaza Project is in the second phase of development which is to have design concepts created to present to the San Luis community and citizens. The first phase was the Town's purchase of 100 North Church Plaza through a Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) REDI grant awarded in 2019.

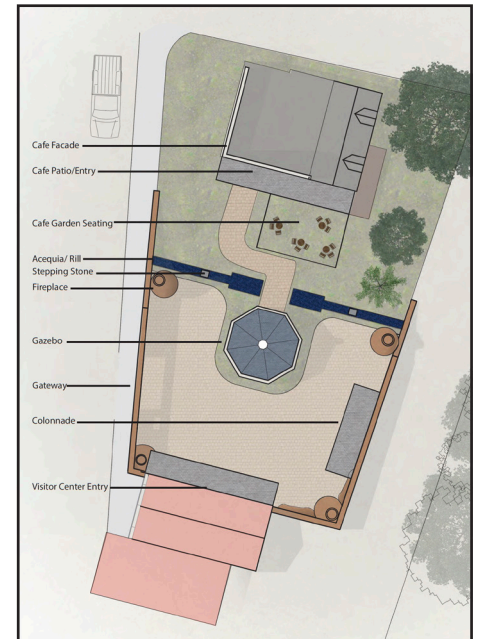
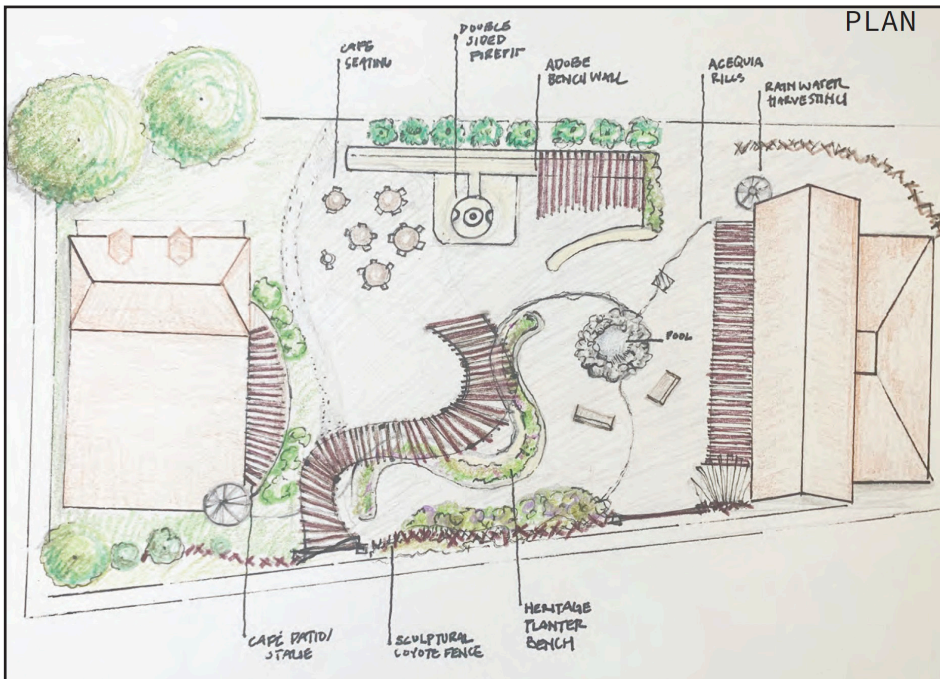
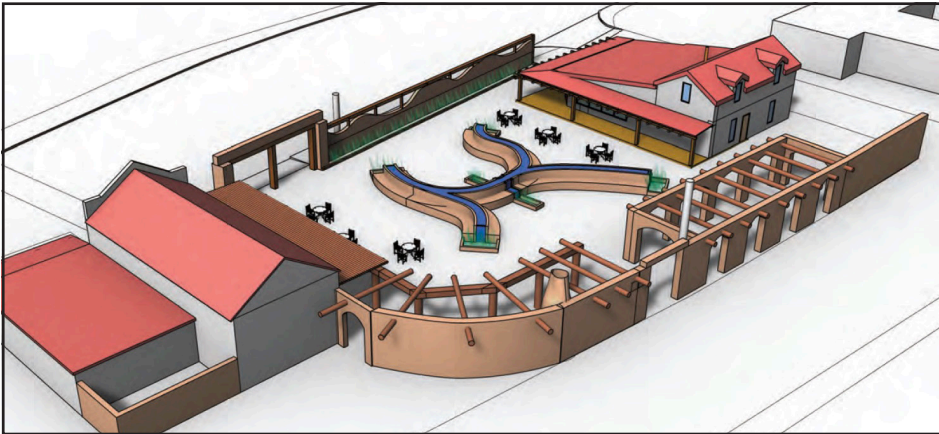
Also, through a grant from DOLA, the Town contracted with Jeffrey Wood, Architect and University Technical Assistance (UTA) Coordinator, and five of Jeff Woods' students of the Colorado Center for Community Development College

of Architecture and Planning, University of Colorado Denver to present their concepts of a town plaza space. The students presented their design concepts to the Town, by Zoom video call, on July 2nd. For those interested in giving their input on these designs this presentation can be viewed on the Town website, [www.townofsanluisco.org](http://www.townofsanluisco.org).

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



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for local entrepreneurs to sell food, 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. Community development is necessary for positive economic growth. The Town Plaza project will improve our downtown area by making an attractive and inviting addition to Main Street. Economic

Development is key to San Luis' future economic growth ensuring our community's history and descendants thrive into the future.

Jobs for San Luis citizens are key to economic growth as well. The entrepreneurial opportunities the Town Plaza project will provide are important to the Town's future growth. The Town Plaza project will create opportunities for micro business start-ups for those interested in creating their own business

and earning extra income for themselves and their family.

As the Town Plaza becomes a reality, hopefully, this will encourage other building owners to restore and use their buildings to create businesses to support the much needed economic development of the San Luis Main Street district.

The Town of San Luis is uniquely positioned for future economic growth as thousands of new residents have moved into Costilla County over the last few years. Those residents need places to shop, eat and enjoy community spaces and events. It will be interesting to see the results of the 2020 Census and just how many new folks have moved into the county.

The Town would like you to be part of the fun of deciding what our new Town Plaza will look like. The Town needs your feedback and ideas! Please email us at [townof-sanluis@icloud.com](mailto:townof-sanluis@icloud.com) with your input, thoughts and suggestions.

## 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](mailto:townclerk@townofsanluisco.org).

## Protect Our Neighbors

Colorado is now Moving into the "Protect Our Neighbors" phase during the COVID-19 outbreak which allows businesses, events and activities within qualifying counties to occur at 50% of capacity with up to 500 persons in one place. However, the Town of San Luis remains in the "Safer at Home" phase.

Also, the State of Colorado has issued a mandate that everyone must wear a mask when out in public—indoors and outdoors.

## In With the New



With lots of memories packed within it's walls, it was sad to say goodbye to the old gym on July 30th. Many folks had mixed feelings about whether to save or demolish the old gym. Issues of the cost of restoration, and financial sustainability came into play with the decision to let go of the gym. However, good things are taking the gym's place.

In early September 2020 a new walking/biking path will be

installed around the perimeter of the park. Included will be a bike playground for the younger kids as well. A great outdoor playpark is the goal. A place for community gatherings, concerts, arts and crafts fairs, farmer's markets and more.

Additional future features will be a concert stage, a splash pad for the kids, a bike pump track and possibly a skate park. New memories are ready to be created for the next generation and San Luis kids.

### Town Hall Meetings

*Currently Town Hall Meetings will be by conference call until further notice. If you would like to attend by phone please email [townclerk@townofsanluisco.org](mailto:townclerk@townofsanluisco.org)*

**Town Hall Meeting - 6:00 pm**  
The 2nd Tuesday of each month

**Board of Trustee Work Sessions - 6:00 pm**  
The 1st Tuesday of each month



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San Luis, CO 81152  
\$22 per year in Colorado  
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## Virus Information

### Colorado HELP line

**1-877-462-2911**

(English and Spanish) for Colorado general information.

### Colorado updates and guidance:

<https://covid19.colorado.gov>

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

### Small Business

[www.choosecolorado.com](http://www.choosecolorado.com)

### Volunteer or Donate

[www.helpcoloradonow.org](http://www.helpcoloradonow.org)

## Saying Goodbye to an Old Friend



July 30, 2020 — Demolition of the Old Gym at the San Luis Community Park to make way for a biking/walking path and a new bike playground.

## Cleaning Up the Town of San Luis

The Town has received several complaints about the weeds not being cut in San Luis and the Town looking a mess. Unfortunately, there have been a lot of work demands placed on our maintenance department due to other maintenance projects needing to be completed which includes the Town Hall being remodeled due to safety measures with the COVID-19 pandemic outbreak.

Weeds have had to take a back seat to other pressing projects. However, the Town has hired an additional part-time maintenance employee who is tackling the lawn and weed maintenance in the Town. Hopefully, the Town will be back to its well manicured looks soon. The Town asks for your patience, better yet, help out and pitch in to help clean our town. Pull a weed!

## Support San Luis Businesses

<b>ASC Electronics</b>	672-0362
<b>BeLeaf Wellness</b>	206-3361
<b>Family Dollar</b>	672-0377
<b>Carson Construction</b>	298-0727
<b>Central Oil</b>	672-3840
<b>Ernie's Barbershop</b>	588-9942
<b>GT's Trash Service</b>	672-3601
<b>Gus's Liquor Store</b>	672-3331
<b>Jacales Art Gallery</b>	588- 6831
<b>J&amp;J Self Storage</b>	672-3660
<b>La Casa Canna Bis</b>	672-4220
<b>Mondragon's Tire</b>	672-3325
<b>Mrs. Rio's Restaurant Thai Kitchen</b>	672-0211
<b>Painted Sage</b>	(303) 919-9937
<b>Piccadilly Pizza</b>	672-0340
<b>R&amp;R Market</b>	672-3346
<b>Romero Funeral</b>	589- 9200
<b>San Luis Inn</b>	673-3399
<b>San Luis Music</b>	680-3933
<b>San Luis Propane</b>	672-4204
<b>Sonia's Convenience</b>	672-4461
<b>Speedway Garage</b>	672-9903