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Town of San Luis

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A Year in Review—2020

Most of us would like to forget 2020 as it has limited all of our lives in many ways. From Stay-at-Home restrictions to continued mask wearing, we are all hoping one day life will get back to some kind of normal. For the foreseeable future, who knows.

The Town of San Luis Board of Trustees would like to thank all of our citizens for working hard to keep our neighbors safe from COVID-19. It is due to everyone's due diligence we have not seen a major outbreak in San Luis. However, we were saddened that we lost several valued community members due to the virus. Our hearts hurt for their families.

The Town of San Luis continued to serve the community throughout 2020. The San Luis Community Park walking and biking path was completed in October. Although the park has been closed due to the virus we are hoping to create an open house event in 2021 to celebrate the new park features which include a quarter mile walking path and a biking path obstacle course with lots of fun feature to master riding skills. This project also included the demolition of the old gym. Many were sad to see it go because good memories were held within its walls. However, the added space will now make way for new open space park features in the future. The goal is to create a great outdoor play park for citizens of all ages.



The Town was also able to purchase the Helen Vigil house adjacent to the park to expand the size of the park. This was possible through a grant from the Gates Family Foundation. The plans are to restore the home and use it as an Air BnB to raise funds to add features to the park.

Unfortunately, the Town had to cancel some planned events due to COVID. All were saddened the annual Fiesta de Santiago and Santa Ana had to be cancelled. Hopefully 2021 we can celebrate this 170 year-old tradition in a big way! We are starting to plan now with high hopes we can gather again to celebrate together with family and friends.

The Town of San Luis received some Coronavirus Relief Funds from the Federal Government through the Department of Local

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These funds were used for upgrades to the Town Hall for public safety, created a COVID-19 utility assistance program to help citizens pay overdue electric bills who were effected by the Coronavirus and gave small grants to our local restaurants who have suffered loss of business because of the virus.

The Town hopes to open the Welcome Center in the spring to visitors to San Luis with public safety upgrades to the facilities. Included in these upgrades the Welcome Center is currently adding a small coffee shop to service locals and visitors. A gift shop will be added for locals to sell their hand crafted items as well. Start planning what you want to sell to visitors.

The Town also received a \$20,000 in value Charrette grant from the Colorado Housing Authority. This grant brought University of Colorado students, faculty, and design professionals together with local citizens to explore housing issues and economic development. A report will be coming soon with ideas and data to be used to find funding to help our hometown of San Luis grow and prosper.

More projects are being planned now to start 2021 out with a bang. Keep an eye on this newsletter to stay informed on how you can make San Luis the best place to live!

Although it has been a difficult year for us all, what we have all learned is resilience in 2020. Taking care of each other is what creates a great community, thanks to all of you!



Santa came to town on December 19th, 2020 to give out gifts to our local kids, drive-up style, in front of the Town Hall. Thank you Santa!

San Luis Dogs-at-Large Violations

11.17.090 Dogs Running At Large Prohibited

It is unlawful for any owner, possessor or keeper of any dog in the Town to permit the dog to run at large within the Town. A dog shall be deemed to be running at large when off or away from the premises of the owner, possessor or keeper thereof and not under the control of such owner, possessor or keeper or his or her agent or a member of his or her immediate family, either by leash, cord or chain.

The Town of San Luis has received multiple complaints of dogs running at large within the town. People have been bit, cats and other animals have been attacked and killed as well. Citizens do not feel safe walking down streets because of dogs following them and barking menacingly at them.

Currently, there are too many town dog owners who do not leash or fence their dog which is causing a major problem in our neighborhoods. It is a safety issue and a danger for adults and children walking the streets and for cars driving on the street. It is hard for children to feel safe in their own neighborhoods because of these uncontrolled dogs and negligent owners.

Starting in 2021 the San Luis Code Enforcement will begin issuing Notice of Violations to any home or dog owner that allows their dog to run freely on the streets. Receiving a Notice of Violation can result in a court summons and receiving a possible fine of up to \$2,6450. Please confine your dogs-at-large.

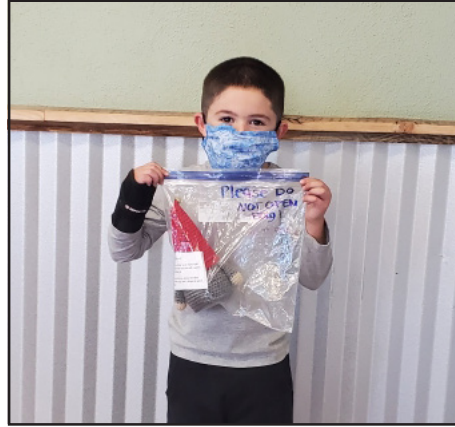
2020 Christmas Gnome Finders

Thank you to the folks for joining in the fun in search for the Christmas Gnome on Main Street the month of December up until Christmas Day. Be sure and join us again next year when Gnomeo will be hidden again!

The following gnome hunters found Gnomeo and received a special gift for their searching efforts.



#1 - Selena Mendoza



#2 - Xavier Esquivel



#3 - Jaxtyn Valdez and his Dad Ambrosio Mondragon



#4 - Jaleia Chavez



#5 - Marianna Aragon



#6 Corazon Arellano and her Mom Margaret

2020 Christmas Decorating Contest Winners



Congratulations to Annette and Steve Carino of 809 Salazar Street, who took first place in the San Luis Christmas Decorating Contest for 2020. The first prize award was \$100 which the Carino's gave back to the Town as a donation. The Town of San Luis thanks you.

The second place prize of \$50 went to Rusty and Yolanda Doore Quintana of 809 Casa Verde Street. And, the third place prize of

\$25 was awarded to Victoria Garcia of 1022 Pedro Street.

Thank you to all who participated in the 2020 contest to Light-Up San Luis for Christmas and thank you to the folks who drove around and sent in their votes for their favorite decorated house.

Be sure and start planning for the 2021 Christmas Decorating Contest so it will be even bigger and brighter this coming Christmas!

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Sponsor a Bike



Want to join in the fun and sponsor a bike for a local child to win in this month's coloring contest? Whether a business or individual, all donations are welcome. Send your donation to the Town of San Luis, P.O. Box 200, San Luis, CO 81152 to give a child a bike.

This contest is for children from ages 6 to 15 to win a bike. With the new biking path in the park now finished this will help kids develop riding skills and more importantly have fun in the park.

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6:00 pm

The 2nd Tuesday
of each month

Work Sessions
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The 1st Tuesday
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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
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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 Monday, November 30th, 2020 at 4:00 pm for contract work to snow plow the Town of San Luis streets and roadways.

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

1. The contractor must live in the Town of San Luis and provide their own snow plow equipment.

2. Start time of 5:30 am or earlier, if possible, on snow days until work is complete.

3. Contractor will be paid on a per hour basis and must be available on all snow days.

4. Snow route map will be provided.

5. The Town will not be liable for maintenance on personal equipment and accidents.

6. Prices shall exclude all taxes as the Town of San Luis is tax exempt. 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 (719) 672-3321.

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