Town of San Luis

NEWSLETTER

July 2019 — FREE

408 Main Street
San Luis, CO 81152

Phone
719.672.3321

Fax
719.672.3553

Mayor
Tiffany Gallegos

Board of Trustees
Jessica Durgan
France LaVoie
Shantae Martinez
Roberta Romero
Jarad Sanchez
Brian Valdez

Town Manager
Susan Sanderford

Town Clerk
Rebecca Romero

Editor
susan.sanderford
@townofsanluisco.org

The hundreds of years old tradition of celebrating the feast days of San Luis' patron saints, Santiago and Santa Ana, is a gathering of generations to enjoy church events, authentic food, traditional music, parades, fun and fellowship while honoring the cultural uniqueness of San Luis and it's surrounding villages.

This year's community gathering celebration is set for July 25-28, 2019. Here is the preliminary schedule (subject to possible new event additions):

Thursday,
July 25 - 5:30 pm
Feast of Santiago in Chama - Procession, Mass, and Potluck at Immaculate Conception Mission in Chama.

Friday
July 26 - 6:30 pm
Fiesta Queen Pageant with Entertainment - Convent Courtyard in San Luis.

7:30 pm
Fiesta Kick-Off Barbecue with Fireworks, Drawings, and Music - San Luis Community Park, 6th and Main Street.

Saturday
July 27 - 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Classic Car Show - Sangre de Cristo Parish parking lot.

10:00 am
Parade - Main Street - vendors on Main Street. Judging of Float Contest during the parade.

8:00 pm
FREE Live-Band Performance "GONZALO" and Beer Garden at the San Luis Community Park.

Sunday
July 28 - 7:00 am
The Stations of the Cross 10K Run - starts in front of Sangre de Cristo Parish.

10:00 am
Parade - Main Street - Vendors on Main Street.

11:00 am
Fiesta Mass with Mariachi San Luis with Entertainment, Vendors, Drawings - Convent Courtyard.

If your organization would like to sponsor an added event to the fiesta schedule, contact Town Hall as soon as possible. If you are interested in being a vendor during this family fun-filled event, would like to enter a float for the parade contest, have a Classic Car you would like to enter into the Classic Car Show, enter to walk or run in the Stations of the Cross 10K or would like to enter into the Santa Ana Queen Pagaent, contact Town Hall. Town Hall hours are 8 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday. Call with questions to 672-3321 or email townclerk@townofsanluisco.org

Behind the Scenes at the Town Hall

by Mayor Tiffany Gallegos

In an attempt to keep our residents informed of the progress being made under our current San Luis Town Administration, as Mayor, let me introduce you to our San Luis Town Manager.

Since 2012, Susan Sanderford, has served on the San Luis Planning and Zoning Board, as well as a San Luis Board of Trustee member for three years. A resident of San Luis for thirteen years, she is graduate of Emmaus College in Chicago, Illinois with a diploma in counseling and education.

Some of Susan's many accomplishments since becoming San Luis Town Manager are that she designed and built the town's first website and created this town newsletter, to insure good communication with town citizens. Susan wrote and has submitted eight grants in the short time she has been Town Manager.

Some of those grants awarded are: a grant to pay for asbestos removal in the old gym; a grant to purchase scanning equipment to digitize important historical town documents; a grant for the San Luis Park Master Design Plan for the town park.

She wrote and was awarded a grant for Traffic Radar Signs for Main Street. Susan wrote and was awarded a Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) grant to pay half the Town Manager salary for three years, saving the Town considerable money each year. She also wrote the DOLA REDI grant to purchase land for a really fun project we will keep a secret for the moment. This grant was awarded on June 21st, 2019. She's currently working on a grant for building the Bike Playground in the San Luis Community Park, to be submitted in October.

Susan cleaned and reorganized the Town Hall Office to look and operate more efficiently and professionally. She is working on updating the San Luis Municipal Code. Susan has helped organize and implement town events. With her strong graphic design and marketing background our town flyers and newsletters look great.

With her strong interpersonal and communication skills, Susan has built key relationships with officials throughout the state—contacts needed to run the Town efficiently. She's currently working on the necessary steps for the Town to qualify as a "Main Street" Candidatefor financial assistance in San Luis Main Street improvements, while working on the Historic Preservation Ordinance needed to become a Colorado Main Street Candidate.

She's also working on economic development strategies to help stimulate economic development in San Luis. All this while doing the day to day tasks in the Town Hall. We don't want to forget welcoming the many tourists that come to visit San Luis on a daily basis.

It's a joy having Susan working in concert with me as Mayor and the Town Trustees on a myriad of important projects designed to bring positive results to our town. How fortunate we feel Susan is our

Town of San Luis Employment Opportunity Maintenance Worker

The Town of San Luis is seeking applicants to fill the position of Town Maintenance Worker. This position works under the general direction of the Town Manager, Mayor and Board of Trustees to perform a variety of maintenance tasks throughout the town and receives work orders from the Town Board, Town Manager and Trustee Supervisor. Principal duties include: maintenance and repair of town property, using a variety of machines, tools, and equipment; operates snow removal equipment to maintain town streets and sidewalks; cuts grass and trims weeds on town property and parks, using lawn mower and weed trimmer. Position must provide quality customer service with a positive, can-do, team player attitude. Ability to operate tractor, backhoe and other maintenance equipment a must. For a complete list of duties please pick up a Town Maintenance Job description with an application at the Town Hall, 408 Main Street, San Luis.

Job Type: Part-time (30 hours per week) **Pay Rate:** Based on experience. **Experience:** 2-years maintenance work.

Closing date for applications: Friday, July 19th, 2019, 4:00 pm

Drug testing and background check will be required.

Adelante San Luis Receives Grant Extension

We are very excited to announce that The Colorado Trust has approved the Amendment to last year's contract with Adelante San Luis which was submitted in April 2019. The awarded grant is $241,557.80 and is extended from July 15, 2019 through July 15, 2020.

The purpose of this extension is to begin and complete Year 2 activities from Adelante San Luis' updated Health Equity Plan. We will continue our focus on initiatives to benefit youth and young adults by partnering with local organizations in: 1) Developing cultural opportunities that promote healing, integration, and acceptance of their heritage; 2) Promoting self-worth through learning communication and leadership skills, as well asparticipating civically in the community; and 3) Developing diverse training, employment, and entrepreneurial opportunities that promote prosperous youth and young adults. The following is a snapshot of a few of the programs Adelante San Luis is working on:

Entrepreneurship Camp: Entrepreneurship Camp was hosted in January 2019 at Centennial School to introduce business and entrepreneurial concepts to the students. More than a dozen students participated in the three-day camp. The next camp will be scheduled in the Fall of 2019.

Friday Program with Centennial School District: $20,000 grant was awarded to Centennial School District to provide opportunities for youth to acquire needed skills for career or college. Centennial School District submitted a proposal to use the grant money to establish an Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) program.

Media Resource Archiving: $5000 grant was awarded to the CCEDC (Costilla County Economic Development Council) to purchase equipment for digitizing and archiving photographs and other media and hiring two youth interns.

Civic Engagement: Members of the Adelante San Luis' Youth Advisory Council are attending and participating with local organizations to learn about community organizations and to acquire better leadership skills.

Cultural Events: Events to celebrate cultural traditions that are a historical part of the community. Three of four planned cultural events have taken place: Fiesta de Otoño, Manito Christmas and Founder's Day. Fiesta de Santiago y Santa Ana is scheduled for July 25 through 28, 2019.

Spanish Curriculum: In order to keep the culture alive, Adelante contracted with UNM to purchase a "Manito" Spanish language curriculum to be included in Centennial School's curriculum.

Student Activity Center: Opened in March 2019 on Main Street in San Luis. Two part-time youth engagement assistants were hired to mentor students and provide a place for youth to socialize and utilize office resources for school work or business opportunities.

For more information about Adelantes programs, please contact Judith Gurulé, Project Director, at 719.214.2548 or email judith@coloradotrust.org.

Adios Amigos

Adios compadres,
let us shed no tears.
May all your mananas
bring joy through the years.
Away from these memories,
our time we must spend,
Adios amigos,
adios our dear friends.

Sadly our town recently experienced the end of an era when Sam's Covered Wagon Cafe served it's final meal on May 31st, 2019. Long a hallmark of San Luis Mexican/American cuisine, Covered Wagon, co-owners Theresa Medina, husband Sam, April and the staff will be sorely missed.

We honor and give our sincere San Luis muchas gracias for those 30-plus wonderful years of service to the community. Covered Wagon Restaurant was always a friends and family gathering place to share a delicious meal together and then stay and visit a while. Theresa, we will miss your greetings when we all walked in the door and that famous secret green chile family recipe will be missed for sure, along with your clever use of "Colas."

Enjoy a well deserved special new future life, Theresa, Sam and April. Our town won't be the same without your special comida magic.

Fiesta de Santiago y Santa Ana Walking Experience

By Jonathon Stalls

Moving together, getting fresh air, making meaningful connections, and learning local heritage from young people is what the Caminos del Valle Youth Walking Leader program is all about! Youth from Costilla, Conejos, and Alamosa counties are trained and developed to research, support program outreach, build routes, and facilitate a schedule for public walking events from May-August. Walking events vary in location, distance, and focus. Levi and Leon Medina from San Francisco are this year's Costilla County walking leaders and they are also heavily involved with one of our partners, Move Mountains Project of San Luis.

"I have always loved the outdoors and this program has given me the opportunity to share that love (of the outdoors) with others... it has brought many different opportunities for me that I don't think I would have had otherwise. "I hope the communities of the San Luis Valley join us on our walks, so they can meet new people and learn about our culture," said Lindsey Sandoval who has been a youth leader for both summer seasons. Lindsey is also this year's Program Coordinator and is a student at Adams State and is a native of Magote.

We are excited to share two walking events happening in Costilla County happening in late July and early August:

Town of San Luis & La Vega Walking Experience (during Santana Days!) Saturday, July 27th 10:00 am – 12:00 pm Distance: 2 Miles (Road & Gravel Road). Meeting Location: in front of the Sangre de Cristo Parish Church.

Costilla County Mission Churches Long Distance Walking Experience, Saturday, August 3rd 8:30 am – 4:00 pm. Distance: 10 Miles (Road & Gravel Road), Meeting Location: in front of the Sangre de Cristo Parish Church.

If you would like to learn more about our other walking events happening in Alamosa and Conejos counties, ask questions, or RSVP for the walks listed above, please leave a message at: (719) 679-3119.

We are so grateful for all of our partners: Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area, San Luis Valley Great Outdoors, Move Mountains Project of San Luis, Conejos Clean Water, Walk 2 Connect and Intrinsic Paths.

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.

Santa Ana Fiesta Parade Contest

Adelante San Luis, a Project of the Colorado Trust, will be sponsoring a Float Contest during the Fiesta de Santiago y Santa Ana Festival, July 27 and 28, 2019. All locals, families, clubs, churches, organizations, villages and businesses are welcome to enter their parade floats into the contest. Float entries will be judged on Saturday, July 27 before the 10:00 am parade starts. Three $300 prizes will be awarded for: Overall Appearance; Originality; and Construction Quality. The prizes will be awarded Sunday, July 28th at the Sangre de Cristo Parish during the raffle. To enter your winning float idea, pick up your entry form at the Town Hall at 408 Main Street or email townclerk@townofsanluisco.org to receive a contest form by email. All entry forms must be turned into the Town Hall by Friday, July 26th at 5:00 pm to be included in the contest. For more information call Adelante San Luis at (714) 214-2548 or email judith@coloradotrust.org.