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Town of San Luis

March 2019 — FREE

Founders' Day Celebration - April 6, 2019

by Richard de Olivas y Cordova

April 5, 1851 is the historical date of the founding of San Luis. But as with most of our history, dates are muddled. At least five villages: Manzanares (now Garcia), San Acacio, Colonias, San Pedro, and San Francisco all had a square (plaza) before San Luis did. Communities on the Sangre de Cristo Land Grant in what is now Colorado were being built since probably 1847. Be that as it may, the official first town of Colorado was settled on paper on April 5, 1851. And so we will celebrate Founders' Day on April 6th.

The names of the Founders are being collected by Maria Clara Martinez who is publishing a book, *The Founding Families of San Luis de la Culebra*. She is listing families who are found in the New Mexico census of 1850 as living in the Culebra region of Arroyo Hondo, in the 1860 census of New Mexico in Culebra—remember that none of this belonged to Colorado until it became a territory in 1861. For the purposes of this celebration, any family here before Colorado became a territory will be honored.

Founders' Day Celebration on April 6th begins with a Pancake Breakfast at the Parish Hall hosted by the Centennial School Student Council as a fundraiser at 9:00 a.m. Tickets and Menu information were not available at the time of this publication.

A Color Blaze 5K Run/Walk is

slated to get started at 10:00 a.m. for runners and 11:00 a.m. for walkers at the south entrance to the Vega on Highway 159.

Historical Tour of Main Street begins at 10 a.m. The current tour includes 11 historical sites. Maps will be available for people to take individual tours at their leisure. There will be at least three free guided tours beginning at 10:00, 10:15, and 10:30 a.m. beginning at the Parish Hall Parking Lot.

At 11:00 a.m. Founders' Descendants Certificates will be awarded to Students, whose genealogical pedigree traces their heritage to one of the founders.

From Noon to 6:00 p.m. there will be live music. Vendor booths will feature local food and crafts. Vendors interested in having a booth are asked to contact Adelante San Luis at adelante624@gmail.com or 719-214-2548. A \$25 space-saver deposit for a booth space is required. The deposit is returnable to the vendor if they actually set up a booth. If selling food it is required that the vendor contact Adelante San Luis and let them know what is being sold so as to prevent duplicated efforts.

From 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. a bonfire with DJ is slated for area behind the Parish Hall. All events will be outdoors in the Parish Hall Parking Lot weather permitting. If not, the event will be held indoors at the Parish Hall.

From the Mayor



The Town of San Luis is planning several fun events for 2019. Our first event will be the 5K Color Fun Run/Walk through our historic Vega. Bring the whole family and enjoy the beauty of our hometown.

Also, save the dates of June 6th through 9th. The carnival is coming back to Town. We are happy to host the Great Northern A'Fair, for the 3rd year in row, at the American Legion field for some great family fun. This year we are opening the carnival event to include local vendors. If you would like to make some extra money, be a vendor during the carnival. Visit the Town Hall to apply for a Special Event permit.

The Town is already planning events for the Santiago y Santa Ana Fiesta. The dates for this years annual event will be July 27th and 28th. Vendor opportunities are available for this historic event as well. The 2019 Fiesta is lining up to be one of the best ever. Not only will we have our regular events, but also the 10K run on Sunday and we are working to bring back a Fiesta favorite—the Car Show! See you there!

Tiffany A. Callegos

Snowplowing for Seniors

If you are a Senior Citizen, 65 years or older, or have a disability making it hard for you to clean the snow from your driveway, the Town of San Luis is offering to help with snowplowing of your driveway.

To qualify for this service, please bring a note to the Town Hall, from your doctor, stating your inability to shovel snow. You will need to fill out an application and sign a liability waiver as well to sign up for the Senior Snowplowing Service. For more information call Town Hall at (719) 672-3321.

Citizen of the Month

Congratulations to Kathy Keegan, who has received the first Town of San Luis' Citizen of the Month Award for March 2019. Kathy has shown support of her hometown by attending Town Hall meetings as well as volunteering her editing services for this newsletter as well as other important Town documents.

The Town appreciates those citizens who are involved and extend a helping hand, not only to the Town but to help others as well.

Do you know of a Town of San Luis citizen who deserves acknowledgment of being a helpful citizen? We'd love to hear their story. You are invited to nominate a citizen who you think deserves the Citizen of the Month recognition. Visit Town Hall to nominate your favorite helpful citizen, who could then become our April Citizen of the Month! One kind act can make someone's day, so pay it forward, San Luis!

Business Owner Help

Are you thinking of starting a business, building your business, or sustaining your business? Need some help along the way? Then you are in luck. The first Tuesday of each month, Tom Monaco, of the San Luis Valley Small Business Development Center will be in the Town Hall from 1:00 to 4:00 pm to answer your business development questions! Stop in and meet Tom, who can help you with all aspects of developing a business from beginning to end.

5K Color Run/Walk

Don't forget to sign up for the April 6th, Founder's Day 5K Color Run. The deadline for the earlybird sign-up for this event is March 15th. This event will be full of color and fun, so be prepared to get messy and have the time of your life!

Everyone is welcome to attend this event. There are no age restrictions. Each runner/walker who signs up before the deadline (March 15th, 2019) will be given a t-shirt, color packet, and all kinds of fun stuff!

After the deadline each person will receive a race bib and individual color packet. There will be a limited number of shirts available after the deadline. This is an untimed event because we hope people will enjoy the moment more without the pressure of finishing the race quickly. One dollar (\$1.00) of every entry will go to help preserve the Vega for future generations!

Fill out the form you received in the February Town newsletter and bring it to the Town Hall to register.

Employment Opportunity

ADELANTE SAN LUIS, a project of the COLORADO TRUST, whose work is to provide health equity through economic development, social connection, and cultural revitalization, is currently seeking a committed part-time IMPLEMENTATION ORGANIZER—ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT to administer programs, determine work flow, create work schedules and ensures timely implementation of programs and objectives within grant budget.

Part-time Position: 14 hours per week/\$18.50 per hour

Application Deadline: Resume and cover letter should be received by March 15th, 2019

Requirements: Must pass a criminal background check; Must have an Associate's Degree or one year management experience; Must have strong written and verbal communication skills; Must have a Valid State Driver's License and valid auto insurance; Must have ability to build collaborative partnerships; Must be able to work independently and as part of a team; Must be punctual and reliable.

Job Duties: Helps develop and steer curriculum for programs; Maintains contacts to keep the implementation of projects; Attends conferences that pertain to specific objectives; recruits participants and potential contractors; Reports bi-monthly on the progress of the Implementation of solutions; Oversees and is aware of the budget and budgetary constraints as determined by the plan for the economic development solution; Oversees the collaborative work of volun-

teers, contractors, and/or grantees; Maintain other duties as assigned.

Please email a resume and cover letter to Judith Gurule at adelante624@gmail.com, or mail to: Adelante San Luis, Attn: Judith Gurule, P.O. Box 624, San Luis, Colorado 81152.



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Celebration

Saturday, April 6, 2019

9:00 am – 8:00 pm

Location: Parish Hall

Please join us in celebrating the 1st Annual San Luis Founders' Day Celebration, a historical and cultural celebration of our heritage. This event is a commemoration of the founding of San Luis and the Rio Culebra villages.

Pancake Breakfast

5K Run/Walk

Historic Walking Tour

Certificates

For the youth descendants of founding families.

Vendors

Music

Lopez y Maestas, Indian Nickel, and More!

Food

Bonfire

Sponsored by: Adelante San Luis and The Town of San Luis

Adelante San Luis is a project of the Colorado Nonprofit Development Center (CNDC) and all employees are CNDC employees. CNDC is dedicated to equal employment opportunities in any term, condition, or privilege of employment.

Be in the Know! Dangerous Dogs

The Town of San Luis is currently working on a Dangerous Dog Ordinance to add to the San Luis Municipal Code in coming months. The Town has experienced several instances of dogs killing other dogs over the recent months.

For the safety of its' citizens, the Town will have owners of dangerous dogs cited into court when their dog causes a physical threat by injury or death to another domestic animal or person. This will also include dogs that menacingly approach anyone walking through the streets of their neighborhood.

If you have been approached by a dog and feel threatened by its behavior, it is very important that you immediately file a report at the Town Hall. The Town can not follow up on dog issue unless a formal letter of complaint is issued. If the threat is serious it is also important to file a report with the Sheriff's Office as well.

The following is just part of the new dangerous dog ordinance the Board of Trustees is working to add to the San Luis Municipal Code.

A person commits the crime of ownership of a dangerous dog if such person owns, possesses, harbors, keeps or has custody and control over a dangerous dog, within the Town of San Luis, that:

1. Inflicts or causes bodily injury or serious bodily injury upon a domestic animal or causes the death of a domestic animal.
2. Has been determined by a court of record within the State of Colorado to be a vicious or dangerous dog and does not comply with the conditions imposed by applicable law for ownership of the animal.
3. Engages in or has been trained for dog fighting as described and prohibited in Section 18-9-204, of the Colorado Revised Statutes (C.R.S).
4. Approaches any person, without provocation in a menacing manner, whether or not an attack actually occurs; or
5. In an attacking manner encroaches over, through or under a fence onto public or private property; or
6. Inflicts a puncture wound,

abrasion, or other wound caused by the dog's teeth upon a person or a domestic animal which injury does not meet the definition of bodily injury or serious bodily injury.

Penalties:

Any owner convicted of a violation of this Section shall be subject to the general penalty provided in Section 1.09.020 of the SLMC. In addition, the Costilla County Court or San Luis Municipal Court may order any owner of a dangerous dog who has been convicted of a violation of this Section to:

1. Confine such dangerous dog in a building or enclosure designed to be escape-proof and, whenever such dog is outside of such building or enclosure, keep the dog under such owner's control by use of a leash.
2. In addition to any other penalty set forth in this Subsection, upon an owner's entry of a guilty plea, the return of a verdict of guilty by the San Luis Municipal Judge or Costilla County Judge or a jury, or a deferred judgment or deferred prosecution for a violation that results in bodily injury, serious bodily injury or death to a person or domestic animal, the San Luis Municipal Court or Costilla County Court, pursuant to applicable provisions of Title 16 of the C.R.S., governing restitution, may order the defendant to make restitution in accordance with said provisions.

To learn more about this dangerous dog ordinance or any other ordinance please visit our online municipal code site:

sanluis.municipalcodeonline.com

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 Session are held the 1st
Tuesday of each Month.

Volunteers Wanted

*Are you interested in serving the
Town of San Luis?*

The Town is seeking volunteers to serve on the Town of San Luis' Event Planning Committee to help us create fun Town events for our citizens'. For more information call Town Hall at 672-3321 or send in a letter of intent to P.O. Box 200, San Luis, CO 81152