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Town of San Luis

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March 2021 — FREE

170 Years of Celebration

Get ready to celebrate San Luis! The Town of San Luis is happy to announce the 170th year of celebrating the *Fiesta de Santa Ana y Santiago*! The plan is to make this year's celebration bigger and better than ever! Especially, since there was no celebration in 2020 because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Board of Trustees are keeping their fingers crossed this pesky Coronavirus will slow its spread and we all can celebrate the Town's most historic and fun event of the year in 2021. For those of you who are eager to celebrate, this year's fiesta will be held July 23, 24 and 25th, 2021.

The *Fiesta de Santa Ana y Santiago* is a celebration of San Luis' patron saints, Saint Anne and Saint James. Although the celebration's origins started as an event centered around the church, honoring the Town's patron saints, it has evolved into a Town citizens' celebration as well. Many folks who lived here in the past and grew up in San Luis come for a yearly visit that weekend to join in the festivities as well. All are welcome!

The celebration will begin on Friday with vendors setting up their booths and folks trickling into town. The traditional parade will be held on Saturday and Sunday morning, so start planning your floats now! We hope everyone will consider being involved in the parade this year to show off your



Saint Anne, patron saint of San Luis.

pride in your hometown fiesta. As always, horses are welcome!

The Town's plans are to host two bands this year. One Friday night and Saturday night with kick off fireworks on Friday! The 10k run/walk will start on Sunday morning at 7:30 am. This will be the third year the Town has hosted the 10k run/walk, the only 10k in the valley! A car show is planned for Saturday. The event is still in the planning stages so lots more fun to announce in the future.

Are you a vendor and want to make a bit of extra income? The Town will welcome vending opportunities for the annual *Fiesta de Santiago y Santa Ana*, July 23rd through 25th, 2019. Come in early to get your Special Event License (\$30) and to reserve your prime spot for this hometown celebration. Your involvement helps make our events a lot of fun for attendees! Questions or need more information? Call 672-3321.

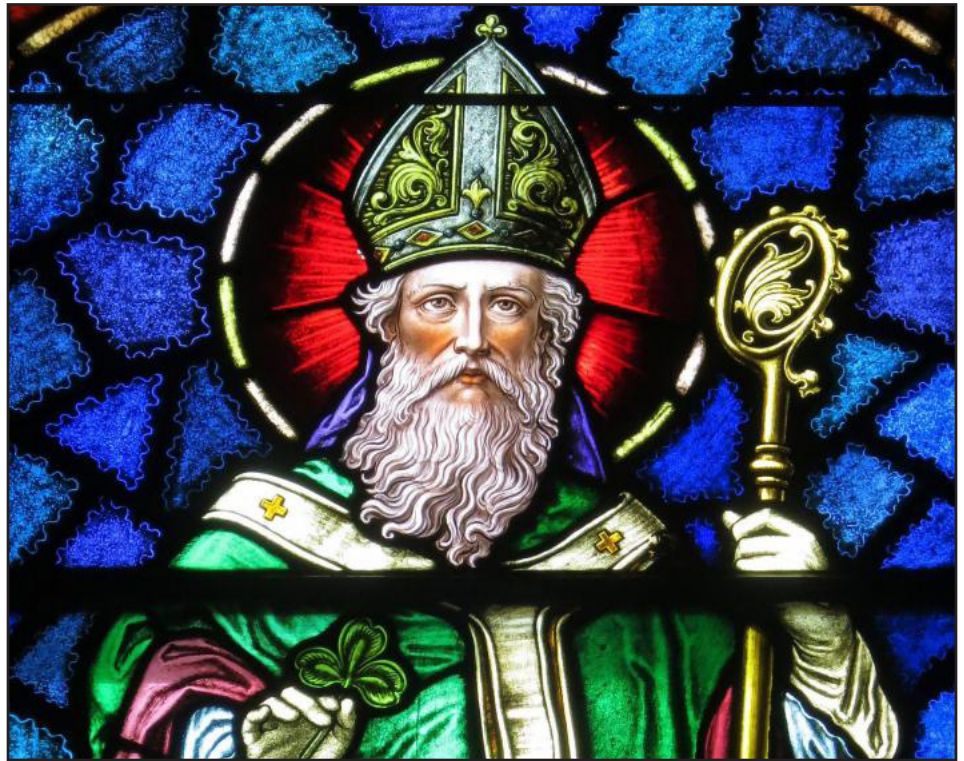
Saint Patrick's Day - March 17th, 2021

Wearing green on Saint Patrick's Day is about all most of us know about this holiday. That... and picking four leaf clovers. I'm sure we all can remember looking in our yards for that elusive four leafer as kids. I guess the luck of the Irish is finding that lucky four leaf clover, especially on Saint Patrick's Day. However, most of us probably do not know the folk lore behind this holiday. So, who was Saint Patrick and was he a real person?

Saint Patrick is the patron saint and national apostle of Ireland. He is credited with successfully spreading Christianity throughout Ireland—hence the Christian celebration of his life and name. The significance of March 17 is that it's said to be the date of St. Patrick's death in the late 5th century (circa A.D. 493).

The man who would eventually become St. Patrick was born in Britain (part of the Roman Empire at the time) as Maewyn Succat in the late 4th century. His family was Christian, but it's said that Maewyn himself was an atheist throughout his childhood.

That would change at age 16 (around A.D. 400), when Maewyn was kidnapped from his home on the west coast of Britain by Irish pirates, who proceeded to carry him off to Ireland and force him to work as a shepherd herding sheep. After six years, he escaped his captors, walking nearly 200 miles through the Irish landscape and convincing a ship to carry him with them back to Britain. This harrowing experience certainly had an effect on Maewyn, who was convinced it was



the Lord who protected him and delivered him safely home.

Upon returning home, Maewyn received his call (in a dream) to preach the Gospel—in Ireland, of all places! He spent the next 15 or so years in a monastery in Britain, preparing for his missionary work. When he became a priest, his name was changed to Patricius, and he returned to the land of his captors to begin his teachings.

Although some Christians already lived in Ireland at the time, the country was largely pagan, so spreading a foreign religion was not an easy task. Patricius traveled from village to village to share the teachings of the Lord, and was successful enough to eventually found many churches there.

The folk lore states we wear a shamrock on St. Patrick's Day because, legend says, St. Patrick used

its three leaves to explain the Holy Trinity in his teachings. (The Trinity is the Father, the Son, and the Spirit as three divine persons who are one divine being [God].)

The symbol of St. Patrick is a three-leaf shamrock, not a four-leaf clover. However, long before the shamrock became associated with St. Patrick's Day, the four-leaf clover was regarded by ancient Celts as a charm against evil spirits. In the early 1900s, O. H. Benson, an Iowa school superintendent, came up with the idea of using a clover as the emblem for a newly founded agricultural club for children in his area. In 1911, the four-leaf clover was chosen as the emblem for the national club program, named 4-H.

So, here's the challenge. The first person to find and bring a four leaf clover this spring to the Town Hall wins a Town T-Shirt!

Town of San Luis Placemaking with Downtown Colorado Inc. (DCI)



Logan Debyle, University of Colorado student working with San Luis' DCI Challenge Program.

The Town of San Luis has contracted with Downtown Colorado, Inc.'s Challenge Accelerator Program for technical support and planning to develop an action plan for San Luis Main Street's economic development and revitalization. Picture above is Logan Debyle who will assist in this planning project.

DCI's Colorado Challenge Accelerator Program is a team building accelerator focused on establishing a plan of work and proposal that engages public, private, and non-profit partners to address a significant community challenge over the course of twelve months. The Colorado Challenge Program works to transform the community's challenge into an opportunity, to establish a proposal, financing approach, and team of community partners ready to implement their plan of action.

2021 Winter Coloring Contest Winners

Congratulations to two more children who entered and won the 2021 Winter Coloring Contest!



Edwardo



Zayla

Open for Bid - Metal Detector

The Town of San Luis will receive sealed bids in the office of the Town Clerk for the purchase of a door entrance metal detector.

Return your bid in a sealed envelope to the Town Hall at 408 Main Street, or mail to P.O. Box 200, San Luis, Colorado 81152, no later than Wednesday, March 31st, 2021 at 4:00 pm. Include your mailing address and phone number with your sealed bid.

- The metal detector will be sold as is.
- Age unknown.
- The Town of San Luis Board of Trustees reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids presented.

For questions or to schedule an inspection of the the metal detector please call the Town Hall at (719) 672-3321.



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Please Leash or Fence Your Dogs



The Town of San Luis receives constant complaints about nuisance dogs running loose in San Luis. Please be a responsible dog owner and make sure your dog isn't a nuisance to your neighbors.

The Town has already given several notices of violation. Remember your dog must be supervised if off leash or under your verbal control at all times. This is not only for the safety of your pet but also the safety of the public.

Code Enforcement will be watching and giving out violation notices. If you have a complaint about a nuisance dog please contact the Town Hall at 672-3321.

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: town-clerk@townofsanluisco.org

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

Work Sessions, 6:00 pm
The 1st Tuesday
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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
LEC Mechanic & Towing	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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Sonia's Convenience	672-4461
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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.

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