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Town of San Luis

N E W S L E T T E R

May 2021 — FREE

The San Luis Community Park is Open Fun in the Sun!

Ready to get your body in shape for the summer? The Town of San Luis has good news to help out. The quarter-mile walking path around the perimeter of the San Luis Community Park is now open for walkers and runners. Thanks to a grant from the Colorado Health Foundation this walking path was installed in September of 2020. Measured at exactly a quarter mile, walking or running this path will help you tone up your summer muscles for fun in the sun.

Also available is a newly installed ramp, obstacle features and pump track to develop biking skills for bikers of all ages. There is also a bike playground for young riders as well. Come give it a try!



Quarter-mile park walking path.



Newly installed skateboard and bike pump track in the San Luis Community Park.

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Town of San Luis Employment Opportunity

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 Mayor, Town Manager, and Lead Maintenance Supervisor to perform a variety of maintenance tasks throughout the town.

Principal duties include general 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. Must maintain a current valid driver's license.

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. Applications may be picked up at the Town Hall, Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Job Type: Part-time (20-25 hours per week)

Hourly Pay: Based on experience.

Experience: 1 to 2 years maintenance work.

Closing date for applications: Limited opening for applications. Apply now.

Drug testing, background check and current driving record will be required.

Dumb Friends League Opens Animal Shelter in Alamosa.



Ribbon cutting ceremony at the new 701 Airport Rd., Alamosa, animal shelter.

On March 25th, the City of Alamosa celebrated with the Dumb Friends League as they opened their regional animal shelter to the San Luis Valley! This \$2.5 million investment in a state-of-the-art animal shelter is something never dreamed possible for our low resource area. Homeless and abandoned pets are an unfortunate reality in many communities, including here in the San Luis Valley. Last year there were more than 1,700 cats and dogs that ended up in animal shelters from the SLV area.

The new shelter is centrally located in Alamosa and is designed to house animals from across the San Luis Valley. Because of the Dumb Friends League's commitment to pets, the shelter will accept every animal that comes through its doors regardless of where they come from in the San Luis Valley.

The shelter will provide care for lost, stray, abandoned and unwanted cats and dogs. Each adoption includes spay or neuter surgery, age-appropriate vaccinations and a microchip ID. Animals who are not claimed or adopted in the local community will be transferred to larger city areas with more adoption opportunities.

The San Luis Valley Animal Center will also provide spay and neuter surgeries for dogs and cats owned by local area community members. The spay and neuter program will expand to serve more animals as we understand the community's needs and raise funds to support that work. The Dumb Friends League San Luis Valley Animal Center also offers adoptions, shelter for homeless dogs and cats and lost and found services. Call (719) 212-6500 for more info.

USDA Offers Single Family Housing Repair Loans & Grants

What does this program do?

Also known as the Section 504 Home Repair program, this provides loans to very-low-income homeowners to repair, improve, or modernize their homes or provides grants to elderly very-low-income homeowners to remove health and safety hazards.

Who may apply for this program? To qualify, you must:

- Be the homeowner and occupy the house.
- Be unable to obtain affordable credit elsewhere.
- Have a family income below 50 percent of the area median income.
- For grants, be age 62 or older and not be able to repay a repair loan.

What is an eligible area?

Generally, rural areas with a population less than 35,000 are eligible. Applicants may check the address of their home to determine eligibility online.

How may funds be used?

- Loans may be used to repair improve, or modernize homes or to remove health and safety hazards.
- Grants must be used to remove health and safety hazards.

How much money can I get?

- Maximum loan is \$20,000.
- Maximum grant is \$7,500.
- Loans and grants can be combined or up to \$27,500 in assistance.

USDA Rural Development
Single Family Housing Programs

DO YOU WANT TO

BUY/BUILD, REPAIR, OR REFINANCE A RURAL HOME?



Buy/Build
Single Family Housing Direct and Guaranteed Loans

Is your adjusted household income within the very low- or low-income limits for your county?



Repair Your Home
Home Repair Loans and Grants

Is your adjusted household income less than the very low-income limit for your county?



Refinance
Streamlined Assist Refinance Guaranteed Loans

Do you have a current mortgage with Rural Development?

What are the terms of the loan or grant?

- Loans can be repaid over 20 years.
- Loan interest rate is fixed at 1.0 percent.
- Full title service is required for loans of \$7,500 or more.
- Grants have a lifetime limit of \$7,500.
- Grants must be repaid if the property is sold in less than three years.
- If applicants can repay part, but not all of the costs, applicants may be offered a loan and grant combination.

Is there a deadline to apply?

Applications are available year round as long as funding is available and are processed in the order they are received. Visit rd.usda.gov for more detailed information.

How long does an application take?

Approval times depend on funding availability in your area. Talk to a USDA home loan specialist for help with the application.

Direct Rural Home Loans are also available from USDA to assist slow and very-low income applicants obtain decent, safe, and sanitary housing in eligible rural areas by providing payment assistance to increase an applicant's repayment ability. Payment assistance is a type of subsidy that reduces the mortgage payment for a short time. The amount of assistance is determined by the adjusted family income.

How do I get started?

Contact a USDA home loan specialist in your area. The Alamosa office is located at 101 S. Craft Drive, Alamosa or call (719) 589-5661.

Win a Town of San Luis T-Shirt



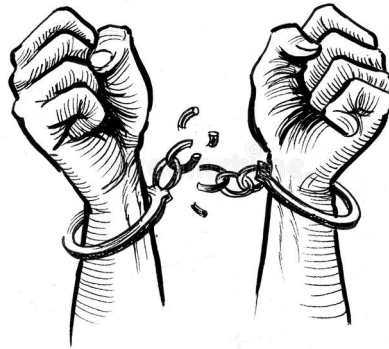
Have you received your SLV-Places post card in the mail? If so, be sure and check the box of the Town Plaza design you like on the back and return it to Town Hall ASAP. We want your input on what you would like to see in your future Town Plaza. All returned post cards will be entered into a drawing to win a Town of San Luis T-Shirt.

Be sure and visit SLVPlaces.org and sign up to give your ideas to make San Luis shine! Want to start a business? Want to own property? We want to know your ideas and dreams! SLVPlaces.org has a community page for the Town of San Luis. The page lists all of the fun and important projects happening in San Luis and asks for ideas.

The Town of San Luis received a grant for a placemaking event and will be activating a Parklet in Downtown San Luis June 19-20, 2021. The Town will welcome your ideas for a creative festival to explore the future vision of San Luis.

Town of San Luis will be opening a coffee shop in the Welcome Center in June as well. Join us as we open the doors to creative entrepreneurship and explore your ideas and business concepts you would like to see in San Luis.

Breaking Free



Are you ready to let go of the chains that are holding you back from a happy and successful life?

Loving Way Ministry is offering recovery group to help you break the chains holding you back in life. This recovery group will help you with many different areas of life's struggles and challenges.

For more information call or text Amy Vargo at (719) 580-4813; Albert Santiago at (719) 496-6341; Sannon Santiago at (719) 580-1582; or Julian Medina at (719) 580-1243.

Group recovery meetings are held at 224 Main Street, San Luis starting Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at 7:00 pm. Join us!

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
of each month

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
San Luis Music	680-3933
San Luis Propane	672-4204
Sonia's Convenience	672-4461
Speedway Garage	672-9903

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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

Volunteer or Donate
www.helpcoloradonow.org

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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Santa Ana Fiesta 2021

*Let's
Celebrate!*

Get ready to celebrate San Luis! The Town of San Luis is happy to announce the 170th year of celebrating the *Fiesta de Santiago y Santa Ana*! For those of you who are eager to celebrate, this year's fiesta will be held July 23, 24 and 25th, 2021.

The Town's plans are to host three bands this year. *Cuarenta Y Cinco* will perform Friday night, July 23rd, 2021 from 8 pm to 12 am. Saturday's band performance are *Jerry Dean* from 2 pm to 6 pm and *Blue Ventures* from 8 pm to 12 am. Friday night will also host a fireworks display!

Band t-shirts will be available for sale to celebrate the 170th year of Santa Ana. If you would like to help sponsor the bands and have your name or business name printed on the t-shirt as a sponsor please come to Town Hall with your donation. This year's celebration promises to be the best ever!

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.



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