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# Town of San Luis

## NEWSLETTER

October 2019 — FREE

### San Luis Hosts CML District 8 Meeting

Each year local San Luis Valley city and town government members gather in September for the Colorado Municipal League's (CML) District 8 Meeting to learn of new state legislations being presented in the Colorado State Legislature that could effect local municipalities. The Town of San Luis was the host of this year's gathering which included the legislative meeting, a social hour, a catered dinner and highlighting of local San Luis musical talents.

This was the first year the Town of San Luis hosted this important CML meeting. Local government representatives also had an opportunity to share the events and important current and future projects their towns are implementing to better their communities.

The municipalities present were La Jara, Romeo, Monte Vista, Alamosa and San Luis. Also present was Cathy Garcia from U.S. Senator Cory Gardner's Office, Marilyn



Gally of the Department of Local Affairs and CML's Legislative and Policy Advocates Brandy DeLange and Heather Stauffer.

The Town would like to thank Ashley Valdez from Xcel Energy for sponsoring the event and providing give away travel mugs for each participant. Bernadette Lucero of Peppita's prepared and served the delicious mexican-style meal and Mrs. Rios hosted the Social Hour beverages. Elizabeth Gettel, for provided the music for the dinner.

### Support the San Luis Community Park

The Town of San Luis is applying for a grant for \$142,000 from the Colorado Health Foundation (CHF) to seek funding to expand the San Luis Community Park. The goal is to add a quarter-mile walking and biking path around the park plus a children's bike playground next to the Kaboom playground.

To complete the project, the

Town will need to raise \$35,000 in matching funds. The Town would like to ask town citizens to show their support by donating any amount, large or small, to the Town Park fund. Your donation to the Park Fund will show the CHF that citizens support this project. To donate come into the Town Hall during regular business hours.

## San Luis Valley Rural Philanthropy Days

The Town of San Luis was represented by Town Manager Susan Sanderford at the the San Luis Valley Rural Philanthropy Days (RPD) in Del Norte from September 17th to 19th, 2019.

This conference was attended by 250 San Luis Valley nonprofit professionals, grantmakers, community leaders, and elected officials to exchange knowledge and expand professional fundraising networks.

Rural Philanthropy Days is a statewide program that promotes excellence in Colorado’s rural communities by providing nonprofit leaders access to resources they need to make a stronger impact. RPD builds opportunities for important community projects within the San Luis Valley and across the state by strengthening regional relationship, building the skills of the region’s nonprofits, and connecting local organizations with grantmaking organizations.

This conference provided a powerful opportunity for the state’s



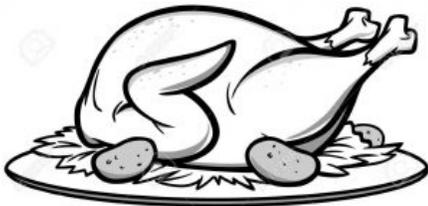
*From left to right: San Luis Town Manager Susan Sanderford; San Luis resident Kathy Keegan, Board President of the San Luis Valley Museum in Alamosa; and San Luis Trustee Jessica Durgan.*

most influential funders to meet one-on-one with local and regional grantseekers in a series of funder roundtable discussions. This exchange helps to break down barriers and ultimately results in stronger partnerships, increased

access to resources and the development of long-term relationships. Through her RPD efforts, Ms. Sanderford was able to secure green lights to submit grants to four Colorado funders to help expand the San Luis Community Park.

### Need a Turkey for Thanksgiving?

*The Town of San Luis is Sponsoring a Turkey Drawing!*



Fill out this form and drop off at the Town Hall at 408 Main Street to be in a drawing to receive one of six turkeys. Drawing will take place Friday, November 18th, 2019 at 10:00 am at the Town Hall. You do not need to be present to win. One entry per person. Must live within the town limits to enter drawing.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_



The Town of San Luis is sponsoring Fall Dumpster Days for town residents on November 9th and 10th, 2019 from 8 am to 5 pm to have a place to remove trash, branches, piles of wood and other rubbish from their yards.

The dumpster will be placed at the Town Shop on the south end of town for residents to bring and dis-

pose of their yard trash.

We would like all residents to make a concerted effort in cleaning up dried brush, wood and rubbish from their yards as a safety measure to prevent future fires. We are offering this service free of charge. The dumpster will be on first come, first served bases and closed once the dumpster is full.

Common household trash will not be allowed for dumping. No furniture or appliances allowed. NO TIRES allowed. This service is available for Town residents only. The dumpster will be monitored. The dumpster will be available for yard trash only. For questions please call Town Hall, 408 Main Street, 672-3321.

## Notice of Proposed 2020 Budget

NOTICE is hereby given that a proposed budget will be submitted to the San Luis Board of Trustees for the ensuing year of 2020 at the Regular Town Hall Meeting, to be held at 408 Main Street, San Luis, Colorado on October 8, 2019, at 6:00 P.M. A copy of proposed budget will be filed in the office of the San Luis Town Clerk, where same will be open for public inspection. Any interested elector of San Luis may inspect the proposed preliminary budget and file or register any objection(s), thereto, at any time prior to final adoption of the budget on December 10th, 2019.



Helping community members with affordable housing in the Valley since 1993

The mission of the SLVHC is to provide safe and affordable housing to low-to-moderate income community members. The SLVHC addresses the increasing housing needs of the San Luis Valley through two programs that it offers: Down Payment Assistance Program and Home Rehabilitation Program.

The San Luis Valley Housing Coalition designed the Home Rehabilitation Program to help qualified low-to-moderate income home-

owners make the necessary repairs to their home. In order to bring about a safer, more sanitary and energy efficient living environment. SLVHC offers this loan program at a low-interest rate, 1-5%, which can be amortized up to thirty years. Affordable monthly payments may be tailored to suit your particular financial situation. Your monthly payments to the SLVHC will be deposited into a Revolving Loan Fund so that others in need of rehabilitation may receive assistance.

There are eligibility criteria to qualify for the Home Rehabilitation Program, you must meet minimum requirements of owning your home and live in it as your primary residence. Your home must be located within Alamosa, Conejos, Costilla, Mineral, Rio Grande, and Saguache Counties. Your household income must not exceed the Program Income Limits for your household size found on the slvhc.

com website.

With the Down Payment Assistance Program, qualified low to moderate income home buyers can get a low-interest loan for the down payment of their home. These loans cover the down payment and closing costs and come with a minimal interest rate. The San Luis Valley Housing Coalition offers these loans so that community members may live in safe, affordable homes and can still afford to live.

Your loan will be secured by a Deed of Trust against your home. The monthly payments you make are deposited into a Revolving Loan fund so that others may benefit from the program as well.

The San Luis Valley Housing Coalition is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to improving the availability of safe, decent and affordable housing in the San Luis Valley. Call (719) 587-9807 for more information.

## Own Your Own Home in San Luis



Use your own hands and time to build your own home! Community Resources and Housing Development (CRHDC) has been providing pathways to housing resources in Colorado for 47 years. The CRHDC staff will assist you every step of the way, from the application process through the construction phase, to move in.

The benefits of a Self-Help Home are: No down payment; affordable monthly payments; flexible qualifying guidelines; fixed low interest rate loans; learn home maintenance skills and become part of neighborhood that thrives in our community of San Luis.

CRHDC services include property development, financing, education, partnership and technical assistance. See us at [www.crhdc.org](http://www.crhdc.org) or call 719 589-1680 and ask for Ramona to learn how you can own your own home in San Luis.

## Cat's Alive Voucher Program

Cat's Alive and the Town of San Luis have partnered to help residents have a low-cost way of spaying or neutering their cat. The Town has 10 vouchers for the cost of \$20 to take your cat to Dr. Deal in Monte Vista for spaying or neutering. These vouchers can save you over \$100 depending on whether you have a male or female cat. Just come in to Town Hall to pick up a Cat's Alive Voucher.

If you want to know when and where the next Free Spay/Neuter Clinic will be set up, join the Facebook group called SLV FREE OR LOW COST SPAY NEUTER CLINICS. Once there read the posts and click the link that allows you to sign up for the next clinic—there may be a series of questions you will need to answer. These clinics require same day drop off and pick up, usually after 5:00 pm. Your pet must be 4-months-old or older to be eligible to receive a Rabies shot.

If you cannot make any of the free clinics, designate a friend or family member to bring in your pet(s) for you. They can sign the consent form as your agent.

Also, you can visit: <https://slv-petresources.com> to register for upcoming SLV clinics.

## Get Ready for Trunk or Treat!



The Town of San Luis and the Costilla County Fire Department will be hosting its' second annual Trunk or Treat Halloween Event on Thursday, October 31st, 2019 from 5 to 8 pm in the parking lot of the Town Hall at 408 Main Street. Bring the kids for sweet treats and Halloween fun!

There will be a vehicle trunk decorating contest for businesses, organizations and citizens. Pictured above is 2018 3rd Place winning entry by April Vilapano. The top three best Halloween decorated trunks will be chosen to win a cash prize! First Place prize is \$100.00; Second Place Prize is \$50.00; and Third Place Prize is \$25.00.

Start planning your designs now and come into the Town Hall to let us know you are planning to enter the Trunk or Treat Contest. Come join the community in friendship and spooky fun to help make Halloween a safe and fun event for our San Luis children and youth!

For more information call Town Hall at 672-3321.

### 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.