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San Luis Recreation Committee Meets to Discuss Future Site Plans

The San Luis recreation committee has been meeting monthly since February 2024. The committee is made up of 15 community members that expressed a particular interest in helping plan for more recreation opportunities within our small town. The goal of the committee is to bring new recreation spaces and programs to San Luis and ultimately see more communal activity happening to better the health and well-being of our residents.

Last week, Morgan Schmehl from Civic Canopy met with the committee to help the group map out a narrative of recreation planning that has happened in San Luis. The discussion started with everyone sharing a memory of “play” in San Luis. Responses varied but everyone was enthusiastic about their memories, sharing stories of playing in the acequias, picking chokecherries, and participating in town basketball tournaments.



Morgan Schmehl of Civic Canopy leads a discussion with the recreation committee.

The group then began mapping out the history of San Luis recre-

ation, discussing past amenities such as the old gym, the swimming pool, horse races, and dances. Enthusiasm spread throughout the group as they discussed roller skating in the gym, dances in the SPM-DTU, and swimming in the outdoor pool.



The recreation committee has been meeting monthly to discuss events and site planning.

From there, Morgan asked the group to describe the planning efforts that have been happening in San Luis since the Town received a planning grant from the Colorado Health Foundation back in 2023. The group discussed the surveys that have been collected, the softball tournaments, collaboration with the Centennial art class, community engagement during Santa Ana, and more. Finally, the group discussed the most pressing needs for the community to determine what amenities the Town should seek grant funding for first.

“I am so pleased and honored that our town is changing to meet the requirements of our youth,”

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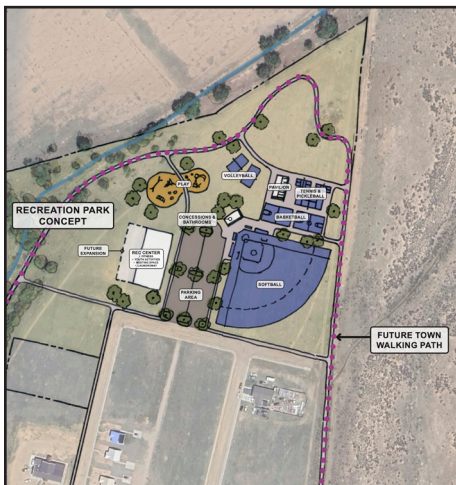
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said committee member Suzy Olivas. “We are showing progress and it will take time, but please bear with us as we think about our future, the children of San Luis, and everyone in the community as we plan for more recreation opportunities in town.”

Before Morgan closed the meeting, they informed the group that they will be taking everything they heard from the group and compiling the information into a narrative package to present to the community as well as to grant funders.

The Town plans on wrapping up the community engagement process this summer and beginning to apply for grants in the fall. The goal is to begin to develop the property north of the senior center into an outdoor community recreation facility with a softball field, pavilion/play space, a town-wide walking path, and eventually a small indoor recreation center. Be sure to follow along via Facebook and our newsletter for updates on the planning process as well as recreation events this summer.



Based on input from the community, the recreation committee has put together this design for a new recreation site.

Canned Food Drive Scheduled for Founders Day



Designed to serve individuals and families that need a helping hand, the food bank gives out boxes of food which include produce, meat, dairy, and canned goods. In 2024, the food bank served over 256 unique individuals which equates to about 132 households.

The majority of these households are single-family homes, veterans, or seniors. The food bank is open to anyone, regardless of economic status, and is open from 1-3pm every Monday at the small white building behind the Convento on Calle de Gallo.

This year, the food bank has been seeing more and more people come in to receive services. With the increase in clientele, the Town of San Luis is partnering with the food bank to meet the needs of the community.

This year during Founders Day, stop by the Town Hall and drop off any extra canned goods you have. We all need a little boost at some point in our lives and if you are in a position to donate, please consider assisting your neighbors who may need a helping hand. There is no limit on how much you can give. If you have one extra can or twenty, please bring them to the Town Hall on Founders Day, April 12th, to help out your fellow community members. Thank you.

Remember to Register for the Founders Day 5k Color Run/Walk

Every year as a part of Founders Day, the Town of San Luis hosts a 5k Color Run/Walk. The 5k starts at the entrance to the Vega on the south end of town. The route follows the vega road along culebra creek, beside the cattle and horses, with views of the Sangre de Cristo mountains to the west. The run turns around at the highway and travels back along the same route.

Don't wear your nice clothes to this race! There will be volunteers along the way spraying colored chalk on participants. This race is not timed so it is fun for the whole family without the pressure of competition. The cost to participate is \$15 for youth and \$20 for adults. Use the QR code below or stop by the Town Hall to register. Call 719-672-3321 with any questions.



Code 11.17.090 Dogs at Large Prohibited

It is unlawful for any owner, possessor or keeper of any dog in the Town to permit the dog to run at large within the Town. A dog shall be deemed to be running at large when off or away from the premises of the owner, possessor or keeper thereof and not under the control of such owner, possessor or keeper or his or her agent or a member of his or her immediate family, either by leash, cord or chain.

Colcha Class Taking Place During Founders Day

The San Luis Valley Colcha Embroidery group is hosting a class during this year's Founders Day. Starting at 11am at the Town Hall, the group will be teaching the traditional technique that has been practiced in Southern Colorado and Northern New Mexico for centuries. If you are interested in learning this unique art form, the cost to participate is \$25 which includes all materials. Call the Town Hall at 719-672-3321 with any questions.



Town Intern Report: Founders Day Celebrates San Luis History

By: Zach Jacquez

Founders Day is something special for everyone. It is a cultural event that brings people all together, celebrates history, and helps the people feel closer to each other each and every year. Founders Day brings a lot of special things to San Luis like music and vendors, and every year more people come. Founders Day is an event where we should all get together and celebrate such a unique part of history and every year more and more people should attend and celebrate the culture of San Luis.

I attended Founders Day last year and it was a great thing for the community. The San Luis baseball team was making baked potatoes and a lot of people were supporting and stopping by. I think Founders Day is special because there's a lot of history to celebrate in our area like the Peoples Ditch, The Vega, the Peoples Market, and the peo-

ple are all a part of the history of San Luis. Founders Day is something special that everyone needs to attend because there are a lot of things that people can do like the 5k Run/Walk, live music by Indian Nickel, horno bread making, colcha embroidery exhibition, and a carnival. This year, Founders Day is on Saturday, April 12th and lasts throughout the day.



Zach Jacquez makes a baked potato during last years Founders Day.

Junior Trustee Report: Plan Ahead

By: Laila Garcia

Working for hours with no end in sight. Sleepless nights. Pulling all-nighters to ensure you pass the class. A lifestyle not fit for all. Those who stick around must realize by now that senior year is the time to lock in. If you're on track, it might be light work, but fall behind and you may find yourself in last place, laps behind everyone else. Surely not the time to slack off. Have you completed all your community service hours? Are you missing a credit? What if you fail a class needed to graduate - to suc-

ceed? Have you considered your future? You should've taken those classes when they weren't charging you, now you're in debt. What if the certificate won't land you a job? What are you to do then? Again, not a lifestyle for all. You may find yourself on the high road coasting without the burden of a \$100,000 loan plus interest weighing you down. All things considered, evaluate your options before you make that choice. A glimpse into the future. Where will you be?

"The future belongs to those who prepare for it" - Jim Moran

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Call for Vendors: Founders Day 2025

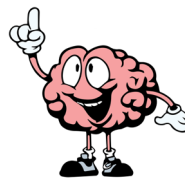
Founders Day 2025 is right around the corner! If you have something to sell (art, food, clothing, antiques, etc.) and want to set up a vendor booth, call the San Luis Town Hall at 719-672-3321. There is an application to fill out and a \$10 fee to be a vendor. Reminder that the event is on Saturday, April 12. The event starts with a 5k run/walk at 10am and will last throughout the day. See you there!

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- Carson Construction 298-0727
- Casey's Enterprises 480-9366
- Central Oil 672-3840
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- Fresh! Bakery 298-0482
- Glasswerk Orange Headshop 849-1126
- Gus's Liquor Store 672-3331
- Jacales Art Gallery 588- 6831
- J&J Self Storage 672-3660
- Kuhn Kuts 492-0765
- La Casa Canna Bis 672-4220
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- San Luis People's Market 672-3346
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- San Luis Thrift 602-6281
- Speedway Garage 672-9903
- Sonia's Convenience 672-4461



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Sudoku: How to play

A 9x9 square must be filled in with numbers from 1-9 with no repeated numbers in each line, horizontally or vertically. To challenge you more, there are 3x3 squares marked out in the grid, and each of these squares can't have any repeat numbers either.

	1		2	9		6		7
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7			1		6	4		
		9			7	8		
6		7		4		5		3
		5	6			9		
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