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May 2025 — FREE

Sculpture Project Coming to San Luis Main Street

Two on a Lure by Huberto Maestas is one of many sculptures that will be featured as a part of the San Luis sculpture walk.

The Town of San Luis along with the San Luis Main Street group is always working to beautify our downtown. The Main Street team in particular is an organization that meets monthly to discuss how to dress up our downtown with aesthetically pleasing and culturally significant decor for locals to enjoy and to encourage visitors to stop in San Luis.

Some recent Main Street projects include the purchasing of benches and flower pots that are set up around town and the banners that adorn the light poles with early family crests and histories. Both of these projects have been successful in not only making our downtown shine a little brighter but also getting people to travel up and down Main Street, rather than consolidating in one small area of town.

The most recent project that the Main Street team is working on is a San Luis sculpture walk. Similar to downtown Alamosa, the walk will consist of several sculptures placed throughout the Main Street district. This project will further encourage visitors to stay in town, learning about our history and culture and patronizing our businesses.

The sculptures will primarily be from artists in the San Luis Valley. By featuring local artists, the Main Street group hopes to shine a light on the magnificent artwork that emerges from our communities here in Southern Colorado. Each piece will be displayed for one year and all of the artwork will be on sale for people to purchase.

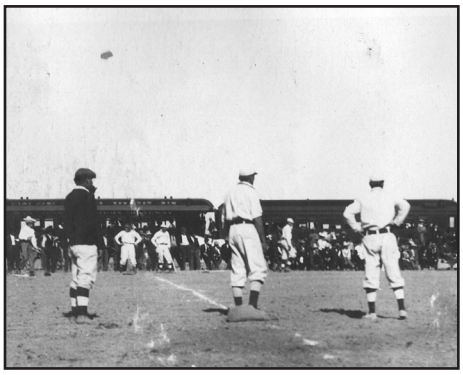
"We not only want to make our downtown a vibrant and culturally significant area, we also want to highlight the amazing artwork that comes out of Southern Colorado. Artists from our area are rarely highlighted so to give them a chance to show their work in such a public space means a lot", said Huberto Maestas, Vice President of the Main Street team and local artist whose work will be featured as a part of the San Luis sculpture walk.

The group plans to have the bases and sculptures installed by the Fiesta de Santiago y Santa Ana which runs during the last weekend of July. If you are a sculpture artist who has work to submit for consideration, please contact Dana Maestas at 719-588-6831.

Continuing a Tradition of Community Sports in San Luis: Recreation Schedule Set for Summer 2025

The year is 1910. The mid-summer sun melts the remaining snow along the southern Sangre's. Dusty fields blow their sediment around the San Luis Valley, west towards the sand dunes. Outside San Luis in the village of San Acacio, one of these dusty fields has been transformed.

White chalk lines adorn the normally barren plot of land and 4 square plates have been placed in the ground awaiting the day's activities. Today the team from San Pablo will travel – mostly by horse and buggy – to San Acacio where they will face off against their cross-town rivals in one of the most anticipated games of the season. After a long winter, baseball has returned to Southern Colorado.



A baseball game takes place in San Acacio. Circa 1910.

Fast forward to 2024 to another barren plot of land. This time in San Luis, in between San Pablo and San Acacio, white chalk lines and 4 plates decorate the dust-covered field. Cars, not horses, make their way to the makeshift field to play softball, to knowingly or unknowingly continue a tradition of community recreation that has brought people together in lower Costilla County for over 100 years.

As plans for a new recreation area in San Luis continue to unfold, the historical element of the work

Two players during the 2024 Santa Ana Softball tournament. Circa 2024.

that is being done has been striking. History and culture are everything in San Luis. From the Vega to the acequias to Santa Ana, people here are proud of the way of life that has remained *mostly* the same for the past 150 years. Recreation is no different. By gathering around community sports, we are continuing a tradition that has been connecting the community for generations.

This year, we will continue those traditions. There are two softball tournaments, a volleyball tournament, and a horseshoes tournament scheduled for 2025. See below for the specific dates:

June 14: Volleyball Tournament

July 26 (Santa Ana): Softball Tournament

July 26 (Santa Ana): Horseshoes Tournament

Aug. 16: Softball Tournament

We hope you can make it out to some or all of these events. As we get close to completing the planning phase of establishing a new recreation area in town, it remains important to hear from everyone in the community so that we can create a space that is inclusive and used by all. If you want to participate in any of the tournaments or have any questions, call the Town Hall at 719-672-3321.

Teams gather for a group picture after one of the town tournaments.

Keep Your Yards Clean, Keep San Luis Beautiful

Despite the occasional cold days, Spring has officially made its way to San Luis! The trees are beginning to bloom, clouds cover the afternoon sky, and the dreaded w*** is whipping through the San Luis Valley. With the arrival of spring, yards are beginning to grow again.

Grass is turning green and sprouting up all over town. With this growth, we ask that you do what you can to keep your yards mowed and your bushes and trees trimmed. As a small community, we must each do our part to keep San Luis looking its best.

San Luis code enforcement will be making the rounds in the early summer to make sure everyone is keeping their yards clean. You can avoid a code enforcement warning by mowing your lawn and removing any unsightly yard waste.

SLV Opioid Committee Seeking Costilla County Representative

The San Luis Valley Opioid Committee is dedicated to healing the effects of Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) and preventing future opioid use throughout the San Luis Valley. Currently, the primary focuses of the committee are providing recovery housing, supporting peer-support professionals, and prevention work.

The Committee recently changed their by-laws requiring that one representative from each County in the San Luis Valley be present to conduct a meeting. They are making sure to properly represent the entirety of the Valley so that certain areas aren't forgotten when deciding on where to allocate resources.

Currently, the committee is struggling to find a representative from Costilla County and reached out to the town hall to see if we had any suggestions. Rather than assign a representative, the town board wanted to hear from the community to see if there are any citizens of San Luis that would be interested in being a part of this important committee. The committee meets every third Tuesday of the month via Zoom. If you would like to be a part of the SLV Opioid Committee, please contact the Town Hall at 719-672-3321. Thank you for your consideration!

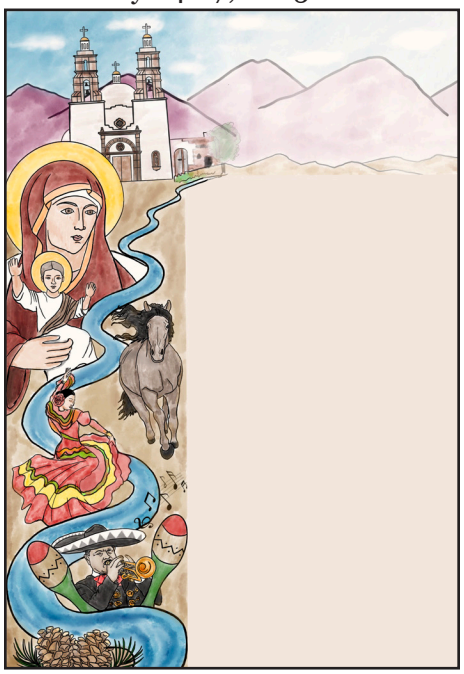
The Town Hall is now accepting applications for

Santa Ana Vendors

Call the Town Hall to register

Santa Ana Poster Design Selected

Congratulations to Mario Sanchez for winnning this years Santa Ana poster design contest! See his painting below. The final poster will include a title and a schedule of events in the blank space. Posters will be available for purchase starting June 1st. Reminder that Santa Ana is July 24-27, 2025.



Dump Area Closed

The dump area on the north side of Town has been fenced off and closed to the public. In the past, this area has been used for softball tournaments as well as a place for residents to dispose of natural waste. Unfortunately, due to people dumping trash, scrap metal, and other non-natural waste, the Town was forced to close the dump site.

The Town softball tournaments will still be held at this property and the gates will be opened during those days, but until then, the gates will be locked and the area will be closed. The board will be discussing the possibility of opening the gate for designated dump days at their next meeting, Tuesday May 6th.

Junior Trustee Report: Counting Down

By: Laila Garcia

The Junior class hosted 2025 prom: "Meet Me At Midnight". Prom court crowned Dilano Bosch and Amaya Garcia as Prom Prince and Princess, accompanied by the Prom King and Queen, Amado Montoya, and Adriana Vigil! The evening was starlit and serene, enjoying the moment, dancing with friends, a world so perfect unlike any other. The guests, amicable. Donned in impressionable gowns and suits, putting on their best face, longing for magic and love hoping the night continues on.

Nearing the end of the school year, the clock starts ticking faster. Schedules fill up fast! Mark your calendars for May 24th, and join the town in a joyous celebration congratulating the Class of 2025's graduates. Finally coming together, 12 years concluded in just one night. A special congrats to those who have made it thus far without falter. Extending compliments to the marvelous Adriana Vigil, this year's Valedictorian, and Laila Garcia for achieving Salutatorian. These ladies have put in the work, and have much to show for it. Tune in May 24th at 10 a.m., as they share their final regards and last wishes.

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Sudoku: How to play

A 9×9 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 3×3 squares marked out in the grid, and each of these squares can't have any repeat numbers either.

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