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Downtown Revitalization

Citizens and public figures alike all recognize the San Luis Main Street is in dire need of economic revitalization and a much-needed facelift. It's a daunting task for sure with empty and neglected historic buildings sitting empty for years in need of some TLC. The Town of San Luis Board of Trustees is working diligently on a plan that may take some time to implement, but it's a good start. Hopefully, the results will start to be seen in the next few years. All good things take time, but the seeds the Town is planting now are being nurtured. Economic growth is necessary if San Luis is to survive and thrive into the future.

The first major step to economic growth is supporting our local businesses. This is where you, as a citizen, can help out by shopping at our hometown businesses. Need an oil change or new battery? Go visit Sean at Speedway Garage and Auto. Buy your meats and groceries at R&R Market. Eat once a week or more at one of our local restaurants. Buy your gas locally. Craving a candy bar? Run into a local convenience store and grab a sweet. If you need a healing marijuana salve for your spring-cleaning aches and pains, shop at one of our two marijuana shops. Each time you shop locally, the sales tax for products you purchase goes to your hometown to make improvements possible. As our local businesses try hard to improve their service to you, let's

B.O.O.M. (Boost Our Own Merchants!)

If you ever wondered where a majority of the money comes from to run the Town government, it comes from city and county sales taxes. The current sales tax rate for San Luis is 3.0 percent. The Town also receives a percentage of property taxes from the properties owned within the town limits. And finally, our two local marijuana shops also contribute to sales tax dollars. Those taxes assist the Town of San Luis Board in implementing projects to help the Town. The Board of Trustees is committed to working on the economic development of San Luis. Join us in the effort by shopping local. Let's B.O.O.M.

Better yet, come to a Town Hall meeting, held the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm, to learn what the Board is working on to better our community. Economic development and growth will take time and will need all of us working together to make a positive difference. Join the effort by sharing your ideas, then become active in playing a part of seeing those ideas become a reality. Let's join together to make our hometown become even a more fantastic place to live. Our biggest assets are the beauty of this valley, the unique history and culture, and the beauty of our people. Let's nurture our home by working together.

DOLA Meet and Greet



Mayor Tiffany Gallegos welcomed the new Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA), Executive Director, Rick Garcia to the San Luis Town Hall on February 28th for a meet and greet with the Board of Trustees and the Town Hall staff. Mr. Garcia brought along several of DOLA’s staff members as well as the San Luis Valley’s Regional Directors, Christy Doon, Clay Brown and Assistant Regional Director Randi Snead.

Ideas were discussed and shared about the plans and projects the San Luis Board of Trustees are developing and desire to implement and have in place in 2019. DOLA offers various grant opportunities for Colorado towns that greatly benefit positive growth. Mr. Garcia was in the area to talk about the Costilla County Fire Recovery.

The town has already benefited from several grants from DOLA—the most recent grant awarded was to help pay the salary for a full-time Town Manager. Mr. Garcia was delighted to share the good news at the meet and greet with the Board.

Vendor Opportunities

Are you a vendor and want to make a bit of extra income? The Town will welcome vending opportunities for Spring Carnival Days, June 6 to 9, 2019 and for the annual Fiesta de Santiago y Santa Ana, July 27 and 28, 2019. Come in early to get your Special Event License (\$30) to reserve your prime spot for either event. Your involvement helps make our events a lot of fun for attendees! Have questions? Give Town Hall a call at 672-3321.

Business Owner Help

Thinking of starting a business or building your business? Need some help along the way? Then you are in luck. The first Tuesday of each month, Tom Monaco, of the San Luis Valley Small Business Development Center will be in the Town Hall from 1:00 to 4:00 pm to answer your business development questions! Stop in and meet Tom, he will help you with all aspects of business development from beginning to end.

9HealthFair

Costilla County Public Health Agency will be hosting the 9 Health Fair on

Friday, April 26, 2019
8am – 12pm

Blanca/Ft. Garland Community Center

Medical Screenings Offered:

Blood Chemistry	\$35
Prostate (PSA)	\$35
Blood Cell Count	\$25
Vitamin D	\$50
Colon Cancer Screening	\$30
Hemoglobin A1C	\$35
Testosterone	\$45
Vitamin B12	\$25
High Sensitivity C-Reactive Protein	\$35
Blood Type	\$30

Free Screenings: Blood Pressure, Blood Sugar, Cholesterol Screening, Vision, Height/Weight/BMI

For more information:

Costilla County Public Health Agency
719-672-3332

You may register online at www.9HealthFair.org
 Please bring your used eyeglasses to share the gift of sight

Citizen of the Month



Carmelita Borrego has been nominated for San Luis Citizen of the Month of April because of the excellent customer service she provides at R & R Market. Carmelita always has a friendly welcoming smile when she greets everyone who enters. If you need something, she's knows exactly where to find it and goes out of her way to help each and every customer. Thank you, Carmelita, for knowing all of us by name and making us all feel welcome at R & R Market.

Do you have someone you would like to nominate for Citizen of the Month? Come to the Town Hall and let us know what citizen you think deserves recognition, and why.

Volunteers Wanted
*Are you interested in serving the
Town of San Luis?*

The Town is seeking volunteers to serve on the Town of San Luis' Event Planning Committee to help us create fun Town events for our citizens'. For more information call Town Hall at 672-3321 or send in a letter of intent to P.O. Box 200, San Luis, CO 81152

Spring Cleaning

Yep, it's that time of year! Time to clean and organize our homes after the long-cold winter and get ready for another summer of fun. While you're at it, please take time to pick up trash in the Town as well, even if it is not in your yard. We love it when citizens go out of their way to help out—even if it is one piece of trash a day.

Last year the Town had 50 Mormon youth volunteers descend on San Luis to walk through our town and pick up trash. Over 140 large 55-gallon trash bags were filled with trash from the streets, alleys and ditches. That's a lot of trash for our small town. So, next time you see a soda can or candy wrapper tossed on the side of the road—pick it up and throw it away in a proper way. You might think about encouraging your children to be more thoughtful when discarding their trash. A little goes a long way if everyone helps out. Thanks!

T.J. Maestas, the Town of San Luis' maintenance worker, has been hard at work spring cleaning the winter accumulation of grit and dirt from the curbs. Thanks, T.J.,



for keeping our town clean. Give T.J. a honk and a wave of appreciation when you see him working.

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 are held the 1st
Tuesday of each Month.

Open for Bid

The Town of San Luis is accepting bids for the 2000 Chevy Tahoe once used as a police vehicle for code enforcement. The Chevy Tahoe has 173,477 miles, and is in good working condition.

Come into the Town Hall to submit your offer and view the vehicle. The Town will select the highest bid May 6, 2019 at the Board of Trustees work session at 6:00 pm.

Be in the Know! Abandoned Vehicles

13.09.010 Leaving Vehicles Prohibited, When

No person shall abandon any vehicle within the Town, and no person shall leave any vehicle at any place within the Town for such time and under such circumstances as to cause such vehicle reasonably to appear to have been abandoned.

13.09.020 Nonoperating Or Wrecked Vehicles On Street Prohibited

No person shall leave any partially dismantled, nonoperating, wrecked or junked vehicle on any street or highway within the Town.

13.09.030 Nonoperating Or Wrecked Vehicles On Private Property Prohibited;

No person in charge or control of any property within the Town, whether as owner, tenant, occupant, lessee or otherwise, shall allow any partially dismantled, nonoperating, wrecked, junked or discarded vehicle to remain on such property longer than thirty (30) days, except that this Section shall not apply with regard to a vehicle within an enclosed building, a vehicle on the premises of a business operated in a lawful place and manner, when necessary to the operation

of such business, or a vehicle in an appropriate storage place maintained in a lawful manner by the Town.

13.09.040 Removal And Disposition Of Abandoned Vehicles.

The Chief of Police is hereby authorized to remove or have removed any vehicle left at any place within the Town, which reasonably appears to be in violation of this Chapter or lost, stolen or unclaimed. Such vehicle shall be impounded until lawfully claimed or disposed of in accordance with law.

Carnival Days

June 6 - 9, 2019

Thursday - Friday - Saturday - Sunday

Loads of fun for all ages!

American Legion Field

4th Street and Gasper

- • Carnival Rides • •
- • Confections • •

Corn Dogs, Cotton Candy,
Caramel/Candy Apples, Churros,
Funnel Cakes, Popcorn

*Try your skill at the games: Darts,
Shoot Out the Star, BasketBall, Fishing
and many more!*

