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Join the Effort San Luis!

As your Town of San Luis' Board of Trustees, we need and want your help in our effort to bring about positive changes for the well being of our community. This time of improvement is an exciting one indeed, but will be even more productive with more citizens' voices being heard and ideas being shared. This is your invitation to raise your voice and share your ideas.

Hopefully, our accomplishments are being noticed. Working together, our community can accomplish so much more. Our Board of Trustees is all about Community Engagement and creating an atmosphere of community involvement and trust, so there is a free flow of communication and ideas between community leaders and citizens to bring about positive change for the well-being of the community.

To create this community engagement, we as a Board have elected to support open meetings and create activities and events that bring all of its community members together to collaborate in decision making on important issues that concern the community.

We feel trust and communication are key factors in community engagement partnerships that are successful. When there is lack of trust, communication cannot take place. When there is no communication, trust cannot be established.

We realize it is up to us as community leaders to reach out to the



community to provide you with information to begin the dialogue to convey that we are approachable and willing to listen to the citizens' ideas. It is up to we community leaders to be open to transparency of all decisions we make.

For example, the Town of San Luis' Board of Trustees encourages transparency. We recently started this monthly newsletter being mailed out to all the households in San Luis to let you know what is happening in the Town and what projects we are working on, and the accomplishments that benefit our community. It is our way of starting a dialogue with you that we want you, San Luis' citizens, to be in the know. This outreach is hopefully the first step to creating Community Engagement with you.

The second step is we invite you to become involved, to receive information or feedback from you as to your ideas and concerns. Yes, that even means complaints when warranted. Communication should take place both ways to create positive change in our community. This step is the most difficult if, in the

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past, trust has not been established.

The way we have elected to establish trust is to create events that bring community together to build good relationships. We thank all who have attended our hometown events such as the Santa Ana Festival, Trunk or Treat and the Manito Christmas events, and, our upcoming events as well!

We as a Town Board also invite you to reach out to us by attending these events and engaging the Town Board in conversations about what matters to you. We would love for our citizens to become engaged in deeper involvement to help us move the Town forward in a positive direction.

Consider becoming a volunteer. A citizen who volunteers their time to help accomplish a common goal is an engaged citizen. You have chosen to work together hand-in-hand with us as a Board to make a positive difference in our community.

This was witnessed back in 2016 when over 300 community members came together to build the

Kaboom playground at the park. This was an event that people cared about and thus, were willing to step up and be involved in something that would better their community.

These types of events are trust-building events where cooperation creates a measurable positive outcome. Collaboration together is key to Community Engagement.

The next step is we would like to create more goal-oriented projects you can become involved in to make our community better. This means community members get together with the Board of Trustees to bring their creative ideas, and then everyone works together toward a common goal, making our community the best it can be.

Lastly, we would like to build strong partnerships to help us with decision making on what is best for our community. We would like a shared leadership approach that strengthens the community and helps us see positive results.

It is the Board of Trustees' hope, that one day we can put aside any differences we may have and work together on common goals. Through positive collaboration we all can help our community thrive, economically, culturally and socially so we can leave a legacy for our children to take pride in their community — San Luis, our hometown.

Will you join with us? You are invited to make a difference through positive community engagement. Our doors are open. Come in and have a chat to let us know what is important to you. Please consider becoming an active part of this effort. Together we can achieve so

From the Mayor



San Luis is a wonderful place to visit, live, play or work. Even though we are small in size, (our current population is 627) hopefully we are huge in heart!

San Luis has a vibrant cultural charm that is noticed by the many tourists that come to visit the Stations of the Cross Shrine. Even with the many old neglected downtown buildings, tourists often comment on how special our little town looks and feels. Wouldn't it be wonderful if together we could revive all our downtown Main Street buildings and have them filled with thriving businesses once again? Well, I am happy to announce, we are working on a plan to do just that. It may take some years but the plan has begun. And we, the Board and town staff, are excited even though it will take lots of hard work.

San Luis' charm is exceeded only by our remarkable heritage and the people who call it home. While the population has dwindled over the years from over a thousand, the folks that remain still are the heart of our community.

Tiffany A. Callegos

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

Founders' Day Scheduled—Save the Date

On April 5th San Luis will celebrate 168 years since its founding. Adelante San Luis and the Town of San Luis are partnering with a number of entities to have a community celebration on April 6.

Plans are being formulated to have community activities for that entire day. Certainly it will be a day filled with live music, local food, crafts, vendors, and a bonfire. A 5K Run/Walk has been planned. Certificates will be given to youth who are descendants of the Founders of the Culebra Villages. Events will be held at the Parish Hall, outdoors weather permitting; indoors if not. As more information becomes available it will be announced. But please, save the day.

It is hoped to be an event attended by everyone. Invite your out of town family to the community celebration of our history and cultural pride. Anyone wanting to set up a food booth or craft booth at the Parish Hall should contact Adelante San Luis at 719-214-2548 or send an email to adelante624@gmail.com.

Town Hall in Need of Repair



Built in 1924, the original building, now part of the Town Hall, is showing its age. Once a garage with living quarters upstairs, the old adobe building is now the San Luis Welcome Center. A fire many years ago blackened the walls of the upstairs apartment rendering the six room apartment unusable except for storage of old boxes of papers.

The Town Hall section was added on much later using concrete block for its construction and currently houses the town office and meeting space for town meetings. The Town Board is currently looking into grant funding to make the much needed repairs and updating of this historic building to preserve its use for future generations.

Men at Work



If you were driving around San Luis the last week in January, you likely had to take a detour around these men at work. The Town of San Luis had three manholes in need of repair. Thanks to the hard work of T.C. Pipeline, they finished the work in two days. Also, a thanks to our local CDOT regional crew who lent a helping hand by directing the oncoming traffic around the Hwy. 159 repair work at the corner of Gasper and Main Street.

Town Meeting Dates

*All Town Hall meetings
are open to the public.
Please join us!*

Town Hall Meeting
Tuesday, February 12th, 2019
6:00 PM

Work Session are held the first
Tuesday of each Month.

Be in the Know! Snow Removal

The Town of San Luis is responsible for keeping town roads plowed after a snow fall event. In most cases the Town does not begin to plow until there is at least one to two inches of snow accumulation on the roads.

We have recently received complaints when there has been less than an inch of snow on the ground or just after it has started snowing and the roads have received just a dusting of snow. The Town chooses to be smart about when to start plowing, to save gas and time by not having to re-plow over and over to clear the roads.

Also, by waiting until there is more than an inch or two of accumulation, this saves wear and tear on the plow blade by not having to plow the roads twice.

The Board of Trustees has a fiduciary responsibility to spend money wisely for the Town. Thus, the decision has been made that when there is a measurable amount of accumulation, then plowing will begin. Lately, if you have noticed,

snow plowing has started early around 5:30 am if there has been accumulation overnight.

We appreciate those that have stepped up and helped out by plowing their driveways quickly after a snow event. However, we would ask that you not pile your snow into the roadway as this causes larger amounts of snow to be pushed into the surrounding properties. Please help out by keeping the snow on your property within the boundaries of your private property and not pushing it into the town right-of-ways. The following is stated in the San Luis Municipal Code.

17.03.080 Removal Of Snow, Ice And Accumulations

It is the responsibility and duty of the owner, tenant or occupant of any lot, block or parcel of land, or any part thereof, situated within the Town to remove snow and ice from the sidewalk abutting thereon within twenty-four (24) hours after the fall of the snow has

ceased. Such removed snow shall not be shoveled, plowed, sprayed or dumped onto a street, alley or public right-of-way.

When the Town receives a complaint that snow, ice, accumulations of snow or ice or any unsafe condition has remained on any sidewalk for twenty-four (24) hours or more, the Town may notify the abutting property owner that such snow, ice, accumulations of snow or ice or unsafe conditions are to be removed by the abutting property owner within the next twelve (12) hours, or that said abutting property owner shall be subject to a fine or criminal prosecution.

17.03.090 Removal Of Obstructions

It is the responsibility of the abutting property owners to remove vegetation, stones, foreign matter, and similar debris and other obstructions from their driveways and sidewalks, which obstructions shall not be placed upon the public ways or any portion thereof.

Family Fun Night!



"One in a Minion"

chance to paint with your child for **FREE!**

Thursday, February 28th, 2019 • 6 to 8 pm

Please **RSVP** to Amber or Lisa at (719) 672-3332 by February 14th and learn **WHERE** this family fun event is taking place!

Limited Space Available • First come, first served

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