

# THE VILLAGE OF TIJERAS NEWSLETTER

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Website: [VillageofTijeras.com](http://VillageofTijeras.com)

## LETTER FROM THE MAYOR

Jake Bruton

The latest public health order from the Governor directs non-essential businesses to cease in-person operations and urges New Mexicans to shelter in place until November 30th in an attempt to stop the uncontrolled spread of the virus. As such, the Village of Tijeras has made several changes to its operations in order to comply with the new order and safeguard the health and wellbeing of our staff and residents.

The MVD is closed and will remain closed until at least Monday, November 30th, pending additional guidance from the Governor's office. We apologize for the inconvenience. Our MVD staff will be in touch as soon as possible to reschedule appointments. In the meantime, we encourage you to consult the list of online services at [mvd.newmexico.gov](http://mvd.newmexico.gov).

Village Hall will be open to the public by appointment only. Please keep in mind that with the majority of Village staff working from home, our staff may require additional time to process certain requests. To make an appointment, please visit [tijerasnm.timetap.com](http://tijerasnm.timetap.com). The Senior Center will continue distributing grab-and-go meals Monday through Friday.

Please stay safe and healthy during this difficult time, and remember we are all in this together!



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# EAST MOUNTAINS BROADBAND SURVEY

Councilor Maxine Wilson, Mayor Pro Tempore

We are excited to announce that the Village of Tijeras and Bernalillo County are jointly applying for grant funding from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to expand broadband internet access in the East Mountains, and in particular south of I-40. In this environment of remote work and learning, reliable access to the internet is more important than ever.

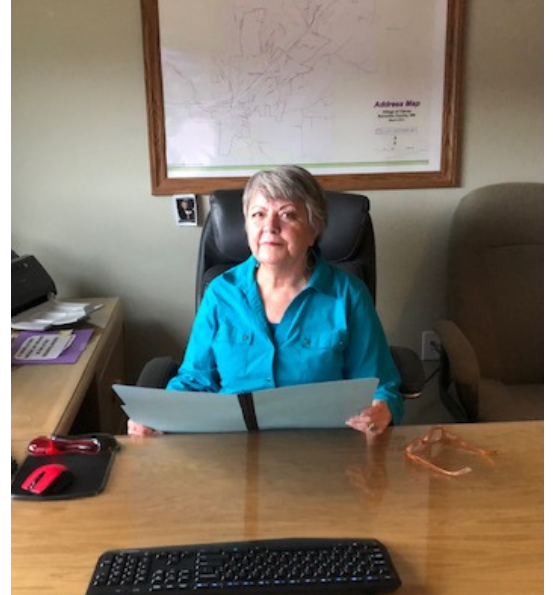
One required component of the grant application is a survey of the community, including residents, businesses, and community facilities. The survey asks for some basic demographic information and includes several questions about residents' current internet connections.

The survey for residents and business owners can be accessed at: <https://www.cognitofrms.com/VillageOfTijeras/CommunityConnectGrantResidentBusinessSurvey>.

The survey for essential community facilities, such as fire stations, schools, and community centers, can be accessed at: <https://www.cognitofrms.com/VillageOfTijeras/CommunityConnectGrantEssentialCommunityFacilitySurvey>.

Links to both surveys will also be posted on our website and Facebook page. Please feel free to share this information and the links with your friends and relatives in the East Mountains community.

We encourage you to take a few moments to complete the survey. Please submit your responses by Friday, December 11th. Your responses will help us identify where the gaps in existing internet access exist and help make our grant application stronger. Moreover, the information we collect from the survey will be useful in future efforts to improve broadband access in the East Mountains.



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## Senior Center Cone Theft

It has unfortunately come to our attention that someone has been stealing the cones and ropes used to direct traffic at the Senior Center. Those materials are intended to promote the safe and orderly distribution of meals. We ask that the person responsible please return them to the Senior Center. There will be no consequences for their return.

# WINTER CLOTHING GIVEAWAY

December 5th at First Baptist Church

Pastor Alan Moss and the folks at First Baptist Church are working with the East Mountain Food Pantry to put on a winter clothing giveaway on Saturday, December 5th. The event will run from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., serves both adults and children, and will operate out of the Church Fellowship Hall. Light refreshments including coffee, juice, and pastries will be provided. All COVID-19 safety guidelines will be followed, so please remember to wear your mask and maintain a safe distance from others.

In anticipation of the giveaway, First Baptist Church is also accepting donations. Please ensure that your clothing items are clean and in good condition. Winter clothing is preferred. You can bring donations by the church any day during regular business hours.

If you or someone you know could use some items of good, warm clothing this winter, we encourage you to take advantage of this fantastic community event!

## Park and View Cinema

Due to unforeseen circumstances, we were forced to postpone the first showing of the Village of Tijeras Park and View Cinema, which was originally scheduled for the evening of October 31st. We are working to get the project back up and running as quickly as possible, and hope to have another update soon. Please continue to monitor our website and social media!

## Online Water Bill Pay

Several customers informed us they have had trouble paying their water bill online this month. We are aware of the problem and working to fix it. We hope to have the system up and running again next month. Visit our website for the most up-to-date information and do not hesitate to call if you are having difficulties.

