

THE VILLAGE OF TIJERAS NEWSLETTER

"With pride in our past, and faith in our future."

Website: VillageofTijeras.com

LETTER FROM THE MAYOR

Jake Bruton

As you may have heard during our last Village Council meeting or read in the *Independent*, the Village of Tijeras is considering annexation of some of its surrounding communities. Annexation would have several benefits for current and potential future residents of the Village, including promoting the solvency and sustainability of our water utility, developing a full time fire department, the potential to grow our staff to better serve our residents, making the Village more competitive for certain funding opportunities, and keeping local tax dollars in the Village.

We are seeking to achieve annexation in two stages using the petition method, a citizen-driven process in which 51 percent of land owners in the proposed area must agree to be annexed. Clerk Brown and Deputy Clerk Kennedy will be hosting a virtual workshop on Tuesday, January 5th at 5:00 p.m. to provide more information and answer any questions. Please check our website at villageoftijeras.com to find information on how to connect to the workshop.

Our intent is to be completely transparent throughout this process and work with our residents and neighbors. If you have any questions or concerns, please give us a call at (505)281-1220.



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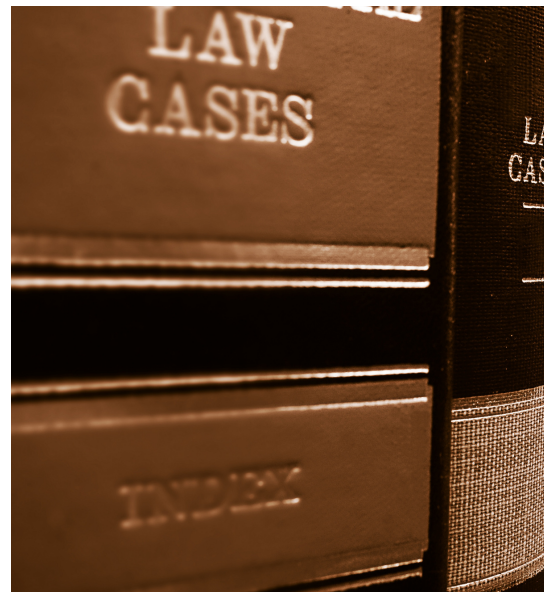
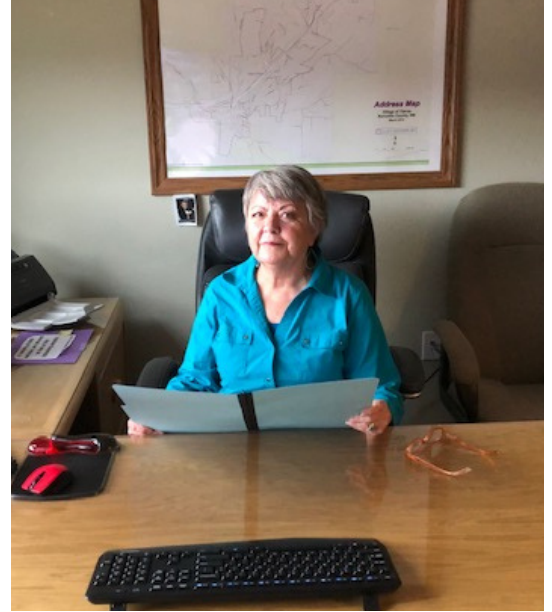
Councilor Maxine Wilson, Mayor Pro Tempore

At the meeting of the Village Council on Monday, December 7th, the Village of Tijeras adopted updated versions of its Personnel Ordinance and Water Ordinance.

We want the Village of Tijeras to be a place people enjoy working, and our changes to the Personnel Ordinance reflect that goal. As an accompaniment to the updated ordinance, the Village Council also adopted a new Employee Handbook, which summarizes the most important policies from the ordinance and is intended to serve as a useful reference for Village staff.

The changes to the Water Ordinance were intended to improve the sustainability of the municipal water utility and make it easier to regulate violations of the ordinance. You will also find that water rates and fees are no longer included in the ordinance, but in an accompanying Fee Schedule, adopted by Resolution.

Copies of both ordinances are available at villageoftijeras.com.



We Want to Hear From You!

All meetings of the Village Council and Planning and Zoning Commission are open to the public. We encourage our residents to attend meetings and make their voices heard via public comment. To submit a public comment, simply send an email to clerk@villageoftijeras.com. Please write the phrase "PUBLIC COMMENT" in the subject line of your email. In the body of the message, include your name, your address, the agenda item to which your comment pertains, and your comment. Your comment will be read into the meeting at the appropriate time.

VETERANS EXHIBITION

Last month, we shared photos of Village veterans on our Facebook page. We are sharing them again here to ensure as many residents as possible see them! If you are a veteran or know a veteran who is not pictured here, or if we are missing some of your information, please contact us at (505)281-1220.



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Private First Class
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Felix Garcia
Sergeant
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Private First Class
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Michael Wismer
Major
US Air Force



Gilbert Gutierrez Sr.
Private First Class
US Army



Gilbert Gutierrez
First Sergeant
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Happy Holidays!

Mayor Bruton, the Village Council, and the staff would like to wish our residents a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Please stay safe and warm this holiday season. Village offices will be closed December 24th, 25th, and 31st, as well as January 1st.

