

THE VILLAGE OF TIJERAS NEWSLETTER

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

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LETTER FROM THE MAYOR

Jake Bruton

The first newsletter of the year is always so exciting. Typically, publication slows down in January as staff returns from the holidays and discussions begin to ramp up regarding new and unfinished business. The following bullet points are highlights of what the governing body and staff has accomplished since the start of the year. Further into the newsletter, you'll find more detailed breakdowns of the events:

- Establishment of monthly meetings with Village engineers Molzen Corbin to provide governing body updates on projects.
- Creating a M.O.U with Bernalillo County for the use of our facility to house ABQ Ambulance to bring faster aid to the Village residents.
- Governing Body & Village staff travel to Santa Fe to speak with legislators on Muni-Day.
- Nomination and acceptance of Matt Armenta to succeed Maxine Wilson as Mayor Pro Tempore.
- State of the Village recap of 2022 and plans for 2023



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MUNI-DAY AND THE NEW MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

Councilor Matt Armenta, Mayor Pro Tempore

For my first ever section of the newsletter, I wanted to start off by thanking Councilor Maxine Wilson for her service as Mayor Pro Tempore. Her years of expertise and knowledge have guided our Village Council into better serving our community and I hope to honor her with my work going forward.

On February 17th, the governing body and staff traveled up to Santa Fe to speak with our legislators regarding our funding needs and project plans for the upcoming fiscal year.

Municipal day is a annual gathering of municipalities of the state of New Mexico where we receive updates on upcoming Legislative issues and receive the opportunity to schedule one on one conversations with legislators to discuss funding and potential projects and grants for future usage.

Thanks to the efforts of Clerk Kennedy, Grant Writer & Administrator Shaline Lopez, and Mayor Bruton, we were able to speak directly with Representative Stephanie Lord and Representative Meredith A. Dixon.

In our conversation with Representative Lord, we were able to identify that one of our funding requests regarding Village roads was recorded incorrectly. Had this mistake not been captured, the Village would have received funding that wouldn't be applicable to roads that are in dire need of repair according to our newly established criticality index.

The road criticality index created by our engineers at Molzen Corbin will help the governing body now and the future decide which Village roads need repair as the index indicates priorities of roads by health and sustainability.

It was truly an honor to walk the capitol building and witness debate on legislative matters, as well as getting to meet our representatives. I can't express enough thanks to our wonderful staff for constantly putting forth the best effort possible in making the impossible possible and I look forward to serving the Village in the capacity of Mayor Pro Tempore.



3rd Annual Earth Day Event

Please join us on Saturday, April 22nd to help clear our community of trash and litter!

The event begins at Village Hall at 9:00am where trash bags & protective gloves will be available.

Once you're done, drop off your full bags at Village Hall before 1:00pm and receive a free commemorative t-shirt!

This event was organized by Councilor Ortiz, thank you to Bernalillo County Illegal Dumping Division for providing the dumpster for the event!



STATE OF THE VILLAGE

Deputy Clerk Michael Limon

On February 28th at our Village Senior Center Mayor Bruton met with residents to discuss a review of 2022 and expressed his goals for the Village to meet in 2023. This was the first in person State of the Village in two years since the pandemic.

Mayor Bruton reviewed the staff changes for 2022. It was a changing of the guard as Larry Seebinger former(Finance Director)retired Hallie Brown (former Clerk)pursuit of new opportunities and Kathy Healy former (administrative assistant)retired. The current administration thanks these individuals for their service during their time as employees of the Village.

New hires and promotions following these departures were Nicolas Kennedy to Village Clerk, the recruitment of Michael Angelo Limon the former Deputy Clerk of Sunland Park, as well as Audrey Caulfield as our newly appointed Finance Director. The Village also added strength and experience to our maintenance team with the hiring of Brandon Lucero. The Village also created two brand new positions and recruited highly-qualified individuals to fill them. Debra Hoyt was hired as the Senior Center Program Coordinator, and Shaline Lopez as our Grant Writer/Administrator.

The most significant projects that was completed in 2022 was the Phase 4 addition of the Senior Center. We also had the substantial completion of Well No. 3; contractors are in the final stages of bringing the new well online and this highly productive well will ensure our community has sustainable access to water for future generations. We also completed road projects to promote safety of our residents, such as the full-depth reclamation on Wilson Lane, pavement widening on Celina Lane, and lastly the drainage improvements on Rincon Loop East.

Mayor Bruton went on to recap the year further with special event summaries, funding totals on projects and amounts received for future projects, and detailed explanations regarding the Santo Nino Church. The State of the Village was broadcasted on our Facebook page and is available for viewing in our photos and video section. The Mayor concluded the address with answering questions and hearing statements of the public, and looks forward to working with staff to achieve the planned goals for 2023.



Village of Tijeras

Calendar

April 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Village Council Meeting 6:00 pm Council Chamber	4	5	6	7
10	11	12 P&Z Meeting 6:00PM Council Chamber	13	14 Chipper Day 04/15/23
17 Village Council Meeting 6:00 pm Council Chamber	18	19	20	21 Earth Day Clean up 04/22/23
24	25	26 P&Z Meeting 6:00PM Council Chamber	27	28