

THE VILLAGE OF TIJERAS NEWSLETTER

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

Website: tijerasnm.gov

50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Mayor Jake Bruton

The Village of Tijeras is hosting our 50th Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, July 29th, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The event will be located at our Luis Garcia Park and Tijeras Senior Center (10 Tijeras Avenue, Tijeras, NM 87059).

The event will kick off at 10:00 a.m. with a parade from Village Hall to Luis Garcia Park. If you plan on viewing the parade, please arrive no later than 9:30 a.m., as traveling through the Village on NM-333 will likely be difficult while the parade is in progress.

Following the parade, attendees will hear from a group of current and former Village officials as they reflect on the proud history of our community and recognize the contributions of the many individuals and organizations who helped bring the Village to where we are today.

Stick around after the speeches to enjoy live music performed by local groups MisDemeaner and XXX. Later in the afternoon, Mariachi Amigos de Nuevo Mexico will treat guests to their skilled performance and Baila! Baila! will perform a dance routine.

This event is open to attendees of all ages and we will have a variety of forms of family-friendly entertainment, including jumpers and face painting.



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50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION (CONTINUED)

The 50th Anniversary Celebration will also feature a car show and a craft fair inside the Tijeras Senior Center. There will be a variety of great local food and drink vendors on-site, including craft beer served by Rumor Brewing Co.

Following the Celebration, there will be a showing of *Top Gun: Maverick* at our Tijeras Park and View Cinema. Parking begins at 7:00 p.m., so there is plenty of time for a quick nap in between! We will have food vendors in attendance at the showing and a jumper. Ticket sales are limited to 60 vehicles, so be sure to purchase yours in advance at: <https://www.tijerasnm.gov/park-and-view/>

Please be aware that parking will not be available at the Luis Garcia Park, Tijeras Senior Center, or East Mountain Library. Instead, a group of local businesses and community organizations have graciously agreed to make their parking areas available for for guests attending the Celebration:

- A. Montoya Elementary School and Roosevelt Middle School (24 Public School Road, Tijeras, NM 87059)
- Los Vecinos Community Center (478 NM-333, Tijeras, NM 87059)
- Imagine Wellness (488 NM-333, Tijeras, NM 87059)
- NM Early Learning Academy (465 NM-333, Tijeras, NM 87059)

Stayed tuned to the Village's website and social media for updates about the Celebration and feel free to call (505) 281-1220 with any questions. We could not be more excited for this special event. Our team has been working extremely hard to make it a success and we hope to see you all there!



PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Councilor Matt Armenta, Mayor Pro Tempore

Recently, residents have reached out to our staff regarding the pedestrian improvement project that is taking place along Highway 333. I would like to take a moment to provide a statement regarding the project, its goals, and its benefits to the Village.

The purpose of the project is to improve the availability of pedestrian infrastructure in the Village. Although our community does not experience heavy pedestrian traffic, we do have several residents and neighbors who walk through the community, whether for exercise or simply to get from Point A to Point B. Many students of the local schools utilize the sidewalks after school to reach the library and other points in the Village. It is important to us that pedestrians have safe facilities on which to travel.

Currently, there are two disconnected segments of sidewalk within Village limits: one that begins near the western boundary of the Village and terminates in front of the First Baptist Church, and another that begins just east of Molly's Bar and continues into the Primera Agua neighborhood. The goal of the current project is to connect these two segments of sidewalk, creating continuous pedestrian access through much of the Village. In the future, we hope to continue bringing the sidewalks east, for instance to Village Hall, as well as connect our sidewalks with the walking path on the east side of NM-14.

This project is being funded through a federal transportation grant administered by NMDOT and is not pulling funding away from the Village's other projects. The general contractor on the project, Star Paving, was selected through a competitive sealed bid process.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this or other Village projects, please feel free to call us at 505-281-1220 or send an email to clerk@tijerasnm.gov.



Thank You, Star Paving!

Recently, the Village's Water Department had to cut into the pavement on Camino del Arroyo to install a new residential water connection. We were looking for a contractor to professionally repair the pavement, and Star Paving graciously offered to do the work at no cost to the Village. Thank you, Star Paving!

COMMUNITY BROADBAND

Deputy Clerk Michael Limon

On July 7th, Mayor Jake Bruton and members of staff attended an announcement by Senators Martian Heinrich and Ben Ray Lujan of an exciting community broadband project coming to the East Mountains.

Federal, state, and local leaders gathered at Los Vecinos Community Center for the announcement that National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) has awarded a grant in the amount of \$49,858,624 to the Clovis-based Plateau Telecommunications to expand reliable, affordable, high-speed internet for East Mountains residents along NM-14 and NM-337. The funding will be delivered through the Middle Mile Broadband Infrastructure grant program.

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law aims to fund critical infrastructure projects. Senator Heinrich voiced his support for efforts to bring high speed internet to additional areas of New Mexico, stating "Every person needs reliable internet access – whether it's to do homework, operate a small business, or to access telemedicine. I'm proud to have helped secure this important federal funding that will plug more of our communities into the 21st century, boost our economy, and grow a stronger middle class."

Senator Lujan also commented, "Homegrown New Mexico broadband providers have an inherent incentive to serve the community because it means connecting family, neighbors, and local schools. . . Thanks to the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, I'm proud to welcome over \$49 million in investments from NTIA to Plateau Telecommunications for middle mile infrastructure. That means direct support for our local provider to build alternate paths, increase resiliency, and deliver faster speeds. These investments will bring faster, stronger, and more affordable connections to our rural communities in eastern New Mexico – an important step toward bridging the digital divide."



Village Hall Hours:

8:00 am - 5:00 pm, Monday-Friday

Phone: (505) 281-1220

MVD Hours:

8:30 am - 4:00 pm, Monday-Friday

Phone: (505) 281-3774

(If someone does not answer your call please leave a voicemail and we will reach out to you.)

For urgent Village business outside of normal operating hours, contact Village Clerk Nicolas Kennedy: (505) 553-3246

For urgent water/wastewater issues outside of normal operating hours, contact Utility Administrator Sonya Apodaca: (505) 221-4805

Bernalillo County Fire & Rescue Non-Emergency Line: (505) 468-1310

In case of emergency call 911

Village of Tijeras

Calendar

July 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Village Offices Closed	4 Independence Day Village Offices Closed	5	6 Village Council Meeting 5:00 pm	7
10	11	12 P&Z Commission Meeting (Cancelled)	13	14
17 Village Council Meeting 6:00 pm	18	19	20	21
24	25	26 P&Z Commission Meeting	27	28 (Saturday 7/29/23) 50th Anniversary 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM Park and View Top Gun: Maverick Parking at 7:00 PM
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