

# THE VILLAGE OF TIJERAS NEWSLETTER

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

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## LEGISLATIVE VISIT RECAP

Mayor Jake Bruton

On February 5th, Councilor Yvette Garcia, Village Clerk Nicolas Kennedy, Grant Writer & Administrator Shaline Lopez, and I made the trip up to Santa Fe to meet with our legislators.

The legislative session is an important opportunity to discuss the needs of our community with legislators and help to secure funding for Village projects.

Both Senator Gregg Schmedes and Representative Stefani Lord took time out of their busy schedules to meet with us, for which we are very grateful.

I am pleased to report that thanks to the support of our legislative delegation, the Village is expected to receive a significant amount of funding through Capital Outlay and other programs. On the next page, I have listed the funding amounts and the projects they are designated for.

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Senator Schmedes and Representative Lord worked together to appropriate the following amounts for the Village:

- \$100,000 in Capital Outlay for the Veterans' Memorial
- \$50,000 in Capital Outlay to purchase Maintenance Department equipment
- \$50,000 in Capital Outlay to fund roadway improvements Village-wide
- \$50,000 in Capital Outlay to help remodel the parking lot at Village Hall
- \$50,000 in Capital Outlay for expansion of the wastewater utility
- \$50,000 in Capital Outlay to help complete the “Pocket Park” project
- \$40,000 in Capital Outlay for roadside drainage and beautification along NM-333
- \$450,000 in Capital Outlay for open space and recreational trail development
- \$160,000 through the NM GRO Fund to be put toward renovations on the historic Santo Nino Church.

In total, the Village is expected to receive \$1,000,000 in funding this legislative session. I look forward to working with the Governing Body and Village staff to make these important projects a reality once the funding becomes available. Please stay tuned for future project updates and plans, which we will share through our newsletter, social media accounts, and website.



Mayor Bruton, Councilor Garcia, and Clerk Kennedy meet with Representative Stefani Lord (left) and Senator Gregg Schmedes (right)

# 35TH ANNUAL MUNICIPAL DAY

## Councilor Matt Armenta, Mayor Pro Tempore

The annual legislative session is an important time not just for the Village, but for municipalities statewide. In recognition of that fact, the NM Municipal League hosts a conference each year during the session called Municipal Day, or Muni Day for short. Muni Day is an opportunity for municipal elected officials and staff to come together, discuss the issues that impact our citizens, and work with lawmakers to ensure the needs of our communities are met. This year, Grant Writer/Administer Shaline Lopez attended on behalf of the Village and provided the following report:

This year's conference program included a session on effective leadership and management. The speaker, Dr. Drew Dooley, shared tips about how municipal elected officials and staff can work together for the betterment of their community.

Attendees also heard a presentation from the New Mexico State Auditor's Office. The State Auditor presented awards to six municipalities for the quality of their annual audits or their progress toward addressing the issues identified in previous audits.

To conclude the event, AJ Forte, Executive Director of the NM Municipal League, provided updates on the League's legislative priorities and the bills introduced this session that would impact municipalities. Thanks in part to collaboration between the League, municipalities, and state lawmakers, this year's session is expected to result in increased funding for emergency medical services and water infrastructure projects.

On behalf of the Village Council, I would like to thank Shaline for attending this important event, ensuring the Village is represented and informed, and providing this excellent report.



### Village Hall Hours of Operation:

8:00 am - 5:00 pm, M-F

Phone: (505) 281-1220

### Motor Vehicle Hours of Operation:

8:30 am - 4:00 pm, M-F

Phone: (505) 281-3774

(If you reach the MVD voicemail, please leave a message and someone will return your call as quickly as possible).

For urgent Village business outside of normal operating hours, you may 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

# EARTH DAY CLEANUP

Deputy Clerk Michael Limon

The Village is pleased to announce that our Earth Day Cleanup event is returning for the fourth year in a row! This year's Cleanup is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, April 20th, 2024.

We are confident that this year's event is going to be the best yet. The important work the Village does each year to keep our community clean and beautiful and celebrate Earth Day has caught the attention of members of the surrounding community, who have expressed interest in getting involved. Councilor Jonathan Ortiz and Village staff have been in conversation with representatives from the NM Tourism Department, Bernalillo County, the City of Albuquerque, the Cañon de Carnue Land Grant, and a nonprofit organization called Plastic-Free Mission about expanding our event. The vision for this year is to target the Historic Route 66 / Turquoise Trail nexus, covering a wider area of the East Mountains and even extending down into southeast Albuquerque.

As details of the event are finalized, we will share them through our newsletter, website, social media, and TextMyGov notifications. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Clerk's Office by calling 505-281-1220 or sending an email to [clerk@tijerasnm.gov](mailto:clerk@tijerasnm.gov).



## Attention Water Customers:

The Village is in the process of migrating to a new utility billing software, which will create new, more convenient methods for our customers to pay their water bill.

Stay tuned for updates on this project. For questions, please contact us at: 505-281-1220

# Village of Tijeras Calendar

March 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4 Village Council Meeting	5	6	7	8 Daylight Savings Time Sunday 3/10
11	12	13 P&Z Commission Meeting	14	15 St. Patrick's Day Sunday 3/17
18 Village Council Meeting	19	20	21	22
25	26	27 P&Z Commission Meeting	28	29 Easter Sunday 3/31



# VILLAGE OF TIJERAS SENIOR CENTER

March 2024 11:30 to 1:00

Please Remember to Call in 24 Hours in Advance to RSVP YOUR LUNCH  
505-930-2658

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>26</b> Carne Adovada, Red Chile Flour Tortilla Collard Greens Spanish Rice Orange 1% Milk	<b>27</b> Chicken Soft Tacos Spanish Rice Corn w/Red Peppers Cookie 1% Milk	<b>28</b> Cheeseburger Baked Beans Steamed Carrots Peaches 1% Milk	<b>29</b> Swedish Meatballs w/Gravy Steamed Green Beans Blueberry Cobbler 1% Milk	<b>1</b> Salmon w/Garlic Sauce Angel Hair Pasta w/Diced Tomatoes Spinach Jell-O 1% Milk
<b>4</b> Diced Pork Over Rice Yams Imperial Blend Vegetables Orange 1% Milk	<b>5</b> Turkey w/Gravy Stuffing Peas and Carrots Chocolate Chip Cookie 1% Milk	<b>6</b> Beef Steak w/Grilled Onions Roasted Red Potatoes Brussel Sprouts Sugar Cookie 1% Milk	<b>7</b> Breaded Cod w/tartar Sauce Steak Fries w/Ketchup Peas Brownie 1% Milk	<b>8</b> Green Chile Posole Black Beans Calabacitas Pears Cupped 1% Milk
<b>11</b> Beef Fajitas Pinto Beans Collard Greens Flour Tortilla Mixed Fruit Cup 1% Milk	<b>12</b> Chicken Alfredo w/Penne Pasta Green Beans w/Mushrooms Garlic Bread Stick Orange 1% Milk	<b>13</b> Baked Ham w/Pineapple Sauce Rice Pilaf Baby Carrots Yogurt 1% Milk	<b>14</b> Red Chile Omelet Rosemary Potatoes Spinach Pineapple Cupped 1% Milk	<b>15</b> Minestrone Soup w/Navy Beans Cornbread Malibu Vegetable Blend Banana 1% Milk
<b>18</b> Corned Beef Cabbage Rosemary Potatoes Cornbread Sugar Cookie 1% Milk	<b>19</b> Rotisserie Chicken Mashed Potato w/Gravy Steamed Carrots Dinner Roll w/Margarine Peaches 1% Milk	<b>20</b> BBQ Pulled Pork Tater Tots w/Ketchup Corn w/Red Peppers Mandarin Oranges Cupped 1% Milk	<b>21</b> Red Chile Cheese enchiladas Pinto Beans Spanish Rice Flour Tortilla Peaches 1% Milk	<b>22</b> Baked Ziti Mixed Vegetables Garlic Bread Stick Red Apple 1% Milk
<b>25</b> BBQ Chicken Thigh Baked Beans Mashed Potatoes Dinner Roll w/Margarine Orange 1% Milk	<b>26</b> Red Chile Pork Posole Corn w/Red Peppers Blueberry Cobbler Flour Tortilla 1% Milk	<b>27</b> Turkey Pot Pie Au Gratin Potatoes Imperial Blend Vegetables Applesauce 1% Milk	<b>28</b> Loaded Baked Potato w/Green Chile Cheese Oriental Blend Vegetables Apple Crisp 1% Milk	<b>30</b> Cajun Tilapia Over Rice Pasta w/Garlic Butter Italian Vegetable Blend Granny Smith Apple 1% Milk