



VILLAGE OF TIJERAS

NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2026

WELCOME TO 2026

As we begin a new year, the Village of Tijeras is looking ahead with excitement and purpose. From community celebrations and public art to infrastructure improvements and long-term resiliency planning, 2026 is shaping up to be an important year for our village.

The Village would like to extend a sincere thank you to everyone who supported and attended our Winter Celebration. Thanks to the participation of our residents, volunteers, and partners, the event was a great success, and we truly appreciate the community spirit that made it possible.



ROUTE 66 CENTENNIAL: SENIOR CENTER MURAL PROJECT

In celebration of the Route 66 Centennial, the Tijeras Senior Center will be launching a Route 66 mural project and is inviting local artists to participate.

The Senior Center will be soliciting mural concepts that reflect the history, culture, and spirit of Route 66 as it runs through our community. This mural will serve as a lasting tribute to Tijeras' place along historic Route 66 and as part of the nationwide centennial celebration.

Artist Interest Meeting

Location: Tijeras Senior Center
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Hosted by: Debra Hoyt
Submission Deadline: February 23, 2026

JANUARY MEETINGS & IMPORTANT DATES

Village Council Meetings

Monday, January 5, 2026
 Tuesday, January 20, 2026
 6:00 p.m.
 Village Hall - Council Chambers

Planning & Zoning Hearings

Wednesday, January 14, 2026
 Wednesday, January 28, 2026
 6:00 p.m.
 Village Hall - Council Chambers

Residents are encouraged to attend and participate.

STAY CONNECTED

Village updates, meeting agendas, and emergency notifications are posted regularly. Thank you for helping make Tijeras a strong, connected, and forward-looking community as we move into 2026.



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WATER SYSTEM RESILIENCY: GENERATOR GRANT FUNDING

The Village of Tijeras is actively pursuing federal grant funding to purchase backup generators for Village wells and water tanks.

These generators would improve emergency preparedness and help ensure continued water service during power outages and extreme weather events.

Award information is expected within the next few months, and updates will be shared as they become available.

COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

The Village of Tijeras is partnering with Vitalant to host a community blood drive.

Vitalant Blood Mobile

Location: Village Hall

Date: Wednesday, January 21, 2026

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Appointments are NOT required.

To sign up for a donation time, please email:
clerk@tijerasnm.gov

Mayor
Jake Bruton

Village Council

Matt Armenta, Mayor Pro Tempore
Ernest Barnes
Yvette Garcia
Jonathan Ortiz

ROAD IMPROVEMENTS: PINE VIEW NEIGHBORHOOD

The Village is preparing to begin Pine View Neighborhood - Phase 1 road improvements.

Construction is expected to begin, as weather conditions allow.

This project is part of the Village's ongoing commitment to improving roadway safety and infrastructure throughout Tijeras.

OFFICE CLOSURES & NOTICES

⚠️ IMPORTANT NOTICE - MVD CLOSURE

The MVD office will be closed all day on Friday, January 2, 2026, due to staff training.

Village Hall Closures

- Thursday, January 1, 2026 - New Year's Day
- Monday, January 19, 2026 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Please plan accordingly.

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