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Village of Tijeras newsletter

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*Thanks for being part
of our journey!*

Upcoming Meetings & Closures

Council Meetings

Monday, October 5th @ 6:00 P.M.

Monday, October 19th – Cancelled

Planning & Zoning

Wednesday, October 14th @ 6:00 P.M. Tijeras Senior Center

Wednesday, October 28th @ 6:00 P.M. Tijeras Senior Center

All Village offices will be closed Monday, October 12th

Trunk or Treat

Friday, October 23, 2026

Tijeras Senior Center

4:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.

To register your vehicle to participate email
mmartinez@tijerasnm.gov or call Village Hall
at 505-281-1220

Don't forget to wear your costume!

After Trunk or Treat – Evening Fun!

Luis Garcia Park/Veterans Memorial

6:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.

Featuring music by : Misdemeanor

Beer Garden by : Rock Cider Canyon

Food Truck : Aguas Deliciosas

2026 General Election



Early Voting
Monday - Saturday
10:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M.



Election Day
Tuesday
7:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M.



Senior Center

- Rummage Sale – Friday, October 2, 10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.
- Pumpkin Decorating – Monday, October 5, 1:15 P.M.
- Veterans Services Information Table – Friday, October 9, 10:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.
- Fire and Fall Safety Presentation – Friday, October 9, 1:00 P.M.
- Birthday Celebration – Friday, October 16, 12:30 P.M. (Wear a Halloween Costume)
- Upcycled Crafts – Monday, October 19, 1:15 P.M.
- Free Groceries – Tuesday, October 20, 10:00 A.M.

For more information on any of our Senior Center events please contact 505-286-4220

Veterans Day Memorial Celebration

The Village of Tijeras invites our community to join us as we honor and remember the brave men and women who have served our country.

Please join us for our Veterans Day Memorial Celebration on Tuesday, November 10th, at 10:00 A.M. at the Veterans Memorial/Luis Garcia Park.

The celebration will include a special presentation recognizing the service and sacrifice of our veterans. We encourage residents, families, and friends to come together as a community to show our gratitude and respect for all who have served.

Following the presentation, please join us at the Senior Center for refreshments and cake.

We hope to see you there as we honor our veterans and thank them for their service and sacrifice.

New Mexico Municipal League (NMML) 69th Annual Conference

Dr. Tim Shriver—who is also a nephew of President John F. Kennedy—delivered the opening keynote address at the New Mexico Municipal (NMML) 69th Annual Conference, which took place from August 25 to August 28, 2026, at the Las Cuces Convention Center.

Keynote Speech Overview

- Title: “The Power of Dignity for Life and Leadership”
- Core Theme: Dr. Shriver introduced municipal leaders the concepts behind the Dignity Index. He challenged local officials and community leaders to rethink how they navigate political and personal disagreements.
- Main Takeaway: His presentation focused on the idea that while leaders will inevitably disagree on policy and local governance, they can still debate effectively and listen to one another without tearing each other down or making it personal. For more details, visit [DignityUs](https://dignity.us).

The Dignity Index is an eight-point scale designed to measure how individuals communicate during disagreements, categorizing language into the Contempt Zone and the Dignity Zone. Implementing the index in community settings encourages residents to approach local issues with curiosity, regulate their reactions during heated debates, and focus on constructive problem-solving rather than personal attacks.

(Note: Tim Shriver serves as the Chairman of Special Olympics International and has championed the Dignity Index movement.)