



Compadres News

April 2024

It's April my friends! Have you seen the lovely blooms on the trees around the village? Our pear trees have bloomed in a marvelous way this year! Hopefully we're not done with the rain.

Meanwhile the news is cluttered with Biden – Trump news as we move into the election year.... with elections, primaries, the courts, fundraising with the bible, age issues, etc. This is going to be an uneasy year for democracy!

Shall we stop with the age issues – we're there also?!



March Wine Tasting was a Success

On March 28th, a number of your fellow Compadres participated in a wine tasting/happy hour at Total Wine. The tasting focused on California wines. Our sommelier, Scott, had great knowledge and answered all participants' questions.

By all accounts, the event was a success. The attendees' consensus was to have another tasting next year, focusing on wines from another country or one particular wine varietal.

Upcoming events

Book Group for April

Book Group at the library : April 26 Book: Loving Frank by Nancy Horan at 1:30p.m. 2007 historical fiction novel by Nancy Horan. Explores real life architect Frank Lloyd Wright's relationship with translator Mamah Borthwick Cheney from 1903 to 1914. Horan's novel explores the fame generated from the affair, its effect on public figures, the role of art in self expression and societies treatment of women. Refer any questions to Cheryl Lackie. Cheryl Lackie
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SW Book Group for April

The book that the SW Book Group will be discussing at their April meeting is "Blood & Thunder" by Hampton Sides. For more information contact Bill Smith; golfer965.bs@gmail.com

Happy Hour plans for April

Come join us April 25th, 4-6pm on the patio at Boxing Bear Corrales Taproom, 10200 Corrales Rd. NW. See the flyer attached.

Membership list

Finally, we're sending out the list (also attached). Please keep the list "confidential" within the group. We've no desire to get on somebody's spam list. Let Bob or Pam know of any errors you see.

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Mayor's summary of the Village

Have you heard of **Village in the Village**? This **non-profit organization** is dedicated to fostering community and its mission centers on prioritizing our **senior community's well-being** and works to help them **age in place**. They offer **services** such as **transportation** to and from health appointments, shopping and personal errands. Volunteers can also assist with light housekeeping, home maintenance, and provide companionship. If you are interested in supporting ViV, there are options for **membership** and **volunteering opportunities**. You can learn more about the group and how to support them by visiting their **website** at <https://www.villageinthevillage.org/>.

If you are out **walking** on the **levee** or in the **bosque**, you may notice some **green delineators**. These were put in to mark areas that are **shaded fuel breaks**. A shaded fuel break is an area where the fuel load is lower and has less ladder fuels. Ladder fuels are fuels that can carry a fire burning in low-growing vegetation to taller vegetation. The shaded fuel break helps **increase the likelihood of wildfire containment**. This happens by keeping the fire close to the ground and decreases the speed or fire spread. These areas also make it safer for firefighters to fight a fire. **Limiting fuels around your home** can also help protect it from wildfire. Visits Corrales Fire's Wildfire Safety and Preparation for access to additional information to protect your home. You can reach the fire department at 505-898-7501 if you have questions on protecting your home.

March kicked off **Southwest Wildfire Awareness Week**, a time to bring awareness to wildfire preparedness. Each day brings a new opportunity to better prepare you, your family, and community for wildfire. Throughout Wildfire Awareness Week, New Mexico's wildland fire agencies will share tips on how to best take action to prevent wildfires, prepare defensible private property, organize and protect communities, and learn more about wildland fire. Over the last five years, **wildfires** have **annually burned over 100,000 acres** in New Mexico. With the weather warming, the start of spring winds, and Southwest Wildfire Awareness Week at the end of the month, **now is the time** for residents of the southwest to **take proactive steps** against destructive wildfire. Visit the Village website for **fire safety recommendations** at <https://www.corrales-nm.org/fire/page/wildfire-safety-and-preparation>.

The Village's **code enforcement** officer, **Sherrie Rice**, is working with our **fire chief, Anthony Martinez**, to identify and **mitigate areas** and properties in the Village that **pose a risk for fire**. She is not out to cite anyone for code violations, but to **protect us** and our property. **Listen to her** if she visits you and leaves a courtesy notice to clean up your yard. It will be to your benefit and helpful.