



Compadres News

March 2024

We're running a bit late for the newsletter. The Compadres member list will be sent shortly. To be included, you need to have paid the 2024 dues – please contact Pam if in doubt. It is for members to use but not to share outside the group.

This is a busy month – Daylight Savings resumes this coming weekend (the 9th – 10th). St Patty's Day is the next weekend on the 17th. Easter is at the end of the month on the 31st. Somewhere in the busy schedule please find time for the Compadres' events with 2 book groups and Happy Hour! See you there!

Book Group –meets at the library on the 4th Friday at 1:30. The March book is one everyone has heard about – “The Boys in the Boat” by Daniel Brown. Refer questions to Cheryl Lackie.

SW Book group --for our discussion in March is 'A History of the Jews in New Mexico' by Henry Tobias. The group meets on the 3rd Wednesday at 1:30. Location TBD. For more information contact Bill Smith.
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Happy Hour - this month we're going to try something new and different for our Happy Hour: a wine tasting at Total Wine and More. Due to room size, attendance is limited to 40 Compadres.

Eric and Jeff

A Different Happy Hour

A Wine Tasting. This one requires our RSVP so they have a head count. Please see the attached flyer for details and [how to RSVP](#).

We must commit our number of attendees well ahead of the happy hour date. The sooner the better. We look forward to enjoying this new event with our fellow members. Respond to Jeff your attendance: jsyngling2@verizon.net by March 14th.

Note there also is a charge of \$20 per person for them to provide the wine-payable at the door.

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Notes from the Mayor (there's a lot this month)

The **Wells Fargo Building** will belong to the Village and administration will start looking for renovation funds so the community will be able to use the building efficiently. The **ATM will remain** there.

As **spring** approaches, so does **wildfire season**. Take some time to review or create your family's and animal's **emergency plan**. The fire department has information on **wildfire prevention and preparedness** and emergency plans at <https://www.corrales-nm.org/fire/page/wildfire-safety-and-preparation> and <https://www.corrales-nm.org/animalcontrol/page/animal-evacuation-plan>. You can always contact the department at 505-898-7501 with additional questions.

That's why everyone should work on their property to **decrease the flammable load** adjacent to or on your property. Another **cleanup** is planned in the coming weeks for the **Bosque dead and down**. The event is sponsored by the Bosque Advisory Committee. It will take place at the **south end of Andrews Lane** at the **levee** on **Sat., March 16th, 10 AM until 12 PM**. Wear sturdy gloves.

Our **code enforcement** officer, **Sherrie Rice**, is out at the request of the fire chief **checking properties**, offering some **suggestions** about **cleaning up flammable trash**. She is trying to make our homes **safe**. The **fire department** is also on extra shifts on windy days so they can **respond quickly**. For tips on ways to keep your property safe, visit <https://www.corrales-nm.org/fire/page/wildfire-safety-and-preparation>.

Approved bonds were for a fire substation, roads/drainage, and farmland conservation easements/open space. The administration would like to start with

the **fire substation** (\$1 million) and **roads and drainage** (\$1 million) for \$2 million total to be sold this spring. Anthony Martinez, our Fire Chief, and Michael Chavez, our Public Works Director, have projects ready for completion. In **2 years** we could sell the remaining \$2 million, again without affecting the mill levy on our property taxes, for open space that has been identified, but is not ready for purchase at this time. The Administration's interest is on park expansion and green belt with some walking paths and parking area thrown in. This idea is moving forward with help from state MainStreet consultants.

In talking to residents of the Village it has come to my attention that there is confusion about **what a conservation easement is** and whether the Village really buys the land. A **conservation easement is**:

- a voluntary legal agreement with a private landowner where the lands are protected in perpetuity.
- a payment to a property owner to purchase the development rights on the land.
- protects certain conservation values of the property (in this case farmland).
- provides tax benefits to the property owner.
- allows the property owner to maintain ownership and control of the property, including having the option to sell the property in the future. Future owners are still barred from building on the property.

The administration would like to **purchase** some **open land** for the community to use, but it is not available at this time. Therefore, we would like to sell the **two \$1 million bonds** for the **fire substation and roads** this spring, with the **\$2 million for open space** sold sometime in **2026**. The focus of the administration is on police protection, fire safety and prevention, sewers, roads, and storm water drainage. **Secondary** to that is providing **benefits** for the community: library, parks, pool, and athletic activities such as the new gym.

Another \$1 million bond will provide **funds for roads** that can be used for matches to grants to **leverage those funds**. Sereno, Reclining Acres, Coronado, and Meadowlark between Corrales Road and Loma Larga are roads slated for work if the funds are obtained. **\$200,000** was set aside for both **roads/drainage** and the **fire substation** (for total of \$400,000) to help deal with our storm water management and fire concerns. More bond funds, **\$1.6 million** will be available for the roads/drainage and fire substation in **2026**.

Speak up. Stay active. Make Home Safer

- Tell your doctor if you have fallen, if you feel unsteady when standing or walking,

- Ask your doctor or pharmacist to review the medicines you are taking.
- Have an eye exam at least once a year.
- Have your doctor check your feet at least once a year and discuss proper footwear to reduce your risk of falling.
- Talk to your doctor about health conditions like depression, osteoporosis, or hypotension that can increase your risk of falling.
- Do exercises that make your legs stronger and improve your balance.
- Get rid of trip hazards like throw rugs and keep floors clutter free.
- Brighten your home with extra lighting or brighter light bulbs.
- Install grab bars in the bathroom(s)—next to the toilet and inside and outside of your bathtub or shower.
- Install handrails on both sides of staircases.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

March 9 – Bluegrass artist Tony Furtado and multi-instrumentalist Stephanie Schneiderman will be in Corrales at the Historic Old San Ysidro Church, doors open at 7 PM. For tickets visit

<https://tickets.holdmyticket.com/tickets/422615?tc=hmt> .

March 16 – Celtic fiddler and cellist Alisdair Fraser and Natalie Haas will perform at 7:30 PM as part of the Music in Corrales schedule. This event is sold out, but you can get on a waiting list for tickets by arriving at the Old Church by 6:30 PM.

March 16 – Bosque clean up, meet at south end of Andrews Lane at the levee on **10 AM until 12 PM**. Wear sturdy gloves.

March 17 – Corrales Historical Society Speaker Series presents “Oppenheimer, Back in Los Alamos, Perilous Times” by Los Alamos resident Nancy Bartlit at 2 PM at the Historic Old San Ysidro Church. This event is FREE.