



# Compadres News

## October 2024 and watching balloon launch

We're into fall – check the thermometer and it argues we're close at least. Some of these days still feel like summer, but the nighttime temps are clearly speaking fall. And the trees are starting to turn, challenging me on raking leaves! My weekly effort ends when the Road

Runner trash can is full.

The other metric is Balloon Fiesta – less than a week away. And this year, we're going to watch it's opening ascension. Hopefully the weather agrees.

(Reminder – reread the details below and join us.)

**Book Group** -- meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Fri. at 1:30 in the library. The book for **Oct. 25** is 'The Heaven and Earth'. Refer questions to Cheryl Lackie [cheryl.lackie@comcast.net](mailto:cheryl.lackie@comcast.net).

**SW Book Group** -meets on the third Wed. at 1:30 – **Oct. 16**. The book for October is 'The Buffalo Soldiers: a Narrative' by William H Leckie. Refer all questions to Bill Smith ([golfer965.bs@gmail.com](mailto:golfer965.bs@gmail.com))

**Balloon Fiesta mass ascension** -- we're gathering at Tinkham's home **Oct. 5, 7-9a.m.** (4Hop Tree Trail). Space is still available. RSVP to Jeff Yingling at 301-325-8263. See the flyer attached.

**Happy Hour** – after the balloon festivities, October's Happy Hour will be at Sandia Bar on **Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>**. We'll get to see what this new facility is like!



NOTE: this will be the last Happy Hour of 2024 as we don't wish to compete with the many other holiday celebrations/activities/events.

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## Mayor's comments

The Balloon Fiesta takes place from **Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> through 13<sup>th</sup>** this year. From a small gathering of **13 balloons in 1972** held in the parking lot of Coronado Center Mall in Albuquerque, the **Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta** has grown to become the **largest balloon event in the world**. Held each year during the first week in October, the Balloon Fiesta now features about **600 balloons and 700 pilots**.

Our **Public Works Director, Michael Chavez**, was recently made aware of the New Mexico Environment Department's **Liquid Waste Assistance Fund (LWAF)**. This program provides support for low-income homeowners who need to **replace or repair failing septic systems** or cesspools. Funding is provided to help **cover the cost** of replacing failing systems with on-site wastewater disposal systems. It will also cover the costs associated with **connecting to a central sewer system**. Aging septic systems pose a **threat** to both **public health** and the **environment** across New Mexico.

To qualify for funding, you must **own** or be in the process of purchasing the property where repairs will occur and have **resided in the home for the past year**. The full home value (per the county assessor) must not exceed the median home value for the county in which the home is located. Applicants must meet the

**program income guidelines**, which vary by county and are based on HUD guidelines.

**Expanded early in-person voting** for the general election begins **October 19, 2024**. Our local Village elections are held in **odd numbered years**, to the next election for **local officials** will be held Nov. 4, **2025**. **Election day is Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2024**. **Early voting will begin Oct. 8th and close Nov. 2nd**. **Voter registration closes on Oct. 8th**, but same-day voter registration will be available in person at any voting location during early voting as well as on Election Day. The last day to request an absentee ballot is Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2024.

You can request an absentee ballot by visiting [www.nmvote.org](http://www.nmvote.org).

Corrales voters may vote at ANY voting convenience center in Sandoval County. Early voting starts Oct. 8, 2024 in the COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE 1500 Idalia Road, Bldg D, Bernalillo. Expanded Early In-person voting will begin at the Corrales COMMUNITY ENTER on Saturday, Oct. 19th. That polling location will be open Monday through Saturday from 10 AM to 6 PM until Nov. 2nd.

More information including your sample ballot can be found by visiting the county clerk's website: <https://www.sandovalcountynm.gov/elected-officials/county-clerk/bureau-of-elections/>.

There will be a **joint work study** of the **council and P&Z** on **10/15 at 6 PM** to review the **comprehensive plan** before it is hopefully brought to the council for **approval in November**. There will also be a **public meeting for public input** sometime around that date, at a time and place to be determined. This combined meeting/review will be **available on ZOOM** since it will be in council chambers. Check the **Village website** under "**Village Meetings**" to see a **complete list** of all meetings of the governing body and official boards and commissions of the Village.

#### **EVENTS IN CORRALES IN OCT.**

**Oct. 4 – Meet the Artists for the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Old Church Fine Arts Show and Sale, 5 – 7 PM, at the Historic Old San Ysidro Church**

**Oct. 4 – Grand Opening and ribbon cutting at Sage Valley Pottery, 4 PM, 4908 Corrales Road**

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**Oct. 6 – Multi-Modal Tour of the Corrales Interior Drain 2 – 5 PM Parking available at Village Hall, 4324 Corrales Road. Tours leave every 30 minutes throughout the event time. Give your input on possible improvements to this area of the Village**

**Oct. 12 – conclusion of the Galloping Goats at Art in the Park at La Entrada Park.**