

Compadres News

January 2025

People regard the change of the year as a time of new beginnings, and for the Compadres that's especially so in 2025.

Jeff Yingling is our new leader, taking over from Bob and Sue Scott, our leaders for the past four years or so. You can read Jeff's message in the "Chair Chatter" attachment to the newsletter.

The Scotts are also handing off the newsletter to Eric Neuwirth. They'll remain on as at-large members of the leadership team. Bob and Jeff will maintain the website. Kay Yoest is taking over the Book Club from Cheryl.

Words seem inadequate to express our gratitude for their contributions. If you see them, thank them.

Don't forget

You'll find the annual renewal form for 2025 attached to this newsletter. Please complete the form and send it – with your check – to our Treasurer Pam Young. It has been our practice to publish the membership list to our members in February.

January update

Book group: The book will be "The Women" by Kristin Hannah at the Corrales Library at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 24. Refer questions to Kay Yoest (kayyoest@centurylink.net)

Southwest Book group: Meets Wednesday, Jan. 15 at 1:30 p.m. January's book is "A Place to Stand" by Jimmy Santiago Baca. Contact Bill Smith for full details. (Golfer965.bs@gmail.com)

Happy Hour: We'll congregate from 4-6 p.m. on Thursday, January 23, at Casa Vieja. It's a familiar and comfortable venue. The food truck is Laguna Burger and music TBA. Questions to Eric Neuwirth at neuwy55@gmail.com

Cooking Class: Vicki Smith reports the January class is full. There will not be a class in February. Watch this space for future developments.

Your changing staff - 2025!

Leader –Jeff Yingling assumes the lead in 2025, jsyingling2@verizon.net

Newsletter write, organize, layout –Eric Neuwirth, neuwy55@gmail.com

Treasurer-- Pam Young, dl.pjyoung@gmail.com

At Large-- Larry Bernstein, larry.bernstein@comcast.net, Pat DeVivi, patricia.devivi@gmail.com, Bob & Sue Scott, sue@sundancebear.com or bob@sundancebear.com.

Happy Hours -- Eric Neuwirth will welcome suggestions for places to visit and more volunteers exploring venues. neuwy55@gmail.com

Book Group – Kay Yoest, kayyoest@centurylink.net

SW book group – Bill Smith, Golfer965.bs@gmail.com

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Mayor's Comments

The first **winter Growers' Market** is this **Sunday**, 1/5/2025, **11 AM until 1 PM**. The winter markets will be the **first Sunday** of the next 4 months, January through April, 11 AM until 1 PM. Check the web site at <https://corralesgrowersmarket.com/> for **what produce will be available** for purchase.

Remember that **Christmas trees** can be recycled starting Monday the 6th at Corrales Public Works, **7 AM until 3 PM**, Monday through Friday, off **Double S Road** behind the post office. Remove all decorations, and no artificial nor flocked trees, please.

This will be an **election year** in the Village. For those who want to be more involved and **run for an office**, start coming to the **council meetings** to see what kinds of things are coming before the council for consideration. The council meets the **second and fourth Tuesday** of the month at **6:30 PM** in the council chambers at **4324 Corrales Road**. The meetings are also streamed by **Zoom** if you can't attend in person. Check the **Village website** for the link to the meeting.

The **library giving tree**, sponsored by **FOCL** (Friends of the Corrales Library) will be up until **January 4th**. Pick a bag from the tree, then return it with the requested donation to the volunteers at the desk. Your gifts will help the librarians fulfill their wishes for the library for the upcoming year.

Do your new year's **resolutions** include **volunteering** for your community? We need members to fill open positions on the **Capital Improvements Advisory Commission**, and possibly a few others. Contact the Village Clerk, Melanie Romero at mromero@corrales-nm.org with any questions, or **download an application** form by going to the Village website and clicking on the "Government" tab, then "Boards and Commissions."

HEALTH AND SAFETY UPDATE:

Thank you everyone who donated and assisted in the Fire Department's annual Holiday drive. This year you helped eight families for Thanksgiving and 28 for Christmas. This was a total of 123 people with 64 being children for Christmas. This could not have been accomplished without everyone's help. Thank you!!!!

COVID is still prevalent and after our holiday gatherings very likely will increase. If you are sick, remember many things are contagious and can be dangerous to the very young and old. Stay home if sick. Testing for COVID up to three times with each test 24 to 48 hours apart is the best way to know if you have it. Remember, Paxlovid is a very good antiviral if you are at risk for severe illness. If you have questions reach out to Deputy Chief Lattin at 505-702-4182

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY – Winter Grower's Market, **11 AM – 1 PM.**

MONDAY THROUGH JAN. 31 Recycle your undecorated, unflocked, live Christmas tree at Public Works. Trees may be dropped off Monday through Friday from **7 AM – 3 PM** at Public Works, off **Double S Road** behind the post office.

TUESDAY – Parks and Recreation Commission meeting, by zoom, **5:30 PM.** Check the Village website [HERE](#) for the Zoom link.

TUESDAY – Chess Club at the Corrales Library **6 PM**

WEDNESDAY – Story Time at the Corrales Library **10 AM**

THURSDAY – Tree Committee Quarterly Meeting, **4 PM** at the Village Hall Conference Room.

THURSDAY – Bosque Advisory Commission Meeting, **6:30 PM**, Corrales Library

Would you or someone you know like to join the **1245 people** who receive the weekly **Mayor's Message** and **Crime and Safety updates** directly to your **inbox**? Email Village Clerk, Melanie Romero, at mromero@corrales-nm.org and ask to be added to the distribution list.

Remember, we are **all neighbors** in the Village. We share this community, and we have to **work together** to assure its longevity and success. We are all more alike than we are different. Be kind, thoughtful, and considerate of your fellow Corraleños. **Be courteous, drive slowly, and yield to equestrians, pedestrians, and bicyclists.**

Jim Fahey

Mayor of Corrales