

Compadres News

December 2024



Ho – ho – ho, greetings – the holiday season is HERE! Here's hoping you all are planning wonderful get-togethers with family and friends during this last month of 2024. On the larger scale, here's hoping the world can settle down and have all of us living together in peace.

On the local front, with Thanksgiving leftovers in the rearview mirror, it's time to bring out the decorations and lights. I surprised myself this year because last year as I put things away, I labeled the contents of each box. It made getting stuff out this year and staging SO much easier.

For Compadres, it's a quiet time and a new beginning. First, we are not having Happy Hour this month in deference to the hoped events referenced above. Within Compadres, we are shuffling roles for the new year. Please see the new arrangements in the "Changing Staff -2025" below. Also, take the opportunity to fill out the attached application form and renew for 2025.

Compadres charitable donation for the year: we are again making a donation to the Fire Dept. for their food drive.

EVENTS update:

Happy Hour will resume in January. In the meantime, have a wonderful time with your family and friends! BTW, if any of you have a favorite or new venue that we should consider for a future Happy Hour, please be in touch with Eric. Experiencing more of Corrales haunts is a primary mission.

Book group – no book planned for December. Instead, we will have a social meeting Dec. 20 at Vicki Smith's house (965 Camino De Lucia, Corrales).

For January (specifically Jan. 24th) the book will be “*The Women*” by Kristin Hannah (note change in book selection) at the Corrales Library. Refer questions to Cheryl Lackie <cheryl.lackie@comcast.net>

SW Book group—Dec. 18. Book is ‘Quilt of Words’ by Sharon Niederman. We'll also vote on member recommendations for our 2025 reading list. Refer other questions to Bill Smith golfer965.bs@gmail.com

Cooking Class with Vicki Smith --The next session will be Wed. Jan 15 and Thursday Jan 16 @ 1:00. \$5.00 supply fee.

The demo will consist of Red Pepper Hummus, Christy’s Vegetable Dip and 3- 3 ingredient appetizers.

She has about eight people signed up so far. If anyone is interested email Vicki at chef965@yahoo.com. First come first serve because space is limited.

Your changing staff - 2025!

Leaders – Bob & Sue Scott sue@sundancebear.com or bob@sundancebear.com until Jeff Yingling assumes the lead in 2025, jsyingling2@verizon.net

Newsletter write, organize, layout –Bob & Sue Scott will hand this off to Eric Neuwirth in 2025 neuwy55@gmail.com

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

At Large-- Larry Bernstein, larry.bernstein@comcast.net and Pat DeVivi patricia.devivi@gmail.com. Sue & Bob will be included in 2025

Happy Hour Jeff Yingling and Eric Neuwirth - with Eric assuming the lead in 2025. He will welcome suggestions for places to visit and more volunteers exploring venues. neuwy55@gmail.com

Book Group –Cheryl Lackie cheryl.lackie@comcast.net

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

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Mayor’s Comments

State wildlife laws, such as in New Mexico, usually **prohibit the relocation of coyotes**. Instead, a two-part program of **education and hazing** is emerging as the most **humane** way to **resolve conflicts** with coyotes. Education involves teaching residents of our community to **remove food attractants** (bird seed, pet food) that

lure coyotes and how to **properly protect pets**. **Hazing** changes the behavior of problem coyotes by teaching them to avoid people and pets.

Killed for more than a century as pests, coyotes have survived and spread. They have even **expanded into cities**. Coyotes usually eat small prey such as mice and rabbits, cats; and “**hazing**” **animals** who become too familiar with humans—**shouting and spraying water**. Unless human-caused deaths disrupts their social systems, only alpha male and females coyotes breed. Younger, less dominant animals in packs and transient coyotes outside packs do not breed. For tips on **managing coyotes**, visit the Village website at: <https://www.corrales-nm.org/animalcontrol>.

November’s winter storm left 4074 customers without power in the Corrales area alone. Make sure you are ready for a future power outage by following tips from <https://www.ready.gov/power-outages>:

1. Know your medical needs
2. Plan for batteries and other alternative power sources
3. Have enough nonperishable food and water --3 gallons of water per person to supply you for three days
4. If you choose to have a generator, make sure you know how to use it safely to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning and other hazards.
5. A gas barbecue grill comes in handy for cooking. Always make sure to use gas grills and generators outside only.
6. Gather food, water, and medicine before a winter storm.
7. Organize supplies into a **Go-Kit** (three days of supplies you can carry with you & batteries) and a **Stay-at-Home Kit** (2 weeks of supplies.)
8. **warm clothing**, such as hats, mittens, and blankets

Get your influenza and COVID vaccine & others now. The **pneumococcal vaccination** is now recommended at 50 years old. CDC also recommends one RSV vaccine for adults 75 and older. If you need **access to your vaccination records** use <https://vaxview.doh.nm.gov/>. We are in the beginning of respiratory illness season, so masking can protect you from others. If you are ill and don’t know it, masking can protect others from you.

Events in the Village

- Dec. 6th – 8th **Winter Crafts Show** at the Old Church, 10 AM – 4 PM each day
- Dec. 7th **Starlight Parade** and **St. Nick's Night Celebration** 5:30 PM (cookie donations are needed for this event – drop off 3 dozen cookies at the Village offices by 1 PM on December 7th)
- Holiday activities continue **Dec. 7th** with the **Corrales Starlight Parade**, a celebration for the community signaling the start of the Christmas season. The parade will begin at **5:30 PM** and run along Corrales Road from **Wagner's Farm to the Rec Center**.
- The food and present drive will **continue until Dec. 18**.
- Dec. 8th Grower's Holiday Market 11 AM – 1 PM
- Dec. 10th **Las Posadas** Old Church 6 PM
- Dec. 14th and 15th **Festival of the Nativities** Old Church 9 AM – 4 PM
- December 14th and 15th 6th **Annual Feria Artisanal Contemporary and Traditional Hispanic Market** at Casa Perea Art Space
- Dec. 14 & 15 - "**Let's Make Biscochitos & Tamales**" classes at Mi Casita Home Decor (Registration required for event)
- Dec. 15 - **Ornament Painting** Event at Sage Valley Pottery www.sagevalleypottery.com
- Dec. 18 - **Music in Corrales Concert** (Sold Out but tickets may be available at the door) www.musicincorrales.org
- Dec. 22 - Growers' Holiday Market 11am-1pm www.corralesgrowersmarket.com