



## August, 2025 Newsletter

**“August is the month of the high-sailing hawks.”**

— ***John Burroughs***

Just as its preceding month, August is named after a powerful Roman ruler.

In 8 B.C. the Roman senate renamed the month Sextilis to August in honor of Augustus Caesar, credited with expanding the empire and later establishing Pax Romana. Sextilis was the month of some of Caesar's major military victories and thus deemed suitable for such a tribute. Augustus Caesar's birth name was Gaius Octavius. He was the nephew, adopted son, and hand-picked successor to Julius Caesar. Upon Julius' death, Octavian (as he was then called) had to fight to consolidate control, but, when he finally secured his position as the emperor, he reigned the longest of any of the Caesars in

Julius' line. He received the name *Augustus* ("Venerable") in 27 B.C., the year he took full power, and ruled until his death in 14 A.D.

August is usually the warmest month of the year in the Northern Hemisphere, and it's often referred to as the Dog Days. Fittingly, National Dog Day is observed each Aug. 26.

As for the Compadres, we're not dogging it at all. Even those groups taking a summer hiatus are busy preparing for the fall.

## August Update

### Volunteer needed.

Our chair, Jeff Yingling, is looking for someone to coordinate dinner and a theater in September. The Adobe Theater will be presenting "Bus Stop" most of that month and he thinks an outing is warranted. Please see the "Chair Chatter" attachment to this newsletter for details.

**Happy Hour:** We held our April happy hour at the Vision City Brewstillery, perhaps better known as the former Boxing Bear. Since then it has a new name, Calavida Cantina, and a new vibe. In addition to Mexican themed décor, the menu has been revised to feature tacos, burritos and quesadillas. The events calendar is decidedly more robust. This location, 10200 Corrales Rd., is renowned for its patio, which is where we intend to meet from 4-6 p.m. Thursday, August 21, unless weather forces us indoors (such as happened in the last two months). Calavida Cantina brews its own beer and distills its own spirits. In addition to its wine list the establishment offers products from other local brewers.

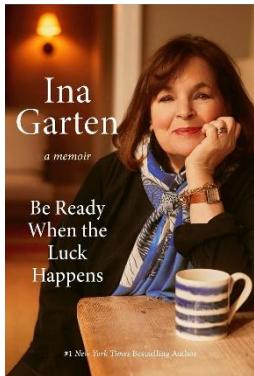
For more details, <https://calavidacantina.com/>

Questions can be directed to Eric Neuwirth, [neuwy55@gmail.com](mailto:neuwy55@gmail.com)

Looking down the road, we'll be at Ex Novo on Sept. 18.



The former Vision City  
Brewstillery is now  
Calavida Cantina



**Book group:** This month's selection is "Be Ready When the Luck Happens," by Ina Garten. Meet at the Corrales Library at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, August 22. Refer questions to Kay Yoest ([kayoest@centurylink.net](mailto:kayoest@centurylink.net)).

**Southwest Book group:** Meets Wednesday, Aug. 20 at 1:30 p.m. This month's book is "Mary Colter: Architect of the Southwest," by Arnold Berke. Contact Bill Smith for full details. ([Golfer965.bs@gmail.com](mailto:Golfer965.bs@gmail.com)).



**Cooking Class:** Welcome to a new series of classes. If you haven't taken a class before these are very informal and a nice opportunity to meet some new people. Because the kitchen is small, sign-up is first-come first-serve.

Just as before class size is limited so each offering will be done on either Wednesday or Thursday.

\$5 supply fee. Time: 1 p.m. If you sign up and are unable to make it, please cancel beforehand so someone else can take your place and show up on time.

Tuesday, September 17 or Wednesday, September 18  
Smoked Salmon and Orange Salad and Easy Focaccia

Tuesday, October 15 or Wednesday, October 16

Egg Bites

Egg Muffins

Tuesday, November 19 or Wednesday, November 20

Sicilian Tuna Cannellini Bean Salad

Naan

If you have any questions or wish to sign up, please email Vicki Smith [chef965@yahoo.com](mailto:chef965@yahoo.com)

**Arts and Crafts classes:** Beginning Tuesday, September 9, Sues Winstead will teach an Arts & Crafts Class on Making a 3-D Collage, from 10am-noon.

In this class she will demonstrate making a 3-dimensional collage: step-by-step instructions using paper, glue and a 12-inch wooden box. Cost for the class: \$20. All materials will be provided by the instructor. Contact Sues Winstead [swinstead15@gmail.com](mailto:swinstead15@gmail.com)



**Site walks:** Mark your calendar for Wednesday, October 29 when we will visit the Petroglyphs National Monument, 6001 Unser Blvd NW (Western Trail intersection) There is no fee.

Meet at the visitor/information center at 9 a.m. for a nice, short video and to arrange casual carpools to the Piedras Marcadas trail head. The parking there is very limited. There are no facilities at Piedras Marcadas – (i.e. no water and no restrooms).

Plan on a 60 - 90-minute private interpretive walk with a ranger and/or very knowledgeable volunteer. The trail is flat and easy, but not accessible for wheelchairs.

Afterwards, carpool back to the visitor/information center to check out the gift shop and maybe arrange ad hoc lunches.

**Music in Corrales:** The folks at Music in Corrales asked for our help in publicizing an event. They're presenting the Brubeck Brothers Quartet Saturday, October 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the Cibola High School Performing Arts Center, 1510 Ellison NW, Albuquerque. Tickets are \$30 in advance and \$35 onsite, if available. See [www.musicincorrales.org/tickets/](http://www.musicincorrales.org/tickets/) For more information go to [www.musicincorrales.org](http://www.musicincorrales.org) and [www.brubeckbrothers.com/](http://www.brubeckbrothers.com/)

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**Happy Hours** – Eric Neuwirth will welcome suggestions for places to visit and more volunteers exploring venues. [neuwy55@gmail.com](mailto:neuwy55@gmail.com)

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## Mayor's Comments

### August 1, 2025

The Mayor and Councilor Rick Miera (District 1) walked the north end of Corrales Road **assessing safety issues** and discussing solutions. The road is a tier 3 road owned and controlled by the New Mexico Department of

Transportation (NMDOT). The Village must work with NMDOT to solve these safety issues.

On July 29, a work study was held with a Corrales residents noise committee, Corrales business owners, and the Village Council to discuss the existing village **ordinance for noise control**. A Corrales resident, Marty Haber, formerly a Noise Ordinance enforcement officer with the city of Albuquerque, offered her services as a volunteer consultant. It was a civil meeting with good information and much discussion by the parties and the Council. This issue of noise has been the bane of municipalities everywhere, but I think we heard some good suggestions for a path forward to perhaps managing its negative impact on our community. That meeting can be viewed on our website, link: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_N2OJo50SmM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_N2OJo50SmM)

Tickets are on sale for the **Harvest Festival Farm Tour**. You will have an opportunity to visit four Corrales farms, meet the farmers, and buy fresh produce. Transportation is included and you'll even receive a large produce bag for the low cost of \$10 per ticket. Only a limited number of tickets will be sold, and you can get yours at the Sunday Growers Market at the Corrales Farmers' Cooperative table in the center booth. If you have questions, please contact: [corralesfarmerscoop@gmail.com](mailto:corralesfarmerscoop@gmail.com).

**Village in the Village** is planning an **online national auction** to raise funds for their organization to help seniors in our community. They have a professional auctioneer who will set up and conduct the auction, including sending the items to the new owners but are in need of items to be auctioned. They are looking for items with a retail value of \$50 or more that are small enough to be sent to winners by mail. Please contact Deborah Blank at 301-613-8166 or by email at [blank.deborah@gmail.com](mailto:blank.deborah@gmail.com) for more information.

#### **Memorandum From Corrales Police Chief Mangiacapra:**

*During the evening of July 30, 2025, Detective Sergeant John Colvin, Officer Merissa Martin and Officer Joe Segura assisted the Albuquerque Police Department with their efforts at taking a subject, who was wanted on felony charges and barricaded inside of a Corrales home, into custody. Det. Sgt. Colvin, Ofc. Martin and Ofc. Segura worked seamlessly with the Albuquerque*

*Police Department and the suspect ultimately surrendered as a result of the crisis intervention tactics utilized by Det. Sgt. Colvin.*

*The proficiency displayed by Det. Sgt. Colvin, Ofc. Martin and Ofc. Segura in carrying out their duties with respect to this incident is admirable and resulted in a wanted felon being taken into custody without any use-of-force being necessary. I would like to take this opportunity to commend Det. Sgt. Colvin, Ofc. Martin and Ofc. Segura for their exemplary performance with respect to this matter. These efforts serve as a positive example to other CPD members, help to reaffirm public faith in our Police Officers, and are a testament to these personnel being true guardians of our community.*

The Corrales Police Department is still accepting donations through this weekend of school supplies for their annual **Cops & Crayons** collection drive to benefit Corrales Elementary School. There is a collection box inside Village Hall in front of the police department.

## **HEALTH & SAFETY**

School starts next week. We all can help make sure that everyone heading back to school can safely make it to and from school.

- **Observe Speed Limits:** School zones have lower speed limits. Follow the posted speed limit signs for school zones.
- **Stop for School Buses:** It is illegal to pass a stopped school bus that is loading or unloading children. Always stop when the bus's red lights are flashing and the stop arm is extended.
- **Watch for Pedestrians:** Look for children and adults crossing the street and walking or biking on the side of the road. Do not pass vehicles that have stopped to allow pedestrians to cross.
- **Avoid Distractions:** Stay focused on the road and avoid distractions inside your vehicle such as cell phones.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **8/2 & 8/3** – *The Great Southwestern Antique Show* at EXPO New Mexico Lujan Center. Tickets sold at the door. Saturday 9-5, Sunday 10-4 for more information: <https://gswevents.com/>
- **8/3** - Corrales Growers' Market 9-12
- **8/5** - Chess Club at the Corrales Community Library, 6-7p.m.
- **8/6** - Corrales Growers' Market 9- a.m.-noon
- **8/6** – Story Time at the Corrales Community Library 10 a.m.
- **8/7** – First day of school for Corrales Elementary School and most APS schools
- **8/7** - Conversational Spanish – All levels welcome – 6 p.m., at the Corrales Community Library

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

- **8/12** – Regular Council meeting in person and on Zoom 6:30 p.m.
- **8/23** – Corrales MainStreet presents ‘Margaritaville” Starry Night Fundraiser at Trees of Corrales 5:30 p.m. For more information and to buy tickets, please visit: <https://visitcorrales.com/starry-night>
- **8/26** – The **only day to sign up to run** as a candidate for one of the three council positions (districts 1, 3 & 4) or to run for the mayor of Corrales at the Sandoval County Clerk’s Office, 1500 Idalia Road from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. More information can be found on our website at: <https://www.corrales-nm.org/community/page/election-information>

***Jim Fahey***

**Mayor of Corrales**

