

Corrales



Compadres

October, 2025

Newsletter

"I wish that every day was Saturday and every month was October."

—Charmaine J. Forde

October's name derives from the Latin word "octo," meaning "eight," because it was the eighth month in the original Roman calendar. The addition of January and February bumped it back two spots to the tenth month, but the name remained.

Hereabouts, the Balloon Fiesta draws hundreds of thousands of visitors to the area and generates an almost frantic level of activity during its nine-day run. In 2024 nearly 840,000 people visited the area.

Halloween ushers out the month, and it has become bigger and bigger. Nationally, from 2019 to 2024, total spending on Halloween decorations increased by 42%, from \$2.6 billion to \$3.8 billion. Total spending on the holiday grew by 32% during the same time period.

As for the Compadres, we won't be quite as busy as we were in September, but there's plenty to do.

Read on to learn more.

October Update

HAPPY HOUR: The year's final happy hour will be Thursday, Oct. 23, from 4-6 p.m. at O'Hare's Grille and Pub in Rio Rancho. The address is 4100 Southern Blvd., and it's tucked behind the CVS that sits at the intersection of Southern and NM 528. Just take the first left past the intersection, then drive past the Popeyes and you'll see it ahead and to the left.



The Irish-themed establishment is nearing its thirtieth anniversary and was recently included in one of Yelp's top 10 listings. Its menu is wide ranging, including appetizers, salads, soups, sandwiches, pasta, and other main course dishes. There are 20 ales and lagers in tap, and over 70 varieties of bottled beer. Wine is served by glass or bottle, and O'Hare's is a former multiple winner of the People's Choice award for best cocktail in Rio Rancho.

For more details, check out their website at <https://www.oharesgrillepub.com/>

Questions can be directed to Eric Neuwirth, neuwy55@gmail.com



Over two dozen of us gathered for our Sept. 18 happy hour at Ex-Novo Brewing Company. For the first time since May the weather allowed for an outdoor gathering.

BOOK GROUP: The Compadres Book Club will meet on Friday, Oct. 24, to discuss “Windswept” by Annabel Abbs-Streets. The group will meet at 1:30 pm in the Southwest Reading Room of the Corrales Library. Any questions, please contact Kay Yoest at (kayoest@centurylink.net) .





SOUTHWEST BOOK GROUP: Meets Wednesday, Oct. 15, at 1:30 p.m. This month's book is "The Road to Santa Fe" by Norman Zollinger. Contact Bill Smith for full details. (Golfer965.bs@gmail.com).

COOKING CLASS: 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.

Class size is limited so each offer 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, Oct. 14, or Wednesday, Oct. 15

Egg Bites

Egg Muffins

Tuesday, Nov. 18, or Wednesday, Nov. 19

Sicilian Tuna Cannellini Bean Salad

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If you have any questions or wish to sign up, please email Vicki Smith chef965@yahoo.com

ARTS and CRAFTS DISCONTINUED: Lack of enrollment has prompted the discontinuance of Arts and Crafts classes. A big shout-out to Sues Winstead for providing the opportunity. Thank her when you see her.

SITE WALK: On Wednesday, Oct. 29, 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.

For more details, check out the flyer accompanying this newsletter.

MEDITATION AND STRESS REDUCTION CLASS

Cheryl Lackie will be offering a second meditation series in November. No fees. This series will offer different meditations from the September sessions but will still be perfect for beginners. Sessions run from 1:30-3 p.m. on three consecutive Tuesdays, Nov. 4, 11 and 18.

More details are included in the flyer attachment to the newsletter.

For questions and to register, contact Cheryl Lackie at cheryl.lackie@comcast.net.

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SILENT AUCTION FOR VILLAGE IN THE VILLAGE

The good folks at Village in the Village have asked us to help publicize their upcoming silent auction, scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 14, at Casa Vieja from 4-6 p.m.

Casa Vieja is sponsoring a unique event for Village in the Village (VIV) – a key non-profit part of our Corrales community. VIV volunteers provide transportation and social connections for members so they can remain in their homes as they age (rather than leave us!). Enjoy brews and wine as you shop to support this vital organization.

What will be for sale at the auction? VIV has gathered an eclectic assortment of “treasures” from its well-traveled community that all of us can bid on. Many items will please the most difficult of your holiday gift needs. Items include

Navajo rugs, silver jewelry, basketry, NM Indigenous art and foreign collectibles.

Contact Deborah Blank (blank.deborah@gmail.com) for information.

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Mayor's Comments

September 26, 2025

Jason Casuga, CEO/chief engineer for the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District, and Felix Chaves, governor of Sandia Pueblo, signed the agreement that will allow the work on the **Corrales Siphon** to proceed. The agreement was signed at the Village of Corrales Council Chambers on Sept. 25 at a special meeting. The MRGCD recognized the siphon had not received proper permits for right of way from the Pueblo, which meant the district had been trespassing on Pueblo lands for nearly 100 years. This agreement was the result of negotiations and hard work on the part of both

the MRGCD and the Pueblo of Sandia, and Corrales farmers were happy to hear work should likely begin on the siphon in January of 2026.

From **Ron Curry**, Corrales village administrator:

As you know, the village administration has been working with a team of experts to assist with the purchase of **water rights** for the village. This process has required an exhaustive inventory of the village's current wells, water rights, and water usage, to ensure the information on file with the Office of the State Engineer is up to date. Once we know everything is correct, the team will begin preparing all the paperwork necessary to complete the transfer of the water rights we are looking to purchase. For that transfer, the state engineer requires a 40-year water plan that shows how the Village is currently using its water rights and what its anticipated future needs will be. The plan is intended to benefit all Corraleños, including farming and other uses that make the village unique, while faced with continuing drought and related challenges in water availability.

We will have a closed executive session at the next council meeting on Oct,14, with the members of this water team to answer specific questions from the council about the work they are doing on behalf of the Village.

Now, from the **mayor**:

The Bureau of Reclamation has started their project in the bosque. There will be much **clearing of non-native vegetation** and reinforcement and stabilization of the riverbanks. For those of us unaccustomed to this scope of work it may appear quite devastating. They will continue their work until April 15, 2026, and then take a break during nesting season. They will resume the project in August of 2026. You can learn more about the project on the Village website here: <https://www.corrales-nm.org/community/meeting/public-meeting-river-mile-199-project>.

It's **election season**, so go to the village website homepage and **click** on the section labeled "elections." The information you need should be there. Elections are being held on **Nov 4**, although early voting will be available. Early voting starts **Oct. 18** at the Corrales Community Center from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. The site will be open through Nov. 1 on Mondays through Saturdays. Be sure to vote. It is our responsibility as citizens to be informed and to vote.

The **Corrales Growers' Market** will be open Sundays until Nov. 2 and Wednesdays until Oct. 15 from 9 a.m. until noon. There will be special holiday and winter markets. They are posted on the village website calendar.

The **Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta** will start **Oct. 4** and run until **Oct. 12**. Don't forget to stop by the administration office to pick up the "X" s to mark landing spots if you have space on your property. The balloonists respect private property so, if you don't mark it, they will try not to land there. Enjoy the fiesta.

HEALTH AND SAFETY UPDATE

Although **covid and flu** rates are steady at **relatively low** numbers, we are coming up on the time of year when people will be spending more time indoors, and more time around other people at events and gatherings, such as Halloween parties. Deputy Fire Chief Tanya Lattin recommends everyone have their annual covid and flu vaccinations no later than Oct 15 this year. If you need assistance setting up an appointment for your vaccines, call DC Lattin at 505-702-4182. Thank you, Tanya, for keeping us all safe and healthy!

UPCOMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY – Story time at the library 10 a.m.

THURSDAY – Tree Committee meeting 4 p.m. in the **village** administration Conference Room

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

10/3 - Artist Reception for the 37th Annual Old Church Fine Arts Show 5 – 7 p.m.

10/4 to 10/12 - 37th Annual Old Church Fine Arts Show sponsored by the Corrales Society of Artists and the Corrales Historical Society, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

10/4 & 10/5 - Friends of the Corrales Library Fall Book Sale 9 a.m.– 4 p.m., La Entrada Park, \$5/bag sale 10/5 from 2 - 4 p.m.

Jim Fahey

Mayor of Corrales