

# Corrales Compadres

## January, 2026 Newsletter

**‘The new year stands before us, like a chapter in a book, waiting to be written.’**

— ***Melody Beattie***

January's history stems from the Roman god Janus, the god of beginnings, giving the month its name and its role as the start of the year. This tradition was started (around 715-673 BCE) by King Numa Pompilius and cemented by Julius Caesar's calendar reform, the [Julian calendar](#), in 45 BCE. It was later formalized on 1582 AD by Pope Gregory XIII with the modern [Gregorian calendar](#), though its official adoption as the new year's start varied across countries. Historically, it marked transitions, like the Roman shift to January 1st for consuls and the Saxon "wolf month." Generally, January is the coldest

month of the year in the Northern Hemisphere. The equivalent month of January in terms of temperature in the Southern Hemisphere is July. Referring back to the Julian and Gregorian calendars, January is the first month of the year and the first of seven months to be 31 days long.

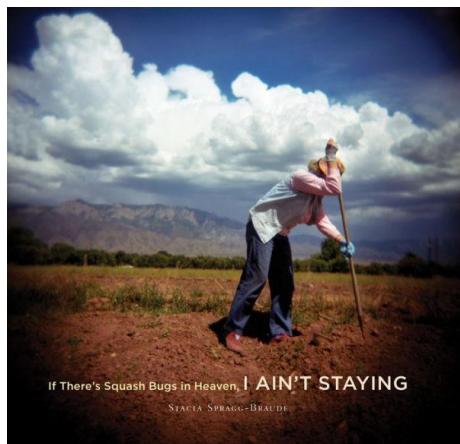
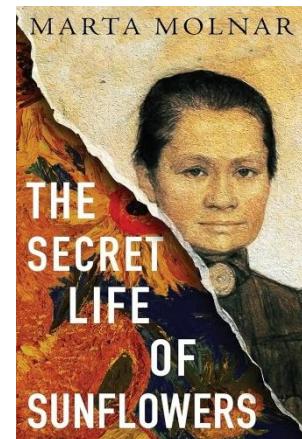
After a scaled back couple of months, the Compadres will be back to normal in January. To learn more, read on.

## January update

### MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

It's time to renew your Compadres membership for 2026. Attached to the newsletter is the renewal form. Please fill it out and return it to Pam Young, our treasurer. Dues are \$20 per couple and \$15 per single.

**BOOK GROUP:** The January selection is “The Secret Life of Sunflowers” by Marta Molnar, and the discussion will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23, at the Corrales Library. Any questions, please contact Kay Yoest at [kayoest@centurylink.net](mailto:kayoest@centurylink.net)



**SOUTHWEST BOOK GROUP:** Meets Wednesday, Jan. 21, at 1:30 p.m. This month's book is “If There's Squash Bugs in Heaven, I Ain't Staying” by Stacia Spragg-Braude. Contact Bill Smith for full details. ([Golfer965.bs@gmail.com](mailto:Golfer965.bs@gmail.com)).

## MEDITATION AND STRESS REDUCTION CLASS

Cheryl Lackie will be offering a meditation series in January. Sessions run from 4-5:30 p.m. on three consecutive Tuesdays, January 6, 13 and 20. **Note a change of location:** they will be held at the Corrales Public Library.

More details are included in the flyer attachment to this newsletter. To sign up or ask questions email her at [cheryl.lackie@comcast.net](mailto:cheryl.lackie@comcast.net)

**COOKING CLASS:** The next cooking classes are as follows:

Wednesday, Jan. 21, and Thursday, Jan. 22

Roasted red pepper soup and two kinds of crackers.

Wednesday, Feb. 11, and Thursday, Feb. 12

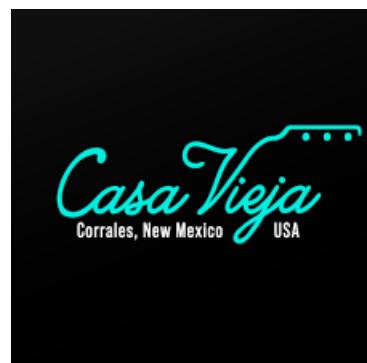
Sumac spiced chicken with tomato sumac onion salad

Wednesday, March 18, and Thursday, March 19.

Two high protein recipes: cottage cheese bagels and cottage cheese chocolate mousse

Class times are 1 p.m. All classes first come first serve (my kitchen is small) with a \$5 supply fee. They are held in Vicki Smith's house at 965 Camino De Lucia, Corrales. If you are interested in signing up email me at [chef965@yahoo.com](mailto:chef965@yahoo.com). If the classes are full, you can be put on a waiting list.

**HAPPY HOUR:** We're returning to one of our most popular venues. Our January happy hour will be Thursday, Jan. 22, from 4-6 p.m. at Casa Vieja. A year ago this month, Casa Vieja hosted what turned out to be the best-attended happy hour of 2025, with thirty-five attendees. Casa Vieja serves a variety of house craft beer and is touting Viñedo Pájaro Azul wines on its wine menu. There are also specialty drinks available. To learn more, visit the web site at <https://oldcasanm.com/>



The food truck and music for this date have yet to be determined. Questions can be directed to Eric Neuwirth, [neuwy55@gmail.com](mailto:neuwy55@gmail.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

### December 2025

This will be the last message from me, so **Happy New Year**. Good luck to the new administration coming in on Jan. 1, 2026. The swearing in of the newly elected officials will be Jan. 2, 2026, at 5 p.m. in the council chambers.

The village has just agreed to be fiscal agent for a large grant to deal with dead and down in our stretch of **the Bosque**. We are partnering with the State Forestry Division, which is providing funds, and the MRGCD, which will be doing in-kind work. This will happen later in 2026.

In the meantime, **transmission lines** to deliver **water** to fight fires are being put in along rights of way in the village. You will see more yellow fire hydrants. Soon, we hope to have a 500,000-gallon water tower on the top of Angel Hill.

Progress is being made with **Salce Park planning**. The village has been approved for a grant to fund the project. You can see the presentation about the plans for the park that was given to the council at the Dec. 16, 2025, meeting by going to the

village YouTube channel: [https://youtu.be/DktvjT4Y\\_FU](https://youtu.be/DktvjT4Y_FU). Be sure to make your comments or concerns known to your village councilor.

The state **legislative session** will begin soon, and we are making priorities for funding known to our representatives. You can view a copy of the brochure we created here: <https://www.corrales-nm.org/villagecouncil/meeting/december-16-2025-regular-council-meeting>,

The village needs to continue to work on the **40-year water plan** required by the state engineer to be in compliance with their requirements and so we can get additional water rights which the village does need for municipal and as a backup for agricultural use.

## **HEALTH AND SAFETY UPDATE**

The **Corrales Fire Department** would like to extend a huge thank you to the community for coming together to support the annual Giving Tree and food drive. CFD was able to help make the holidays a little brighter for several families by making sure they had gifts, clothing, and healthy food. As Deputy Chief Tanya Lattin said, “The kindness and loving nature of the residents of Corrales never ceases to amaze me.”

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**THURSDAY 1/1** – Village offices including the library closed all day.

**THURSDAY** – Adult Winter Reading Challenge begins and runs through 1/31 – Reading Bingo. Pick up your card at the library and get reading!

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**1/2/26** – Swearing-in ceremony for newly elected officials, Council Chambers **5 p.m.**

**1/4/26** – Winter Growers’ Market **11 a.m.-1 p.m.**

**1/6/26** – Special meeting of the Village council to discuss possible changes to lot coverage allowances, council chambers, **6 p.m.**

**1/20/26** – First regular council meeting of the new year, council chambers **6:30 p.m.**

**Thank you** to all those citizens who have been so **kind and supportive** these last few years. Please do the same for the new administration. We have to stand together for our community to be successful.

***Jim Fahey***

***Mayor of Corrales***