

Corrales



Compadres

May, 2026

Newsletter

‘May, more than any other month of the year, wants us to feel most alive.’

— Fennel Hudson

The month of May is named after the Roman goddess Maia, who symbolizes growth and fertility. It has a long history of celebrations and commemorations. The First of May has meaning in many cultures. May Day traditionally symbolizes the death of winter and the arrival of summer, functioning as a "rebirth" festival with ancient roots in Celtic and Roman traditions. It marked the transition to warmer weather, celebrated with bonfires, dancing, and flowers to banish the cold. It also marks the halfway

point between the spring equinox and summer solstice. Maypole dancing is an expression of fertility and was originally done around live trees before using a dedicated, decorated pole became common by the 14th century. In more recent times it has also become a global observance of International Worker's Day. The Lily of the Valley, May's birth flower, symbolizes sweetness, humility, and returning happiness. The primary birthstone for May is the emerald, a vibrant green gemstone from the Beryl family that symbolizes rebirth, love, and growth.

May Update

New Day! MEDITATION AND STRESS REDUCTION CLASS: Cheryl Lackie is staging a three-part meditation class on consecutive **Thursdays** during May.

Sessions are scheduled for May 7th, 14th, and 21st at the Corrales Public Library, from 4-5:15 p.m. The classes were formerly held on Tuesday, but Cheryl thinks the switch to Thursdays may foster greater participation.

Meditation can help reduce your stress, find some calm moments, think more clearly and be less reactive.

There are no fees. To sign up or ask questions, email her at cheryl.lackie@comcast.net See the attached flyer for details.

HAPPY HOUR: We'll be returning to Mulas for our May happy hour.

Compadres will party on the patio Thursday, May 21, from 4-6 p.m. Mulas is located at 4908 Corrales Rd.

Mulas has been closed temporarily for a revamp, but management assures us it will reopen the first week in May. The menu will more strongly focus on authentic New Mexican food, according to a spokesperson.



The Compadres have enjoyed happy hours on the patio over several iterations of the establishment. Last May close to two dozen of us gathered there.

See the attached flyer for details. You can check out Mulas website at <https://mulasnm.com/>

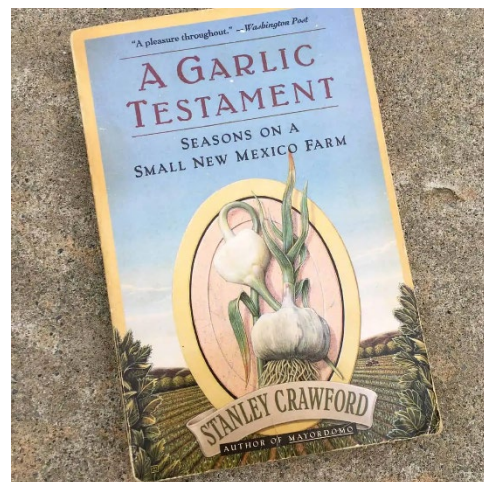
Questions can be directed to Eric Neuwirth, neuwy55@gmail.com

BOOK GROUP: The Compadres Book Club will meet Friday, May 22, at 1:30 p.m. in the Corrales Library's Southwest Reading Room. The group will discuss **'The Names'** by Florence Knapp. For any questions,



please contact Kay Yoest at kayoest@centurylink.net . A complete listing of 2026 books can be found on the Compadres website.

SOUTHWEST BOOK GROUP: Meets Wednesday, May 20, at 1:30 p.m. This month's book is **'A Garlic Testament: Seasons on a Small NM Farm'** by Stanley Crawford. Contact Bill Smith for full details. (Golfer965.bs@gmail.com).



COOKING CLASSES: On hiatus until September.

Your 2026 staff

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Mayor's Comments

May 1, 2026

Hummingbirds have returned to spend the summer with us. You can see and hear them as they zip around, often chasing, dive-bombing or trying to poke one another with their pointed bills. Often this anti-social, territorial activity involves food sources, perhaps most obviously, hummingbird feeders. As the hummers can be pretty numerous, people put out multiple feeders, often placed some distance from each other. Actually, hummers seem to get along better when feeders are placed close to each other. Try it.

They come various colors and occasionally even have polka dots. Also, very colorful tanagers, orioles and other species have been coming into town for migration and/or seasonal residence. Enjoy them.

Speaking of coming into town, the 28th annual **Art Studio Tour** is this Saturday and Sunday, May 2-3, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. <https://corralessocietyofartists.org/studio-tour/>. This event is organized

by the **Corrales Society of Artists**; the village is a significant co-sponsor. Thirty-three different sites in the village feature almost one-hundred local and regional artists. A public preview gallery is today, 6-8 p.m. at the Old Church.

Next week, **Ezee Fiber** will also be coming into town to install fiber conduits in village easements along public roads. These will be tunneled about six feet deep and under existing utility cables. The road easements are public, not private, and theoretically, residents should not have planted vegetation or placed structures on them. The Ezee Fiber crews will attempt to be careful around those and will do their best to repair any damage caused. The village-wide installation will take four months or so. Tentative plans are to start at the western end of Alamos, Western Mesa and Reclining Acres. Information on this fiber-optic line network, activities and contact numbers are at <https://www.corrales-nm.org/search?text=ezee>.

Data collection for the **Corrales Road speed study** will begin next week. NMDOT is conducting this study to evaluate safety along the road. Results and recommendations from the study will be available by the fall.

Voting in New Mexico's **first open primary** begins soon. If you would like information on the candidates who will be on the ballot, visit the League of Women Voters website at <https://www.lwvcm.org/new-mexico-2026-primary-election-voter-guides/>. You can find more election information on the village's website at <https://www.corrales-nm.org/community/page/election-information>.

HEALTH AND SAFETY UPDATE

Lack of water and **water conservation** has been on everyone's mind lately. Did you know that prepping your home with defensible space not only lessens the chance that your home would ignite if there were a wildfire in the Village, but it also means that less water could be needed to bring a fire under control? The amount of water needed to extinguish a fire can vary greatly based on a few key factors: how quickly the fire department is notified, how much combustible fuel is in the area for the fire to consume, and how close the fire is to existing water sources.

The village has made installing fire hydrants one of its top priorities in recent years. Having hydrants not only helps property owners catch a break on their fire insurance if they live within 1,000 feet of the hydrant, but it increases the amount of water that can be delivered to a fire in the area. Instead of having to truck water in from miles away across the Village, our water trucks can fill at the nearest hydrant, which our pumper trucks then use on the fire.

The Corrales Fire Department can assist with ways to make your property more **prepared for wildfires**. Call the department at (505) 898-7501 for more information and view tips on the fire department page of our website at: <https://www.corrales-nm.org/fire/page/wildfire-safety-and-preparation>.

SCAN (Sandoval County Alerts and Notifications) is the new **emergency mass notification** program. This program is for county employees, residents, and visitors and communicates time-sensitive information through texts, phone calls, and emails. Designed to manage critical events, it alerts users to public safety incidents, emergencies, and disasters. Enrollment is simple and open to everyone. How to sign up: Text 888777 with the keyword: SANDOVALNM or visit <https://member.everbridge.net/index/93013422375032>. Alerts will be sent to all platforms selected by the participants: phone (calls and texts) and email. The message will identify the critical incident and recommend next steps for safety.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY – Corrales Art Studio Tour throughout the Village 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

SATURDAY – Children’s Spring Planting day at the Storybook Garden, Corrales Library 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

SATURDAY – Children’s craft – Salt Dough, Corrales library 10 a.m.

SATURDAY – Free Home and Garden Show at Hendren Hall 5015 Corrales Road 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

SUNDAY - ¡Viva Corrales! Events include equestrian events at Top Form Arena 10 AM – 1 PM and the Healing Arts Festival at the Rec Center 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. as well as the Growers’ Market 9 .a.m – 12 p.m.

TUESDAY – Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting, Perea’s Restaurant, 5:30 p.m.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

5/9 – Corrales Bird Walk 8 a.m. Meet at the Indigenous Farm Hub 6370 Corrales Road

5/16 – Corrales Garden Tour 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tickets are \$20 online at visitcorrales.com/garden-tour.

5/16 & 17 - Corrales Library Book Sale. The Friends of Corrales Library will hold their Spring Book Sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in La Entrada Park next to the library.

5/23 – Corrales Historical Society/Casa San Ysidro Heritage Day 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

5/28 – MRGCD Community and Farmer’s Informational Meeting 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. in the rec center gym

Fred Hashimoto
Mayor of Corrales