

Corrales Compadres

July, 2026
Newsletter

‘If I had my way, I’d remove January from the calendar altogether and have an extra July instead.’

- Roald Dahl

July, the seventh month of the year, was originally called *Quintilis* (meaning "fifth month") in the early Roman calendar. In 44 B.C., the Roman senate renamed it to honor Julius Caesar, as it was the month of his birth.

"Dog days" are considered to begin in early July in the [Northern Hemisphere](#), when the hot sultry weather of summer usually starts.

July's full moon, the "**Buck Moon**," was named by Native American tribes and signifies the time when male deer sport fully grown velvety antlers. During the month, the zodiac shifts from Cancer, symbolizing home and nurturing, to Leo, representing strength and leadership, marking a cosmic energy shift.

Among July's celestial displays is the Delta Aquariids meteor shower, which typically starts mid-July and sends around twenty "shooting stars" (aka meteoroids) across the sky per hour.

In agrarian societies, July marked the peak of wheat and barley harvests, essential for breadmaking and trade. In Native American farming, it was prime time for the "**Three Sisters**" crops of corn, beans and squash, along with bailing hay.

July Update

HAPPY HOUR: Our July happy hour will be Thursday, July 23, from 4-6 p.m. at **Casa Vieja**, one of our bellwether venues. We were last there in January, at which time over 20 Compadres gathered.

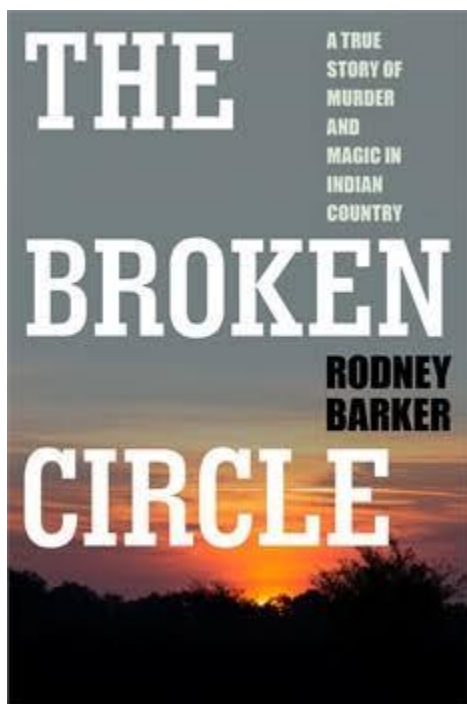
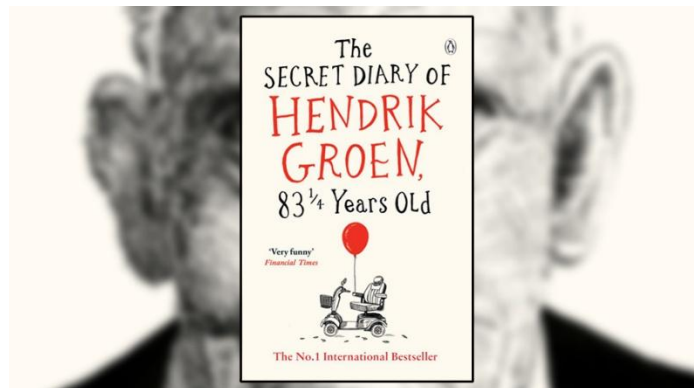
Casa Vieja has a legendary patio, and we'll meet there, weather permitting.

Casa Vieja serves a variety of house craft beer, and the wine list includes two in-house offerings plus five varieties from Viñedo Pájaro Azul wines. 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



BOOK GROUP: The Compadres Book Club will meet Friday, July 24, at 1:30 p.m. in the Corrales Library's Southwest Reading Room. The group will discuss **'The Secret Diary of Hendrik Groen 83 ¼ Years Old'** by Hendrik Groen. 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, July 15, at 1:30 p.m. This month's book is **'Broken Circle: A True Story of Murder & Magic in Indian Country'** by Rodney Barker. Contact Bill Smith for full details. (Golfer965.bs@gmail.com).

COOKING CLASSES: On hiatus until September.

MEDITATION AND STRESS REDUCTION CLASS: On hiatus until September.

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Mayor's Comments

June 26, 2026

At last Tuesday's Council meeting, **Lisa Brown** was approved to fill the District 4 councilor vacancy and was sworn in by Judge Michelle Frechette. Also, three new P&Z commissioners were approved, and the **ban on the use and sale of fireworks** was continued for an additional thirty days (this can be administratively revoked if we get multiple drenching rains during the next week or so).

Deciding on parking--or really, **no parking on select village streets**--remains an unresolved issue before council, but it's an important one for the people it adversely affects. Not infrequently, on Friday and Saturday nights, some neighborhood streets experience a flood of non-resident parking. These can affect property access, block driveways and create passage difficulties for emergency vehicles.

Although this generally impacts a relatively small number of villagers who live in the central neighborhood-commercial zone, it can be a significant detriment to their quality of life and safety where they live.

Businesses have been required to supply **adequate on-site parking** for their patrons, but they can't always control where their patrons park. "No parking" signs in affected areas are needed to have clientele not park there. Details of how to implement this have yet to be worked out. A possibility is to establish **residents-only permitted parking areas**. In Albuquerque, this has worked out well in neighborhoods around UNM, the fairgrounds and in some downtown areas.

A somewhat related issue is available **public parking** within the village. Theoretically, this should lessen some business patrons from parking on residential streets. Actually, such parking already exists. An example is: where will people park who would like to use the public restrooms that are being planned for the Gonzales 3 acres lot just adjacent to the Old Bank building, La Entrada Park and the playground? Well, they could use the current Old Bank parking area or the library lot. The **lot the Growers Market** uses is a public parking area.

Businesses have begun exploring sharing each other's parking areas when their open hours are non-concurrent.

Some in the village want land use changes to happen asap. **Short- and long-range** planning is on-going and often takes time involving architects, planners and stakeholders in the process. For example, planning for the Gonzales 3 acres lot should involve architects, people associated with the Library and Parks and Recs, and the neighbors and other residents. Previous Village planning attempts have faltered in large part because residents, especially those most impacted by the changes, were not adequately involved in the planning. Even though councilors might agree on a presented proposed plan, correct planning should involve stakeholders in the area.

A celebration of life for Councilor **Dr. John P. Alsobrook** will be held at Perea's restaurant on Saturday, June 27, beginning at 4:30 p.m. He was an incomparable councilor and person.

HEALTH AND SAFETY UPDATE

The village currently has a **ban on fireworks**, as passed by the council at the June 23 meeting. Even though we have had some **rain** this week, we are still

well below the usual levels of precipitation for this time of year, and are dealing with the effects of the ongoing drought from past years. You can read the full resolution passed by the governing body at: <https://www.corrales-nm.org/ordinances/resolutions>.

Now is a good time to review the recommendations for how to **prepare for an emergency** such as a wildfire in the village. Learn about the Ready, Set, Go! program on the Corrales Fire Department page at <https://www.corrales-nm.org/fire/page/wildfire-safety-and-preparation>.

Please remember the Village requires **all dogs to be on a leash** when off their home property. This includes all areas of the village including roads, irrigation ditches, and the bosque trails. Leashes must be no longer than eight feet.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MONDAY – Melted crayon kids craft, **2 p.m.**

MONDAY – Corrales Book Club at the library, **2:30 p.m.**

TUESDAY – Library mini golf, **6 p.m.**

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

THURSDAY – Conversational Spanish at the library, **6 p.m.**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

7/3 – Village offices, including the library, closed for Independence Day

7/4 – Annual 4th of July parade along Corrales Road from Corrales K-8 School to the Rec Center, **10 a.m.** The wet portion of the parade will start approximately 10 minutes after the dry section to give spectators time to leave the area if they do not want to get wet.

Fred Hashimoto
Mayor of Corrales