

Corrales



Compadres

October, 2026

Newsletter

‘I’m so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers.’

- Lucy Maud Montgomery

October is the tenth month of the year in the Julian and Gregorian calendars. Its length is 31 days. The eighth month in the old calendar of Romulus c. 750 BC, October retained its name (from Latin and Greek *ôctō* meaning "eight") after January and February were inserted into the original Roman calendar.

October is commonly associated with the season of autumn in parts of the Northern Hemisphere, and spring in parts of the Southern Hemisphere, where it is the seasonal equivalent to April in the Northern Hemisphere.

Halloween, a holiday observed annually on Oct. 31 is noted for its pagan origins and its Christian roots as well as its secular traditions. Halloween’s

origins date back to the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain (pronounced sow-in). The Celts, who lived 3,000 years ago in central and western Europe, celebrated their new year on Nov. 1. They believed on the night before the new year, the boundary between the worlds of the living and the dead became blurred. They feared encountering spirits if they went outside. To avoid being recognized, they wore masks after dark so ghosts would mistake them for fellow spirits. Christianity later developed a three-day observance encompassing “All Hallows’ Eve,” All Saints Day and All Souls Day. That time frame also became Mexico’s Día de los Muertos

October's birthstones are the tourmaline and opal. Its birth flower is the calendula. The zodiac signs are Libra (until Oct. 22) and Scorpio (from Oct. 23 onward).

October Update

HAPPY HOUR:

For our final happy hour of 2026, we’re going to be trying something new: Heritage House’s monthly Drinkery event. This will take place Friday, Oct. 23, beginning at 5:30 p.m. The event features a full bar, appetizers and



desserts. Both indoor and outdoor eating is available. Beverage service will be provided by Ex Novo. For more information, visit the website at <https://heritagehousenm.com/>

The historic Victorian home was built in 1904, and has had many functions over time. The current owners spent years restoring it, and it opened as an inn, café and special events venue in January of this year.

Questions can be addressed to Eric Neuwirth at neuwy55@gmail.com

COOKING CLASSES: Cooking Classes are offered on a first-come first-serve basis. There is a \$5 supply fee. Class starts at 1 p.m. If you sign up, please show up on time or cancel so someone else can take your place. To sign up or if you have questions email Vicki Smith at chef965@yahoo.com

Wednesday, Oct. 14 or Thursday Oct. 15, 1 p.m.

Meatballs and Sauce

Wednesday, Nov. 18 or Thursday, Nov. 19, 1 p.m.

Shrimp Pasta

MEDITATION AND STRESS REDUCTION CLASS: Cheryl Lackie is planning classes on three consecutive Tuesdays during October. The schedule and type of classes are as follows:

Tuesday, Oct. 13, 4 p.m.: Body Scan

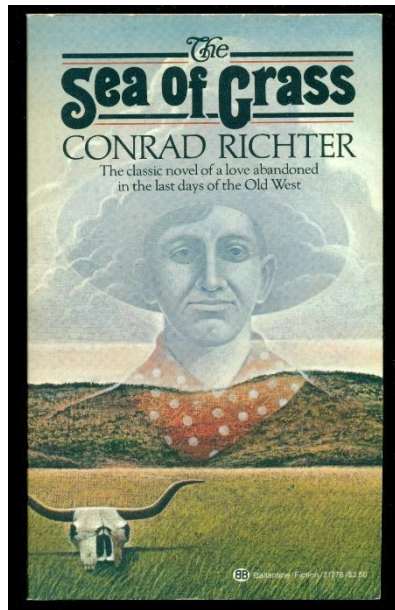
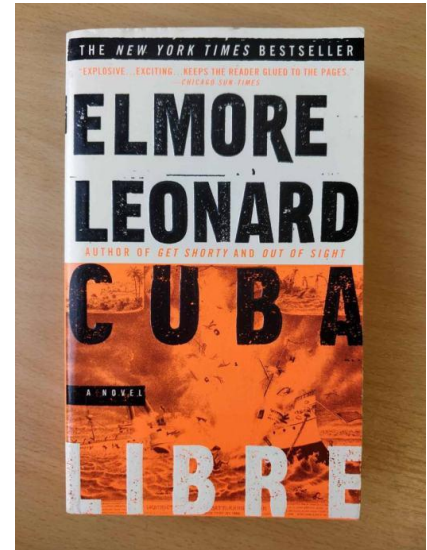
Tuesday, Oct: 20 4 p.m.: Mantra

Tuesday, Oct. 27, 4 p.m.: Loving Kindness

Classes are held at the Corrales Community Library. Questions can be addressed to Cheryl Lackie, cheryl.lackie@comcast.net

Further details can be found in an attachment to this newsletter.

BOOK GROUP: The Compadres Book Club will meet Friday, Oct. 23m at 1:30 pm in the Southwest Reading Room of the Corrales Library. The selection is **'Cuba Libre'** by Elmore Leonard. If 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, Oct 21, at 1:30 p.m. The selection for October is **'The Sea of Grass'** by Conrad Richter. Contact Bill Smith for full details. (Golfer965.bs@gmail.com).

Your 2026 staff

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At Large – Larry Bernstein, larry.bernstein@comcast.net, Pat DeVivi, patricia.devivi@gmail.com, Bob & Sue Scott, sue@sundancebear.com or bob@sundancebear.com.

Happy Hours – Eric Neuwirth will welcome suggestions for places to visit and more volunteers exploring venues. neuwy55@gmail.com

Book Group – Kay Yoest, kayoest@centurylink.net

SW book group – Bill Smith, Golfer965.bs@gmail.com

Cooking Classes – Vicki Smith, chef965@yahoo.com

Meditation Classes – Cheryl Lackie at cheryl.lackie@comcast.net

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Mayor's Comments

September 25, 2026

Our **tardy monsoon season** has delivered welcomed drenches. Three months of the usual monsoon season has seemingly been compressed into three late weeks. On our west side, storm water damage on Chimaja Road is being addressed by the Public Works department. The curvy, dirt road is high on the list to get paved.

The monsoons also affected the Harvest Festival. The **Saturday morning** Farm Tour has been rescheduled to Oct. 17 at same time and same farms.

From the Sept. 22 council meeting presentation, consultants working for the county will be drafting some recommendations to deal with our, in places, **inconsistent street addressing** which has been a public safety issue. Fire and Police have appreciated the very visible numerical address signs that many residents have placed in front of their properties. Ordinance 18-30(c) states that street numbers must be legible and in plain view, located where the property meets the street, and the numbers must be at least 4 inches high. Attractive reflective, **red or green vertical signs** with white numerals can be purchased from the village administration office. A sign with its stand costs \$25. For safety reasons, please consider placing one of these in front of your property. It benefits your safety and health.

Village Hall has been having some **software communication issues**, and we are very sorry for that. People had trouble accessing the council meeting from the village website; the unorthodox, center-aligned Mayor's Message sent to villagers' inboxes is not my format preference but right now, the software forces that (the link from that to the message on the village website is more readable and allows images); the TextMyGov balloons can't be deleted, etc. During the last several months, we've had **multiple software changes** and are trying to work with those. Transitions between different but related

software versions are not automatic and seamless, and that creates user confusion and frustration. Village Hall is working with vendors to improve and resolve these issues. Thank you for your patience and persistence. If you encounter new software communication issues, please let us know.

The registration deadline for the **Corrales MainStreet Scarecrow** contest has been extended to Oct. 1. This annual event has been open just for businesses in the past, but this year is being opened to residents as well. Public voting will take place Oct. 1 through 30, with the winners being announced at the **Trunk-or-Treat** event at the Rec Center on Oct. 31. First place prize is **\$200** and a custom trophy. The registration form and more information can be found at: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdPPKP6upKW708K_FJWQvZrtsjlB9KjSdtVn5UuWeU6UBzDMQ/viewform. Let's fill our community with scarecrows!

The 2026 Corrales Community Grant program, sponsored by Intel Corporation and Corrales MainStreet, is now accepting applications. Grant applications should be focused on **Education, Empowering Girls and Women, the Environment, and Quality of Life**. Applicants must provide direct services in the Village of Corrales and ideally provide a wide benefit to the Corrales community. Grant funds must be used by 12-31-26. For more information, visit the Corrales MainStreet website at: <https://visitcorrales.com/community-resources>.

HEALTH AND SAFETY UPDATE

As mentioned above, **MCM Consulting** is working to help us fix **addressing issues** in our community. This is a major concern for our **emergency services** staff, as being able to find your home quickly during an emergency can mean the difference between life and death. Make sure your home has numbers that can be seen when travelling in both directions on your road. Also, take a look at where your house number is in relation to your neighbors. Are all the odd numbered houses on one side of the road and even on the other? There are many places in the Village where this is not the case. We also have issues where houses are not in numerical order, which can cause delays for EMS crews to find you. If you believe your house needs to be re-addressed, you can reach out to Planning and Zoning Administrator **Laurie Stout** for assistance.

She will help make sure all parties who need to be notified of an address change, such as the county clerk and post office, are alerted to the change, and will provide homeowners with a letter they can send out to banks and other billing agencies. The village council will be looking into whether we need **to update our ordinances** to require these address changes in the coming weeks. We will keep you posted in upcoming messages as this matter moves forward.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

10/3 AND 10/4 – Friends of Corrales Library Fall Book Sale, La Entrada Park, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Don't miss the \$5/bag sale Sunday from 2 – 4 p.m.!

10/3 through 10/11 – 38th Annual Old Church Fine Arts Show, Historic Old San Ysidro Church, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily

10/3 through 10/11 – Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta. If you would like an “X” to indicate to pilots they are welcome to land on your property, please stop by the Village office front desk. A white “X” notes a property is friendly to balloon landings – a red “X” is an indication that you do not want balloons to land. We do not have red “X”s at Village Hall. Residents can also place white or red sheets on their properties to make the same indications to pilots.

-Fred Hashimoto

Mayor of Corrales