



Dear Community members,

As you know – with an eye to the future, continuing to encourage a vibrant, mixed use community -- the Galisteo Planning Committee has been working with County planners for well over a decade on the Galisteo Community Plan. After innumerable meetings and public presentations, a proposed amendment to the County Sustainable Land Development Code to allow additional commercial uses in the Traditional Community was presented to the community at a well-attended September 2017 meeting in the Community Center. Several residents inquired about additions to the proposed (very limited) Commercial Corridor along Highway 41.

Subsequent to this meeting, the Galisteo Planning Committee reviewed the potential implications of this designated Commercial Corridor. After much deliberation, the committee *(continued above right)*

**There are many commercial uses already allowed in Galisteo’s Traditional Community (TC) through the conditional use permitting process up to 2,500 sqft. The following table gives some examples (see SLDC Chapter 9 for all uses) permitted and conditional uses in the Galisteo Traditional Community.**

Commercial Uses	Galisteo Traditional Community Zoning District
Small shop	Conditional
Restaurant	Conditional
Exhibitions and art galleries	Conditional
Community centers	Conditional
Bed and breakfast inns	Conditional
Theater/dance/music establishments	Conditional
Exhibitions and art galleries	Permitted
Performing arts and supporting establishments	Conditional

recommended that the best way forward will be to give equal opportunity for limited commercial proposals to every landowner in the Galisteo Community District.\* All property owners have the ability to apply to the County for uses identified in the Galisteo Community District in the Sustainable Land Development Code.

This means that each application will be considered individually on its merits and impact on the village and on private properties. This democratic process will involve far less bureaucracy and far more fairness.

\*Excluding Ranchitos which has its own covenants.

*The Use Table below should answer basic questions, but the County planning staff is available to answer any further questions: Robert Griego, AICP, Planning Manager (505) 986-6215, rgriego@santafecountynm.gov; Lucy G. Foma, Community Planner (505) 995-2735, lfoma@santafecountynm.gov.*

Permanent outdoor stages	Conditional
Auto paint and body	Conditional
Fitness sports gym or athletic club	Conditional
Religious facilities	Permitted
Active open space/athletic Fields/golf courses	Conditional
Active leisure sports and related activities	Conditional
Medical clinics	Conditional
Child care institution	Permitted
Museum	Conditional
Post office	Conditional
Clubs or lodges	Conditional
Bus stop shelter	Permitted
Permanent outdoor stage or similar structure	Conditional
Commercial greenhouses and nurseries	Conditional
Stables	Permitted
Farm stand on property	Accessory

## CALENDAR

**Saturday March 3, 9:30-11**, Community Center: Open House Meet & Greet Fundraiser for Rep Matthew McQueen, hosted by Roger, Estelle & Muriel. All Galisteans invited.

**Saturday March 17, 9:30 - 11:00**: Community Breakfast/Annual Community Meeting/GCA Board Election hosted by GCA Board at the Community Center

## ♥♥♥ HOW WE MET ♥♥♥

(An El Puente V-Day Special)

**John Watson-Jones and Angelica Heath:** We met at the zoo: the Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute, part of the National Zoo, near Front Royal, Virginia, where I was a mammal keeper. Angie came to volunteer with the animals, and I soon volunteered to marry her!

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**Alice and Jerry Kruse:** I met Jerry in San Antonio, Texas, when I was working in the Surgical ICU of the county teaching hospital and Jerry was a third-year medical student doing clinical rotations. He caught my eye when the students and medical staff made rounds through the unit. I was 24 and he was 23. I invited myself over to his place, but he said he was busy studying for a big exam and he would give me a call when it was over. Which he did, and we married 4 months later! That was 45 years ago. Today, 2 children and 4 grandchildren later, we couldn't be happier...

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**Caroline Seigal and Matthew McQueen:** I have some reservations in sharing our story because on the surface, it's not very romantic. Matthew and I met the "old fashioned way" - via online dating. We met, appreciated each other's idiosyncrasies in person, and the rest... is history. We have long debated creating a more elaborate cover story, but alas, have not done so yet. If I fabricate something more intriguing, will you print it at a future date? (^\_^)

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**Angie Beauchamp and Caroline Hinkley:** One Friday afternoon in November 2011, I walked into the Cinematic Arts Department office at UNM in Albuquerque and had an impromptu meeting with the chair about upcoming courses and opportunities. The chair told me that I really needed to connect with Caroline Hinkley, set to begin teaching film theory in January -- and the chair emailed Caroline about me right then and there. Galisteo neighbors (and *El Puente's* editor) will remember first being introduced to me as Caroline's Teaching Assistant. That didn't last long!

## LOOSE ANIMALS

Now and then *El Puente* receives complaints about unaccompanied loose dogs annoying or frightening people or fenced-in critters. Some of us walk our dogs off leash, but do it with care, for the dog's safety as well as that of others. Just so you know, here are some excerpts from the Santa Fe Sheriff's Office Animal Control Division Ordinance, courtesy of Evelyn Gregory:

*Restraint of Animals:* "All persons owning or having charge, custody, or control of any animal shall keep such animal restrained to prevent damage or harm to people and property.... When a dog is off its owner's premises, it must be under leash or control by owner....The owner shall not allow it to run at large or create a nuisance on another's property, be it public or private". [Pooping is defined as a "nuisance."]

*Dogs Running at Large* (under Prohibited Activities): "It is unlawful for any dog owner to allow or permit any dog to run at large. Any dog permitted to run at large in violation of this Section is declared to be a nuisance, a menace to public health and safety, and may be taken up and impounded...."

Fines for dogs running at large range from \$25 for first offense in a calendar year to \$60 to \$100 for the third offense. And there are also draconian laws and fines for cruelty to animals.

## PEDACITOS/BITS AND PIECES

Candidates for County Commissioner have until the third Tuesday of March to register with the County and need no qualifying ballot signatures. **Robert Anaya** is termed out. Rumor has it that Rudy Garcia from La Cienega is running for our district. He is on the School Board, has served on the Planning Committee and comes highly recommended. Another apparent candidate is Phil Anaya, from Edgewood, also on the Planning Committee.

After the state Public Education Secretary Christopher Ruzkowski praised Manifest Destiny as a "fundamental principle" of this country, Native responses were quick and angry. Among them was **Phillip Tuwaletsiwa's** "An Ignorant View About Native People," in *The New Mexican* (12/31/17): "My first thought was that Ruzkowski, under the cover of darkness, should crawl out from under his rock, slink back in his car, and reverse the Western movement of Manifest Destiny by driving back to Delaware... he has no business educating any of New Mexico's children. There is an alternative: Take a month, without pay...and visit every reservation in New Mexico. Let us Indians give you a real education about our people and the genocide we suffered under Manifest Destiny."

Delegates to select statewide candidates for the New Mexico Democratic primary ballot are now being elected in each Ward: **Estelle Berger and Roger Taylor** are asking for your vote for one of the four delegate positions. If you are a registered Democrat and live in Ward 3D (Galisteo, Madrid, Cerrillos, Golden), come and vote at the Galisteo Community Center by 6:30 on Tuesday Feb. 20th.

**Shirley Melis Hirsch's** book *Banged Up Heart* is winning awards and now has its own 3-minute promotional video, filmed in Galisteo. She is also a member of Home-Grown Books, often found at the Santa Fe Farmers Market.

An interview with filmmaker Alton Walpole in *Pasatiempo* (2/9) mentions that they had to have a snake wrangler while filming *Godless* on the **San Cristobal Ranch**. Rattlers found refuge in the newly built sets: "They are pretty afraid of people, so when you go in, they kind of high-tail it out. But these people from L.A., if they see a snake, they go ballistic."

**WARNING:** Police have been ticketing NM41 in what was originally a 55mph zone, now temporarily and poorly posted as a 45mph zone for the duration of the road construction, especially around Clark Hill. (They're also all over Old Las Vegas Highway...) Drive carefully!



## BOSQUE CLEARANCE CONTINUES

Scott Canning, Galisteo resident and director of horticulture for the Botanical Gardens in Santa Fe, was quoted in a *Green Fire Times* article (12/6/17) on removal of invasive species in local wetlands: "Cienegas are one of the rarest kinds of landscapes in New Mexico," and they are disappearing all over the state as city and agricultural wells drain the aquifers that supply their springs, "so we're doing everything we can to save [them]....When the trees leaf out, the water level drops four feet."

Of course Galisteo's own ongoing clearance of Russian Olives in the Bosque is exemplary. For almost ten years now, under the direction of Roger Taylor and Jan Willem Jansens of Ecotone, the bosque south of El Puente has undergone a transformation from a sometimes impassable jungle of invasive Russian Olives and Tamarisks to the park-like expanse we now enjoy. (Jan Willem and your editor celebrated twenty years of village cooperation on watershed protection with a hug.)

In November 2017 we commenced the latest stage of work with two weeks of Russian Olive removal on the north side of the bridge. On Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>, community volunteers, with students from the UNM Environmental Studies program, worked hard to clean up and make piles of the debris. On Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>, with a permit for remedial burning, the Galisteo Volunteer Fire and Rescue, with the help of the Black Canyon Hand Crew (a County wildlands group described by a participant as "a really nice group of young people, fit, healthy, and friendly") completed an all-day marathon. The weather, for once, cooperated, winds subsided, and so did the six-foot-high piles of brush.

San Isidro Permaculture will begin the next stage of work north to south, planting loads of willows that have already arrived. It will take some 3-4 weeks, starting from the northern end with the removal of a berm illegally constructed to reroute the river away from Agnes Martin's former home. They will work southward, ending at the NM 41 bridge to deal with remediation/replanting of a poorly planned NM DOT project, the week of March 5. WildEarth Guardians will also be on site during this time. The noise and bustle of work crews will be completed by March 16th.

Grants for this project total \$170,000, in addition to the \$130,000 already received for the south end of the bosque, as well as \$15,000 from the NMDOT for the bridge area. Thanks to Roger, Jan Willem and the powers that be!

**Photos left: Willows delivered; brush piles; (photos: Roger Taylor). Christopher Powell tests a hose before the big burn (Corey McGillicuddy). Below: After the burn.**



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## GALISTEO CLASSIFIED

ADS ARE FREE, AND FOR GALISTEO RESIDENTS ONLY. PLEASE CALL 466-1276 TO UPDATE OR DELETE YOUR ADS. Next deadline: March 15th.

### WANTED

**A place to live: rent, care-take, long term house-sit.** Gwen Feisst, valued GVFR longtime volunteer Firefighter, minister, artist, weaver employed in Galisteo, resident since 2000, and experienced house-and pet-sitter: gfeisst@hotmail.com or 505-466-1458.

### FOR RENT

**Charming vacation casita** in the heart of Galisteo, available for rent by the night, week or month. Steve or Jean, 466-1544.

**Vacation casita** for rent by the weekend, week, or month. 900 sq.ft., open floor plan, 1BR + bath. Call Roger Taylor, 466-3469.

**Vacation home 1700 sq.ft.**, on the Bosque, by weekend, week, or month. Ruby, 466-1961 or berenshaw@me.com.

### FOR SALE

**Amanecer Gallery offers oil paintings** by Freddie Cárdenas and **micaceous pottery** by Anna Cárdenas, 505-466-8967.

**Talus Wind Heritage Meats.** Local New Mexico lamb and pork. Contact info@taluswindranch.com.

### SERVICES

**Galisteo Yoga** Tuesdays 9:30-10:30 AM @Dorothy's 466-2339, stretching & breathing: Thursdays 9:30-10:30 @Ruby's 466-1961 ruby@rubyrenshaw.com, kundalini-based: Fridays 10-11 @ Galisteo Community Center with Mare. slow flow & therapeutic blend of Vinyasa & Iyengar.profundus@aol.com

**Transformational Healing and Bodywork**, Mare Tomaski, Functional Medicine Health Coach: **For classes and sessions visit www.dynamicstillpoint.com.**

**Dave's Auto Repair:** restoring, minor repairs, painting. Local refs. Free estimates: David Montoya, 505-501-1991.

**Common sense, gentle dog-training:** house manners, management problem-solving at your home, and limited boarding. 20 yrs. experience. Call Evelyn, 466-1875.

**Galisteo Woodworks:** for your custom woodworking needs. Furniture and furniture repair. Antonio Chavez, 466-3601.

**Welding, flagstone, moss rock, fountains, plumbing, sprinkler, drip systems, plus Gopher Control.** David Maestas, cell 670-8608 or 660-9715.

**Grow Y'own hooped and covered raised beds** for year-round gardening! Ken 490-1849.

Preparing your garden for next year? Repairing erosion? **Aged compost and mulch** available at Goose Downs Farm north of the village. Free if you load, \$15 if we do: Tom, 670-7031.

**Intern will travel:** Need help during parties, snow shoveling, yard cleaning, housekeeping or pet sitting? Call John Garcia at 505-919-8147.

**JVS will remove (live) rattlesnakes.** Call 466-1064.

**We build and repair coyote fences; haul trash; yard work & other odd jobs.** Fair prices, local references, Michael J. Anaya, 660-2275.

**Linda Vista Stables:** Beginner western riding for children and adults; 1-2 hr. trail rides; short-term boarding. 466-8930.

**Pet and housesitting, watering plants, feeding animals, etc.** Call Linda Jones, 310-2904.

**The Orchard: Full service catering, personal chef, and Care Network.** Corey McGillicuddy, 466-1831.

**Firewood, Misc. Hauling, Odd Jobs, Humane Custom Butchery, CAD services.** Phone 466-8967 or cell: 435-3067, adan.cardenas1@gmail.com.

**Barbara Holloway Fine Handweaving** scarves, shawls, vests, jackets, handwoven of luxurious chenille. 466- 2118.

**Carpentry:** Custom closets, hand-carved tables, benches, gates, doors; also electrical work. Ted Montoya, 231-3671.

**Housecleaning, elder care, transport to Dr's appts. (certified CPR, First Aid), errands, baby/house/pet sit.** Marie Garcia, 466-6004 or 795-2048.

**Passive Solar Builders:** Locally owned general contractor since 1980. Quality home construction, renovations: 466-2118.

**Meditation and Knowings** class with Chris Griscom, Sundays at The Light Institute: 5-6:30 pm. Free to Galisteo residents. 466-1975.

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