

TOWN OF LA JARA NEWSLETTER

2023
Happy
New Year



NEW YEAR'S!

We would like to wish everyone a safe and Happy New Years! We are grateful for all of the community members that are with us. We cannot wait for all of the 2023 events that we have planned for our community.

BACK FLOW PREVENTION

We would like to give a big thank you to everyone who completed their backflow prevention on time. We are grateful for you guys and hoping that this coming year will be just as good! We appreciate your corporation and cannot thank you all enough and hope to keep working with all of you in the years to come.

What is Backflow Prevention

Backflow prevention devices are installed at cross-connections in your plumbing system to ensure that backflow-causing pressure changes don't lead to a contamination of your drinking water.

2023 Food Distribution

Coming in 2023 will be a Care and Share on Wheels. It will consist of a mobile shopping truck. Each household will be allowed to fill two shopping bags of items they may need. With this food distribution you will have to get down and do the shopping there will be no one to take it to your car for you. The set date is January 11th at 2pm. More info will be released when we get a flyer out.

Check out our Facebook by
scanning the QR Code with
your camera



IMPORTANT NEWS AND UPDATES

2023

- *Dog License renewals are due for the year of 2023*
- *Business License renewals are due for the year of 2023*
- *Town Hall will be Closed January 2nd*
- *Reminder Snow removal is the property owner/ business owners responsibility.*
- *Please keep meters clear of cars, junk, etc. for our maintenance.*
- *Food Distribution January 11th at 2:00PM at the Town Hall 221 Broadway*
- *Check out our Facebook to see who won the Christmas light house decoration contest.*

How Rising Wholesale Natural Gas Prices Affect You

We would like you to be aware of a significant increase in wholesale natural gas prices over the next couple of days. This wholesale natural gas cost is passed directly to our customers without markup.

With the increased cost of natural gas, you may want to consider reducing your use of natural gas over the next couple of days as a way to control your energy bill.

The biggest step you can take to conserve is by lowering your thermostat a few degrees if you have a natural gas furnace. Key ways to save include:

- Lowering your thermostat
- Letting the sunlight in and keep the cold out
- Making sure exterior doors are fully closed
- Using fans to your advantage
- Keeping your oven's heat where it belongs
- Lowering your water heater's temperature or insulate it
- Keeping filters clean
- Don't let the heat escape
- Improving insulation



Citizen of the Year 2022

Eleanor Valdez

Mrs. Eleanor Valdez was born and raised within the La Jara Area. Mrs. Valdez has been married to her loving husband Mr. Virgil Valdez for the past 62 years. Mrs. Valdez and her husband have six children (1 Girl and 5 boys). She enjoys and loves spending time with her children and of course her thirteen grandchildren. She has enjoyed being a farmers wife and thoroughly enjoyed the ranch life. The love and happiness that the ranch/farm lifestyle brings, got her involved in the SLV Cattle Women as president, the SLV Cattle Women organization focuses on fund raising for youth/4H. Mrs. Valdez has received recognition as a Master Farmer's Homemaker that recognized farm women that help with the agriculture lifestyle. Mrs. Valdez has also worked for The North Conejos School district in administration for 28 years. She has always been active in the Catholic church, She also enjoys being a lecture and doing home visits for the homebound and elderly, has also taught catechism for 61 years. Mrs. Valdez has also served on the Rural Electric Board for 22 years and has even received an award from the state for her service. The Town of La Jara could not be more than happy to choose such and amazing person to be our citizen of the year and more then grateful for what assets she brings to our community.



*Happy New Year's from the
Town of La Jara Staff!*

Prevent Frozen Household Pipes

WRAP EXPOSED PIPES WITH INSULATION AND ELIMINATE SOURCES OF COLD AIR NEAR ANY WATERLINES

ALLOW A SMALL TRICKLE OF WATER TO RUN OVERNIGHT TO KEEP PIPES FROM FREEZING. THE COST OF THE WATER IS MINIMAL COMPARED TO REPAIRING THE DAMAGE FROM BURSTING PIPES.

KNOW THE LOCATION OF YOUR MAIN WATER SHUT-OFF VALVE. IF A PIPE FREEZES OR BURSTS, SHUT THE WATER OFF IMMEDIATELY.

DO NOT ATTEMPT TO THAW FROZEN PIPES UNLESS THE WATER IS SHUT OFF. TO THAW PIPES, APPLY HEAT FROM A HAIR DRYER, SPACE HEATER, OR HOT WATER.

Electric & Gas Affordability Programs

- LEAP- <https://cdha.colorado.gov/leap>
- GAP and EAP- <http://www.benefits.gov/benefit/1541>
- Find more information on programs offered by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services- <https://www.hhs.gov/programs/index.html>