

TOWN OF LA JARA NEWSLETTER



A message from the Mayor

I would like to wish the citizens of the town of La Jara a Happy New Year. The Board of Trustees and Staff of the town have worked hard this year to make sure that the town is well taken care of and follows all state requirements. I invite you attend our town meetings the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6 pm. This is a time to learn about what projects the town is working on and also some of our challenges. Our meetings give you, as a citizen, the opportunity to give us some input. We hope that 2023 brings us all good health and many blessings.

Best,

Paula Medina, Mayor

Water Rates vs. Broken Pipe

With the last couple of months it has been colder than usual. With colder nights and early morning more issues with water systems may rise. We understand that letting your faucets trickle may cause an increase on your water bill. But the little extra you may have to pay for letting your water trickle may save you a lot more than a busted pipe. A typical repair for broken pipes can range anywhere from \$150 to \$500. A base rate water bill is \$61.25 plus additional usage. (Example: A household that uses 19 (19,000) units of water will have a bill of \$87.55 that is including both water and sewer.)

NEWS, UPDATES, ETC

- ♥ Business License Renewals are due by March 1st anything later will be charged a \$25 late fee.
 - ♥ Care & Share February 8th from 2pm to 3pm.
 - ♥ Town Hall will be closed February 20th due to President's Day.
 - ♥ If you have a fur friend remember to get them registered. When you come in to renew your dog license don't forget to bring in your dogs rabies vaccination record with you. For dogs that are not spayed or neutered the cost will be \$15.00, if your dog is spayed or neutered it will be only \$5.00. Do not forget that this is a yearly thing that must be done at the beginning of every year.
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2023 Goals

We are one month into the New Year and already have so many goals for the Town.

Code Enforcement-This Year one of our big priorities is to enforce all Town codes. Over the years we have cut back on code enforcement but 2023 is our year to enforce all codes to better our community.

Police Department-Our Police Department is also looking for a fourth officer to have a fully staffed department. With an extra set of eyes in our town we will be able to make our community an even safer place.

Skate Park/ Aspen Circle Park-We are hoping to introduce information on the new skate park at Aspen Circle Park very soon. As of now we are working on getting a grant to help us with the building of the skatepark.

Myron Way-For our residents on Myron Way we hope to get asphalt laid to improve the current dirt road that is there.

Abandoned Building-With concerns about the abandoned building on Main Street next to the Laundromat we are finally going to address it. We are seeking all information and following the correct chain in order to get the building removed. As easy as it seems this will be a very lengthy project that will take some time to complete.

Workforce Housing- Something that is very big and important to our town is housing. We would like to have workforce housing that will allow young working adults to afford their first house, working families, retired individuals. This housing would be something that you can call an accomplishment because you worked for it and was not just handed or given to you. Workforce housing is something that individuals that make too much to qualify for standard affordable housing.

WORKFORCE HOUSING: Workforce housing is housing for the working class. For individuals who make too much to qualify for affordable or low income housing.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: As defined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, this is any housing that costs an owner or renter no more than 30 percent of gross household income, including utilities.

LOW-INCOME: Describes households earning at or below 80 percent the area median income

Message for Homeowners and Property owners

Ord. 2004-2: No person shall leave any partially dismantled, wreck, inoperable or junked vehicle on any street or highway within the incorporated limits of the town.

Conejos County Library News

♥ The Creed Repertory Theatre will perform at the La Jara Library on February 22 at 1 PM. The Play is geared for young people ages 5 and under. Mark your calendars and come and enjoy a great performance!

♥ The Library would like to provide library services to our Senior Citizens. If you are interested in getting library services, please stop by the Town Hall or the Northerners Senior Citizen Center and complete a questionnaire. This will help us best serve your library needs. We look forward to hearing from you.