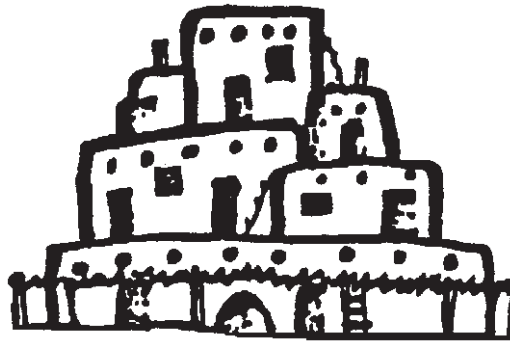


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San Marcos District Planning

The first year of Planning Committee meetings has resulted in goals and a vision statement just about completed. While this may not seem like much to be accomplished in an entire year, other things have also been taking place. There is now representation from all populations within the district. Enough people have attended enough meetings to understand what is happening and what the process is and will be.

Many people have been giving a lot of thought to various specific issues so that when the time comes to address these issues, they will be ready to do so in an informed and productive way. In short, this first year may be seen a year of foundation building and preparation for a year of more obvious accomplishment.

As this Newsletter is delivered, the final decisions about the location of a mixed-use zone are under way. Probably more important than just where such a one will be are the decisions to take place about the design standards for such a zone. We are seeking a design approach which will set a standard for the visible commercial activity of the district and establish an image for the center of the community.

The development which will ultimately occur in this zone should offer a complementary aspect to our National Scenic Byway. It should provide an economic place for residential, institutional and commercial uses in the same zone and in some of the same projects. Such uses should support the needs and desires of the people of the district by providing outlets for their work and places to obtain goods and services. These issues are central to the construct of a community plan for our district and will allow follow-on issues to be more easily resolved

Ahead remain the defining of the different residential and resource protection zones. The details of exactly what each such zone wants to have in its future is both a part of a master concept for the district and a decision for the people of each residential area.

The nature of what protection there will be for the Scenic Byway will be another issue to come up this year. The plans for our road that the Transportation Department have and are developing will play a part there. Traffic must be controlled to keep our road from changing from the rural collector it now is to an arterial highway. Diversion or alternative road building are very long term possibilities. Limiting through truck heavy hauling would be a much more immediate step.

Open space and trail issues are agreed to be of great interest to a majority of our citizens, but there has been nothing specific begun about these. Obviously, such issues must be considered on a scale larger than just out district. We hope to integrate our planning with the County's larger efforts for our general area. A Galvesto Basin effort is under way but, as yet, has not found firm footing.

A regular schedule of meetings for this winter has not been set as to time, day or place. Things became less than regular over the summer to deal with vacations and other temporary conditions. When times, dates and place are certain, the web site <www.sanmarcosassociation.org> will be updated. All who have attended a meeting in the past will also be notified by email.

Whether you have been a part of this effort up until now or not, your participation is always welcome. As things progress toward more specific issues, the decisions to be made become more detailed and require more knowledge on the part of the participants. We will be fitting our plan into the structure of the new County code. This code, along with the existing County land use code is available on the County web site <www.santafecounty.org>. A working knowledge of the specific issues under consideration at any time would be very helpful and would allow for a better understanding of any discussion.

Ortiz Mt. Health Center

Change is hard I know. We all get used to our own favorite dentists, doctors, drugstores etc. and speaking from experience, those of us who live in this area have got very used to going to Santa Fe for these services. Well I broke the habit and have been going to the Ortiz Mountain Health Center for my doctor's appointments. What a find that place is! High quality, experienced, friendly people who really know their job. Plenty of parking! No need to battle traffic and so local and easy it's a no brainer. My thinking is that most people who live out here don't go there because they don't know what the Center offers.

Well below, in their own words, is the info you need. Change is hard, but check them out... you'll be pleasantly surprised.

OMHC offers complete family health care for the whole community. We provide prenatal care, well child care/immunizations, female and male health exams, family planning services, sports physicals and department of transportation physicals. We treat acute illnesses of all sorts: strep throat, pneumonias, bladder infections, flu's, etc and minor injuries such as sprains, strains, low back pain, animal bites and suture simple lacerations. We do skin checks and can treat warts, remove most moles and other skin lesions and remove most cysts. We also treat patients with chronic illnesses and help them manage their asthma, COPD, diabetes, hypertension, heart disease, depression, anxiety disorders, renal disorders, etc. We have an in-house pharmacy and either do or collect specimens for laboratory tests. We do not have radiology capabilities but write orders for these services. We are not an emergency room. If someone has a true emergency they need to go to "St. Vincents. We are open 4 days a week, (not Wednesdays), and have physicians on call for after hour urgent needs. Tuesdays we are open until 7 pm. We take almost all insurances. There is often confusion about the "Presbyterian" part of our name. We are not related to Presbyterian Health plan nor hospital but are affiliated with Presbyterian Medical Services, a nonprofit health care organization that provides health care to under served areas in New Mexico. We do take Presbyterian Health

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insurance but folks with Lovelace, Cimarron, Blue Cross Blue Shield, etc. can also use us. We accept all Medicaid and Salud patients, Medicare patients (we waive the Medicare deductible) and offer a sliding fee scale for folks without insurance based on federal guidelines. We never turn anyone away because of lack of ability to pay. We deliver high quality health care services and are accredited by the Joint Commission of Health Care Organization, the top accreditation agency in the country.

By Archie Tew

Health Tips

West Nile Virus is transmitted by infected mosquitoes. Most infected people never know they were infected. You can not pass it from person to person. The very young and the elderly are most susceptible to getting a serious infection that can lead to encephalitis. Symptoms include high fever, severe headaches and other flu like symptoms without the cough and cold symptoms. There is no specific treatment so prevention is the key: clothing that covers all skin, shoes instead of sandals, insect repellent, avoid being outdoors in early morning and evening hours and rid your yards of standing water. If standing water is unavoidable, there are mosquito eating fish that can be purchased.

By LuAnn of OMHC

Nai's Roadhouse

Nai's has undergone the usual changes and growth experiences of a new business. Finding the right balance of food, hours and ambiance to create a successful restaurant is one of the more difficult undertakings in business start-ups.

Lan's lunches are continuing to be a considerable success. Her Vietnamese home cooking is fresh, delicious and outside the usual Santa Fe fare.

The evening offerings started out with one menu and chef and are in the process of changing. There may be new hours and new days. Max and Larry will be the new people in the kitchen. Max has 28 years as a chef back east and Larry has considerable local experience. Nai, is readying a menu which will be appropriate for the beer and wine service which should start very soon now that she has received the approval of the County Commission (just last night: September 14).

Send Money NOW!

The court case to stop illegal variances will be expensive. While some Board members and others have pledged a few hundred dollars each, we are going to need much more.

We have, for many years been able to work for the good of the District by persuasion, pressure and cooperation. We now have no choice but to take this very important issue to court.

Your dues cover just the Newsletter and mailings. Please send what you can afford to San Marcos Association for this critical need.

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Your Association Needs You

The S.M.A. is well over twenty years old. Many who started this organization have passed on or just retired from active involvement after many years of service to our community. Others are still active and are officers of the group to this day. Some of this latter group are looking around for those to take over for them.

There are new people on the Board who have been active for most of the last decade, but there are only a few who have joined within the last few years. If you have the interest and a very little time. Please consider joining the active core of the S.M.A. We have hundreds of members (most of whom remember to pay their annual dues) who support us in various ways. We have usually had about a dozen Board members who attend the monthly meetings on the third Thursday of most months (none in August or December).

We could use a few more to join the core group. While any involved person is more than welcome, we would be more representative geographically if we had people from Silverado and the Galisteo Creek area. The monthly meeting location will be announced on the web site. Come to the meeting and get a feel for this easy-going group. See how it feels to you and join us if you choose.

Our Appeal on Illegal Variances

As reported in the last Newsletter, we are appealing a variance allowed by the County Commission on May 11, 2004. As of this writing, they have not issued a written finding (a required statement of their decision). This has caused us to seek two delays for a court date. Besides delaying our case, thus making it more expensive, such delays are not at all fair for the family of Joe Montañó who must wait ever longer for a final decision.

It is not clear why the Commission has not signed off on a written finding. It may possibly be that it is difficult to construct one which will contain the necessary elements to make the decision legal. From our point of view, this would be hard indeed as there was no discussion of any required, relevant hardship at the meeting when they approved this variance.

We hope that all understand that we are appealing this decision not because of any malice toward Mr. Montañó or his family. We are acting on behalf of a large number of property owners whose legal rights are being abused by this decision and others like it over the years.

Flash: More Illegal Variances

Last night (September 14) the BCC approved a number of variances. In neither the staff write-up nor the questioning by the Commission was the word hardship ever mentioned. The only legal authority the BCC has to grant variances is in the case of a specific hardship resulting from the particular nature of the property under consideration.

Questions focused instead on the size or use of other properties in the area or the past use of the property in question. These are all issues which may not legally be considered to influence a decision on a variance. The BCC is (in the majority) still trying to do the "right thing" - as they see it - and ignoring the law they are supposed to be upholding and from which they receive their only legal authority to act.

You're Invited
to join us for the
Artists' Preview Gallery Reception
Friday, October 8, 5-8pm at
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A small prevue of the works is available on the S.M.A. web site at <www.sanmarcosassociation.org/studioevent>

Please Vote

You can register until October 8. You can vote early (if not often) or may wait until election day and join those others who take seriously the responsibility of citizen participation.

Many are saying that this election is to be the most important in a hundred years. It is certainly very critical to the direction of our country. While most of your Board does have a strong opinion on for whom one should vote in this national election, it is not an appropriate office for us to consider an endorsement.

We are the type of non-profit (501 (c) 4) that is allowed to take a political stand. We have long appreciated the detailed attention that County Commissioner Jack Sullivan gives to all issues. As half of our area is in his commission district, he pays particular attention to our issues. He has never failed to be supportive. He has voted in favor of all of our proposals (of course, that could be just because they are always so logical and right-minded).

We do herewith heartily endorse Jack for re-election. We recommend his web site <www.jackforcommissioner.com> and consideration of his request for financial assistance which all political candidates need these days (unless they have invisible money slipped to them)..

Often, people who most openly express dissatisfaction with our governmental processes are those who take part least in them. While everyone has a right to complain, those who will not take part should not really expect to have much of an effect with their complaints. Get involved! **Voting is the minimal obligation of a citizen.**

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Your Check is in the mail

Well, really it is in the bank by the time you read this. We want to thank the many people who sent in dues and contributions to the variance appeal, legal fund over the summer. We also want to apologize for not having arranged to have these checks deposited in a timely way.

We have received almost \$4,000 in checks and pledges toward the legal fund and we are most grateful. If things continue to drag on as has been the case so far, this will not be enough, but it is a great start. We again apologize for causing you to have had outstanding checks to deal with.

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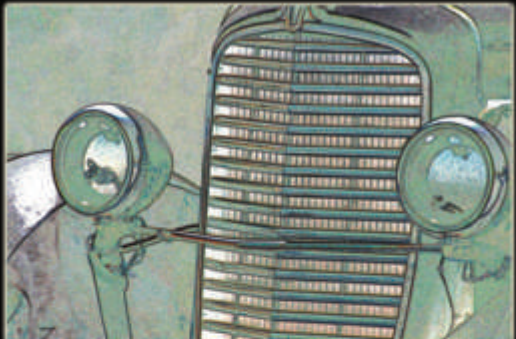
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