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Governors' Message

Continuance of Community Lockdown

Fortunately, Jemez Pueblo has 0 active positive cases for the COVID-19. The Pueblo of Jemez Governors have extended the lockdown to August 31, 2020. It is evident that the community lockdown has been successful in preventing the spread and minimizes the number of cases of the virus in our community. New Mexico continues to see an increase in COVID-19 cases per day. The Jemez Health & Human Services Response Team continues to monitor positive cases and lead quarantine/isolation efforts.

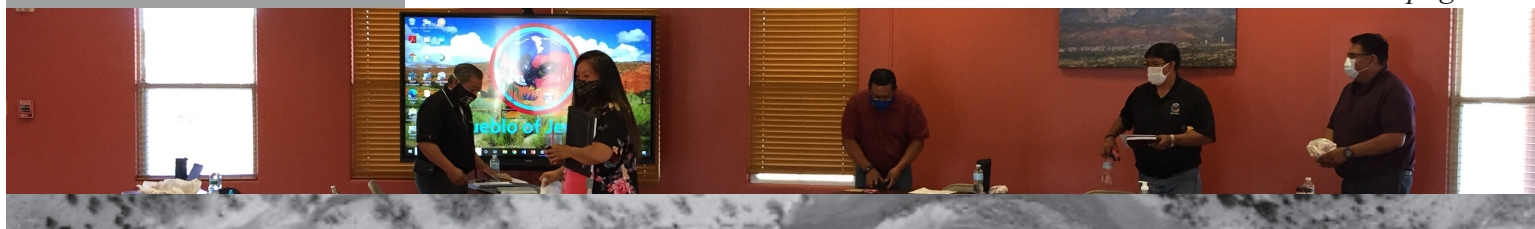
We will continue to have designated days for essential shopping. Saturdays will continue to be an extra day to leave the community in addition to your designated week day shopping day. Exceptions will be made for medical appointments if a proof is provided.

The following guidance will now be in effect with the community lockdown:

- Trips to the transfer station to haul trash will now only be allowed on essential days and/or Saturdays.
- Curfew is 8:00 PM - 5:00 AM, seven days a week.
- Only two people in a vehicle. Please continue to protect our elders and children by keeping them safe and at home.
- Saturdays will be the exception of two people in a vehicle. Elders and children will be allowed to leave on Saturdays.
- Farmers will be allowed to enter and tend to their fields.
- Non-residents will not be allowed through checkpoints unless for farming/ranching and have minimal interaction with tribal residents.
- For emergencies, non-residents will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis to enter the Pueblo.
- You will be turned around and not allowed to leave and/or enter the Pueblo if your reason is deemed unnecessary. Please respect our Checkpoint(s) staff.
- Due to the current dry conditions, ranchers will continue to be allowed to feed and haul water to their cattle.
- Limit gatherings. Please avoid having family gatherings at this time. Stay within your households.
- Continue to practice hand hygiene, social distancing, and always wear a mask when you are in public.

Governors and Tribal Administration team clean up after a socially distanced department directors meeting.

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2020 Tribal Governors

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From the Governors, Continued

Continuance of Lockdown to August 31st continued...

- If you are sick please remain home and call (575) 834-7413 and ask to speak to a nurse for further instructions. JHHS Response Team Hotline: (575) 834-3308.
- It is important that all community members continue to remain safe and acknowledge that COVID-19 continues to rise in the State of New Mexico.

We would like to thank the community for your diligence, understanding and patience as we address safety issues and implement precautionary directives for the well-being of our village. We appreciate your cooperation during this stressful time. Please continue to support one another.

Notice on Irrigation

It has been brought to our attention that some tribal farmers are leaving the water unattended to irrigate their alfalfa fields or pastures.

- Please be mindful that alfalfa and pastures can be irrigated but only after your neighboring farmers have irrigated their food crops.
- No water shall be left unattended overnight in alfalfa and pasture fields, there is a water shortage.

Please Cooperate with your neighbors in sharing the water.

- Water will be available for irrigation from the West Ditch (Upper and Lower) on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, and Mondays.
- Water from the West ditch will be diverted into the Pecos Ditch on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.
- The East Main ditch will have a continuous flow of water every day.
- Priority for irrigation shall be given to food crop (crops for human consumption) such as chili, corn, and other vegetables.

WARNING

Bears have recently been sighted along the Jemez River and around agricultural fields.

Parents: please supervise and inform children to be aware of potential bear encounters. Children should not be alone in the bosque. Runners and walkers should take extra precautions to avoid the bosque and to avoid surprising a bear.

Report any sightings to:

Aaron Cajero, Jr., Natural Resources Department: **505-249-7879**

Clinton Weatherspoon, Law Enforcement: **505-249-7879**

Edwin Sando, Tribal Sheriff: **505-366-7102**



From the Governors, Continued

Saint Persingula Feast Day

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to threaten tribal communities; this is exemplified by the increase of positive cases in surrounding pueblos, communities and counties throughout the state. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) has confirmed the spread of this virus is expedited through close contact with affected parties, especially in large gatherings of people. The CDC has projected this pandemic may continue for some time. For these reasons, numerous events and celebrations have been cancelled including the State Fair, Balloon Fiesta and Pueblo Feast days.

Therefore, Tribal Officials with the support from the Traditional Leadership decided that the Pueblo of Jemez, would not celebrate our Annual Saint Persingula Pecos Feast Day on August 2, 2020. In addition, the feast day celebration held at the Pecos Monument was not celebrated this year due to the uncertainty of the covid-19 pandemic. This decision was made with heavy hearts, but deemed necessary for the protection and safety of visitors and community members.

We missed both feast day celebrations this year as it brings families and friends together to receive blessings. We hope that you and your families were able to celebrate and pray in your own way so that we may survive this pandemic and keep our community strong. We look forward to celebrating feast days again once this pandemic has subsided. Your understanding and support of this decision and your efforts to keep this community safe & healthy is greatly appreciated.



COMMUNITY



Phase II Fiber Optic Internet

Governor and Lts Governors., along with Religious leaders gathered at the north end of the Track Field to assess the location of a communications tower for expansion of fiber optic cable to serve the community. The visit is to ensure no cultural sites are disturbed".



Community at Work

Eileen Shendo, Ahjani Yepa, Cece Arnoux and Tamara Sandia distribute KOIA drinks to the Jemez Senior Citizens Center and security checkpoints. Thank you to partner's Utah Dine Bikeyah, and Kid's Speak for Parks for making this donation possible.



TRIBAL COUNCIL

Tribal Council Report

Tribal Council Resolutions passed during the Tribal Council meeting held on July 30, 2020, include:

2020-12 - Authorizing the Pueblo of Jemez the use of COVID-19 U.S. Department of Treasury Funds for a critical water system improvement project to respond to the current public health emergency.

2020-13 - Authorizing the use of coronavirus aid, relief, and economic security (CARES) Act funds provided by the U.S Department of Treasury Funds to provide emergency financial assistance for enrolled Pueblo of Jemez Tribal Members over 18 years of age during the current public health emergency.

2020-14 - Approving Title V construction project agreement for Bemar funds.

2020-15 - Resolution approving to support the "Family Listening Program Culture-Centered Dissemination Project" Grant Application to the National Institutes of Health.

2020-16 - Authorizing the Pueblo of Jemez Walatowa Head Start to start language immersion program (WSHLIP) to utilize the priority point system selection criteria for determining eligibility and enrolling children with the greatest need under eligibility, recruitment, selection, enrollment, and attendance (ERSEA) regulations for the 2020-2021 school year

2020-17 - Resolution authorizing the establishment of and participation in the Chaco Heritage Tribal Association.

2020-18 - Approving residential ground lease to the Pueblo of Jemez Housing Authority for the development and management of the Pueblo Place Housing Project.

2020-19 - Authorizing Right-Of-Way for the construction of owl springs way bridge and to waive the 25 CFR & 169 Valuation compensation and bond requirements.

2020-20 - Accepting the conditions for the Pueblo of Jemez participants in the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development Section 184 - Tribal member

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2020-23 - Accepting the conditions for the Pueblo of Jemez participants in the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and Native American Veteran direct loan (NADL) program - Tribal member

2020-24 - Rescinding a residential lease for Tribal member (BIA 2307320757) and approving a new residential lease.

2020-25 - Resolution to modify housing and urban development (HUD) Section 184 Residential lease for Tribal Member to accept new legal description and acreage



From The Family of Virginia Chinana

It is with great sadness in this time of uncertainty and doubt that our Creator has called upon our Mother, Sister, aunt, Grandmother and Great-grandmother. Virginia Chinana, "Virgie" (Wa-kien-o-lu), age 81, passed on Wednesday, May 13th, 2020 at 7:46 pm. We are deeply saddened by her unexpected passing, which was NOT caused by the coronavirus.

We are sincerely grateful and appreciative to each and everyone of you who sent your condolences, thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May the great spirits bless you and guide you with joy, and good health.

-The Chinana Family

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

From the Pueblo of Jemez Health and Human (JHHS) Service Response Team

BULLETIN #33

As of August 5, 2020, there are zero (0) active COVID-19 positive cases in the Jemez community.

Community Testing at Walatowa Wellness Center:

JHHS will continue to host community-wide testing in partnership with Presbyterian. Below are the details for August testing.

Dates, Times, and Location of Testing

Monday, August 10th, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Tuesday, August 11th, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Wednesday, August 12th, 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Thursday, August 13th, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Testing site will be at the Walatowa Wellness Center parking lot.

For any questions or concerns regarding coronavirus, please email JHHSresponseteam@jemezpueblo.us or call 575-834-3308.

Childhood Obesity and Vaccines

Submitted by: Dr. Dawn Dozier, PA-C, Physician Assistant

Childhood Obesity: Prevention and Treatment

“Obesity now affects 1 in 5 children and adolescents in the United States.” Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

“The American Diabetes Association recommends incorporating the whole family in the lifestyle and nutrition modification as a family affair, with routine follow-ups to encourage the family to participate, screening for psychosocial issues, and being careful not target only the obese child.” Source: Diabetes Care – American Diabetes Association, Vol 41 Supplement 1, S127

Suggestions

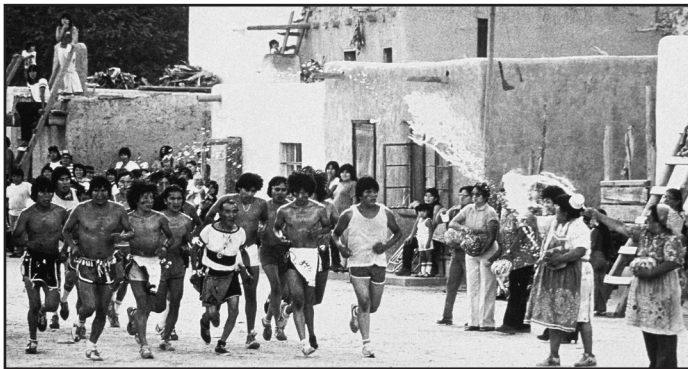
- Avoid high-calorie low-nutrient foods. An easy way to reduce calories is to limit or eliminate soda, juice, and Gatorade or other sports drinks. Eat fresh fruits and vegetables, lean protein, complex carbohydrates such as steel-cut oatmeal and brown rice, and low-fat or fat-free dairy products. See Dietary Guidelines for Americans 2015–2020: health.gov/dietaryguidelines/2015/guidelines/.
- Limit screen time and support physical activity (for children six years or older, at least 60 minutes daily). Long-term physical activity helps prevent chronic diseases such as type-2 diabetes, cancer, and heart disease. Irregular or inadequate sleep also contributes to obesity, so encourage a regular sleep schedule. Screen time should be no more than two hours per day and healthy educational programs and activities should be encouraged and avoiding violent programs and games is advised.
- Ask your health care provider to measure your child’s body-mass index (BMI) to determine if they are overweight or obese; review your child’s BMI with their doctor annually and during all appointments. Call the Jemez Health Center at **575-834-3022** to schedule an appointment.

Childhood Vaccinations

- Have a regular vaccination review with doctors at all well-child visits, school physicals, or annual physical appointments at a minimum. Take advantage of school physicals to ensure that children are current on their immunizations. JHHS recommends individual appointments for vaccines. Call **575-834-3022** to schedule an appointment.
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Community Stories

Hemish People Remain Rooted Continuing Running Traditions for All Generations



Tribal runners participating in the 1980 Taos to Hopi Tri-Centennial run enter into the village plaza

Throughout history the Hemish people have run for hunting, war, travel, sport, communication, health, religious purposes and to foster bonds between villages. Men and women of all ages have participated in these activities for many generations.



Clown Society Leader George Shendo Sr. laying a cornmeal path as he leads tribal runners into the plaza.

In August 1680, the Pueblo tribes of the Southwest organized a revolt in response to harsh colonization by the Spanish. Hemish ancestors ran to keep their ways of life intact. In 1980, a Taos to Hopi run was held to commemorate this tricentennial event. Many Jemez runners participated with the vision of honoring their ancestors and their efforts to maintain our cultural way of life. Hemish people remain rooted in tradition and strive to maintain our culture for all future generations.

In 2016, the Jemez Health and Human Services (JHHS) team produced an ongoing media project titled, *Project Endurance*. The team collected research, interviews, and media from various community members to inspire an interest in the programs being created for Jemez Public Health. "The JHHS team discussed ways to improve the health of the community through programs using traditional knowledge, cultural strengths, and public health frameworks," said Steven Mora, Public Health, Manager.

Many well known traditional runners have set multiple records. In Walatowa, two marathon champions, Steve Gachupin and Al Waquie have inspired many people around the world. Al ran up the Empire State Building in New York City and Steve ran the U.S Olympic trials, in Alamosa Colorado.



Al Waquie approaching the finish line in the Annual PoPay footrace in Ohkay Owingeh (1980).

Al Waquie is an accomplished Jemez distance runner who has won (numerous times) such prestigious races such as La Luz Trail Run, Empire State Building Run, and the Pikes Peak Marathon. Al is an inspiration to many on their current running journey. Many acknowledge him as an example to training for success while exploring our lands.

Steve Gachupin, is a 5-time traditional race winner who has won (also numerous times) such prestigious races such as the Pikes Peak Marathon, La Luz Trail Run, and placed top 50 out of 14,000 runners in completion of 50 marathons. "It would be great to share our running tradition with our younger generations by showing support and encouraging them to try." (JHHS Project Endurance)

Steve Gachupin (#83) at the 1968 U.S Olympic Marathon Trials in Alamosa Colorado; running against Billy Mills (second from right).
" The 1964 10,000 meters Olympic Champion"



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Community Stories

Hemish People Remain Rooted Continued...



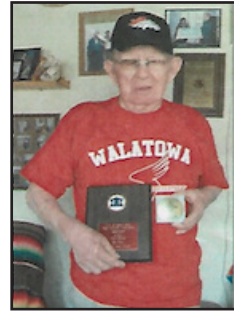
Tribal runners participating in the Taos to Hopi Tricentennial Run rest outside the Jemez Pumpkin Kiva in the village plaza.

Steve's son, Dominic Gachupin and granddaughter, Mariah Gachupin, decided to carry on his running legacy. They both pursued running at the collegiate level at Adams State University where most recently another Walatowan, Jasmine Chosa won a title for her field & track competitions. Along with these champions, other men and women have inspired many generations of relatives to pursue their dreams.

Walatowa families participate in running events throughout the year. From the traditional foot races to fun/run awareness walks to cross country/track and endurance meets. Some students compete from Elementary through College. The passion for running is a tradition that each generation must decide to carry. Often the elders share memories with their children and grandkids about the trials they ran or places they traveled to. Continue to share and listen to these stories to inspire yourself or others to get healthy, and explore the land.

Jose E. Magdalena shared similar words of wisdom with the Project Endurance team. **"I do believe that if we tell our children to keep our running tradition alive, have them participate in our traditional foot races so that when they win the prize of coming in first, then, we as traditional people take the "blessings" of the prized possession for ourselves, family, and for our community. This type of teaching is very important to share with our young generation so that many of our traditional aspects of who we are can be carried down to the next generation to come."** (JHHS Project Endurance)

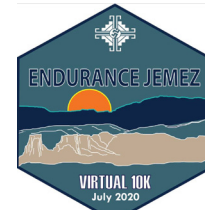
Mr. Magdalena's children have all carried these words and ran throughout highschool. His daughter, Maria Magdalena, has been one of few from Jemez to win a 1988 NM Girls Track & Field State Championship. His son, Peter Magdalena also pursued running collegiately with Dominic Gachupin at Adams State University.



Mr. Magdalena showing some awards given to him in past road races

Mr. Magdalena's family continues to build on the running legacy and his grandson, Daniel Magdalena has recently competed in various ultramarathons. This then led to a vision to start running events for the community to stay moving together

With the support of Jemez Public Health the Walatowa Endurance Challenge was formed which later changed it's name to Endurance Jemez. Initially, the races came about as quarterly events with less than 100 participants. Since then the races have grown tremendously and the JHHS team sees an increase in the number of community participants.



Amid the pandemic, the JHHS team had to brainstorm ways to keep up the programs while encouraging socially distancing measures. The events that unfolded last month included virtual training weeks and the ultimate 10k challenge. This display of community involvement brings joy to many hearts. Stay tuned for more details on upcoming events and more community running stories.



FiTT Team Reyes, Daniel, and Carla promote the recent Virtual Endurance Jemez via social media.

TRIBAL ADMINISTRATION

Welcome Mat

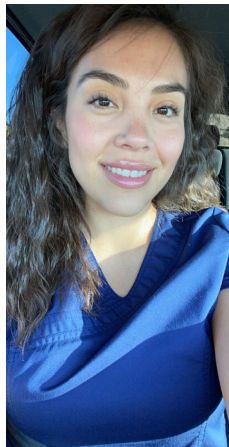
The Tribal Administration would like to Welcome & Congratulate All New Hires to the Pueblo of Jemez Team!



Dental Assistant, to the Pueblo of Jemez Team.

Elvera Toya graduated with a certificate as a Dental Assistant from Pima Medical Institute, and brings this education to work at JHHS Dentistry.

"I am happy to work for our community and being closer to home. I hope that my knowledge will go a long way here. I love to see smiling faces and that is what we at Dental do. I love being an assistant and can't wait to see you all."



Dental Assistant, to the Pueblo of Jemez Team.

Sabrina Villa graduated with a certificate as a Dental Assistant from Carrington College, she also brings experience of working in Orthodontics, Oral surgery, Pediatrics and General dentistry.

"I'm so grateful to have been chosen to work for my community. Being here and seeing familiar faces is so heart fulfilling. Given the opportunity to educate my people in oral health is rewarding and my goal is to make sure a visit to the dental office is enjoyable for all ages."



Walatowan Newsletter Editor, to the Pueblo of Jemez Team.

Tamara Colaques is a tribal member of the Pueblo who received her IAIA Bachelors of Fine Arts degree in New Media Arts and Technology and is certified in Business and Entrepreneurship. She has extensive experience in Media, Social Media, and Journalism.

Tamara has worked on multimedia productions, web series and is a freelance writer. Tamara was raised on the Pueblo and attended pre K through grade 12 in community schools. Tamara's profile complements the needs of the Pueblo of Jemez; in preserving the culture and language of the people. Tamara has the capability to provide a connection between Jemez community members by affording in-depth articles. We are excited to have an experienced tribal member with her educational background join the team.

TRIBAL ADMINISTRATION

Pueblo of Jemez Job Opportunities

Applicants are encouraged to visit our website at www.jemezueblo.org to apply. For further information please feel free to contact

575-834-7359

or email winter.johnson@jemezueblo.org.

Tribal Administration

Jemez Language Program Manager	Full Time
Assistant Controller	Full Time
GL Accountant	Full Time
Transportation/ Facility Coordinator	Full Time
Police Officer	Full Time
Chief of Police	Full Time
EMT Paramedic (3)	Part- Time
EMT Intermediate (3)	Part- Time
Creative Team Member	Temporary Part- Time

Jemez Health & Human Services

Police Officer (Victim Services Officer)	Full Time
Medical Assistant	Full Time, Part -Time
Pharmacy Technician	Full Time
Journey Man	Full Time
Victim Services Coordinator	Full Time
Administrative Assistant	Full Time
Caregiver Coordinator	Full Time
Foster Care Case Worker	Full Time
Public Health Program Manager	Full Time
Media Specialist	Temporary Full Time
Help Desk II	Full Time
Clinical Care Coordinator	Full Time
Staff Physician	Full Time
Nurse Manager	Full Time
Supervisory Public Health Nurse	Full Time

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Mental Health Checklist

Submitted by Tricia Baca, LMHC- Behavioral Health Therapist

Here are feelings and behaviors we can experience, having one or more could be a warning sign.

- Eating or sleeping too much or too little
- Pulling away from people and usual activities
- Having low or no energy
- Feeling irritable or annoyed more than usual, or all the time
- Having unexplained aches and pains
- Feeling helpless or hopeless

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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Mental Health Checklist Continued.....

- Feeling sad or anxious or “empty”
- Loss of interest or pleasure in hobbies and activities
- Feeling restless or having trouble sitting still
- Difficulty concentrating, remembering, or making decisions
- Smoking, drinking or using illegal drugs
- Feeling unusually confused, forgetful, on edge, angry, upset, worried, or scared
- Having thoughts about death, suicide, or hurting yourself or others
- Not being able to do daily tasks like taking care of your children or getting to work or school.
- Drinking to excess
- If you are experiencing one or more of these feelings or behaviors, see your doctor or a specialty provider.

You may also contact Jemez Behavioral Health at (575) 834-7258 or any one of these resources:

New Mexico Suicide Line 1800-SUICIDE or 1800-784-2433

New Mexico Crisis Line 1800-273-TALK or 1-800-273-8255

Agora Crisis Center 505-277-0749

Resource: U.S. Department of Health & Human Services. A Roadmap to Behavioral Health. A guide to using mental health and substance use disorder services. (2019).

Available Resources for Mental Health & Substance Abuse

Submitted by POJ/JHHS Prevention Team

A Childs Voice

Rio Rancho NM

(505) 916-2007

All ages counseling agency

Agora Crisis Center

(505) 277-3013

855-505-4505

Toll Free Statewide - 866-435-7166

When experiencing a crisis such as suicidal thoughts, grief, domestic violence, depression and many other serious issues. Help navigate stress and difficult times. Do not have to be in crisis to call.

Albuquerque Behavior Health

Rio Rancho, NM

(505) 867-0223

Substance abuse and behavioral health treatment agency

A New Awakening Rio Rancho

Rio Rancho NM

(505) 994-4100

Professional Counseling Services, Substance Abuse, Domestic Violence and Anger Management

Butterfly Healing Center

Taos NM

(575) 751-7688

Behavioral health treatment center for youth ages 13 to 18

Disaster Distress Helpline

800-985-5990

Text “TalkWithUs” to 66746 If you experience emotional distress from natural or human-caused disasters, you can connect with the Disaster Distress Helpline. Immediate, multi-language, and private counseling.

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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**Available Resources Continued.....****Five Sandoval Indian Pueblos, Inc.**

Rio Rancho, NM 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
(505) 867-3351

Employment Training, Food Distribution, Head Start, Health Services, WIC

View Point Rehabilitation Center, LLC

Rio Rancho, NM 24 hrs.
877-723-1243
Alcohol and drug addiction treatment

Four Winds Behavior Health Center

Rio Rancho, NM 24 hrs.
(505) 702-8547

Drug and alcohol treatment facility serving all of New Mexico.

Guadalupe Psychiatric and Mental Health Services

Rio Rancho, NM 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
(505) 515-3982

National Domestic Violence Hotline

800-799-7233

Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

If unable to speak safely text LOVEIS to 1-866-331-9474 or log onto thehotline.org

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

800-273-8255

24-hour, toll-free, private suicide prevention hotline

Free and confidential support for people in distress, prevention and crisis resources for you or your loved ones, and best practices for professionals

Navajo Nation Division of Behavioral Health and Mental Health Services

Shiprock NM,
(505) 368-1429

Providing comprehensive behavioral health services to Native families

New Moon Lodge

Ohkay Owingeh, NM
(505) 852-2788

Drug or alcohol rehabilitation center with a primary focus on mental health and substance abuse

New Vision Behavior Health

Rio Rancho, NM
(505) 288-3173

NM Crisis and Access Hotline

855-662-7474

Call toll free anytime 24/7/365. If you or a loved one is experiencing any kind of emotional crisis, mental health or substance use concern.

Presbyterian Behavior Health

Rio Rancho NM, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
(505) 501-8597

PMS 24 hr. Emergency Crisis Intervention

(505) 820-6333
888-920-6333

RISE Behavior Health Services

Rio Rancho, NM 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
(505) 896-1777

Rehoboth McKinley Christian Health Care Services

Wellsprings Recovery Center
Gallup NM

In-patient office: (505) 726-6919

SAMHSA Referral Helpline

800-662-4357

24-hour free private treatment referral and information about mental and/or substance use disorders, prevention, and recovery.

Santa Fe Detox and Recovery Center

Santa Fe NM
(505) 471-4985

Alcohol and Drug Treatment

Strong Hearts Native Help Line

844-762-8483

Safe domestic violence and dating violence helpline for American Indians and Alaskan Natives, culturally-appropriate support and advocacy daily from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. CT. Anonymous and confidential

Trauma Treatment Center

Rio Rancho NM, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
(505) 404-9892

Treatment from trauma informed perspectives, sensitive to the experiences of clients and their loved ones

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Available Resources Continued.....

Tierra Nueva Counseling Center

3952 San Felipe Rd
Santa Fe, NM 87507
(505) 471-8575

tierranueva@swc.edu

Provide counseling services for individuals with or without insurance. Counseling services offered for people who can't afford talk therapy anywhere else.

Veterans Crisis Line

800-273-8255

Text to 838255

Connects veterans in crisis with qualified and caring Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) responders. Uses private, free hotline, chat, or text. Also for families and friends of veterans

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Thank you Erica Kane!

Walatowa would like to send a big THANK YOU and express our sincere appreciation to Erica Kane. Erica has been part of the Pueblo of Jemez Team for over a decade, in those years she served as editor for Red Rocks Reporter later named the Walatowan. We thank her for creating such a wonderful platform to allow the Pueblo of Jemez Administration to share news with the community. We wish her well on her new adventures and endeavors.



Natural Resources

In the last Farmers' Meeting of the season, Paul Toya was the lucky winner of a rototiller! ----->

Six meetings were held over the winter and spring months with over 150 total participants. The Department of Natural Resources and the Flower Hill Institute hosted the series of workshops and raffled off the tiller. We look forward to more workshops in the fall.



Natural Resources

Illegal Dumping



Unfortunately, illegal dumping of solid waste has been an ongoing issue here in Jemez Pueblo.

Please remember the following:

- It is against our culture, you are deplacing mother Earth.
- Dumping household waste, construction debris, and yard debris is prohibited.
- Can contaminate surface water and groundwater sources. Especially household hazardous waste (paints, cleaners, oils, batteries, and pesticides). Such household hazardous waste (HHW) require special care when you dispose of them.
- Not pretty to look at (aesthetics)

- The Transfer Station is open seven days a week including weekends. The Transfer Station has areas designated for used oil, tires, and recyclables (plastic and cardboard). The community should not need to dump illegally when the Transfer Station is open everyday of the week.
- The fee to use the Transfer Station is included with each household utility bill.



TRANSFER STATION HOURS

The Transfer Station will continue to be open 7 days a week during the shutdown.

OPERATING HOURS
Transfer Station
6:30 a.m to 5 p.m.

WALATOWAN AUGUST PUZZLE

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PUBLIC WORKS

Realty Office Services

Submitted by: Jesirae Lucero

In August 2018, the tribal Realty Office was established to provide realty services to tribal members, departments and the Tribal Administration. The staff is comprised of TJ Loretto, GIS/Realty Officer and Jesirae Lucero, Administrative Assistant. Currently, the Realty Office receives funding from state and federal agencies to address salary and basic operational costs. However, financial resources are very limited. A fee-for-service program has been implemented that will allow the Realty Office to continue operations and enhance available services. Payment options will be presented at initial meetings.

Since this office was established, tribal members have requested information on the process to obtain legal title to land (either willed to them or obtained through a land transaction) and the process to finance the building of a home on their land. To provide information on these processes, Realty Office services have been categorized as follows:

- Residential Leases
- Land Surveys
- Facilitating Resolution of Land Disputes
- Printing Services

Residential Leases

Due to the high costs of home construction, a tribal member must obtain financing through a homeowner's loan or a mortgage. A residential lease is required to obtain a mortgage. The Residential Lease application is complex and involves surveys, assessments, tribal resolutions and interaction with numerous entities. The cost for a completed Residential Lease Packet is \$800 (upon completion, a \$25.00 fee is charged for a copy of the whole color packet). Realty Office staff are responsible for processing a Residential Lease application. Processing requires interaction with various entities and is comprised of the following documents:

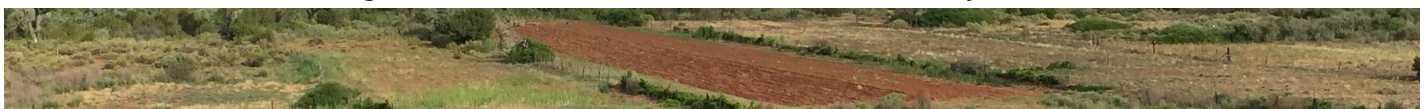
1. Approved Land Transaction Agreement or Acknowledgement of Land Assignment. (See Detail Below)
2. Application for Lease of Tribal Lands. (Approved by Governors and Tribal Council)
3. Request for Utility. (Must be in good standing with the tribe, this is verified by various departments ensuring lease requestor does not owe any fees to that department). Final approval is provided by the Tribal Administrator and Governors.
4. Land Survey. (full survey of the property, including legal description)
5. Environmental Assessment. (performed by Natural Resources Dept. & approved by Realty Office and BIA).
6. Title Status Report. (initiated by Realty Office and issued by the BIA Land Title Records Office).
7. Tribal Council Resolution. (approved by Tribal Council and forwarded to BIA Realty)
8. Right of Way access (if applicable, its need will be explained to client)
9. Land Jurisdictional Form. (Signed by GIS/Realty Officer and Governor)
10. Residential Lease (Approved by Governors and BIA Regional Director)

Land Transaction Agreement (LTA) or Acknowledgement of Land Assignment (ALA) Required documents:

- A Last Will or Testament stating the tribal member received land from an individual, and/or
- A Land Transaction Agreement or similar document that states how the land was obtained.

This document must be very detailed and include such information as date(s) when the transaction occurred, witnesses (include name, address, phone number) and the witness' signatures. These documents must be notarized; witnesses must sign the LTA before the Governors and the Notary Public.

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A map of the land parcel (and adjoining area) the tribal member wishes to verify ownership. A map obtained from the Realty Office is preferable; however, a sketch of the parcel and adjoining area may be accepted. Once the LTA or ALA has been notarized and recorded, the Realty Office will continue with the Residential Lease process. Keep in mind the processing of the LTA or ALA takes time to complete, so please be patient.

Land Surveys

Once a LTA or ALA has been approved, the Realty Office will then conduct a land survey for the land parcel.

Land surveys include:

1. Ensuring all official documents relating to the land parcel are approved and in place.
2. Field and Labor services of the Parcel being surveyed.
 - a. Setting Control
 - b. Taking GPS shots at all necessary house corners, property corners, fence lines, utility lines, etc.
3. Downloading data collected from Data Collector.
 - c. Inputting all collected data to AutoCAD
 - d. Correcting all data to fit State Plane Coordinates
 - e. Drawing survey plat to include Legal Description
 - f. Performing a physical quality check of produced Survey Plat
4. Printing final drawing and distributing to clients and appropriate tribal departments.

Survey Costs:

Costs for survey start at \$250 for the first $\frac{1}{4}$ acre, thereafter, an additional \$50 is charged per quarter acre (total acreage is rounded up to nearest quarter acre)

Acreage Price

$\frac{1}{4}$ acre - \$250.00

$\frac{1}{2}$ acre - \$300.00

$\frac{3}{4}$ acre - \$350.00

1 acre - \$400.00

Facilitating Resolution of Land Disputes

A land dispute involves conflicting ownership claims to a parcel of land by two or more parties. If you or a family member is in dispute with another party, call the Realty Office to schedule an appointment for an initial assessment. To ensure all parties are heard, the Realty Office staff will hear claims from all parties involved in the dispute. Once all information is gathered, staff will present all statements, documents and evidence to the Governors and/or Tribal Council. Parties and witnesses may be required to provide testimony to Governors or Tribal Council.

Please be prepared to provide ALL proofs of ownership on the parcel in dispute, including LTAs, ALAs, witness statements and other official documents. Witnesses can be family members or persons outside the family as well. During witness interviews, testimony by all parties will be voice recorded.

Printing Services Fee for Large Printouts on Plotter**Black and White Prints****Paper Size****Price per print**

36X48

\$20.00

24X36

\$15.00

11X17

\$8.00

Add \$5.00 per page for glossy paper

Color Prints**Paper Size****Price per print**

36X48

\$30.00

24X36

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11X17

\$10.00

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Realty Office Services Continued...

Conclusion

The Pueblo of Jemez Realty Office was established to assist all tribal members with land claims, realty issues, and utility needs. Our staff is limited, therefore, we appreciate your patience in allowing us time to get required documents developed, reviewed, and approved by our Governors, Tribal Council, and BIA Regional Office. We appreciate your understanding of our "Service Fee" policy as well. Our office uses these monies to cover operational costs on a day-to-day basis.

If you have any questions on Realty Office services or need to schedule an appointment, please contact Thurman (TJ) Loretto or Jesirae Lucero at the Realty Office at 575-834-1205, so we can work on scheduling an appointment at your convenience.

The Realty Office is located at 4771 Highway 4 in the old "smoke shop warehouse" next to Pueblo of Jemez Housing Authority. Our hours are from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday through Friday; however, at times, we can accommodate individuals on after-hour visits if you cannot make it during regular operational hours. Please call in advance to arrange these after-hour visits.

GET ON BOARD WITH THE PUEBLO OF JEMEZ PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

ON WATER CONSERVATION

Pueblo of Jemez Public Works (Utilities) Department is facing the pressing question of how to ensure a clean, reliable water supply (<http://americanrivers.org/threats-solutions/clean-water/>) during the current drought. Complicating this concern is the fact that New Mexico is experiencing population growth, and global warming. Many communities are already enforcing water restrictions. There are a few simple things you can do at home to ease the burden on the community water supply and save water resources for future generations in the process.

- Turn off the faucet while brushing your teeth.
- Only run the washing machine and dishwasher when you have a full load.
- Use a low flow showerhead and faucet aerators.
- Take shorter showers.
- Fix leaks.
- Install a dual flush or low flow toilet or put a conversion kit on your existing toilet.
- Don't overwater your flower gardens, trees/shrubs, or water during peak periods early morning / late evenings.
- Don't use potable water for livestock, farm/agriculture irrigation – POJ Natural Resource Department has provided a water filling station at Owl Springs Bridge.
- Teach children to always turn the faucets off tightly to avoid drips and unnecessary water waste.
- Share your knowledge about saving water through conservation and efficiency with your neighbors.



These water-saving measures can have a big impact on community water demand. In addition, get to know your home with a few do-it-yourself projects.

Reminder: Please pay your utility bills every month.

Planning & Development

Planning & Development Updates



The Planning, Development and Transportation Department (PDTD) is working on numerous infrastructure improvement projects for the Pueblo. Below are the project status updates. If you have questions, please contact Sheri Bozic, Director, at (505) 382-3299 or Amanda Rubio, Transportation Project Manager at (505) 321-3489.

NM 4 Multi-use Pedestrian Trail

The NMDOT awarded a \$4.7 Million grant to the Pueblo to design and construct a multi-use pedestrian trail along NM4.

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Planning & Development

Planning & Development Updates Continued.....

The project entails planning, design, and construction of a 1.9-mile pedestrian trail between Pueblo Place Housing Subdivision and Bear Head Canyon Road. This project will facilitate safe pedestrian passage between many of the community services and residences located along the NM 4. The Pueblo selected an engineering team to provide preliminary engineering services for the project, and design is currently underway. PDTD will host a public meeting (potentially virtual) to share information about the project and gain community feedback. Please keep an eye out for the meeting announcement in the newsletter.

NM 4 Traffic-Calming Project

The NMDOT awarded a \$21,000 grant and the FHWA awarded a \$45,000 grant to the Pueblo to mitigate speeding along NM 4 by installing traffic-calming measures. The traffic-calming measures will include gateway treatment signs at each entrance of the Pueblo, and the replacement of two existing 30 mph signs with solar-powered speed display/radar feedback signs. The radar feedback signs will be installed in late summer/early fall.

Tribal Administrative Complex Parking Lots & Sheep Springs Way (South Entrance off NM 4)

The project will construct improvements for the existing Tribal Administrative Complex parking lots and Sheep Springs Way.

Improvements include:

- Grading and paving the parking lot and Sheep Springs Way
- Widening Sheep Springs Way to 2 lanes, and installation of a retaining wall on the west side of the clinic, detention ponds east of NM-4 and south of the clinic landscaping, and lighting. The project will add additional parking spaces, ensure ADA compliance, improve traffic flow, and increase the safety of pedestrians and drivers. The Pueblo has obtained funding for this project and construction will begin in the fall!

Walatowa Fitness Center Parking Lot/Bear Head Canyon Rd.

The project will design and construct a new parking lot at the Walatowa Fitness Center and will improve the entrance of Bear Head Canyon Road to the Fitness Center. The preliminary engineering tasks were completed in 2019. PDTD is actively searching for construction funding.

Owl Springs Way Bridge Replacement Design

The project will complete the design plans for a new bridge over the Jemez River. The new bridge will have two driving lanes and will include a pedestrian walkway. The preliminary engineering tasks will be completed by fall 2020. After the design is completed, the POJ will seek funding to construct the replacement bridge.

Road Maintenance

The road maintenance team works diligently to improve roadway and parking lot conditions throughout the Pueblo.

The team is currently working on the following projects:

- Replacing the cattle guards and asphalt pavement at the Green Acres Road and transfer station road entrances (scheduled for August);
- Installing gates at the intersection of Good Spirits Road and NM-4, intersection of Route 802 (at entrance of road to transfer station & WTI) and NM-4, and Route 81 (at the San Ysidro/Jemez boundary);
- Replacing all street signs throughout the Pueblo; and
- Patching potholes at various locations with asphalt.

The top priority projects are those that will improve traffic safety and bus routes. For questions regarding road maintenance, please contact Vincent Toya, Heavy Equipment Supervisor, at (505) 500-5336.

Construction Tip– Call Before You Dig

Please call 811 or 1-800-321-2537 at least 2 working days in advance before you start any digging project.

Planning & Development

Planning & Development Updates Continued.....

Whether you are planning to do it yourself or hire a contractor, smart digging means calling 811 before each job. The 811 representative will record the location and other information about your project and notify the appropriate utility companies to mark all buried lines so you can dig safely around them! For more information visit <http://call811.com/map-page/n>

Pedestrian Trails and Bikeways Master Plan

With extensive input from the community, a pedestrian trails and bikeways master plan will be developed for the Pueblo. The Pueblo will utilize the plan to seek grant awards for the design and construction of new pedestrian pathways and to make improvements to existing trails at the Pueblo. Please join us for one of two public meetings to review the final plan! See below for meeting details:

Pueblo of Jemez Pedestrian Trails Community

Meeting #1

Time: Aug 19, 2020 12:00 PM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting #2

Time: Aug 20, 2020 06:00 PM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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2020 Fall School Reentry Plans

Start Dates for Area Schools/Districts attended by students (Charter Districts May Differ):

- Rio Rancho Public Schools - Friday August 7th
- Albuquerque Public Schools tentative- Wednesday August 12th
- Native American Community Academy (NACA) tentative - Monday August 10th
- The Bernalillo Public Schools- Wednesday August 12th
- The Santa Fe Indian School (SFIS) - Monday August 24th

EDUCATION

San Diego Riverside Charter School

First day with Remote Learning will be on Wednesday August 12, 2020. Enrollment continues at the school. Ms. Dorell Toya-Upshaw will be at the school daily from 10AM to 2PM.

If you have any questions, please contact the school during those hours or at jrodarte.sdriverside@gmail.com

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2020 Fall School Reentry Plans Continued.....**EDUCATION****Jemez Valley Public School (JVPS)**

JVPS Board of Education voted that students will return to school in a virtual, online environment for the first quarter of this school year with the reconsideration of a hybrid or fully face to face (**f2f**) approach after these first nine weeks," informed Dr. Susan Passell.

The new guidance is being provided weekly by the New Mexico Public Education Department (**NMPED**) and Unlike the original NMPED Spring guidance which emphasized attendance flexibility, socialization, extra credit grading, and low-pressure expectations, we must now increase academic rigor, time on task, and attendance to ensure student grade-level achievement of high academic standards. Teachers will be required to teach the full curricula, meet required instructional hours, and students will be required to attend daily to their virtual lessons. It is important to note that education in this environment offers us all challenges that will add additional complexity to our lives. Attending to our children and their educational needs is not new for parents but to assist in this new virtual environment, you will be provided additional training and weekly expectations from school so you can assist.

The following learning provisions will occur as follows:

- High powered hot spots have been leased and will be placed in communities and locations that best provide connectivity;
- iPads and keyboards will initially be disseminated to most students;
- Chromebooks have been ordered for grades 3 - 12 and will be provided to those students once they arrive;
- Hard copy learning packets will be provided via school bus delivery to all who request (be watching for a survey asking about your preferences for this);
- Books will be distributed as required by each teacher;
- A daily schedule will be provided to each student which will instruct them as to when and how to log on;
- Special education IEP instructional services and hours will be provided by qualified instructional support providers (as they were in the Spring);
- Parent/adult training will be provided online or telephonically so parents can assist (especially) younger students; and
- Breakfast and lunch will be provided to all JVPS students on school days via school bus delivery as they were in the Spring.
- Depending on individual family choices and connectivity, students may receive instruction in the following ways:
- Online via computer with packets provided for support as requested; or Telephonically with hard copy packets provided for students to demonstrate their knowledge.

Walatowa Charter High

Walatowa Charter High welcomes parents and guardians to the new school year.

Enrollment forms can be found through:

https://www.walatowahcs.org/download__file/view/378/284

These forms are required every year with updated information. It is very important to have your contact information in case of any emergencies; therefore, if your contact information changes throughout the year, please contact the school. In addition, please complete the physical evaluation/participation forms, which you can either download at <https://www.walatowahcs.org/admissions> or pick up at the school.

Along with the enrollment forms, the following documents are needed:

New Students: State Birth Certificate, Social Security Card, Certificate of Indian Blood (CIB), if applicable, and Immunization Records

Transfer Students: transcripts from the previous school

Returning Students: Immunization Records

More details on the Reopening Plan for the Fall 2020 school year will be posted soon.

If you have any questions, please contact the school at (575) 834-0443

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EDUCATION

Walatowa Head Start Language Immersion Program (WHSLIP) Enrolling Now!

Recruiting Children Ages: 3 to 5 years old

Applications will be available via email and office visits by appointment.



Please provide the following documents: Birth Certificate, Certificate of Indian Blood (CIB), Income Statements (Pay Stub, W-2, 2019 Tax Return, Child Support Letter, Declaration of Income-If you are self-employed or claiming no income, please request for a form at the WHSLIP.), Public Assistance (TANF or SSI Benefits Letter) and Updated Immunization Records.

Please contact Danielle Sando at (575) 834-7366 for an enrollment application and enrollment requirements.

Headstart staff developed the program's Reopening Plan in partnership with the JHHS Response Team and Policy Council. The plan will be implemented in Phases. In Phase 1, the program will implement virtual and remote learning starting **Tuesday, September 8, 2020.**

In efforts to ensure that families of returning and potential students fully understand the plan, two conference calls will be held to review and discuss the plan and to address any concerns or questions. Those dates are:

Thursday, August 13, 2020 at 6:00pm

Friday, August 14, 2020 at 10am.

Join the Audio Conference by calling **1-303-586-4335** and use guest passcode **377673#**

For any questions or a copy of Reentry plan please contact Lana Garcia at Lana.Garcia@jemezpuablo.org.

Jemez Day School (JDS)

First day with Remote Learning will be on **Wednesday September 16, 2020.** JDS will provide each student with a Google Chromebook laptop computer for Remote Learning for this year. Parents do not have to purchase a computer for Remote Learning.

