

THE

# Walatowan

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## *From the Governors*

### **Season's Greetings!!**

#### **A message from the Governors**

The Holiday season is upon us, we would like to send a message to our community members as we serve our terms the last few days. As leaders over the last two years, it has been challenging and rewarding at the same time to lead our community to the best of our ability. We are at that time of the year when families will be celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ. Children will be anxiously waiting for Santa Claus to arrive to Walatowa bringing toys, gifts and smiles to young and old. Our community will be going through our own ceremonies and prayers. In hopes of renewing our faith and with the birth of Christ Jesus we will be once again REBORN. We hear the drums echo through the hills and greet the buffalos as they enter the plaza bringing blessings to all of us on Christmas morning.

What beautiful memories we have of our special village of Jemez. However our way of life has changed this year due to the covid 19 pandemic. Students have been engaged with distance learning from their homes unable to interact in person with their teachers and their friends. It is important that we support one another in our households during this stressful time. Let us remember our own brothers and sisters, our parents, our grandparents and relatives. How blessed we are to have each other throughout the Holidays. Let us remember the sick and the needy, they especially need us now. Offer some prayers on your own time ask the creator to help us all.

We thank you for the support that you have provided to our fellow officers in the hard decisions we have made over the year. We encourage everyone to continue to use precautionary measures, be good citizens and follow the guidelines. Remain strong and refrain from using drugs and alcohol, be a positive role model to our children. Keep our mother earth clean.

Sending out a huge Thank You to all the front line workers, medical providers, nurses, and tribal employees. YOU all had a critical role to ensure safety for our community members.

***Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!***

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**2020 Tribal Governors**

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**JHHS**

**Pueblo of Jemez Response Team COVID-19 Updates....**

Jemez Pueblo is directing the lockdown until December 31, 2020, to protect the community. As of December 03, 2020, Jemez Pueblo has 40 active cases of the COVID-19 virus. The threat to the people from COVID-19 is extreme, and we must act now to prevent the expectation that everyone must do their part to restrict visiting with family members, travel, and contact to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Tribal Officials, Police Officers, and designated security monitor the Checkpoint and have our total authority to make decisions to protect the community.

There is an understanding that people need to leave the Pueblo for essential purposes: food, gas, laundry, and medical care. You will be permitted to go through the Checkpoint based on the following schedule on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday:

Last Name( begining initial)	
A-F	Monday
G-S	Tuesday
T-Z	Wenesday

Please! Plan accordingly to purchase and take care of essential needs during your essential day. Exceptions will be made for medical appointments if a proof is provided. Saturday Essential Days have been stopped to prevent the further spread of COVID-19.

**The following guidance is to be followed:**

- Curfew is 8:00 PM – 5:00 AM, seven days a week. Be at home within this time period.
- Only two people in a vehicle. Please protect our elders and children, keep them safe at home.
- Non-residents will not be allowed in the Pueblo.
- You will be turned around and not allowed to leave the Pueblo if your travel is determined to be unnecessary/non-essential.
- If you are an essential employee, working for the Pueblo of Jemez or outside, we request an updated signed letter from your employer to show at the checkpoint. Bring your work ID.
- Wood hauling will be allowed on your designated essential day and weekends with proof of a permit.
- Trash Bins will be located throughout the community.
- Only household trash will be thrown in bins.

**Hunters Guidance:**

- Only licensed hunters will be allowed beyond the Checkpoints. Checkpoint staff will check licenses.
- Unlicensed children or adults will not be allowed.
- Tribal licenses will not be issued. Only licenses from New Mexico Game & Fish will be recognized at this point.
- Hunters in a vehicle must be from the immediate household. Limit three hunters per vehicle.
- Hunters must limit outside contact throughout the day; therefore, hunters must travel directly from the community to their hunt areas.
- There will be no interaction with other hunters or campers in hunt areas.
- The use of alcohol and illegal drugs is strictly forbidden and will not be tolerated.
- All hunters must abide by these guidelines, failure to do so will result in termination of this privilege.

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## **Pueblo of Jemez Response Team COVID-19 Updates Continued....**

We want to stop the spread of the COVID-19 virus within our Jemez Pueblo community. As we have experienced, witnessed, and seen, the virus is very difficult to control. Every day we become wiser and more aware of the necessity for personal and community safe practices. We know that families are having serious discussions about this. Please do your part to keep Jemez Pueblo healthy and help your respective households to follow the guidelines. With your assistance and following proactive measures as provided, together, we can reduce the spread of COVID-19 for a healthy community. Respect the Checkpoint Personnel as they have authority on behalf of the Governors. Thank you for your continuous support.

May Creator and our Ancestors continue to watch over our community and us, and may all prayers be answered.

As you leave the community, please be reminded to practice prevention efforts such as the following:

- Always properly wear a mask! If you are in a public setting or around individuals who are not a part of your household, please wear a mask.
- Avoid social gatherings of more than five people. Limit contact with those that are in your household only. This will reduce your risk of exposure to COVID-19.
- Hand hygiene is a necessary safety precaution to practice. Washing your hands frequently and use of hand sanitizer reduces the risk of exposure to germs.-Social distance. As you go out into the public for essential items, maintain a distance of 6 feet from others.

It is essential to practice all prevention efforts every day. Prevention efforts prevent you and your families from going through the tragedy of quarantine and isolation. We have seen families, children, and elders go through the hardship of quarantine or isolation. We hope that the COVID-19 virus will minimally impact the Jemez community with these continued efforts.

**If you have any questions or concerns regarding COVID-19 matters specific to the Jemez community, please contact the JHHS Response Team via email at [jhhsresponseteam@jemezpueblo.us](mailto:jhhsresponseteam@jemezpueblo.us) or call 575-834-3308.**

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## **Tribal Council Report**

## **TRIBAL COUNCIL**

**2020-32** - Approving the FY 2021 Indian Highway Safety Grant Application to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Indian Highway Safety Program.

**2020-33** - 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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**2020-35** - Rescinding A residential lease for Tribal Member and approving a new residential lease for Tribal member

**2020-36** - Authorizing the Pueblo of Jemez Tribal administration to execute a dark fiber lease with Zayo Group LLC to support connecting the Jemez Tribal network to the Albuquerque Gigapop at 505 Marquette.

**2020-37** - Authorizing the Pueblo of Jemez to become a member Indian/native government in good standing with the National Congress of American Indians.



## TRIBAL COUNCIL

### *Tribal Council Report Continued....*


**2020-38** - Authorizing the Pueblo of Jemez planning & development department to amend the contract with Kelly Cable of New Mexico to install additional fiber optic at the Pueblo of Jemez.


**2020-39** - Rescinding Tribal Council resolution No 2011-42 - Jemez Community Development Corporation to assume operation of Walatowa Childcare and approve Tribal Council resolution for Pueblo of Jemez Education Department to re-assume the operations of the Walatowa Childcare.

**2020-40** - Special Counsel Contract with Vanamberg, Rogers, Yepa, Abeita, Gomez & Wilkinson, LLP


**2020-41** - Authorizing the Pueblo of Jemez Department of Education to execute a contract with HEHE Enterprises, LLC d.b.a 19 Technologies to design, engineer, and assist with deploying a licensed wireless network to support the Jemez Pueblo Tribal network.

**2020-42** - Authorizing Pueblo of Jemez Housing Block Grant (IHBG) Competitive Grant ) Funding Opportunity Number FR-6400-N-48) On Behalf of the Pueblo of Jemez.





**Emergency Notification System**  
**Sign Up Instructions**




**SECONDS COUNT IN AN EMERGENCY!**

One of the goals of the Pueblo of Jemez Emergency Management Program is to provide timely, appropriate, and reliable emergency information to help assure appropriate assistance to our tribal members and employees. We are asking all Pueblo of Jemez Tribal Members and Employees to sign up for the CodeRED notification system in order to send out any emergency notices that may affect the Pueblo of Jemez.

The County of Sandoval is hosting and has instituted the CodeRED Emergency Notification System – an ultra high-speed telephone communications service for emergency notifications. This system allows them to telephone all targeted areas of the Pueblo/County in case of an emergency situation that requires immediate action (such as a boil-water notice, missing child or evacuation). The system is capable of dialing 50,000 phone numbers per hour. It then delivers a recorded message to a live person or an answering machine, making three attempts to connect to any number.

The CodeRED System will be used only to notify residents of emergencies and to inform / remind them periodically of how the system functions. Examples of times when the CodeRED system could be utilized: drinking water contamination, utility outage, evacuation notice & route, missing person, fires or floods, chemical spill or Gas leak, and other emergency incidents where rapid and accurate notification is essential for life safety.

Please create an account with a password so you can manage your account. When you go to enter your address and if it doesn't recognize it just move the Geo Locator  as close to your location on Jemez Pueblo.

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact the Emergency Management Program for any assistance you may need at (575) 834-7628 or email: [jerry.lazzari@jemezpuablo.us](mailto:jerry.lazzari@jemezpuablo.us) or [dave.ryan@jemezpuablo.us](mailto:dave.ryan@jemezpuablo.us).

**Link to sign up for CODERED System to receive notifications:**

<https://www.sandovalcountynm.gov/CodeRED/>

**Caller ID**

You will recognize the CodeRED call when your caller ID displays the following numbers. Please be sure to add these telephone numbers into your telephone's contacts, when applicable.

866-419-5000 or Emergency Alert for Emergency Notifications  
855-969-4636 or Community Alert for General Notifications



# MEASURE OF THE MONTH

## HIV Testing

Submitted by Dawn Dozhier, PA-C, Physician Assistant

### Do you know your HIV status?

According to the Indian Health Service:

People who don't know that they live with HIV don't seek the medical care available to support them in living a healthy, full life. In contrast, people who know that they're HIV positive can protect their health and take action to prevent spreading the virus to others.

The human immunodeficiency virus causes HIV infection that can lead to acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS), which causes failure of the immune system. HIV is passed by exposure to blood or other body fluids, including through sexual contact or sharing needles.

The window period is the time (up to four weeks) between potential exposure to HIV infection and the date when the HIV test shows an accurate result. During these four weeks, a person can test negative for HIV while still infectious to other people.

The Jemez Health Clinic offers blood tests for HIV, with results in about one week.

Know your status: Call the Jemez Health Clinic today to get tested: 575-834-3022

### Stop the Spread of Germs

Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19.



Stay at least 6 feet (about 2 arms' length) from other people.



Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash and wash your hands.



When in public, wear a mask over your nose and mouth.



Do not touch your eyes, nose, and mouth.



Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.



Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.



Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.



[cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://cdc.gov/coronavirus)

After choir practice with one symptomatic person, 87% of group developed COVID-19

● index case ● 32 confirmed and 20 probable cases ● unaffected person

**COVID-19 spreads easily**

- Avoid groups
- Stay at least 6 feet apart
- Wear face coverings

CDC.GOV [bit.ly/MMWR51220](https://bit.ly/MMWR51220) MMWR

## Thank you for participating in the Community Wide COVID-19 Testings!



## TRIBAL ADMINISTRATION

### Job Opportunities

Facilities Office Manager  
 Utilities Supervisor  
 Education Services Manager  
 Student Programs Coordinator  
 GL Accountant  
 Jemez Language Program Manager  
 Assistant Controller  
 Infection Control Officer (FT)  
 PHN Nurse Supervisor (FT)  
 EHR Supervisor (FT)  
 EHR Support Technician (FT)  
 Foster Care Case Worker (FT)  
 Van Driver, Transportation (FT)  
 Quality Improvement Specialist (FT)  
 Cook Aide (Temp FT)  
 Home Chore Aide/Volunteer Services Coordinator (FT)  
 Medical Assistant, Public Health (FT)  
 Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor (FT)  
 Security Guard (FT)  
 Caregiver Coordinator (PT)  
 Medical Assistant @ clinic (FT)  
 Medical Assistant Floater COVID testing (PRN)  
 Registered Nurse @ clinic (FT)  
 Registered Nurse Floater COVID testing (PRN)  
 IT Security Analyst (FT)

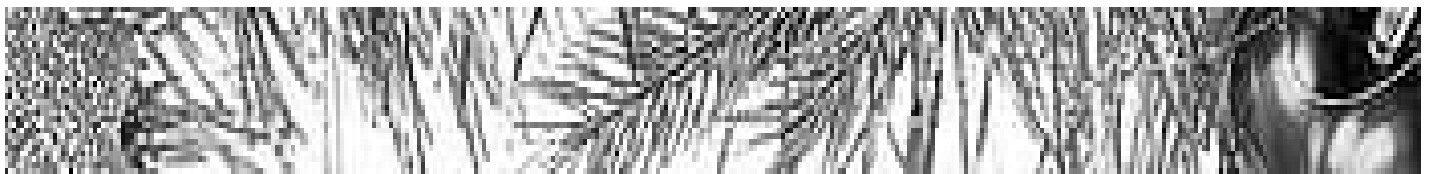
Applicants are encouraged to visit our website at [www.jemezueblo.org](http://www.jemezueblo.org) to apply. Please make sure to review the required qualifications for the positions you are interested in. For further information please feel free to contact 575-834-7359 or email [humanresources@jemezueblo.org](mailto:humanresources@jemezueblo.org)

### ANNOUNCEMENT

Effective immediately, the Tribal Administration Building is CLOSED to ALL walk-in traffic, which includes tribal employees, community members, and contractors. Admittance into the building will be by appointment only. An appointment can be made by calling 575.834.7359. Payments can be made over the phone at 575.834.9141 with a credit/debit card.

- Meetings with the Governors and Tribal Administrators shall be by appointment only; appointments can be made by contacting Lynn Toledo or Jaime Loretto.
- The Finance Office Window is closed for walk-in transactions. Payments can be made over the phone using a debit/credit card, OR checks/money orders can be mailed. Arrangements for wood permits can be made over the phone for curbside pickup.
- All HR services must be arranged by appointment. For the quickest response timing, email the HR staff at [humanresources@jemezueblo.org](mailto:humanresources@jemezueblo.org).
- Tribal employees are directed to submit documents virtually for signature or processing as much as possible. Mail pickups and other administrative duties must be made by appointment.

***Your understanding of the need for this directive is greatly appreciated. Stay safe and healthy!***



## JEMEZ HEALTH CLINIC

### Jemez Health Clinic Expansion and Modernization Updates



As construction has started on the west side of the clinic, the areas are still ongoing for the new Exterior additions. Construction has increased in production as more equipment, material, and manpower will arrive for the building additions to be going up.

The new building additions are being constructed, with the metal framing being erected on the west side of the clinic. They are to be continuing this and should have the steel framing complete in December.

Interior Work of the clinic has begun at the beginning of November. Demolition of the existing area inside has been completed. The south area of the clinic is continuing with new construction and is to be completed in December.

#### **Announcements:**

- The West Entrance is still shut down until further notice.
- New Entrance will be on the East Side of the building (Side adjacent to highway 4). (Please plan when on extra time scheduling to visit the clinic) Areas will be marked, and traffic flow will be marked with signage. Patients will be escorted to their destination after they check-in and have temperature taken.
- Please call ahead if you have questions or concerns about where to go when you arrive at the clinic.
- As the construction for the clinic is in operation, please be advised that other projects are happening around the clinic and admin complex as well. Please be aware that there will be heavy machinery coming in and out of the Clinic and Administration buildings with other projects. Please use caution when traveling through the clinic.
- Due to the New Parking lot project to begin, Sheep Springs Way will be closed until further notice. Only employees will enter to access the south parking lot.
- A new Temporary Entry and gate will be up At the North of EMS and connect with sheep springs way. This will be used for construction Only for Material, Equipment, and Deliveries for the clinic's ongoing construction. This Access is for **CONSTRUCTION PERSONNEL ONLY**.

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## JHHS UPDATES

### Jemez Health Clinic Expansion and Modernization updates continued...

#### **Parking:**

The Health Clinic will mark New Designated parking for patients with signs, and parking spaces will be on the east and north side of the clinic. The new entrance for patients to visit the clinic will be from the east and north parking lot. (Refer to Map on page 2 for directions)

The patient entrance will be on the EAST side of the clinic Adjacent to Highway 4. Patients will enter through the door that used to be shipping and receiving. The shaded mark on the plan indicates this new entrance. A temporary shelter with a sign has been erected at the entrance to make its location more visible. Signs have been made to show entrance.

Three spaces for handicapped parking and 6 for patient parking will extend from the new entrance north. More handicapped parking will be added if needed.

Employee parking will be in the 12 spaces south of the new entrance.

The North parking 9 Parking spaces for patient Testing and Patients on the north side facing administration. Instructions have been placed on the wall. Please follow when you arrive.

Six spaces for employees on the north side of the building, against the building. Note: This may change due to the amount of construction traffic. Please be aware.

With the new door complete (10/15), the Ambulance EMS will have two reserved spots in front of the new door on the north side of the building. They are marked with signs.

Pharmacy pick-ups will be on the Eastside of the building. The Pharmacy will deliver meds to patients waiting in designated parking areas on the east lot against the building. Someone will bring prescriptions out of the north door to patients waiting in their vehicles. (Please call Pharmacy once you arrived at the clinic.)

(Please plan when on extra time scheduling to visit the clinic) The Jemez Health employees will mark areas for traffic flow with signage. They will also be escorting patients to their destination after they check-in and have temperature taken.



# JHHS UPDATES

## Jemez Health Clinic Expansion and Modernization updates continued...

### What is to Come:

Construction of the new exterior additions is going up on the west side of the clinic (adjacent to Sheep Springs Rd). This construction will consist of the exterior and will move to the interior. The shell of the building is in the process of being erected. Construction with Steel framing is ongoing and will soon be fully erected in December. Please be aware of heavy equipment in the areas. With the project moving forward, more material and equipment will be onsite. Please keep away from the areas of construction. A fence will be up to notify pedestrians.

New construction has started on the inside of the building. This has taken place on the south side of the clinic where Public Health used to occupy. This area is soon to be constructed, and complete and construction will move to the next area. The continuation of interior renovation will soon be in full effect with changes of areas inside the clinic.

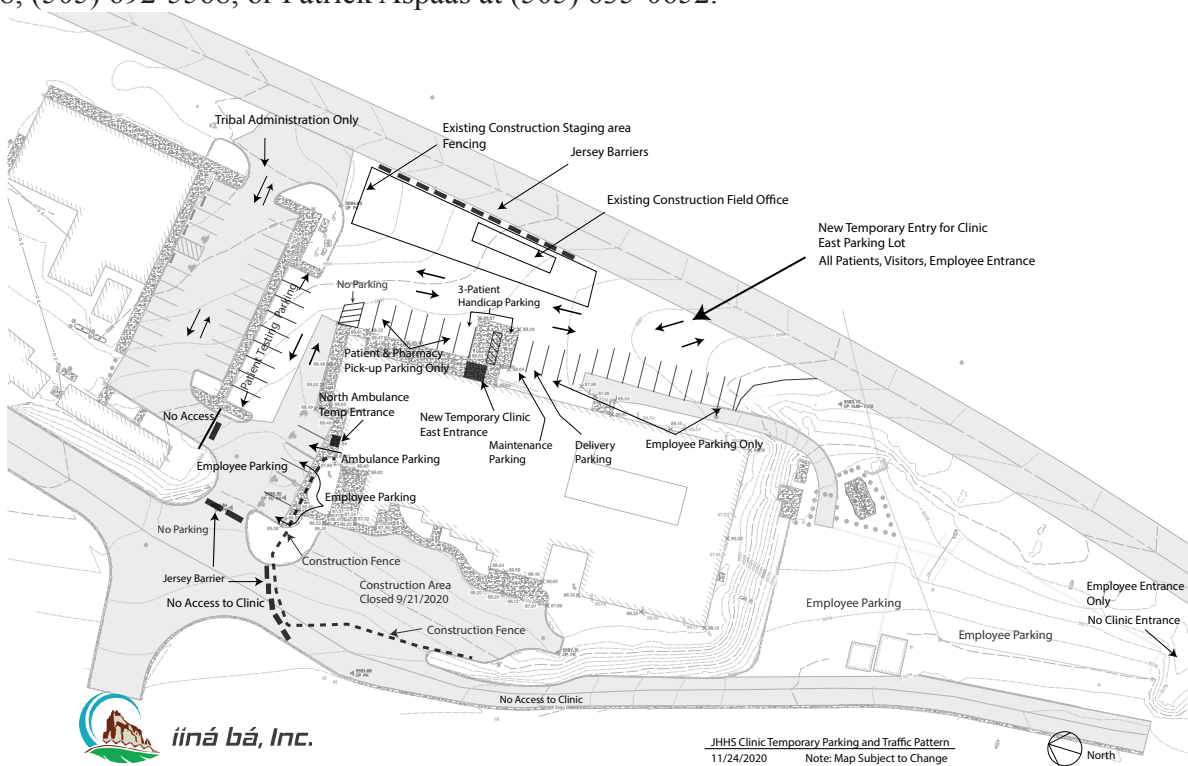
Please be aware this project is a massive undertaking. It is a total renovation and modernization of the clinic. The condition will be changing throughout the process.

### Safety:

All, please be aware of the construction. Heavy machinery and vehicles will be around the clinic for the next several months. Areas marked and fenced off are not to be entered by non-construction personnel. Security will be on-site to help direct any patients and traffic. Allow for extra time to get to the clinic. Please keep from coming into the clinic parking areas if you are not going to be seen or have appointments at the clinic. The lots are for patients needing to be seen in the clinic. Parking and space are limited around the clinic.

The next upcoming editions of the Walatowan will continue to provide updates on the next phases of construction. The Jemez Pueblo Comprehensive Health Team thanks the community for their patience and understanding during this construction and transition time.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Melissa Stone at (575) 834-3055, Hilario Armijo at (575) 834-3028, (505) 692-5568, or Patrick Aspaas at (505) 635-0652.







## TRIBAL COURT

### Notice of Continued Court

Pursuant to the Jemez Pueblo Governors' Declaration of the Public Health State of Emergency for the Pueblo of Jemez dated March 16, 2020, the building located at 5117 Hwy 4, Jemez Pueblo which houses the Jemez Pueblo Tribal Court offices and the Courtroom located in the Civic Center continue to be closed to public access.\*

If you wish to request documents or forms from the Court, please either call the Jemez Pueblo Tribal Court at 575/834-7369 or mail your request to Jemez Pueblo Tribal Court, P.O. Box 100, Jemez Pueblo, NM 87024; or e-mail it to [court.clerk@jemezpuablo.org](mailto:court.clerk@jemezpuablo.org); or fax it to 575/834-9317.

If you wish to make a payment on a fine or court costs, payments may be made by a telephone call to 575/834-9141 or may be mailed to the Jemez Pueblo Tribal Court by money order or cashier's check at the Jemez Pueblo Finance Office. Until the end of December all payments will need to be made by mail or phone. Please include the case file number with your payment!

If you wish to file a document, please mail it to Jemez Pueblo Tribal Court, P.O. Box 100, Jemez Pueblo, NM 87024; E-mail it to: [court.clerk@jemezpuablo.org](mailto:court.clerk@jemezpuablo.org); or fax it to 575/834-9317.

If you wish to file a new case, please mail your petition or civil complaint to Jemez Pueblo Tribal Court, P.O. Box 100, Jemez Pueblo, NM 87024, or e-mail it to [court.clerk@jemezpuablo.org](mailto:court.clerk@jemezpuablo.org); or fax it to 575/834-9317. If you are filing a new case which requires a filing fee, the filing fee of \$20.00 (money order or cashier's check only) should be included with your petition or civil complaint.

Most hearings are being conducted by telephone or by Zoom or Go to Meeting. If you request an emergency order by petition or motion, you must provide a current telephone number and email address if you have one, when filing your petition or motion by any method – mail, E-mail, or fax.

Notices of Hearings are being sent by email, certified mail, or regular mail. Initial documents such as Civil Complaints, Petitions, etc., Summons, and Orders to Show Cause continue to be served in-person only to the recipient (person named to receive the document).

If you have questions about the foregoing, feel free to contact the Jemez Pueblo Tribal Court at 575/834-7369 or by email: [court.clerk@jemezpuablo.org](mailto:court.clerk@jemezpuablo.org).

**\* A few hearings are conducted in person, depending on the type of hearing. Anyone attending an in-person hearing must comply with COVID-19 safety guidelines and are subject to COVID-19 screening.**

*Thank you for your cooperation, and be safe!*

*Jemez Pueblo Tribal Court Staff*



# LAW ENFORCEMENT

## *Incident Citation Reports* September 01, 2020 ~ September 30, 2020 JEMEZ PUEBLO POLICE DEPARTMENT

### *Violation Summary*

VIOLATION DESCRIPTION	TOTAL
DISPLAY OF REGISTRATION PLATES AND TEMPORARY REGISTRATION PERMITS; DISPLAYS PROHIBITED AND ALLOWED	3
LEAVING THE SCENE OF AN ACCIDENT INVOLVING DEATH, PERSONAL INJURY OR DAMAGE TO VEHICLES	1
NO PASSING ZONES	2
OPERATORS MUST BE LICENSED	3
REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES	5
REQUIREMENT OF INSURANCE	4
SPEEDING 11 TO 15	56
SPEEDING 16 TO 20	42
SPEEDING 21 TO 25	15
SPEEDING 26 TO 30	8
SPEEDING 31 TO 35	3
SPEEDING UP TO AND INCLUDING 10 OVER	3
UNLAWFUL TO DRIVE WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED OR REVOKED	2
UNLAWFUL TO PERMIT UNLICENSED PERSON TO DRIVE MOTOR VEHICLE	1
<i>AGENCY TOTAL:</i>	<i>148</i>



## PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT



### Planning, Development and Transportation Department Updates

*Submitted by: Sheri Bozic, Department Director*



#### **The Road Maintenance Crew hard at work**

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 the NM-4. 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 community services and residences located along the NM 4. The preliminary engineering is currently in progress. 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.

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## PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

### Planning, Development and Transportation Department Project Updates Continued...

#### **NM-4 Bypass**

Tribal leadership and staff from the PDTD, Realty Department, Public Works Department, and Natural Resources Department are currently working with the NMDOT and their engineering firm to complete the planning and design for the project. After the design is completed, the Pueblo will seek funding to construct the NM-4 bypass.

#### **Tribal Administrative Complex Parking Lots/Sheep Springs Way (South Entrance off NM 4)**

The project will design and construct improvements for the existing Tribal Administrative Complex parking lots and Sheep Springs Way. Improvements include grading and paving the parking lots and Sheep Springs Way; widening Sheep Springs Way to two lanes; and installing 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. Construction has begun and will be completed in spring 2021.

#### **Pedestrian Trails and Bikeways Facility Plan**

With extensive community input, pedestrian trails and bikeways facility plan was developed for the Pueblo. The Pueblo will utilize the plan to seek funding for the design and construction of new pedestrian pathways and improve existing trails at the Pueblo. If you would like to copy the plan, please contact our office.

#### **Road Maintenance**

The road maintenance team works diligently to improve roadway and parking lot conditions throughout the Pueblo. The team has completed or is currently working on the following projects:

Routine road maintenance on all of the mountain roads located at Canada de Cochiti and Holy Ghost lands;  
Routine road maintenance on all of the village roads; and  
Patching potholes at various locations with asphalt.

For questions regarding road maintenance, please contact Vincent Toya, Heavy Equipment Supervisor, at (505)500-5336. The road maintenance crew hard at work clearing boulders and trees on mountain roads.

#### **Construction Tip – Call Before You Dig**

Please call 811 or 1-800-321-2537 at least two working days in advance before you start any digging project. Whether you plan to do it yourself or hire a contractor, smart digging means calling 811 before each job. The 811 representatives 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/new-mexico>.

#### **FREE Vehicle Removal!**

Do you have an unauthorized, abandon, or unwanted vehicle on your property that is causing a nuisance that you want permanently removed? ATLAS Towing & Recovery will take all damaged, wrecked, totaled, salvaged, scrapped, running or not, FREE of charge. Call Amanda Rubio or ATLAS for more information or schedule a pickup at 505-445-9104. ATLAS will be cautious; they will be wearing PPE and practice social distancing when they come into the village.



## HOUSING AUTHORITY

### Pueblo of Jemez Housing Authority (POJHA) Updates

Fall is finally here! With the new season comes a little bit of home upkeep as homeowner maintenance holds tremendous importance! This usually includes things like minor maintenance or repairs. Performing the basic maintenance duties in and around your home can save you hundreds or even thousands in repairs!

Routine maintenance can also increase the values of your home, protect it from secondary damage, and it also helps keep pests away. You can start the maintenance process with the exterior of your home and work your way into the interior. Take advantage of the warmer days to perform the exterior maintenance. Below are some basic tips to help you get started

#### Maintenance Areas:

- Roof
- Regularly check your roof for and remove any objects that can cause damage or pooling of water. If there are shingles curling, buckling, or crackling, replace them. If there is a lot of damage, it could be time to replace the entire roof.
- Check the flashing around skylights, pipes, and chimneys. If you have any leaks or gaps, heavy snow and ice will find its way in. By doing this can save you thousands in roofing repair or replacement.
- Cleaning the gutters and downspouts and removing any debris preventing the water flow away from your home. This can help avoid the chipping of your exterior walls and keeping water out of the inside of your walls.

#### Weatherize

- Check the trim around the windows and doors. Use caulk to fill any holes or replace any wood trim or weather stripping that needs replacement. This simple fix can save in energy costs and keep you warmer thru the winter months.
- Check and Wrap water pipes that run along exterior walls with heating tape. It will save energy and prevent them from freezing.
- Clean and remove objects and debris from around the base of your home. This will reduce the risk of fire and pooling of water.
- Chop the weeds around your home and rake them up.
- Start preparing your wood-burning stove by cleaning the chimney and collecting wood.
- Check the foundation along with the interior and exterior. Make sure there is no moisture along the foundation

#### Safety Check

- Check your Carbon Monoxide detectors and Smoke Alarms and put in fresh batteries. These are essential detectors to have, and they SAVE LIVES!
- Check your locks on your windows and doors.
- Maintenance your furnace and change the filter.

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The Pueblo of Jemez Housing Authority (POJHA) received \$153,133 through the CARES Act funding to prepare, prevent, and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. POJHA has assisted 100 families in our community through the CARES Act through the Utility Assistance program. Through this program, POJHA can assist eligible families with one-time payment assistance towards their electric, propane, water, and septic system services. POJHA will continue accepting applications for Utility Assistance and Minor Rehabilitation until funding is exhausted.

POJHA is committed to working with our tenants and community households during this pandemic for all emergency repairs. Most of our emergency repairs are due to clogged sewers and drains; therefore, we ask for your assistance by making sure you are only flushing toilet paper down the toilet drains. All other items such as paper towels, wipes, feminine products, and even those marked “flushable” should be thrown away. We also ask if anyone in your household has been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic (i.e., quarantine, isolation). Please let us know when contacting our office for any repairs or on-site assistance. This will enable our staff to prepare ourselves with proper PPE equipment. POJHA greatly appreciates all family members to wear masks when our staff is on-site.

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## HOUSING AUTHORITY

### ***Pueblo of Jemez Housing Authority (POJHA) Updates Continued.....***

The POJHA is preparing to submit a grant application for the 2020 Indian Housing Block Grant Competitive Grant through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to construct twenty-five (25) Lease Purchase housing units for eligible families at the Pueblo Place Housing Subdivision. If successful, the project will start in the Spring of 2021. POJHA will continue to accept applications for Pueblo Place Housing Subdivision. Please contact our office for applications or housing-related services at (575) 834-0305 or via email at [applications@jemezhousing.org](mailto:applications@jemezhousing.org).

POJHA will be launching our new website in December 2020. Check our website at [www.pojha.org](http://www.pojha.org) for housing updates, requesting work orders, making a house payment, housing applications, and housing resources.

Helpful Resources for Walatowa Winter Days and Nights **As we approach the winter months, POJHA would like to provide you with simple resources for maintaining your home and can save you hundreds of dollars in repairs by merely taking proactive measures.**

- **PROTECT PIPES FROM FREEZING** – Water can quickly freeze inside pipes and water systems during the cold winter months. A water burst can cause significant damage to the interior of your home within minutes, and it happens when you are not home, it can leave you with very costly repairs. To reduce the chances of water freezing in pipes, make sure any pipe exposed to the elements be insulated.
- **FIX LEAKS IMMEDIATELY WITHOUT DELAY** – If you notice any leaks, drips, or puddling – **DO NOT IGNORE IT**. Make sure to fix the tiniest of leaks to get a hold of the problem rather than waiting until the leak develops into an even more significant leak.
- **TIME TO STORE YOUR OUTDOOR HOSE** – Be sure to pay attention to the outside water taps. During the cold months, you should disconnect all the hoses until Spring or warm weather. Water left in a water hose can cause the pipe to expand, leading to issues with pipes connected to the outside tap. For homes with a shut-off valve, now would be the time to shut off the connection to the exterior water lines.
- **HELP YOUR WATER HEATER** – flushing your water heater can decrease the likelihood of leaks occurring and preventing rust and settling inside your water heater.

### **Christmas decorating**

The holiday season is here! Below are some helpful tips for the holiday season:

- **Live trees** – Keep live trees away from heat sources by placing them at a safe distance and keep a fire extinguisher near at all times. Ensure your live tree is well hydrated.
- **Artificial Trees** – Should you decide to use an artificial tree, make sure it is labeled Fire Resistance
- **Teamwork** – When hanging decorations, make sure you always have help, especially when using a step ladder
- **Fireplace** – Do not burn anything other than wood, and the fireplace using only materials to prevent flash fires.
- **Christmas Lights** – Double check everything is intact and no wires are exposed. Use the best judgment when using equipment/tools that may puncture an electrical cord.
- **Power down** – Do not forget to turn off your interior Christmas lights before heading to bed for the night.
- **Candles** – Secure your candles on a sturdy base and away from other materials to prevent fires.

## HOUSING AUTHORITY

### ***Pueblo of Jemez Housing Authority (POJHA) Continued.....***

#### **How can the Housing Authority assist my family during COVID-19?**

The Pueblo of Jemez Housing Authority (POJHA) received \$153,133 through the CARES Act to assist in preparing, preventing, and responding to COVID-19. POJHA budgeted the CARES Act funds in the following categories:

Utility Assistance – Eligible families will be assisted up to \$250 for utility assistance

Minor Rehabilitation – Eligible families will be assisted for minor rehabilitation up to \$750, such as water heater replacement, ventilation, plumbing assistance, handicap accessibility (grab bars, and ADA toilet).

POJHA uses HUD Program Guidance No. 2020-01 published on July 20, 2020, to determine income eligibility:

POJHA has assisted 76 eligible households with Utility Assistance and seven eligible households with Minor Rehabilitation through the CARES Act. POJHA will continue to accept applications for both Utility Assistance and Minor Rehabilitation until funding is exhausted. All applicants are required to complete an application for assistance. Applications are available at the Housing Office located at 4773 Highway 4, and we can be reached at (575) 834-0305 or via email at Applications@jemezhousing.org.

## SOCIAL SERVICES

### **Recognizing and Responding to Suicide**

Submitted by: Sabrina R Gonzales

Suicide occurs across all races and cultures. Within Indian Country, the rates are higher than in the general US population. The subject of suicide carries some of the following stigmas:

- Depression and death
- Just talking about it will make it happen
- It is a cry for attention
- If a person decides to end his or her life, there is nothing that one can do to stop them.
- A person will not commit suicide if they have children, bought a new car, or are just having a "difficult time" and seems happy.
- The reality is that suicide is preventable, and help is available for a variety of situations. Learn to recognize the warning signs and risk factors for suicide.

#### **How to Begin the Conversation**

Before talking with someone, one is concerned about, have suicide crisis resources available, such as the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline number, 1-800-273-8255 (TALK), or numbers and addresses of local crisis lines or treatment centers. Mention the warning signs that prompted one to ask the person about how they feel, the words used, or the behavior displayed (signs make it more difficult to deny that something is wrong).

#### **Ask the Question**

Ask directly about suicide. Ask the question so that it is natural and flows throughout the conversation. Ask the question in a way that gives one a "yes" or "no" answer. Do not wait to ask the question when the person is halfway out the door. Asking directly and using the word "suicide" establishes that you and the at-risk person are talking about the same thing and lets them know you are not afraid to talk about it. Ask:

"Are you thinking about killing yourself?"

or

"Are you thinking about ending your life?"

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## SOCIAL SERVICES

### Recognizing and Responding to Suicide Continued.....

#### How NOT to Ask the Question

"You are not thinking about killing yourself, are you?"

Do not ask the question as though one is looking for a "no" answer. Asking the question in this manner tells the person that although one may assume they are suicidal, one will want and will accept a denial.

Validate the Person' Experience:

Talk openly-Do not panic

Be willing to listen and allow emotional expression.

Recognize that the situation is serious

Do not pass judgment.

Reassure that help is available.

Do not promise secrecy.

Do not leave the person alone.

#### Get Help

Share available resources with the person. Be willing to make the call or participate in the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline call at 1-800-273-8255 (Talk). The toll-free, confidential Lifeline is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Let the person know that one is willing to go with them to see a professional when they are ready. If one feels the situation is critical, take the person to the closest Emergency Room or call 9-1-1. Do not put oneself in danger; if at any time during the process, one is concerned about their safety or that the person may harm others, call 9-1-1.

Never negotiate with a person who has a gun, call 9-1-1, and leave the area.

If the person has harmed themselves in any way, call 9-1-1.

[www.ihhs.gov](http://www.ihhs.gov)

#### Suicide Warning Signs and Risk Factors

If one notices any warning signs for suicide, starting a conversation with the person may save their life.

#### Warning Signs

Learn to recognize the warning signs:

- Hopelessness; feeling like there is no way out
- Anxiety, agitation, sleeplessness, or mood swings
- Someone feels like there is no reason to live.
- Rage or anger
- Engaging in risky activities
- Increasing alcohol or drug abuse
- Withdrawing from family and friends
- Sleeping too little or too much

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## **SOCIAL SERVICES**

### **Recognizing and Responding to Suicide Continued.....**

- Withdrawing or isolating themselves
- Showing rage or talking about seeking revenge
- Extreme mood swings
- The presence of any of the following signs requires immediate attention:
- Thinking about hurting or killing themselves
- Reading or seeking information on ways to die.
- Talking about death, dying, or suicide
- Showing hopelessness or expressing that they have no reason to live
- Talking about feeling trapped, being in unbearable pain, or a burden to others
- Self-destructive or risk-taking behavior, especially when it involves alcohol, drugs, or weapons

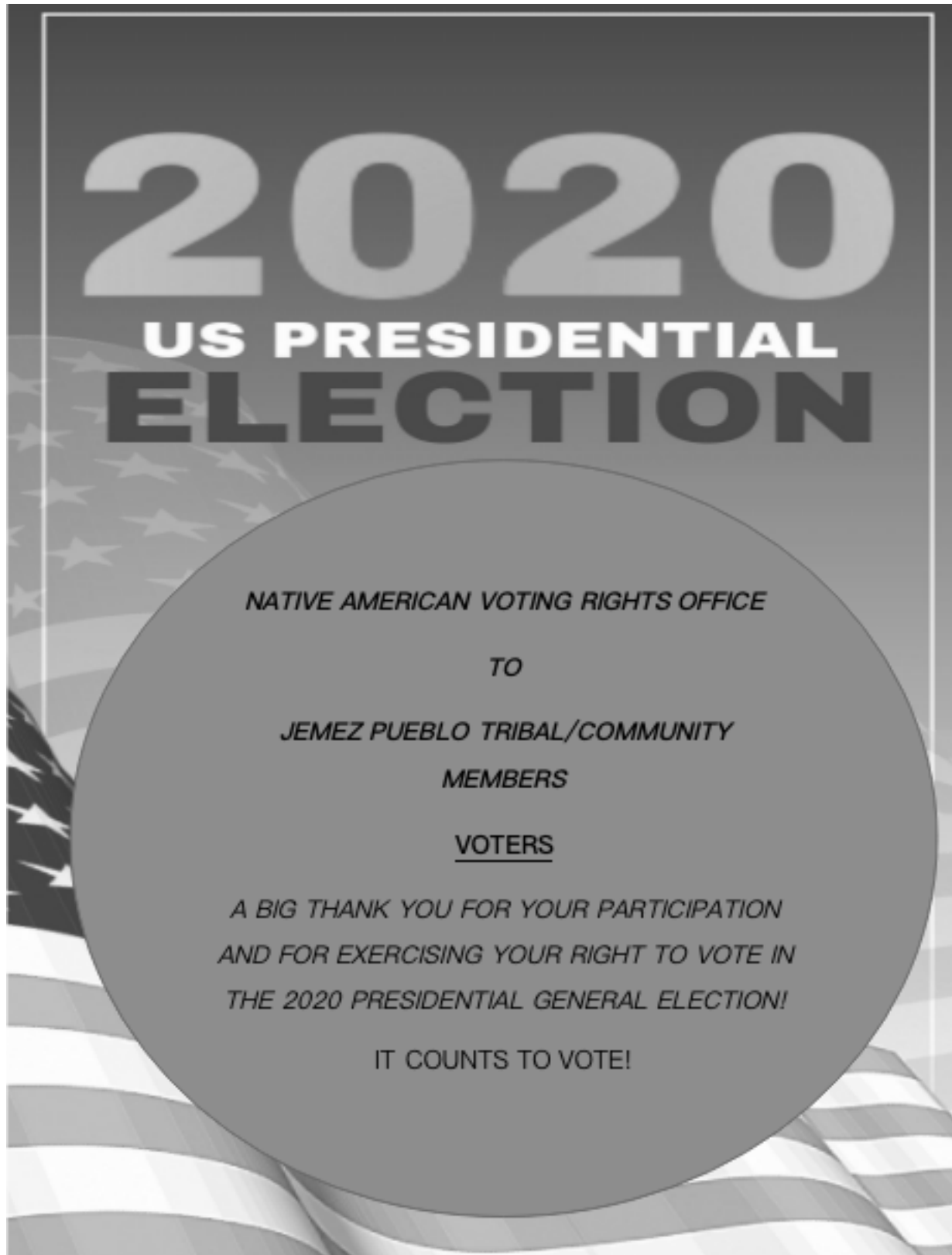
### **Risk Factors**

- Mental disorders, particularly mood disorders, schizophrenia, anxiety disorders, and individual personality disorders
- Hopelessness
- Impulsive and aggressive tendencies
- History of trauma or abuse
- Major physical illnesses
- Previous suicide attempt(s)
- The stigma associated with asking for help
- Lack of health care, especially mental health and substance abuse treatment
- Cultural and religious beliefs, such as the belief that suicide is a noble resolution of a personal dilemma
- Family history of suicide
- Job or financial loss
- Loss of relationship(s)
- Easy access to lethal means
- Lack of social support and sense of isolation
- Exposure to others who have died by suicide (in real life or via the media and Internet)
- Additional Risk Factors For American Indian/Alaska Native People:
- History of interpersonal violence/abuse
- Unwillingness to seek help because of stigma related to mental health, substance abuse disorders, or suicidal thoughts
- Unemployment
- Alcohol misuse/abuse
- Economic instability and social disintegration
- Perceived discrimination
- Isolation on reservations, feeling cut off from other people.
- Local epidemics of suicide (called "Suicide Clusters")

## ELECTION NEWS

### Presidential Elections 2020 Updates

Thank you, volunteers, and voters, for your participation in the 2020 Presidential election! Congratulations to all the new elected leaders! The Pueblo of Jemez had a turnout of 965 voters at 64%.







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