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**HAPPY  
NEW YEAR  
WALATOWA**

**2021**

## PUEBLO OF JEMEZ WELCOMES NEW TRIBAL LEADERSHIP

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### 2021 Tribal Governors

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*Governor Michael Toledo, Jr.*

1st. Lt. Governor

*Michael Chinana*

2nd. Lt. Governor

*Kurt Mora*

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# From the Governors

## Happy New Year Everyone!

We, the new Governors of 2021, Governor Michael Toledo, Jr., 1st Lt. Michael Chinana, and 2nd Lt./Pecos Governor Kurt Mora, would like to take this moment to address our community. We are humbled that we have been called upon to serve the obligations as tribal leaders during this time of great need. Your health and safety is our first and primary concern. We understand the challenges we face, not only with the pandemic but also with the effects and toll it has taken on each and every one of us in our daily lives. As our priority remains to focus on the pandemic, we will continue to serve our Tribe and people's needs as delegated by our traditional leaders. So many of the annual transitional practices have changed, and although we have not seen and completed all other traditional activities to the end, please remember that our spirits will complete the process for us in their own way as we continue through the year.

At this time, we ask all of you to remain patient and trust that we are doing everything we can to accommodate all of our needs to get through the complications placed in our daily lives. Thus far, we have implemented additional enhancements regarding the rules and regulations as a result of the pandemic, such as penalties for social gatherings and stricter checkpoint rules. We ask everyone to remain vigilant and continue to abide by all safety measures communicated by local and national health officials. COVID-19 is a very serious virus that has impacted families and individuals within our community. Therefore, the safety measures we have communicated should not be taken lightly. Whether you have not contracted COVID-19, or have contracted COVID-19 and/or have received the vaccination, ALL safety measures need to be followed regardless! We ask you all to follow the directives we have set forth for our community's health and well-being.

We have strong faith for a better outlook this year as vaccinations are being administered in our community. Our priority for the vaccines is our elders, those with health concerns, and all tribal members. Please also understand employees and workers that enter the pueblo are also in consideration for vaccinations. Please continue to have hope and continue to pray in our traditional ways for our community members to not contract COVID-19, and let us pray for those that have become ill because of COVID-19. Let us also remember those we have lost due to the pandemic and pray for those families to heal and recover. Please be grateful that we all still have one another and continue to safely remain in contact with loved ones. As you have now recognized all of our Tribal Leadership and Tribal Officials that have been called upon this year, we ask that you respect and adhere to all of our orders as we continue to pray for a prosperous year.

***Thank you,  
2021 Governors and Tribal Officials!***

### ***Office of the Governors***

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## From the Governors Continued....

As of December 31, the Pueblo of Jemez currently has 31 active, positive cases for COVID-19. Unfortunately, an unauthorized social gathering held during the Christmas holiday has resulted in several new community members being ordered to quarantine due to exposure to a COVID-19 positive case. As social gatherings (defined as a gathering of 5 or more people, inside or outside a home) continue to occur and continue to be the primary source of the spread of COVID-19 in the Jemez community, the Pueblo of Jemez Governors will no longer permit social gatherings to be hosted. We, as a community, must protect each other, our elders, and our children. New Mexico is also beginning to see another increase in the number

of new COVID-19 cases per day. The table reflects the number of new cases for December 23, 2020 - December 29, 2020.

As the new Leadership of 2021, we reiterate to all community/tribal members (including those living within and outside of the community) that now is NOT the time to be gathering with individuals who are not within your household. To minimize the number of COVID-19 active cases, the Pueblo of Jemez Governors fully supports all tribal efforts to mitigate the spread of this virus in our community and has extended the community lockdown to March 31, 2021.

We will continue to designate days for essential shopping. Saturdays will not be permitted as an essential day unless otherwise authorized by the Pueblo of Jemez Governors. Exceptions will be made for medical appointments if a proof is provided. The following schedule will continue, based on the first letter of the person's last name:

Last name (beginning initial)	Designated Day
A-F	Monday
G-S	Tuesday
T-Z	Wednesday



Pictured from left to right: 1st Lt. Michael Chinana, Governor Michael Toledo, Jr., and 2nd Lt. Kurt Mora.

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## PUEBLO OF JEMEZ

# From the Governors Continued....

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

- Trips to the transfer station will only be permitted on essential days.
- Curfew is 8:00 PM - 5:00 AM, seven days a week.
- Only two people in the vehicle. Please continue to protect our community, our elders, and our children by keeping them safe and at home.
- Farmers and ranchers will be allowed to enter and tend to their duties.
- Wood haulers will be allowed through the checkpoint, provided they possess a valid wood permit.
- Non-residents will not be allowed through checkpoints unless it is for farming or ranching purposes. Minimal interaction with tribal residents is required.
- Access through checkpoints for emergencies will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.
- You will be turned around and not allowed to leave or enter the Pueblo if your reason is deemed unnecessary.
- **Social gatherings will no longer be permitted within the boundaries of the Jemez community. You must stay in your own households.**
- Continue to practice hand hygiene, social distancing, and always wear a mask when you are in public.
- If you are sick, please remain at home, call 575-834-7413,

and ask to speak to a nurse for further instructions.

### **The 2021 Leadership will assess new directives for the following penalties for unauthorized social gatherings:**

- If any community resident hosts a social gathering. In that case, the Pueblo of Jemez will recognize this as a Civil Offense, and the head of the household will be issued a warning as a **First Offense**. This citation will be issued by the Pueblo of Jemez Police Department of the Pueblo of Jemez sheriff/ Governors' aides. If a subsequent social gathering should occur after the First Offense, a **Second Offense** citation will be issued along with a **\$250 fine**. This Second Offense, along with the \$250 fine, will be issued to the head of household and will be expected to be paid within 30 days. **This will be effective immediately.**
- Additionally, cultural practices have been occurring where community-member singing groups have held performances. Although this practice will be allowed, these groups must request approval from the Governors before their performance.

- Community members entering or leaving the community on foot or by bicycle breaks lockdown rules and regulations. Such unauthorized travel will no longer be allowed; it will be monitored by the PD and tribal officials and will be subject to fines.

We appreciate your cooperation and understanding as we navigate through this pandemic. We thank you for your continued efforts in protecting the Jemez community. Let's continue to stand together, and let's continue to fight the COVID-19 virus as one community.

**All questions or concerns regarding COVID-19 matters shall be directed to the JHHS Response Team via email at [jhhsresponseteam@jemezpueblo.us](mailto:jhhsresponseteam@jemezpueblo.us) or 575-834-3308.**

## TRIBAL COUNCIL

# Tribal Council Report

**TC-43.** Authorization to Procure Natural Resource Department Wildland Fire Brush Truck.

**TC-44.** Authorizing the Pueblo of Jemez Fiscal year 2021 Tribal transportation improvement program and approving the Pueblo of Jemez Planning Development and transportation department to submit the fiscal year 2021 through the fiscal year 2025 tribal transportation improvement program to the office of federal lands highway, U.S. Department of Transportation, federal highway administration.

**TC-45.** Authorizing the permanent closure of the eastern entrances of six tribal roadways to increase pedestrian safety and authorizing the installation of a detention pond along the east side of the NM-4 Highway to mitigate flooding and potential damage to the future pedestrian trail and residential homes on the west side of the NM-4 Highway.

**TC-46.** Authorizing the design and construction of southbound continuous flow lane and a bridge structure for northbound continuous flow at the southern intersection of the existing NM-4 Highway and the future NM-4 Bypass and authorizing the design and construction of five concrete box culverts and two bridge overpass structures to cross the future NM-4 Bypass.

**TC-47.** Jemez Community Development Corporation DBA: Jemez Enterprises

**TC-48.** Authorizing Tribal Council Meeting minutes to be placed on the tribal council agenda for approval.

## TRIBAL ADMINISTRATION

### Pueblo of Jemez Job Opportunities

Applicants are encouraged to visit our website at [www.jemezpueblo.org](http://www.jemezpueblo.org) to apply. Please make sure to review the required qualifications for the positions you are interested in.

#### JHHS

Infection Control Officer	Full Time
EHR Supervisor	Full Time
EHR Support Technician	Full Time
Foster Care Case Worker	Full Time
Van Driver, Transportation	Full Time
Quality Improvement Specialist	Full Time
Home Chore Aide/	
Volunteer Services Coordinator	Full Time
Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor	Full Time
Medical Assistant at clinic	Full Time
Medical Assistant Floater COVID testing	PRN
Registered Nurse at clinic	Full Time
Registered Nurse Floater COVID testing	PRN
IT Security Officer	Full Time
Behavioral Health Therapist	Full Time
Training Coordinator	Full Time

Technical Writer Full Time

#### Tribal Administration

Utilities Technician	Full Time
EMT - Paramedic	Full Time
Student Programs Coordinator	Full Time
Jemez Language Program Manager	Full Time
Assistant Controller	Full Time
GL Accountant	Full Time

Creative Team Member Temporary Full Time

**For further information, please feel free to contact HR at 575-834-7359 ext: 121  
or email at: [Victoria.acosta@jemezpueblo.org](mailto:Victoria.acosta@jemezpueblo.org).**

## JEMEZ HEALTH CLINIC

### Jemez Health Clinic Expansion and Modernization Updates

Happy New Year! The New Construction for the Jemez Health and Human Services is still in operations. The west side of the clinic has been erected with the framing and is almost complete to begin closing the exterior of the new areas. Each area of the latest additions will be going up simultaneously. They have started to install the steel for the roofing and support. They will also be closing in the new areas starting from the south to the north. The two-story addition they will need to erect after the metal has been completed and concrete slab poured for the floor. Construction has increased in production as more equipment, material, and manpower will arrive for the building additions to be going up.

With the Interior Work of the clinic ongoing, this will continue until the completion of the project. The demolition of the existing area inside is now complete. The clinic's south area is continuing with new construction and is estimated to be complete in January 2021. With this completion, the construction will move to the next area.



Construction area on the Northside of the Jemez Clinic.

## JEMEZ HEALTH CLINIC

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



#### 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 their temperature taken.
- When you arrive on-site at the clinic, please call and let JHHS know you are waiting outside in the marked parking areas.
- Please call ahead if you have questions or concerns about where to go when you arrive at the clinic.
- As the clinic's construction is in operation, please be advised that other projects are happening around the clinic and admin complex. Please be aware that there will be heavy machinery coming in and out of the Clinic and Administration buildings with other projects happening. Use cautions when traveling through the building.
- Due to the New Parking lot project to begin, Sheep Springs way will be closed until further notice.
- There will be changes with parking around the clinic. Please stay patient as these are temporary for all of the new construction.
- 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.

#### 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 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 5 Parking spaces for patient Testing on the north side facing administration. Instructions have been placed on the wall; please follow them when you arrive.
- The North Parking lot will have four spaces saved for administrative parking. This will be along the North wall facing Tribal Admin.
- With Parking Project arriving around the clinic. The South lot will be closed until further notice. All employees will need to park either at the Senior Center, Sheep Springs Way (North of Clinic), or at Pueblo Place. For staff Interested in parking at pueblo place, Transportation will Provide Shuttle prior to 8 am and around 5 pm timeframe.
- With the new door complete (10/15), the Ambulance EMS will have two reserved spots in front of the latest entry 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.)

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## JEMEZ HEALTH CLINIC

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

· (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 their temperature taken.

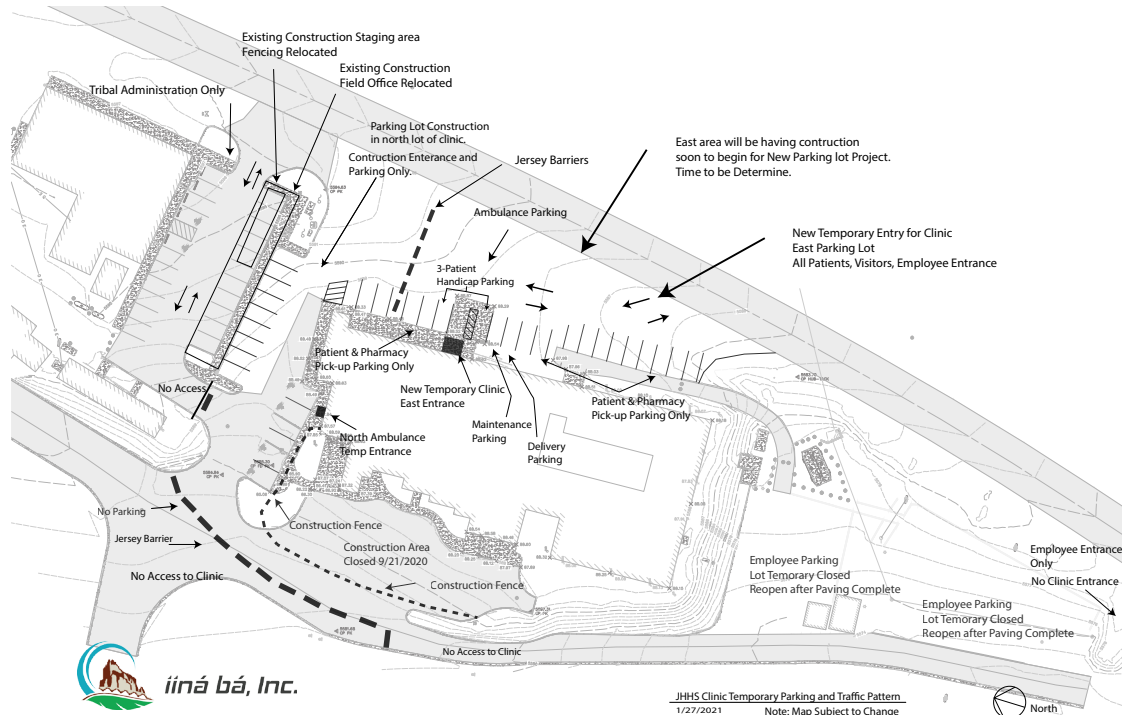


Temporary Entrance for the clinic is on the East parking lot. All Patients, Visitors, Employee entrance.

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# JEMEZ HEALTH CLINIC

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



### What is to Come:

Construction of the new exterior additions is going up on the clinic's west side (adjacent to Sheep Springs Rd). This construction will consist of the exterior finishes and move to the interior once the shell is completed and enclosed. 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 January. There will still be lots of work done once the shell is completed outside and around the clinic. 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. Please be aware that there are limited parking and space 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.

## LAW ENFORCEMENT

# Police Department Donates to Jemez Youth



**Pictured from left to right: Lt. Weatherspoon, Chief Betz , Carla Baca, and C.I. Michael Pelligrini.**

On December 15, 2020, the Jemez Pueblo Police Department helped donate Christmas gifts for our Jemez Youth. Jemez Vocational Rehab and the Social Services Department both helped receive and distribute the toys to the community. Checkpoint staff also participated and distributed the rest to the families passing through.

*Thank you, Jemez PD, for sharing the blessings and protecting our community!*

## ***Police Department***

11 Bearhead Canyon Rd, Jemez Pueblo, New Mexico, 87024  
(575) 834-0468

## PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

# Planning, Development and Transportation Department Updates

*Submitted by: Sheri Bozic, Department Director*



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.

### **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 with NM 4. The preliminary engineering is currently in progress. PDTD will host virtual public meetings in early 2021 to share information about the project and gain community feedback. Please keep an eye out for the meeting announcement in the newsletter.

### **NM-4 Bypass**

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

### **Tribal Administrative Complex Parking Lots/ Sheep Springs Way**

The Project will construct the following improvements:

- Grading and paving all parking lots and the Sheep Springs Way entrance at the south intersection with NM-4,
- Widening Sheep Springs Way to two lanes,
- Installation of a retaining wall on the west side of the clinic,
- Installation of detention ponds east of NM-4 and south of the clinic, and
- Installation of landscaping and lighting.

The Project will also add additional parking spaces, ensure ADA compliance, improve traffic flow, and increase pedestrians and drivers' safety. Construction is underway and will be completed in spring 2021. Alternative parking areas have been designated at the Senior Center and the Pueblo Place Housing Subdivision, with a daily shuttle service in the mornings and evenings.



## PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

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

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

With extensive input from the community, 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:

- Conducting routine road maintenance on all of the village, mountain, and ranching roads,
- Patching potholes at various locations with asphalt, and
- Installing Slow - Children at Play signage in the village.

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 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 abandoned or unwanted vehicle on your property that you want permanently removed? ATLAS Towing & Recovery will take all vehicles that are damaged, wrecked, totaled, salvaged, or scrapped, running or not, FREE of charge. Call ATLAS for more information or to schedule a pickup at 505-445-9104. ATLAS Towing staff will be cautious, wear PPE, and practice social distancing when they enter the village.

***PDTD Wishes  
Everyone a  
Happy and  
Prosperous  
New Year!!!***

***2021***

***Planning, Development and Transportation Department***  
P.O. Box 100, 7401 Hwy 4, Jemez Pueblo, New Mexico, 87024  
**Office: (575) 834-0094**

## WELCOME TO POJ TEAM

# Welcome to the Pueblo of Jemez Team!

**Mario Romero**

The Jemez Planning Development & Transportation Department (PDTD) welcomes Mario Romero as the new Office Manager. His responsibilities include planning, organizing and assisting staff with daily operations. He has 19 years of previous experience working in the Pueblo of Jemez Finance Department.

“I am grateful to once again be working with the Pueblo of Jemez organization and community. I am especially excited to be working with the PDTD and am eager to learn all about the various underway and future projects.”

**Blaine Davis**

The Jemez Planning Development & Transportation Department (PDTD) welcomes Blaine Davis, Heavy Equipment Operator, to our team! He comes from western Texas. His experience includes working in the oil and gas industry for 10 years as a heavy equipment operator. Blaine enjoys hunting, fishing, and photography in his spare time.

“I am extremely excited about the opportunity to work for and improve the Pueblo of Jemez community.”

**Tsinnia Cajero**

My name is Tsinnia Cajero from both Jemez and San Felipe pueblo.

I graduated from the Carrington College Pharmacy Technician program in 2018. I am also PTCB and NMBOP certified.

I'm excited to be working with my community and fellow tribal members. I look forward to making a positive impact on the Pharmacy and healthcare team here at JHHS.



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**WELCOME TO POJ TEAM****Welcome to the Pueblo of Jemez Team!****Terese Thornton**

Hello everyone, my name is Terese Thornton and I am your new Victims Services Coordinator with the Social Services Department for The Pueblo of Jemez. I began working for you in October of 2020. Coming on board during a Pandemic has been challenging and quite an adventure, but what is life's journey without a few twists and turns. I look forward to being able to meet with the Community whether it's in person or virtual, when this Pandemic is over I can't wait to gather as a Community, sharing our teachings with one another. I enjoy spending time in the outdoors, hiking, camping and exploring. I am original from Tacoma Washington. My background is in Criminal Justice. I have worn many hats as a Victim Advocate, Probation Officer, Community Support Worker and Domestic Violence Advocate. Please feel free to reach out to me. I look forward to meeting you all and wish you all good health in the coming new year. Warmest regards. Terese Thornton.

**Leon Aragon**

Good Day, my name is Leon Aragon LCSW, and I am the new Behavioral Health Program Manager for JHHS serving POJ. Starting at the end of October, I have been blessed to start learning about the amazing staff, partners, patients, families, and community that makes up the Pueblo of Jemez each and every day. I am going on ten years in the field of Behavioral Health and have supported 11 Pueblos along with several other Tribes in my career. Although COVID-19 has been a challenge to us all, it has shown us the power of prayer, family, and community as we all work to find and use innovative ways to support traditions. Some goals for 2021 are: 1) to expand services using new telehealth models and tools, 2) expand on collaborations with internal and external programming, and 3) increase positive social media presence for prevention efforts. We are currently under heavy office renovations, but once complete, we look forward to slowly start hosting our new offices to the community to increase mental health wellness activities, supports, and

resources in line with COVID-19 protocols.

Sincerely,

**Leon Aragon LCSW**



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## WELCOME TO POJ TEAM

# Welcome to the Pueblo of Jemez Team!

**Ashley Padilla**

Hello everyone and Happy 2021! I am so excited to be a part of the dental team and to serve the community of Jemez. I was born and raised in Grants, NM and currently reside in Albuquerque, NM where I graduated from PIMA Medical Institute and obtained a Associates of Science Degree in Dental Hygiene. As a dental hygienist, my focus is on providing high quality care to my patients and educating them on how to maintain good oral health while making their hygiene appointment a positive and comfortable experience. In my free time, I can be found enjoying the outdoors with my boyfriend and our four dogs. We enjoy fishing, camping, and hiking. When it is safe to travel again, I would like to continue to be involved in volunteer work to serve underserved communities who lack dental care.

**Dakota Fragua**

Dakota Fragua has over 10 years' experience as a designer and CAD Technician. Clients have included the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center, Beverly Diddy Designs, Nativesun Inc., Native American Housing Consultants, residents of Jemez Pueblo, and Zia Pueblo office of the Governor. Dakota completed his education at Central New Mexico Community College with a degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Project Management. University of New Mexico CE Computer Aided Drafting Certified.

Dakota Fragua is sensitive to the needs of the community and has a strong desire to make a positive impact on the lives of the people their projects touch. Dakota will be helping the Pueblo of Jemez as a Media Specialist.

**His experience includes:**

- Design and draft prototype self-help housing
- Draft complete home plans
- Convert hand drawn floor plans to CAD drawings.
- Draft water and sewer line plans.
- Design interior floor plans, and furniture layout plans, develop and plan finish scheduled for

construction.

- Coordination of Auto CAD drawings for various projects, maintain cost estimates thought projects.
- On-site measurements and converting them to cad drawings.



## PUBLIC WORKS

# A Letter to the Community

### To Our Valued Customers:

The COVID-19 Pandemic continues to have global and local impacts. Our goal remains to provide exceptional service, including after hours / weekend On-Call emergency services. Again, these are unprecedented times and I want to remind you of how important it is for all of us to remain vigilant in the safeguarding of public health and well-being.

In this regard, your contribution to the monthly utility payments is highly encourage if you are able; or even a portion will assist in the everyday operations of both community Water Wells, Water Filtration Plant (electrical / chemicals), Wastewater Lift Stations (electrical), Solid Waste Transfer Station (Transport fees / additional Bins). Our employees will take all necessary precautions, including those instances when they may have to enter your residence to provide necessary emergency services.

“Personal hygiene is a critical part of limiting the spread of the COVID-19 virus.”

Thank you

Pueblo of Jemez



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**Public Works Department**  
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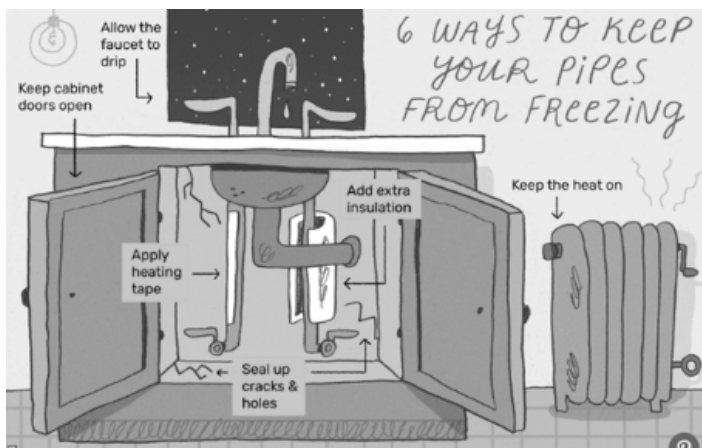
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## PUBLIC WORKS

## Tips to Prevent Freezing Pipes

As you know, New Mexico has experienced frigid temperatures and is expecting another cold front with temperatures in the single digits. Here are some tips to prevent from freezing or, worse, bursting, which can lead to more damage:

- Turn up the heat. Set up fans to blow heat into cold rooms.
- Open vanity or cabinet doors so warm air can reach the pipes under sinks.
- Disconnect garden hoses from outdoor faucets. Even “frost-proof” faucets can burst if a hose is connected.
- A Tiny trickle from faucets protects pipes in two ways:
  - First, it prevents pressure from building up inside pipes.
  - Second, it creates a constant flow of water through pipes, and that makes freezing much less likely.



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## Importance of Maintaining Chlorine Residuals in a Drinking Water Distribution System

Water comes from various sources, such as lakes and wells, which can be contaminated with germs that may make people sick. Germs can also contaminate water as it travels through miles of piping to get to a community. To prevent contamination with germs, water systems add a disinfectant, usually, chlorine that kills disease-causing germs. Chlorine (Cl) is a naturally existing element used to disinfect drinking water and has been added to drinking water in America since about 1900.

Different processes can be used to achieve safe levels of chlorine in drinking water. Using or drinking water with small amounts of chlorine does not cause harmful health effects and protects against waterborne disease outbreaks.

The presence of free chlorine (also known as chlorine residual, free chlorine residual, residual chlorine) in

drinking water indicates the following:

- A sufficient amount of chlorine was added initially to the water to inactivate the bacteria and some viruses that cause diarrheal diseases; and,
- The water is protected from recontamination during storage

Chlorinated water can taste and smell different than untreated water.

Your water system monitors water quality regularly to provide you with safe drinking water. Some people are more sensitive than others to chemicals and changes in their environment. Individuals who have health concerns should seek medical advice from their health care provider.

## HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

### Preventing Cervical Cancer

Submitted by Dawn Dozhier, PA-C, Physician Assistant

**January is Cervical Health Awareness Month**

*According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) more than half of new cervical cancer cases occur among women who have never been screened or are not up-to-date with screening."*

National Cervical Cancer Coalition

Pap smears can prevent cervical cancer and provide early detection, allowing more successful treatment of cancers.

Women age 21 to 65 should be screened for cervical cancer with a regular Pap smear (Pap test).

Testing is recommended every three to five years, depending on the previous testing frequency and types.

Women who have had abnormal Pap results may need to be screened more often, initially six to 12 months after the abnormal Pap smear.

Women who have not been tested regularly never had a Pap smear, or have a history of abnormal Pap smears have the highest risk of cervical cancer. Smoking increases this risk.

All providers at the Jemez Medical Clinic can perform Pap testing.

A gynecologist is available at the Clinic once a month to provide specialty care and Pap testing.

HPV vaccinations can prevent cervical cancer in younger women up to age 26.

Boys and girls and young men and women up to age 26 should get a human papillomavirus infection (HPV) vaccination at the Clinic.

For more information: [cancer.org/cancer/cervical-cancer](https://cancer.org/cancer/cervical-cancer) Make an appointment for a Pap smear and HPV screening at the Jemez Medical Clinic: (575) 834-3022

#### Cervical Cancer: Symptoms and Signs

*Approved by the Cancer.Net Editorial Board, February 2019.*

Most women do not have any signs or symptoms of a precancer, but many women with early-stage cervical cancer have symptoms. In women with advanced and metastatic cancers, the symptoms may be more severe depending on the tissues and organs to which the disease has spread. The symptom's cause may be a different medical condition that is not cancer, which is why women must seek medical care if they have a new symptom that does not go away.

Any of the following could be signs or symptoms of cervical cancer:

- Blood spots or light bleeding between periods.
- Menstrual bleeding is longer and heavier than usual.
- Bleeding after intercourse, douching, or a pelvic examination.
- Increased discharge.
- Pain during intercourse.
- Bleeding after menopause.
- Unexplained, persistent pelvic, and back pain.

Report any of these symptoms to your doctor, even if they appear to be symptoms of other, less severe conditions. The earlier precancerous cells or cancer is found and treated, the better the chance that cancer can be prevented or cured. If cervical cancer is diagnosed, relieving symptoms is an essential part of care and treatment. This palliative care or supportive care is often started soon after diagnosis and continued throughout treatment. Be sure to talk with your health care team about your symptoms, including any new symptoms or a change in symptoms.

#### Risk Factors

Risk factors are anything that increases a person's chance of developing cancer. Although risk factors often influence the development of cancer, most do not directly cause cancer. Some people with several risk factors never develop cancer, while others with no known risk factors do. Understanding your risk factors and talking about them with your doctor may help you make informed lifestyle and health care choices.

The following factors may raise a women's risk of developing cancer:

Human papillomavirus (HPV) infection. The most critical risk factor for cervical cancer is infection with HPV. HPV is common. Most people are infected with HPV when they become sexually active, and most people clear the virus without problems. There are over 100 different types of HPV. Not all of them are linked to cancer.

The HPV types, or strains, most frequently associated with cervical cancer are HPV16 and HPV18. Starting to have sex at an earlier age or having multiple sexual partners puts a person at higher risk of being infected with high-risk HPV types.

Immune system deficiency. Women with lowered immune systems have a higher risk of developing cervical cancer. A lowered immune system can be caused by immune suppression from corticosteroid medications, organ transplantation, treatments for other types of cancer, or the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), which causes acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS).

## JEMEZ ENTERPRISES

# NEW YEAR! NEW NAME & NEW FACES

**The Jemez Community Development Corporation (JCDC) has a new name: Jemez Enterprises.**

At a duly called Tribal Council meeting on December 18, 2020, a resolution was presented and approved that the Jemez Community Development Corporation (JCDC) adopt the new name of Jemez Enterprises, a new and refreshed corporate DBA name to support future branding, marketing, and communication needs.

***Welcome to our new Operations Manager: Justin Huenemann***

Justin Huenemann from the Navajo Nation brings Jemez Enterprises his vast experience, knowledge, and professional skills as a former President & CEO of the Notah Begay III (NB3) Foundation of New Mexico; Founding President and CEO of Native American Community Development Institute in Minneapolis, MN, a Project Director, and Principal Planning Analyst for American Indian Families Project in Minneapolis MN, (to name a few), with a wealth of notable accomplishments, we are privileged to welcome Justin to Jemez.

Welcome to our **newest Board members:**

- **Ron Toya, Grandson of Jack & Josephine Toya (Jack's Trading Post)**, is serving on the NM Economic Development Commission; State of NM Cultural Properties Review Committee and CEO and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Tribal Government Institute. Ron is a retired Deputy Regional Director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs.
- **Governor Michael Toledo, Jr.** 2021 Appointed Governor for Jemez. Each newly appointed Governor becomes a voting member of the Board of Directors for their term duration.

**Recognizing our Jemez Enterprises Board of Directors:**

Charlotte Garcia, Jemez Pueblo – President

Business Owner: shipping, Receiving, Fulfillment Services

SRMC Board Member; NM Small Business Advisory Board Member

Ron Toya, Jemez Pueblo – Vice-president

NM Economic Development Commissioner; State of NM Cultural Properties Review Committee and CEO and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Tribal Government Institute

Retired Deputy Director – Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)

Terry Sloan, Navajo/Hopi – Treasurer

Senior Auditor/Accountant at Sloan & Company

City of Albuquerque Tribal Liaison

Director of his NGO Southwest Native Cultures, where he is an accredited member of the

United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs

David S. Melton, Laguna – Secretary

Retired Business owner of Sacred Power; Diversified Systems Management, JAG Distribution; MAC Properties, and Sacred Power Motorsports.

Former Laguna Industries Executive

John Galvan, Jemez Pueblo – Tribal Liaison

Natural Resources Dept. Forester, Two-term 1st Lt Governor, Jemez

Governor Michael Toledo, Jr. Jemez Pueblo – 2021 Member

For more information on becoming a Jemez Enterprises Board member, or learning more about the Corporations Section 17 Charter, stop by the Jemez Enterprises Administrative Offices behind the Walatowa Museum and Gift Shop.



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## **NATIVE AMERICAN VOTING RIGHTS PROGRAM**

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YOU WANT TO CHANGE YOUR  
PHYSICAL ADDRESS OR ANY  
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CURRENT VOTER REGISTRATION  
FORM, PLEASE REGISTER  
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This program was created to ensure that Sandoval County's Native American population has equal access to all electoral process phases.

**Please visit the Native American voting rights  
program on [sandovalcounty.com](http://sandovalcounty.com)  
or call the phone number: (505) 867-7500.**