



Governing Body

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8:00 AM– 5:00 PM (Open through lunch hour)

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Damian Casias, Public Works Supervisor  
Luke Martinez, Public Works  
Danny Martinez, Public Works

Ryan Gates, Police Chief  
Jonathan Travis, Lieutenant  
Manuel Araiza, Patrol Officer  
Daniel Gurule, Reserve Officer  
Karen Gates, Municipal Judge  
Reva Sandoval, Court Clerk  
Charles Duran, Alternate Judge

## January Calendar

- New Year's Day 1  
Village Hall Closed
- Village Council 9  
meeting @ 6:00 pm
- Cub Scout Pack 68's 12  
Pinewood Derby
- Cub Scout Pack 68's 13  
Pinewood Derby Race
- Raton Veterinary 19  
Clinic at 10-12
- Cimarron Civic Club 30  
baked potato sale 11-1  
& 4-6
- Cemetery Board meeting 30  
at 12:00 pm at Village  
Hall
- Visit Cimarron 30  
Committee meeting at  
6:00 pm at Village Hall
- Code Enforcement 31  
Committee meeting at  
6:00 pm at Village Hall

Cimarron Health Clinic  
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## DISPOSING OF FIRE OR WOOD STOVE ASHES

1. Allow ashes to cool completely in the fireplace
  2. Transfer remaining wood and ashes to a metal bucket using a small shovel.
  3. Wet ashes with water to saturate the material in the bucket.
  4. Place bucket away from any combustible materials and cover with a tight fitting lid. The lid will prevent any ashes from blowing and starting a fire.
- Keep your chimney clean to prevent fire hazards

## RECYCLE FIREPLACE ASHES

- Wondering what to do with your fireplace ashes once they cool, try these suggestions:
1. Make a dust bath for chickens to help them clean their feathers.
  2. Add to your compost pile
  3. Neutralize acidic soil
  4. Deter slugs and snails
  5. Use on calcium loving houseplants such as the peace plant and philodendron
  6. Use on tomato and pepper plants

## The Holiday Season in Cimarron

What a great time of the year to be with family and friends and to share greetings and welcome to all. Starting in November, coordinated by the Chamber the Village Park was decorated. Lights turned on November 24th. December 9th was a clear dark sky, 35 degrees and a perfect crescent moon for the annual Christmas parade. Numerous vehicles lined both sides of Highway 64 enjoying the decorated ambulances, fire trucks, school buses, a sailboat, the book mobile, jeeps and ATV's, camping trailers and other cars and trucks. Thanks to the organizers, the police department and spectators. Our churches have had thought provoking programs and the beauty of hymns and carols and special Christmas eve services. Christmas cards have been sent and received. Gifts were sent to many community members now fighting for our freedoms. Many baked cookies for the HALOS to show appreciation for our wonderful teachers. Roger held an open house that was well attended with a new presentation of the Swastika hotel history. Many shared other lives the building has served before Roger made it his home. The Cimarron Toy Run gave out many gifts. The kids shopping day and the volunteers who helped with the wrapping was a heart-warming success. The kids came with lists of parents, grandparents, siblings, neighbors, friends, aunts and uncles and cousins and were so careful in finding the perfect gift and some very specific as to how it should be wrapped. The school's holiday program filled the gym with multiple generations. Santa joked with many of the parents with babies and toddlers how the parent had sat on his lap only 20 years ago. The program was sometimes sweet and often funny as the 8 reindeer one by one bumped their head. Rudolph came to the rescue. The Ugly Sweater contest lived up to its name. Some really, really ugly sweaters. The band was great and the first year band students showed no lack of confidence in one of their first public performances. All of the kids sitting on Santa's lap received a goodie bag from the Civic Club and the club took more goodie bags to the Senior Center the next day. How fortunate we are to live in such a beautiful area and enjoy the slower pace and enjoying such a caring and giving community where friendships have been and are being made.



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Happy New Year and Greeting to all!

The Village staff wish you all a very Merry Happy New Year!

I would like to take a minute to report that this community has been through a lot in 2018 and has both endured hardship through the fires and the closing of businesses and many other unexpected events. Through the rough times I am proud to say I have seen the community flourish with new ideas, new business openings, new events created, and the unification of the community. It is an amazing opportunity to be a part of the transformation and optimistic approach to the positive progress the Village Governing Body and Citizens have created. Thank You.

Project Updates: I am happy to report we are closer to get all our funding paperwork completed, when the paperwork is complete the funding is secured and project ready. The Drinking Water funding is secured, the Clean Water Funding is secured, the CDBG is in the Engineer and environmental stages, and the USDA funding is still in process. We are planning to have the projects designed and ready for construction in the Spring. We have had the Engineers in the Village marking lines and surveying. Jefferson Street design and specifications update have been completed. The Bridges have been surveyed and the Topo-survey almost completed to have them all reconstructed and this has been paid for with the 2018 NMDOT funds. Currently the Village has \$317,918.00 in FY19 NMDOT funds to plan, design, and construct streets in the Village. The matching funds for these NMDOT funds are \$105,973.00 in which the Village will apply for Capital Outlay and hardship waiver to obtain the match required. The priority is to get the Infrastructure installed underground then get the roads paved. The roads will be considered once the water and wastewater lines have been put in. The Water Plant Rehabilitation project design and specifications will be in process in the Spring. The water levels are good and stable- Thank You all for the conservation efforts you have implemented to save the water resources.

We have a lot of exciting things going on and I am happy to report progress is moving along at a great pace. On behalf of the Mayor and Council we would like to thank all those who have decorated for the holidays, hosted community events, and have been involved in the betterment of the community. These events have provided an opportunity for the community to work together and has brought a bright holiday season for many. We appreciate all the hard work that the staff has done to help us all move in a positive direction and we continue to strive to towards improving the Village.

If you have any questions you may come to the office at any time and also you are welcome to come to the Council meeting to be better informed.

Thank You for giving me the opportunity to be a part of your community and allowing me to work towards the improvement of the community through our projects and hard work.

May 2019 be as productive as 2018.

Happy New Year

*Shawn Jeffrey*

Scholarships provided by the Springer Electric Education Foundation are now available to graduating seniors and college students.

For more information and applications call Springer Electric at 575-483-2421 or visit the office at 408 Maxwell Ave. in Springer.

Deadline is January 31, 2019

**HOLIDAY TRADITIONS**

For at least 30 years my daughters Carol, Paula, Tootsie and I have gotten together a week before Christmas and baked a variety of cookies, fudge and peanut brittle.

Years ago when my grandchildren were young cookie day was also tree decorating day for the children.

We divide-up the cookies and other treats and we each make plates to give to family and friends for Christmas.

Marj Martin.



Thank you to Evelyn Malaney for sharing her family holiday tradition of “December 1st” baskets. The story appeared in the December issue of the Communicator.

**TOP 10 MOST COMMON NEW YEAR’S RESOLUTIONS**

1. Exercise more
2. Lose weight
3. Get organized
4. Learn a new skill or hobby
5. Live life to the fullest
6. Save more money/ spend less money
7. Quit smoking
8. Spend more time with family and friends
9. Travel more
10. Read more

In December of 2019 the Communicator will ask you to share stories of how well you succeeded! Try a little friendly competition with a friend or spouse!



**ANNUAL ANIMAL LICENSE AND UPCOMING**

Dogs and cats six months and older are required to be licensed annually in the Village of Cimarron.

A license and tag will be issued upon proof that the animal has been properly vaccinated against rabies.

Licenses are available at Village Hall.

**LICENSE FEES 2019**

Spayed or neutered \$5.00

Unaltered \$10.00



**VACINATION CLINICS**

Raton Veterinary Hospital will be at the Ambulance Barn, 133 N. Jefferson, on Saturday January 19th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Rabies Vaccinations cost \$10.00.

Mesa Vista Veterinary Hospital will be providing vaccines on Saturday, February 9th from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at the Ambulance Barn, 133 N. Jefferson in Cimarron. They will be in Philmont from 3:00 to 4:00 pm. They are scheduled in Springer from 9:00 -11:00 am. The cost of the vaccines and/or shots does not include your annual pet license.

**WINTER WARMER**

Just the thing to warm you up on a cold winter day, the Cimarron Civic Club will be hosting a baked potato sale on January 30th at the Cimarron United Methodist church. Serving hours are 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Lots of possible toppings like stroganoff, broccoli and cheese, chili as well as the traditional butter, sour cream, chives, cheese. Plus a variety of soups as well. Cost is \$5.00 per potato.

**TOTAL LUNAR ECLIPSE**

The only total lunar eclipse for 2018 will occur January 20.. The eclipse will begin at 7:36 p.m. MST, begin full stage at 9:41 p.m., full maximum stage at 10:12 p.m., end full stage at 10:43 p.m. and the eclipse will end at 11:48 p.m. This eclipse will be visible in North America

**CIMARRON MORE THAN A CENTURY AGO**

The following article appeared in the January 20, 1909 issue of THE CIMARRON CITIZEN “STREET LIGHTS HAVE ARRIVED: Two Twelve Hundred Candle Power Street Lights Installed. More coming” Some time ago a letter was circulated among the businessmen of new town and they were asked to subscribe by signing this list for street lights. Quite a sum was raised in a very short time, enough nearly for four big twelve hundred candle power gasoline lamps. Those lamps are made expressly for street lighting and are enclosed in a glass wind shield set on very good looking cast-iron post or pedestal. Two of the lamps have arrived and are placed on the northeast and northwest corners of the park. Two more have been ordered and one will be placed on the corner at the Oxford Hotel and one on the corner south of the depot near Fulton Restaurant. Note: It is believed the lamp in front of the Cimarron Library might be one of the original lamps.

.....and more from 1909

Many people spend half their lives in hesitation and the other half in regretting and a few know a good thing when they see it. Those few are at Cimarron now but there is room for more.

**CUB SCOUT PACK 68**

The Pinewood Derby Tryouts will be January 12th at 6:00 pm. at the Sister Hildegarde Parish Hall. The Pinewood Derby Race will be on Sunday, January 13th at 6:30 pm at the Sister Hildegarde Parish Hall.

**OPEN HANDS THRIFT STORE**

Open Hands Thrift Store will be having a book sale from January 4th –19th. They would like to thank everyone that has supported them and helped make a big success of the little Thrift Store.

**SPRINGER MARKET OPENS**

The market in Springer is now open! Hours are 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m Mon-Fri. Saturday 9:00-4:00. Closed Sunday. They have fresh produce, a limited supply of meat, milk, bread and a bit of everything you’d expect in a neighborhood market.