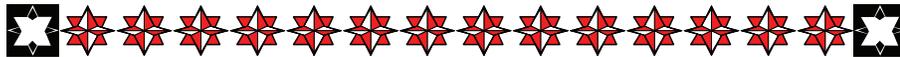


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GRANT COUNTY IMPLEMENTS

REVERSE 911

When there is a disaster, evacuation or other emergency in Grant County you will now be notified by an automated telephone or email message. If you would like to add your cell phone number or email address to the notification system, go to the Grant County Web Site at www.grantcountynm.com. On the home page click on the telephone in the section titled, "Opt in to the county's new reverse 911 system." and follow the instructions.

The reverse 911 program is administered by Grant County Central Dispatch. An example of the way that the system will be used is: When an evacuation is called for in a specific area of Grant County, Central Dispatch will initiate an automated telephone and email message that will go out to all the residents in the geographic area identified. The system can also be used to provide non-emergency notifications with information about road or school closures.

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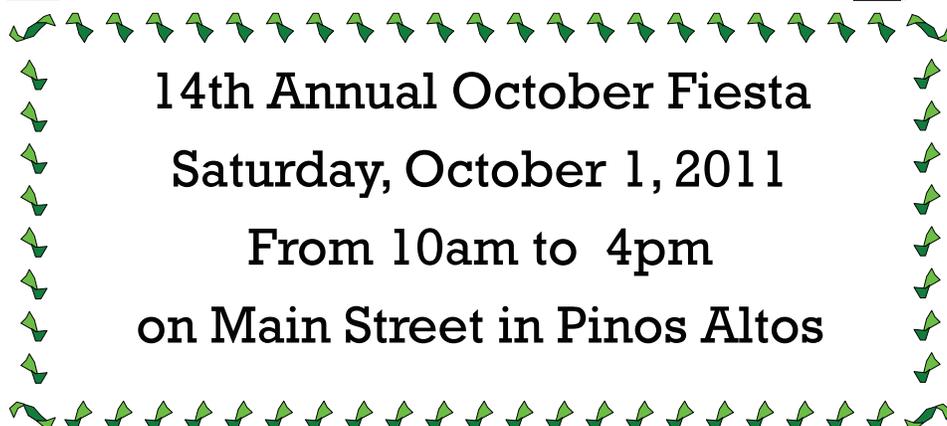
14th Annual October Fiesta

Saturday, October 1, 2011

From 10am to 4pm

on Main Street in Pinos Altos

Part of the fun at October Fiesta is a visit by Smokey Bear. At right, two visitors get a "bear hug" from Smokey Bear.



WHAT IS THE SILVER CITY NEIGHBORHOOD ALLIANCE AND HOW CAN IT HELP?

The Silver City Neighborhood Alliance was founded shortly after the Quail Ridge Fire on both sides of Ridge Road southeast of town as a means for neighborhoods to share much-needed emergency resource information by email. Some of the resource information shared has included data from the federal Fire Wise program (<http://www.firewise.org>), the federal Neighborhood Watch program (<http://www.usaonwatch.org>), state and local fire updates (<http://www.inciweb.org/>), New Mexico fire information (<http://nmfireinfo.wordpress.com/>), Grant County Dispatch (Grant County Regional Dispatch Authority at (575) 388-8840), local and regional interagency efforts (<http://gacc.nifc.gov/swcc/>), and wildland fire hotlists (<http://www.wildlandfire.com/hotlist/forumdisplay.php?f=22>).

We've shared contact data for town and county administration officials, such as:

- Grant County Fire Management Officer – Gary Benavidez – 534-0011 gcfiremgmt@gmail.com
- Grant County Code Enforcement/Emergency Management Officer – Gilbert Helton – 534-0830, ghelton@grantcountynm.com
- Grant County Sheriff's office – Non-Emergency: 575-574-0100; Capt. Kevin Flamm kflamm@grantcountynm.com
- Silver City Fire Chief - Rudy Bencomo - 956-1274, rbencomo@silvercitymail.com
- Silver City Fire Deputy Chief of Fire Prevention - Milo Lambert - 956-1273, mlambert@silvercitymail.com
- Silver City Chief of Police Ed Reynolds, ereynolds@silvercitymail.com

And, we've shared information about on-line media reporting entities that stay up to date on emergency occurrence and data such as The Grant County Beat (www.grantcountybeat.com), Gila Community Net (www.gilacommunity.net), the Glenwood Gazette (who had a firefighter reporting in at www.glenwoodgazette.com), and The Morning Show, who addressed fire issues live in the morning. We even had the Desert Exposure offer to host a webpage for emergency information!

All this hubbub helped neighbors form several neighborhood groups who have, or are, planning, forming, or revitalizing Fire Wise communities, Neighbor Watch groups, and more. Neighbors reached out to other neighbors, even if they were all the way across town. The resourcefulness of Lucy Whitmarsh and Friends of Volunteer Fire & Rescue brought forward a generous, anonymous donor to give \$15,000 to Grant County for the purchase of a reverse 911 system. That system kicked off on Thursday, July 7.

But, we're not done - we will never be 'done.' Communication about neighborhood needs never stops. One neighborhood might serve as a resource for another who wishes to form a similar group. Neighborhood leaders may need to share information about important needs neighborhoods have in common. It's what some folks might call a macro-level, multi-tiered approach to community building.

So, the Silver City Neighborhood Alliance will continue, with a focus of sharing much-needed information in times when other forms of communication just don't seem to be enough. If you're interested in getting on the email list, just email scneighborsalliance@gmail.com. Your email address will be held in confidence; messages are sent in blind copy and are not frequently sent. If we share our resources, we'll have stronger neighborhoods.

-Kathy Anderson-

OCTOBER FIESTA
Saturday, October 1, 2011
 BENEFIT for PINOS
 ALTOS VOLUNTEER
 FIRE RESCUE

The 14th Annual October Fiesta will be on Saturday, October 1, 2011 from 10 am to 4 pm on Main Street in Pinos Altos. The historic western town will be a center of activity for historic reenactments, music, dancing, children's games, wonderful food. The Pinos Altos Ice Cream Parlor will be serving a German lunch of bratwurst and potato salad. The Opera House, adjacent to the Buckhorn Saloon will be serving a special lunch and special beer selection in addition to the usual full bar.

Vendor applications for arts, crafts and jewelry spaces can be obtained from event coordinator, Lucy Whitmarsh, by calling 575-574-8394, or by email to lmwk@dishmail.net.

Donations can be mailed to: Friends of the Fire and Rescue Volunteers, PO Box 4012, Silver City, NM 88062



25th Anniversary Celebration

Fun For All

The 25th Anniversary Celebration of the founding of the Pinos Altos Volunteer Fire Rescue on June 18 at the Pinos Altos Station was an enjoyable occasion. Ray and Bonnie Davis cooked hot dogs for everyone. Carol Lutz and Olivia Ochoa helped at the information table where raffle tickets, coffee mugs and 25th Anniversary t-shirts were available. Music was provided by Jericho which was very entertaining. Ira and Maureen Craig helped direct traffic. During the program a bench was dedicated to the founders of the fire department. All of the active members of Pinos Altos Volunteer Fire Rescue were recognized as well as the Associate Members who coordinated the celebration event.

