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Now Accepting:



VIA Transfers Tome Hill to Historic Tome Land Grant

One of Valencia County's most notable landmarks has been transferred to the Town of Tome land Grant.

Valley Improvement Association transferred ownership of Tomé Hill and the Puerto del Sol park at its base to the town of Tomé Land Grant.

VIA had been considering what to do with the Hill for the last few years.

The transfer of the Hill to the Land Grant will not change access to the Hill; people can still do their pilgrimages and take their walks.

The VIA board considered several options as to who would be the best guardian of the Hill. The University of New Mexico, because it had done extensive research on the petroglyph's on the hill. But there were concerns that the property would be "lost" in such a large organization.

The Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Tomé was considered as well as the people of the parish itself. But funding to maintain the Hill was a concern.

A lot of tradition and heritage of the Hill is tied to the church.

But ultimately, the board felt the Land Grant was best able to take care of the Hill.

As a political subdivision of the state, they could access funding to sustain the Hill.

The hope is that through the transfer of the Hill, VIA and the people of Tome can work together for the preservation and good of the community.

Valencia County wrangles with illegal dumping

Noted as a lack of funding and adequate facilities, Valencia County continues to wrestle with illegal dumping on the West and East Mesa's of Valencia County as well as the irrigation ditches and other vacant properties throughout the County. Valencia County has a big challenge on its hands as the availability of adequate facilities with user friendly hours for residents to dump their trash becomes harder to come by. As a result of this, many residents dump illegally on the West and East Mesa's of Valencia County and along irrigation ditches and canals. Until a realistic plan is adopted and user friendly facilities are created, the County will continue the battle. In an effort to stamp out illegal dumping, VIA has taken steps to identify those who are dumping illegally and with the assistance of Valencia County, notify these violators and demand that they clean up the area's that they dumped on. A proactive approach needs to be taken in order to adequately address this plaguing problem.

The problem is that much of the trash is ending up on non-resident property owners.

Please Contact Valencia County at (505)866-2003 about concerns with illegal dumping.

City of Rio Communities Update:

After numerous failed attempts to deed the parks in Southern Rio Communities to the City of Rio Communities at no cost to the City, VIA sold Timan and Del Fuego Parks to a local land developer/investor. The City of Rio Communities did not feel that they could afford to keep the parks.

VIA has also offered to the City of Rio Communities the 20,000 square foot building that once housed UNM-Valencia Campus along with approximately 1.9 acres of property for \$280,000 or \$14.00 per foot.

The City of Rio Communities has adopted many new ordinances and continues to move forward with their efforts to operate as the Governing Body for Southern Rio Communities.

Valley Community Plaza for Sale:

Valley Improvement Association has for sale Valley Community Plaza in Rio Communities. The Plaza which is home to VIA's Corporate Office is situated in the center of Rio Communities, sits on 3.8 Acres of property, contains 35,000 square feet of space and has been drastically reduced to sell for \$495,000.00. With the reduction of staff at VIA the space that was once needed for the administrative function has decreased thus the decision to sell the Plaza.

Interested Parties can call (505) 864-6654, ext 117 for more information.

Covenant Enforcement

Valley Improvement Association is working diligently on Covenant Enforcement. A clean community is a good community. The covenants and restrictions are in place to ensure that properties remain in good condition which adds value to our community. If you are in need of a copy of the Covenants and Restrictions for your area, please contact our office. It is recommended that you make yourself familiar with this document and adhere to the covenants and restrictions for your area. An enforcement officer is driving around your area and will notify you of any violations that they see.

Valencia County Economy

The Economy in Southern Valencia County continues to suffer the effects of "The Great Recession". Though many parts of the Country are feeling a bounce back, Southern Valencia County continues to suffer in terms of lack of job growth. As a result of this, home sales continue to lag behind current trends seen in other parts of the Country. Until real estate sales rebound and the sale of existing inventory moves, properties within Southern Valencia County will continue to remain depressed. VIA is hopeful that the recovery will filter down to southern Valencia County. The association continues to push economic development efforts in Southern Valencia County.

Notice:

Resumes are being accepted for Positions on the Board of Directors of VIA-call VIA office for more info.