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CERRILLOS HILLS HISTORIC PARK

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O-Piñon!

The Official Newsletter of The Cerrillos Hills Historic Park

Public Meeting to Be Held

New Mexico State Parks will hold public meetings on **March 21 (in Cerrillos)** and March 22 (in Galisteo) to gather public input on the draft feasibility study for the proposed Cerrillos Hills/Galisteo Basin State Park. State Parks prepared the feasibility study in response to House Joint Memorial 8, passed by the Legislature in 2005, which authorizes the establishment of Cerrillos Hills State Park.

Tuesday, March 21—6:30 p.m.
St. Joseph's Church Hall
7 First Street
Cerrillos, NM

Wednesday, March 22—6:30 p.m.
Galisteo Community Center
35 County Road 33-A
Galisteo, NM

Public comments on the study will be accepted until April 21, 2006 at 5:00 p.m.

All comments must be submitted by mail, fax, or email to: New Mexico State Parks, P.O. Box 1147, Santa Fe, NM 87504-1147; Fax: (505) 476-3361; email: nmparks@state.nm.us

CHHP Welcomes New Volunteer Coordinator

Chase Morrison has been appointed coordinator for CHHP projects that involve the support of members and volunteers. Chase will be working to consolidate and update current member information and will re-enlist past supporters and engage new ones in a membership and volunteer drive. She has a background in sales, marketing and administration, which makes her a good fit for CHHP's current needs. She is also a professional musician in the Santa Fe area.

First Park Cleanup of the Season

The first park cleanup of 2006 will take place March 20 – 23 and will be led by the Chimayó Youth Conservation Corps. They will be back for some long-planned maintenance, realignment and repair of Park trails. They're a great group of kids, and we always look forward to seeing them here. Bill Baxter and Todd Brown are the park coordinators for this project. CYCC workdays will begin not later than 8:30 and go until about 4:30. Come by to see the work and cheer them on! It means a lot to them that local people are interested, and more cheers will definitely make it merrier. (Though they bring water and meals with them, a pizza or two or some snacks, should you be so inclined, would be welcome.) If you would also like to lend a hand please contact Bill Baxter at 424-3574.

We're Reactivating Our List Of Supporters Of The Park

Please email us and tell your friends to do so if they would like to receive the Cerrillos Hills Historic Park newsletter, ***O-Piñon!*** which will be published and distributed four times yearly, primarily by email. Call Chase Morrison at 660-3187 or email her at celtcello@yahoo.com to sign up to receive CHHP news. Please leave a message stating your name, phone number, email address or, if you prefer, a snail mail address.

Milestones

Jane Sanchez, a longtime supporter of CHHP, Board Member, and former resident of Cerrillos died in February of 2006. The Calvin Ranch (her father's) was the San Marcos Pueblo Grant. Portions of the Sanchez land, her husband's, is now part of the Cerrillos Hills Park Association.

*By Jan Jonas
Tribune Reporter
February 17, 2006*

To Jane Calvin Sanchez, the history of New Mexico was more fascinating than anything else in her life. Raised in Cerrillos on her father's ranch, Sanchez spent hours riding her horse in the San Marcos Pueblo area, scouring the hills and poking into the ruins. Sanchez, 76, died Sunday of a heart attack. Jane Sanchez's interest was the private lives of people such as explorers Francisco Vasquez de Coronado and Juan Cabeza de Vaca, said her son, Philip Sanchez. When he graduated from high school, the family went to Salamanca, Spain, where Coronado was born. She did some research at the time then returned to Spain and London about two years ago to complete the project. After all four children were in school she worked for the New Mexico Historical Review. She also had several articles published in the Review throughout her 40-year career. The State Department once used her research on mining in New Mexico as it pertained to the development of Spanish land grants, said daughter Patricia Elena Sanchez. Her will dictates that her children donate some of her research to historical organizations. Sanchez completed much of her work at Zimmerman Library on the University of New Mexico campus. She graduated from UNM in the early 1950s, majoring in languages. She taught her children how to find answers to their questions.

There's a movement afoot to create a tribute to Jane Sanchez somewhere in the vicinity of the Cerrillos Hills.

Who's Who at the Park

Todd Brown is the manager of the Cerrillos Hills Historic Park and he is also the owner and operator of the *Casa Grande Trading Post & Turquoise Mining Museum* in Cerrillos Village. Contact Todd concerning all non-emergency matters relating to the operation and maintenance of the Park at **438-3008**, or simply stop in at the Trading Post. Please report any problems, complaints or just let him know what a good job you think he's doing.

Please call 911 for emergencies.

Flora and Fauna Sightings in the Park

What have you seen in the park lately that has feathers or fur? We'd like to know what creatures are stirring this (mild) winter. Email us-- tell us what you've seen!

Did You Know That...

- The Park has 5.2 miles of improved trails?
- There are 8 Fantastic Featured Mines?
- The Park has 8 benches?
- The Park has 13 historical informational signs?

Why You Should Become a Member!

You may once have been a member of CHHP but let your membership lapse, or you may wish to join as a first-timer. Either way, we're glad to hear from you.

If you like what we are doing and would like to join us in support of the Park, you are invited to become a member of the CERRILLOS HILLS PARK COALITION.

As a member you will receive regular updates, news, and invitations to participate in Coalition events, and you will have an opportunity to contribute directly to the evolution and development of the Park. As a Coalition member you will have advance notice and special invitations for selected Park activities and events.

Most of all you will be helping us conserve this unique public open space.

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- \$10 Student/Senior (65) individual \$100 Sustainer
- \$20 Individual membership \$100 Organization membership
- \$30 Household (two or more) \$250 Benefactor
- \$60 Contributor \$1000 Life Member (individual or couple)

Send this completed form and your check to:

C.H.P.C.
PO Box 191
Cerrillos, NM 87010

All contributions (and membership dues) are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.
The CHPC is a non-profit, 501(c)3 organization, and all of your contributions go toward educational efforts in the Park and to the betterment and maintenance of the Park.
All contributions will be acknowledged.

Our Website is www.cerrilloshills.org