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WELCOME BIENVENIDOS

Dear Visitors,

On behalf of our charming and historic community, I am delighted to welcome you to our town. Nestled in a picturesque setting, our town offers a rich tapestry of cultural events, vibrant history, and warm hospitality that I am sure you will find both engaging and memorable.

As you stroll through our quaint streets, you will discover a delightful array of gift shops, galleries, and museums, each offering a unique glimpse into our town's heritage and artistic spirit. Our local businesses take great pride in providing exceptional products and services, and I encourage you to take the time to explore and enjoy what they have to offer.

Our town is also renowned for its diverse and delectable dining options. Whether you are in the mood for a cozy café, a fine dining experience, or a casual bite, you will find a restaurant to satisfy every palate. In addition, our bars, breweries, wineries, and distilleries offer a wide selection of beverages that showcase the craftsmanship and creativity of our local producers.

Throughout the year, our community hosts a variety of cultural events that celebrate our traditions, arts, and music. From lively festivals to intimate performances, there is always something happening to enrich your visit and connect you with our vibrant community spirit.

We are proud of our town's heritage and the welcoming atmosphere that makes it a special place for both residents and visitors. I hope you enjoy your time here and leave with fond memories and a desire to return.

Thank you for choosing to visit our town. If you have any questions or need assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to our friendly local businesses or town officials.

Warmest regards,

Russell Hernandez Mayor, Town of Mesilla



A nombre de nuestra encantadora e histórica comunidad, me complace darles la bienvenida a nuestro pueblo. Ubicado en un pintoresco entorno, Mesilla ofrece una amplia variedad de eventos artísticos, una historia vibrante y una cálida hospitalidad que, estoy seguro, encontrarán atractiva y memorable.

Al pasear por nuestras bellas calles, descubrirán una gran variedad de tiendas de regalos, galerías y museos que ofrecen una visión única de nuestra herencia y nuestro espíritu artístico. Nuestros negocios locales se enorgullecen de proveer productos y servicios excepcionales. Les animo a tomarse el tiempo para explorar y disfrutar de todo lo que pueden ofrecer.

Nuestro pueblo es también reconocido por su diversa y deliciosa oferta gastronómica. Ya sea un acogedor café, una cena de alta cocina o una comida casual, podrán encontrar un restaurante para todo tipo de gustos. Además, nuestros bares, cervecerías, bodegas de vino y destilerías ofrecen una amplia selección de bebidas que muestran la habilidad y creatividad de los productores locales.

A lo largo del año, nuestra comunidad organiza una variedad de eventos culturales que celebran nuestras tradiciones, artes y música, desde animados festivales hasta foros más íntimos. Siempre habrá algo que enriquezca su visita y les conectará con nuestra vibrante comunidad.

Estamos orgullosos de la herencia de nuestro pueblo, así como de la acogedora atmósfera que hace de Mesilla un lugar especial, tanto para sus residentes como para sus visitantes. Espero que disfruten de su tiempo aquí, generen gratos recuerdos y, por supuesto, deseen volver.

> Gracias por visitar nuestro pueblo. Ante cualquier duda o necesidad de asistencia, no duden en contactar a nuestros amigables negocios y funcionarios locales.

> > Les saluda con afecto,

Russell Hernandez Alcalde, Pueblo de Mesilla

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EXITS TO OLD MESILLA

FROM ALBUQUERQUE - I-25 EXIT 1 Turn right on University Avenue, drive West approximately 6 miles

FROM EL PASO - TAKE I-10 WEST

Approximately 40 miles to Mesilla Exit 140, turn left on Avenida de Mesilla - 1 Mile

FROM PHOENIX I-10 - MESILLA EXIT 140

Turn right on Avenida de Mesilla - 1 Mile

US 70

Take I-25 South to I-10 West, to Mesilla Exit 140, turn left on Avenida de Mesilla - 1 Mile

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The history of Mesilla is a complex one and there are many accounts of how things actually happened. What we know for sure is that hundreds of years later, Mesilla has maintained its quaint, charming appeal of long ago.

In the early to mid 1800s, the Camino Real Trail that traveled from Chihuahua to Santa Fe, and the Butterfield Stagecoach from San Antonio to San Diego, turned the region into a hub for commerce and transportation in the region. At this point, the area of Mesilla was still uncharted territory; not many settlers had yet made it their home.

It was the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo in 1848 that attracted early settlers to Mesilla and thus began populating the town. It was established as a colony by the early 1850s, around the time that the United States and Mexico settled the boundary dispute that arose from the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo. The settlement, known as the Gadsden Purchase, was effectuated on November 16, 1854 in Mesilla by taking down the Mexican flag and raising the United States flag.

In late July 1861, 300 Texas troops led by Confederate Col. John Baylor captured Fort Fillmore, just outside of Mesilla. After defeating the Union troops Baylor named the town of Mesilla as the capital of the new Confederate Territory of Arizona. The Civil War ended in Mesilla in 1862 after Colonel Baylor and the confederate troops retreated to Texas.

FRANK L. OLIVER

By the 1870s Mesilla was in her prime and there were several stores, doctors, lawyers, carpenter shops as well as other establishments. However, the hustle and bustle of Mesilla not only attracted businessmen and commerce, it also attracted outlaws like Billy the Kid. It was in Mesilla that the Kid was tried and sentenced to death by hanging in 1881.

With the booming commerce and constant traffic, Mesilla was actually at one time the largest U.S. town between San Antonio and San Diego. But, the once thriving town, and the obvious choice for a railroad, was stunted when, in 1881, it was decided that the incoming railway would be constructed through the neighboring town of Las Cruces instead.

Today, many of Mesilla's residents are direct descendants of its early settlers. The town and its people are a true representation of the community's Native-American, Spanish, Mexican and Anglo-American heritage.



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Many of the structures in Mesilla's historic district have been classified as "significant" on the National Register of Historic Places because they are either architecturally outstanding or exceptionally important in the history of the community.



Around 1855 San Albino church was built at the north end of the plaza. The original church was adobe and had only one steeple. The present church was built in the early 1900s around the old adobe church. When it was finished, the old church was dismantled inside the new church and carried out the front door. The church was named on San Albino Day in early March, a date associated with the completion of a local water ditch that would provide irrigation to the settler's communal fields. San albino is appropriately a water saint.

Location: 2280 Calle de Principal, Mesilla, NM 88046 • 575-526-9349

FOUNTAIN THEATRE

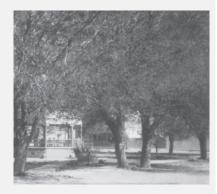
For 25 years, the Mesilla Valley Film Society has been presenting the best independent, foreign and documentary films in the southwest at the Fountain Theatre, one-half block off the plaza. The theatre has a long history of entertaining the locals. After buying the building in 1905, Albert Fountain Jr. began producing plays, vaudeville, light opera, and lantern slide shows. It has operated as both a live theatre and cinema since that time. In 1989 the MVFS began managing the venue. There are screenings every night plus matinees on weekends. For a complete schedule, ticket prices and membership information, go to www. mesillavalleyfilm.org.

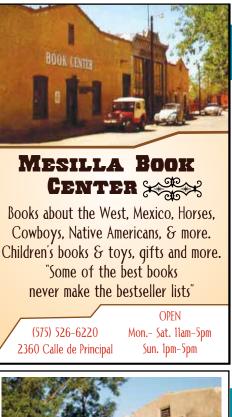
Location:

2469 Calle de Guadalupe, Mesilla, NM 88046 • 575-524-8287

THE PLAZA

Because of its historical significance in the state as well as the nation, the Old Mesilla Plaza was declared a New Mexico state monument on September 10, 1957. Initially, it was listed on the National Register in January, 1982 as a National Historic Landmark. Then, Mesilla's historic district was added to the National Registry in February, 1985.







The Potteries Dinnerware, Lighting and Paintings

The Potteries is a working artist studio. Bill Cook makes architectural lighting from earthenware clay he digs himself. Janice Cook has sculpture and porcelain dinnerware in bright colors. Jeanne Rundell is a painter known for her whimsy.

(575) 524-0538 2260 Calle de Santiago, Box 64 www.thepotteriesmesilla.com

Friday & Saturday 11am-5pm Or by appointment

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Born Henry McCarty; September 17 or November 23, 1859 – July 14, 1881, also known by the pseudonym William H. Bonney, was an outlaw and gunfighter of the American Old West, who killed eight men before he was shot and killed at the age of 21. He also fought in New Mexico's Lincoln County War, during which he allegedly committed three murders.

McCarty was orphaned at the age of 15. His first arrest was for stealing food, at the age of 16, in late 1875. Ten days later, he robbed a Chinese laundry and was again arrested, but escaped shortly afterwards. He fled from New Mexico Territory into neighboring Arizona Territory, making himself both an outlaw and a federal fugitive. In 1877, McCarty began to call himself" William H. Bonney". Two versions of a wanted poster dated September 23, 1875, refer to him as "Wm. Wright, better known as Billy the Kid".

After killing a blacksmith during an altercation in August 1877, McCarty became a wanted man in Arizona and returned to New Mexico, where he joined a group of cattle rustlers. He became well known in the region when he joined the Regulators and took part in the Lincoln County War of 1878. McCarty and two other Regulators were later charged with killing three men, including Lincoln County Sheriff William J. Brady and one of his deputies.

McCarty's notoriety grew in December 1880 when the Las Vegas Gazette, in Las Vegas, New Mexico, and The Sun, in New York City, carried stories about his crimes. Sheriff Pat Garrett captured McCarty later that month. In April 1881, McCarty was tried for and convicted of Brady's murder, and was sentenced to hang in May of that year. He escaped from jail on April 28, killing two sheriff's deputies in the process and evading capture for more than two months. Garrett shot and killed McCarty, by then age 21, in Fort Sumner on July 14, 1881. During the following decades, legends grew that McCarty had survived, and a number of men claimed to be him. Billy the Kid remains one of the most notorious figures from the era, whose life and likeness have been frequently dramatized in Western popular culture.

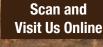


Largest Billy the Kid memorabilia store in the area Local and Southwest Art Local and Native American Jewelry

Billy the Kid Git Shop is located in one of the most historic buildings in New Mexico.

In 1861 it was the state capitol of the New Mexico and Arizona Territories during the Civil War. After the Civil War, it was the county courthouse and jail. It was here that Billy the Kid was tried and sentenced to hang.

Today it houses one of the most complete Gift Shops in the area. Here you can find knifes for him, jewelry for her, toys for the youngins, sweet treats, souvenirs, gifts and more. Come in and listen to the secrets of the past and don't forget to take a piece of history with you.



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2385 Calle de Guadalupe Mesilla, NM 88046 • 575-523-5561 www.Mesilla.com



The Mesilla art scene is always evolving with local artist representing our great region with fine skills, making our Town, a thriving art and culture destination. You will fine, Native American Art, Sculptures, Paintings, Jewelry, Clothing and much more. We invite all to visit our Galleries and take a little of us back with you.

AGAVE ART GALLERY 2250 Calle de San Albino GALERIA ON THE PLAZA 2310 Calle de Principal

GALERIA AZUL 2337 Calle de Guadalupe

THE POTTERIES 2260 Calle de Santiago MESILLA VALLEY FINE ARTS 2470 Calle de Guadalupe, Ste. A



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OVER 20 LOCAL ARTISTS FEATURED 2 locations: Across from La Posta de Mesilla - and on the Plaza Shop Now - www.juliennejewelryonline.com



FARMER'S MARKET Weekly Fridays & Sundays

Set in our historic plaza, Old Mesilla's Mercado is one of America's oldest markets since 1857.

More than 155 years later, our Mercado continues to be at the center of our town showcasing finely hand-crafted jewelry, original artwork and locally grown produce.

Fridays -11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. **Sundays** - 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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MAP 30 Located on the Plaza in Historic Old Mesilla

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www.andelerestaurante.com

www.cafedemesilla.com

CAFÉ DE MESILLA 2190 Avenida de Mesilla (575) 524-0000

CHALA'S 2790 Avenida de Mesilla (575) 652-4143

D.H. LESCOMBES WINERY & BISTRO www.stclairwinery.com 1720 Avenida de Mesilla (575) 524-2408

DON FELIX CAFÉ 2290 Calle de Parian (575) 652-3007

www.donfelixcafe.com

DOUBLE EAGLE RESTAURANT 2355 Calle de Guadalupe (575) 523-6700 www.doubleeagleonline.com

DRY POINT DISTILLERS 1680 Calle de Alvarez (575) 652-3414

EL PATIO BAR 2171 Calle de Parian (575) 526-9943

FARMESILLA 1840 Avenida de Mesilla (575) 642-4536

HACIENDA DE MESILLA 1891 Avenida de Mesilla (575) 652-4953

www.haciendademesilla.com

www.paisanocafe.com

www.laposta-de-mesilla.com

www.farmesilla.com

www.drypointdistillersnm.com

LA POSTA DE MESILLA RESTAURANT & CANTINA 2410 Calle de San Albino (575) 524-3524

LUNA ROSSA WINERY 1321 Avenida de Mesilla

(575) 526-2484 www.lunarossawinery.com

NM VINTAGE WINES. BEERS + CIGARS www.NMVintageWines.com 2310 Avenida de Mesilla (575) 523-9463

OLD TOWN CAFÉ 2488 Calle De Guadalupe (575) 319-4549

PAISANO CAFÉ 1740 Calle de Mercado (575) 524-0211

PALACIO BAR 2600 Avenida de Mesilla (575) 525-2910

PEPPER'S CAFÉ 2355 Calle de Guadalupe (575) 523-4999

SALUD! DE MESILLA www.SaluddeMesilla.com

1800 Avenida de Mesilla (575) 527-2869

www.spotteddogbrewery.com

www.doubleeagleonline.com

SPOTTED DOG BREWERY 2920 Avenida de Mesilla (575) 650-2729

THAI DELIGHT

2184 Avenida de Mesilla (575) 525-1900

THE BEAN

2011 Avenida de Mesilla

www.thebeanmesilla.com

THE BEAN (a) JOSEFINA'S OLD GATE CAFÉ 2261 Calle de Guadalupe (575) 527-5155

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- 1. A REAL MAN 2290 Calle de Parian
- 2. ACTON ACADEMY OF LAS CRUCES 1730 Tierra de Mesilla
- 3. ADOBE PATIO **GALLERY & STUDIO** 1765 Calle de Mercado
- ADVENTURE TRAVEL 4. 2340 Avenida de Mesilla
- AGAVE ARTISTS 5. 2250 Calle de San Albino
- 6. ANDELE'S TORTILLERIA DE MESILLA 1950 Calle del Norte
- ANDELE'S 7. RESTAURANT 1950 Calle del Norte
- 8. **ANDELE'S DOG** HOUSE PATIO GRILL 1983 Calle del Norte
- 9. ARTHRITIS TREATMENT SPECIALISTS 1770 Tierra de Mesilla
- **10. BILLY THE KID GIFT SHOP** 2385 Calle de Guadalupe
- 11. BLACK RAT TATTOO 1901 Calle de Correo
- 12. BLUE DOOR VENUE 1750 Calle de Mercado
- 13. BOWLIN'S MESILLA **BOOK CENTER** 2360 Calle de Principal
- 14. BUFFALO SWAG 2521 Avenida de Mesilla
- 15. CAFÉ DE MESILLA 2190 Avenida de Mesilla
- 16. CAFE DON FELIX 2410 Calle de Principal

- 17. CASA BLANKA IMPORTS 1705 Tierra de Mesilla CASA BONITA
- 1820 Avenida de Mesilla 19. CHALA'S WOOD
 - FIRED GRILL 2790 Avenida de Mesilla
- 20. CHEEKY CHAPS BARBERSHOP 2521 Avenida de Mesilla

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- 21. CHEEKY CHICKS 2521 Avenida de Mesilla, Ste. C
- 22. COWBOY CANNABIS 2309-3 Calle de San Albino
- 23. CREATIVE SPIRITS DISTILLERS 1680 Calle de Alvarez
- 24. CUTTER GALLERY 2220 Calle de Parian
- 25. DAKOTA DUKES WILD COYOTES 2470B Calle de Guadalupe
- 26. DAYBREAK LIFE COACHING, LLC 1680 Alvarez, A-4
- 27. DEL SOL 2322 Calle de Principal
- 28. DH LESCOMBES 1720 Avenida de Mesilla
- 29. DISCOUNT FIREWORKS 2531 Avenida de Mesilla
- **30. DOUBLE EAGLE DE MESILLA** 2355 Calle de Guadalupe
- 31. DRY POINT DISTILLERS 1680 Calle de Alvarez C
- 32. EDWARD JONES & CO. 1701 Calle de Mercado, Ste. 4

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33. EL PATIO BAR 2171 Calle de Parian

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- 34. ENCHANTED BEAUTY 1680 Alvarez, Ste, C
- 35. FARMESILLA 1840 Avenida de Mesilla
- 36. FIRST AMERICAN BANK 1553 Avenida de Mesilla
- **37. GADSDEN MUSEUM** 1875 Boutz Rd.
- 38. GALERIA AZUL 2337 Calle de Guadalupe
- 39. GALERIA ON THE PLAZA 2310 Calle de Principal
- 40. HACIENDA DE MESILLA 1891 Avenida de Mesilla
- 41. HEART & SOUL OF NM, INC 1991 Calle de Santiago
- 42. HEART OF THE DESERT PISTACHIOS 1701 Calle de Mercado
- 43. HIGH ON LIFE 1680 Calle de Alvarez
- 44. HOME INSTEAD SENIOR CARE 2470C Calle de Guadalupe
- 45. IMPRESSIONS **DE MESILLA** 2290 Calle de Parian
- 46. JULIENNE JEWELRY 2329 Calle de Guadalupe
- 47. JULIENNE JEWELRY 2000 Calle de Parian
- 48. LA MORENA WALKING TOURS 2755 Calle de San Albino
- 49. LA POSTA **DE MESILLA** 2410 Calle de San Albino
- 50. LA ZIA 2350 Calle de Principal

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- 51. LAS CRUCES ACADEMY, INC. 1755 Calle de Mercado
- 52. LAS CRUCES PRIMARY CARE 1745 Avenida de Mercado
- 53. LEAVITT GROUP SOUTHWEST 1740 Calle de Mercado, Ste, E
- 54. LEGACY PECANS & COMPANY 2456 Calle de Guadalupe
- 55. LUCERO ENTERPRISES 2960 Camino Castillo
- 56. LUNA ROSSA 1321 Avenida de Mesilla
- 57. MATTEO 2410 Calle de San Albino
- 58. MESILLA-N-MOTION 2222 Avenida de Mesilla
- 59. MESILLA VALLEY FILM SOCIETY **FOUNTAIN THEATRE** 2469 Calle de Guadalupe
- **60. MESILLA VALLEY** FINE ARTS 2470 Calle de Guadalupe, Ste. A
- 61. MJM RETAIL GROUP 2290 Calle de Parian, Ste, A
- 62. NAMBE, LLC 2109 Calle de Parian
- 63. NEW MEXICO HANDMADE, INC 1910 Calle de Parian
- 64. NM VINTAGE MARKET 2310 Avenida de Mesilla
- 65. OLD BARREL TEA
- SPICE COMPANY 2410 Calle Principal, Ste, C
- 66. OLD TOWN CAFÉ 2488 Calle de Guadalupe

- 67. OLD MESILLA KENNEL 3036 S. Hwy. 28
- 68. PAISANO CAFÉ 1740 Calle de Mercado, Ste, C
- 69. PALACIO BAR 2600 Avenida de Mesilla
- 70. PECAN MESILLA 2806 Valle Grande
- 71. PEPPERS 2355 Calle de Guadalupe
- 72. PISTOLEROS BARBER SHOP 1701 #4 Calle de Mercado
- 73. PLANET FIREWORKS,LLC 2001 Calle de Mercado
- 74. RISTRAMNN CHILE CO. 2531 Avenida de Mesilla
- 75. RUBY SUN 2301 Calle de San Albino
- 76. SALON DE MESILLA 1701 Mercado #6
- 77. SALUD! DE MESILLA 1800 Avenida de Mesilla, Ste, B
- 78. SAN BASILICA GIFT SHOP 2070 Calle de Santiago
- 79. SHORTY'S FOOD MARKET 2920 S. Hwy. 28
- 80. SIESTA RV PARK 1551 Avenida de Mesilla
- 81. SILVER ASSETS 1948 Calle de Santiago
- 82. SILVER STUDIO 925 2309 Calle de Guadalupe

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- 84. SPOTTED DOG BREWERY, LLC 2900 S. Hwy 28
- 85. STARAH'S JEWELS 2365 Calle de Guadalupe
- 86. STEINBORN & ASSOCIATES 1885 Boutz Rd.
- 87. THAI DELIGHT 2184 Avenida de Mesilla
- 88. THE BEAN CAFE 2011 Avenida de Mesilla
- 89. THE BEAN AT JOSEFINA'S 2261 Calle de Guadalupe
- 90. THE CHOCOLATE LADY 2379 Calle de Guadalupe
- 91. THE CANNABIS TROPICAL LLC 2060 Calle de Parian
- 92. THE EMERALD ISLE 1701 Calle de Mercado, Ste. 2
- 93. THE MESSY ARROW 2309 San Albino B
- **94. THE POTTERIES** 2260 Calle de Santiago
- 95. THUNDERBIRD **DE LA MESILLA** 2380 Calle de Principal
- 96. TIS THE SEASON **DE MESILLA** 2402 Avenida de Mesilla
- 97. TRU ART OF THE EARTH 1937 Calle de Parian
- 98. VALLEY PLUMBING 2800 Avenida de Mesilla

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2385 Calle de Guadalupe

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THE J. PAUL TAYLOR VISITOR CENTER

The visitor center is located inside Mesilla Town Hall. Named after former New Mexico State Representative and Mesilla resident J. Paul Taylor. The local Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Chapter 38 is also located in the Visitors Center, providing services to Disabled Veterans and their families.

The J. Paul Taylor Visitor Center is equipped with brochures, videos, restaurant menus and other interesting information on the area. The center has a great collection of old photos that adorn the walls dating back to the late 1800's.

Open Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. 2231 Avenida de Mesilla • (575) 524-3262

THE TAYLOR BARELA REYNOLDS MESILLA STATE MONUMENT

Known historically as the Barela-Reynolds Properties, the Taylor donation has become the newest State Monument. The properties were constructed in the late 1850s and listed on the State Register of Historic Places in 1970 and added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1978. In 1958, the Mesilla Plaza was designated a State Monument and today remains on the system's list.





GADSDEN MUSEUM

This classic Territorial Style house was built around 1860 and enlarged in the 1870s. It is an example of a classic territorial style home with a central hallway with rooms to either side. It was established as a museum and dedicated to Col. Albert J. Fountain in 1931. With a replica of the old Mesilla jail where Billy the Kid was held while awaiting trial and featuring artifacts dating back to the 1500s, the Gadsden Museum holds private collections of many historic items.

Museum is currently being remodeled and temporarily closed.



#Experience Mesilla Events

WEEKLY

ARTS/CRAFTS & FARMERS MARKET Fridays: 11:00AM - 4:00PM Sundays: 9:00AM - 4:00PM

APRIL

Amador Health 5K

JUNE

Summer Music Series

AUGUST

• Taylor-Mesilla Family Day

OCTOBER

Jazz Happening

FEBRUARY

- For the Love of Art Show
- Cupid's Chase 5K
- Los Leones Shred Day

MAY

- Cinco de Mayo Fiesta
- Ride of Silence

JULY

- Fireworks Display
- Summer Music Series

SEPTEMBER

 Diez y seis de Septiembre Parade & Fiesta

NOVEMBER

- Native American Art Show
- Veteran's Day Ceremony
- El Tratado de La Mesilla



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DECEMBER

- Christmas Tree Lighting
- Christmas Eve on the Plaza

- Los Leones Car Show
 Halloween Haunted
 House/Carnival
 Dia de los Muertos



A one mile walking tour of selected structures in Mesilla's historic district

WELCOME

to a one mile walking tour of structures in Mesilla's historic district. These buildings and structures are classified as "significant" on the National Register of Historic Places because they are either architecturally outstanding or exceptionally important in the history of the community. The pictures and narratives that follow combine architectural descriptions with historical background. The tour is a glance at the shape of Mesilla, then and now, as defined by its structures and the people who built them and lived and worked in them.

SETTING.

After the ratification of the Gadsen Purchase in 1854, Mesilla, now officially in the United States, became a center for commerce and transportation. With the new prosperity, substantial buildings made of adobe, sun-dried brick made of clay and straw, began to appear in and around Plaza. They were typically low and single story, depicting the mixture of Mexican and Anglo influences commonly referred to as the "Territorial Style." The adobe walls ranged in thickness from two to three feet; and canales, or drain spouts, pierced the parapet* walls to provide runoff for the gently sloped flat roofs. Portales or porches were common. Windows were set flush with the exterior wall surface creating a deep inner sill. Doors were either flush with the exterior wall surface or slightly recessed. Both windows and doors usually had milled lumber surrounds, often

with wood pediments** reflecting the Greek Revival influence from the eastern United States.

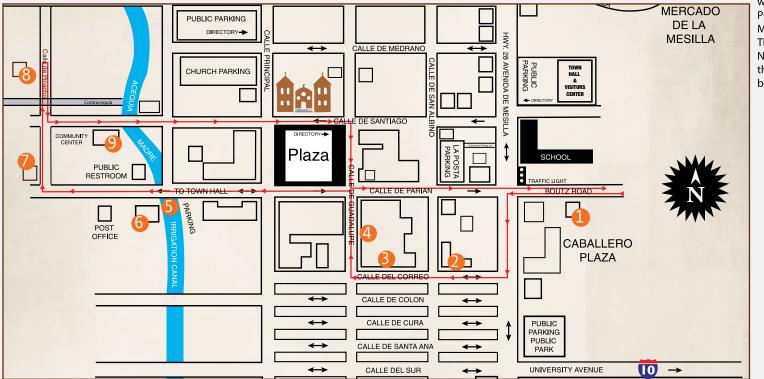
During the 1860's and 70's when Mesilla was in her prime, distinct neighborhoods took shape. Businesses occupied the Plaza and the streets leading to it. Surrounding this nucleus were blocks of long continuous adobe residences that fronted the streets and usually had patios and corrals in back. Residences also clustered along the vital Acequia Madre (mother ditch). The majority of buildings erected before World War II, if not Territorial in style, were simple adobe vernacular structures, often enlarged as the family grew. The railroad arrived in the area in 1881 and with it came the availability of building materials that were previously difficult to acquire, such as corrugated metal roofing. Styles other than Territorial were adapted to local use, such as Spanish/ Pueblo Revival with variegated parapets, or Mediterranean with arches and tiled roofs. The Spanish Pueblo style combined the Native American pueblo architecture with the adobe building methods brought over by Spanish colonists.

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STOP ONE (1)

1875 Boutz Rd.: Gadsden Museum since 1931

The original core of this house was built around 1860. and then enlarged into a fine Territorial Style home in the 1870's. It is a classic example of the Territorial Style: a square-plan house with a central hallway down the middle flanked by rooms. The windows are wood frame with pediments and the doorway has sidelights, toplights and wood moulded surrounds. At the back of the Museum property is a replica of the old Mesilla jail where Billy the Kid was held while awaiting trial.

Walk west on Boutz Rd. to the intersection of Boutz and Avenida de Mesilla, cross Avenida de Mesilla and turn left. Walk along Avenida de Mesilla one block to Calle Correro and turn right. Stop at the corner of Correro and Calle de San Albino.



STOP FOUR (4)

2469 Calle de Guadalupe: Fountain Theater

headquarters and in 1861 the Confederate flag of the famous Colonel Fountain, in 1914 and still orchestras, plays, silent and then audio movies

Continue along Calle de Guadalupe to Calle de Parian, turn left and walk two blocks to the Acequia Madre.

Public restrooms are located to the right just across the street.

STOP TWO 2

2483 Calle de San Albino: Gamboa Residence The adobe residence on the corner of Correo and Calle de San Albino is the Gamboa residence. It is a small square plan Territorial Style house with dentil*** brick coping capping the parapet and wood lintels**** above the windows and doors.

Continue walking west along Calle Correo. You are walking along the south facing facade of the Apartments, stop three.

dentil brick coping consists of a series of small projecting rectangular brick blocks. *lintel: a horizontal architectural member spanning and usually carrying the load above an opening.

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STOP FIVE (5)

The Aceguia Madre, also known as the Mesilla Lateral, and the Contraceguia, also known as the California Lateral, were originally dug in the late 1840's. They are earthen ditches approximately five feet deep and eight feet wide with narrow dirt levies on each side, just wide enough for a car to pass through. The Acequia Madre runs south the entire length of Mesilla and roughly cuts the core of the village in half. The Contraceguia runs perpendicular to the Aceguia Madre.



STOP THREE (3)

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2480 Calle de Guadalupe: The Apartments

Occupying a large portion of one block, this large Territorial Style building now houses numerous apartments. It is stuccoed adobe and fronts streets on the west, south and east. The widows are wood frame, many having pedimented lintels. Viga ends are visible showing the low level of the ceiling. Most likely dating from the 1850's, this was once the residence of Colonel Albert Fountain, a prominent lawyer in the Territory, who came to Mesilla with the California Column in the 1850's.

At the corner of Calle Correo and Calle de Guadalupe turn right onto Calle de Guadalupe.



STOP SIX (6)

2231 Calle de Parian: Frietze Family property

Immediately across the Aceguia Madre is a building that housed the Frietze family store for a number of generations and now houses the Cultural Center de Mesilla. The Frietze family continues to occupy the residence at the back of the property. Mexican soldiers are said to have been garrisoned in this building thus making it one of the oldest buildings in Town dating from the early 1850's. It is a stuccoed adobe building in the shape of a U with a patio between the two back wings. It has a flat roof, parapet, viga ends visible on the facade, and a massive rounded buttress on the northwest corner. Next to it is the Mesilla Post Office.

> From Calle de Parian turn riaht onto Calle de Picacho.

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STOP SEVEN 🕧

2318 Calle de Parian: Blacksmith Shop

Sitting catty corner to the intersection of Parian and Picacho is the "Guerra's Blacksmith Shop" built about 1930 by Simon Guerra, a blacksmith and Judge in Mesilla. The building is a small rectangular plan with unplastered adobe walls and a flat roof with stepped parapet. There is a large corrugated tin slide door on the façade.



Continue north on Calle de Picacho, crossing Calle de Santiago and the Contracequia (California Lateral). Here begins a neighborhood once called the "California District" where evidence of impressive territorial style homes can still be seen today, with large lots where extensive gardens, vineyards and orchards once grew.





STOP NINE 🗐

2251 Calle de Santiago: Mesilla Community Center

Built in the Mission Parapet Style, this brick structure served as the Mesilla Elementary School from about 1915 to 1975. It is built of brick and has very nice Mission parapets on the north and south side. The wood frame windows are topped by segmental arches. The overall floor plan of this school is the shape of a T-shirt with a squared notch cut out of the middle of the tail. The building has a basement and wood louvered air vents below the parapet. It is currently being used as a community center.

This completes the tour of selected structures in the Town's historic district. Continue east on Calle de Santiago for two blocks, crossing the Acequia Madre, to the Plaza. Take a moment to rest on a Plaza bench or visit one of our fine and causal restaurants. Then, complete the day with a tour of the Plaza's many charming shops.

STOP EIGHT (8)

2250 Calle de Picacho: Often referred to as the "Fountain House"

This Territorial Style home was built by Charles Reynolds in the 1870's. Reynolds was a successful merchant in partnership with J. E. Griggs. Later this residence passed into the hands of Demetrio Chavez, another important businessman who had his store and post office on Calle Principal. His daughter married Albert Fountain Jr., one of Colonel Albert Jennings Fountain's grandsons, and the two of them took up residence here. The home is a large square-plan. It has a flat roof with and a doorway with transom, sidelights and an ornate wood spindled screen door. A large second story wood frame addition covering about a fourth of the ground floor was built The roof of the addition is also flat and its style compliments that of the main structure. Around the corner to the west is an adobe barn with a pitched tin roof and large buttresses on the north and west walls.



Return back along Calle de Picacho to the intersection of Picacho and Calle de Santiago. Turn left, the front of the Community Center is on your right.

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La Llorona Trail is a multi-use paved trail located alongside the Rio Grande river. You can access the trail from Las Cruces or in Mesilla, New Mexico.

This trail is great for road biking, running, and walking, and it's unlikely you'll encounter many other people while exploring. The best times to visit this trail are January through October. Dogs are welcome, but must be on a leash.

Directions: From the Town of Mesilla, head west on Calle del Norte for approximately 1.5 miles. Parking available on the riverbank next to the bridge.







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LA LLORONA

The short legend of *La Llorona*, or the Crving Woman, is one of the best-known Mexican myths that has traveled throughout Latin America and has become one of the most popular legends of the continent. "Oh, my baby!" The errant ghost's crying pain can be heard as she looks for her baby at the Rio Grande banks, lagoons, in the stables, cemeteries, valleys and mountains, depending on the region. Thousands of versions have traveled from mouth to mouth, through time and across borders, but they all share a common characteristic: The Crying Woman, sometimes Creole or indigenous, is a spirit that was condemned after having drowned the fruit of her womb; in regions it is believe that it's one child, in others three. "Oh, my children, where are they?" howls the cursed spirit whose manifestation is the result of having damned maternity because of her miserable life or embarrassment of pregnancy outside of wedlock.

It is said that the foundation of this myth is in Mexico; in the figure of the goddess *Chihuacoalt*, guardian of the race since the time of the Aztecs. The cry of the mischievous spirit wearing a white dress was heard across the hills, terrorizing its inhabitants. They did not realize then, that these were prophetic signs; the sixth of the ancient omens that heralded the fall of Tenochtitlan, the beginning of the period under Spanish rule and the end of civilization. The apparitions of the Weeping Woman came to form part of the story of Doña Marina, the young native concubine of Hernan Cortez. "La Malinche," as she was known, was sentenced to eternal sorrow for betraying her people by delivering them to the hands of foreign rule.

From that moment on, the painful cries of the woman are heard in the river where the event took place. Some people claim to have seen her wandering desperately, with a deep cry of pain and regret for her children. Her guilt does not let her rest, her complaint is heard near the main square; people looking out the window of their residences describe a woman dressed entirely in white, with a slim build and black hair. *En el Rio Grande*, she is calling for her disappeared children.

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Located just west of historic Mesilla, NM, the park provides an historical overview coupled with a modern day perspective of life in the lower Rio Grande River ecosystem. While the park is meant to provide an oasis for many species of plants and animals, it also provides an oasis for people as well with its garden, nature trails and informative exhibition area.

The Bosque and the Chihauhaun Desert come together within the park to form what is known as an ecotone - an area rich in its variety of plant and animal life from both ecological communities. As a result, a diversity of the flora and fauna abound.

The park also has an education classroom, native plant garden, an outdoor courtyard square with fountain, period architecture, amphitheater, covered picnic area and several miles of trails. There are no camping facilities.





Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park is open year-around except for Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

Fees

There is a \$5.00 per car entry fee. Annual passes that are good at all state parks are available for \$40 per year.

7am - 4pm Year Round

How to Get to the Park:

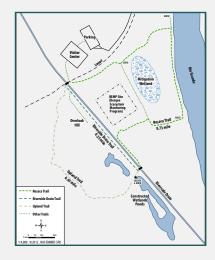
From Interstate 10 take exit 140

Follow Avenida de Mesilla south towards Mesilla to the stoplight at Calle del Norte and TURN RIGHT

Go 1.7 miles and turn left onto the gravel road immediately past the bridge over the Rio Grande River

Follow the road 1 mile to the visitor center parking area

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THE ORGAN MOUNTAINS DESERT **PEAKS NATIONAL MONUMENT**

This monument was established to protect significant prehistoric, historic, geologic, and biologic resources of scientific interest, and includes four areas: the Organ Mountains, Desert Peaks, Potrillo Mountains, and Doña Ana Mountains.

TO DO:

Hiking, biking, fishing, camping, picnicking, East of Old Mesilla Approx: 12 Miles wildlife viewing, horseback riding

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GET THERE: www.blm.gov

As New Mexico's largest State Park, there is still

plenty of water and plenty of beach room left in

the lake. Elephant Butte Lake can accommodate

watercraft of many styles and sizes: kayaks, jet

skis, pontoons, sailboats, ski boats, cruisers, and

houseboats. Besides sandy beaches, the State

Park offers restrooms, picnic areas, playgrounds,

and developed sites with electric and water

hook-ups for RV's.

ELEPHANT BUTTE LAKE STATE PARK

TO DO: Camping, fishing, boating or just being outdoors

GET THERE: North of Las Cruces on I-25 Approx: 70 miles (575) 744-5923 www.emnrd.state.nm.us

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NEW MEXICO MUSEUM OF SPACE HISTORY

The sole mission of the museum is to educate the people of New Mexico and our visitors from around the world in history, science, and technology of space. The museum stresses the significant role that the state of New Mexico has played in the development of the U.S. Space Program through collecting, preserving, and interpreting significant artifacts relevant to the history of space. While here, visit the Clyde W. Tombaugh IMAX Dome Theater and Planetarium. Open daily from 9 am-5 pm (closed Thanksgiving and Christmas). Admission is \$4-\$6.

GET THERE: East of Old Mesilla on Hwy. 70. 3198 State Rte 2001, Alamogordo, NM. Approx: 65 Miles (877) 333-6589 www.nmspacemuseum.org

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GERONIMO TRAIL NATIONAL **SCENIC BYWAY**

TO DO: Sightseeing at ghost towns, shopping, eateries and hiking (575) 894-1968 • www.geronimotrail.com

WHITE SANDS NATIONAL MONUMENT

Like no place else on earth, the dunes rise from the heart of the Tularosa Basin is one of the world's great natural wonders - the glistening white sands of New Mexico. Great wave-like dunes of gypsum sand have engulfed 275 square miles of desert, creating the world's largest gypsum dunefield.

TO DO:

Day picnicking, sledding, horseback riding, bicycling, wildlife viewing, photography

GET THERE: East of Old Mesilla Approx: 55 Miles (575) 479-6124 • www.nps.gov

SPACEPORT AMERICA VISITOR CENTER TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES

Visitors begin their journey at the Spaceport America Visitor Center, a historic adobe building located at 301 S. Foch St., Truth or Consequences, NM 87901. A wonderful contrast of the old frontier meeting the new and packed with exciting educational and interactive space exhibits. Here visitors can purchase tour tickets and official Spaceport America merchandise prior to journeying out to the Spaceport America site on rolling multi-media theater shuttles.

GET THERE:

30 miles East of Truth or Consequences, NM in Upham (575) 267-8888

The Geronimo Trail Scenic Byway was established to showcase and preserve the Corridor area for its historic multi-cultural heritage and outstanding natural resources. Starting and ending in the Gila Wilderness, this 150 mile byway goes through mountain forests and dry deserts, to the largest lakes in the state. The Geronimo Trail Visitors Center. near the center of the designated Byway, is located at 301 S. Foch, in Truth or Consequences.

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DRIPPING SPRINGS NATURAL AREA

This area has over four miles of easy hiking trails, including the Dripping Springs Trail, which shows off desert scrub and low elevation pinon-juniper and oak woodlands. The area also boasts excellent wildlife viewing opportunities. It offers very good year-round viewing of desert mule deer, coyote, and occasional sightings of mountain lion.

TO DO: Camping, picnicking, wildlife viewing

GET THERE: East of Old Mesilla Approx: 12 Miles (575) 525-4300 www.blm.gov

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GILA National Forest

GILA NATIONAL FOREST

The Gila is 3.3 million acres of forested hills, majestic mountains and range land (6th largest National Forest in the country). It is probably best known for its wilderness areas, in particular the Gila Wilderness the first wilderness in the United States. The magnificent mountain scenery, cool summer temperatures and relatively warm winters permit a wide range of recreational opportunities during all seasons.

TO DO:

Camping, hiking, picnicking, fishing, horseback riding, wildlife, big game hunting.

GET THERE:

West on I-10 to Deming bypass to Silver City. Approx: 70 miles (575) 388-8201 • www.fs.usda.gov

SKI APACHE

As a year-round playground and premier New Mexico ski resort, Ski Apache offers fun activities for the entire family.

TO DO: Skiing, snowboarding, hiking, biking, ziplining

GET THERE: Approx: 2:45 hours

Hwy 70 East to Sudderth Avenue (HWY 48). Turn left on Sudderth. Proceed approximately 3 miles on Sudderth to its intersection with Mechem Drive. Turn right and proceed 5 miles to the Ski Run Road. Turn left on Ski Run Road and 44 proceed 11 miles to the Ski Apache parking lot.

CITY OF ROCKS STATE PARK

City of Rocks is made up of a unique formation of rocks that was created by a combination of volcanic activity and erosion. It is located about halfway between Silver City and Deming.

TO DO:

Camping, hiking trails, excellent mountain biking, wildlife viewing, birding, star gazing, picnic areas and a desert botanical garden

GET THERE:

West of Las Cruces on I-10 to Deming Approx: 65 miles (575) 536-2800 www.emnrd.state.nm.us

GILA CLIFF DWELLINGS NATIONAL MONUMENT

The Gila Cliff Dwellings National Monument is located in the Gila Wilderness inside the Gila National Forest. The 533-acre national monument contains the ruins of what is believed to be the dwellings of the Mogollon people from between the 1280s through the early 1300s. They used natural caves to build interlinked dwellings. Archaeologists have identified 46 rooms in the five caves and believed they were occupied by 10 to 15 families.

TO DO: Camping, hiking and picnicking

GET THERE: West on I-10 to Deming bypass to Silver City. Approx: 95 miles (575) 536-9461 www.nps.gov

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Mesilla was named county seat of Doña Ana County in 1856 and incorporated in 1861. In 1958, Mesilla reincorporated. On Sunday, August 27, 1871, organized members of both the Democratic and Republican Parties announced rallies on the Plaza. The parties agreed to meet in different areas. Agitators from both parties wanted to close their respective meetings with a procession around the Plaza. Whiskey flowed freely. When the two processions met, shots were fired and several fights broke out. Nine men were killed and between 40 and 50 were wounded. Troops were summoned from Fort McRae to restore order and remained a few nights until calm was restored. With no judge in the district at the time, a judge was summoned from another district to hold an investigation. After three days, he decided it was too dangerous for any investigation and returned home without any action and no one was ever convicted.



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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT (575) 524-3262 Ext: 104 MARSHAL'S DEPARTMENT

In an emergency call 9-1-1. To dispatch a deputy call Central Dispatch at (575) 526-0795

COMMUNITY AND SPECIAL EVENTS (575) 524-3262 Ext: 116

MUNICIPAL COURT

Office Hours: Mondays – Fridays: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed on Town Hall Holidays

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Court Hours: Mondays: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Wednesdays: 1 to 5 p.m.

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