

April 8, 2019

Dear Mariposa Neighbors,

We would like to welcome you to our newly recognized Mariposa Neighborhood Association (MNA). As many of you may have heard, a group of Mariposa resident volunteers formed a Steering Committee last summer with the objective of gauging the community's interest in forming a neighborhood association (NA), researching the process for forming a Rio Rancho recognized NA, and then completing the tasks required to prepare and submit the recognition application package to the Rio Rancho City Clerk for approval. And after 7 months of planning and hard work, Mariposa now has a recognized NA.

One requirement of becoming a recognized NA was to form a leadership structure, including a Board of Directors. The Steering Committee members volunteered to become the 2019 MNA Board of Volunteer Directors. These Volunteer Directors have also organized an IT Committee (which developed and launched our MNA website) and Resident Communications Committee (which created a survey to identify core issues and concerns regarding our neighborhood), designated a Community Association Liaison, drafted an operating budget, submitted the paperwork to NM's Secretary of State to become a non-profit organization, set up a bank account and P.O. Box, and scheduled and planned for the first MNA general meeting, which will take place Sunday, April 28, 2019, 4:00 PM, at the Mariposa Community Center.

In anticipation of the questions many of you may have, we prepared a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) sheet, which will hopefully answer most, if not all, of your questions regarding the MNA. These FAQs can be found on our MNA website, www.MariposaNeighbors.org, under Documents. Further, the FAQs are a living document and as new questions arise, they will be added and answered. The FAQs will also direct you to important documents posted on our website, such as the City's policy on forming a recognized NA, MNA's By-Laws and Recognition Application, a table comparing the differences between Mariposa's Community Association and the MNA, and the link to take the Core Issues & Concerns Survey.

In closing, we encourage every MNA member to register through our MariposaNeighbors.org website (instructions are included in the FAQs), take the Core Issues & Concerns survey, contribute \$20 per household toward the MNA's operating expenses, and attend our first MNA General Meeting on Sunday, April 28, 2019, 4:00 PM, at the Mariposa Community Center. The purpose of the first General Meeting will be to introduce the MNA, answer questions, and engage in discussions (an agenda will be posted soon on our website). There will also be guest speakers and refreshments. We are looking forward to seeing you there.

Kindest Regards,
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