

BORDER

eco



4 An Act of Heroism-Officer Jacob Acosta

CONNECTING SOUTHERN ARIZONA



February American Heart Month!

8-12 Women across Santa Cruz County in healthcare who "echo"

Happy Valentine's Day!



11 Women in Government
Jennifer St. John



14 Mayor's Corner



15 Sheriff's Round-Up

Welcome to Safe, Historic, and Beautiful Santa Cruz County,

Many are worried that border communities are unsafe. In the case of Santa Cruz County and the city of Nogales, we have a very safe border area. Our people are friendly and our businesses are inviting. In many ways, our county provides some relief from the stress of modern life while offering scenic vistas and milder temperatures than other parts of the state. Our annual rainfall exceeds much of Arizona. This results in more vegetation and animal life and beautiful riparian and forested areas ranging in elevation from 3,200 feet at the Santa Cruz River to over 9,000 feet in the Santa Rita Mountains. The county offers exquisite opportunities for exploring nature and unique local traditions of culture and food and people who openly embrace outsiders with gestures of friendliness. Persons who have lived in our county often return to our friendly relaxed communities after experiencing life elsewhere.

I, Sheriff David Hathaway, was born and raised in Nogales and I have lived and worked in various parts of Santa Cruz County. I can assure you that you will enjoy visiting or living in our county. Nogales and Santa Cruz County have crime rates below the average for the state. My wife Karen and I and our family would like to welcome you as a visitor or a new resident to any of our communities which range from the rural ranching and vineyard regions on the edges of the county to the border community of Nogales and the many other urban and suburban parts of the county in-between that each offer their own unique culture.

As a family with nine children, we can attest to the fact that Santa Cruz County is a great safe place to raise a family and has the advantage of offering the experience of multiple cultures and easy visits to Mexico. We are happy to welcome you and your family to our unique friendly county.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to call me at 520-761-7869 at the Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office. I look forward to welcoming you and your family to our county.

Sincerely,

*David Hathaway
Sheriff
Santa Cruz County*



Border Eco Updates

This month Border Eco recognizes women across the county who are making a difference in healthcare, government and education. These women are inspiring women who are making a difference in their field of work. These women selflessly give their time, energy and passion to causes close to their hearts.

Patty Molina, Dina Rojas-Sanchez, Judith Mendoza, Jennifer St. John, and Liza Montiel prove that helping others is one of the highest callings there is. We at Border Eco are honored and privileged to support these extraordinary women and their worthy causes. Seeing the change they are making throughout the community.

"This is your opportunity to shine"

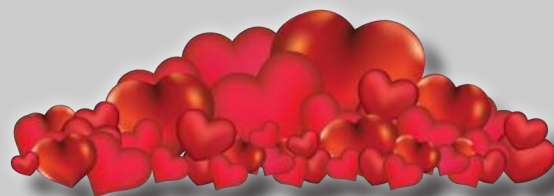
Be a part of our "Border Eco community Facebook Campaign." Border Eco would like to invite community members to please post a picture on our Facebook account and encourage friends to like their picture and us on Facebook. Each month we will feature a picture of a community member who helps us generate the most likes on our Facebook page.

We will feature your picture, a brief interview on our magazine and Facebook page. This will help us build our fan base, while at the same time help put you on the spotlight. Remember likes have to be directly to your photo and our page in order for your picture to be selected. Become a part of our Border Eco community!



CONTENT

- 4 An Act of Heroism-Officer Acosta
- 5 Governing Board Swearing Ceremony
- 8 Women in Healthcare-Patty Molina
- 9 Women in Healthcare-Dina Rojas
- 11 Women in Education Judith Mendoza
- 12 Women in Government Jennifer St. John
- 13 Women in Government Liza Montiel
- 14 Mayor's Corner
- 15 Sheriff's Round-Up



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Border Eco Magazine now offers TV advertisement. Contact us for rates and channels to help promote your business in Santa Cruz County.

Our office is located on :
1071 N. Grand Ave. Ste. #122,
Nogales, Arizona 85621
(520) 461-4880

Email: contact@bordereco.com

Please send us information on any upcoming events, meetings, or programs to share with our readers.

Editor: Adriana Romero
Student Intern Reporter: Chris Alcaraz
Student Intern Reporter: Nadia Sandoval
Magazine Graphic Designer
Consultant: Adriana Romero
Sales Representative:
Tony Montanez
Information is correct at press time.
Check www.bordereco.com for updates.

Border Eco, LLC © 2021 copyright all rights reserved. Reproduction in whole or in part without the permission of Border Eco Magazine is prohibited. Any material produced is the property of Border Eco. Any material published is not necessarily the opinion of Border Eco and will not be held responsible. Border Eco Magazine accepts material from advertisers, clients, readers and various sources which are not necessarily the opinion of Border Eco Magazine in print or on Border Eco websites and will not be held responsible.

An Act of Heroism-Officer Jacob Acosta

Border Eco is pleased to highlight this month of February Officer Jacob Acosta for his heroic act of saving the life of an inmate. An act of heroism is defined as bravery and selflessness. When a detention officer notices an inmate not breathing and calls medical assistance, this is an example of heroism. His act of heroism consisted of putting others first. Officer Acosta knew at the time he needed to act swiftly to save the life of an inmate. Officer Acosta has been employed at the Santa Cruz County Adult Detention Center for over two years. He began his career as a detention officer and was recently promoted to Lead Officer.

“As a child, I have always been interested in working for my local Sheriff’s Department and making an impact in my community. I have always appreciated and admired those who put their lives on the line to protect our communities and impact on everyday lives. I always strive to become a better detention officer. Correctional officers protect not only the jail, its staff but the inmates as well. Being able to make a difference in a person’s life makes this job meaningful.”

“I noticed an inmate was having trouble breathing and losing consciousness. I reacted immediately and contacted the medic for assistance. When I noticed the inmate’s health was deteriorating, I contacted the Nogales Fire Department to give the inmate the proper help he needed. Law enforcement is not only there to enforce laws but to assist the public with any issues they may encounter. For me, as a Detention Officer my job is to care for the inmates as well as maintain control. I hope this event will help to change how the public sees law enforcement in general,” said Officer Acosta.

An Act of Heroism-Officer Jacob Acosta

A special thank you to Officer Jacob Acosta for his quick thinking in an incident in the Santa Cruz County Jail involving an inmate in need of medical attention. He correctly noticed the medical need and followed the proper protocols to obtain medical approval and to arrange transport via normal detention staff to Holy Cross Hospital per standard procedures. Then, as the inmate’s condition quickly and unexpectedly deteriorated and he began to lose consciousness and began to choke on his saliva pending normal medical transport procedures, Officer Acosta reacted quickly and contacted the Nogales Fire Department and arranged an emergency response and immediate transport to Holy Cross Hospital. Officer Acosta has received a letter of commendation for his outside-the-box thinking and his quick actions that potentially saved the inmate’s life in a rapidly worsening situation. Thank you Officer Acosta for taking on the responsibility to solve that serious problem on your own initiative and for reacting without delay.



Governing Board Swearing Ceremony

On Tuesday, December 29, 2020 in the County Complex Board of Supervisors Meeting Room, Santa Cruz County School Superintendent Alfredo I. Velásquez, swore in the incoming 2020 Santa Cruz County School Governing Board Members. Nogales Unified School District #1, Santa Cruz Valley Unified School District #35, and the Santa Cruz County Provisional Community College District performed in-person events while Patagonia Elementary School District #6 and Sonoita Elementary School District #25 held their ceremony via Zoom. The in-person events permitted limited attendance and followed COVID-19 protocol.

For NUSD #1, Greg Lucero, and Manuel “Manny” Ruiz were sworn in as re-elected board members. SCVUSD # 35 swore in newly elected board member Brad Beach and re-elected member Joel Kramer. Newly elected board member John Fanning and re-elected board member Angela Meixell were sworn in for the SCCPCC. Board Presidents Nancy McCoy and Ginny Cosbey, representing PESD #06 and SESD #25 respectively, were sworn in via Zoom. The Board Presidents of each district will swear-in the other newly elected Board Members that were unable to attend.

Congratulations and thank you to the newly elected and re-elected board members for offering to serve and donate their time to our local educational communities.



Congratulations to the Santa Cruz County Superintendent Alfredo I. Velásquez sworn in by his brother Honorable Judge Emilio Velásquez



Santa Cruz Training Program

Taking orders !

Contact us at:
(520) 287-2043
EXT. 21 & 22

Cookies
Pecan, Orange, Cajeta
Turnovers
Pineapple, Apple, Pumpkin
Delicious flan and chocoflans
Mexican Tamales

La Castellana Cafe



Desert Hills Insurance

Delivering on a promise

Jorge Guayante Agent



545 N Grand Ave Ste 4,
Nogales, AZ 85621
Phone: (520) 287-0837

dhinsurancellc@yahoo.com

Child-Parent Centers

Envisioning strong
communities filled with
successful children and families.

Celebrating
50
YEARS
of Head Start

Visit at any of our 4 locations
for enrollment:

Challenger:
901 E. Calle Meyer
Nogales, AZ 85621
(520) 761-4331

Early Head Start Home Based
Rio Rico
1412 W. Frontage Rd.
Rio Rico, AZ 85648
(520) 761-8063

Nogales Neighborhood
125 E. Madison Ave.
Nogales, AZ 85621
(520) 287-2060

Western Head Start
686 N. Western Ave.
Nogales, AZ 85621
(520) 287-3662

Additional Programs:
Early Head Start Home Base
Early Head Start Child Care Partnership
Fabiola Palazuelos
520-623-2512- Extension 77369



Santa Cruz Auto Glass



Jorge D. Guayante Jr.

Tel: (520) 394-4321

Lifetime Guarantee on Labor

545 N. Grand Ave. Ste. #3
Nogales, Arizona 85621
Cell: (520) 461-8573
scautoglass@yahoo.com

We Accept All Insurance Brands

Visit us at: www.santacruzautoglassaz.com

February

American Heart Month

Heart disease can often be prevented when people make healthy choices and manage their health conditions.



Making Connections 4U

"You'll Love Our Style"

ALEX BARBER SHOP



2743 N Grand Ave B,
Nogales, AZ 85621
(520) 281-4642



Making Connections 4U

Community Service From the Heart



www.makingconnections4u.org

(520) 216-5058

Email us at:

admin@makingconnections4u.org

ARIZONA @ WORK™

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

Innovative Workforce Solutions

Are you looking for a job?

A dislocated worker or a youth out of school without a job?

We prepare you for success through:

- Career Advising
- Job Placement
- Job Search

- Career Exploration & Planning
- Vocational Training



Call us we can help you!

Office: (520) 375-7670

TTY: (520) 287-2946

Santa Cruz County Workforce Development
610 N. Morley Avenue | Nogales, AZ 85621

A proud partner of the americanjobcenter network

An equal opportunity employer/program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

WOMEN IN HEALTHCARE

PATTY MOLINA SENIOR DIRECTOR



Border Eco recognizes women across Santa Cruz County who make a difference in our community. We are honored to feature Patty Molina as one of those women who has made a difference in our community. Patty Molina is the Senior Director of Community Health Services at Mariposa Community Health Center in Nogales, Arizona known to the community as Platicamos Salud (We Talk Health).

Platicamos Salud was founded in 1991 and has a well-established Promotora-based (Community Health Worker) delivery model with 34 employees who implement a spectrum of health promotion and disease prevention programs based on model programs and best practices adapted to the Spanish-speaking, Mexican American and Mexican immigrant community that it serves under the supervision of management staff with training in nutrition, social work, medicine and public health.

Platicamos Salud is an important extension of Mariposa's clinical services, connecting referred patients to additional education, support and follow-up that is culturally competent and language appropriate. Offering a variety of ongoing health education classes for all community members in locations easily accessible. Platicamos Salud also provides a critical link to the community via its community-based services that partner with other health and social services to serve families and create systems change.

Molina began her employment at Mariposa in 2004 assisting the Director of Platicamos Salud at that time, Jo Jean Elenes. It was within 8 months of her employment, she was promoted to Prevention Manager. During her employment with Mariposa, and prior public health experience working with the Border Health Foundation, she developed and managed federal, state and foundation funded community-based programs at the US-Mexico border.

Patty manages 34 staff members at the Mariposa Community Health Services. At the two story Sierra building, they have the Health & Social Services staff under the management leadership of Yara Castro. Castro primarily manages the women's programs such as the Well Woman Health Check, Maternal & Child Health and Patient Advocacy. At the Community Health Services and Independent Medical Specialists Downtown facility is a co-shared space with Nogales Community Development. It is Community Linkages, under the management leadership of Cassalyn David. David manages the weekly Farmer's market, Personal Responsibility Education program (Teen Pregnancy Prevention and HIV/STD Education) and the Adolescent Wellness Network program. Health Promotion is under the management of Rosie Piper with the primary focus being health promotion. Prevention is under the management of Lizzie Garcia which focuses on chronic disease prevention programs, tobacco cessation, and youth services.

She has implemented numerous health education programs on breast cancer, diabetes, physical activity and nutrition, HIV/AIDS, tobacco use prevention, asthma, environmental health and maternal child health. Molina designed education and training materials on public and preventative health issues, while establishing numerous community-based projects.

Mrs. Molina facilitated the development of project organizational structure and leadership. She facilitated group processes among community members to help identify needs, gaps in service, existing resources and response strategies. She also served as the lead in various research projects at Mariposa Community Health Center.

Mariposa Community Health Center has a unique Community Health Services Department that provides health promotion and disease prevention services, as well as most public health services provided by a county health department.

This department is rooted in the Community Health Worker model. "We recently acquired the Carondelet Medical Group behind Holy Cross Hospital and are now providing the same services out of this facility renamed Mariposa Nogales West," said Molina.

An initiative she is currently working is helping to manage the pandemic, while continuing to provide the best care. "Our goal is to keep our patients safe, this continues to be our main priority. We are working closely with our local health department to ensure vaccination to all who wish to receive it while continuing to educate on the importance of keeping themselves safe regardless of having received the vaccine. We continue to encourage people to wear a mask, wash their hands and practice social distance.

"First and foremost, I would like to personally thank my staff in Community Health Services. I would not be the leader I am if it wasn't for their support and strive to do their best. I couldn't ask for a better group of individuals especially during trying times such as those we are going through now with the pandemic. I truly admire them for remaining strong and providing. As non-clinical staff at Mariposa, many of my staff were trained to perform necessary duties for the safety of themselves and patients we serve. Our staff is committed to this without hesitation. I am proud and honored to work with each and everyone of them," stated Molina.

Patty Molina was born and raised in Nogales Arizona. She currently resides in Rio Rico with her husband of almost 25 years and has three daughters, Cristina, Rebecca and Camilla. She has lived in Santa Cruz County for over 50 years. Molina is a graduate of the University of Phoenix where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration. She completed a certificate program at the University of Arizona, the Rocky Mountain Maternal and Child Health, including a Nutrition and Public Health Certificate Program from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Public Health.



WOMEN IN HEALTHCARE

DINA ROJAS ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR



Border Eco recognizes women across Santa Cruz County who make a difference in our community. We are honored to feature Dina Rojas-Sanchez from the Carondelet Holy Cross Hospital as one of those women who has made a difference in our community. She was born in Nogales, Sonora and raised in Nogales, Arizona.

Holy Cross Hospital provides general medical/surgical services, 24-hour emergency care, rehabilitation, diabetes care and community education services, birthing services, mammography and ultrasound. Holy Cross also offers advanced technology such as teleradiology and lithotripsy programs. Holy Cross Hospital also focuses on offering community education and outreach on key health issues including prenatal care, obesity, diabetes, well-child visits and preventive care. Holy Cross is involved in many special events yearly such as toy drives, food drives, educational classes, health fairs and career fairs to further assist families in our community.

“There has been tremendous teamwork and compassion from hospital staff, physicians and board members, who are offering all of their support during this pandemic. We are all in this together to protect the health of our community. As a rural safety net provider, Carondelet Holy Cross Hospital collaborates with community partners like Mariposa Community Health Center and works with emergency medical services to provide care for residents of the Santa Cruz County area,” stated Dina Rojas-Sanchez.



Dina Rojas-Sanchez is the Administrative Director of Support Services for Holy Cross Hospital in Nogales. She joined Holy Cross in April 1994. She has served in many capacities for the past 26 years leading the various departments of strategic planning, community relations, media relations and marketing. She has served as the lead of all ancillary departments overseeing the operations of facilities, environmental services, dietary services, business office, security and biomedical. Dina holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Communications from the University of Arizona and a Master’s degree in Multicultural Education from Northern Arizona University.

“I provide the staff with a link in the community that in turns provides them resources that further enhance their day-to-day job responsibilities or furthermore provides them assistance on a personal level as needed. It is gratifying to know that you come to work every day knowing that you need to positively impact people in your community in some way every single day. I have a passion to make a difference and am committed daily to help others enhance their lifestyle and overall health wellbeing,” said Administrative Director of Support Services- Dina Rojas-Sanchez.



Carondelet Holy Cross Hospital was recognized for its quality of patient and nurse communication and patient safety in the surveys conducted by the Center of Medicare and Medicaid Services and Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, divisions of the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services. Carondelet Holy Cross Hospital received Critical Access Hospital recognition certification in 2017 from the National Rural Health Resource Center, recognizing its work with the Community Healthcare Integrated Paramedicine Program. It is also certified as a Critical Access facility by The Joint Commission.

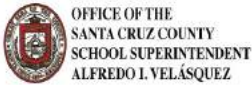
“I have been inspired for many years by my parents. They are compassionate individuals who have given me the resources to continue my educational path through the years and they have instilled the importance of giving unselfishly. They provide mental support during difficult or stressful times all while realizing that we must always help those around us. They motivate me daily to always reach for a higher goal and remind me to never give up. They have pushed me and have instilled family values that I live by daily. Work hard, provide assistance to others, teach your children manners, make a difference in people’s lives regardless how big or small it may be and always have faith,” said Mrs. Rojas-Sanchez.



Find us on YouTube!
Scan the barcode

FEBRUARY EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AWARENESS MONTH 2021

From all of us, thank you Early Childhood Educators of Santa Cruz County



OFFICE OF THE
SANTA CRUZ COUNTY
SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT
ALFREDO I. VELÁSQUEZ



My friends, 2020 was a challenging year and despite some setbacks with the ongoing pandemic, I feel positive 2021 will be a better year. One way to help our city recover is by supporting local businesses. Our small businesses are a critical part of our community as they provide employment and are essential in helping our city grow and thrive. I encourage you all to try to keep purchases local and to support Nogales businesses as much as possible.

Together we can help make our economy better. Thank you!

Mayor Arturo R. Garino



Women in Education-Judith Mendoza

This month we recognize those women across our county, who make a difference in our community. Judith Mendoza Student Service Director for Nogales Unified School District. Judith is a woman who is making a difference in our schools and students. Ms. Mendoza taught Special Education for 9 years at Nogales High School 2000-2009, she was assistant principal at NHS for a year and a half 2009-2011. She served as a principal at NHS for four years and a half (2011-2015) before she transitioned into her current position. She is going into her sixth year as Student Service Director.

During her tenure as Student Service Director, she has been able to update technology for all students receiving Special Education. Mendoza has been able to purchase two vans and one SUV to provide transportation services for students with severe disabilities, working to transition into adulthood. She helped to establish partnerships with the Santa Cruz Training Program and other organizations within the community. We have been able to provide a uniform to each of our student-athletes participating in Special Olympics, representing NUSD.

Ms. Mendoza said, "I have been able to allocate funds for classroom supplies, software and professional development for all staff working with our students. In the area of registration, we have been able to successfully provide all services online. Parents can now register online, process change of address, and fill out a new open enrollment form from the convenience of their homes."

"COVID-19 has definitely changed all of our lives and the way schools operate. I believe that COVID-19 has also taught us a lot of valuable lessons. School districts were forced to be more creative and find ways to be able to provide services. Our community has been very supportive of our efforts throughout the pandemic, one thing that I would ask the community is to wear a mask and help stop the spread of the virus."

Voters approved Proposition 208 last November, 2020 during the General Election. This proposition will definitely benefit our schools as the money must be used to hire and increase the base compensation for teachers, support personnel, support services and for mentoring and retention programs. Allowing for additional compensation will attract qualified employees and it will help retain the ones we have. The proposition is currently being challenged by two separate lawsuits challenging the validity of the surtax, which claims that the surtax is a new tax requiring supermajority approval by the state legislature. We will not know how much revenue Proposition 208 will bring or the fiscal impact it will have until the courts sort out the challenges.

"My goal is to attract and retain the most qualified special education teachers and staff as well as be able to provide the most current professional development. It is my goal to be able to provide the best special education services and resources to our students. I'm a firm believer that we can all be the change in our students' lives.

Teachers and paraprofessionals have the power to make a difference in our students' lives. If they come to work and treat each student with compassion, love and care—they will be that positive influence in their lives. On the other hand, if students come to school ready to learn and put all their efforts into their studies, they will help create the optimal learning environment," said Mendoza.

"I'm a proud product of NUSD, I graduated from NHS and it was NHS the one who offered me my first teaching job. I made my career with NUSD and the district has been very generous, by allowing me to further my education by taking advantage of all the professional development NUSD has to offer. I am grateful to NUSD for the opportunity to learn and grow—to all the students, teachers and administrators who have shaped me throughout the years. Special thanks to Dr. Varona for giving me my first teaching job, Mr. Valenzuela for allowing me to be his intern and finally Mr. Parra for trusting me as his assistant principal and all the opportunities he has given me throughout the years."

My parents and my siblings have been my greatest inspiration. My parents have helped me identify my strengths and have helped me live my life through their teachings. My siblings have always encouraged me and supported me every step of the way. They keep me grounded and always can provide a word of advice or encouragement.



WOMEN IN GOVERNMENT

JENNIFER ST. JOHN COUNTY MANAGER

This month we recognize women across our county, who make a difference in our community. Jennifer St. John is the first female County Manager in Santa Cruz. Santa Cruz County was formed in 1899. For several decades, it has provided an array of services and functions across the county. Santa Cruz County employs approximately 400 individuals.

Jennifer St. John started working with the county in August 2000 as a Finance Director. In 2002, she was promoted to the Administrative Services Director. She was responsible for overseeing several departments that include: the finance department, information technology, the geographic information system, emergency management, building grounds & maintenance, and parks. In September 2015, she was promoted to Deputy County Manager and then on February 29, 2016, promoted to County Manager. Jennifer obtained her accounting degree at ASU in May 1994. She worked for the Auditor General's Office, State of Arizona before moving to Santa Cruz County. St. John was born in Douglas, Georgia but was raised in Memphis, Arkansas, Tennessee and Germantown, Maryland. She has lived in Santa Cruz County since August of 2000.

"Our community has molded me into the person I am today. I am so proud of our community and our county. COVID-19 has been a struggle throughout the world but our community has come together to help each other during this pandemic. The partnerships it has taken to put on the testing blitz and now the vaccination clinics have been tremendous but everyone has jumped in and helped, going above and beyond to save lives," said Jennifer.

Jennifer's accomplishments include the construction of the \$56 million dollar Adult and Juvenile Detention Center as well as the new court building while serving her role as Administrative Services Director. Her recent accomplishments while serving in her current role as county manager are the county entering into joint agreements with the Town of Patagonia, NUSD, and District #35 to share resources. She recently helped to coordinate an intergovernmental agreement with Cochise County to house their juveniles detainees, while saving each county approximately \$650,000 annually. Ms. St. John has successfully run testing sites in Nogales, Rio Rico, and Patagonia to test residents for COVID-19.

"Santa Cruz County has recently partnered with Mariposa Community Health Center as well as the City of Nogales, District #35 and NUSD to provide vaccination "clinics" in Nogales for our residents. We plan to offer the clinics in other areas of the county once we have a larger allotment of vaccines."

"There are so many people and organizations to thank. I'd like to start first with the community and residents. I came here when I was 28 and didn't know many people but the community and my County co-workers welcomed me. Throughout my career, I have made friends and established relationships. The County Elected Officials and Department Heads continue to support me and because of that, I think we have been able to provide more services for our residents given our limited resources. All of my County co-workers, they are dedicated to public service and do an amazing job for the community. My counterparts at the City of Nogales, Town of Patagonia, the School Districts throughout the County, my fellow County Managers throughout the State of Arizona all have been part of my success. I also want to thank the County Board of Supervisors for giving me the opportunity and privilege to serve as the County Manager for Santa Cruz County. I work every day for what I feel is in the best interest of the community and I strive to make a positive difference to the County and residents every day," replied Jennifer St. John.



WOMEN IN GOVERNMENT

LIZ MONTIEL CITY COUNCIL MEMBER

This month BorderEco features Liza Montiel. It was a year ago, we featured her as she announced her plans to run for office. Mrs. Montiel is another woman who has been making a difference in our community. She was voted into office by the people of Nogales to serve as a council member in August. Montiel was sworn into office by the Honorable Judge Vanessa Cartwright on January 4th.

Liza Montiel was born and raised in Nogales by two hard-working, humble and amazing parents who raised 5 children on minimum wage. Her father died on September 11, 2020. Her father was elated after her victorious campaign last year in August. It was her father who taught her from an early age to never give up, work hard and serving others is a value and obligation. "Nogales has always been my home to me and my family," said Montiel.

Nogales has shaped the life of so many people that have gone on to do amazing things in life. This community gave us an education, friends and memories that will last a lifetime. I feel an undiminished pride in working together in efficient ways by engaging people especially our youth to help our economy move forward to benefit all people especially the struggling families. The main reason I decided to run for council was because I strongly feel it is my responsibility to help make constructive changes to improve our quality of life in Nogales. I truly believe if every person goes out of their way to put other individuals' needs ahead of their own. Nogales will and can economically grow in a sustainable way for all to benefit and generations to come. An example of collaboration is the sales tax boost S.C.C. received from the construction of the State Route 189 (Mariposa Rd.).

There are so many people with good will in their heart, with energy and perseverance and by bringing people together and matching the talents and knowledge of the right person to the right causes, will benefit our community. I don't pretend to have all the answers to get our economy moving but I don't know that working and allowing those who do know to work collaboratively and providing the necessary resources to do their job.

I care about the future of Nogales and want our community to be a place that drives economic growth creating high wage jobs and facilitating an improved quality of life for all.

Now with the impact of COVID-19, real challenges are among the leaders, which are at the frontline responsible to create more inclusive economically strong communities. As leaders, people are depending on our courage, adaptability and creativity to deliver real and sustainable results. We have a serious responsibility to our community to get this "economic" engine" going and help bring the pieces together.

One of the main concerns voiced by our residents as I walked the neighborhoods while campaigning was to make economic development a serious priority. Residents are focused on lifting people up and achieving real results. They are tired of the empty rhetoric. Residents want and expect their streets and roads to be paved, libraries and parks improved and grow this economy to sustain a strong future for their children and grandchildren.

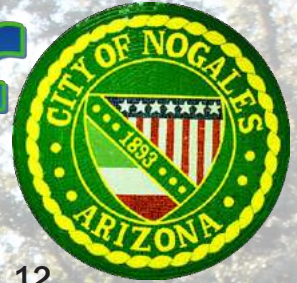
I'm committed to these issues and those that matter to the residents. Now is the perfect moment, to be productive at the local level and take the necessary "risks" to unleash the creative potential of our residents and leaders. We have to overcome present and past challenges, grab opportunities, be inclusive in building a stronger economy. It's no secret that a strong economy plays a massive part in any city's well-being.

While Election Day has come and gone, I am grateful for making their vote count. Including so many other organizations working together to register and encourage citizens to vote. It was a real group effort on everyone's part. One of my personal goals was to involve the young votes and people who were not interested in politics (for an array of reasons) to find it important to vote for their future leaders. It's important for our youth to realize that they have the power in their vote, and voting is a fundamental right that enables them to elect the leaders of tomorrow. More than ever, voting this year with the impact that the Coronavirus had on hundreds of families, voting was crucial and necessary to hold elected officials accountable for results. So, it's been inspiring to see first hand how encouraging people to vote was very important. I will continue to work hard for the quiet majority.

One of my favorite quotes from one of the young voters in my committee was, "City Hall belongs to the people." In fact, City Hall should reflect the vibrancy of our residents. Hopefully by involving many young people in my campaign and meeting hundreds of citizens, they will be encouraged to run for public office and/or take a larger role in their community. Nonetheless, I'm so proud of our citizens for taking an active role in the election process. They are my inspiration and motivation to have the courage necessary to remain committed and work relentlessly to get Nogales to flourish after a pandemic. I've learned a lot from the people I spoke to during my campaign, including inspirational leaders that have been a part of my life. They know who they are! If anyone wishes to contact me, please email me at lemontiel@nogalesaz.gov



Mayor's Corner

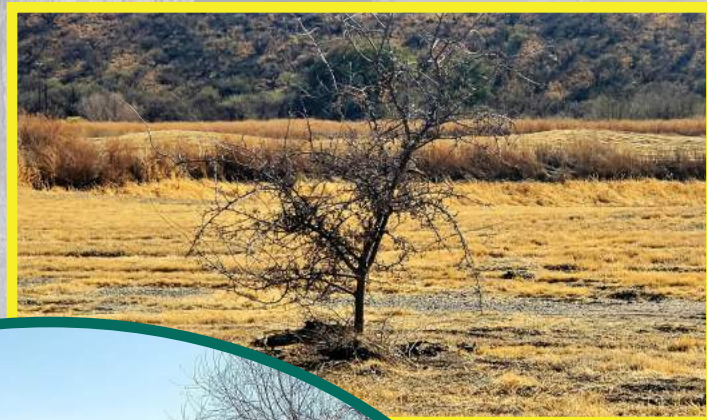


Hello my friends,

I am here to let you know of all the exciting things planned for 2021 in Nogales. Many infrastructure projects will be completed this year, beginning with Mariposa Ranch Road. 12 additional streets are included in the 2021 infrastructure projects for this year. Those streets are: Mastick Way, Coronado Subdivision, Camino Vista del Cielo, Gold Hill Road, Western Avenue, Baffert Drive, Target Range Road, Calle Sonora, Morley Avenue, Hohokam Drive and Walnut Street. These streets will be crack filled, fog sealed and will have striping work done.

Another exciting project in the works for 2021 is a new dog park on the former Palo Duro golf course on Country Club Drive. Soon you'll be able to have fun with your four legged friends in an enclosed, secure area. The dog park will include separate fenced in areas for large and small dogs. The dog park will also have drinking fountains for both pets and their owners, and benches. Walking trails with exercise stations will also be installed around the area, with further amenities being planned as well.

These are just a few of the projects that we're currently working on. Stay tuned for additional project information.



Sheriff's Round-Up

The old year is out and the new one is in! I hope you all had an enjoyable and safe holiday season. I am happy to be very busy in my first weeks as Sheriff. It has been a wonderful time involving a lot of official visits and radio, TV, and print media interviews on both sides of the border. I had a very personable visit and briefing with Ambassador Ricardo Santana Velázquez, Mexico's consul in Nogales, Arizona where we discussed transnational economic, security, and cultural issues. Other visits have included meetings with the other border sheriffs and meetings with law enforcement agencies on both sides of the border. I had an especially enjoyable visit with the Chief of Police of Santa Cruz, Sonora and with the mayor of Santa Cruz. We talked about the shared history of our relatives that lived in the Lochiel / Santa Cruz area in the 1800s and the mutual history of those border communities. I casually mentioned that my great grandfather used to send his son on a burro from Lochiel to Santa Cruz 120 years ago to get a bottle of tequila and the mayor surprised me with a bottle of tequila bought in Santa Cruz. Well, I'm not a drinker, but it is a nice souvenir and reminder of my family history! I have really enjoyed interacting with the public and hearing suggestions on how we can serve the community better. I have instructed the deputies to adopt a stance of community outreach and to look for opportunities to serve all members of the community. We are also working to actively promote our county as a safe place to visit or to live in with good weather, friendly people, fine restaurants, shopping opportunities, and beautiful vistas. As the county in Arizona with the largest, busiest ports of entry with Mexico and with the historic sister cities of Nogales, Arizona and Nogales, Sonora, I am also busy supporting and promoting those important economic and cultural relationships between the two communities and two countries. Congressman Raul Grijalva and I have discussed my inclusion as a local official interacting with any Congressional working groups involved in international relations so as to enhance the voice of our communities in Congress. Have an enjoyable and blessed New Year!

Please contact me with any suggestions or concerns. Email: SheriffDavidHathaway@gmail.com

Santa Cruz County Sheriff David Hathaway

Welcome Sheriff Hathaway



SHERIFF

The Santa Cruz County Attorney reminds you to report violence Break the Cycle of Abuse

Warning signs of teen violence:

- **Checking cell phones, emails or social networks without permission**
- **Extreme jealousy or insecurity**
- **Constant belittling or put-downs**
- **Explosive temper**
- **Isolation from family and friends**
- **Making false accusations**
- **Constant mood swings towards you**
- **Physically inflicting pain or hurt in any way**
- **Possessiveness**
- **Telling someone what to do**
- **Repeatedly pressuring someone to have sex**

February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month
1 in every 5 high school students report being physically and/or sexually
abused by a dating partner – Journal of the American Medical Association

You have the power!

**2150 N. Congress Dr.
Nogales, Arizona 85621
(520) 375-7780**

