



## Winter 2021

Providing safe, affordable housing and utilizing that housing as a platform for improving quality of life, promoting self-sufficiency and building community.

# THIS YEAR ARCHULETA HOUSING CELEBRATED 50 YEARS

Archuleta Housing is celebrating 50 years of providing housing to low-income families in Pagosa Springs.

## Our Impact on the community

We currently house 165 individuals in our apartments.

- We have been a steppingstone for families to move into home ownership.
- We have been a haven for individuals needing a safe place to live away from domestic violence.
- We have a rent structure that has allowed people to stay in their homes during times of hardship. In fact, as the government shut down Archuleta Housings processed a record number of Interim certifications on behalf of our residents.
- We have been able to do some major remodeling including energy efficient upgrades to equipment that was old and outdated.

## The Lujan family is presented with honorary plaque for 50 years in service.

The Lujan family is pictured above holding a memorial plaque that honors 50 years of service in Pagosa Springs. Giving special recognition to Reverend Bernard Rotger, Santana Lujan, Amadeo Martinez, Emmett Martinez, Ben Lynch and Immaculate Heart of Mary Church.





## RULES RESOURCES & RESPONSIBILITIES

Trash issues at our apartments are a serious issue. Not only is it a legal matter, but a health and safety concern as well.

- Littering (the intentional or unintentional improper disposal of waste products).
- Bagged trash left outside resident's front door (this is a lease violation, and a charge will be assessed).
- Trash left outside the dumpster rather than put completely inside.
- Trash added to the dumpster when it is already full, causing overflowing (there is a charge for this to Archuleta Housing that is passed on to the residents).
- Large items being left on the ground, outside the dumpster (there is a charge for this that is passed on to the resident(s))

### Responsibilities and Rules

Archuleta Housing provides dumpsters at each location. We pay for the regular removal of trash from these dumpsters. We have recently added trash cans to certain outside common areas that are more frequently used. It is each resident's responsibility to remove trash from their apartments and take it all the way to the dumpster and put it completely inside.

The office shared with all residents, in the summer of 2020, that there are times when we are billed additional fees caused by the actions of the residents. These additional charges will be passed on to the residents. If we can identify the resident that has directly caused this fee to be assessed, we will bill that resident. If we cannot, we will bill the entire site. You were also notified May 2020 that you may incur a fee if there is bagged trash left by your front door. If it is ready to leave your apartment, it is ready to go all the way to the dumpster. If the dumpster is overflowing DON'T add to the problem, call the office.

### Resources

**Call the office** 970-398-1860

- If the dumpster or trash cans are overflowing.
- If you have something large you need help disposing (we will pass along the fee for the landfill).
- If you witnessed someone leaving large items by the dumpster.
- If you have questions or concerns.
- If you would like a copy of Your Lease, House Rules, Notice dated May 14, 2020, Notice dated July.31.2020 or a copy of the Town of Pagosa Springs' Municipal Code Sec. 12.8.10 – Littering of Public or Private Property.

**Archuleta County Recycle (Transfer Station)** 2140 Trujillo Rd. [archuletacounty.org/263/Recycling](http://archuletacounty.org/263/Recycling) 970-264-3311

Tuesday through Saturday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

They will take #1 & #2 plastic, paper, cardboard, aluminum, steel tin, some electronics, a limited amount of bagged garbage. They will not take TVs, Monitors or Glass. Please see website or call with questions.

**Archuleta County Landfill** 9179 Trujillo Rd. [archuletacounty.org/254/Solid-Waste](http://archuletacounty.org/254/Solid-Waste) 970-264-5605

See website or call for pricing and list of accepted materials. (NO TVs or Monitors)

**At Your Disposal** 128 Bastille Dr. 970-731-4892

This IS where you can take TVs and Monitors. Call for drop-off details. Pricing is currently 70 cents per pound.



## Colorado unemployment rate has gotten better

Our unemployment rate in the state of Colorado has gone from 12.1% (April 2020) to 5.9% (August 2021). This is encouraging and certainly, moving in the right direction. There is still a shortage of workers and more than 70 help wanted ads in the local paper. Many local businesses are still short staffed and having to adjust and compensate for this shortage.

Where are the workers and why did we not return to the employment picture of the past? Some employees took this opportunity to figure out how to work remotely. Some decided to go to school or get technical training for their future. Some have been able to retire earlier than planned. On June 23, 2021, Governor Polis signed into law the HB21-1007: State Apprenticeship Agency, codifying the state's commitment to increase access to earn-and-learn programs that lead to high quality jobs and to build the talent pipeline that industries need.

## Is it time to ...

go to school? go back to school? get a degree? take some classes? At PCC there are many classes you can take online. There is also a campus in Bayfield, just an hour down the road. They offer degree programs in Accounting, Advanced Paramedic, Automotive Technology, Business, Computer Information, Culinary Arts, Fire Science Technology, Nursing, and Welding just to name a few.

**Pueblo**   
Southwest  
Community College

**Spring classes start January 17**

For information, call **970.564.6201** or  
visit **[pueblocc.edu/Programs/WEL/](http://pueblocc.edu/Programs/WEL/)**



Our Newest Member

Braven Holt Garcia

Born 10/19/2021

7lbs 5oz



A wonderful day of building gardens and community at Archuleta Housing for the Elderly