

PLEASE SEE THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL INTERESTED IN THE TAC BANNER PROJECTS:

Dear Artists and Community Members,

We know you have been wondering about the status of your banners and about a call to artists for the next banner project. There are a number of important updates we want to advise you about.

First, on behalf of the Taos Arts Council (TAC) and the Town of Taos, we want to express our appreciation for your participation in the “Taos is Art” banner project. It is a project that has brought life and vibrancy to our streets for many years. Here of some of the things we want you to know:

1. Some 2024 Spring Art Banners were removed due to construction in the past months:

As we are all very aware, there is extensive construction still going on this year. As a result, some lamp posts on or near the Plaza area and Kit Carson were removed. This construction is managed by the State of New Mexico Department of Transportation and the poles were removed without any contact with the Town of Taos or Taos Arts Council. We are working with the affected artists on the best solution given all of the circumstances. Please know we will be in communication with you as the issues continue to be identified.

2. Some 2024 Spring Art Banners were removed in early October by the Town of Taos for Cancer Awareness Month:

We were informed by the Town of Taos that the Town is replacing banners with Cancer Awareness banners for October. We are in conversation with the Town about their intention to reinstall the 2024 Spring Art Banners after October. While this is being decided, we have been reassured that they are keeping those removed banners safe.

3. Winter Banner competition on pause:

A year ago for the first time, the Town of Taos approved adding an additional banner competition for the winter months with winter themed banner images. We know this was a popular addition to the banner competition cycle and many of you have been wondering about the delayed call to artists. Through numerous conversations with the Town regarding ongoing construction locations and timing, it has been decided that the winter banner competition is on pause for this year. We will communicate with you into 2025 about resuming the next call in fall 2025 for installation in winter 2026.

4. 2025 Spring/Summer Art Banner competition:

In mid-January as is the usual timeline, we will begin the call to artists for the Spring Summer 2025 competition. We will communicate with you at that time to begin the next banner competition cycle. The timeline for this cycle will target a mid to late April installation to coincide with the beginning of the 2025 Spring Arts celebration.

Thanks for your patience and understanding as we continue to sort through the challenges of construction on the main thoroughfares of Taos. As we know more, we will continue to communicate with you on changes and resolution of challenges and issues.

Best regards,
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