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RE: WEDDINGS AND PRIVATE FUNCTIONS AT LOS POBLANOS FIELDS OPEN SPACE

Due to the increased interest in the use of the gazebo at Los Poblanos Fields as an area for weddings and other private gatherings, the following policy shall be effective immediately.

Weddings and other events must make reservations with Rio Grande Community Farm and follow the Open Space Division's Special Use/Special Events permitting process.

Contact <u>info@riograndefarm.org</u> about your event and refer to our <u>Open Space Farmlands webpage</u> (or dial 311) for information on Open Space Special Events/Special Use permits.

Reservation of the space will require a fee of \$250.00 and a damage deposit of \$100.00. This fee is payable to Rio Grande Community Farm.

Group size will be limited to 100 people. The area will be available for wedding ceremonies only, no reception gatherings, or any events where food and drinks will be served. Only a small P.A. system may be used for the event. Should weather interfere with the event, the wedding party is not permitted to use any other buildings or areas of Los Poblanos Fields.

One permanent 'vault'-type restroom is available in the main parking lot off Tierra Viva Pl. and east of the 'Shepherd of the Valley' church. Event organizers are responsible for inspecting the unit prior to the event to determine if additional service is required. Alternately, organizers may choose to rent their own unit(s) and have it/them placed closer to the gazebo area.

If necessary, contact AAA Pumping (345-3965) for fee information and to schedule service.

No alcohol or glass containers are permitted and participants must follow all Open Space rules and regulations. See www.cabq.gov/openspace for a full list of regulations.

Parking for events will be in the main parking lot off of Tierra Viva Pl. Guests must walk from the main parking lot to the gazebo. Vehicle access to the gazebo area is only for pickup and drop off of any equipment.

Those requiring vehicle access to the gazebo area will need to arrange with Rio Grande Community Farm to pick up a key to the entrance gate. Keys must be returned no later than *one week* after the event.

Organizers are responsible for providing their own trash receptacles and trash cleanup, and all trash must be removed at the end of the event.

Event organizers will need to notify adjacent neighborhood associations of the event, and follow all necessary City permitting procedures. Neighborhood Associations to contact:

Tierra Viva Homeowners Association

George and Katherine Pappas kpappas1@comcast.net 5905 Tierra Viva Place NW 87107

Los Poblanos Neighborhood Association

Chris Catechis catechis@msn.com 5733 Guadalupe Trail NW 87107

 Lee Acres Neighborhood Association (Cynthia Hall, cynthiabhall@gmail.com)

Additionally, event organizers need to contact Rio Grande Community Farm (RGCF) to make sure the event does not conflict with their scheduled events or activities. A special use permit will not be issued until permission from RGCF is granted and submitted to the Open Space Division.

Rio Grande Community Farm Contact:

505-308-4987

email: info@riograndefarm.org

The Open Space Division reserves the right to reject all special use permit applications for this area, and to modify this policy as we see fit.

Thank you for your consideration,

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