

# AngelFireNOW

WINTER 2009-2010

## THINGS HAPPENING NOW IN ANGEL FIRE

- **ArtSpace celebrated its 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on December 18<sup>th</sup>**
- **Veterans healing retreat comes to Angel Fire.**

The mountains in and around the Moreno Valley are majestic to those who embrace their charm and beauty. They have a calming effect as the clouds collide with their peaks or the morning fog rises above their foothills.

It's a perfect setting to look at creating a veterans wellness and healing center that could help treat veterans and their families who have suffered from the many traumas of serving their country.

The Department of Veterans Affairs, Department of Tourism and the state's Department of Economic Development have vested officials with the Village of Angel Fire to come up with a feasibility study of the potential of bringing a healing and wellness center to the area for the purpose of treating veterans.

To better understand and be able to present a more complete study, on October 2 through October 9, local officials held a wellness and healing retreat for 11 veterans suffering from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and their spouses or partners.

Stuart Hamilton, Mayor of Angel Fire and a RE/MAX Bella Tierra REALTOR, began the vision of looking at Angel Fire as the location for a National Veterans Health and Healing Resort over two years ago during conversations with John Garcia, New Mexico Cabinet Secretary for Veteran's Services. As the committee was developed to carry out the strategy to make this a reality, Chuck Howe, a veteran and village councilor was selected to spearhead the p r o c e s s .

State leaders picked this place for it's access to the many cultural and natural resources which, as Chuck Howe says, is a perfect spot for such an event.

According to Howe, the purpose of the retreat was to aid these vets with post traumatic stress disorder and to present a demonstration to show the state, the Department of Defense and the Veterans Administration that we are capable of developing a veterans wellness and healing center in Angel Fire. The strategic plan is for Angel Fire to reach out to veterans and use our natural resources to become a more "veterans friendly" community. Howe said that the wellness and healing center is serious business. "In my mind the center will lead to treating vets returning from Iraq and Afghanistan," Howe said.

- **The Official Best Of New Mexico 2009 awarded The Roasted Clove, Angel Fire, The Best Contemporary American Cuisine.**



Chuck Howe pays respects at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial

## THINGS HAPPENING NOW AT ANGEL FIRE RESORT

### Grab a shovel and join in the fun for Angel Fire's Annual

Shovel Races! Discounted lodging packages are available for participants at the Angel Fire Mountain Rentals! Call 575-377-6767 or 888-387-6767.

The event which will be held on February 6, 2010, gives any and all willing participants the opportunity to compete for cash and prizes by blazing down a groomed 1200+ foot snow track at speeds surpassing sixty miles per hour while sitting atop a snow shovel. Children as young as six

years of age can participate on the "Lil' Scoops" short track. Over one hundred racers, men and women, riding solo and in teams, are expected to compete.

Rules: All competitors must wear a helmet. No modifications to the snow shovel will be allowed except for wax or paint. Each competitor gets two runs. The fastest time of two runs will determine the winner. The top three in each class will receive cash prizes, trophies and gift certificates from local retailers.

The three-day festivities will include race clinics and track practice on Friday, February 5; timed competition on Saturday, February 6; and a blow out Super Bowl Sunday party on Sunday, February 7.

For event registration and for more information on Angel Fire Resort promotions and activities visit their web site at [www.angelfireresort.com](http://www.angelfireresort.com) or call 800-633-7463.



The new and improved hotel offers you a choice of spacious rooms and suites, just steps from the Chile Express chairlift. Each room features two queen beds. Pets are welcome. Take a plunge in the indoor pool, enjoy a relaxing soak in the hot tub, sweat it out in a spinning class or just enjoy the free WiFi

**THINGS HAPPENING NOW ON THE SNOW FRONT**

• **Terrain Parks**

More terrain. More options. More fun! Angel Fire Ski Area added a new ten-acre glade skiing area on the mountain. This will be the third glade ski area created in the past three seasons, expanding Angel Fire Resort's current terrain for all levels and abilities.

• **Night Skiing and Snowboarding**

Angel Fire Resort has lit up our mountain's easy, lower front side for 50 acres of skiing and snowboarding after the sun goes down.

Shovel Races – Angel Fire Resort brings back the infamous Snow Shovel Races. Event to take place February 2010!

• **New trail**

The Bominable seems to be fun

for all the kids and beginner skiers and snowboarders.

Don't forget that there's **Tubing** for those of you who don't care to shred the powder. A great time for kids and adults alike!

For ticket and pricing information please call 575-377-6401



Catch some air on the terrain parks, with more options than ever before!



**THINGS HAPPENING NOW AT VILLAGE HALL**

• **Angel Fire 2010 Economic Outlook**

2009 has been an interesting year from an economic point of view. Our local economy has reflected the national economy in some aspects. Occupancy rates during the ski season were steady, but visitors did not spend as much. Real Estate was down a little from the previous year, but the prices held fairly steady. The village coffers were a little lighter than the year before as well. The overall year was not as bad as we could have expected given the national economy picture. For the most part, the Angel Fire economy was steady.

What is the outlook? I believe that the attitude of our community and visitors is upbeat and energized. The Village of Angel Fire and Angel Fire Resort are steadily completing and beginning projects. There are new commercial buildings and the first bricks and mortar building for the high school coming out of the ground. There is excitement in the village that hasn't been seen for quite some time. This excitement and positive attitude is translating into a better real estate market, sold out bookings for the holiday season, new retail stores opening and talk of more private investments

in Angel Fire.

I believe that 2010 will be a year of excitement surrounding the opening of the new Country Club at Angel Fire Resort, new businesses opening and new opportunities for Angel Fire residents, part-time homeowners and visitors. Businesses will show steady improvement and the Village coffers will improve. I look forward to an exciting decade of growth and improved quality of life in Angel Fire.

By Stuart Hamilton, Mayor of Angel Fire

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**THINGS HAPPENING NOW ON GOING GREEN**

Business owners had the opportunity to get tips from New Mexico Environment Department's Pollution Prevention Coordinator Michelle Vattano, about ways to run a "Greener" business during a "green" workshop last week. The workshop took place Thursday (Oct. 29) at the Angel Fire Community Center. Tara Chisum, who serves on the recycling outreach committee, reported that the workshop was a smashing success with lots of participation. "We had a great turn-out at the workshop," Chisum said. "All the business owners who were

there were very excited about possibilities of saving money and recycling more." The workshop was goal oriented and designed to help business owners understand the energy their businesses are using, and what they are losing or using in solid materials. "Owners are taught to measure what comes in the front door, so to speak, and how much is recycled or used," Chisum said. "The whole presentation is to show business owners how to keep track of what their businesses are using and how much is

w a s t e . " Business owners were also given tips on how to save money by doing simple things. "Michelle Vattano told owners they could save money by replacing iridescent light bulbs with more energy efficient bulbs," she said. "Or putting motion sensors in restrooms to ensure lights are never left on." Other ways to save are, to take out large power-consuming florescent lights and use more energy efficient light bulbs and fixtures.

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**THINGS HAPPENING NOW IN REAL ESTATE**

70% of homebuyers said they were more inclined to buy a green home in a down economy than a non-green home.

62% of all state governments have adopted green building policies (with 18 states coming on board in the last three years alone.

People from every sector and region of this country grow more passionate about green every day. RE/MAX Bella Tierra has three agents with the knowledge and resources of NAR'S GREEN designation, to assist to you in finding the right green home for you!

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with market statistics and trends!

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