

2022-2023

Monte Vista

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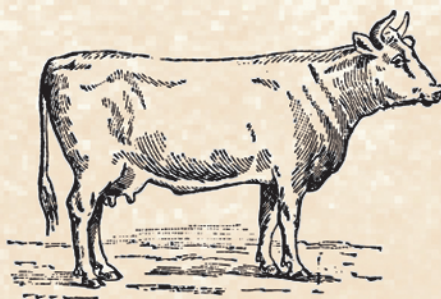


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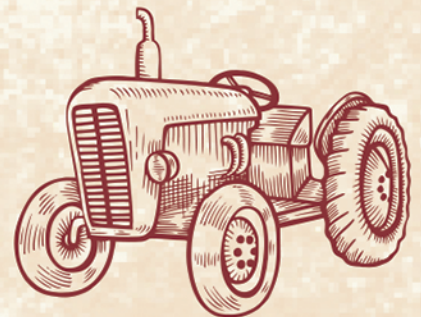
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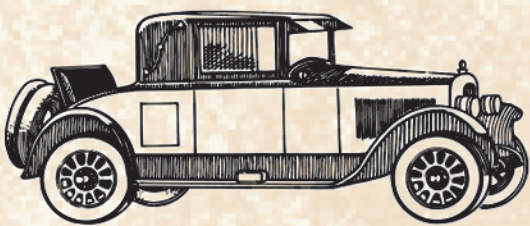
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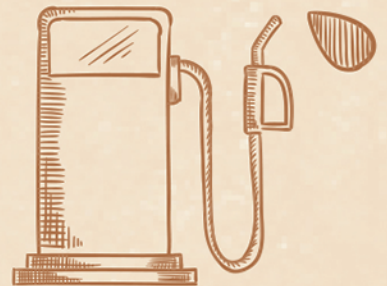
Equipment



Car Care Center



Fertilizer



Petroleum

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MONTE VISTA COOP LOCATIONS

- Main Office/ Farm Store....1901 E Hwy 160 Monte Vista, Colorado 719-852-5181
- Equipment....2607 N. Hwy 285 Monte Vista, Colorado 719-852-5565
- MV Fertilizer....2490 E CR 3 Monte Vista, Colorado 719-852-4046
- Center Fertilizer....0044 CR 49 Center, Colorado 719-754-2218
- La Jara Fertilizer....20270 Hwy 285 La Jara, Colorado 719-274-5864
- Alamosa Store....1311 West Ave Alamosa, Colorado 719-589-3621



Demographics

According to CensusReporter.org and CityData.com the estimated population for Monte Vista in 2020 was 4,252.

Monte Vista is almost evenly split between male and female residents with females accounting for 54% of the population and males making up 46% of the population. Hispanics make up 64% of the population and whites account for 35% of the population and 1% other. Median age in Monte Vista is 39.2 years.

The estimated median household income in 2020 was \$37,810 while the median household income for the state of Colorado was estimated to be \$75,231 in 2020.

Median gross rent in the Monte Vista area in 2019 was \$665 (40% of the housing units are renter-occupied). The median home price in Monte Vista in 2020 for all housing units was \$119,600.

In March 2019 the cost-of-living index in Monte Vista was 81.6 which is considered low – the US average is 100.

The percentage of Monte Vista residents living in poverty in 2020 was 22.2% percent.

Employment

The Colorado Department of Labor and Employment, Division of Employment and Training, provides two full-service Workforce Centers in Monte Vista and Alamosa to serve the six rural counties of the San Luis Valley.

In March 2020, the Valley had a total annual average labor force of 23,657 workers, 22,109 employed and 1,548 unemployed. The large industry of employment in the Valley is agribusiness which employs 4,760 people, followed by education and health services with 2,529 and government with 1,891.

Services available through the Workforce Center include pre-screening and interview scheduling for employers wishing to avoid the time and expense associated with handling a great number of phone calls and conducting numerous applicant interviews. Labor market information in the form of area wage surveys, employment and unemployment statistics, and occupational characteristics of the region's labor market may also be obtained through the office.

For further information, contact South Central Workforce Center at 2079 Sherman Ave., Monte Vista, 719-852-5171.

Utilities

Clear, pure water

The city of Monte Vista provides water to the city and adjacent areas. Pumped from deep wells, the water is of excellent quality, with a temperature of 50 degrees and is mildly chlorinated.

Sewer

The sewer system is of the primary type and is treated in a series of lagoons. The city waste treatment facility includes an anaerobic and aerobic lagoon.

Landfill

The regional landfill is located six miles west of Monte Vista. Hours are Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. year-round and Saturday, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Loads are measured by cubic yard at \$4.35 each cubic yard. Call 852-3810 or go to www.slvlandfill.com for information.

Power

Monte Vista and the rural areas immediately surrounding it have electric service provided by Xcel Energy. For rates and service information, contact them at (800) 895-4999 or visit www.XcelEnergy.com. The San Luis Valley Rural Electric Co-

operative provides electric service to the majority of the rural areas throughout the San Luis Valley.

Information on rates and service can be obtained by calling 852-3538. Further information can be found on the SLVREC website: www.slvrec.com.

Natural gas and propane

Xcel Energy is a distributor of natural gas to Monte Vista and the surrounding area.

Propane service is provided through businesses in Monte Vista, as well as others throughout the Valley.

Telephone

CenturyLink and Spectrum provide telephone service to the area. Centurylink rate and service information can be obtained by calling (800) 244-1111 and Spectrum can be reached at (855) 757-7328.

Local wireless providers include AT&T, Verizon and Vieraero.

Waste removal

Monte Vista waste removal services are provided by Waste Management Services (852-5895) and MDS Waste and Recycle (658-3060).

Government

Monte Vista is governed by a council/city manager form of government, with a five-member elected council and mayor, who appoint the city manager.

The city provides a full line of services including police, municipal court, emergency services, public works, parks and recreation, street maintenance, water and sewer services. Fire services are provided through the Monte Vista Fire District.



City Contact Info:
 Phone: (719) 852-2692 Fax: (719) 852-6167
www.cityofmontevista.com
 Address: 4 Chico Camino St.

City Hours:
 Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m. – 5:00p.m.;

City of Monte Vista Boards Meeting Schedules:
 (Held at City Hall, 4 Chico Camino, unless noted)

City Council: 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month, 6 p.m

Worksessions: 3rd Tuesday of every month, 6p.m.

Planning and Zoning Commission: 4th Thursday of every month, 6 p.m.

Urban Renewal Authority: 1st Tuesday of every month, 7 p.m.

M.V. Municipal Airport Advisory Board Intermittent, see City Manager for details.

Tree Board: 2nd Wednesday of every month, 4:30p.m.

Vali 3 Advisory Board: 139 Adams, 4th Monday of every month, 6p.m.

City of Monte Vista's mission:
 "The City of Monte Vista is the largest City in the Rio Grande County and has a strong history of benefiting not only the residents, but the surrounding agricultural community. The City achieves these benefits by providing a base of Faith, Teamwork, Innovation, Transparency, Service, and sustainability for the community."

City of Monte Vista's Vision:
 "To create opportunity, growth, and a fertile and safe haven for education, recreation, business, and families to thrive."

City Council:
Mayor Dale Becker
dbecker@ci.monte-vista.co.us
 Term expires 12/31/21

Councilor Victor Sigala
 Mayor Pro Tem
vsigala@ci.monte-vista.co.us
 Term expires 12/31/21

Councilor Jason Lorenz
jlorenz@ci.monte-vista.co.us
 Term expires 12/31/21

Councilor Larry Foster
lfoster@ci.monte-vista.co.us
 Term expires 12/31/24

Councilor Martha Lock
mlock@ci.monte-vista.co.us
 Term expires 12/31/24

City Manager:
 Ginette Dennis-Lounsbury
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 George Dingfelder
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Monday-Saturday

Monday-Friday

10 am - 5 pm

10 am - 6 pm

10 am - 6 pm

Sunday 10 am - 4 pm

The Rainbow's End thrift stores are locally-started, community-operated businesses that earn revenue through the resale of second-hand goods. 100% of the profits from Rainbow's End support La Puente's services. The thrift stores also provide affordable goods to those in need, employment, employment training opportunities, and outreach assistance to people experiencing homelessness and crisis situations.

Annually over 16,000 individuals and family members receive at least one of La Puente's services, including emergency shelter, nutritious food from one of our 15 pantries, housing with supportive services, after-school youth-stabilization services, educational gardens, homeless prevention resources, soup kitchen meals, home outreach visits, and more.

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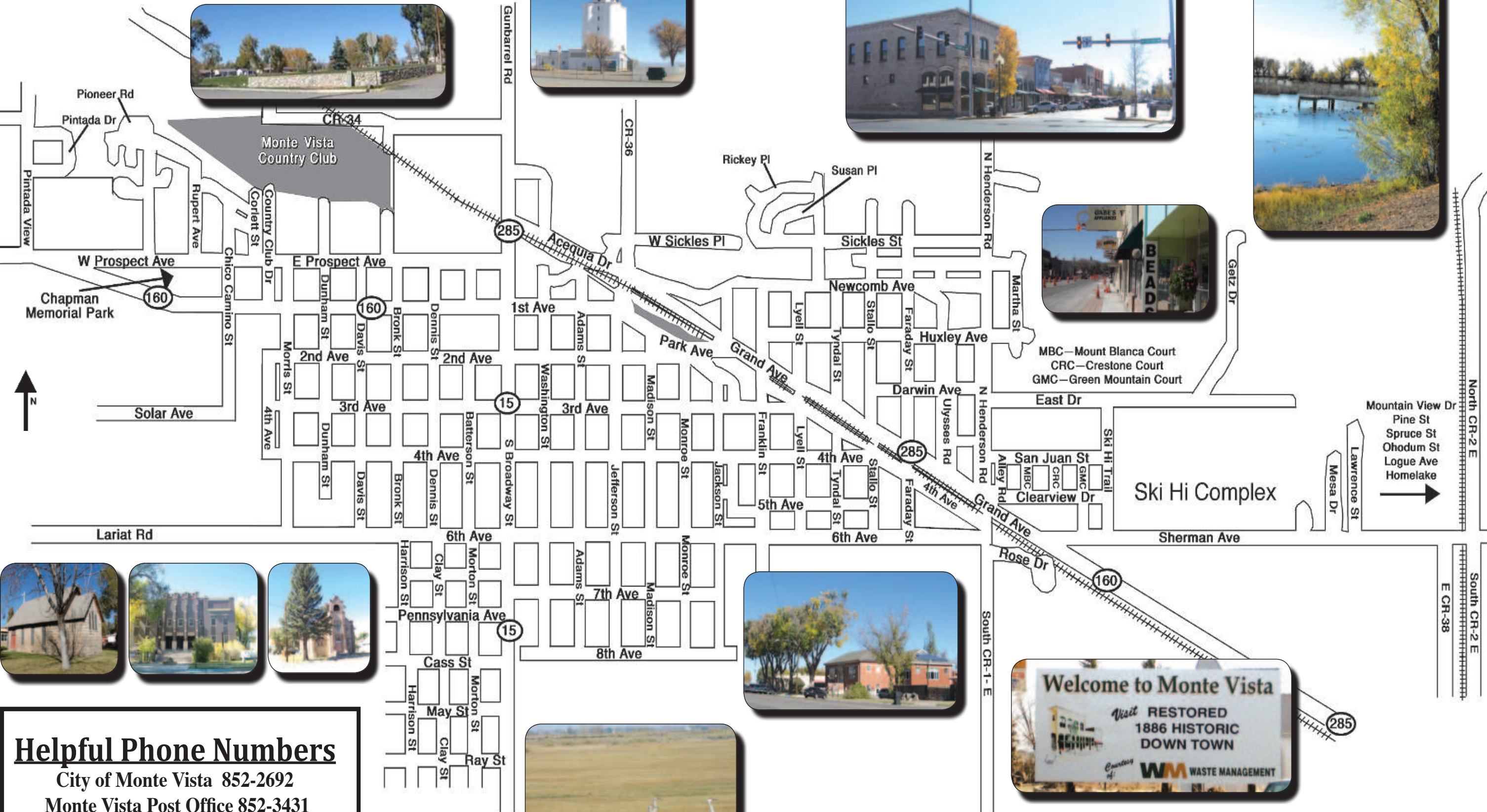
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- City of Monte Vista 852-2692
- Monte Vista Post Office 852-3431
- National Weather Service 589-3232
- Rio Grande County Assessor 657-3326
- Rio Grande County Clerk 657-3334
- Police and fire 852-5111, 911

JOURNAL

Valley Publishing
 (719) 852-3531
 835 First Ave.
 Monte Vista

Business Directory

Accounting Bookkeeping

Walter S. Fullwood CPA, PC
296 Tyndal Street, 719-852-2177

Four Corners Accounting
803 First Ave. Suite B, 719-628-2085

H&R Block
210 Adams Street, 719-852-3338

Kay's Bookkeeping Services
995 N. Highway 285, 719-852-5638

Wall, Smith, Bateman & Assoc.
15 Washington Street, 719-852-5103

Agriculture

Agro Engineering
0210 Rd. 2 S., 719-852-4957

Colorado Potato Administrative Committee
1305 Park Avenue, 719-852-3322

DP Ag Services
0552 W. Rd. 6 N., 719-852-0824

Farm Fresh Direct
15 Washington Street, 719-852-2600

Hi Land Potato Company
2468 E. Cty. Road 6 N., 719-852-4096

Grower-Shipper Potato Co.
132 County Road 34, 719-852-3569

I&F Supply
1224 N. Hwy. 285, 719-852-4033

Industrial Ventilation
1393 Hwy. 160, 719-588-2485

Lenco West Inc.
121 N. Broadway, 719-852-0299

Monte Electric
1325 N. Hwy 285, 719-852-2832

Monte Vista Co-op
1901 E. Hwy. 160, 719-852-5181

Pepper Equipment Co.
0931 N Hwy. 285, 719-852-4092

Rio Grande Seed & Grain
2485 E. Rd. 4 N., 719-852-4088

SLV Garden Center
1669 N. Hwy 285, 719-852-GROW (4769)

Valley Tractor Repair
2573 S. Rd. 6 E., 719-852-0200

US Tractor & Harvest
1345 US Hwy 285, 719-852-5928

Wilbur-Ellis
2701 E Rd 1 South, 719-852-3921

Wenta Nip & Sanitizing
1525 E. Hwy. 160, 719-852-0353

Animal Services

Alpine Veterinary Hospital
2835 Sherman Avenue, 719-852-2561

Conour Animal Shelter & Crematory
2825 Sherman Avenue, 719-852-3366

Monte Vista Animal Clinic
1851 Hwy. 160, 719-852-5504

Muddy Paws/ B&J Grooming
2850 Sherman Ave., 719-588-2816

Noah's Arff, LLC
Dog Boarding & Cattery, Grooming
3152 S. Rd. 3E., 719-588-0083

Arts & Culture

Evelyn Sprouse-Rowe
719-852-0354

Hauser Handcrafted
132 Adams St., 303-526-6800

Monte Arts Council
PO Box 249

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John Wilder
124 Adams Street, 719-852-5124

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Michael Trujillo
1120 Park Avenue, 719-852-5993

San Luis Valley Law Firm
101 Chico Ct., 719-852-0627

Zerbi Law Firm, P.C.
40 Washington Street, 719-852-9529

Automotive

Absolute Shine Auto Body & Paint
859 Acequia Drive, 719-852-5700

All-Star Car Wash & Detailing
615 1/2 Prospect Ave., 719-580-9593

American Diesel
234 Adams St., 719-580-5712

Automotive Experts
1703 Grande Avenue, 719-852-2526

Colorado 4x4 the Jeep Rescue League
229 Adams St., 910-859-0918

Discount Auto Parts & Glass
120 S. Broadway, 719-852-2096

Final Touch Automotive
219 Jefferson Street, 719-852-3100

Gateway Motors and Service
1603 US Highway 160, 719-852-0203

Good Speed Automotive
2140 Grand Avenue, 719-852-5485

Haynie's Napa Auto Parts
1080 N. Hwy. 285, 719-852-0711

San Luis Valley Auto Repair
150 N. Broadway, 719-852-2536

Stanek Auto Body
1324 Hwy. 285, 719-852-4944

Civic and Service Organizations

Kiwanis Club
PO Box 287

Monte Vista CDC
847 1st Avenue, 719-850-2004

Monte Vista Historical Soc.
P.O. Box 323, 719-849-9320

Monte Vista Elks
121 Washington Street, 719-852-2456

Rotary of Monte Vista
PO Box 404, 719-852-5486

Clinics

Creede Family Practice
719-658-0929

Edward M. Kennedy Health Clinic
925 Second Ave., 719-852-2512

Monte Vista Community Clinic
103 Chico Court, 719-852-9400

Monte Vista Medical Clinic of Rio Grande Hospital
1033 Second Ave., 719-852-8827

Rio Grande Hospital Clinic at South Fork
719-873-5494

Rio Grande Hospital Clinic
719-657-2418

Communications

Valley Communications
719-852-3591

Computers

Southern Colorado Computer Services
157 Adams Street, 719-852-3512

Construction

Bristol Design Cabinets
2498 S. Rd. 1 E., 719-852-0625

Comfort Zone Insulation
1536 Sickles Street, 719-850-1910

Mathias Concrete
1500 N. Farm Road, 719-852-3732

San Luis Valley Precast
215 N. Washington, 719-852-6915

SLV Quality Concrete, Inc.
2691 S. Rd. 6 E., 719-852-0360

Valley Lumber & Supply Co.
0981 N. Highway 285, 719-852-2481

Valley Roofing
852-5230

WLB Septic & Excavation
215 N. Washington, 719-852-7336

Dry Cleaners/Laundry

Sparkle Cleaners
214 Adams Street, 719-852-3601

Washtub Laundromat/Carwash
449 S. Broadway, 719-850-2004

Weiss Dry Cleaning
615 E. Prospect Avenue, 719-852-269

Education

Adams State University
208 Edgemont Blvd., Alamosa
719-587-7011

Monte Vista School District
345 Prospect Avenue, 719-852-5996

Sargent School District
7090 N. CR 2 E., 719-852-4023

Trinidad State Junior College
1011 Main Street, Alamosa
719-589-7000

Employment & Employment Training

Monte Vista Workforce Center, South Central Colorado Region
2079 Sherman Ave., 719-852-5171

Rocky Mountain SER
1120 Park Avenue, 719-852-3162

Entertainment

Fred Hargrove
390 Mountain View Blvd., 719-852-2618

Monte Vista Golf Course
101 Country Club Drive, 719-852-4906

Ski Hi Stampede
PO Box 391, 719-852-2055

Stars & Strikes
1020 2nd Avenue, 719-852-0250

Star Drive-In/ Best Western Movie Manor
2830 Hwy 160 W., 719-852-2613

Vali Theater
139 Adams Street, 719-628-2015

Finance

Farm Credit of Southern Colorado
159 Washington, 719-852-3341

RG Bank
901 1st Avenue, 719-852-5933

SLV Federal Bank
330 Solar Avenue, 719-852-5991

Sunflower Bank
101 Adams Street, 719-852-5901

Fitness

Monte Vista Athletic Club
2360 Sherman Avenue, 719-852-0786

Next Level Fitness & Nutrition
Washington & First Ave., 719-285-9417

Florists

Wildwood Blooms
206 Adams St Suit B (719628-2888)

Freight

Three Guys Freight
1335 US Highway 285, 719-992-0225

Funeral Homes

Rogers Family Mortuary
404 Morris, 719-852-3400

Romero Funeral Home
504 4th Avenue, 719-852-2222

Strohmayr's Funeral Home
205 S. Broadway, 719-852-3533

Glass

Monte Glass Shop
225 N. Broadway, 719-852-3392

Government

City of Monte Vista
95 W. First Avenue
719-852-2692

Rio Grande County Democratic Central Committee
riograndedems@gmail.com

Rio Grande County Republican Central Committee
PO Box 670

Grocery

Safeway
1200 2nd Avenue, 719-852-5121

Top Value Cost Plus Foods
222 Solar Avenue, 719-852-3612

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Del Monte Gun Cub
2355 W. U.S. 160, 719-589-4155

SLV Antique Iron Club, Inc.
P.O. Box 605

Valley Gun Service
1419 Hwy. 160, 719-852-2716

Home Décor

The Polished Edge
1935 Grand Ave., 719-852-6939

Hospitals

Conejos County Hospital
19021 Hwy 285, La Jara, 719-274-5121

Rio Grande Hospital
310 County Road 14, Del Norte 719-657-2510

San Luis Valley Regional Medical Center
106 Blanca Ave., Alamosa, 719-589-2511

Household Goods

Nazarene Thrift Store
730 1st Avenue, 719-852-2713

Rainbow's End Thrift Store
154 Adams Street, 719-852-3930

Industrial

Ecodynamics
5492 US Hwy. 160, 719-852-2662

Formation Ag
1021 US Hwy 285 N., 719-849-6633

Miller Coors LLC
696 Schaefer Rd., 719-852-3787

Monte Vista Machine & Tool
0839 Hwy. 285, 719-852-4990

Mountain King Potatoes
840 Hwy. 285, 719-852-2160

Proximity Malt
1001 N. Rd. 3 E., 414-755-8388

SLV Ice
719-852-2364

Valley Monument
0843 N. Hwy. 285, 719-852-2252

Media

KSLV/KYDN/KBGV Radio
109 Adams, 719-852-3581

Monte Vista Journal
835 First Avenue, 719-852-3531

SLVoices
P.O. Box 533, 719-239-1811

Medical

David Hinkley, OD
37 Washington Street, 719-852-3442

EMKHC Health & Dental Clinic (VWHS)
925 2nd Ave, 719-852-2512

Joseph Lucero, DDS
Prosthodontist
10 Rupert Avenue, 719-852-2552

Monte Vista Eye Care Center
101 Chico Court, Suite B, 719-852-3412

Monte Vista Chiropractic and Wellness LLC
36 Washington St., 719-849-8091

Rio Grande Hospital Monte Vista Medical Clinic
1033 2nd Avenue, 719-852-8827

Rio Grande Hospital Physical Therapy
1033 Second Ave., 719-628-0118

SLV Health/Monte Vista Medical Clinic
103 Chico Court, 719-852-9400

SLV Health Pro Therapy
37 Adams St., 719-852-5144

Trenholm Chiropractic
803 1st Avenue, 719-588-7437

Visiting Angels Home Care
970-264-5991

Williams Family Chiropractic
750 Second Avenue, 719-852-4032

Pharmacy

Jack's Market Pharmacy
222 Solar Avenue, 719-852-9894

Monte Vista Medical Clinic Pharmacy
1033 2nd Avenue, 719-628-0533

Physical Therapy

Edward M. Kennedy Physical Therapy
925 Second Avenue, 719-852-7081

Monte Vista PRO Therapy
37 Adams St., 719-852-5144

Rio Grande Hospital Monte Vista Medical Clinic Physical Therapy
1033 2nd Avenue, 719-628-0118

Rio Grande Hospital Del Norte Physical Therapy
310 County Road 14, 719-657-4140

Printing and Publishing

Monte Vista Journal
835 1st Avenue, 719-852-3531

O&V Printing, Inc.
342 Santa Fe Avenue, Alamosa, 719-589-9228

Radiology

Rio Grande Hospital Radiology/Imaging
310 County Road 14, Del Norte, 719-657-4151

San Luis Valley Health Radiology
719-587-1231

Real Estate

Allpine Title Company
950 Second Avenue, 719-852-0587

Legends Premier Properties
801 1st Avenue, 719-852-0450

Roberts Group Real Estate
719-966-0799

Restaurants

Baldo's
1100 Park Avenue, 719-852-0222

China Garden
819 1st Avenue, 719-852-2002

Dairy Queen
705 First Avenue, 719-852-2180

Dos Rios
1635 US Hwy 160, 719-852-0545

Don Tomas Bakery and Breakfast
829 1st Ave., 719-852-0981

Fernandez Iaqueria
159 Euclid Street, 719-852-4956

Grammy's Restaurant
104 Adams St., 719-588-9957

Nino's
118 Adams Street, 719-852-0101

Pizza Hut
2015 Grande Avenue, 719-852-4079

The Polished Bean
1935 Grande Avenue, 719-628-2720

Quincy's Steak & Spirits
138 Adams Street, 719-852-8977

Sonic Drive-In
1820 Grand Avenue, 719-852-2620

Stars & Strikes
1020 2nd Avenue, 719-852-0250

Subway
2041 Grand Avenue, 719-852-2423

Sunflour Bakery
278 N. Hwy. 285, 719-852-6945

Taqueria y Antojitos Los Lopez
1042 Park Avenue, 719-628-2724

Worth-The-Drive Family Bakery
5115 E County Road 9 S, 719-852-0967

Retail

Big R
105 Chico Camino, 719-852-6164

Bontrager's Variety Store
9726 S. Cty. Rd. 3 E, 719-852-0500

Grand Ave. Tattoo & Piercings
1639 Grand Avenue, 719-557-1914

General Thrift Store
143 Adams St, 719-852-0230

The Finery Boutique
839 First Avenue, 719-852-8849

Wayne's Print Shop
720 First Ave. Suite #1, 303-956-4778

Retirement Living

Colorado State Veterans Center
PO Box 97, Homelake, 719-852-5118

Monte Vista Estates
2277 East Drive, 719-852-5138

The Legacy
100 Chico Camino, 719-852-5179

Tri-County Senior Citizens & Housing, Inc.
311 Washington Street, 719-852-5778

Salons

Charizma
43 N. Broadway, 719-852-4498

Designs by Jen
1000 Park Avenue, 719-580-9911

Hair Experience
1639 Grande Avenue, 719-850-3066

Monte Vista Haircutting Company
813 First Avenue, 719-852-2588

Queens Nails
208 Adams Street, 719-852-8833

Salon Herrera
47 Adams Street, 303-548-1613

Stretch's Cuts Barbershop
219 Jefferson St., 719-849-1292

Utilities

San Luis Valley Rural Electric Cooperative
3625 W. Highway 160, 719-852-3538

MDS Waste & Recycle
719-658-3060

Waste Management
1245 N Hwy 285, 719-852-5895

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Education

The Monte Vista School District boasts more than 1,150 students and about 80 full-time classroom teachers. The teachers are exceptionally creative in meeting the needs of the district's talented students.

The district has two elementary schools, one middle school, two high schools, and an online academy.

According to the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), (the last academic year data available was 2020-2021) 51 percent of the students are of Hispanic descent and 48 percent white. The student teacher ratio is 14.41. The median household income in the district is \$38,175. 65.2 percent of the households have broadband internet. 17.1 percent of the families in the district earn an income below the poverty line. In 81.7% of the homes, English is the only language spoken at home.

The district is large enough to offer a wide variety of educational and extracurricular programs and small enough to provide personal attention to each student. The schools operate on a four-day week, with Fridays off. Monte Vista School District opened an Early Learning Center for Pre-K in October of 2022.

Marsh School, "The Sunshine School", "where purposeful play propels bright futures," serves students in preschool and kindergarten.

The learning environment is marked by nurturing teachers and excitement for learning.

Behavior expectations at Marsh are defined as the "3 C's" — CAPABLE: Showing "I can" by being persistent in mastering new skills and taking responsibility for my actions. COOPERATIVE: Working together so everyone can be safe and everyone can learn. CARING: Thinking of others and being a good friend.

Staff teaches, practices and reinforce these expectations in every area of the school.

The building was enlarged recently and the playground is a virtual tour of the San Luis Valley's natural attractions.

The Mission of Marsh School is "to provide children a "just right" place filled with purposeful play."

NCES data showed a student-teacher ratio of 12.89.

For more information on Marsh School visit: <http://marsh.monte.k12.co.us/>

Bill Metz Elementary serves grades 2-5 and emphasizes child development, as well as dynamic instruction. Parents may choose from multi-age, looping or single-age options.

Featuring technology instruction, vocal and instrumental music, art, physical education, swimming, gifted and talented programming and many tutorial programs, the staff offers every student the opportunity to excel. Reading, composition and mathematics are stressed and the school's computerized library

offers a rich learning resource.

The mission of Bill Metz Elementary is "to inspire the pursuit of excellence, one student at a time."

Bill Metz Elementary's vision is "to achieve educational excellence by preparing students, parents, staff and community members for the future."

The NCES dashboard shows a student-teacher ratio of 12.39 at Bill Metz.

The school is named after their former principal and district Superintendent, Dr. Bill Metz, who served at the Elementary from 1979 to 1984 before becoming Superintendent until 1993. "Dr. Metz was admired for his diligent work to improve academics and facilities for Monte Vista Students during his time as Superintendent." Dr. Metz passed away Oct. 1, 2020, at the age of 74.

For more information this school visit: <http://bme.monte.k12.co.us/>

Monte Vista Middle School serves grades 6-8 and bridges the gap between elementary and high school.

Its energetic teachers make a great match for young adolescent students. A full complement of intramural (6th grade) and extracurricular (7th and 8th grade) sports are offered and everyone gets a chance to play.

The music program includes a marching band, choir and other activities to hone each child's natural abilities. Their Mission is to "Build a safe, student focused; achievement oriented learning community for Everyone."

MVMS welcomed a new principal for the 2019-2020 Academic Year. Andrew Hawkins has lived in the SLV since 2002.

According to the NCES, MVMS has a student-teacher ratio of 12.5.

MVMS's website is: <http://mvms.monte.k12.co.us/>

Monte Vista High School serves grades 9-12.

Science students annually win regional, state and international honors, and the marching band has won state championships more times than any other high school band in Colorado, including last year most recently. Other programs have also boasted national competitors, including FBLA and SkillsUSA.

The technology program is also superb and the library is computerized. The school has an agreement with Adams State University wherein students can earn college credit while taking upper-level high school coursework — paid entirely by the district!

A new, modernized expanded building was completed in 2013 and includes new athletic facilities, parking and other amenities.

According to the NCES, MVHS has a student-teacher ratio of 14.44.

MVHS students are often seen volunteering at local organizations like Conour Animal Shelter and the Vali Theater and every Pirate

Pride Day they volunteer to clean up various sites in the City of Monte Vista, including the Monte Vista Cemetery and the Skate Park.

MVHS operates under the mantra of behavior that exhibits Pirate P.R.I.D.E. (Positive, Respectful, Inspiring, Devoted, Enthusiastic).

For more information visit: <http://mvhs.monte.k12.co.us/>

The Byron Syring DELTA Center offers a full range of core courses and elective courses. Students can earn a high school diploma from the Colorado accredited high school program or pursue their GED. The DELTA Center's primary function is to serve the needs of students and to help them gain the skills and knowledge necessary for success in life beyond school. The DELTA Center offers an individualized, self-paced, flexible learning environment that emphasizes personal commitment and progress.

According to their website, "The DELTA Center's primary function is existential (not just academic), and it is to serve the needs of high-risk students and to help them gain the skills and knowledge necessary for success beyond secondary school."

The NCES has a student-teacher ratio of 34.64 listed for the DELTA Center.

DELTA Center students are also often seen volunteering in the community and recently completed artwork for the Annual Swoop of the Cranes city-wide art project, which was displayed during the spring/summer in front of the Monte Villa Inn.

For more information visit: <http://bsdc.monte.k12.co.us/>

The Monte Vista Online Academy is "Colorado's First (since 1997) and more experienced online school in Colorado." It is "a free, accredited, public online school offering students anywhere in Colorado a rigorous curriculum taught by highly qualified, experienced teachers. We understand that not all students fit the traditional school mold, and we are pleased to offer a positive choice to those unique students still searching for an effective way to meet their educational needs." They ensure all the education for grades 4-12 meets Colorado Academic Standards and they also have dozens of elective offerings as well.

For more information about the Online Academy, visit: <http://www.mvola.org/>

Monte Vista Headstart is a non-profit institution for children ages 3-5 focusing on social, emotional, cognitive and physical development. Their Core Values are: "Quality: Provide best services available. Safety: Safe environment for staff, children, and families. Dedication: Staff and families are committed. Integrity: Honesty and professionalism, good morals/values, cohesiveness -- sticking together. Effectiveness: Meeting learning

outcomes." Their Educational Services are:

Creative curriculum and research-based teaching strategies Gold

Assessment for each child to track long-term outcomes.

School and kindergarten readiness

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For more information visit: <http://mv-headstart.org>

The Sargent School District is located seven miles north of the City of Monte Vista. According to the NCES, they have over 300 students and an overall student-teacher ratio of 11.07. All of their schools, including a Pre-School, Elementary School, Junior High and High School are located on the same campus. Many of the Sargent Farmers' families represent their mascot accurately and are part of the farming and ranching community, essential to the SLV economy. 71 percent of Sargent students are white, 20 percent Hispanic or Latino, 7 percent American Indian/Alaskan Native and three percent identify as two or more races. The median income for parents in the Sargent District is \$73,438. 75.9 percent of parents are high school graduates themselves and 46.5 percent have at least some college education.

According to the NCES, the student-teacher ratio for the Elementary level is 11.96, the Junior High has a ratio of 9.49 and the High School has a ratio of 10.47.

Sargent School takes pride in having small schools with big results and "High numbers of science fair, Pan American Day, Art, Vocational Ag, FBLA and other award winners." Their Mission is to "Inspire students to care more, learn more, and experience more in a safe and engaging learning environment." Their Vision is "Dig deeper by placing students first while creating experiences that lead to lifelong learning and success."

For more information on the School District visit: <https://sargent.k12.co.us/>

The Sargent Early Learning Center accepts students from toddlers in their ones and twos to full-day preschool children. "The Sargent Early Learning Center is a Cooperative Learning Center with a developmentally appropriate program for preschool children. The program has been developed to be a positive experience to enhance self-esteem, social skills, developed motor skills and cognitive learning. These skills are developed through play, music and movement, readiness activities and learning centers. The children are under the guidance of a caring professional staff. The school provides a model preschool for children ages 1 through 5 and follows the Sargent School district calendar. The center is a licensed facility with a maximum of 60 children."

For more information on this program visit: <https://sargentearlylearning.wixsite.com/selc>

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