



County Manager's Monthly Newsletter

From the Santa Fe County Manager

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Board Of County Commissioners Upcoming Schedule

All Regular Meetings are held on Tuesday in the County Commission Chambers at 102 Grant Ave.

March 8
March 29
April 12
April 26
May 10
May 31
June 14
June 28

BCC meetings will start at 2 p.m.

The Housing Authority Board meeting on the last Tuesday of each month will start at 1 p.m.

All regular meetings are broadcast live at www.santafecountynm.gov and on Comcast Ch. 28 or you can listen live on Que Suave AM810

Visit

www.santafecountynm.gov and click our events calendar for a full schedule of upcoming meetings, events and closures.

Ken and Patty Adam Senior Center/County Community Center Addition is Nearing Completion

The Ken and Patty Adam Senior Center expansion and new Max Coll Corridor Community Center are nearing completion. The expansion will provide a new dining space for the senior center and the new community room will alleviate the need to break down the dining tables daily for activities.

In addition to the dining room expansion, a community center was added. The design of the community center maximized the views and daylight with two walls of floor to ceiling windows. An outdoor space was also created, with landscape to be installed at the end of March.



What is the El Camino Real FLAP Project?

The El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro National Historic Trail (NHT), Buckman Road Segment, Retracement Trail Project (“the Project”) is being proposed by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Central Federal Lands Highway Division (CFLHD) and in cooperation with Santa Fe County, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), U.S. Forest Service (USFS), and National Park Service (NPS) which jointly administers the El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro (Royal Road to the Interior) National Historic Trail (NHT) with BLM.

The Project involves the development of a trail retracing a portion of the congressionally-designated route of El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro NHT along Old Buckman Road (CR 77) and the creation of a multi-use trail along CR 62 and Caja del Rio Road linking this oldest segment of the El Camino Real to the existing Santa Fe River Greenway Trail – a segment of the El Camino Real NHT which is currently being developed and continues along the Santa Fe River to the historic Santa Fe Plaza. The Project is the result of a multi-year partnership between Santa Fe County, City of Santa Fe, BLM, NPS, and USFS. A Development Concept Plan for this segment of the El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro NHT was completed in 2014; a public meeting to support the development of the plan was held in December 2013.

Caja del Rio Road (via CR 62) serves as the primary access point to federal lands on the Caja del Rio Plateau west of Santa Fe and the Santa Fe Municipal Recreation Complex (MRC).

The purpose of the Project is twofold: (1) to increase access to federal lands between downtown Santa Fe and recreation areas located west on the Caja Del Rio Plateau and (2) to develop NHT retracement trail opportunities for the public in accordance with the purposes of the NHT and the NTSA. The Project would improve the safety of pedestrian, bicycle, and equestrian access to lands managed by BLM and USFS and to the MRC on Caja del Rio Road.



The Project would include the construction of approximately 15 miles of El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro NHT and connecting trail and would introduce a dedicated non-motorized corridor for pedestrians, bicycles, and equestrians that would facilitate safe access to federal lands. The segment of trail located on City of Santa Fe and Santa Fe County lands would be concrete. The segment of trail on BLM and USFS lands would be natural surface, meaning unpaved. Improvements would include new trail alignments, clearing and grubbing, grading, surfacing, and wayfinding and interpretive signage. Improvements would connect existing trail systems, provide access to and improve the Headquarters, Dead Dog, and Diablo Canyon trailheads. The Project does not include highway improvements, except as necessary, to provide for the multi-use trail at existing road crossings.

Your Dog Needs To Be on a Leash, it is the Law

Santa Fe County would like to remind residents if you are using a county park, trail, or open space your domestic animal shall be restrained by a leash and under the control of a person, unless otherwise posted. Voice command or voice control is not the same as a leash. In addition to dogs, other domestic animals must be restrained.

“We have had several complaints that there are dogs off of their leashes, which have led to near attacks of other hikers or have created uncomfortable and hostile situations between trail users,” said Carol Branch, Volunteer Coordinator. She continued, “It is a complete misconception that if you are in the County your dog can be off the leash.”



If you are using a trail and come across an owner who does not have their animal on a leash, please contact the non-emergency number at (505) 428-3710 to report the violation.

Santa Fe County and Santa Fe Studios Sign Forbearance Agreement

Santa Fe County and Santa Fe Studios have executed a forbearance agreement that protects taxpayers' interests while allowing Santa Fe Studios time to continue to bring jobs to Santa Fe County and to find investors. Under the forbearance agreement, the County agrees to postpone until June 13, 2016, a suit against Santa Fe Studios for its existing defaults under its agreements with the County. In exchange, Santa Fe Studios paid a \$25,000 forbearance fee, \$183,769.26 toward past due amounts, and \$88,254.04 in delinquent property taxes, penalties and interest. The County and Santa Fe Studios also agreed to a calculation of past due amounts, among other considerations.

Santa Fe County and Santa Fe Studios are parties to various agreements concerning the studios located on NM Highway 14. In 2010, Santa Fe County sold Santa Fe Studios land for \$2.62 million, payable with interest in installments tied to job creation, with a balloon payment due on December 14, 2015. In addition, Santa Fe Studios agreed to build two soundstages and other facilities on the site, and Santa Fe County provided assistance to Santa Fe Studios under the Local Economic Development Act in the form of infrastructure, water rights, a loan guarantee and construction funding from State capital outlay appropriations.

“There are many benefits of the forbearance agreement to the County and taxpayers,” County Manager Katherine Miller said. “We received \$25,000 as a forbearance fee. Santa Fe Studios also paid its delinquent property taxes, which benefits all taxing authorities, including public schools. Additionally, Santa Fe Studios paid a significant amount toward its past due amounts and has agreed to pay additional interest during the forbearance period as it accrues. Finally, in the event Santa Fe Studios is unsuccessful in raising necessary capital to pay for the land, the confession of judgment will significantly reduce the time and legal fees it would cost to foreclose on the Studios.”

Santa Fe County Day at the Roundhouse

Thank you to everyone for making “Santa Fe County Day” such a great success.

This is the second year the State of New Mexico Legislature has officially declared a “Santa Fe County Day”. The theme of the 2016 Santa Fe County Day is related to the County’s Budget Process and Performance Measures: Provide a Safe Community. Promote a Sustainable Community. Support a Healthy Community. Be a Proficient, Transparent, and Accessible Government.

Santa Fe County had 12 information tables set up in the West Halls of History throughout the morning to discuss programs, events and services provided by Santa Fe County government. Santa Fe County was also live on Que Suave Radio from 10 a.m. – noon discussing various County programs and functions.

Thank you to the following offices, Divisions, and Departments for joining us!

- Treasurer’s Office
- Sheriff’s Office
- Corrections Department
- Fire Department
- Regional Emergency Communications Center
- County Clerk’s Office
- County Assessor’s Office
- Human Resources Division
- Community Services/ DWI/ Health Department
- Public Works Department
- Growth Management Department
- NMSU: Santa Fe County Cooperative Extension Service



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County Living Wage

The County Living Wage will increase to \$10.91 on March 1, 2016, based on last year's increase of CPI for western region Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers.

Tipped wages will also increase accordingly to \$3.27, also effective March 1, 2016.

www.santafecountynm.gov/livingwage

Fire Department Hosts Blood Drive

Santa Fe County Fire Department is hosting a Blood Drive on Wednesday, March 9 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Public Safety Conference Room, 35 Camino Justicia. Please bring a picture ID, eat a good meal, and drink plenty of fluids.

You can complete your online health history questionnaire the same day you donate.

Call Victoria DeVargas at 995-6529 to sign up!

Lego Builder Club

The Vista Grande Library hosts a Builders Club on the third Tuesday of every Month from 3 pm - 5 pm in the Youth Zone.

This is a free drop in event for families. Come by any time during these hours and stay as long as you want. Your creations will be displayed in the Library until the next meeting.



**County Manager
Katherine Miller**



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- County Clerk’s Office – (505) 986-6280
- County Treasurer’s Office – (505) 986-6245
- County Sheriff’s Office – (505) 986-2455
- SFC Adult Correctional Facility – (505) 428-3861

Other Important Numbers

- Building Permits (505) 986-6225
- Fire Questions/ Burn Permit (505) 992-3070
- Utilities (505) 992-9870
- Public Works/Roads (505) 992-3010
- Human Resources (505) 992-9880
- Community Services (505) 992-9849
- Attorney’s Office (505) 986-6279
- Teen Court (505) 995-9555
- Animal Control (505) 992-1626



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