



County Manager's Monthly Memo

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.

- August 11
- August 25
- September 8
- September 29
- October 13

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.

“State of Santa Fe County” on Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2015 at 5:30

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.

Teen Court Unveils New Train Mural

Sebastián “Vela” Velázquez, a Santa Fe artist was the lead artist on the Train Mural project that was created entirely with aerosol paint. The theme for the project was proposed by Mr. Velasquez and was received well by the business as they are located in the Railyard District in Santa Fe. The mural depicts a Santa Fe Railway’s legendary luxury train, the Super Chief. A passerby stated "It's like a welcoming to the Railyard". A wealth of positive feedback was received by locals, visitors, and nearby businesses.

Established in 2009, the Santa Fe County Teen Court Public Art Program was developed in response to the graffiti problem in Santa Fe. This is the seventh mural project the Teen Court of Santa Fe County has completed since its inception and soon after completed the eighth mural just down the street at La Unica Dry Cleaners. We know that secluded areas with few people as well as large blank surfaces invite graffiti. The goal of this project is to deter graffiti vandalism by developing public art in areas prone to vandalism. Research has shown that this mechanism is highly effective and since 2009, all of the Teen Court murals are intact and have not been defaced. Over the years, Teen Court youth have been involved in the development of the murals by working alongside and learning the artistic skill-sets from Santa Fe’s local artists. In the past, these mural projects were funded completely by Teen Court. Teen Court is now coordinating with the business to pay for paint and supplies and Teen Court covers the cost of the artist so that more of these projects can be completed throughout the year and in the community.



The Mural was recognized as the 2015 Santa Fe Reporter Best New Train-Themed Mural!



Santa Fe County Fair!!!

2015 SANTA FE COUNTY FAIR

Photos By
Peter Olson



Santa Fe County Out and About



Public Works recently replaced crosswalks, stop bars and turn arrows on Agua Fria.

Santa Fe County DWI was a sponsor of Santa Fe Bandstand and is shown spreading the "Don't Drink and Drive" message.



Santa Fe County Hosts Volunteer Appreciation Banquet

The Santa Fe County Corrections Division recently held a Volunteer Appreciation banquet. The banquet was an opportunity for County staff to show appreciation for the numerous program volunteers and the countless hours they spend at the Adult Correction Facility and the Youth Development Program.

Without the volunteers, Santa Fe County Corrections Division would not have the variety and frequency of the successful programs it does. The inmates and youth residents look forward to participating in the scheduled programs. The facilities work with the incarcerated to teach life skills and to reduce recidivism. Over 30 programs are offered including: Being a Parent While Incarcerated, Criminal and Addictive Thinking, Meditation Techniques, Reading for Moms & Dads, a variety of religious classes, substance abuse classes, and many more include arts and music. The volunteers are considered stakeholders of the Santa Fe County community that have a vested interest in helping inmates/residents to improve their lifestyle.

The Volunteer Appreciation Banquet was coordinated by the following Santa Fe County Employees:

- Renee A. Fernandez, ADF Program Manager
- Aaron Garcia, Administrator for the Santa Fe County Youth Development Program
- Robert Ortiz, ADF Volunteer Service Coordinator
- Dora Spivey, ADF Teacher
- Jose Jacquez, YPD Senior Shift Supervisor
- Rafael Castillo, Summit Food Service Director
- Ardis Thomas, CQI Coordinator



Top right photo From (L - R)
 Aine McCarthy – Volunteer Stress Management
 Patricia VanLysse- Volunteer Reading for Moms and Dads Program
 Renee A. Fernandez, ADF Program Manager
 Joanne Tucker- Volunteer Stress Management

Santa Fe County Funds Mobile Crisis Response Team

The Santa Fe Board of County Commissioners approved a contract with Presbyterian Medical Services in the amount of \$350,000 to fund a Mobile Crisis Response Team for adults and adolescents experiencing a behavioral health crisis in our county. The program, approved by Santa Fe County Commissioners, is part of a plan developed by the county's Health Policy and Planning Commission to reduce suicides and drug and alcohol abuse.

The two-person teams are composed of Presbyterian's Santa Fe Community Guidance Center staff members who are paid a stipend for being on call for working after hours. The team is linked to a 24/7 county-wide toll free hotline and provides crisis services, including assessment, intervention, and stabilization.

Training will also be provided to law enforcement and Regional Emergency Communication dispatchers on working with individuals who are in crisis.

"We are very pleased to fund this needed service in our community," states Katherine Miller, Santa Fe County Manager. She continued, "Hopefully we can work together to prevent some of the tragedies that other communities are currently experiencing in both New Mexico and nationwide."

Rachel O'Connor, Community Services Department Director, said the county wants to reduce emergency room visits, not just to cut costs but also to reduce trauma for mental health patients. "We are trying to be proactive," she said. "We can see what is happening in our communities and counties on this issue of mental health and law enforcement."

The purpose of a Mobile Crisis Team is to do the following:

- Provide immediate aid to people having a behavioral health crisis;
- Stabilize persons as quickly as possible;
- Assess need and link to appropriate community based services;
- Provide training to law enforcement and EMS on how to work with people in crisis;
- Lessen use of the hospital emergency room for these types of cases, to address the underlying issues that cause mental health crises and to prevent tragedies.

The most recent studies from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) suggest that "mobile crisis services are effective at diverting people in crisis from psychiatric hospitalization, effective at linking suicidal individuals discharged from the emergency department to services; and better than hospitalization at linking people in crisis to outpatient services."

Transportation Board Members Needed

Santa Fe County is seeking residents to serve on the Santa Fe County Transportation Advisory Committee. The primary purpose of the Transportation Advisory Committee is to review and make recommendations on all elements of transportation, including roadways, trails, bikeways, transit and pedestrian facilities. The committee will also make recommendations on road operations and maintenance policies, including road acceptance/abandonment process. The Board of County Commissioners (BCC) will appoint a total of 13 members, with multiple residents from each Commission district and one at large member. Santa Fe County needs residents from all areas of the county to serve on the Transportation Advisory Committee.

The Transportation Advisory Committee will hold at a minimum quarterly meetings on the second Wednesday of each quarter at 5:30 p.m. in the Public Works Facility Conference room. Meetings will commence once the committee appointments have been made.

Anyone interested in being appointed to the Transportation Advisory Committee should submit a letter of interest and resume to:

Santa Fe County Public Works
 Attention: Robert Martinez
 425, New Mexico 599 Frontage Road
 Santa Fe, NM 87507
 Phone : (505) 992-3010 or robmtz@santafecountynm.gov

What's Happening in Brief at and Around SFC

Save the Date

The Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners has called a Special Meeting for the "State of Santa Fe County" on **Tuesday, September 1, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.** The theme for the meeting is: "*Where We Have Been*", "*Where We Are At*", and "*Where We Are Going*".

Get Cooking

On Saturday, September 12 the New Mexico State University Extension Office will host a Jerky Making Class from 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. at the Santa Fe County Fairgrounds Kitchen, 3229 Rodeo Rd. Call 471-4711 or email: cydneym@nmsu.edu to preregis-

ter!! Space is limited for this hands on class. Class fee is \$8.

Rancho Alegre Road Construction

Road work on Rancho Alegre Road began on Wednesday, August 5, 2015 for a culvert installation, re-grading of roadway, and chip seal surface operations on the road as part of the 2015 Bond Projects.

Road construction work will begin daily at 7 a.m. and conclude by 5 p.m. This construction is scheduled to be completed September 4, 2015. Roadwork operations will only be occurring on weekdays.

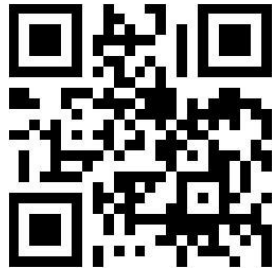
Informational flyers were distributed to the residents on Monday,

August 3, 2015 to provide notice of this road project. Residents will have access to homes at all times. Please note that vehicles cannot be parked on the streets until roadway operations have finished.

Traffic control will be in place during the course of this work and full access through this area will be permitted. Traffic delays are to be expected.



**County Manager
 Katherine Miller**



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(505) 986-6200

Frequently Called Numbers:

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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) 326-6279
Teen Court (505) 995-9555
Animal Control (505) 992-1626



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- Kathy Holian (D-4)
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