



County Manager's Monthly Memo

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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.

- Jan. 13 at 2 p.m.
- Jan. 27 at 11 a.m.
- Feb. 10 at 2p.m.
- Feb. 24 at 11 a.m.
- March 10 at 2 p.m.
- March 31 at 11 a.m.
- April 14 at 2 p.m.
- April 28 at 11 a.m.
- May 12 at 2 p.m.
- May 26 at 11 a.m.
- June 9 at 2 p.m.
- June 23 at 11 a.m.
- July 14 at 2 p.m.
- July 28 at 11 a.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.

County Adult Facility Inmates and staff team up to Adopt a Family

When the Santa Fe County Corrections Department Program Coordinator, Renee Fernandez heard about a family in need during a difficult time, she got to work coordinating a volunteer effort to sponsor the family.

Fernandez got the staff and inmates to team up and work to help a family, facing a tough time. The family works hard, but last year when their 10 year old daughter Brianna was diagnosed with Cancer the travel for treatment between Santa Fe and Albuquerque took a financial toll on them, along with other medical and unexpected expenses.

According to Fernandez, she requested the necessary approval to ask the inmates to participate in helping the family during the difficult journey. The Programs Department met with each inmate and received positive feedback. The inmates that wanted to participate and were able to participate donated money from their individual inmate accounts. The inmates donations ranged from \$.10 to \$50. The inmates donated to the family almost \$330.

The check was presented at the Villa Therese Catholic Clinic (The Clinic that helped coordinate with the family). Below are some images from the exchange.



Brianna is the young lady wearing the broncos hat and the blue sweater.



A big thank you to the generosity of the inmates and County staff.

Imagination Library Comes to Santa Fe County

The Santa Fe Community Services Department announced they funded \$50,000 to partner with the United Way of Santa Fe County to bring the Dolly Parton Imagination Library to the children and families of Santa Fe County. The Imagination Library program was founded by Dolly Parton in 1995 to increase reading among young children. The program provides a carefully selected book that arrives in the mailbox, each month from the day the child is born until he/she is five years old. Books are selected by a national panel of experts.

“Less than half of the 13,000 students in Santa Fe school district read at grade level,” states Rachel O’Conner, Santa Fe County Community Services Department Director. “We are pleased to be partnering with United Way of Santa Fe County and Imagination Library to see if we can help increase reading scores amongst our young children.”

The United Way will serve as the “local champion” to assist the County in registering and enrolling children and publicizing the program. “We are looking forward to working in our community to enroll children across the County,” said Katherine Freeman, CEO of United Way of Santa Fe County. Freeman continued, “It is a natural fit with our early childhood and home visiting programs.” The United Way expects to enroll 525 children countywide in 2015.

According to a 2013 “Kid Count” profile, in Santa Fe County 46 percent of fourth grader students in Santa Fe County are proficient in reading. Research has shown that when families have more books at home, kindergartners arrive at school with higher early language scores.

For enrollment in the Imagination Library, please call United Way at 505-216-2984.

Santa Fe County also provides funds to local libraries in Santa Fe, Espanola, Edgewood, and Eldorado.

Recycle Your Trees for Free

Starting on December 26, 2014, residents of the City of Santa Fe and Santa Fe County will be able to recycle their Christmas trees for FREE! This program, which is a joint effort by the City Environmental Services Division, the Parks Department, the Solid Waste Management Agency and several local businesses, allows the trees to be mulched rather than placed into our landfill.

Please **remove** the following items: lights (which can be recycled @ BuRRT), ornaments, and tree stands. NOTE: Trees with Artificial Snow (flocking) on them CANNOT be mulched, these trees should be disposed of as trash. From December 26-January 26, any resident can utilize the following locations to drop off their BARE Christmas tree:



Payne’s Nursery
715 St. Michael’s Drive
304 Camino Alire

Newman’s Nursery
7501 Cerrillos Road

Franklin Miles Park
Camino Carlos Rey and Siringo Rd.

Buckman Road Recycling and Transfer Station (BuRRT)
2600 Buckman Rd.

Santa Fe County Unveils TwoTooMany Campaign

The Santa Fe County DWI program unveiled a new public awareness campaign to remind everyone to Think SaFe and do not drink and drive because there is too much to lose with TwoTooMany. Drunk drivers arrested for DWI after one previous drunk driving conviction will have their vehicle seized, then face forfeiture of that car, which could be sold at auction.

Santa Fe County Sheriff's Office has seized 105 vehicles this year and the Santa Fe Police Department has taken 333 from violators.



A few Pictures From Ugly Sweater Day at the County



Thank you Santa Fe County

Thank you for a wonderful 2014 and all the hard work and dedication you have all provided to the residents in Santa Fe County. The December newsletter was able to feature a few of the wonderful outreach efforts of County staff during this time, but unfortunately not all efforts were able to be featured or highlighted, thank you again to everyone for volunteering and donating to make everyone's holiday season a little brighter.



County Joshua Tree Program Huge Success

Every year the Santa Fe County Housing Department gets to work after Thanksgiving to create lists of children from each of the Santa Fe County housing sites, they create tags with the age and gender of each child.

The tags are then placed on "Joshua Trees" located at various County buildings for County staff to pick up. County staff then selects tags from the tree and buys gifts for the children. When all the presents are collected, County Housing staff holds Christmas parties at each housing site to distribute the gifts. Santa makes a special appearance to help hand everything out! County Housing staff also gathers donations for food and goodies for each site.

Thank you to the Santa Fe County Housing staff for coordinating the Joshua Tree project and thank you to all the County staff that take tags from the tree and donate gifts.



Images from the Valle Vista Christmas party, where gifts from the Joshua trees were handed out



Santa Fe County Fire Department is Keeping County Residents Warm for the Winter

The Santa Fe County Fire Department local 4366 cut and distributed approximately six cords of wood and donated it to various families in need that live around Santa Fe County.

This event marks the beginning of what the Fire Union would like to make an annual event. A special thank you to: Eric Anderson, Jared Kotter, Pedro Nandino, Eutimio Ortiz, Samantha Ramirez, Nicolas N. Sandoval, Brandon Smith, and William Van Herpe. Also, a special thank you to the Black Canyon Hand crew for moving all the wood to the distribution location.



What's Happening in Brief at SFC

Cooperative Extension Services

New Mexico State University's Santa Fe County Cooperative Extension Service (NMSU CES) has the answers to your questions regarding meal planning and food preparation, winterizing your home to save energy, and putting your garden to bed for the season.

The CES office is located on the fair grounds at 3229 Rodeo Road. Our general office hours are 8 a.m.- noon and 1 p.m.-5 p.m.

Santa Fe County CES contin-

ues to provide practical research-based knowledge to county residents through educational efforts in the areas of Agriculture, Family and Consumer Science, 4-H Youth Development and Community Development. The Cooperative Extension Service is the outreach component of New Mexico State University.

For more information on Santa Fe County CES and the program opportunities visit <http://santafeextension.nmsu.edu>, or contact the CES office at 471-4711 to talk to a County Agent.

Swearing-In Ceremony 2015

Santa Fe County will be hosting the 2015 Swearing-In Ceremony for elected officials on Wednesday, December 31 at 9:30 a.m. in the County Commission Chambers located at 102 Grant Ave. Residents are encouraged to attend the ceremony. The Ceremony will also be streamed live on the County website at www.santafecountynm.gov



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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
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