



# 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.

April 14 at 2 p.m.  
April 28 at 2 p.m.  
May 12 at 2 p.m.  
May 26 at 2 p.m.

Upcoming 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](http://www.santafecountynm.gov) and on Comcast Ch. 28 or you can listen live on Que Suave AM810

Visit

[www.santafecountynm.gov](http://www.santafecountynm.gov) and click our events calendar for a full schedule of upcoming meetings, events and closures.

## Avenida del Monte Alto Gets New Surface

Santa Fe County is currently completing road work on Avenida del Monte Alto (in the Eldorado Subdivision). The road work is to reclaim and overlay Avenida del Monte Alto with a new three inch hot mix asphalt surface. A full road closure will be necessary in order to accommodate heavy equipment and other road construction activity safely. Local residents will have access to side roads and driveways at all times.

This project is part of the pavement preservation project and the work is being done by Santa Fe County.

Thank you to the Santa Fe County Road Maintenance Division for all their hard work on this project and many others around Santa Fe County.

### Other Santa Fe County Projects Underway

Santa Fe County will begin road work to reclaim and place a new chip seal surface on Lumbre Del Sol Road in Sombrillo.

The Carlson Subdivision (located off the east frontage road, south of The Downs) will receive a new two inch hot mix asphalt surface. The following roads are scheduled for the noted improvements:

- Eliza Road
- Louis Road
- Josephine Road
- Emily Road
- Carlson Road
- Otto Road



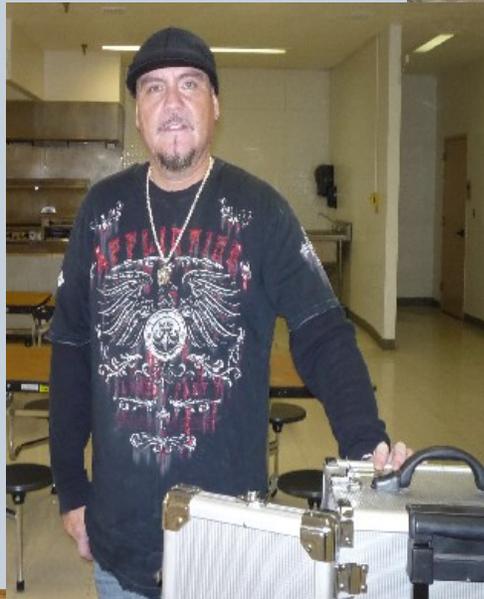
## Youth Development Program Partners with The Spanish Colonial Art Society

Santa Fe County Youth Development Program recently partnered with the Spanish Colonial Art Society, through the support of the Santa Fe Community Foundation.

The Spanish Colonial Arts Society selected the Santa Fe County Youth Program to educate residents in the facility. They have decided to contribute by educating and inspiring at risk youth about traditional Spanish culture and living traditions.

In March 2015, Mr. Shane Casias a local artist and jeweler conducted a class. The class taught residents the fundamentals of jewelry making. Mr. Casias provided the materials and tools for residents to use. He explained the steps and history of distinctive techniques. The jewelry made by the residents will be featured and displayed at later date by the Spanish Colonial Arts Society.

Mr. Casias is a member of the Spanish Colonial Arts Society. He began his silversmithing at the age of 17 and is from a family of artists. He credits his New Mexico upbringing for his early inspiration. His talent has continued to develop into a style of fastidious precisions and fine detailing, his work has been featured in the traditional Spanish Market since 2011.



**From Top to Bottom:**

**Mr. Casias instructing a class at the Youth Development Program Facility.**

**Youth working on a bracelet**

**Mr. Casias setting up to instruct the class**

**Bracelets made by the youth in the class. The jewelry will be displayed at a later date by the Spanish Colonial Arts Society.**

## Santa Fe County Says Goodbye to Finance Director

The Board of Santa Fe County Commissioners presented a plaque to commemorate 15 years and 6 months of service to Teresa Martinez, Finance Director at the March 24, 2015 meeting. Teresa Martinez recently retired.

Thank you Teresa for your many years of dedicated service to Santa Fe County, you will be greatly missed!



## Public Works Completes All-Weather Crossings

Santa Fe County Public Works Department recently completed two all-weather crossings in Santa Fe county. Crews completed one at Calle Estevan in Pinon Hills and one at Calle Francisca.

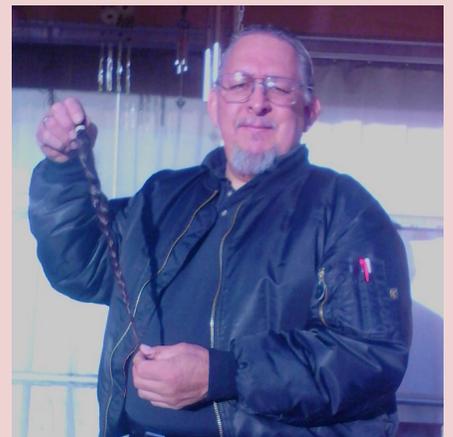
(Left: Calle Estevan and Right: Calle Francisca)



## *Volunteer Service Coordinator Donates Hair To Locks of Love*

Robert Ortiz, Volunteer Service Coordinator of the Program Department with the Santa Fe County Adult Detention Facility cut 21 inches of his hair and donated it to the Locks of Love.

Locks of Love is a public non-profit organization that provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children under age 21 suffering from long-term medical hair loss from any diagnosis. They meet a unique need for children by using donated hair to create the highest quality hair prosthetics.



# Santa Fe County Announces Trail Days 2015

**Get Up. Get Out. Get Moving.**

*Santa Fe Open Space, Trails and Parks. Connecting you to the Outdoor Treasures of Santa Fe County.*

Santa Fe County Open Space, Trails, and Parks are located in your backyard and we want you to get outside and enjoy them this year. This is the inaugural year for this series of free trail events and we hope you will enjoy the outdoor treasures of Santa Fe County. Santa Fe County, Santa Fe County Open Space and County Open Lands, Trails and Parks Advisory Committee (COLTPAC), collaborated to bring you an amazing series of FREE events at a variety of Santa Fe County properties over the next several months. These events (see full schedule below) are designed to be low impact and casual – to help everyone **Get Up. Get Out. Get Moving.** All you need for these great events are some comfortable walking shoes and a water bottle. Join us for some fun and easy outdoor activity to help you familiarize yourself with the properties, learn basic trail etiquette, and more! You can attend one of the events or all of them, they are all free and open to the public.

Thank you to the everyone who is making the Santa Fe County Trail Days 2015 a reality including: Cactus and Succulent Society of New Mexico, Santa Fe Botanical Gardens, Ortiz Mountains Educational Preserve, Adopt-an-Open Space Volunteers and trail stewards , Cerrillos Hills State Park, Santa Fe County staff, and COLTPAC.

Visit [www.santafecountynm.gov/getmoving](http://www.santafecountynm.gov/getmoving) for more information, including trail locations, meet locations, directions, property descriptions, event details, and contact information.

## County Trail Days 2015 Schedule

Saturday, April 11, 2015 from 9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.

**Santa Fe Rail Trail Easy Hike**

Saturday, June 6, 2015 at 11 a.m.

**Cerrillos Hills State**

Saturday, May 2, 2015 from 9:30 am -10:30 am

**El Camino Real Park River Trail Walk**

**Rail Trail Bike Cruise**

Date: TBA

Saturday, May 9, 2015 from 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

**Cactus and Succulent Society of New Mexico educational hike at Arroyo Hondo Open Space**

Tuesday, May 19, 2015 at 8:30 a.m.

**Santa Fe Botanical Gardens hike to Placer Peak in the Ortiz Mountain Preserve**

(Note: Maximum 15 attendees, must RSVP Contact Maria at [melohmann@santafecountynm.gov](mailto:melohmann@santafecountynm.gov))

Saturday, May 30, 2015 from 10:30 a.m. – noon

**Arroyo Hondo Open Space History of the Area**



# Romero Park Closed During Construction

Santa Fe County will start construction on the Romero Park (formerly known as Agua Fria Park), located off County Rd 62 in the historic Village of Agua Fria on Monday, April 6, 2015. During construction the park will be closed. Construction is expected to last approximately six months, with an anticipated completion date of October 2015. Crews will be working from 7 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The Romero Park improvements will be constructed in two parts. The first is the civil improvements including grading, access improvements and hardscape features like sidewalks and paved areas. The second part is for the landscape improvements including shade structure, play area, site furnishings, planting and irrigation improvements. EMCO of Santa Fe will perform the civil work in the amount of \$331,622.35 while Accent Landscape Contractors, INC. will perform the landscape work in the amount of \$453,738.00.

Romero Park is an existing community park that is being updated. Phase I Park Improvements include a new community lawn, playground for 5-12 year old children, shade structure and family picnic area, new access drive and parking, connector trails and walkways, signage, landscaping, and irrigation. New park elements are organized around select existing park facilities to remain. Existing amenities to remain include a basketball court, baseball field, dog park, playground for children ages 3-5 year old, and a restroom/concession building.

The facilities are in need of improvements. The Romero Park design process involved extensive public outreach including a public input survey, focus group meetings with park user groups, and four public meetings. The Design Office completed the design for the Phase I Improvements in August 2014. The construction cost for Phase I is \$1,000,000. Construction contracts have been awarded to EMCO of Santa Fe for civil improvements and to Accent Landscape Contractor, Inc. for landscape improvements.

## What's Happening in Brief at SFC

### Santuario de Chimayo Pilgrimage

Santa Fe County is getting ready for the annual **Santuario de Chimayo Pilgrimage**. The pilgrimage requires extensive internal and external inter-governmental coordination. The Sheriff's Office announced they will have saturation patrols, a DWI check-point, and will be distributing approximately 2,000 glowsticks for the pilgrimage to help aid with visibility. The Santa Fe County Fire Department will be present with increased staffing on Thursday from noon through Saturday for pilgrims in need of medical attention. There will be first aid stations and portable restrooms available throughout the route.

In addition to its regular Chimayo Route bus, the North Central Regional Transit District (RTD "Blue Bus")

announced they will be adding an additional bus along its Española to Chimayo route to accommodate people making the annual pilgrimage to El Santuario de Chimayo on Good Friday, April 3.

Two ADA accessible buses will run on a continuous loop throughout the day from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM (the first bus begins at 8:00 and the second at 8:30) departing from the RTD stop on the north side of the Santa Claran Hotel in front of the Arrow Motel. The route then traverses NM Highway 76 with multiple designated RTD bus stops in each direction along the way. The route concludes at the Benny Chavez Center located at the County Road 98 (Juan Medina Rd.) turnoff from NM 76, as it will be prevented from making its normally scheduled stop in the Santuario parking lot. It then makes its way back to Española along the same route.

### Gross Receipts Tax

The Santa Fe County Commission unanimously voted (5-0) to increase the **Gross Receipts Tax (GRT)** rate by one-eighth of a percent.

### Weight Limit Ordinance

The Board of County Commissioners will have the first public hearing for An **Ordinance Establishing Weight Limits on Various County Maintained roads** on Tuesday, March 31 and a second public hearing on Tuesday, April 28. Public Hearings are scheduled to start no earlier than 5 p.m.



**County Manager  
Katherine Miller**



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(505) 986-6200

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County Assessor’s Office – (505) 986-6300  
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



### Santa Fe Board of County

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