



# County Manager's Monthly Memo

## From the Santa Fe County Manager

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### Board Of County Commissioners Upcoming Schedule

- Sept. 9 at 2 p.m.
- Sept. 30 at 11 a.m.
- October 14 at 2 p.m.
- October 28 at 11 a.m.
- Nov. 25 at 11 a.m.
- Dec. 9 at 2 p.m.

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

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

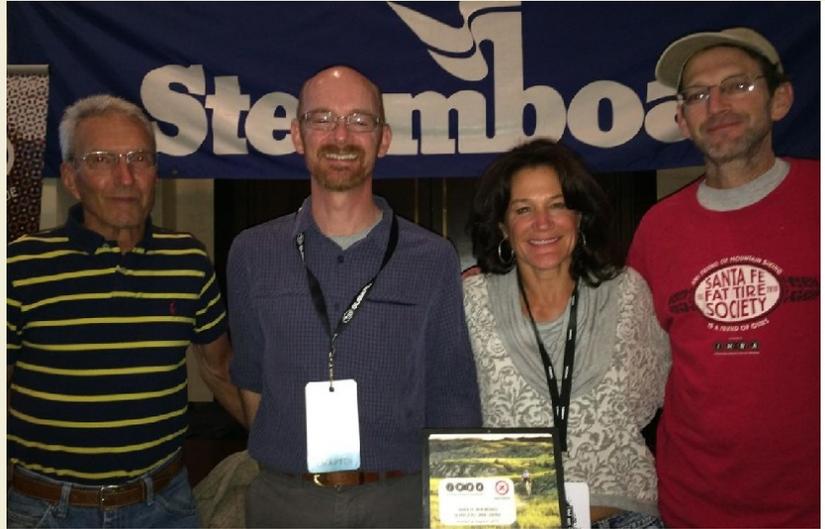
### Other Upcoming Meetings:

- Santa Fe County Open Lands, Trails, and Parks Advisory on October 1 at 6 p.m. in the Conference Room at 901 West Alameda Suite 20C
- Health Policy and Planning Commission on October 3 at 9 a.m. in the Health Conference Room, 2052 Galisteo Street, Suite B

## Santa Fe Recognized as Silver Ride Center

Every year, International Mountain Bicycling Association (IMBA) recognizes outstanding mountain bike trails and locations, and this year Santa Fe was recognized as a 2014 Silver level Ride Center. The Ride Center designation represents IMBA's recognition of large-scale mountain bike destinations that offer a wide range of great trails for every riding style. According to IMBA, "Ride Centers not only invite you to plan a multi-day trip with your full quiver of mountain bikes and the whole family, they take care of you both on and off the trail by being places where mountain bikers are welcomed."

"Santa Fe County is proud to be part of the Outdoor Recreation economy and to receive this designation. This award in conjunction with the City of Santa Fe hosting the IMBA World Summit in 2012, is validation of the excellent mountain biking infrastructure we have. Mountain biking is becoming an important element of our economy," said Katherine Miller, Santa Fe County Manager.



Santa Fe County Manger with Santa Fe Fat Tire Society members in Steamboat, CO accepting the 2014 Silver Level Ride Center Award

IMBA describes its list of Ride Centers as "the trails worth traveling to, the best places to introduce someone to the sport we all love and the facilities builders and advocates should look to for inspiration. They vary from gorgeous adventures in the backcountry to innovative trail systems located near large population centers."



## Santa Fe County Economic Development Focuses on Outdoor Recreation and Ecotourism

Santa Fe County's recently adopted Economic Development Plan includes Outdoor Recreation/ Ecotourism as one of its target industries. According to the Outdoor Industry Association, Outdoor Recreation is a \$6.1 billion industry in New Mexico, creating jobs, gross receipts tax, and new opportunities for outdoor-based tourism. Santa Fe is an ideal location for companies in the outdoor products industries, with a competitive business environment, exceptional quality of life, and world-class outdoor recreation opportunities.

County Economic Development staff have been actively recruiting companies from the outdoor products industries, and recently attended the Outdoor Retailer trade show in Salt Lake City. Partnering with the City of Santa Fe, Regional Development Corporation, and the NM Partnership (business recruitment arm of the NM Economic Development Department), the collaboration met with more than 30 companies while in Salt Lake City, and have several prospects that are interested in relocating or opening a branch in the Santa Fe region.



Economic Development professionals from Albuquerque, Santa Fe, and Espanola at the Outdoor Retailer Trade Show in Salt Lake City, Utah. From (L-R) Eric Vasquez (Regional Development Corporation), Jack Allston (NM Partnership), Fabian Trujillo (City of Santa Fe), Ross Chaney (City of Santa Fe), Paulina San Millan (NM Partnership), and David Griscom (Santa Fe County Economic Development Manager).

## Santa Fe Bike Related Events



Santa Fe County is home to the Outside Magazine Bike and Brew Festival, which recently drew 8500 participants. The County is also host to a variety of other mountain biking racing events including: La Tierra Torture, Dirty Duathlon, Big Friggin Loop and Xterra.

**Join Us** for the Santa Fe Century – 30th Annual Ride: May 17, 2015. Celebrating its 30th year in 2015, this race takes riders on a scenic and historic journey through old mining towns, the Ortiz and San Pedro Mountains and across the Estancia Valley on the Turquoise Trail. Racers have the option of riding the Century Tour (103 miles), the Gran Fondo (103 miles – timed) the Half-Century Tour (50 miles) or a 20-mile out and back ride. Riders of all ages and abilities are welcome to participate – for more information, visit: <http://santafecentury.com/>.

## Santa Fe Accolades

- International Mountain Bicycling Association (IMBA) 2014 Silver level Ride Center
- Singletracks Magazine voted Santa Fe one of the Top Ten mountain biking destinations in North America
- League of American Bicyclists awarded Santa Fe a Silver designation for its bicycle transportation infrastructure
- USA Today listed Santa Fe as one of America's Top Mountain Biking Towns
- Outside Magazine listed Santa Fe as one of the Top 10 Towns for High Altitude Running
- Runners World Magazine rated Santa Fe's Dale Ball trail system one of 25 Best Trail Runs in America
- Conde Nast ranked Santa Fe "Best Small City in America"

## A Few Good Words About The Dale Ball Trails



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### Dale Ball Trails in Santa Fe, New Mexico

The Dale Ball Trails include 30 miles of looped single-track routes lined with juniper, pinion pine, and mountain cedar trees in the rolling foothills outside the New Age-y artists' enclave of Santa Fe. The terrain ranges from easy to difficult, with a mixture of hard rock and soft dirt surfaces. The trails were funded by an anonymous donor and a private foundation, and are named after a longtime Santa Fe resident who spearheaded the movement to build them.

## Santa Fe County Donated 448 Meals to the Food Depot

A letter of thanks was sent to Lisa Katonak, Jennifer La-Bar, Tina Salazar, Julia Valdez, Erik Aaboe, and Robert Martinez II, for their efforts in hosting a food drive at the end of the summer. The food drive was part of a community service fulfillment for the Santa Fe County Manager's Committee to be Fit Challenge.

The food drive was held from July 28—August 15 and collected 261 pounds of assorted nonperishable food items. The food drive also collected \$25 in monetary donations. Each dollar donated allows the Food Depot to purchase three pounds of food, making the monetary donations equivalent to 336 pounds of food. In total through the generosity of the County staff 448 meals will be provided for the hungry in Northern New Mexico. **THANK YOU TO ALL THE COUNTY EMPLOYEES WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE FOOD DRIVE!**

The Food Depot is committed to ending hunger in Northern New Mexico and provides food to 145 not-for-profit agencies including emergency food pantries, hot meal programs, homeless shelters, youth programs, senior centers, school-based pantries, homes for the mentally disabled and shelters for battered families. The food bank distributes an average of 400,000 pounds of food and household products each month, providing more than 500,000 meals to people in need.

To contact the Food Depot visit [www.thefooddepot.org](http://www.thefooddepot.org) or call 505-471-1633.



Santa Fe County staff members drop off non-perishable food items on behalf of their team for the food drive.

## Weekly Guitar Classes At Youth Development Center

Youth at the Santa Fe County Youth Development Program are able to participate in a weekly Guitar Class. The class is conducted every Friday from 12:30pm-1:30pm. The classes are taught by Dr. Tim Taylor with the Santa Fe County Corrections Medical Department, who volunteers his time to instruct the youth at Santa Fe County Youth Development Program. The guitars that are utilized for the weekly classes were donated by the Freedom in Music Project, a non-profit organization. The Freedom in Music Project was established to bring hope to at risk youth, through the power of music.

To learn more about The Freedom in Music Project visit [www.thefreedominmusicproject.com](http://www.thefreedominmusicproject.com)



# Retro Reflectometer Important Safety Element of Santa Fe County Roads

Santa Fe County staff uses a pavement marking retro reflectometer to measure pavement marking retroreflectivity. It measures or determines how bright the markings appear at night to motorists.

Nighttime visibility of signs and pavement markings, is essential for efficient traffic flow, driving comfort, and highway safety in general.

The equipment used by Santa Fe County has GPS capability and downloads data into Google Earth, which pinpoints exact coordinates on roads. It also provides immediate pass or fail retroreflectivity information. This data is used to determine where new road striping is needed.

The retro reflectometer program has been in place since June 2014. Santa Fe County has a total of 119 roads that require striping (note: not all asphalt or chipseal county roads are striped) and 82 of those roads have been tested, so far this year.



Picture - ( R ) Carlos Casisas, Santa Fe County Traffic Mobility Technician using the Retro reflectometer on County Road 62 and County Road 68A.

## What's Happening in Brief at SFC

### ***Portion Of Rail Trail Closed***

A portion of the Santa Fe Rail Trail will be closed until May 2015 to improve a five mile section of the trail. The portion of trail that will be closed is located between Avenida Vista Grande (mile post 6.5) and the Spur Trail (mile post 11.5).

The closure is part of the second phase of the improvement construction, which includes an improved natural surface trail in the Rail Trail right of way of the Santa Fe Southern Railroad. Trail users should plan an alternate route during this trail construction and closure.

### ***Proposed Development Permit and Review Fee Ordinance***

Santa Fe County has released the Proposed Development Permit and Review Fee Ordinance and Fee Schedule for public comment. The proposed documents are available on the County website at [www.santafecountynm.gov](http://www.santafecountynm.gov) under Hot Topics. The proposed Fee Ordinance is consistent with the provisions of the Sustainable Land Development Code (SLDC).

Public comments regarding the Development Permit and Review fee Ordinance can be made by emailing or contacting

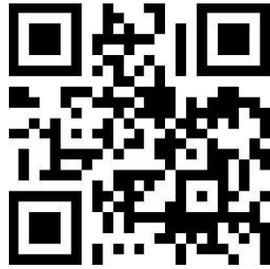
Vicki Lucero [vlopez@santafecountynm.gov](mailto:vlopez@santafecountynm.gov) at (505)986-6222.

### ***Free Mental health screenings***

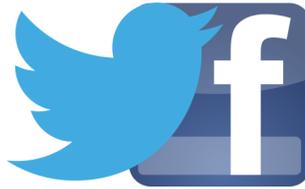
Santa Fe County Mobile Health Van and CHRISTUS St. Vincent Regional Medical Center Behavioral Health Department are providing free mental health screenings to anybody on Wednesday, October 1, 2014 from 10 a.m.—2p.m. at the Santa Fe Community College Administration Building Entrance. Look for the Santa Fe County Mobile Health Van!



**County Manager  
Katherine Miller**



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(505) 986-6200

### Frequently Called Numbers:

- Santa Fe County Assessor’s Office – (505) 986-6300
- Santa Fe County Clerk’s Office – (505) 986-6280
- Santa Fe County Treasurer’s Office – (505) 986-6245
- Santa Fe 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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