



County Manager's Monthly Memo

From the Santa Fe County Manager

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Board Of County Commissioners Upcoming Schedule

- March 25 at 1pm
- April 8 at 2pm
- April 29 at 1pm
- May 13 at 2pm
- May 27 at 1pm
- June 10 at 2pm
- June 24 at 1pm
- July 8 at 2 pm
- July, 29 at 1pm
- August 12 at 2 pm
- August 26 at 1 pm

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

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

Select Open Space Properties Showcase History Exhibits

The history of El Camino Real and specific history of the Village of Agua Fria during the early 1900s is now presented on nine outdoor interpretive panels located throughout the community.

The Santa Fe County Open Space and Trails Program received a grant from the National Scenic Byway Program, administered by the National Park Service, to develop an interpretive exhibit plan and designs for the El Camino Real National Scenic Byway along the Santa Fe River between La Cienega and the Santa Fe Plaza.



Primary Project Goals

- Orient people to the River and trail
- Communicate and interpret significance of the River corridor and El Camino Real
- Integrate the historic and modern story of the River and the role of water in the community
- Use proximity to the River as a project resource



Walk to Stop DUI

Saturday, March 29, 2014
Registration: 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.
Walk Begins: 10 a.m.

Location:
Pojoaque High School,
1574 NM 502

Cost:
\$5 for youth
\$10 for adults

Walk to Stop DUI is a non-competitive walk that gives residents and local businesses an opportunity to team up with the Santa Fe County DWI Program and County Department of Public Safety in an effort to keep our community safe.

All monies raised from this event will be used to host the third annual "Post Prom Party", a positive youth event for the students of Pojoaque Valley High School who will be attending this year's 2014 Prom.

For additional information and a registration form visit www.santafecountynm.gov and click Walk to Stop DUI under Hot Topics or contact: Diolinda Roybal at 505-992-9856 or droybal@santafecountynm.gov Victoria DeVargas at 995-6529 or vdevargas@santafecountynm.gov

Santa Fe County Provides Compliance Monitoring for All DWI Offenders

The Santa Fe County DWI Program provides Compliance Monitoring services for all DWI offenders convicted in Santa Fe Magistrate Court, and some offenders convicted in District Court. The Santa Fe County DWI Program Compliance Monitoring staff attends all court hearings, pre-trial, status, probation violation, compliance and sentencing hearings for all misdemeanor and some felony DWI defendants. The program is staffed by three DWI Compliance Monitors. The overall goal is to insure that offenders are receiving the sanction to which they are sentenced by the Court for a DWI offense. The program is funded by the Department of Finance and Administration of the State of New Mexico.

The Compliance staff monitors each offender to insure completion of all court ordered sanctions following a DWI conviction. A majority of DWI offenders are sentenced in Magistrate Court where staff are present in the courtroom and sit with the Assistant District Attorneys and record all court requirements and statistical data for each defendant. Other information such as: date of incident, blood alcohol content, arresting agency, prior offense history, and vehicle information is obtained from the District Attorney's file.

Staff meets with each defendant after their sentencing. This is when contact information is verified and referrals for court ordered requirements are given to the defendant. Each person is also given a DWI Screening Referral with date and time for their screening. A file is made for each defendant with court referrals, judgment and sentence and defendant instruction forms. Staff makes the referrals when offenders are sentenced to community service, Ignition Interlock, Victim Impact Panels and DWI School.

Monthly meeting with "clients" review proof of compliance such as attendance logs, proof of enrollment in classes and registration to meet other court ordered sanctions.

Requests for extensions are reviewed. Interlock companies fax reports for each client monthly. Violations are recorded and reported to the sentencing court. Any violations of a defendant's sentence can result in additional jail time. Staff members also review the Santa Fe County website daily to report any new violations or offenses. Unique to Santa Fe County, the Compliance Unit and the court hold a 90 day compliance hearing to report the progress of the offender in meeting the terms of the Judgment and Sentence.

Every two weeks the Compliance and Monitoring staff conduct screenings where they administer the State of New Mexico mandated needs survey. This survey is used to gather data about offenders and help make proper referrals. Offenders are also referred by staff to a clinical assessment which is used to determine the level of treatment each offender requires. Once a treatment plan is developed the staff ensures offender compliance and reports this to the court.

Staff report violations to the courts in monthly reports. They also issue letters of non-compliance to offenders. Data gathered from the Needs Assessments is entered into the ADE (statewide DWI offender information database) tracking system. Once offenders complete their requirements notice of completion is filed with the court.

The Santa Fe County DWI Program Screening and Compliance Monitoring section reviewed 365 DWI offenders referred by Magistrate and District Courts in 2013. A majority, 334, of these offenders were convicted in Magistrate Court. A total of 1,055 DWI offenders were supervised by Compliance staff in 2013 to ensure they completed court ordered requirements.

Labyrinth Creates Sacred Space at Adult Detention Facility

Santa Fe County staff, volunteers and a group of inmates created a labyrinth in the Bravo section of the Adult Facility to create a sacred space for all. Their shared hope was that it would become a sacred space set aside in the recreation yard where people could come to reflect or to pray, to experience peace and inner freedom.

The labyrinth is not a maze or a puzzle to solve. The pathway winds into the center and the way out is the same as the way in. The labyrinth design is ancient and found in different variations in many cultures, including cathedrals. Many people think of the labyrinth as a symbolic pilgrimage.



Expo New Mexico - 2014 Rodeo Queen Clinic

Queen Clinic provides an affordable, hands-on experience teaching what it takes to successfully compete in the New Mexico State Fair Queen competition. Learn what it takes to be a New Mexico State Fair Queen!

The Clinic is March 28, 2014 - March 30, 2014

The weekend includes:

- Horsemanship Clinic
- Queen Set Pattern
- Makeup Skills
- Clothing Swap
- Training in Public Speaking and Stage Presence

For More information contact:

Temple Daniels, Queen Superintendent
505-620-7558 or tmdaniels9@aol.com

Staci Trehern, 2014 NMSF Queen
505-220-3989 or 2014nmstatefairqueen@gmail.com

March 28, 2014 - March 30, 2014

\$100 Clinic Fee due by March 24

All ages welcome (Under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian)

Check in is on Friday, March 28 at 4 p.m.

All classes, training, meals, lodging in the State Fair Youth Hall and a stall are included in the \$100 Queen Clinic Cost.

Aamodt Workshops and Office Hours

Santa Fe County sponsored workshops and office hours continue. The purpose is to inform residents of the Pojoaque Valley Pueblos' water right settlement and the options the Court has asked non-Pueblo water right owners to make.

For More Information including upcoming meetings and FAQ's please visit www.santafecountynm.gov and click Aamodt Settlement Information under Hot Topics.

Office Hours

Office Hours will be held at the Santa Fe County Pojoaque Satellite Office, 5 West Gutierrez, Suite 9, Pojoaque, NM
Every Wednesday until April 2 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Every Saturday until April 5 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

County Assessor Accepting Annual Applications For Valuation Freezes

Santa Fe County residents can now submit their applications for valuation freezes. Santa Fe County property owners who occupy single-family dwellings and meet certain criteria may be eligible for a freeze of their taxable value as determined by the Santa Fe County Assessor's Office.

The valuation freeze is available to property owners age 65 or older or those who are considered permanently disabled and whose total household modified gross income did not exceed \$32,000 in 2013. All applicants must meet the income requirement. Modified gross income is defined as all income from all sources undiminished by losses.

To qualify for the valuation freeze, you must apply annually no later than 30 days after the official date of mailing of the Santa Fe County Assessor's Official Notice of Value. This year's notices will be mailed on April 1, 2014.

An owner who has claimed and been allowed the limitation of value for the three consecutive tax years immediately prior to the 2014 tax year need not claim the limitation for subsequent tax years, if there is no change in eligibility. The Assessor will continue to apply the limitation automatically until a change in eligibility occurs and is reported by the owner.

Supporting documentation required when attempting to qualify by age and income includes:

1. A completed application
2. Proof of income (a copy of the property owner's 2013 New Mexico income tax return, and a copy of the property owner's 2013 federal income tax return)
3. Proof of age (a valid New Mexico driver's license or birth certificate)

Supporting documentation required when attempting to qualify due to disability and income include:

- a completed application
- proof of income (a copy of the 2013 New Mexico income tax return, and a copy of the property owner's 2013 federal income tax return)
- an award letter from either Social Security or Workers' Compensation confirming the permanent disability

Applications are available at the Santa Fe County Assessor's Office at 102 Grant Ave., Santa Fe. Residents with Internet access may also download an application from www.santafecountynm.gov/assessor/downloadable_forms

Board of County Commissioners Unanimously Approves Living Wage Ordinance

Santa Fe Board of County Commissioners unanimously approved an Ordinance establishing a living wage within Santa Fe County. The Ordinance sets the minimum wage at \$10.66 an hour, up from \$7.50 an hour. The tipped minimum wage will also increase from the current \$2.13 an hour to \$6.40 an hour. The Ordinance goes into effect on April 26, 2014.

To View the Ordinance visit www.santafecountynm.gov

Santa Fe Metropolitan Planning Organization Takes First Step to Update Metropolitan Transportation Plan

The Santa Fe Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) a forum for transportation decision making, is responsible for updating the 2010-2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) beginning in 2014 and with a completion date of June of 2015. The MTP 2010-2035 serves as an important framework in addressing the transportation needs of the Santa Fe MPO over 25 years.

The purpose of this survey is to gauge how well the past plan has met your expectations and give you an opportunity to sign up and contribute as the MTP update is being developed. Please, take our two (2) minute survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/GPK2G6B> (Survey also available in Spanish).

The Santa Fe MPO, is an agency representing Santa Fe County, the City of Santa Fe, the Pueblo of Tesuque and the New Mexico Department of Transportation. The MPO Policy Board provides leadership supporting the use of federal funding for a range of transportation improvements (including pedestrian facilities, bike-ways, transit, roads and bridges).

For more information contact the Santa Fe MPO at 505-955-6614 or go to www.santafemopo.org.

What's Happening in Brief at SFC

The Board of County Commissioners passed Ordinance: 2014-2 Amending and Restating Ordinance 2002-08 An Ordinance Governing Tobacco Products Placement to include E-Cigarettes. The Ordinance governs tobacco products placement, distribution display, and sales and Establishing penalties for violation to ensure conformity with State Law, to regulate E-Cigarette sales to minors and to insert a severability clause.

The Santa Fe Solid Waste Management Agency recently released the **Solid Waste Assessment and Management Study**.

The study looks at Cost of Service and Funding Options, Operational Assessment of County Citizen Convenience Centers, Wasteshed analysis and Solid Waste Management system section.

The Santa Fe County portion of

the study is available on our website www.santafecountynm.gov under Hot Topics.

Santa Fe County Maternal and Child Health Planning Council Seeking Members

Santa Fe County is seeking members for the Maternal and Child Health Planning Council (MCH).

Members are volunteers appointed by the Santa Fe Board of County Commissioners (BCC) to assist the county in engaging and eliciting community input. The council is an advisory body to support community-based maternal and child health programs for children from birth to three years and their families.

Anyone interested in being appointed should contact Marie Garcia at (505) 992-9841 or mgarcia@santafecountynm.gov

You can also visit our www.santafecountynm.gov for more information.

Application Deadline is March 25, 2013 at 5 p.m.

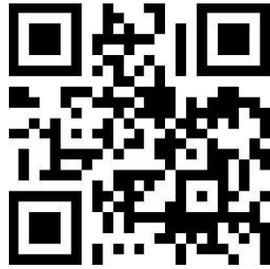
Road Closure Report

A section of Calle Enrique located in the Pinon Hills Subdivision, will be closed through Friday, April 4, 2014. Public Works crews are replacing culverts that run under Calle Enrique.

The bridge section of County Road 88 (La Puebla Road) and County Road 88D (Placita Road) will be closed for five days each, while bridge deck work is completed. The roads will not be closed simultaneously. Work will last through Friday, March 28.



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- 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

www.santafecountynm.gov

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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