

County Manager's Monthly Update

March 2018



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Regular meetings of the Board of County Commissioners are held on the second and last Tuesday of each month at 2 p.m.

Upcoming BCC Meeting Dates

- April 10
- April 24
- May 8
- May 29

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News and Announcements



DWI DUO DEBUT - Super Heroes Fight DWI

The scene is tragic. Jack drives up on a crash involving alcohol and an impaired driver. Jack's sister is killed in the crash and Jack's life takes a turn he never anticipated. This is the call to action for our super hero in his personal fight against DWI. This scenario is fiction but there are real life situations and tragedies far too often.

This is the beginning of the Santa Fe County DWI Program's new public awareness campaign. The first episode appeared March 16, 2018 as a full page insert ([Click to view](#)) in the Santa Fe New Mexican. Further appearances of Jack and his friend Emily can be found on social media, on signs and Johnny Boards throughout the County.

The idea of a comic book and comic book characters presenting the anti-DWI message is based on research and studies done incorporating this type of media in public awareness campaigns. Research conducted by the Columbia University's Comic Book Project shows that 75% of newspaper consumers read the comic section of the newspaper regularly. Comics are gaining respect in the educational community also. "The idea of using comic books as an educational tool isn't new," says Michael Bitz, founder of the Comic Book Project at the Columbia University School of Education. "What is new is the larger embrace of comics as literature."

Programs in Mexico have been very successful in educating people, especially men, on sensitive subjects like health, safe sex and aggression. The highest percentage of clients in the Santa Fe County DWI Compliance Program fall into a similar

District 4 Town Hall

District 4 (Commissioner Anna Hamilton) Town Hall on Wednesday, April 4, 2018 at 6 p.m. at the Hondo Fire Station II (645 Old Las Vegas Hwy).

Applications being accepted for NM State House District 22 Vacancy

Santa Fe County is accepting applications for individuals that wish to be considered by the Board of County Commission for a recommendation to the Governor of the State of New Mexico to serve as the New Mexico State House District 22 for Santa Fe County.

Applications will be taken through 3 p.m. on Tuesday, April 17, 2018. Please download from link below.

Applications can be delivered to: Tony Flores, Deputy County Manager – 102 Grant Avenue, 2nd Floor

or tflores@santafecountynm.gov. If you have any questions please contact Mr. Flores at 505-986-6216.

[Application](#)

Rain Garden Ribbon Cutting

Ribbon Cutting for Santa Fe County's First Rain Garden

Friday, May 4, 2018 at 1:30 p.m.

El Camino Real Trailhead on Constellation Dr.

For more information contact: Carol Branch
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demographic of those targeted in the Mexican campaign and in other campaigns in the United States.

“This is a very novel approach for us and I feel it will be a very effective way to re-tell the “don’t drink and drive” message we all have heard so many times. This is a new approach to an old and difficult problem,” said Rachel O’Connor, Director of Santa Fe County Community Services Department.



Santa Fe County Announces Behavioral Health Crisis Center Partner!

The Santa Fe County Community Services Department announced its new partner for the Santa Fe County Behavioral Health Crisis Center. New Mexico Solutions Inc. has been contracted to serve as the “Primary Partner” for the planning and operating of the Behavioral Health Crisis Center.

“We are extremely honored to partner with Santa Fe County on such an innovative and community centered strategy to improve access to behavioral health services,” said David Ley of New Mexico Solutions.

In May of 2016 the County held a Behavioral Health Summit in Santa Fe attended by over 300 individuals. Participants

in the Summit overwhelmingly urged the County to develop a behavioral health crisis center. In November of 2016, County voters approved a bond that authorized \$2 million in capital funds for a crisis center. In June of 2017 the Santa Fe County Board of County Commissioner's voted to approve a one-eight increase in the County's gross receipts tax in order to support the operations of a Crisis Center.



Join us for the first Fixit Clinic 4/28

Calling all handywomen and handymen, handy kids, handy teens and families, tinkers, tailors, and wannabes!

Attend the first Fixit clinic: Saturday, April 28, 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. at Make Santa Fe, 2879 All Trades Rd, Santa Fe, NM 87507

Fixit Clinic is an all-ages, do-it-together activity where people bring their broken household things and learn how to assess, disassemble, and hopefully repair them instead of sending them to the landfill. For more information, go to www.fixitclinic.org.

Help your neighbors troubleshoot and fix their broken things at the quarterly Santa Fe Fixit Clinics! We're looking for volunteer coaches in and around Santa Fe with knowledge and skills repairing:

- Bicycles and skateboards
- Clothing and fabric items
- Computers and phones
- Toys and wooden items
- Small kitchen appliances
- Small electrical devices
- Jewelry
- And anything else!

Sign up: Go to goo.gl/kwVNly Select "NM-Santa Fe" under "Yes: I'd like to Fixit Coach in."

Contact: Neal Denton, Santa Fe County Sustainability Specialist (505) 992-9832, ndenton@santafecountynm.gov.



Look for Your Notice of Value in the Mail!

The Santa Fe County Assessor's Office would like to notify residents they should be receiving their Notice of Value in the mail within the next few days. Notices will be mailed on Monday, April 2, 2018. In conjunction with the mailing of the Notices, Assessor Martinez announces the Community Outreach Schedule for 2018. The outreach events allow residents to meet with staff at various locations around the County to discuss any Assessor related business. Visit www.santafecountynm.gov/assessor for more information and the outreach schedule.

Property owners who disagree with the value determined by the Assessor's Office may file a petition of protest in person at the Assessor's Office located at 102 Grant Avenue, in Santa Fe, at any outreach location, or they may be filed through the Assessor's website via the online protest filing portal ([Click to access online protest filing portal](#)).

"I'm hopeful that more people will utilize our online protest filing system that was first implemented in 2016 over 51% of people who protested their valuation filed it online. My goal is to save property owners time and avoid the difficult parking situation in the downtown area," said Assessor Gus Martinez.

The deadline to file for exemptions, benefits, and protests is May 1, 2018.

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