

La Voz de La Gente

PUBLIC HOUSING RESIDENT NEWSLETTER



Hello All,

Happy New Year!

My name is Adrianna Velasquez, and I am the Deputy Director of the Santa Fe County Housing Authority. Having been with the Authority for 10 years, I have had the privilege of growing within this organization. Starting as a Clerical Specialist in 2015 and advancing through roles as Accountant Tech Senior, Department Administrator, and Administrative Manager before stepping into my current leadership role in 2023.

In my capacity as Deputy Director, I oversee the daily administration of our programs. My focus is on ensuring full HUD compliance while identifying innovative strategies to expand our local housing supply and increase resident self-sufficiency.

I am deeply committed to operational transparency and building the strong partnerships necessary to expand housing opportunities. I believe my primary responsibility is to provide you with the tools, resources, and support required to deliver excellence to our residents every day.

I look forward to collaborating with each of you, learning from your expertise, and working together to maintain our "High Performer" status. My door is always open to your ideas on how we can continue to improve our operations.

Wishing you a prosperous New Year filled with achievements!

Best regards,

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✿ TOPIC OF THE MONTH ✿

Share Your Favorite Winter tradition! We invite you to submit your favorite winter tradition it will be featured in the January newsletter. It's a wonderful opportunity to share your traditions with the community. Send your winter traditions to Pauline Catanach at (505) 995-9530 or text (505) 490-3291 or via email at pcatanach@santafecountynm.gov.

Santa Fe Trails Bus Passes! We would like to inform you that we have bus passes in the office. If you need a pass for the Santa Fe Trails transportation, please contact the ROSS Coordinator at (505) 995-9530, (505) 490-3291, or via email at pcatanach@santafecountynm.gov.

Housing Authority Resident Board Member Needed! Santa Fe County Housing Authority Board is looking for **Resident Board Members!** To express interest in the Santa Fe County Housing Authority Board resident member position, submit a letter of interest to the Santa Fe County Housing Authority via email sfcha@santafecountynm.gov or U.S. Mail to 52 Camino de Jacobo, Santa Fe, NM 87507.

RESIDENT INFORMATION

- **Boys and Girls Club:**

If you are interested in enrolling your child in the Boys & Girls Club, please stop by to pick up an application. Applications are available at all three housing sites.

- **Food Mobile Distribution:**

The [Food Mobile program](#) delivers healthy food options directly to communities in need throughout Santa Fe County. The bus parks at central locations such as libraries, apartment complexes, or senior centers, making food distributions accessible and more community-driven than ever!

- **Don't Miss a Thing in Santa Fe County:**

Stay informed about important alerts, community programs, and local events. By [signing up](#) for our updates, you'll get the latest news delivered straight to your inbox.

- **Resident Advisory Board Members Needed:**

SFCHA is looking for dedicated residents to join our Resident Advisory Board (RAB). The RAB plays a vital role in ensuring resident voices are heard and considered in our key planning and policy decisions. If interested, please contact Pauline Catanach at 505-995-9530 or via email at pcatanach@santafecountynm.gov

RESIDENT ADVISORY BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

We Encourage All Residents to Attend! Join us at the upcoming **Resident Advisory Board Meetings**—your voice matters! This is your opportunity to share ideas for programs and events, meet your neighbors, and stay informed about community updates. Lite refreshments will be provided at in-person meetings.

- **Jacob D. Martinez Resident Advisory Board** will be held on **Monday, January 5, 2026, at 4:00pm** at **57 Camino de Jacobo, Santa Fe, NM 87507** or join virtually via the [Meeting link](#).

- **Valle De Esperanza (Santa Cruz) Resident Advisory Board** will be held on **Monday, January 12, 2026, at 4:00pm** Currently, this meeting is scheduled to be held virtually via Microsoft Teams conference call. If you wish to attend, please join using the [Meeting Link](#).

- **Valle Vista Resident Advisory Board** will be held on **Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at 3:00 pm**. Currently this meeting is scheduled at the Valle Vista Conference room 8 Los Lomas Drive Santa Fe, NM 87507 or join virtually via the [Meeting Link](#).





ROSS PROGRAM

We are also pleased to continue offering resources and support through our **Resident Opportunities and Self-Sufficiency (ROSS) Program**.

The Resident Opportunities and Self-Sufficiency (ROSS) program, funded by HUD, aims to help residents of public and Indian housing become more economically and housing independent. It achieves this by providing Service Coordinators who connect residents with resources and support services. These services can include things like education, job training, financial literacy, and healthcare.

Here's a more detailed breakdown:

- **Focus:** The ROSS program focuses on helping residents achieve self-sufficiency, meaning they can maintain stable finances, housing, and personal lives.
- **Supportive Services:** These services can include things like:
 - Education and job training programs.
 - Financial literacy and budgeting assistance.
 - Healthcare and childcare resources.
 - Elderly activities and aging-in-place support.
- **Partnerships:** ROSS coordinators also work to build partnerships with local organizations to ensure residents have access to a wide range of services.
- **Eligibility:** The program primarily serves residents of public and Indian housing.
- **Goals:** The ROSS program aims to help residents achieve economic and housing self-sufficiency, which includes increasing their income and building financial assets.

If you have not yet enrolled, we encourage you to Contact your ROSS Coordinator, Pauline at [\(505\)995-9530](tel:(505)995-9530) or pcatanach@santafecountynm.gov to take advantage of the valuable services these programs provide.



FSS PROGRAM

We are also pleased to continue offering resources and support through our **Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program**.

The **Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) program** is a HUD initiative designed to help families increase their earnings and build financial capability. It aims to promote economic independence among families receiving public housing assistance or Section 8 vouchers. The program includes:

- **Financial Incentives:** Participants earn a portion of their increased earnings in an escrow account, which can be used for savings or service payments.
- **Case Management:** Coordinators assist families in accessing services such as job training, education, and financial literacy.
- **Voluntary Participation:** Families can choose to participate, and the program is not mandatory.
- **Long-term Goals:** Participants work with coordinators to set and achieve long-term goals, such as job training and homeownership.

The FSS program is administered by public housing agencies (PHAs) and aims to reduce dependency on welfare assistance and rental subsidies.

If you have not yet enrolled, we encourage you to Contact your FSS Coordinator, Donna Dean at (505)992-3040 or via email at dbradley@santafecountynm.gov, to take advantage of the valuable services these programs provide.





UPCOMING EVENTS JANUARY

- Thursday, January 1, 2026, **New Year's Day Observance**, Santa County Housing Authority Office Closed
- Friday, January 2, 2026, **Doors Make and Believe Time Kids' Art and Story Hour Event** at 10:00am at the Rainbow Rainbow inside the Meow Wolf 1352 Rufina Cir, Santa Fe, NM 87507 [RSVP](#)
- Saturday, January 3, 2026, **Farmers Market Santa Fe Railyard** 8:00 am – 1:00 pm ~ Stands as premier farmers' markets, a vibrant hub for fresh, locally produced goods and a gathering place for the community.
- Sunday, January 4, 2026, **Artisan Market Santa Fe Railyard** 10:00 am-3:00 pm ~ Dedicated to local artisans and small creative businesses.
- Monday, January 19, 2026, **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day Observance**, Santa Fe County Housing Authority Office Closed



WORD SEARCH FUN!

WINTER IS HERE



Word list:
BOOTS
COAT
COLD
FREEZE
FROST
GLOVES
ICE
IGLOO
SCARF
SNOW



UPCOMING EVENTS FEBRUARY

- Sunday, February 1, 2026, **Railyard Artisan Market** ~ Dedicated to local artisans and small creative businesses.
- Sunday, February 1, 2026, **Hummingbird workshop TLC-Stained Glass Studio** 10:00 am [RSVP](#)
- Sunday, February 1, 2026, 3D Succulent workshop TLC- Stained glass studio 10:00 am [RSVP](#)
- Sunday, February 1, 2026, Chess at the Mall De Vargas Mall skliaj@yahoo.com, (505) 231-1358 [RSVP](#)
- Monday, February 2, 2026, **Groundhog Day**
- Monday, February 9, 2026, **Santa Fe Scavenger Hunt** on the Santa Fe Plaza
- Saturday, February 14, 2026, **Valentines Day Observance**
- Saturday, February 14, 2026, **Glass Panel Workshop TLC** - Stained Glass Studio [RSVP](#)
- Saturday, February 14, 2026. **Live Demo Landscape Painting** on the Santa Fe Plaza 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Free event
- Monday, February 16, 2026, **Presidents Day Observance**
- Wednesday, February 18, 2026, **Ash Wednesday Observance**





MAINTENANCE & WORK ORDERS: HELP US KEEP YOUR HOME IN TOP SHAPE!

To ensure your home remains safe and comfortable, we remind all residents to report any maintenance issues or needed repairs as soon as they are identified. Timely reporting helps us prevent small issues from becoming major problems.

How to Request a Repair: Please contact the Santa Fe County Housing Authority Administrative Office directly to place a work order. Our team will document your request and dispatch a technician as quickly as possible.

Phone: (505) 992-3060

Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Wednesday, 8:00AM to 12:00PM.

A four-digit work order number will be provided prior to call being complete.

Important Reminders:

Emergency Repairs: For after-hours emergencies (such as major water leaks, gas smells, or a total loss of heat during winter), please call our emergency maintenance line at (505) 412-1613 and follow the prompts for the on-call technician.

Provide Details: When you call, please be as specific as possible about the location and nature of the problem so our Maintenance Technician can arrive prepared with the right tools.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION IN MAINTAINING THE
QUALITY OF OUR COMMUNITY!**



WINTER WEATHER PREPAREDNESS

- **Stay Informed:** Keep an eye on local weather forecasts and subscribe to emergency alerts to know when extreme weather is approaching.
- **Create an Emergency Kit:** Prepare a kit with essentials like a flashlight, extra batteries, a first-aid kit, a battery-powered radio, and a supply of non-perishable food and water.
- **Know Your Emergency Contacts:** Keep a list of emergency numbers handy, including local fire and police departments, utility companies, and the property management office.
- **Adjust Your Thermostat:** Set your thermostat to a comfortable temperature (around 68°F during the day) and lower it when you are asleep or away from home to save energy. Do not use ovens or stovetops for heat, as this can be a fire hazard.
- **Use Natural Heat:** Open blinds and curtains during the day to let sunlight warm your home, and close them at night to insulate against the cold.
- **Protect Pipes from Freezing:** Keep cabinet doors below sinks open to allow warmer air to circulate around plumbing. If temperatures drop very low, let a faucet drip slowly to prevent pipes from freezing.



LOCAL NEWS

- [Santa Fe City Manager Mark Scott to resign Jan. 1 after dramatic council meeting](#)
- [New Mexico state Senate minority leader again proposes longshot tax system overhaul](#)
- [Residents urged to avoid section of Arroyo de los Chamisos trail due to sinkhole](#)
- [Report: Moving Solders' Monument to new location likely would cost more than \\$1 million](#)

Sources: Headlines from the Santa Fe New Mexican



TENANT SPOTLIGHT INVITATION



The Valle Vista Boys & Girls Club hosted its Christmas celebration on Friday, December 19, 2025, and welcomed members of the Valle Vista community. Valle Vista Resident, Marissa Chavez attended the event with her children, who enjoyed the festivities, received gifts from Santa Claus, and participated in holiday activities.



COMMUNITY RESOURCES – SANTA FE AREA

- ⇒ **Santa Fe Connect HUB** Call 211 or (505) 245-1735 Visit Website
- ⇒ **City of Santa Fe Senior Services – Meals on Wheels** Phone: (505) 955-4748 Visit Website
- ⇒ **The Life Link** 2325 Cerrillos Rd., Santa Fe, NM 87505 Phone: (505) 438-0010 Email: info@thelifelink.org
- ⇒ **NAMI Santa Fe (National Alliance on Mental Illness)** Not a crisis line 313 Camino Alire, Suite 307, Santa Fe, NM 87501 Phone: (505) 395-6204 Email: info@namisantafe.org
- ⇒ **24/7 Crisis Support** Call the New Mexico Crisis Line: 1-855-662-7474 Or text “NAMI” to 7474 for free, confidential counseling anytime

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“*You've gotta dance like there's nobody watching,
Love like you'll never be hurt,
Sing like there's nobody listening,
And live like it's heaven on earth.*”

~ *William W. Purkey*



- **Maintenance On-Call:** (505) 412-1613 After 5:00pm
- **Police and Fire Department (Emergency):** 911
- **Non-Emergency Dispatch:** (505) 428-3710
 - **Poison Control:** 1 (800) 222-1222
- **Adult Protective Services:** 1 (866) 654-3219
- **Child Protective Services:** 1 (855) 333-7233
 - **Animal Control:** (505) 992-1626

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