

# La Voz de La Gente

## PUBLIC HOUSING RESIDENT NEWSLETTER



### *BEHIND THE DESK WITH PROJECT MANAGER, DAVID PADILLA*

*Hello everyone,*

*I am excited to connect with you through this month's newsletter. My name is David Padilla, and it has been my privilege to serve the residents of Santa Fe County for the past 19 years.*

*My journey with the County began nearly two decades ago in the projects division, where I spent 9 years focused on building and improving our local infrastructure. From there, I transitioned to our Open Space and Trails program for 8 years, working to preserve the natural beauty and recreational pathways that make our community so special.*

*Today, my career has come full circle. I have returned to my roots in project management, now serving within the Santa Fe County Housing Authority. In this role, I am applying my years of experience in construction and land management to help maintain quality housing for our community members.*

*I look forward to sharing more capital improvement project updates on our upcoming Housing Authority initiatives and current construction milestones in the months ahead. Thank you for your continued support as we work to build a stronger Santa Fe County together. Should have any questions, related to Housing Authority projects, please do not hesitate to contact me at [dpadilla@santafecountynm.gov](mailto:dpadilla@santafecountynm.gov)*

*Best regards,*

*David Padilla*

*Housing Project Manager  
Santa Fe County Housing Authority*



## ❁ TOPIC OF THE MONTH ❁

### *Pet Maintenance*

**Attention Residents:** Please adhere to all rules and regulations outlined in your public housing lease agreement.

It has come to our attention that some residents are allowing their dogs to roam freely throughout the development. For everyone's safety and comfort, **all dogs must be always kept on a leash while outside your unit.**

Additionally, if you are walking your dog, you are **responsible for cleaning up after them.** Please help us maintain a clean and safe community by properly disposing of pet waste.



## 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, Monday March 2, 2026, at 4:00pm at 57 Camino de Jacobo, Via Teams Santa Fe, NM 87507.** Join: <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/23073337905307?p=IBBOHbSR5uYtAKJl3n>

**Valle De Esperanza (Santa Cruz) Resident Advisory Board** will be held on **Monday, March 9, 2026, at 4:00pm** Currently this meeting is scheduled to be held at the Santa Cruz Office Via Teams Join <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/22973132036715?p=7KkEDyZ93Jws9MVX58> If you wish to attend this meeting Santa Cruz NM 87532.

**Valle Vista Resident Advisory Board** will be held on **Tuesday, March 10, 2026, at 3:00pm.** Currently this meeting is scheduled ViaTeamsJoin room.

• <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/27218321969206?p=9W1TCVF aUXli2T4FM5>



## FACTS TO KNOW ABOUT PUBLIC HOUSING



- **Income Reporting:** It is mandatory to report all changes in income within **10 days.**
- **Unit and Yard Care:** Residents are responsible for maintaining their housing unit and yard. Please pick up all trash and dispose of it properly.
- **Prohibited Activities:** Criminal or drug-related activity is strictly prohibited.
- **Occupancy Rules:** Only individuals listed on your lease may reside in your unit.
- **Smoking:** Smoking is not allowed inside the unit.
- **Rent Payment:** Rent is due by the **1st of each month** and must be paid no later than the **5th.**
- **Respect for Staff:** Any verbal or physical abuse toward Santa Fe County Housing Authority employees or representatives may result in termination of assistance.
- **Boys and Girls Club:** If you are interested in your child attending the Santa Fe County Boys and Girls Club, applications are available at all three housing sites.

*Thank you for helping us maintain a safe and respectful community.*



## 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:5059959530) or [pcatanach@santafecountynm.gov](mailto: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 at [dbradley@santafecountynm.gov](mailto:dbradley@santafecountynm.gov), to take advantage of the valuable services these programs provide.



### Santa Fe County Housing Authority 5-Year PHA Plan Review and Public Hearing

The Santa Fe County Housing Authority is conducting a public hearing to discuss and obtain public comment on its 5-Year Public Housing Authority (PHA) Plan. The 5-Year PHA Plan will be available for review at the Santa Fe County Housing Authority's Administrative Office located at 52 Camino de Jacobo Santa Fe, NM 87507 during normal business hours, and on the Santa Fe County Housing Authority webpage ([https://www.santafecountynm.gov/housing\\_services](https://www.santafecountynm.gov/housing_services)) starting on Tuesday, February 24, 2026.

The public hearing will be held in conjunction with the Santa Fe County Housing Authority Board Meeting, which will be held at 1:00pm on Tuesday, March 31, 2026. For more information on the public hearing, please contact the Housing Authority Administrative Offices at (505) 992-3060.

[5-Year Public Housing Authority](#) (PHA) Plan.



### LOCAL NEWS

- ✚ [Pojoaque Pueblo redevelopment of old Santa Fe Downs property appears underway](#)
- ✚ [New Mexico House overwhelmingly passes medical malpractice changes](#)
- ✚ [Santa Fe police officer arrested on drunken driving charge](#)
- ✚ ['A cry for help': Gallup officials debate request for New Mexico National Guard](#)

### Forth Mobility Electric Car-Share Program

Santa Fe County is partnering with [Forth Mobility](#) to provide an electric vehicle car-share program that expands access to clean, affordable transportation. Through the MDO Carshare app, community members can reserve a low-cost electric vehicle for everyday trips via a simple, easy-to-use car-sharing platform.

Electric vehicles are available at the Camino de Jacobo and Valle Vista public housing complexes, and both residents and members of the broader Santa Fe community can rent them for \$5 per hour or \$50 per day. The electric vehicle shown on the right is a Chevrolet Bolt that is available through this program.



There is an initial onboarding process for those who are participating in this program for the first time, and more information is outlined below:

#### How to Use GoForth

**Download** the MDO Carshare App from the [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#). You can also create an account or make bookings in a [web browser](#).

**Register Your Account:** You will need to enter your driver's license and make bookings with a credit, debit, or prepaid card. When you register your account, a one-time \$10 fee will be charged to your payment card. Once approved, a \$20 ride credit will be added to your account. *It may take 3-5 business days to process your application.*

**Onboarding Call:** You will receive an email to schedule a call with a staff member (about 20 minutes).

**Reserve** the vehicle through the MDO Carshare app for a time you'd like to use it.

**Unlock** the vehicle with the MDO Carshare app and drive.\*

**Return** the vehicle to the parking spot after your trip and plug it in.\*

\*View the in-car instructions sheet for more details.



## TENANT SPOTLIGHT INVITATION



Dear Residents,

Do you have something special you'd like to share with the community? Whether it's a beautifully maintained yard, a personal milestone, or a story worth celebrating—we'd love to feature it in our Tenant Spotlight!

To participate, please send your submission to ROSS Coordinator, Pauline Catanach via email or text:

 [pcatanach@santafecountynm.gov](mailto:pcatanach@santafecountynm.gov)

 (505) 490-3291

Be sure to include your name and unit number. If you'd prefer to remain anonymous, just let us know in your message.

We look forward to highlighting the wonderful things happening in our community. Thank you!

## MARCH COMMUNITY WORD SEARCH

CAN YOU FIND ALL 12 WORDS HIDDEN IN THE GRID? THEY MAY BE HORIZONTAL, VERTICAL, OR DIAGONAL.  
TEXT

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T	X	N	E	Q	U	I	N	O	X	H	P	R	C	N
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### WORD LIST:

- **SPRING CLEANING:** A GREAT TIME FOR RESIDENTS TO DECLUTTER.
- **PROJECTS:** REFLECTING DAVID'S 19 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE.
- **GREEN:** CELEBRATING ST. PATRICK'S DAY AND THE NEW SEASON.
- **COMMUNITY:** WORKING TOGETHER FOR A BETTER SANTA FE.
- **TRAILS:** A NOD TO DAVID'S 8 YEARS IN OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS.
- **CAPITAL FUNDS:** THE PROGRAM DAVID MANAGES FOR SITE IMPROVEMENTS.
- **RENEWAL:** THE THEME OF SPRING AND PROGRAM CERTIFICATIONS.
- **SANTA FE:** OUR BEAUTIFUL HOME.
- **COUNTY:** SERVING OUR LOCAL RESIDENTS.

Contact Pauline Catanach if you would like the answer key at [pcatanach@santafecountynm.gov](mailto:pcatanach@santafecountynm.gov)



UPCOMING EVENTS  
MARCH

*Women's History Month*  
*National Nutrition Month*  
*Red Cross Month*

- **Sunday, March 1, 2026**, Family Art Making New Mexico Art Museum 10:00am to 12:00pm
- **Wednesday, March 4, 2026**, IAIA – *i-R Jontay Kahm and Shane Handren - Open Studio Mornings* 9:00am to 10:30am
- **Saturday, March 7, 2026**, *Farmers Market* at the Railyard 8:00am to 1:00pm
- **Sunday, March 8, 2026**, *March 8: International Women's Day*
- **Sunday, March 8, 2026**, *Day Lights Savings Time begins*
- **Tuesday, March 17, 2026**, *St. Patrick's Day*
- **Friday, March 20, 2026**, *First Day of Spring*
- **Saturday, March 28, 2026**, *Egg Hunt and Big Truck Event* 10:00 am at Municipal Recreation Complex



UPCOMING EVENTS  
APRIL

*Earth Month*

- **Wednesday, April 1, 2026**, *Santa Fe Scavenger Hunt* 10:00am to 4:00PM
- **Wednesday, April 1, 2026**, *April Fool's Day*
- **Thursday, April 2, 2026**, *Women in New Mexico History a Different Downtown Tour* 1:30pm to 3:30pm
- **Thursday, April 2, 2026**, *Ghost Tour: Dark Side of Santa Fe* 5:30pm to 7:30pm
- **Friday, April 3, 2026**, *Annual Pilgrimage Walk to Chimayo*
- **Friday, April 3, 2026**, *Good Friday*
- **Friday, April 3, 2026**, *Easter Event in Santa Cruz*
- **Sunday, April 5, 2026**, *Easter Sunday*
- **Sunday, April 5, 2026**, *Egg Hunt at the Santa Fe Botanical Garden* 10:30am and 1:30pm
- **Wednesday, April 22, 2026**, *Earth Day*



SPECIAL EVENTS

- **Saturday, March 7, 2026**, Valle Vista Community Cleanup Day 9:00 am Valle Vista Development
- **Thursday, March 12, 2026**, Santa Cruz Community Cleanup Day 9:00am Santa Cruz Development
- **Saturday, March 21, 2026**, Camino De Jacobo Easter Egg Hunt Event 2:00pm Unit 57
- **Saturday, March 28, 2026**, Valle Vista Community Easter Event 2:00pm Boys and Girls Club playground
- **Friday, April 3, 2026**, Santa Cruz Community Easter Event 2:00 pm Boys and Girls club parking lot
- **Saturday, April 18, 2026**, Camino De Jacobo Community Cleanup Day 9:00 am Unit 57

### Quote of the Month

*“Two things define you: Your patience when you have nothing and your attitude when you have everything.” ~ Imam Ali*

#### 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](mailto: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](mailto:info@namisantafe.org) [Visit Website](#)
- ⇔ **24/7 Crisis Support** Call the New Mexico Crisis Line: 1-855-662-7474 Or text “NAMI” to 7474 for free, confidential counseling anytime [Visit Website](#)
- ⇔ **Smart 911?** [Visit Website](#)



#### EMERGENCY NUMBERS



- **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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