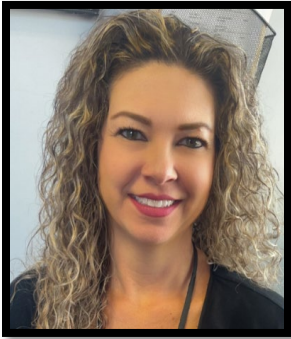


La Voz de La Gente

PUBLIC HOUSING RESIDENT NEWSLETTER



BEHIND THE DESK WITH LORA CHAVEZ

To Our Valued Tenants,

I am pleased to introduce myself —my name is Lora Chavez, and I serve as the Administrative Manager for the Santa Fe County Housing Authority (SFCHA). With over 20 years of experience in the housing sector, I joined the SFCHA in 2020 after serving with the Town of Bernalillo.

My tenure at the Santa Fe County Housing Authority began in 2020 as a Housing Specialist for the Housing Choice Voucher Program. In 2025, I was honored to be selected as Administrative Manager. In this capacity, I oversee the administrative functions of the Housing Authority and serve as a resource for tenants with matters related to rent, leases, violations, and other important concerns.

To keep our residents informed, we occasionally send important updates to our residents via text message and phone calls. To ensure you're receiving these timely notifications, if you haven't already, please contact our office to confirm that you've opted in.

Additionally, the Housing Authority is currently hiring for a Maintenance Technician position. If you or someone you know is interested and qualified, we encourage you to apply using this [link](#).

I look forward to working with all of our tenants and their families. If you have any questions or need assistance regarding the Housing Authority matters, please don't hesitate to reach out to me directly at (505) 992-3063 or via email at lchavez@santafecountynm.gov.

Sincerely,

Lora Chavez

*Administrative Manager
Santa Fe County Housing Authority*



❁ TOPIC OF THE MONTH ❁

GoForth CarShare



Santa Fe County Housing Authority, in partnership with **Forth**, PNM, and the **Land of Enchantment Clean Cities Coalition**, has launched an **Affordable Mobility Platform (AMP)** electric vehicle (EV) carshare pilot program at two of its public housing communities: *52 Camino de Jacobo* and *8 Las Lomas Drive*.

Participants can reserve a vehicle using the MDO Carshare App from the App Store or Google Play. You can also create an account or make bookings at Forthmobility.org. Cost is \$5 per hour or \$50 per day, with discounted rates available for low-income users. There is also on-site EV charging provided.



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, October 6, 2025**, at **4:00pm** at the JDM Conference room, **57 Camino de Jacobo, Santa Fe, NM 87507**, residents can also view the meeting via [TEAMS](#) Conference Call.
- **Valle Vista Resident Advisory Board** will be held on **Tuesday, October 14, 2025**, at **4:45 pm**. This meeting is currently held in-person at the **Valle Vista Conference room, 8 Las Lomas Drive, Santa Fe, NM 87508**, residents can also view the meeting via [TEAMS](#) Conference Call.
- **Valle De Esperanza (Santa Cruz) Resident Advisory Board** will be held on **Monday, October 20, 2025**, at **4:00pm** This meeting is currently held Virtually via [TEAMS](#) conference call, please plan to attend.



RESIDENT INFORMATION



- **Boys and Girls Club:**
If you are interested in your child attending the [Boys and Girls Club](#), please feel free to go by and pick up an application. Located 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 a central location such as a library, apartment complex, or senior center, so food distributions are 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 in becoming a Board member, please complete the [Application](#) and contact Pauline Catanach at 505-995-9530 or [via email at pcatanach@santafecountynm.gov](mailto:pcatanach@santafecountynm.gov).



ROSS PROGRAM

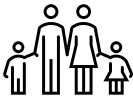
We are also pleased to continue offering resources and support through our **Resident Opportunities and Self-Sufficiency (ROSS) Program**.

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 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 [\(505\)-992-3040](tel:5059923040) or dbradley@santafecountynm.gov to take advantage of the valuable services these programs provide.





CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS HIGHLIGHTS

The Camino de Jacobo Roads Improvements is complete. The project completion was done on August 13, 2025. We hope our residents are enjoying the newly redone road, parking spots, sidewalks, and crossing areas. Thank you to our Project Manager, David Padilla for managing a sucessful project.



TENANT SPOTLIGHT INVITATION



Thank You, Camino de Jacobo Residents, for a Successful Clean-Up!

SFCHA extends its sincere appreciation to the residents of the Camino de Jacobo development and the Boys and Girls Club for their exceptional participation in the recent Toss No Mass Community Clean-Up on September 20, 2025. The dedicated efforts of these residents were instrumental in ensuring a successful and productive clean-up event. Their commitment to improving and maintaining the cleanliness of their neighborhood is a testament to the strong community spirit present within Camino de Jacobo.



LOCAL NEWS

- People live here: Despite efforts by lab, county, many drivers in Los Alamos still feel roads are unsafe
- https://www.riograndesun.com/news/reichert-nominated-for-city-manager-position/article_c18e7cd5-b27d-42cb-88ec-5733dba316f9.html



UPCOMING EVENTS
OCTOBER



Fall bird migration season is upon us. October is a significant peak month for fall bird migration across much of North America.

- October 4th-12th, 2025 - **Balloon Fiesta** | Albuquerque, NM
- October 4th and 5th, 2025 - **53rd Annual Santa Fe Harvest Festival** – | El Rancho De Las Golondrinas | 10:00AM-4:00PM
- Monday, October 13, 2025 – U.S. federal holiday Columbus Day observed as **Indigenous Peoples' Day**. The Santa Fe County Housing Authority will be closed.
- Tuesday, October 14, 2025 – **Food Distribution** | Valle Vista Housing Neighborhood | 12:00pm- 1:00pm | 8 Las Lomas Dr. Santa Fe, NM 87508
- Wednesday, October 15, 2025 – **Food Distribution** | Richard Lucero Recreation Center | 12:00pm- 1:30pm | Espanola, NM 87567
- Saturday, October 18, 2025 – **Pink “ME” 3rd Annual Lace Up and Race 5k Walk/Run** | 4230 Cerillos Rd (Santa Fe Place Mall) | 8:30AM |
- Saturday, October 25, 2025 – **6th Annual Trunk or Trea Car show** | 11:00AM- 3:00PM | Fraternal Order of Police, Santa Fe NM
- Friday, October 31, 2025 – **2nd Annual Canyon Road Halloween Walk** | 5:00PM - 8:00PM



UPCOMING EVENTS
NOVEMBER



*During this month of November let's take time to be **kind** to one another and to our neighbors.*

- Tuesday, November 4, 2025 - U.S. General Election Day
- Tuesday, November 11, 2025 - Veterans Day | The Santa Fe County Housing Authority will be closed
- Thursday, November 27, 2025 - Thanksgiving | The Santa Fe County Housing Authority will be closed on November 27-28, 2025.



SFCHA HALLOWEEN HOME
DECORATING CONTEST!



Ready to show off your Halloween spirit? We're thrilled to announce our annual Home Decorating Contest! Turn your house into a haunted masterpiece for a chance to win a prize!

Judging will take place
Monday, October 20th - Friday October 24th



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

I don't think of all the misery, but of the beauty that still remains”
~Anne Frank

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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