



County Manager's Monthly Memo

From the Santa Fe County Manager

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Board Of County Commissioners Upcoming Schedule

- February 25 at 1pm
- March 11 at 2pm
- 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

All Meetings are held
on Tuesday in the
County Commission
Chambers

All meetings are
broadcast live at
www.santafecountynm.gov
and on Comcast Ch. 28
or you can listen live on
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Caja Del Rio Road Improvement Project Saves Over \$200,000

Santa Fe County recently completed the Caja Del Rio Road Improvement Project and upon the completion had total project savings of over \$200,000 and a reduced completion time. The cost savings and shorter project time came from an extensive coordination between the Public Works Department, Public Safety Department, Public Information Office, City of Santa Fe, local business and homeowners and the Contractor. The coordination allowed for a full road closure and work performed overnight, in place of building temporary roads, which was needed for installing a necessary culvert. Also, without constructing and removing the temporary roads the project was completed six weeks earlier.



The Caja Del Rio Road Improvement Project included the rehabilitation of 1.9 miles of existing asphalt surface to withstand current traffic demands and widening the road to accommodate bicycle lanes.

"This is a great example of the teamwork across the County and with the Contractor to have a successfully coordinated project and save taxpayer money,"
Said Chuck Vigil, Road Projects Manager.

Public Input Needed on Draft Economic Development Plan

Santa Fe County is in the process of adopting a new Economic Development Plan and is seeking public input. The plan will implement the target industries identified in the Economic Development chapter of the Sustainable Growth Management Plan. The adoption of the new policy will replace the previous Community Business Plan of 2005. The draft plan was presented to the Board of County Commissioners at the February 11, 2014 regular meeting.

The Draft Economic Plan is available online at www.santafecountynm.gov under Hot Topics, along with a copy of the proposed appendix. Santa Fe County will be accepting public comment through Friday, February 28, 2014 at 5 p.m.

If you would like to submit a comment please email dgriscom@santafecountynm.gov.

Santa Fe County at the New Mexico Association of Counties Conference



The Santa Fe County Risk Management Division staff completed five years of the New Mexico Association of Counties Risk Awareness Program and reducing Workers' Compensation claims by 27 percent. In addition to the reduction in claims, the Risk Management Division received the Honorable Mention Safety Award for Division V, Class A Counties.

Santa Fe County New Mexico Edge Graduates Enrolled in the New Mexico Certified Public Official Program. Katherine Miller/ County Manager, Lisa Griego/ Public Works, Elsa Ornelas-Segura/ ASD Risk Management, Theresa Romero/ Treasurer's Office (New Mexico Certified Treasury Certification), Gary Perez/ Assessor's Office, Deborah Garcia/ Growth Management (not pictured).



Santa Fe County Adult Corrections Facility Received the New Mexico Local Accreditation Program Certificate From the New Mexico Association of Counties. Santa Fe County's Accreditation was acknowledged during the Closing Session for New Mexico Association of Counties.

Santa Fe County Adult Detention Facility Receives Accreditation

The New Mexico Local Government Accreditation Program Adult Detention Professional Standards Council (ADPSC) recently announced the Santa Fe County Adult Detention Facility attained accreditation by the ADPSC. The accreditation is based on the facilities demonstration to

“The Adult Facility staff works hard and it is an honor for their hard work to be recognized through an accreditation. The Accreditation Process is a three year process and SFCADF achieved this within 20 months,” said Pablo Sedillo III, Public Safety Director.

implement and adhere to ADPSC accreditation standards, which serve to enhance the functioning and professionalism of detention facilities in New Mexico. There are 209 New Mexico Association of County Standards that must be complied with for the accreditation. The accreditation is a three year award.

Upcoming Aamodt Workshops and Office Hours

Santa Fe County is sponsoring workshops and office hours to inform the public of the Pojoaque Valley Pueblos’ water right settlement and the options which the Court has asked non-Pueblo water right owners to make.

Upcoming Workshops (registration is required) To register contact Darcy Bushnell 505-277-0551 or bushnell@law.unm.edu

All workshops will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

- Tuesday, Feb. 25 – Nambé Community Center, 180 A State Rd. 503
- Thursday, Feb. 27 – Rio en Medio/ Chupadero Community Center, 1 El Alto Road
- Tuesday, March 4 – El Rancho Community Center, 394 County Road 84, El Rancho
- Thursday, March 6 – Pojoaque Satellite Office, Next to True Value
- Tuesday, March 11 – Nambé Community Center, 180 A State Rd. 503
- Thursday, March 13 – Tesuque Elementary School Library, 1555 Bishop’s Lodge Road
- Tuesday, March 18 – El Rancho Community Center, 394 County Road 84
- Thursday, March 20 – Pojoaque Satellite Office, Next to True Value
- Tuesday, March 25 – Nambé Community Center, 180 A State Rd. 503
- Thursday, March 27 – Tesuque Elementary School Library, 1555 Bishop’s Lodge Road
- Tuesday, April 1 – El Rancho Community Center, 394 County Road 84
- Thursday, April 3 – Pojoaque Satellite Office, Next to True Value

Office Hours

Office Hours will be held at the Santa Fe County Pojoaque Satellite Office, 5 West Gutierrez, Suite 9, Pojoaque, NM (in the Pojoaque Pueblo Plaza) Every Wednesday between Feb. 26 – April 2 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Every Saturday between March 1 – April 5 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

For More Information Visit www.santafecountynm.gov and click Aamodt Settlement Information under Hot Topics

The Wall That Heals

The Traveling Vietnam Veterans Memorial and Museum

March 20—24, 2014

Admission is FREE

**On Display at the Fort Marcy Ball Park
(just north on the Old Taos Highway on
Morales Road)**

March 20 at 11 a.m. - Welcoming Ceremony
 March 22 at 3 p.m. - Reading of 398 New Mexico Names on the Wall followed by a Candlelight vigil
 March 23 at 11 a.m. – Honoring Ceremonies

Viewing is permitted 24/7 from March 20- March 24

Resident Says “Thank You” to SFC FIRE

Dear Chief Sperling,

In December I dislocated my hip and had to call 911 for an ambulance. At the time, I did not know if my hip was dislocated or broken, but the pain was intense. The first paramedics to arrive were professional and caring. Their calm demeanor diffused a lot of anxiety experienced by both my husband and myself. The second paramedics to respond with the ambulance were equally as professional and caring.

Upon arrival at Christus St. Vincent’s Emergency, we discovered that they were extremely busy that evening and our wait was about two hours before we got a room. During this entire time, J. Black, J. Dominquez, C. Moya stayed with me, always checking on my comfort and kept my husband informed about the delay.

I know that the paramedics could have been doing

other things besides waiting with me until a room was assigned, but they never made me feel like they were being inconvenienced.

Firefighter R. Martinez also responded to the call and deserves equal praise and gratitude. He drove the truck back to the station, while the others were in the ambulance with me.

My husband and I just wanted you to know how much it meant to us to have such capable young men taking care of this situation. Santa Fe County Fire Department should be proud of them, we are.

Sincerely,
JT

**this letter was modified for privacy and shortened for publication*

Congrats County Treasurer Varela



Treasurer Varela was recently elected the chairman of the New Mexico Association of Counties Treasurers affiliate. Santa Fe County has not had a Treasurer chair this committee in almost 25 years!

County Attorney Writes Feature Article for Winter Newsletter

Our very own Santa Fe County Attorney, Stephen Ross recently had an article titled *The Unusual Role of Elected County Clerks in Resolving the Question of Same-Sex Marriage in New Mexico* published in the Winter State and Local Law News Newsletter. If you want to read a copy of the article, you can find one in the Santa Fe County Attorney’s Office.

Santa Fe County has joined 16 states that permit same-sex marriage. Santa Fe County Clerk, Geraldine Salazar began issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples on August 23, 2014. The first same-sex marriage took place within an hour after receiving the license from the County Clerk.

Santa Fe County and Charter School Team Up!

Santa Fe County Volunteer Coordinator, Carol Branch recently submitted a proposal to the Masters Program Charter School, that would eventually lead to the creation of a 10 weeks course. The class meets weekly on Friday afternoons, with the first class started on January 31, 2014. County Staff and 12 students along with their instructor Jody LeFevers are learning about our public lands and helping improve them through several projects.

These projects consist of trail building and maintenance, erosion control, building of dams, identification and removal of non-native trees, fire prevention and actual thinning of trees, building and repairing fences, transplanting trees, planting flower gardens and many other beautification ventures throughout the county.

The total volunteer hours will equal about 300 and save thousands of dollars for Santa Fe County.

The Masters Program is a blended academic program, combining high school level courses and dual credit college courses. Students have the choice of participating in several different community service projects including a public lands course. The Charter School located on the campus of the Santa Fe Community College.

What's Happening in Brief at SFC

Santa Fe County Regional Emergency Dispatch Center (RECC) gets New System

RECC recently started using new system that will allow for faster response times to emergencies. The new system uses GPS devices on police units to identify, where the units are and which one is closest to the scene.

Ken Martinez, RECC director stated the new system will allow dispatchers to send the closest officer, reduce confusion and increase officer safety.

Santa Fe County Suspects Scam

The Santa Fe County Community Services Department

recently sent out notification to residents regarding a suspected scam.

Seniors are reporting receiving phone calls from individuals who claim they were contacted to do chore services for the senior.

What you need to know—

These “Chore” services are not being coordinated through Santa Fe County.

If you receive this type of solicitation for services you are asked to call the Santa Fe County non-emergency dispatch number – 428-3720 – to report the incident. Santa Fe County Sheriff’s Department has been notified of this suspected scam.

Mobile Health Van

The Santa Fe County Mobile Health Van (MHV) travels around Santa Fe County providing free health screenings including: Blood Pressure Screenings, Blood Glucose Checks, Adult Flu shots, Oxygen Assessments, Cholesterol Checks and medication review. To view a monthly schedule visit

www.santafecountynm.gov and click Mobile Health Van from the Services dropdown or call 505-992-9849.



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Address:
102 Grant Ave
Santa Fe, NM 87501-2061

Phone:
Santa Fe County Main Line

(505) 986-6200

Frequently Called Numbers:

Santa Fe County Assessor’s Office – (505) 986-6300

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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