

Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Department of Senior Affairs



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City of Albuquerque Department of Senior Affairs Hosts the Annual *San Isidro* Garden Blessing at the Barelmas Senior Center

ALBUQUERQUE, NM—The City of Albuquerque Department of Senior Affairs will host its annual *El Camino Real* Garden Blessing on Friday, May 15, 2015. The blessing will begin at 10:00 a.m. in the main lobby of the Barelmas Senior Center (714 7th St., SW 87102). The tradition is hundreds of years old. It is celebrated in Spanish speaking countries around the world on the feast of San Isidro, patron of farmers and gardeners.

“Gardening is a spring-time tradition that has been embraced by New Mexicans for centuries,” said Jorja Armijo-Brasher, the Director of the Department of Senior Affairs. “The garden that will be blessed today sits along the original route of *El Camino Real* at the Barelmas Senior Center.”

This is the third year that this traditional garden draws the community together for the annual celebration. “This garden was started at the grassroots level by volunteers,” said Patrick Turrieta, a volunteer at the Barelmas Senior Center. “I am proud that all of the work in this garden continues to be supported by dozens of volunteers and staff.” Light refreshments will be served following the blessing.

For more information about the services offered by the City of Albuquerque Department of Senior Affairs, call (505) 764-6400.

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