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**Barelas Senior Center** 



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## Let's Decorate the Tree!

Come enjoy good company and a fun time as we decorate the tree. Warm up with some hot chocolate and enjoy some sweet treats!



Accredited by National Institute of We are committed to providing resources with care and compassion Senior Centers

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Tuesday, December 3rd 9:00 am - 10:30 am

that help our community thrive while embracing aging.



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**Barelas Senior Center** 

Friday, December 20th

1:30 - 4 pm \$3



## Activities Arts and Crafts

Art Meditation - Monday 10:30 am - 11:30 am
Crotchet w/Roland - Tuesday 10:00 am - 11:00 am
Crotchet w/Ralfaleta - Thursday 10:30 am - 1:00 pm
Ceramics - Mondays & Wednesday 9:00 am - Noon
Retablos- Tuesday 9:00 am - 11:30 am
Tin - Tuesday 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm





Beginning Acrylic Painting - Tuesday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Painting from the Heart - Wednesday 9:00 am - 11:30 am Offbeat Artists- 1st & 3rd Friday 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

#### Cards & Games

Billiards - 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Cards - 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Games -Tuesdays & Thursdays 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Puzzles - Monday-Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Bingo - Tuesday 2:00 pm - 4:15 pm

## **Dance/Exercise**

Line Dance- Beginner - Wednesday 9:00 am - 10:00 am Line Dance - Improver- Wednesday 10:15 am - 11:15 am

#### **Exercise**

Pilates- Monday 9:30 am - 10:30 am
Pickleball - Monday 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm
Senior Cardio & Curls - Tuesday 9:30 am - 10:30 am
Yoga - Thursday 9:00 am - 10:00 am



#### Garden

Visiting Hours:

**TBD** 

Greenhouse Garden Gathering Monthly Meeting Wednesday, December 18th 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

## Language

Italian - Thursday 1:30 pm - 2:20 pm Spanish: Beginner - Tuesday 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm Spanish: Beginner II - Wednesday 2:15 pm - 3:15 pm Spanish: Intermediate - Wednesday 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

## Learning

Conversations on the Bible - Wednesday 10:00 am

#### Music

Beginner Guitar- Monday 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm Spanish Acoustic Jam Session - Friday 10:30 am - 12:00 pm



## **Dance to Live Music**

\$3/person

**Fridays** 

1:30 pm - 4:00 pm



December 6th
December 13th
December 20th
December 27th

Antonio y Los Unicos Enchanted Four Peter Vigil & The All-Star Band

No Dance

## **Trips**

A minimum of three people must sign up for weekly trips in order for the van to depart.

#### **Old Town Stroll**

Friday, December 6th Check In: 4:10 pm Return 8:30 pm Dinner at your own expense

#### Shopping & Lunch at **Cracker Barrel**

Tuesday, December 10th Check In: 10:45 am Return 2:00 pm Lunch at your own expense

#### **National Hispanic Cultural Center** Musuem & Lunch at Cervantes

Wednesday, December 18th Check In: 9:45 am Return 2:30 pm Free 60+ & Lunch at your own expense

#### Come make snowflakes with us?

Come learn the art of cutting snowflakes with the talented Mr. Al. Learn a new skill and help fill our center with these beautiful pieces of art.

Monday, Dec. 2nd, 9th & 16th. 9:30 am - 10:30 am

#### **Check your classes in December**

Many classes and activities are cancelled during December due to instructors taking a break. Please check with your instructor or front desk if you are unsure about the schedule.

## Now we're cooking!

Come learn cooking skills. Discover how to save money when buying food. Explore food health and safety.



Wednesday, December 4th - December 18th

9:30 am - 11:00 am



Check with the front desk on how to sign up or call Emily at 505-243-1386.

## **Spice Rack Remedies**

Join us for an interactive monthly class as we explore learning about different spices to improve health.

> Come learn about the benefits of CINNAMON.



Wednesday, December 11th 1:30 pm

## Landlord-Tenant Law in NM **Presentation**

Join Senior Citizen Law Firm to learn the basics of Landlord-Tenant law.

Friday, December 6th 10:00 am Sign up at the front desk or call 505-764-6436



## **Hair for the Holidays**

Aveda Institute students are offering haircuts to get you ready for the holidays for only \$5. Sign up at the front desk.

## **Barelas** Wednesday, December 11th 9:15 am

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## Join the Celebration

A.C.E. Leadership HS Students, Barelas Senior Center Gardeners, & Muralist Francisco LeFebre will be celebrating the rededication & restoration of three panel murals by David Ochoa from Amy Biehl HS over 10 years ago.

Wednesday, December 4th 10:00 am - 11:00 am

## **Barelas Senior Center Community Garden**







## **Beginner Spanish Class**

Begins Thursday, January 9th 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm. Limited space. Sign up at the front desk or call 505-764-6436.



Come experience an energetic bilingual performance by students.

> Friday, December 13th 10:30 am



We will be **CLOSED** Wednesday, December 25th for Christmas Dav.



## **Pre-Holiday Lunch**

Ham w/Pineapple Glaze, Mashed Sweet Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, & a Holiday Cookie

Tuesday, December 24th 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Make reservations by 1:00 pm Monday.

#### **ESL**

Vamos a ofrecer una clase de inglés como segundo idioma a partir del 9 de enero de 2025. Registrate hablo

en la recepción.

Ven a aprender inglés!





#### **Senior Citizen's Law Office**

Senior Citizen's Law Office Provides general legal information. Divorces, wills and criminal issues are not included. Schedule an appointment at the front desk or call 505-764-6436. SENIOR ITIZENS

Thursday, December 12th 10:30 am - 12:30 pm

## **Painting from the Heart**

Come learn how to paint beautiful skies and landscapes with a highly awarded fine art artist.

Starts Wednesday, January 15th 9:00 am - 11:30 am. Limited space.

Sign up at the front desk & get a list of supplies needed.

## **December Birthday Celebration**

Come enjoy a sweet treat and celebrate our December birthdays!

Tuesday, December 17th 1:00 pm

#### **Twisters**

Wednesday, December 11th 1:15 pm Rated PG-13 Drama



## **Movies Davs**





#### Elf

Health

Wednesday, December 18th 1:15 pm Rated PG Comedy

#### **GEHM Clinic**



Wednesday, December 18th

8:30 am - 12:00 pm

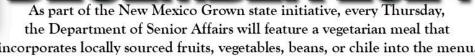
Nurse-managed clinics provide a variety of health promotion services for persons 55 and over. Services include: blood pressure & diabetes screening; health assessments; counseling related to nutrition, health problems, aging process, medication management; diabetic self-management education and more.

#### **Advisory Council Meeting**

No Meeting this month. Next meeting in January.



# DECEMBER 2024





incorporates locally sourced fruits, vegetables, beans, or chile into the menu.				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
• Salisbury Steak w/ Green Chile Gravy • Corn • Mashed Potatoes • Dinner Roll/Margarine • Yogurt • 1% milk	• Turkey Tetrazzini • Brussel Sprouts • Peach Cobbler • Breadstick • 1% milk	◆ Baked Tilapia w/Tarter Sauce ◆ Rice Pilaf ◆ Green Beans ◆ Vanilla Pudding ◆ 1% milk	<ul> <li>Spaghetti / Mushrooms</li> <li>Seasonal Vegetable</li> <li>Breadstick</li> <li>Mixed Fruit Cup</li> <li>1% milk</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Diced Pork w/ Gravy</li> <li>Brown Rice</li> <li>Oriental Blend</li> <li>Dinner Roll/Margarine</li> <li>Jell-O</li> <li>1% milk</li> </ul>
• Beef Stir-Fry • Butter Noodles • Fortune Cookies • Seasonal Fruit • 1% milk	<ul> <li>Lemon Baked Salmon</li> <li>White Rice</li> <li>Seasonal Vegetable</li> <li>Dinner Roll/ Margarine</li> <li>Orange</li> <li>1% milk</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Pork Tamale/Red Chile</li> <li>Pinto Beans</li> <li>Seasonal Vegetable/ Calabacitas</li> <li>Chocolate Pudding</li> <li>1% milk</li> </ul>	• Cheese Omelet / Onions & Peppers • Stewed Tomatoes • Spinach • Apple Sauce • 1% milk	Chicken Posole     Succotash     Tortilla     Diced Pears     1% milk
• Carne Adovada/ Red Chile • Spanish Rice • Corn w/ Red Peppers • Vanilla Pudding • 1% milk	• Turkey & Brown Rice w/ Gravy • Green Beans • Cauliflower w/ Red Peppers • Apple Sauce • 1% milk	Baked Chicken     Mashed Potatoes     Diced Beets     Mixed Fruits     1% milk	Macaroni & Broccoli     Spinach     Cherry Cobbler     Dinner Roll/Margarine     1% milk	Ground Beef/Potatoes     Stewed Tomatoes     Combread     Peaches     1% milk
23  • Baked Cod Fish/ Tartar Sauce • Rice Pilaf • Carrots • Jell-O • 1% milk	24  • Ham/Pineapple Glaze • Mashed Sweet Potatoes • Mixed Vegetables • Holiday Cookie • 1% milk	CLOSED CLOSED HOUSE	<ul> <li>Veggie Cheeseburger</li> <li>Diced Beets</li> <li>Normandy Blend</li> <li>Chocolate Pudding</li> <li>1% milk</li> </ul>	27  • Green Chile Chicken Tamale • Pinto Beans • Calabacitas • Yogurt • 1% milk
<ul> <li>Texas Chili</li> <li>Cornbread/Margarine</li> <li>Succotash</li> <li>Diced Pears</li> <li>1% milk</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Asian Diced Pork/ Peppers</li> <li>Rice Pilaf</li> <li>Oriental Blend</li> <li>Fortune Cookie</li> <li>1% milk</li> </ul>	CLOSED HAPPY	Omelet w/ Red Chile & Peppers Sweet Potatoes Blackeye Peas Dinner Roll/Margarine Pudding 1% milk	<ul> <li>Breaded Cod/ Tartar Sauce</li> <li>Crinkle Cut Fries</li> <li>Peas &amp; Carrots</li> <li>Brownies</li> <li>1% milk</li> </ul>

#### **Hello December!**

As 2024 draws to a close, I am delighted to reflect on a remarkable year full of progress for the Department of Senior Affairs, as well as to share some of the exciting plans we have in store for 2025. This year, we were thrilled to host the Barelas Senior Center Fiestas for the first time of since the COVID-19 pandemic, marking the return of the beloved tradition to the Barelas neighborhood. We also celebrated the 50th anniversary of Palo Duro Senior Center, representing five decades of service to our older adult community.

Another highlight was the grand opening of the Santa Barbara Martineztown Multigenerational Center, a vibrant space designed to bring generations together. Looking ahead, the new Northwest Multigenerational Center, which broke ground in May 2024, is scheduled to open late next year, further expanding our commitment to serving families across the city.

Coming up in 2025, we're excited to offer even more ways for folks to stay active and engaged as they age. From expanded health and fitness offerings to unlimited learning and opportunities to connect, there is so much to look forward to. Over the next few months, we will also be reevaluating our menus to ensure they continue to meet the highest standards while serving the diverse and growing needs of our community. Your feedback and ideas will be crucial to this process, as we work to upgrade our meals to promote health and wellbeing!

As you celebrate the holidays with family and friends, I hope you take pride in being part of a community that's committed to growing stronger together. Your participation and support make everything we do possible, and we can't wait to continue this journey with you.

Wishing you a joyous holiday season and a New Year filled with health and happiness.

Sincerely, Anna M. Sanchez, Director