DEPARTMENT OF SENIOR AFFAIRS

Barelas Senior Center



DECEMBER

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We are committed to providing resources with care and compassion that help our community thrive while embracing aging.



Activities Arts and Crafts

Art Meditation - Monday 10:30 - 11:30 am
Coloring Group - Thursday 12:30 pm
Crotchet w/Roland - Tuesday 10:00 - 11:00 am
Crotchet w/Rafaelita - Thursday 10:30- 1:00 pm
Ceramics - Mondays & Wednesday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Retablos- Tuesday 9:00 - 11:30 am
Tin - Tuesday 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Beginning Acrylic Painting - Tuesday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Offbeat Artists- 1st & 3rd Friday 1:00 - 3:00 pm







Dance/Exercise

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

Exercise

Pilates- Monday 9:30 - 10:30 am
Pickleball - Monday 1:30 - 3:30 pm
Senior Cardio & Curls - Tuesday 9:30 - 10:30 am
Chair Yoga - Monday 10:30 - 11:30 am
Yoga - Thursday 9:00 - 10:00 am
Tai Chi: Holistic - Friday 9:00 - 10:00 am

Cards & Games

Billiards - 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Cards - 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Chess - Tuesday 2:00 - 3:00 pm

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

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

Bingo - Tuesday 2:00 - 4:15 pm



Main Garden open daily. Greenhouse Garden hours will vary by volunteers.



Bible Study - Wednesday 9:30 - 10:30 am

Language

Italian - Thursday 1:30 - 2:30 pm Spanish: Beginner 1 - Tuesday 1:00 - 2:00 pm Spanish: Beginner 2 - Thursday 1:00 - 2:00 pm

Spanish: Intermediate - Wednesday 1:00 - 2:00 pm Spanish: Intermediate II- Wednesday 2:00 - 3:00 pm

Advanced Spanish Conversation - Wednesday 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

No Spanish Classes in December

Music

Spanish Acoustic Jam Session - Friday 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Dance to Live Music

\$3/person Fridays 1:30 pm - 4:00 pm



December 5th December 12th December 19th December 26th Dickie Chavez Milagro La Raza No Dance



Trips

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

Winter Spanish Market in Santa Fe

Saturday, December 6th Check In: 8:00 am Return 5:00 pm Lunch at your own expense



Reschedule

Bosque del Apache

Wednesday, December 10th Check In: 8:30 am Return 3:30 pm Lunch at your own expense

The Nutcracker in the Land of **Enchantment Ballet**

Thursday December 18th

Check In: 5:45 am Return 8:45 pm





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



Beginner Spanish Class Begins Thursday, January 14h 2:15 pm - 3:15 pm. Limited space. Sign up at the front desk



or call

505-764-6436.

ESL

Vamos a ofrecer una clase de inglés como segundo idioma a partir del 6 de enero de 2025. Registrate en la recepción. Ven a aprender inglés!

Bible Study

Bible Study will have a different day starting in December. Come join in to learn and support each other with the Bible.

Wednesdays, starting December 3rd 9:30 am - 10:30 am

Hair for the Holidays!

It's time to look your best for the holidays! Come try something different! Aveda Institute students are offering fresh haircuts for only \$5. Sign up at the front desk.

Friday, December 12th



9:40 am

AARP Smart Driver

This four-hour class provides techniques for coping with change in vision, hearing, & reaction time, along with the rules of the road. Anyone 50+ may take this class & may receive a discount on insurance premiums. Cost: \$20 for AAARP Members \$25 for non-AARP Members (Checks or Money Orders ONLY Accepted).

Sign up at the front desk or call 505-764-6436

Wednesday, December 17th 12:30 pm - 4:30 pm



December Birthday Celebration

Come enjoy a sweet treat and celebrate our December birthdays!



Oak St. Tuesday, December 18th Health 1:00 nm 1:00 pm



Flea Market

Come shop our wonderful Flea Market!

We have 16 vendors that have great treasurers just waiting for you!

Every Thursday 8:00 am - 11:00 am



Early voting is December 1st - December 6th. Election Day is December 9th





Snowflakes

Come learn the art of cutting snowflakes with the talented Mr. Al. Learn a new skill and make some festive decorations!

Wednesday, December 3rd & 10th 9:30 am - 11:00 am



Ham w/ Pineapple Glaze, Mashed Sweet Potato, Normandy Blend, Holiday Cookie & 1% Milk

Wednesday, December 24th 11:30 am - 1:00 pm Make reservations by 1:00 pm Tuesday.

Do you have legal questions?

Senior Citizens Law Office, offers one on one legal consultations. Divorces, wills and criminal issues are not included. Schedule an appointment at the front desk or call 505-764-6436.

Thursday, December 11th 10:30 am - 12:30 pm



We will be CLOSED
Thursday, January 1st
in honor of
New Years Day.



Barelas Child Development Center

Barelas Child Development center will be here with the Old Town Optimist Club. Santa and carolers will be here to visit the children. Come watch the fun!

Thursday, December 11th 9:30 am - 10:30 am

We just want to take this time to let all
of our seniors and wonderful
volunteers know how grateful we are
for you! We wish you joy and
happiness now and always. We look
forward to spending the new year with
you!

Much appreciation, Barelas Crew





Noelle

Wednesday, December 10th
1:15 pm
Rated PG
Comedy/Family



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Wednesday, December 17th 1:15 pm Rated PG-13 Action/Comedy

GEHM Clinic



Wednesday, December 17th

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.



For all our holiday and seasonal events, please visit www.cabq.gov/seniors and click on the 'Senior Affairs Events' tab on the left side of the page.





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As part of the New Mexico Grown state initiative, every Thursday, the Department of Senior Affairs will feature a vegetarian meal that incorporates locally sourced fruits, vegetables, beans, or chile into the menu.

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Hello Cold Weather!

Another year is almost over, and what a year 2025 has been! From celebrating Los Volcanes Senior Center's 35th Anniversary to hosting another successful Barelas Senior Center Fiesta, the Department of Senior Affairs has stayed busy!

This year, Senior Affairs saw its' Foster
Grandparent Program honored with the
"Program of Merit" award from Generations
United; partnered with AARP Tax Service to
transmit almost 6,000 federal returns and
nearly as many state returns; began several
new renovation projects across the Senior and
Multigenerational Centers; provided students
enrolled in the City of Albuquerque's Job
Mentor Program valuable hands-on
experience supporting older adults in the
community; and launched our new EngAGE
campaign!

The year of 2026 has more in store for you to remain engaged and be on the lookout for our annual survey to gather your thoughts and suggestions on our programs and services.

Wishing you all love and comfort through the holidays to come.

Sincerely,

Anna Sanchez, Director

Department of Senior Affairs





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