



As we welcome the month of May, we are reminded that this season is all about growth, renewal, and possibility. Just as flowers bloom and days grow brighter, so too does the impact of your service continue to flourish in our community.

Your dedication through the AmeriCorps RSVP program brings meaningful change to the lives of so many. Whether you are offering your time, sharing your skills, or simply showing up with compassion, you are helping to build a stronger, more connected community. May is the perfect time to reflect on how your efforts create ripples of kindness that extend far beyond what we can see.

This month, we also celebrate the spirit of service that unites us. Each hour you give is a powerful reminder that positive change is possible at any age and stage of life. Your commitment inspires others and strengthens the foundation of volunteerism for generations to come.

As we move forward into the warmth and energy of May, we encourage you to embrace new opportunities, reconnect with your purpose, and take pride in the difference you make every day. Together, we are growing something truly meaningful.

Thank you for being an essential part of our RSVP community.

With appreciation,  
The RSVP Office

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### DSA Administration



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### Office Hours

Monday -Friday 8:00  
a.m.-5:00 p.m.

# Updates & Reminders

## Important Dates

05/02: Kentucky Derby  
05/04: Star Wars Day  
05/05: Cinco de Mayo  
05/10: Mother's Day  
05/25: CLOSED - Memorial Day

HELLO=  
May

## Volunteer Badge Policy

It is standard operating procedure of the Department of Senior Affairs that all volunteers shall wear a DSA approved identification badge while on City of Albuquerque Property. ID badges must be worn on the outer most layer of clothing above the waist at all times while volunteering.

## Mileage Reimbursement

We've received a few questions regarding the mileage reimbursement policy. The mileage reimbursement policy is one round trip per day from your residence to your volunteer station returning home with a maximum of \$25.00 per month.

## New Volunteer Orientation

If you are new to the program or need a refresher on how to enter your hours into the Web Assistant, training sessions are held on the second Tuesday of each month at the Barelas Senior Center – RSVP office. To register contact the RSVP office at (505) 767-5225.



## MEMORIAL ★ DAY ★

*Remember & Honor*

Join us this Memorial Day as we honor and remember the brave service members who gave their lives in service to our nation.

All are welcome to attend this special ceremony as we reflect, give thanks, and pay tribute to our fallen heroes.

**May 25<sup>th</sup> 2026**

**Ceremony Begins at 10:30 AM**

NM Veterans Memorial Park  
1100 Louisiana Blvd SE  
Albuquerque, NM 87108



For more information  
and to be a vendor:  
(505) 768-4495



## Advisory Council Members

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## RSVP Advisory Council Awards 2026 Grants

For the third consecutive year, the RSVP Advisory Council has awarded grants to its volunteer sites to carry out volunteer supportive activities. Each program has multiple RSVP members contributing support to the project. This year's group of ten represents classes and intergenerational activities.

The recipients for Spring 2026 are:

- **Los Volcanoes Tin Art Class and Woodcarvers Power Carving class**
- **North Valley Hand Quilters**
- **Read to Me bilingual books program**
- **Barelas Colcha Embroidery Class, Art Class, Tin Art Class and Ceramics and Pottery**
- **Lovelace Westside Hospital Therapeutic Comfort Bears for Children**
- **Lovelace Women's Hospital Children's Welcome Bags**



# Celebrations

## May Birthdays

2nd Joni R.  
Adela S.

3rd Birgit S.

6th Suzann K.

8th Barbara S.

9th Anita S.

10th Jennifer E.

11th Sarah K.  
Lisa P.

13th Richard C.  
Margaret G.  
Linda L.

14th Maria I.  
Annabelle S.  
Christine S.

15th Wilma G.  
Amalia S.

16th Mary B.  
Susan H.  
Georgette S.

17th Aurora M.

19th Robin B.  
Ramona R.

20th Leticia L.

21st Vitalia C.  
Elizabeth H.

22nd Magdalena B.

24th Rosemary W.

26th Mella G.

27th Linda S.

28th Marianna B.  
Deanna M.

29th Judy S.

30th Jaime R.  
Bernice V.

31st Robert C.



**⇒ 2026 ⇒**

## Free Ride to the Santa Fe National Cemetery

Please sign up at the front desk  
All riders must be registered at their local Senior Center

Trips available Wednesdays on the following dates:

- April 8, 2026 Deadline – March 31, 2026
- May 13, 2026 Deadline – May 5, 2026
- June 10, 2026 Deadline – June 2, 2026

Participation is limited to the first 7 that sign up  
All transportation and lunch is provided

albuquerquelittletheatre.org  
505 242 4750

**April 24 - May 10**  
Albuquerque Little Theatre  
224 San Pasquale Ave SW

ALBUQUERQUE LITTLE THEATRE

# Boeing Boeing

Use code Jet25 at checkout for 25% off your tickets!

Scan for tickets:

www.albuquerquelittletheatre.org

**A jet-set romance in the swinging '60s.  
Three fiancées. What could go wrong?!**

# Opportunities

## Volunteer Stations

Albuquerque Bio Park Education  
Albuquerque Little Theater  
Albuquerque Museum  
Albuquerque Police Department  
Albuquerque Reads  
Anderson/Abruzzo International  
Balloon Museum  
Animal Welfare Department  
ARC Thrift Store  
Aviation Department  
Barelas Senior Center  
Bear Canyon Senior Center  
BernCo Senior & Social Services  
Department  
Catholic Charities  
City of Albuquerque Greenhouse  
City of Albuquerque Open Space  
Compassus  
DSA Advisory Council  
DSA Case Management  
DSA Home Services  
DSA Information & Assistance

DSA Nutrition  
DSA Satellite Meal Sites  
DSA Sports & Fitness  
DSA Transportation  
DSA Volunteers in Action  
Explora Science Center  
Friends of Valle de Oro  
Highland Senior Center  
Hospice De La Luz  
Indian Pueblo Cultural Center  
Los Volcanes Senior Center  
Lovelace Women's Hospital  
Manzano Mesa Multigenerational  
Center  
Maxwell Mus. of Anthropology  
Meals on Wheels  
Musical Theatre Southwest  
Nat. Hispanic Cultural Center  
New Mexico Kids Matter  
New Mexico Veterans Memorial  
NM Museum of Nat. Hist. and  
Science

NM Aging & Long-Term Services  
NM Commission for the Blind  
NM Long-Term Care Ombudsman  
North Domingo Baca M.C.  
North Valley Senior Center  
Palo Duro Senior Center  
Popejoy Hall  
Presbyterian Healthcare Services  
Presbyterian Northside  
ProMedica Hospice  
Read to Me Albuquerque Network  
Roadrunner Food Bank  
Ronald McDonald House Charities  
RSVP  
RSVP Advisory Council  
Santa Barbara Martineztown M.C.  
Storehouse  
University Hospital  
VA Center for Development and  
Civic Engagement  
Visit Albuquerque

## Special Projects

### New Mexico Railrunner

Is in need of 5 volunteers to assist passengers with schedules, station questions, ticket purchasing and more. There will also be days to assist with handing out books to children in collaboration with the Read to Me program.

Benefits will include a month pass for the NM Rail Runner, volunteer vest, and Rail Runner Merchandise !

**Last to sign up will be Friday, May 18th.**

**Various Dates throughout June & July from 9am - 11am  
Mantano & Los Ranchos/Jornal Rail Stations**

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.



MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY						
27	28	29	30	1	4	5	6	7	8					
Green Chile Chicken Posole 4oz Roasted Potatoes 4oz Bell Peppers 4oz Mandarin Oranges 4oz 1% Milk 8oz	Beef Tips w/ Noodles 4oz Normandy Blend 4oz Pinto Beans 4oz Dinner Roll 1ea Margarine 1pc Pear 4oz 1% Milk 8oz	Pork Loin 3oz Black Eyed Peas 4oz Sweety Potatoes 4oz Honey Dew 1ea 1% Milk 8oz	Mozzarella Baked Ziti 4oz Marinara 1oz Winter Blend 4oz Garlic Bread Stick 1ea Apple Sauce 4oz 1% Milk 8oz	Salisbury Steak 3oz Gravy 1oz Diced Potatoes 4oz Malibu Blend 4oz Jell-O 4oz 1% Milk 8oz	Corned Beef 3oz Cabbage Stew 4oz Corn/Red Peppers 4oz Green Beans 4oz Dinner Roll 1ea Margarine 1pc Pear 1ea 1% Milk 8oz	Red Chile Beef Enchilada 2ea Spanish Rice 4oz Pinto Beans 4oz Jell-O 4oz 1% Milk 8oz	Teriyaki Chicken 4oz Green Beans/Carrots 4oz Brown Rice 4oz Banana 1ea 1% Milk 8oz	Cheese Omelet w/ Green Chile Sauce 1ea Stewed Tomatoes 4oz Calabacitas 4oz Tortilla 2ea Peach 4oz 1% Milk 8oz	Pork Chop 3oz Brown Gravy 1oz Mashed Potatoes 4oz Brussel Sprouts 4oz Vanilla Pudding 4oz 1% Milk 8oz	11	12	13	14	15
Salisbury Steak 4oz Green Chile/Gravy 1oz Normandy Blend 4oz Diced Beets 4oz Dinner Roll 1ea Margarine 1pc Cupped Pears 4oz 1% Milk 8oz	Breaded Pollok 3oz Tarter Sauce 1pc Brussel Sprouts 4oz Sweet Potato Mash 4oz Dinner Roll 1ea Margarine 1pc Yogurt 4oz 1% Milk 8oz	Carne Adovada 3oz Red Chile 1oz Pinto Beans 4oz Spanish Rice 4oz Tortilla 2ea Applesauce 4oz 1% Milk 8oz	Mac & Cheese w/ Broccoli 4oz Cabbage w/ Apples & Onions 4oz Wheat Bread Stick 1ea Cupped Peaches 4oz 1% Milk 8oz	Sweet & Sour Chicken 3oz w/ Peppers 2oz Brown Rice 4oz Sliced Carrots 4oz Fortune Cookie 2ea 1% Milk 8oz	18	19	20	21	22					
Beef Chili Beans 4oz Roasted Cauliflower 4oz Dinner Roll 1ea Margarine 1pc Brownie 1ea 1% Milk 8oz	BBQ Pulled Pork 4oz Sweet Potato 4oz Peas & Carrots 4oz Watermelon 4oz 1% Milk 8oz	Green Chile Chicken Enchiladas 2ea Spanish Rice 4oz Pinto Beans 4oz Yogurt 4oz 1% Milk 8oz	Mushroom Swiss Veggie Burger 1ea Steamed Broccoli 4oz Sweet Potato Fries 4oz Jell-O 4oz 1% Milk 8oz	Green Chile Chicken Posole 4oz Succotash 4oz Dinner Roll 1ea Margarine 1pc Warm Apple Slices 4oz 1% Milk 8oz	<b>CLOSED</b> 25	26	27	28	29					
<b>memorial DAY</b>	Chicken Tamales 2ea Green Chile 2oz Mushrooms/Onions 4oz Brussel Sprouts 4oz Orange 4oz 1% Milk 8oz	Pork Fajitas 3oz Black Beans 4oz Normandy Blend 4oz Tortilla 2ea Strawberries 4oz 1% Milk 8oz	Rotini Pasta 4oz Marinara Sauce 1oz Spinach & Onions 4oz Corn 4oz Seasonal Fruit 1ea 1% Milk 8oz	Teriyaki Beef 3oz Brown Rice 4oz Sliced Carrots 4oz Dinner Roll 1ea Margarine 1pc Applesauce 4oz 1% Milk 8oz										