RSVP Voluntimes

November 2026



As we look ahead to the holiday season—a time for gathering with family and friends, enjoying favorite traditions, and reflecting on the things that matter most. Here in Albuquerque, the cooler days and changing seasons offer a wonderful reminder to slow down, reconnect, and appreciate the people who make our community special.

I'm excited to introduce myself as the new Community Volunteer Engagement Manager for the Department of Senior Affairs. I grew up in Ohio, lived in Chicago, and have called Albuquerque home for the past 25 plus years. My professional background includes work in education, nonprofit organizations, business, and government, with a focus on community engagement, partnerships, and bringing people together to make a difference. I've also served on the City of Albuquerque Volunteer Advisory Board for the past six years and have had the pleasure of chairing the Mayor's Day of Volunteer Recognition three times. These experiences have strengthened my appreciation for the incredible role volunteers play in our community.

As I begin this new chapter, I look forward to meeting you, learning about your volunteer experiences, and hearing what inspires you to serve. I know that each of you brings unique talents, experiences, and perspectives to RSVP, and I'm excited to get to know the people behind the many hours of service that make such a difference in the lives of others.

This is a wonderful time to recognize the kindness and generosity that surround us. The holidays can be joyful, but they can also be challenging for some in our community. Your willingness to lend a hand, offer encouragement, and share your time helps others feel supported and connected, especially during this season.

As you enjoy the weeks ahead, I hope you make time for the people and activities that bring you happiness. Thank you for all you do for RSVP and for the Albuquerque community. I'm grateful to be joining you and look forward to the opportunities, friendships, and meaningful work ahead.

With gratitude,
Vaisu

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Office Hours

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

Updates & Reminders

Important Dates

11/01: First Day of Native American Heritage Month
11/01: All Saints Day
11/01: Daylight Saving Time Ends
11/02: All Souls' Day
11/03: Election Day
11/08: Diwali
11/11: **CLOSED** - Veterans' Day
11/14: Ageless Artisan Fair @ MMMC
11/26-27: **CLOSED** - Thanksgiving
11/27: Native American Heritage Day
11/30: Cyber Monday





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.

Advisory Council Members

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AmeriCorps Seniors

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In person driving safety course

Because Every Safe Driver Makes a Difference

This course is MANDATORY for all City Operators Permit (COP) drivers!

Course Includes:

- **Basic & Advanced Driving Safety Rules**
- **How to Handle Emergencies**
- **Safe Driving Habits**
- **Avoiding Common Mistakes**
- **Driving Test**



November 5th & 12th | 9am – 1pm

Anderson/Abruzzo Balloon Museum
9201 Balloon Museum Dr NE, 87113

Please call (505)767-5225 to sign up for one of the above dates by November 2nd

Celebrations

November Birthdays

1st	Rita R.
2nd	Charlene C.
5th	Barbara E. Victor G. Margie M. Deanne M.
6th	Margaret M.
7th	Danny L.
8th	David D. Jane R.
9th	Colleen V.
14th	David L.
15th	Anne M.
17th	Paul B. Mary C. Victoria T.
18th	Ruth C.
19th	Roberta M.
21st	Diane B. Daniel G. Marilyn L. Yingjian Z.
22nd	David L.
24th	Julissa G.
28th	Bill D.
29th	Patricia A.



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HOLIDAY DONATION DRIVE

THE DEPARTMENT OF SENIOR AFFAIRS IS COLLECTING NEW ITEMS TO SHARE WITH SENIORS IN NEED THIS HOLIDAY SEASON.

DONATIONS WILL BE DELIVERED TO OLDER ADULTS ENROLLED IN OUR CARE COORDINATION PROGRAM.

New Items Needed:

- Hats
- Socks
- Gloves
- Scarves
- Blankets*

*Handmade Blankets Must Be New

Scan below to shop the Amazon Wish List

BRING DONATIONS TO YOUR LOCAL SENIOR OR MULTIGENERATIONAL CENTER

DONATION PERIOD
November 1-30, 2026

For More Information Call
505-764-6400

Ageless Artisan Craft Fair

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

MANZANO MESA MULTIGENERATIONAL CENTER
501 ELIZABETH ST. SE
(505) 275-8731



- Tin Art
- Jewelery
- Ceramics
- Wood Work
- Mixed-Media
- Photography & More!

Support Our Senior Artisans!

United Healthcare | cabq.gov/seniors | ONE ALBUQUERQUE senior affairs

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
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
End of Life Options
Explora Science Center
Friends of Valle de Oro
Highland Senior Center
Hospice De La Luz
Indian Pueblo Cultural Center
Los Volcanes Senior Center
Lovelace Downtown
Lovelace Women's Hospital
Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center
Meals on Wheels
Musical Theatre Southwest
Nat. Hispanic Cultural Center
New Mexico Railrunner
New Mexico Veterans Memorial
NM Museum of Nat. Hist. & Science
NM Aging & Long-Term Services
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
Read to Me Albuquerque Network
Roadrunner Food Bank
RSVP
RSVP Advisory Council
Santa Barbara Martineztown M.C.
Storehouse
The Wheels Museum
VA Center for Development and Civic Engagement
Visit Albuquerque

Special Projects

Class Instructor

The new soon to be opened Conway Wood Northwest Multigenerational Center is looking for volunteer class instructors. If you or someone you know if interested in teaching a class of any kind, please give our office a call at (505)767-5225.

CASA Kitchen

CASA is looking for COP certified drivers to deliver meals to various meal sites throughout Bernalillo County.

Flexible days
8am - 11am

UNM Health

Is in need of volunteers to serve as a friendly presence by greeting patients as they arrive for MRI appointments and assisting with the check-in process.

Saturdays-Thursdays
2-4 hour shifts

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November

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
2 Meatball Sub Sandwich 1ea Diced Potatoes 4oz Normandy Blend 4oz Jell-O 4oz 1% Milk 8oz	**3** Ham 3oz Pineapple Glaze 2oz Cauliflower 4oz Sweet Potato Mash 4oz Dinner Roll 1ea Margarine 1pc Vanilla Pudding 4oz 1% Milk 8oz	**4** Chicken Fajitas 4oz Stewed Tomatoes 4oz Pinto Beans 4oz Flour Tortillas 2ea Applesauce 1ea 1% Milk 8oz	**5** Green Chile Mac & Cheese 4oz Diced Beets 4oz Brussel Sprouts 4oz Orange 1ea 1% Milk 8oz	**6** Steak Fingers 4oz White Gravy 2oz Edamame 4oz Corn w/ Peppers 4oz Yogurt 4oz 1% Milk 8oz
9 Green Chile Cheeseburger 1ea Italian Blend Veggies 4oz Diced Potatoes 4oz Ketchup 1pc Orange 1ea 1% Milk 8oz	**10** Pork Loin 3oz Gravy 2oz Veggie Rice Pilaf 4oz Spinach 4oz Dinner Roll 1ea Margarine 1pc Diced Pears 4oz 1% Milk 8oz	**CLOSED 11** 	**12** Fettuccini Alfredo w/ Peas 4oz 1oz Normandy Blend 4oz Breadstick 1ea Peaches 4oz 1% Milk 8oz	**13** Green Chile Chicken Enchiladas 5oz Pinto Beans 4oz Spanish Rice 4oz Vanilla Pudding 4oz 1% Milk 8oz
16 Teriyaki Pork 4oz Brown Rice 4oz Stir Fry Vegetables 4oz Succotash 4oz Fortune Cookie 1ea 1% Milk 8oz	**17** Beef w/ Peppers & Onions 3oz 2oz Sliced Beets 4oz Green Beans/Onions 4oz Grapes 4oz 1% Milk 8oz	**18** BBQ Baked Chicken Thigh 3oz Roasted Carrots 4oz Baked Beans 4oz Vanilla Pudding 4oz 1% Milk 8oz	**19** Omelet 3oz Spinach/Mushrooms 4oz Stewed Tomatoes 4oz Toast w/ Butter 1ea Banana 1ea 1% Milk 8oz	**20** Breaded Pollock 4oz Tarter Sauce 1ea Steamed Potatoes 4oz Brussel Sprouts 4oz Orange 4oz 1% Milk 8oz
23 Rotisserie Chicken 4oz Rosemary Potatoes 4oz Corn/Red Peppers 4oz Dinner Roll 1ea Margarine 1pc Chocolate Pudding 4oz 1% Milk 8oz	**24** Carne Adovada 3oz Red Chile 1oz Pinto Beans 4oz Spanish Rice 4oz Flour Tortillas 2ea Grapes 4oz 1% Milk 8oz	**25** Roasted Turkey 3oz Gravy 1oz Stuffing w/ Gravy 4oz Green Bean Casserole 4oz Dinner Roll 1ea Margarine 1pc Pumpkin Pie 1ea 1% Milk 8oz	**CLOSED 26** 	**CLOSED 27**
30 Salisbury Steak 3oz Mushroom Gravy 2oz Mashed Potatoes 4oz Carrots 4oz Brownie 1ea 1% Milk 8oz	**1** Green Chile Chicken Posole w/ Potatoes 4oz Steamed Cauliflower 4oz Seasoned Broccoli 4oz Saltine Crackers 1pc Applesauce 1ea 1% Milk 8oz	**2** Meatloaf w/ Sauce 4oz Roasted Potatoes 4oz Succotash 4oz Dinner Roll 1ea Margarine 1pc Pear 1ea 1% Milk 8oz	**3** Green Chile Veggie Cheeseburger 1ea Baked Beans 4oz Sweet Potato Mash 4oz Yogurt 4oz 1% Milk 8oz	**4** Black Bean Chili 4oz Green Beans 4oz Brussel Sprouts 4oz Cornbread 1ea Jell-O 4oz 1% Milk 8oz