



Senior Companion Program Newsletter

March 2024

Happy March!

As we say goodbye to winter and say hello to longer days and colorful spring blossoms, we here at the Department of Senior Affairs are filled with excitement for all the wonderful activities and opportunities this change in seasons brings.

For those of you looking to give your health a boost this season, our Sports & Fitness centers offer a variety of equipment, exercise classes, and fitness events to help you get started. This includes the ABQ 50+ Games, which are an opportunity to compete in a variety of sports including bowling, racewalking, golf, archery, tennis, and pickleball. The ABQ 50+ Games are currently in full swing, and athletes of all skill levels are invited to participate! You can learn more at the front desk of your local senior, multigenerational, or fitness center, or visit cabq.gov/seniors/.

We are also excited to celebrate our incredible volunteers during this year's AmeriCorps Week, happening March 10th through 16th, as well as throughout April for National Volunteer Month. We are extremely grateful to all our volunteers for their continued hard work and dedication, which help us to provide enhanced programming and services at all of our centers. Opportunities are available for volunteers of all ages, including students, corporate groups, and community organizations, through our Volunteers In Action (VIA) program. To get involved or learn more, please call 505-764-1009 or email servewithseniors@cabq.gov.

Last but not least, please continue to help champion our Department! So much of what we do would not be possible without our dedicated staff and wonderful participants whose compliments, support, and advocacy to local leadership we are depending on this budget season. We were happy to have had over 900 participants in our recent annual survey, which will also help us advance our services and programs over the coming year. Special congratulations to our survey contest winners from Barelas Senior Center, North Domingo Baca and Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Centers, and Paradise Hills Senior Meal Site!

Until next time, Anna M. Sanchez, Director



Program Hours

Monday-Friday: 8am-5pm Saturday & Sunday: Closed

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Special Dates & Announcements

3/07: Timesheets & Mileage Logs Due 3/11-3/15: AmeriCorps Week 3/18-3/22: Annual Income Eligibility Reviews

3/21: Timesheets & Mileage Logs Due

3/26: Main Public Library Information Tour In-Service

The Senior Companion program focuses on providing assistance and companionship to older adults who have difficulty with daily living tasks. AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers keep seniors independent longer and provide respite to family caregivers, while enhancing their own health and longevity as they serve their community.

Monthly In-Service

Please join us for a fun and educational in-service trip at the Main Public Library

Downtown! We will be learning about the different services the library has available to the public and walk around the exhibit: New

Mexico Women in History Banners. In honor of Women's History Month, the exhibit addresses the lives of nine exceptional New Mexico women who helped to shape New Mexico's progress.

Barelas Senior Center Check in - 10:00 am Depart - 10:10 am Return - Approx. 1:30 pm



*We will have lunch at the Cocina Azul Restaurant.

Annual Income Eligibility Review

AmeriCorps Seniors require all SCP volunteers to do an *Annual Income Eligibility Review*. Income eligibility reviews are done every year to ensure that volunteers can continue to receive program benefits, such as stipends. Stipend volunteers cannot exceed the program's income eligibility guidelines set by the state of New Mexico.

SCP will be doing Annual Income Eligibility Reviews at Barelas Senior Center from March 18 through March 22, 2024.



Please call Jenna to set up a meeting at (505) 764-1007.
Bring 1099 tax form and/or other forms that identify any type of income.





AmeriCorps Week!















Celebrating 30 years of AmeriCorps!

AmeriCorps Week 3/11-3/15

The City of Albuquerque AmeriCorps Seniors Volunteer
Programs will be celebrating all the individuals that
have chosen to serve their community and encourage
others to become volunteers. Please follow the
Department of Senior Affairs social media accounts.
Daily posts will be made to recognize our volunteers
and programs.

Outreach Table

The Senior Companion Program will be hosting an outreach table at the Palo Duro Senior Center on **Friday, March 15, 2024, from 10:30am-11:30am.**

Feel free to stop by and grab a donut!

Bring a friend!

Timesheets & Mileage Logs

Friendly reminder to submit timesheets and mileage logs on time to get processed in a timely manner.

Thursday, March 7, 2024 Thursday, March 21, 2024

It is very important that your timesheet is signed by you and the station supervisor (if applicable).

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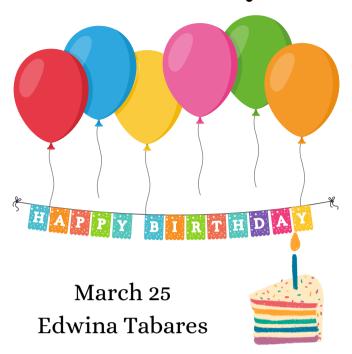
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March Birthdays!



Senior to Seniors - VIA Project

65* Senior to Seniors





COTTONWOOD CLASSICAL PREPARATORY SCHOOL

JOIN US MARCH 7TH, 2024 2:00 - 3:00 PM AT PALO DURO SENIOR CENTER 5221 PALO DURO NE, ABQ, NM 87110

High school seniors from CCPS need YOUR help for their history class!

We respectfully invite you to come share your perspective in a group discussion if you remember the **Cold War (1945-1991)** and have stories to tell about its impact on everyone's lives.

The conversations will be guided by your interests and experiences. Possible topics of discussion include fear of nuclear bombs, anti-war songs, the Cuban Missile Crisis,
Vietnam War, Moon Landing, and Berlin Wall.

CONTACT US TO RSVP OR ASK QUESTIONS (505) 764-1009



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The Department of Senior Affairs Senior Meal Program is proud to be part of the New Mexico Grown state initiative to provide locally sourced fruits, vegetables, beans, and chile, ensuring our seniors a healthy meal.



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
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 Diced pork over rice Yams Imperial blend vegetables Orange 1% milk 	 Turkey w/gravy Stuffing Peas and carrots Chocolate chip cookie 1% milk 	 Beef steak w/grilled onions Roasted red potatoes Brussel sprouts Sugar cookie 1% milk 	 Breaded cod w/tartar sauce Steak fries w/ketchup Peas Brownie 1% milk 	 Green chile posole Black beans Calabacitas Pears cupped 1% milk
11	12	13	14	15
 Beef fajitas Pinto beans Collard greens Flour tortilla Mixed fruit cup 1% milk 	 Chicken alfredo w/penne pasta Green beans w/mushrooms Garlic bread stick Orange 1% milk 	 Baked ham w/ pineapple sauce Rice pilaf Baby carrots Yogurt 1% milk 	 Red chile omelet Rosemary potatoes Spinach Pineapples cupped 1% milk 	 Minestrone soup w/ navy beans Cornbread Malibu vegetable blend Banana 1% milk
18	19	20	21	22
 Corned beef Cornbread Rosemary potatoes Cabbage Sugar cookie 1% milk 	 Rotisserie chicken Mashed potato w/gravy Steamed carrots Dinner roll w/margarine Peaches 1% milk 	 BBQ pulled pork Tater tots w/ketchup Corn w/red peppers Mandarin oranges cupped 1% milk 	 Red chile cheese enchiladas Pinto beans Spanish rice Flour tortilla Peaches 1% milk 	 ◆ Baked ziti ◆ Mixed vegetables ◆ Garlic bread stick ◆ Red apple ◆ 1% milk
25	26	27	28	29
 BBQ chicken thigh Baked beans Mashed potatoes Dinner roll w/margarine Orange 1% milk 	 Red chile pork posole Corn w/red peppers Blueberry cobbler Flour tortilla 1% milk 	 ◆ Turkey pot pie ◆ Au gratin potatoes ◆ Imperial blend vegetables ◆ Applesauce ◆ 1% milk 	 Loaded baked potato w/green chile cheese Oriental blend vegeta- bles Apple crisp 1% milk 	 Cajun tilapia over rice Pasta w/garlic butter Italian vegetable blend Granny Smith apple 1% milk