

Senior Companion Program Newsletter



Welcome Summer! This summer is filled with excitement for the Department of Senior Affairs as we look forward to expanding our services in the community!

First, we are thrilled to announce the grand opening of our newest facility, the Santa Barbara Martineztown Multigenerational Center! This 5,000-square-foot center will offer versatile space to accommodate a variety of programs for both youth and older adults in the historic Santa Barbara-Martineztown area. We invite you to join us in June for the celebration!

In addition, we are excited to share that the long-awaited Cibola Loop Multigenerational Center will soon begin construction on Albuquerque's northwest side. This nearly 15,000 -square-foot facility will provide a wide range of programs and services for that quadrant of the city, becoming the tenth addition to DSA's growing slate of senior and multigenerational centers.

In other news, please keep an eye out for our upcoming Senior Affairs Activity Catalog! Releasing in July, this catalog will feature six months of exciting activities, programs, resources, and ways to continue to engage with others and our community! Copies will be available at all senior and multigenerational center locations, as well as online at cabq.gov/seniors.

Finally, stay tuned for more improvements at our centers, including updates at Manzano Mesa, Palo Duro, Highland, and North Valley, with needed infrastructure and system enhancements. Here's to a happy, healthy summer full of progress and lasting memories!

Best regards, Anna M. Sanchez, Director



The Senior Companion Program will be closed on Wednesday, June 19, 2024 in observance of the Juneteenth Holiday.

Please remind your clients that there is no service during the holiday.

Program Hours

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

Senior Companion Program Staff

Viridiana Rodriguez-Flores, Program Supervisor Vacant, Case Manager Jenna Stanton, Office Assistant

Contact Information

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<u>Special Dates ජී</u> Announcements

6/11: Extra Opportunity: Santa Barbara Martineztown Multi. Grand Opening
6/13: Timesheets & Mileage Logs Due
6/16: Father's Day
6/19: Juneteenth Holiday - CLOSED, No
Clients
6/21: Smart Driver In-Service Training
6/27: Timesheets & Mileage Logs Due



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 an educational **in-service training at Palo Duro Senior Center.** Charles Langston from AARP will be covering a **Smart Driver Course.**

The AARP Smart Driver course is the nation's first refresher course specifically designed for drivers age 50 and older. The following topics will be covered:

- Research-based safe driving strategies.
- Information on the effects of medication on driving.
- Preventive measures to reduce driver distractions.
- Proper use of safety belts, air bags, anti-lock brakes, and new technology found in cars today.
- Techniques for handling left turns, right-of-way, and roundabouts.
- State-specific rules and regulations in 19 key areas, including construction zones, child safety seats, school buses, cellphone use and more!

Palo Duro Senior Center

5221 Palo Duro Ave NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110 Friday, June 21, 2024 12:00pm - 4:00pm Lunch will be provided



*Please confirm attendance by Friday, June 7th, 2024.

Surveys



Volunteer and client participant surveys will be mailed during the month of May. We ask that you complete your survey and return it to the office. Please assist your client(s) with returning their survey(s). **There will be pre-addressed and stamped envelopes enclosed. Return all surveys no later than June 7, 2024.**

Payment Process



Stipends, meal, and mileage invoices are prepared by SCP staff and sent to the City of Albuquerque Finance Office for processing. It is important for volunteers to submit timesheets and mileage logs on time to get processed accordingly. Checks are issued directly to volunteers, either by mail or via direct deposit.

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Please note that Stipend checks should not be considered the same as a consistent paycheck. The amount paid and the date of payment may change for various reasons. For more information refer to pg. 26-29 in the SCP Handbook.

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Please contact the office if you have any questions or concerns about your stipend, meal or mileage reimbursements. We appreciate your patience as we do our best to resolve any issues.

Advisory Council Meeting

Please join us for our next advisory council meeting on Wednesday, July 17, 2024 from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm.

We will meet at Barelas Senior Center. We are looking for SCP volunteers to join and contribute their time and ideas to the advisory council.





Happy Father's Day to all the incredible fathers out there! Your dedication, love, and guidance are truly appreciated. Enjoy your special day surrounded by your loved ones!

Extra Opportunity

The event is free! Please notify the SCP office if you will attend the event and receive program benefits.







ABOUT THE CENTER:

Hours: Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Available Services: Youth Programs, Senior Meals, Community Events, Fitness Activities, Senior Transportation

505-764-6400
 cabq.gov/seniors



GRAND OPENING!

SANTA BARBARA MARTINEZTOWN MULTIGENERATIONAL CENTER



GRAND OPENING FESTIVITIES TO INCLUDE:

- Ribbon Cutting
 Live Entertainment
 - Refreshments
 - Building Tours
 - Class Demos
 And Much More!

FREE EVENT!

Timesheets & Mileage Logs

Friendly reminder to submit your timesheets on time to get processed in a timely manner.

Thursday, June 13, 2024 Thursday, June 27, 2024

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





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June 2024

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	3
*** MEMORIAL DAY ***	 Sliced turkey w/gravy Stuffing Beets Yogurt 1% milk 	 Carne adovada Corn w/peppers Broccoli, cauliflower, carrots Honeydew 1% milk 	 Whole wheat rotini pasta w/sauce & par- mesan cheese Spinach w/onions Corn Peanut butter cookie 1% milk 	 Chicken tender w/ BBQ sauce Steamed potato Green beans Cantaloupe 1% milk
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 BBQ chicken sandwich Sweet potato Apple cobbler 1% milk 	 Greek pasta salad w/ ham Cucumber & red on- ion salad w/ranch dressing Wheat crackers Mandarin oranges 1% milk 	 Red chile omelet Steamed potatoes Stewed tomatoes Green apple 1% milk 	 Mushroom Swiss veggie burger Steamed broccoli Corn bread Whole grain wheat bun Diced peaches 1% milk 	 Beef steak w/grilled onions Mashed potatoes Steamed green beans Vanilla pudding 1% milk
10	11	12	13	1.
 Baked ham w/ pineapple sauce Rice pilaf Baby carrots Yogurt 1% milk 	 Salisbury steak w/ mushroom & onion gravy Green beans Scalloped potatoes Orange 1% milk 	 Baked ziti w/chicken Steamed carrots & cauliflower Breadstick Pineapple 1% milk 	 Whole wheat rotini pasta w/parmesan cheese Spinach w/onions Corn Peanut butter cookie 1% milk 	 Bean burrito w/red chile Cauliflower Collard greens Watermelon 1% milk
17	18	19	20	2
 Beef tips w/bowtie pasta Steamed green beans Peach cobbler 1% milk 	 Baked chicken thigh Steamed collard greens Brown rice Yogurt 1% milk 		 Elbow cheese macaroni w/broccoli Whole wheat breadstick Brussel sprouts Oatmeal cookie 1% milk 	 Pork roast w/creamy onion gravy Steamed broccoli & carrots Mashed potatoes Dinner roll Green grapes 1% milk
24	25	26	27	2
 Beef steak w/grilled onions Roasted red potatoes Brussel sprouts Sugar cookie 1% milk 	 Chicken thigh Succotash Cornbread Apple 1% milk 	 Baked pollock Roasted peppers Ancient grain Chocolate pudding 1% milk 	 Southwest omelet w/ red chili Diced potatoes Stewed tomatoes Applesauce 1% milk 	 Carne adovada Pinto beans Brown rice Flour tortilla Jell-O 1% milk