

Your All Retirees Newsletter



2019



November means different things to different folks. For fisher folks it means time to go to Navajo and snag salmon, for hunters its dear/elk season, for crafters it means craft shows, for shoppers it is the countdown to Black Friday and the Christmas season, and for teachers and students it is a race to get material covered and assignments turned in before the end of term. November is also election time. No matter which side you are on it is a time we get to participate in our government. Every election, from school and city level offices to the state and national offices, is a chance to have a voice in our community.

As an avid volunteer for several organizations, I want to share a statement that was shared with me:

VOLUNTEERING IS THE ULTIMATE EXERCISE IN DEMOCRACY. YOU VOTE IN ELECTIONS ONCE A YEAR, BUT WHEN YOU VOLUNTEER, YOU VOTE EVERY DAY ON THE KIND OF COMMUNITY YOU WANT TO LIVE IN.

I was so impressed with all the volunteer options we as a group listed at our luncheon last month (see table below). Please congratulate yourself for making such a difference in our community.

Anasazi Foundation	Farmington Gateway Museum	OCAAT-Cat rescue
Anasui Board	Farmington Library	Operation Christmas Child, Samaritan's P.
Aztec Christian Church	Farmington Schools	Overflow Free Store
Aztec Presbyterian Church	First Baptist Church--Bloomfield	Pinon Hills Academy
Beading group at Senior Center	First Presbyterian--Farmington	Pinon Hills Community Church
Caliente Choir	Four Corners Drag Racers Assoc.	PMS—Festival of Trees
Christ Church—Anglican	Four Corners Photographic Soc.	Red Hats
City baseball program	Frontline Mission	RiverStone Church
Colorado Excel	Genealogy Group	SJAER (yay, us!)
Community Bible Study	Grace Place Pregnancy Center	San Juan Hospital Auxiliary
Connie Mack	Homework Club, Presbyterian Ch...	San Juan Rebekah Lodge
Cranes Roost Care Home	Hope Rebekah Lodge	Sacred Heart Church
Daily Bread	LDS Church	Senior Center
Daughters... American Revolution	Lion's Club—Kids Sight	SJC Encore Program
Delta Kappa Gamma	Masonic Lodge—Aztec	SJRMH Rehab. Hospital
Easter Star--Aztec	New Covenant Methodist Church	St. Philips Anglican in Cortez
Elks	NM Excel	
Emmanuel Baptist Church	North Side Church of Christ	

Thanksgiving is quickly approaching and then we will be looking at Christmas and New Year. Take time to enjoy these next few weeks and be grateful.

Marilyn Montoya

SJAER luncheons are at 11:30 a.m. on the 2nd Tuesday of every month. Sept-April luncheons are at Court Street Catering, in the CATE Center at 301 N. Court Ave. in Farmington. In May, the luncheon is a potluck at the Farmington Gateway Museum. SJAER does not meet June–August. The luncheon price remains at **\$13.00**, payable at the door. If you write a check, make it out to **SJAER**.

Reservations **must** be made for the luncheon: To make it easy to reserve for the next month, there is a reservation sheet that you sign as you walk in the door. If you miss a luncheon/meeting, simply call **PHYLLIS MEIER** at **505-320-7536** or email her at meierp12@gmail.com to make your reservation. The reservation deadline is by **noon on the Monday** 8 days prior to the meeting. The May meeting (the potluck at the Farmington Gateway Museum), does not require a reservation or the \$13.00 fee. Instead, bring a side dish (and possibly a friend who might become a future member!).

Please note: Because of losing money in the past (paying for meals prepared in advance that weren't eaten due to absences), we will bill those who make a reservation and don't show up to pay for their reserved lunch. We know "things come up," and "life happens," so you can avoid this bill if you call or email **PHYLLIS MEIER** to cancel your reservation. Cancellation deadline is **9:00 am the day before the meeting**. Also, if you forget to reserve a meal or are on a strict diet and unable to eat with us, you are certainly welcome to attend the meeting and program, without eating. We look forward to seeing you each month.

RESERVATION DEADLINES

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, December 10

Reserve by noon, Monday, December 2nd

Cancel by 9:00 am, Monday, December 9th

Karen Ransom gets the free lunch this month!

To qualify for the free lunch (a delicious meal prepared for us by Edward Gurrola and his Culinary Arts class at Court Street Catering where we meet), all you have to do is attend a meeting, sign in, win the "lottery ball" drawing, and then attend the NEXT meeting where you will receive your delicious meal for free. It is that simple.



We collect funds and donate to two local worthy causes: 1) a college scholarship for a local student preparing to become a teacher, and 2) the ECHO Food Bank "Backpack for Kids" program (providing assistance for needy elementary students). Two donation baskets are on the sign-in table as you walk in the door. Any extra money that you can toss in the baskets as you pay for lunch will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you!

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Membership Report

Phyllis Meier, Membership Chair

Month	Auto	Paid	Associate	Total State	Local
August	18	13		31	44
September	176	15		191	31
October	176	5		181	4
November	176	4		180	1

Thank you, members, for your donations, as shown below.

Month of Donation	Scholarship Donation	Backpack Donation
September	30.00	24.00
October	25.00	22.00
Total	55.00	46.00



Financial Report for October 2019

Laura Busch, Treasurer

DATE	CK#	EXPLANATION	PURPOSE	EXPENSES	DEPOSIT	BALANCE
		Beginning balance				\$3583.57
10/08/19		Court St. Catering	Lunch	380.00		3203.57
10/08/19		Joan Lewis	Copies	9.34		3194.23
10/08/19		NMAER	Dues	120.00		3074.23
10/30/19		NMAER	Dues	120.00		2954.23
10/08/19		Deposit	Lunch		316.00	3270.23
10/08/19		Deposit	Scholarship		25.00	3295.23
10/08/19		Deposit	Back Pack		22.00	3317.23
09/11/19		Deposit	Dues		190.00	3507.23
		TOTALS		\$629.34	553.00	
		Cash \$70.00				\$3577.23

Luncheon Programs, 2019-2020

Marilyn Montoya and Karen Morrison, Program Co-Chairs

Date	Guest Speaker	Program Topic
September 10	JoAnn Clifford	Farmington Seed Savers
October 8	Jamie Church	Farmington Chamber of Commerce
November 12	Melissa Salyers	Training Treatment Dogs
December 10	Robyn Woodard	Christmas Program
January 14	Delbert Anderson	San Juan Jazz Society
February 11	Harriett Tubman	Harriett Tubman
March 10	Shana Reeves	Farmington Parks & Rec. Dept.
April 14	TBA	TBA
May 12	No guest speaker. Meet at Museum	No program. BBQ Potluck

MINUTES OF THE SJAER EXECUTIVE BOARD: October 8, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 10:45 by Vice President Nancy Tyson. The minutes of the September meetings, as shown on pages 4 and 5 of the October YARN, were approved after Karen moved and Laura seconded the motion. The financial report, as printed on page 6 of the YARN, was reviewed and approved.

Committee Reports: Caroline sent a sympathy card to Nancy Beasey whose husband passed away. Phyllis reported 15 new paid memberships to add to our roster. Karen Morrison agreed to introduce the program speaker today. She announced the speaker for February will be Harriett Tubman, quite apropos for Black History Month, and to coincide with the new movie in theaters now. Also, the Board agreed to pay \$100.00 to Robyn Woodard to perform/present the annual Christmas program for our December luncheon. This amount is in accordance with the approved 2019-20 Proposed Budget, as posted on page 5 of the September YARN. Rod emphasized the importance of notifying our legislators concerning our retiree benefits. He reminded us of the NMRHCA information meeting concerning switch enrollment options, which will be Tuesday, October 29 at the Civic Center. Joan reported that no scholarship applications have been received yet.

New Business: The Board agreed to have a SJAER booth at the NMRHCA presentation on October 29. Laura and Marie will assist Marilyn in manning the booth. There was a suggestion that SJAER attempt to obtain a higher quality PA system for the luncheon meeting. A discussion followed, when Eddie Gurrola of the CATE Center walked in. He said the old SJAER PA system had stopped working, so we are using the CATE Center's system. He will look into a blue-tooth version, or a clip-on version, or something. In the meantime, it was suggested that the podium be placed on the West (not South) wall, so it will be more centered between all the tables. Also, it was mentioned that the luncheon audience often talk during the meeting and program times, so that adds to the inability of all to hear and enjoy the program. The lottery ball was drawn from the bag, resulting in Karen Ransom winning a free lunch next month. The meeting was adjourned.

MINUTES OF THE SJAER GENERAL MEETING: October 8, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 by Vice President Nancy Tyson. Nancy led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Rod Conover offered the prayer before the meal. Nancy announced that she is presiding over the meeting because President Marilyn has a broken leg, and is unable to attend the meeting today.

New Business: Nancy introduced the only guest of the day, Barbara Brennan, a retired school nurse. Phyllis Meier, membership Chair, asked that all new members get in touch with her, to be sure their contact information is up to date, so they can receive all SJAER news via phone or email. Eddie Gurrola described the Octoberfest-themed menu, consisting of German vegetable beef soup, bratwurst with sauerkraut in a mustard sauce, warm German potato salad, and a German apple streusel cake. Nancy reported that for future meetings the podium will probably be moved to the center of the West wall, hoping to project the sound better, until we might be able to acquire a better PA system. She also reminded the group that the NMRHCA meeting, when switch enrollment plans are presented, will be October 29 at the Civic Center. SJAER will have a booth there, attempting to recruit new members. The winner of next month's free lunch is Karen Ransom.

Program Speaker: Karen Morrison introduced the guest speaker of the day, Jamie Church, from the Farmington Chamber of Commerce. Jamie gave a very information talk about all aspects of the COC. Highlights (from 3 pages of my notes!) include: The COC has many committees as follows: Education, Health and Wellness (they will do a health fair in February at the college), Redcoats (ambassadors who help launch new profit and non-profit businesses), Four Corners Professionals (a networking group; they also put on the Christmas Parade every year), Retirement (she handed out a brochure for all present), and Legislative and Government (they attend all State Chambers when in session). It only costs \$75.00 for individuals to join the Chamber of Commerce and make a difference in the community.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Trish Murphy, Secretary pro tem



In Remembrance

Prepared by Karen Ransom, Membership Co-chair



Member Name	Date of Passing	Member Name	Date of Passing
Viola Utton	05/23/19	Woody Lee	08/25/19
Alexis Lubchenco	05/28/19	John Hobaugh	08/26/19
Wendall Hendricks	06/15/19	Robert Hokom	08/31/19
Elizabeth Taylor	06/27/19	Helen Ann Smith	10/17/19
Michael Casselberry	07/15/19	Alfirio Maestas	10/20/19
Gene Hamilton	07/25/19	Delories Coffey	10/22/19
Philomena Abeyta	08/10/19		



November Birthdays

Phyllis Meier, Membership Chair

Joan T. Lewis	11/04	Kathryn Grover	11/20
Marion F. Partain	11/05	Phyllis Meier	11/22
Karen Morrison	11/06	Donald McDowell	11/23
Dana M. Park	11/08	Janel Ryan	11/24
Ruth Sona	11/13	Garland L. Erwin	11/27
Sharon Farm	11/17	Barbara Ruchensky	11/28
Karen Ricketts	11/19	Betty J. Polston Payne	11/30

SJRM Corporation, October 2019 Report

Submitted by Karen Morrison, SJAER Representative

The SJRM Emergency Medical Services (Paramedics) is the recipient of the American Heart Association EMS Mission Lifeline Gold Plus Award, one of only two in the State of New Mexico. (Colorado recipients are all located in the Denver area.) The ambulance service has been awarded the Gold level the past three years, but bumped up to the top award possible, based on the following criteria: more than 75% of patients with non-traumatic chest pain receive a 12-lead ECG within 10 minutes; the hospital receives the ECG within 10 minutes and the patient is transported and receives intervention at the hospital within 90 minutes. Parameters of care follow this approach: 911-Dispatch; First Responders Fire Department/Police; EMS-ambulance; Early diagnosis and notification; Emergency department; Cardiac Cath Lab; Inpatient units – cardiology, ICU, PCU; Ancillary departments – imaging, laboratory, cardiac rehab. Last year the ambulance service transported 12,300 patients, 100 of those were heart attacks. Heart disease is the leading cause of death in the US.

Jeff Bourgeois, CEO, has been selected President of the New Mexico Hospital Association and will represent the 47 hospitals in the State. NMHA is the highest policymaking body advocating for healthcare systems.

In October, SJRM was named the sixth Most Beautiful Hospital in the United States. It is the only New Mexico hospital to make the list. People from across the country nominated and voted for facilities that recognized nurturing staff, comforting aesthetics, and innovative designs as key elements of beauty which contribute to the overall well-being of patients. Chris Caracci, Engagement Manager for the Disney Institute, said “In all my years working in health care and now conducting training for the Disney Institute for health care clients, SJRM is the first hospital I’ve ever seen that truly “got it right” when it came to designing on and off stage spaces.”

Dr. Robert Burr is now offering endocrinology services for Four Corners patients. Dr. Burr is the only endocrinologist in the area, and specializes in diabetes care.

Medicaid payment rates for hospital services increased in July, 25% for outpatient services and 14% inpatient. Another increase is TBA in October and again in January 2020.

Six new physicians have been added in the ER, Heart Center, Pediatrics, Neurology, Anesthesiology, and Hospitalist programs.

The Hospital Auxiliary donated \$11,000 in equipment requests from Aztec Clinic and San Juan Pediatrics in the past quarter. The Hospital Foundation announced the 39th Cancer Walk, with 600 registered walkers, received a net income of \$84,000, exceeding last year’s total by \$10,000!

Legislative Update

It's time to notify our legislators concerning the shaky status of the NM retiree health care benefits. Contact them NOW—before they get bogged down in the session which runs Jan. 21 to Feb. 20. To the best of my research, your legislator is listed to the right. But to be sure, log onto:

nmlegis.gov/members/find_my_legislator

Once you type in your address, and specify House or Senate, the name will show up. Click on the NAME to get all the contact information: phone numbers, emails, snail mail, etc.

We recently received a letter from Tom Sullivan, NMRHCA Board Chair, who made these comments (which you can paraphrase to make your point):

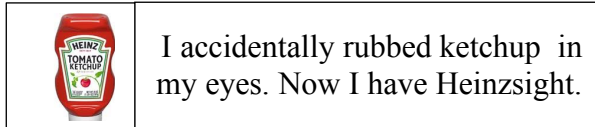
“...the current RHCA financial position has become increasingly unsustainable. Governmental accounting practices have changed significantly.” “...it has become untenable for our retirees on fixed incomes as the value of programs are eroded and premiums increased.” “...subsidized health care support remains an extremely important piece of the total compensation package that...educators have been promised.” He said the legislature has indicated positive support but has yet to adopt or enact necessary bills. Since substantial increases in State revenue is expected for the foreseeable future, this is the perfect time to put pressure on our legislators for the sake of the 160,000 of us who have devoted our careers serving New Mexico citizens. Please act now!

**Our quality of life is at stake.
“Be the change you want to see
in the world.” (Ghandi)
Contact your legislator today!**

District #	Town	Senate	House
1	Farmington	William Sharer	Rod Montoya
2 and 1	Flora Vista	Steven Neville	Rod Montoya
2 and 1	La Plata	Steven Neville	Rod Montoya
2 and 3	Blanco	Steven Neville	Paul Bandy
2 and 3	Cedar Hill	Steven Neville	Paul Bandy
3	Aztec	Steven Neville	Paul Bandy
3	Bloomfield	Steven Neville	Paul Bandy
4	Kirtland	Shannon Pinto	Anthony Allison
4	Shiprock	Shannon Pinto	Anthony Allison



SURVEY RESULTS! A survey concerning this YARN newsletter was printed in the September issue, in order to get input from the readership. The main reason I did this was because of the difficulty I was having getting the “Community Events” page to transfer and fit, and because I was having major computer problems. I thought I might need to buy new software, or a whole new computer. If so, I thought that would be a good time to make changes, if need be. As it turns out, I got most of my computer problems solved by the great folks at FHS (Erin McGinley and Chris Shields) who print the newsletter. That’s why it looks more “normal” this month—created in MS/Word, instead of Mac/Pages. **The results of the survey?** I got five (5) surveys back. That brought to mind two quotes: “No news is good news.” and “If it ain’t broke, don’t fix it.” Most comments seem to indicate a desire to keep the format and content as it has always been. I will definitely try to keep putting in jokes and humor (in this day and age, that’s what keeps most of us going!) Also, I’ll try to format as much as possible in large print. In conclusion, I have a copy of the actual survey results, if you want to see them, and I’m open for suggestions in the future.



Examples of Character Traits We Need to Cultivate

1. Written on an elderly lady's tee shirt: "I'm not 80 years old; I'm sweet 16 with 64 years of experience." That is attitude.
2. Every night we go to bed with no assurance of being alive the next morning. Yet we still set the alarm. That is hope.
3. When babies are playfully tossed up in the air, they laugh because they know they will be lovingly caught. That is trust.
4. We plan big things for tomorrow, in spite of zero knowledge of the future. That is confidence.
5. People see all the tragedy and suffering in the world, but they still get married and have children. That is love.
6. The villagers set aside a day to pray for rain. On the day of prayer all the people gathered, but only one person brought an umbrella. That is faith.



**My wife sent me a text that said,
"Your great!"**

**So, naturally, I wrote back,
"No, you're great!"**

**She's been walking around all day,
happy and smiling.**

**Should I tell her I was just correcting her
grammar, or should I just let it go?**

I got up this morning and ran around the block 5 times. Then I got tired. So, I picked up the block and put it back in the toy box.



Upcoming COMMUNITY EVENTS



DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	COST
			This list is knowingly incomplete. Many more activities occur in the Four Corners. Youth activities are listed in the FREE newspaper-like publication “San Juan County Kids” (available in most banks and grocery stores). Weekly events are listed in the Thursday edition of the Farmington Daily Times (online also). Numerous free brochures are available at local museums. For the most up-to-date information, check websites and Facebook of local organizations, agencies and businesses.		
			ONGOING PROGRAMS (in blue type)		
EVERY	Mon to Sat	8:00 am to 5:00 pm	Exhibits: <u>Gateway to Imagination</u> 9/21 to 11/30; <u>Studio Art Quilts</u> 8/31-1/4/20; <u>Stan the T. Rex</u> until 5/2020; <u>Petroliana</u> and others: ongoing; 599-1174	Farmington Museum	Free
EVERY	Mon to (Fri or Sat?)	Gallery Hours (call)	SJC Fine Arts Committee Invitational featuring Matthew Bahe and John Von fall exhibit; through Friday, Oct 25th; 566-3464	SJC Henderson Art Gallery	Free
EVERY	Mon to Fri	Varies	Pickle ball, Jazzercise, Lunch crunch, Shuffle Board, Ping Pong, Zumba Gold, Walking, and more; See website for info: https://www.fmtn.org/199/Recreation-Center	Farmington Recreation Ctr	?
EVERY	Mon	5:00 pm to 7:00 pm	Kirtland Grower’s Market; June 17 to October 28	Kirtland Town Hall	Items for sale
EVERY	Mon & Thur	Opens at 5:00; Sales at 6:00; 1st game at 7:00 pm	BINGO in smoke-free lounge, for anybody over 8 yrs. old; local VFW does it; 566-1200	Sun Ray Park & Casino	Varies, depending on “buy in” selection

EVERY	Tue	8:00 am to 10:00 am	Bird Watching; approx 1-2 mile walk in Animas and Berg Parks; bring binoculars; coffee available beforehand; 599-1422	Riverside Nature Center	Free
EVERY	Tue	4:00 pm to 6:00 pm	Farmington Grower's Market; July 9 to October 22; 334-9496	Farmington Museum parking lot	Items for sale
EVERY	3rd Tue	6:00 pm	Club Mystery Book Group; 599-1270	Farmington Library	Free
EVERY	Tue	6:30 pm to 8:30 pm	Speed Quizzing (online trivia contest); requires smartphone; \$10.00 gift card prize for winner; 325-8176	Clancy's Pub	Free; food & drink available
EVERY	Tue & Thur	6:30 first game	SINGO (like BINGO but with music); family fun; 325-8176	Clancy's Pub	Free; food & drink available
EVERY	Tue & Sat	Sat: 8:00 to noon; Tue: 4-6	Farmington Grower's Market; Saturday starts June 8; Tuesday starts July 9; ends in the Fall; 334-9496	Farmington Museum parking lot	Locally grown/made items for sale
EVERY	Wed	10:00 am to 11:30 am	On-Demand Training (computer classes; registration required—see "Calendar" on website); 599-1270	Farmington Library	Free
EVERY	Wed	Noon to 1:00 pm	Brown bag birding; bring your lunch and observe wildlife from inside; 599-1422	Riverside Nature Center	Free
EVERY	Wed	4:30 pm to 7:00 pm	Aztec Growers Market; July 10 to October 30	Aztec Westside Plaza	Items for sale
EVERY	1st Wed	1:00 pm	Afternoon Delight Book Group; 599-1270	Farmington Library	Free
EVERY	2nd Wed	11:30 am to 12:30 pm	Brown bag lunch, with guest presentation on travel, health or community interest; sponsored by SJC Encore, but not need be a member; 566-3214	SJC, Room 1908 (bldg. north of bookstore)	Free
EVERY	2 Weds of each month	7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. (or 8:00?)	San Juan Jazz Society jazz jam session; concessions available?; Dates: Oct 9 & 23, Nov 6 & 20, Dec 4 & 18, Jan 15 & 29, Feb 12 & 26, Mar 11 & 25, Apr 8; 599-8442; 258-4514; 801-5889	Fall/Winter: Civic Center (Summer: HEart Studio behind 116 W Main St;)	Free

EVERY	Wed	7:00 pm to 10:00 pm	Open Mic Night (share your talent or just listen); 325-8176	Clancy's Pub	Food and drinks for sale
EVERY	Thur	4:00 pm	Drop-in free tech (hardware & software) help; 599-1270	Farmington Library	Free
EVERY	Thur	4:30 pm to 8:30 pm	Downtown Makers Market; crafts, food, and other vendors; June 6 to Oct 24; 599-8442	Orchard Park	Items for sale
EVERY	3rd. Thur Sept thru Spring	5:00 pm to 8:00 pm	Come Color With Us (adult coloring to relieve stress & have fun; supplies provided, prizes and refreshments); 599-1270	Farmington Library	Free
EVERY	Thur	6:00 pm to 7:30 pm	On-Demand Training (computer classes; registration required—see “Calendar” on website); 599-1270	Farmington Library	Free
EVERY	Sat	8:00 am to noon	Farmington Grower's Market; June 8 to Oct. 26th; 334-9496	Farmington Museum parking lot	Items for sale
EVERY? or some?	Sat	9:00 am	Brunch; call to be sure: 599-1380	Bonnie Dallas Senior Ctr	\$3.00 to \$5.00
EVERY	2nd Sat	7:00 pm?	San Juan Jazz Society-sponsored concert featuring local bands; sanjuanjazzsociety.com	213 W. Main St.	?
EVERY	Sat & Sun	8:30 pm to 9:30 pm	Chaco Night Sky Program; April to October	Chaco Cultural National Park	Free w park admission
EVERY	Sat & Sun	10:00 am to 5:00 pm	Pumpkin Festival; hay rides, corn pit, face painting, food and more; every weekend in October; 334-3578	Sutherland Farms	\$5.00; Free under 12 yrs.
HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIRS (in red type)					
10/19	Sat	9:00 am to 3:00 pm	B.P.O. Craft Fair, with lunch concessions, bake sale, raffles and more; 330-1801	Elks Lodge, 801 N. Municipal Dr.	Free
10/19	Sat	10:00 am to 3:00 pm	Sacred Heart School Fall Craft Fair; 801-8114	404 N. Allen Ave, Gym	\$3.00
10/26	Sat	9:00 am to 2:00 pm	ACTS Christian Academy Fall Craft and Vendor Fair; 326-5149	2600 Sullivan Ave.	\$1.00
11/2	Sat	8:00 am to 2:00 pm	Bonnie Dallas Holiday Craft Fair; 599-1380	Senior Ctr, 109 E. La Plata St.	Free

11/2	Sat	8:30 am to 2:30 pm	Farmington Recreation Center Christmas Craft Fair; hourly prize giveaways; 599-1184	1101 Fairgrounds Rd.	Free
11/2	Sat	9:00 am to 2:00 pm	Tibbetts Middle School Fall Craft Fair; 599-8613	3500 Twin Peaks Blvd.	Free
11/2	Sat	9:00 am to 2:00 pm	San Juan Center for Independence Craft Fair; 566-5840	1204 San Juan Blvd.	Free
11/2	Sat	9:00 am to 3:00 pm	McKinley Elementary Craft Fair; 599-8607	1201 N. Butler Ave.	Free
11/2	Sat	9:00 am to 4:00 pm	Tiger Paws Dance Team Craft Fair; 419-0492	Aztec H.S., 500 E. Chaco	Free
11/2	Sat	10:00 to 3:00 pm	Roadrunner 4-H Holiday craft fair; 970-764-7036	McGee Park	Free
11/9	Sat	9:00 am to 3:00 pm	Panteraz Winter Wonderland Craft Fair; 330-3119	Piedra Vista H.S.	\$1.00 (includes a raffle ticket)
11/16	Sat	9:00 am to 3:00 pm	Bloomfield's St. Mary's Church Youth Group Craft Fair; 215-0862	325 N. Church St., Bloomfield	Free
11/23	Sat	9:00 am to 3:00 pm	Kelly Green Craft Fair; 324-0352	McGee Park	\$1.00
12/7	Sat	9:00 am to 3:00 pm	Northeast Elementary School Craft Fair; 215-6441	1400 E. 23rd St.	Free
12/7	Sat	9:00 am to 5:00 pm	Salmon Ruins Arts and Crafts Fair; 632-2013	McGee Park	\$1.00
12/14	Sat	9:00 am to 3:00 pm	Bloomfield Craft Fair, benefits their Boys & Girls Club and BHS Cheerleaders; 486-6244	BHS, 520 N. First St.	Free

Community Events, Starting November 14, 2019

11/14	Thur	5:30 pm to 8:30 pm	Discovering Local Artists at the Casa Blanca Inn; food, fun & art; 327-6503	505 East La Plata Dr.	Free
11/14	Thur	6:00 pm	Trivia Night: World War I; 599-1270	Farmington Library	Free
11/15	Fri	7:00 pm	Silhouette Series: SJC Orchestra Concert; 566-3430	SJC Henderson	\$6.00 to \$8.00
11/15	Fri	7:30 pm	Music & Comedy Series: Blue Note Records 80th Birthday Celebration (jazz); 599-1148	Civic Center	\$20.00 to 28.00; series tickets avail.

11/15,16	Fri to Sat	8:00 pm	Silhouette Series: Fall drama: "Seminar"; 566-3430	SJC Little Theater	\$10.00 to \$12.00
11/16	Sat	8:00 am to 6:00 pm	Museum EdVenture: Valley of the Gods, Moki Dugway, Muley Point driving tour; adults; bring sack lunch; registration required; these often sell out; 599-1400	Meet at Farmington Museum	\$25.00
11/16	Sat	11:00 am to 1:00 pm	Book signing with author Nancy Bo Flood, children and YA author; 327-4647	Amy's Bookcase	Free
11/19	Tue	3:30 pm	Lecture on the Himba Tribe; featured activity for One Book One Community book selection: Binti, by Nnedi Okorafor; 566-3430	SJC Suns Room	Free
11/19	Tue	6:00 pm	Relax & Thrive Health Series: Pitfalls of Getting Older (falling and Life Alert, presented by PALS); 566-2210	Farmington Library	Free
11/19	Tues	7:00 pm	Caliente Fall Concert: "The Hills are Alive with the Sound of...Caliente!" (see Karen Morrison at our meeting for tickets) 326-2295	RiverStone Church 808 N. Monterey	\$10.00
11/21	Thur	7:00 am to 5:00 pm	T's for Turkeys, fundraiser for Salvation Army; get a free t-shirt for every donation while supplies last; 325-1716	East Main Safeway	\$10.00
11/21	Thur	6:00 pm	Reel Readers: "If Beale Street Could Talk" by James Baldwin; read book first (optional)/ discuss book and/or movie after (optional); bring your brown bag dinner (optional); 599-1270	Farmington Library	Free
11/21 to 11/22	Thur to Fri	9:00 am to 6:00 pm	Charity Bowl Sale (purchase student created ceramics & get a free bowl of soup w/drink & cookie; benefits local charity; 566-3464	SJC Henderson 9000 rooms	\$10.00
11/22	Fri	7:00 pm	Silhouette Series: SJC Symphonic Band Concert; 566-3430	SJC Henderson	\$6.00 to \$8.00
11/23	Sat	9:00 am to 11:00 am	Turkey Trot and Gobble Wobble (5K run; 2 mile walk); other holiday activities in the park; 505-599-1184	Orchard Park	Registration fees (call); vendors
11/23	Sat	9:00 am to 3:00 pm	Kelly Green Craft Fair; 324-0352	McGee Park	\$1.00
11/23	Sat	11:00 am to 12:30 pm	Book signing with author Vicky Ramakka's "The Cactus Plot;" 327-4647	Amy's Bookcase	Free
11/23	Sat	5:00 pm to 9:00 pm	Holiday Stroll & Art Walk; local artisans exhibit in downtown stores; 599-8443	Downtown Farmington	Free; items for sale
11/23	Sat	6:30 pm to 8:30 pm	Make & Take Body Scrub Workshop; all materials provided; 339-9588	Home2 Suites on Browning Pkwy	\$35.00

11/23	Sat	7:00 pm	Cinematheque Series: “The Sisters Brothers,” rated R; 566-3430	SJC Little Theater	\$5.00
11/23	Sat	7:00 pm	Stars & Stories Walk; 2 miles in Animas and Berg Parks; bring flashlight; 599-1422	Riverside Nature Center	Free
11/23	Sat	7:30 pm	Intimate Broadway Series: John Smitherman (tenor, actor, director, playwright) will perform Broadway hits; 599-1148	Civic Center	\$8.00 to 18.00; series tickets available
11/23 to 11/24	Sat & Sun	11:00 am to 4:00 pm	Learn How to Make a Navajo Basket, with Lynette Etcitty; For beginners, materials provided; Ages 18+; Bring your own lunch; 599-1400	Museum of Navajo Art & Culture, 301 W. Main	\$100.00
11/26	Tue	7:00 pm	Silhouette Series: SJC African Drumming Concert; 566-3430	SJC Little Theater	\$6.00 to \$8.00
11/29	Fri	7:00 pm to 11:00 pm	Dance Night with live band Stillwater; 599-1148	Civic Center	\$5.00
11/29 to 11/30	Fri to Sat	7:30 pm to 8:30 pm	Casper Baca Rodeo’s Bull Rider Extraordinaire; 287-9534	McGee Park	\$15.00 to \$22.00
11/30	Sat	1:00 to 3:00 pm	Grapevine art (makes wreaths or other object; wear gloves); 599-1422	Riverside Nature Center	Free
11/30	Sat	5:00 pm to 9:00 pm	Holiday Art Walk; art receptions and open houses at over 10 businesses; 599-8442	Downtown Farmington	Free; items for sale
11/30	Sat	7:00 pm to 9:00 pm	49 Laughs Comedy tour; 599-1148	Civic Center	\$18.00 to \$25.00
12/1	Sun	2:00 pm to 6:30 pm	Miracle on Main Street (live entertainment, free crafts and games for the kids, family bingo, picture ops in a giant life-sized snow globe, craft fair, food vendors, pet adoptions, a chance to meet Santa, lighting of the giant tree and more!); 599-1148	Civic Center	Free; items for sale
12/4	Wed	4:00 pm to 5:00 pm	Holiday tree lighting ceremony; music and refreshments; 609-6125	SJRC in the healing garden	Free
12/4 to 12/7	Wed to Sat	Varies	Festival of Trees; many activities—some new! See Facebook page (or newspaper, later) for list; 566-0408	Civic Center	Some free; some fees
12/5	Thur	Noon to 1:30 pm	Lunch with the trees; 566-0408	Civic Center	\$7.00 (includes 2 raffle tickets)
12/5	Thur	5:30 pm	Christmas Parade; 325-0279	Downtown Farmington	Free
12/5 to 12/8	Thur to Sun	Thur-Sat: 7:00-8:30; Sun: 3:45-5:15	Silhouette Series: “A Western Christmas Carol;” 566-3430	SJC Little Theater	\$5.00; \$8.00; \$10.00

12/6	Fri	6:00 pm to 8:00 pm	Evening of Lights (luminarias, plus Aztec West Great House illuminated with over one hundred LED lanterns); visit website for info.; 334-6174	Aztec Ruins	Free
12/6	Fri	6:00 pm to 8:00 pm	Riverglo (luminarias, carolers and music throughout park; a live nativity); 505-716-4405	Berg Park	Free
12/6	Fri	6:00 pm to 9:00 pm	Polar Express (new event at Festival of Trees); 566-0408	Civic Center	\$10.00 for kids; free for parents
12/6	Fri	7:00 pm	Silhouette Series: SJC Jazz Big Band Concert; 566-3430	SJC Henderson	\$6.00 to \$8.00
12/7	Sat	6:00 pm to midnight	San Juan College Luminarias; drive, walk through, or trolley from PVHS; visit website for instructions; 326-3403	San Juan College Campus	Free
12/11	Wed	5:00 pm to 7:00 pm	Jan Brett, children's author will do a tiger drawing demonstration and talk about her trip to India for "The Tale of the Tiger Slippers" which will be on sale; book signing; 599-1270	Farmington Library	Free
12/11	Wed	7:00 pm	Moscow Ballet's Great Russian Nutcracker; 599-1148	Civic Center	\$29.00 to \$110.00
12/12	Thur	6:00 pm	Trivia Night: Christmas; 599-1270	Farmington Library	Free
12/12	Thur	7:00 pm	Silhouette Series: SJC Choir Concert; 566-3430	SJC Little Theater	\$6.00 to \$8.00
12/13	Fri	6:30 pm AND 7:30 pm	AstroFriday: "The Star of Bethlehem;" stargazing at 8:30, weather permitting; limited seating, so come early; 566-3361	SJC Planetarium, Room 1723	Free
12/13	Fri	7:00 pm to 9:00 pm	Bar D Wranglers Christmas Jubilee; 599-1148	Civic Center	\$12.00 to \$17.00
12/14	Sat	8:00 am to 3:00 pm	Audubon Christmas Bird Count (take part in this 100-year-old traditional worldwide event); 599-1422	Riverside Nature Center	Free
12/14	Sat	7:00 pm	Cinematheque Series: TBA; 566-3430	SJC Little Theater	\$5.00
12/14	Sat	7:30 pm	Kids & Family Series: A Christmas Carol; 599-1148	Civic Center	\$8.00 to 18.00; series tickets available
12/17	Tue	7:00 pm to 9:00 pm	Silhouette Series: An Appalachian Christmas, with Mark O'Connor; 566-3430	SJC Henderson	\$12.00 to \$25.00
12/19	Thur	8:30 pm to 9:30 pm	Elf, the Musical, Jr. (Heather McGaughey Youth Theater); 599-1148	Civic Center	\$5.00 to \$7.00
12/20	Fri	3:45 pm to 5:30 pm	Winter Solstice observation with ranger talk, a guided tour and refreshments; wear sturdy shoes; 334-6174	Aztec Ruins	Free

12/20	Fri	6:00 pm to 8:00 pm	Live Navajo Nativity (drive through; accepts donations of canned food or cash for Four Corners Home for Children; 505-325-0255	Navajo Ministries 2103 W. Main	Free; accepts donations
12/21	Sat	4:00 pm to 6:30 pm	Reindeer Romp 5K and 2-mile run/walk; winter carnival games, holiday music, hot chocolate and apple cider, cookies, and a chance to meet Santa! There will be no race day registration. 599-1184	Orchard Plaza	\$15.00 - 25.00 registr. fee; free events; items for sale
12/22	Sun	7:30 pm	Music & Comedy Series: M Pact (jazz/pop holiday concert); 599-1148	Civic Center	\$20.00 to 28.00; series tickets avail.
12/23	Mon	6:00 pm to 8:00 pm	Live Navajo Nativity drive-through; 325-0255	2103 W. Main St	Cash or canned food donations
12/28	Sat	10:00 am to 2:00 pm	New Year's Mandala: A Gift for our Wildlife; arrange colorful seeds in artistic shapes for wildlife to eat; 599-1422	Riverside Nature Center	Free
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1/4	Sat	1:00 to 3:00 pm	Making Tracks; walk through Animas Park observing animal tracks; make a plaster cast, weather permitting; 599-1422	Riverside Nature Center	Free
1/4	Sat	7:30 pm to 10:30 pm	"God Help Us," (a political comedy starring Ed Asner, live!); 599-1148	Civic Center	\$20.00 to 28.00
1/11	Sat	7:00 pm to 8:00 pm	Moonlight Walk; 2-mile stroll in Animas and Berg Parks; bring flashlight; 599-1492	Riverside Nature Center	Free
1/9/20	Thur	7:30 pm	Music & Comedy Series: Pink Floyd Laser Spectacular; 599-1148	Civic Center	\$20.00 to 28.00; series tickets avail.
1/18	Sat	7:30 pm	Intimate Broadway Series: Heroine's Song (Broadway mother/daughter duo sing about women); 599-1148	Civic Center	\$8.00 to 18.00; series tickets available
2/2	Sun	7:30 pm	Kids & Family Series: Astrageous (high energy music and art; frenzy of movement and color); 599-1148	Civic Center	\$8.00 to 18.00; series tickets available
2/11	Tue	7:30 pm	Music & Comedy Series: One Night in Memphis (music of 50's and 60's); 599-1148	Civic Center	\$20.00 to 28.00; series tickets avail.
2/19 to 2/23	Wed to Sun	7:30 pm; Sun: 2 pm	Four Corners Musical Theater Company Series: Disaster! A 70's Disaster Movie Musical; 599-1148	Civic Center	\$10.00 to 32.00 (series tickets avail.)
3/3	Tue	7:30 pm	Kids & Family Series: Mallory Lewis (daughter of Shari) and Lamb Chop; 599-1148	Civic Center	\$8.00 to 18.00;

3/8	Sun	7:30 pm	Kids & Family Series: Mummenschanz (Swiss theater troupe); 599-1148	Civic Center	\$8.00 to 18.00; series tickets available
3/13	Fri	7:00 pm	Chautauqua: The Porgy and Bess World Opera Tour, 1952-56: Defeating Segregation in American and the Cold War in Russia, by Bill Martin; 566-3403	SJC Little Theater	Free
3/20	Fri	7:30 pm	Music & Comedy Series: Hyprov (Colin Mochrie and Asad Mecci present hypnotism and improv with audience); 599-1148	Civic Center	\$20.00 to 28.00; series tickets avail.
3/24	Tue	7:30 pm	Music & Comedy Series: Celtic Angels (Irish dance, music and song); 599-1148	Civic Center	\$20.00 to 28.00; series tickets avail.
3/27	Fri	7:00 pm	Chautauqua: Clyde Tinguely: An Extraordinary Man, by Lucinda Lucero-Sachs; 566-3403	SJC Little Theater	Free
4/3	Fri	7:00 pm	Intimate Broadway Series: Liz Calloway: Vocal workshop—bring a piece to perform for coaching or just watch; 599-1148	Civic Center	\$20.00
4/4	Sat	7:30 pm	Intimate Broadway Series: Liz Calloway concert; 599-1148	Civic Center	\$8.00 to 18.00; series tickets available

**That's all the updates for now.
Take time to enjoy these wonderful events.**

