

Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) Newsletter

719 S. Main St. Belen, NM

From left to right

Orlinda Duree

Bertha Flores
(Director)

Pearl Lucero

Frank F. Ortega

Nancy Gonzales

Jim Rickey

Wayne Gallegos

Danny Bernal, Jr.
(Absent)

Seleena Carrillo
(taking the picture)

RSVP Advisory Council



For the safety of the community, any citizens requesting testing should not drive to the public health office. Community members are encouraged to call 505-864-7743 x1101 to determine their need for testing. Those that are identified for testing will be provided an appointment.

Danny Bernal, Jr., appointed to RSVP advisory council

Belen city councilman Danny Bernal, Jr., who joined the city council in January, has joined the RSVP advisory council. Mr. Bernal was appointed by the mayor and city council to a position on the advisory council, filling a vacancy after the departure of RSVP council member Mike Moreno.

RSVP director Bertha Flores and the rest of the advisory council welcome Mr. Bernal aboard!



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COVID-19
SCREENING**
864-7743 ext. 1101

Happy 40th Anniversary Wayne & Mary Jane Gallegos



Mary Jane and Wayne Gallegos of Belen celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on Sunday, December 15, 2019. The couple was married at Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church of which they are members. Wayne is a retired Fire Chief and a 1978 Belen High School Graduate. He is a member of Belen Elks Lodge, Valencia County Senior Support, New Mexico Area Agency on Aging, Belen Valencia County RSVP and Belen Veterans Memorial. Mary Jane is retired from the Belen Railway Credit Union. She is a 1979 Belen High School graduate and enjoys playing keno. She is also a member of Belen Veterans Memorial, and supports a variety of community functions. The couple have two children and seven grandchildren.

A reminder

All City building are closed to the public. (until further notice)

The following City of Belen business will be conducted at the **Belen Fire Department 121 S 5th St. Belen 505-966-2715 or 505-966-2714.** Water Bill– check or money order only, **Cash will not be accepted** question call 505-966-2731

If you are a senior or disabled adult and cannot access groceries, please call 1-800-432-2080. Leave a message with your name, telephone number, and the city/town you reside in. We will be in contact with you within 2 hours of your call if not sooner. Thank you!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Belen Area Food Pantry is in need of volunteers every Tuesday and Thursday from 9am to 1pm

For more information see Andy Stotts at the Belen Area Food Pantry at 129 S Third St. in Belen.



World's Largest Matanza January 25th



RSVP attended Senior Day at the legislature Friday, Feb. 14th



April

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 April Fool's Day	2 Dances are canceled until further notice	3	4
5 Palm Sunday	6	7	8 Passover Begins at sunset	9	10	11
12 Easter	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 Administrative Professionals Day	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

May

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5 Belen Senior dance 10:00am	6	7 Del Rio Senior Dance 10:00am	8	9
10 Mother's Day	11	12 Belen Senior dance 10:00am	13	14 Del Rio Senior Dance 10:00am	15	16 Armed Forces Day
17	18	19 Belen Senior dance 10:00am	20	21 Del Rio Senior Dance 10:00am	22	23
24	25 Memorial Day	26 Belen Senior dance 10:00am	27	28 Del Rio Senior Dance 10:00am	29	30

June

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1	2 Belen Senior dance 10:00am	3	4 Del Rio Senior Dance 10:00am	5	6
7	8	9 Belen Senior dance 10:00am	10	11 Del Rio Senior Dance 10:00am	12	13
14 Flag Day	15	16 Belen Senior dance 10:00am	17	18 Del Rio Senior Dance 10:00am	19	20 Summer begins at 3:43pm
21 Father's Day	22	23 Belen Senior dance 10:00am	24	25 Del Rio Senior Dance 10:00am	26	27
28	29	30 Belen Senior dance 10:00am				



To all in April,
May and June

Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)

There are 269 seniors volunteering all over Valencia County. We have 25 volunteer sites that include: Senior Centers, Del Rio Project Center, St. Vincent De Paul Thrift Store, Center for Ageless Living, the Belen Harvey House Museum and many more.

ALL volunteers are eligible for reimbursement for travel up to 25 cents per mile.

If you would like to learn more about our program pick up a Handbook in the office
719 S. Main St. Belen, NM.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Event

January 20th 2020



RSVP Volunteer Luncheon

Planned for April 24th, the lunch has been postponed. It will be rescheduled at a later time.

For more information about the corona virus (COVID-19) see this CDC web site:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>

New Mexico Dept. Of Health web site about the corona virus in the state:

<https://cv.nmhealth.org/>

Free legal help line for the elderly

Legal Resources for the Elderly Program (LREP) is a free, statewide helpline for New Mexico residents 55 and older. This is a joint project of the New Mexico State Bar Foundation and the New Mexico Aging and Long-Term Services Department.

Call 800-876-6657.

It's time to complete the US census

You can fill out the census form on-line by visiting **<https://my2020census.gov/>**

OR

You can call 844-330-2020 to answer the census questions over the phone.

You can call the same number if you have any questions.

Older Americans Program

With funding from capital outlay from the state legislature and junior bills, the Valencia County Older Americans Program is purchasing a new fleet of vehicles. There will be seven new hot shot meal delivery trucks, three new 15-passenger vans, and 2 new wheelchair lift vans. These vehicles will be used to deliver meals throughout Valencia County and transport seniors to their medical appointments.

Meadow Lake Community Center

The computer lab at the Meadow Lake Community Center has been installed. There are 4 laptop stations up and running available Monday-Friday to seniors.

New Fitness Equipment

With help from junior bills, several senior meal sites will be getting new fitness equipment. The Del Rio Senior Center, Belen Senior Center, and Meadow Lake Community Center will be getting their equipment in Spring of 2020. The equipment is commercial grade and specially designed for seniors.



Rose Poitras, Director
Bosque Farms Community Center
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Great news! The Bosque Farms Community Center is undergoing a long awaited kitchen expansion! This, and other related construction should be completed near the end of May or early June. Out of necessity, our senior meal site and many of our daytime activities had to be temporarily relocated. The First Baptist Church of Bosque Farms has graciously opened their doors to us, as they did with our last renovation. Therefore, our meals and most of our activities continue without much interruption. The church is located at 1350 Bosque Farms Blvd., due east of the Sonic in Bosque Farms. We meet in the east building of the complex.

During the construction, the monthly calendar is color coded to lessen the confusion of which location each activity will be held. Activities that will continue to be held at the community center are in colored ink. Activities that have been temporarily moved to the church are in black ink. Since those reading this article may not get the calendar, they are printed and currently placed at both locations during the week. Since the center is currently only opened for specific activities, picking one up at the church between 10 am and 1 pm would probably be easier. If you would like to receive it by **email**, please let me know and I would be happy to send it to you when it's ready each month.

Most likely, if you call the center, you will get the answering machine. Please leave a message. Even though I am at the church working from a makeshift office for a good portion of my work day, I do check in at the center sporadically throughout the week. As long as I can decipher the message, I will make every effort to return your call. Email is a viable way to contact me as well, if that is an option.

The center will continue to be used for evening and weekend events. If you choose to join us, it's important to bring bottled water or other (non-alcoholic) beverages with you, since the water fountain has been disconnected.

Find us on Facebook at

<https://www.facebook.com/Belen-RSVP-274996122966821/>

Find us on the City of Belen Web-site—

<http://www.belen-nm.gov/senior-living-rsvp.aspx>

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