

From the Office of Commissioner Miguel Chavez

District 2



Board of County Commissioners Unanimously Approves Living Wage Ordinance

Santa Fe, NM – February 25, 2014 – Santa Fe Board of County Commissioners unanimously approved an ordinance establishing a living wage within Santa Fe County. The Ordinance sets the minimum wage at \$10.66 an hour from \$7.50 an hour. The tipped minimum wage will also increase from the current \$2.13 an hour to \$6.40 an hour.

The Ordinance will go into effect in 60 days.

“I am excited that workers in the unincorporated areas of the county are on their way to a living wage. I do believe that \$10.66 is the magical number to lift individuals and families out of poverty. However, the wage will allow workers to buy more food, medicine, shoes, clothes and it will support purchases from local businesses and put more money in our local economy said Commissioner Liz Stefanics. She continued, “Thanks to the entire BCC and the Living Wage Committee!”

Attached is a copy of the recorded Ordinance. A copy can also be viewed or downloaded at http://www.santafecountynm.gov/ordinances_and_resolutions



Ordinance2014-1...

SLDC Schedule for Zoning Map Adoption and Implementation Available Online

Santa Fe, NM – February 24, 2014 – Santa Fe County has released the Sustainable Land Development Code and Implementation Schedule and the Zoning map implementation schedule (see below). Both are available on the Santa Fe County website www.santafecountynm.gov/slhc.

The Sustainable Land Development Code (SLDC) was approved by the Santa Fe Board of County Commissioners by Ordinance at the December 10, 2013 Board meeting and is available on the County website at

santafecountynm.gov/SLDC. The Code provides a legal framework for implementing land development and management policies of the County's Sustainable Growth Management Plan adopted in 2010.

The Sustainable Land Development Code will not become effective until the County Zoning Map is adopted.

The Public Process for the Zoning map adoption is anticipated to be initiated in early April after the Zoning map Draft which is scheduled for release in late March. The noticing of the zoning map will include public notices and letters to property owners in the County. The County will also hold a Public Review Period for property owners to review the zoning map with County staff and provide comments and input on the zoning map. The County will hold at least two public hearings on the zoning map which are tentatively scheduled for May and June of this year.

For more information, to view either implementation schedule or to sign up to receive emails regarding this process visit www.santafecountynm.gov/slhc.

County Assessor Accepting Annual Applications For Valuation Freezes

Santa Fe, NM – February 20, 2014 – The Santa Fe County Assessor's Office would like to notify Santa Fe County residents they are now accepting applications for valuation freezes. Santa Fe County property owners who own single-family dwellings and meet certain criteria may be eligible for a freeze of their taxable value as determined by the Santa Fe County Assessor's Office. Freezing the property valuation will minimize future tax payments for those who qualify.

The valuation freeze is available to property owners age 65 or older or those who are considered permanently disabled and whose total household modified gross income did not exceed \$32,000 in 2013. All applicants must meet the income requirement. Modified gross income is defined as all income from all sources less losses.

To qualify for the valuation freeze, you must apply annually no later than 30 days after the official date of the Santa Fe County Assessor's Official Notice of Value. This year's notices will be mailed in April.

An owner who has claimed and been allowed the limitation of value for the three consecutive tax years immediately prior to the 2014 tax year need not claim the limitation for subsequent tax years, if there is no change in eligibility. The Assessor will continue to apply the limitation automatically until a change in eligibility occurs and is requested by the owner.

Supporting documentation required when attempting to qualify by age and income includes:

- A completed application
- Proof of income (a copy of the property owner's 2013 New Mexico income tax return, and a copy of property owner's 2013 federal income tax return)
- Proof of age (a valid New Mexico driver's license or birth certificate)

Supporting documentation required when attempting to qualify due to disability and income include:

- a completed application
- proof of income (a copy of the 2013 New Mexico income tax return, and a copy of the property 2013 federal income tax return)
- an award letter from either Social Security or Workers' Compensation confirming the permanent

"The valuation freeze important and very beneficial for those individuals that qualify, we encourage people and utilize this benefit," said County Assessor Domingo Martinez

Applications are available at the Santa Fe County Assessor's Office at 102 Grant Ave., Santa Fe. Residents internet access may also download an application from santafecountynm.gov/assessor/downloadable_forms

###

- **Next BCC March 11, 2014 2:00 pm 102 Grant Avenue**

To view the BCC agenda, visit www.santafecountynm.gov/event_detail/2974 or go to the County website www.santafecountynm.gov for further information.

###

I have loved the stars too fondly to be fearful of the night. - Sarah Williams

[View this e-mail in your browser.](#)



Cerrillos Hills State Park Friday February 28, 7-9pm **Star Party**

with Peter Lipscomb

Starry, starry night at your favorite State Park.

Join Peter's green laser tour of the stars and constellations, look at Jupiter, and then ooh and ah at telescope views of Orion Nebula, distant star clusters and interestingly shaped galaxies. If you have a red flashlight, bring it.

At the main park entrance, 1/2 mile north of Cerrillos on County Road 59. \$5 per vehicle, exact change needed. Our seasonal worker Chip will be at the entrance to orient you and collect fees.

credit: M101, the Pinwheel Galaxy by Peter Lipscomb



Learn More about the Park

by working here as a greeter! We need greeters in the Visitor Center and Park on the weekends. It's easy, it's fun, it's a great use of your time once or twice a month. Sign up for the



Horseback Riding

With Broken Saddle Riding, the Park's concession. Book a ride between now and March 7 and get a great experience on each ride.



[Forward](#)



Park Location & Fees

The park is open sunrise to sunset daily. The entrance is off County Road 59, about 1/2 mile north of the Village. There is a \$5 per vehicle day use fee, payable at the fee station at the park entrance. Get a park brochure at the fee station or download one [here](#).

The park's Visitor Center is in the Village, at 37 Main Street on the corner of 1st and Main. It is open daily, sometimes longer on weekends, and by appointment. Call 4-0196.

8 Volunteer Orientation by
474-0196 or replying to
wood@state.nm.us

[forward to a friend](#) [reply to this e-mail](#) [visit New Mexico State Parks](#)

Copyright © 2014 Cerrillos Hills State Park, All rights reserved.
receiving this e-mail because you asked to be on this list.

mailing address is:

Cerrillos Hills State Park
37 Main Street
PO Box 460
Cerrillos, NM 87010

The MailChimp logo is displayed in a grey rounded rectangle. The text "MailChimp" is written in a white, cursive script font.

[add to your address book](#)

[unsubscribe from this list](#) | [update subscription preferences](#)

To unsubscribe please contact Melissa S Holmes at msholmes@santafecountynm.gov