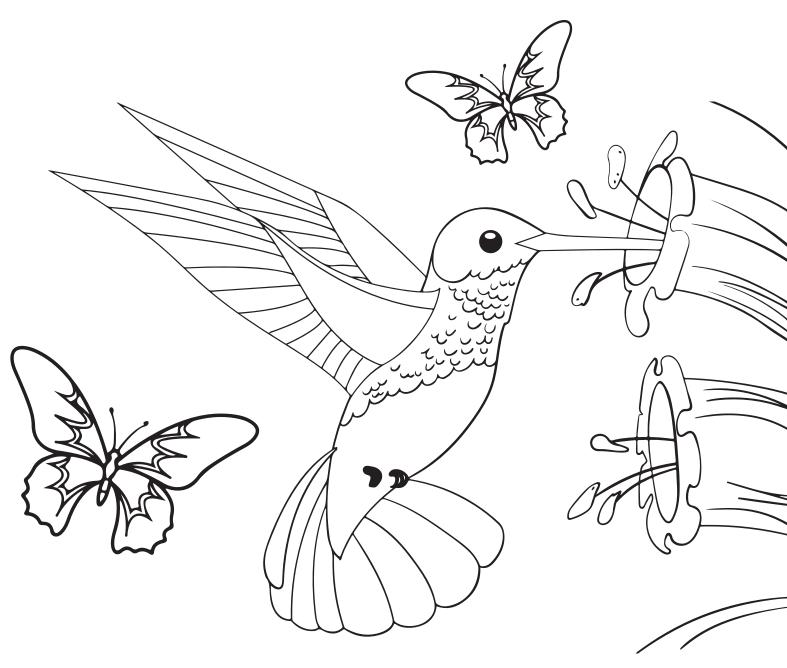


SANTO DOMINGO TRIBAL PROGRAMS

# **NEWSLETTER**

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# **EDITOR'S PAGE**

August is finally here!

We hope everyone is in good spirits as we prepare for our annual Feast Day. Governor, Lt. Governor, Tribal Officials, and Tribal Employees have been working together to create a Feast Day everyone will enjoy. As you may have already seen, there will be vendors this year. With the temperatures in the triple digits, we want to remind you to please take care of yourself by staying hydrated. It is important to be cautious and to get relief from the heat so you don't overheat. We wish you all a safe and happy feast day.

# Prepare for hot weather:

- Drink plenty of liquids, such as water, fruit or vegetable juices, or drinks that contain electrolytes. Avoid alcohol and caffeinated beverages.
- If you live in a home without air conditioning or fans, try to keep your space as cool as possible. Limit use of the oven; keep shades, blinds, or curtains closed during the hottest part of the day; and open windows at night.
- Dress for the weather. Wear lightweight, light-colored, loose-fitting clothing. Natural fabrics such as cotton may feel cooler than synthetic fibers.

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- Santo Domingo Pueblo Library
- SD Community Center Lobby
- Daniel Store
- Electronic Version can be accessed at santodomingotribe.org/newsletter

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Newsletter is a free newsletter published
for the Santo Domingo Pueblo community.
The purpose of the newsletter is to
connect, celebrate, and bring awareness to
community members. The Santo Domingo
Tribal Programs Newsletter invites stories,
photos, and information that would be of
interest to our readers.

Newsletter content is provided by Santo Domingo Tribal Programs then approved by the Governor Tenorio and Lt. Governor Crespin.

## **GOALS:**

- Share stories, articles, and events from Tribal Programs to increase community outreach
- Share opportunities for community members provided by Tribal Programs and outside organizations

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Applicants are encouraged to download the Employment Application and return it to the Human Resources Department. Remember, the application may be just one part of a complete application packet! Read the job announcements carefully for full application details.

https://santodomingotribe.org/careers/

# Source NM

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# Santo Domingo Pueblo 3D prints materials for its first large-scale solar farm

Because of inflation, tribal leaders had to downsize their federally funded internet expansion projects. It's an issue other Indigenous communities are facing, too.

BY: MEGAN GLEASON - JULY 10, 2023 5:05 AM













U.S. Sen. Ben Ray Luján and Rep. Teresa Leger Fernández listen with others to broadband consultant Bryan Schalipp explain fiber wiring on Thursday, July 6, 2023. (Photo by Megan Gleason / Source NM)

SANTO DOMINGO PUEBLO – From having very little internet access at all to setting up a Pueblo-wide service network over the past few years, Santo Domingo leaders are working to expand broadband services in a self-sufficient way.

They're now in the process of creating the Pueblo's first large-scale solar farm, a project that'll help get energy to internet towers to boost broadband services.

A \$12.7 million federal grant awarded to Santo Domingo Pueblo in 2022 is helping fund this project, along with other private grant dollars.

Other tribal nations that also recently received federal broadband funding are struggling with supply chain issues in their internet expansion.

Santo Domingo Pueblo developed a workaround.

The Pueblo is using 3D printers to create the parts needed to build energy and internet infrastructure.

"We can't find what we need so we created our own," tribal administrator Herman Sanchez said.



Herman Sanchez (left) and Frank White stand near the 3D printers on Thursday. (Photo by Megan Gleason / Source NM)

Tribal leaders showed state and federal officials the 3D printing process in-person on Thursday at a site where contractors are laying down fiber underground.

Frank White is the Santo Domingo Pueblo information technology director. He said 3D printing allows the Pueblo to obtain certain types of hardware that are difficult to get right now because of supply chain issues, something that the pandemic intensified. He said the Pueblo is also in touch with specific vendors that can access hard-to-find equipment.

"We're trying to get creative," he said.

White said a lot of work has already gotten done on the solar project, and expects it to be completed in another couple of years.

Lindsey Abeita (Kewa) is a digital content producer for the Pueblo. She said the 3D printing methodology allows the Pueblo to expand its internet presence independently.

"So we can be a self-sustaining Pueblo," she said.

Sanchez said federal funding makes all this work possible. He said the Pueblo has the capacity to get it done but needs a little help to make it to that point.

Federal delegation members listened to Sanchez and White explain the 3D printing process and what the tribal leaders are doing with the funds that the federal government gave them last year.

# Access the article online:

https://sourcenm.com/2023/07/10/santo-do-mingo-pueblo-3d-prints-materials-for-its-first-large-scale-solar-farm/





© Federal officials learn about the 3D printing technology on Thursday. From left to right, U.S. Sen. Martin Heinrich, Santo Domingo IT Director Frank White, U.S. Presidential Advisor Mitch Landrieu, U.S. Rep. Teresa Leger Fernández, U.S. Sen. Ben Ray Luján. (Photo by Megan Gleason / Source NM)

U.S. Rep. Teresa Leger Fernández told *Source NM* it's exciting how the Pueblo is getting all of this work done this way. She said she thinks it's great that these broadband services are creating careers for tribal members. "We are here to celebrate that," she said.

Leger Fernández said internet can also help with language preservation.

Abetia said there needs to be a concentrated effort to make sure that actually happens.

She said there could be a "conflict with language and culture" as more and more households are connected to internet. Particularly with younger kids, she said, they could get distracted online instead of learning about their culture.

"I feel like we have a balance," she said. "I know it just comes within the household."

# Federal funds may not be enough for other projects

The \$12.7 million is also funding other projects.

White said it will allow the Pueblo to hook up over 300 households to fiber internet, set up a new IT building and create more internet towers.

But tribal leaders are encountering challenges with inflation, White said. He said it's causing issues with how far officials can go with this federal broadband grant.

That's something other tribal communities also awarded federal funds last year are struggling with, too.

"We don't know whether the funding will actually complete all the projects that we had planned," White said.

He said the Pueblo has already had to cut down on how many households officials can connect to broadband.

White pointed in the distance toward a cluster of homes. For example, he said, officials initially planned to connect around 70 of those homes to better internet services but had to cut that down by about 30 households.

# **Expanding beyond the Pueblo**

Before 2015, Santo Domingo had little to no internet.

The Pueblo joined the Middle Rio Grande Tribal Consortium in 2015, laying down fiber between the Santo Domingo, Santa Ana, San Felipe and Cochiti Pueblos, according to a presentation from White and Sanchez.

That infrastructure allowed tribal officials to set up a free Pueblowide wireless internet system in 2020, connecting over 700 homes

by the end of the year, according to the presentation slides. In 2021, the officials added faster speeds that people can pay more for.

Sanchez said they now want to expand their internet services beyond the Pueblo borders, getting access to the Peña Blanca community and the city of Sile, areas underserved by major broadband providers.

Santo Domingo recently applied for a state broadband grant and plans to connect almost 1,200 homes to fiber internet if the tribal community gets the money and the Pueblo council approves, according to the presentation.

U.S. Sens. Martin Heinrich and Ben Ray Luján said they applaud Santo Domingo for setting up these internet services.



O U.S. Sen. Martin Heinrich (left) listens to Herman Sanchez (middle) explain Santo Domingo Pueblo's broadband and solar initiatives on July 7, 2023. (Photo by Megan Gleason / Source NM)

Heinrich said he remembers visiting Santo Domingo at the beginning of the pandemic when there was very little fiber installed. He said the Pueblo has come a long way in three years.

"Just to recognize what you've accomplished here — I think it's brilliant," Heinrich said.

Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham said at a broadband conference later on Thursday in Santa Fe that tribal nations are leading the way for broadband expansion efforts.

"We're going to be the first state with sovereign nations fully connected in the country," she said. "It is powerful."



# ARE YOU GETTING YOUR \$75/MONTH INTERNET DISCOUNT?

If you participate in any of the following programs and are located on qualify Tribal Lands you qualify for an enhanced ACP benefit:

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Medicaid
- Federal Public Housing Assistance
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Women, Infants and Children (WIC)
   Program
- Veterans Pension or Survivor Benefits
- Lifeline

- Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance
- Tribal TANF
- Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations
- Tribal Head Start (income based)

After you qualify for the ACP discount, contact Santo Domingo Pueblo IT by Email: <a href="mailto:sd.isp@kewa-nsn.gov">sd.isp@kewa-nsn.gov</a>





# Santo Domingo Pueblo **Tribal Utility Authority**

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# COMMUNITY NOTICE

Greetings from TUA. The Solid Waste Division is happy to announce that we have our trash truck back and will begin curbside trash pickup with an alternate schedule beginning on Monday, July 31st, Tuesday, August 1st, and Wednesday, August 2nd, 2023, in preparation for the upcoming annual feast day (regular trash schedule will be followed on these days). We will resume the normal curbside trash pickup the week of August 8th, 2023. Also, during the time without our truck, we initiated the work order request to assist community members who had no transportation to get their household trash to the yard. We will continue to provide this service until August 1st, 2023, thereafter, we will only provide this service for bulk items. There will be a \$5.00/service fee and an additional fee per bulk item. Please refer to the trash disposal fee listing attached. We truly appreciate your patience and understanding and all your efforts in hauling your trash to the yard. Please give us a call if you have any questions.

# **CURBSIDE TRASH PICKUP**

**Regular Route Schedule** 

- Tuesday
  - Main Village
- Wednesday
  - Out Skirts of Village & Sile
- Thursday
  - Housing -
    - Galisteo
    - Domingo
    - **Cedar Tree**

We wish you all a happy feast day.



TUA TRASH DISPOSAL FEES						
LINE ITEM	AMOUNT					
SINGLE TRASH BAGS	\$	0.75				
HALF TRUCK	\$	3.00				
FULL TRUCK	\$	5.00				
ABOVE CAB	\$	8.00				
TRAILER	\$	10.00				
MATTRESS/BOX	\$	3.00				
CHAIR/RECLINER	\$	3.00				
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T.V.	\$	5.00				
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# Did you know that we offer Electrical & Plumbing Services?





In May 2023, the Projects & Facilities Department hired an electrician. The Plumbing Department was transferred to our department from SDTUA. If you need any plumbing or electrical services, please call our office at 505-465-2581 or visit us in the orange building on the westside of the Governor's office. We offer competitive rates for services during normal work hours.

We also provide after hours emergency service Please Note: Residential emergency call outs will be based on a \$120.00 per hour fee with a minimum of 2 hours. Emergency hours are defined as weekends, holidays, traditional holidays, and the hours between 5pm to 8am Monday through Friday.

# Construction – Demolition

You may have noticed that our demolition crew is busy throughout the pueblo. We are in the process of taking down about 40 abandoned homes. This project is to beautify and make our community safe. We ask that you please be mindful when you come into areas where demolition is taking place. We have various construction and demolition projects throughout the village. For your safety and for the safety of our personnel, we ask that if you see a road closure due to construction or demolition that you go around the site.

# Food Issuance and Certification Schedule



Santo Domingo WIC Program Ph: 465-1321

Fax: 465-2688

# August 2023

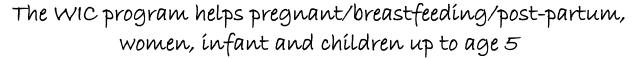
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WIC Program's Information cell: 505-709-8643
BF Peer Counselor's cell: 505-350-6639

WIC Nutritionist cell: 505-401-6472



Get nutritious food to grow, learn, and thrive.

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# NATIONAL BREASTFEEDING MONTH INDIGENOUS MILK MEDICINE

Join us for Indigenous Milk Medicine Event. This event is about restoring knowledge of Native chestfeeding traditions through stories, and providing support for Native chestfeeding.

During this time, please come and visit our newly renovated WIC Office. Meet our phenomenal team!

AUGUST 14, 2023 | AT 10 AM - 4 PM SANTO DOMINGO WIC OFFICE







FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT LISA KEAR, SDHC PHN AT 505-328-5754 *OR* JACKIE MARTORANO, SDWIC NUTRITIONIST 505-465-1321



# Greetings from the OVW Program





The summer sun has been very strong. Don't forget to stay hydrated. If you don't like to drink plain water or just need a flavor kick here are some great ideas!



# **Pineapple Water**

- 1. Pineapple slices
- 2. Mint Leaves
- 3. Splash of lime
- 4. Ice or chilled water

# **Cucumber Water**

- 1. Cucumber slices
- 2. Mint leaves
- 3. Lime slices and juice
- 4. Ice or chilled water

# **Raspberry Lime:**

- 1. Raspberries
- 2. Lime Slices with juice
- 3. Ice or chilled water

# **Strawberry Lemon:**

- 1. Sliced strawberries
- 2. Sliced lemon
- 3. Mint leaves
- 4. Ice or chilled water

# **Blueberry Lime:**

- 1. Blue berries
- 2. Lime slices with juice
- 3. Ice or chilled water





Ms. Ariana Coriz has joined our OVW Program as our newest Victim Advocate. Ariana is the mother of one ambitious 4-year-old daughter-Amaya. She is also a survivor of Domestic Violence. She is anxious to serve her community with needed resources to help our victims and survivors. Also, with respect to her community throughout her services.



The Santo Domingo OVW Program would also like to congratulate Ms. Tamani Ortiz for graduating from the NTTC program at Wisconsin Law School. Ms. Ortiz is now a certified Victim/Tribal Legal Advocate. She is now able to provide services within our tribal courts system. She is able to assist with legal advice revolving around protection orders, child custody, court appearances involving domestic violence, as well as witness preparation, and also help tribal members understand legal terminology. Congrats to Ms.Ortiz and the Santo Domingo Pueblo OVW Program!



Hello families, It is almost that exciting time of year where we start another school year

learning new things, making friends, and creating memories. SD ECLC is getting ready to welcome your littles soon. Meanwhile at home there are some preparations that families can do to help with the transition from summer vacation to returning to school.

# **Play School**

Playing pretend in general is one of the best ways to help your child to learn about real-life experiences.



When playing pretend adults can talk about what their child can expect to happen at school. They can pretend to wait in line, ask to share, listen to teacher, follow bus safety, play circle time, and saying goodbye at drop-off. This would be a good time to teach them what to expect when going to school.

# Adjust your sleep schedule

Sleep is important to growing bodies



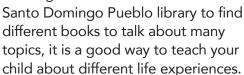
night rest not only makes morning routines easier, but sleep reaps big benefits for your child during the school day.

Tips on bedtime routines: One hour before bed avoid blue light and technology, such as tv, phones, and tablets. Create a bedtime routine, like brushing teeth, washing up, and reading or telling stories. Also, avoid too many naps and limit caffeine intake close to bedtime. Trying to stay consistent with a bedtime routine as much as possible is key.

# Read each day

Read out loud to your child each day. Have your child share what he or she heard to develop comprehension and language skills.

Make reading fun and enjoyable because it's a big part of learning. Visit our



# Monitor snacks & eating routines



Summertime often means snacking when you like and being able to choose from different types of foods.

During the school year, snacks and meals should be healthy and light to promote learning. Start introducing new food items to try and taste so they are ready for school. Start to give meals and snacks on a mealtime routine. Remember, children may need to try a new food several times before they start to like it.

# **Practice Independent Tasks**

School will be a place that will practice independence to promote self-care and self-help skills. While at home allow them to start to do things on their own. When at school the following things will be promoted to do independently:

- going to the bathroom (unbuttoning and fastening pants)
- brushing teeth
- dressing (changing clothes, zipping coats, and fastening shoes)
- eating lunch (cleaning up spills)
- separating from parents
- following two-step directions

Children do not need to be able to master these skills, but it will give them time to practice before coming to school.

These small steps will not only help ease your child's transition to school, but it will also help give you peace of mind as well. So, start now while there are still some summer days, and get ready for what the school year holds!



FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2023 -2024

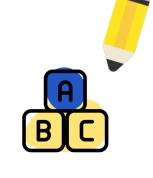
Applications can be picked up for

Returning and New children AT SD ECLC

If you have any questions, feel free to ask for

SD ECLC Family Services 465 - 2728





# 2023 Summer Enrichment Internship Program

This summer Santo Domingo Pueblo hosted an internship program, placing 14-18 year olds at various locations. Most of the job placement sites were within the Santo Domingo Tribal Programs and a couple off the reservation in Bernalillo. Over the course of the summer, the youth gained valuable work experience and attended weekly trainings, covering employability skills.

# Meet the summer interns working in the education office and the library:

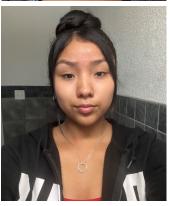


My name is Gavin Lucero. I work with the summer internship program and will be located at the education office. I will be going into freshmen year for high school. My favorite hobbies are skateboarding and playing the guitar. I am fourteen

years old and I don't have any future plans yet.



I am Santana Calabaza and I am seventeen years old. I work at the library. I help with lunches and events hosted by SEIP interns. I enjoy being outdoors and playing with my dogs. I look forward to helping with more events.



I am Nevaeh Garcia and I am 16 years old going into my junior year in high school. I am currently an intern here at the education office and library where I help distribute summer lunches and plan events which are then hosted by us SEIP interns. I plan to complete my high

school years at BHS and further my education in college to become a surgeon. I aspire to become the successful Indigenous daughter, granddaughter, and sister that my family can one day look up to.

Hello everyone. My name is Laela N. Tenorio, I am the granddaughter of Mary J. Tenorio, Dolorita and Roland Bailon. This year I am the age 16, and currently attending Bernalillo High School going into my junior year. I graduate in the year 2025 and plan to attend a trade school to study cosmetology and therefore become a certified makeup artist. This summer I decided to keep myself busy, so I work for SEIP summer interns Program. I work in the library and plan summer events for our community as well as distributing summer lunches.

The four interns have worked together to host activities for the youth including painting pots/planting and tie dying shirts. They have also assisted with distributing summer lunches for the kids outside the library and created fliers for upcoming events. The internship has been a great learning experience for them.

# **Paint And Pot Activity**



The SEIP interns hosted their first activity on June 23rd and 26th called "Paint and Plant". Children who participated can plant their own flower and were given a blank pot along with some paint and paintbrushes. After the children designed their pots and the paint was completely dry, they were able to apply stickers for further personalization. Afterwards, there were two available planting methods: to plant seeds with soil and have the flower begin from the first stage or transfer a flower that has already bloomed and continue to care for it. After the plants were finished, the children enjoyed snacks provided by the interns and took their plants home.









# **TieDye Activity**

On July 21, our SEIP interns hosted a Tie-Dye event for kids ages 5-14 where each child got to design their own shirt using 3 choice of color dye.





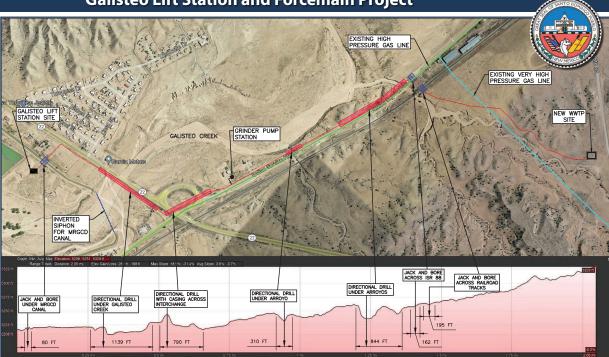


Each child was given a white t-shirt (choice in size) & 3 different choice of color dye. They were then given the option to choose a design from 3 different designs- the

spiral, bullseye, and camo design. After their design was chosen, they, with the help from the interns, prepped the t-shirt into the position to create the design that was chosen. Once the t-shirt was prepped, they got to start tie-dying their shirts in whichever/however their heart may have desired. The kids then got to take their now colorful shirts home where they would let the t-shirts sit & dry before they can wash out the dye.

# Galisteo Lift Station and Forcemain Project **Need for Project**

The Galisteo community currently uses a lagoon for wastewater treatment. The lagoon is inadequate for the volume of sewage flows and is susceptible to overflow of partially treated sewage, raising health and sanitation concerns for residents and visitors to the area. Santo Domingo Pueblo is currently designing a new wastewater treatment plant to be located 1/2 mile south of the Railrunner station. The Galisteo Lift Station and Forcemain project will collect wastewater from the Galisteo community, as well as from the main Village, and convey it to the new wastewater treatment plant, where it will be treated to high quality and safely disposed of.



## **Scope of Project**

- New lift station with 72-HP pumps
- 75 KW emergency generator
- Electrical power and controls
- Grinder pump station
- Two miles of sewer forcemain
- Directional drill crossings of irrigation canal and State Road 22
- · Steel cased crossing of Galisteo Creek
- Jack and Bore crossings of Indian Service Road 88 and railroad tracks

## **Funding**

Santo Domingo Pueblo is applying for a grant and loan from the US Department of Agriculture – Rural Development to cover the cost of design and construction of this



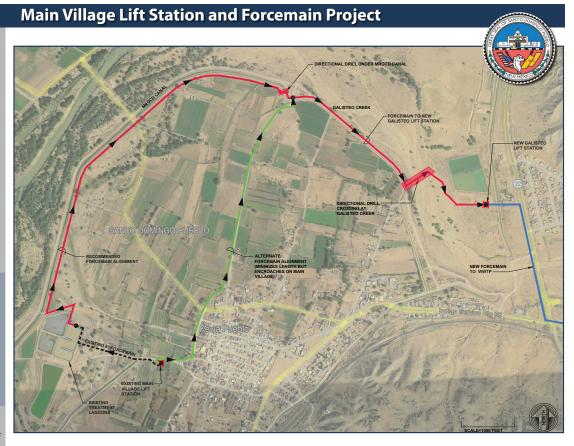
## **Need for Project**

The Main Village of Santo Domingo currently uses a lagoon for wastewater treatment. The lagoon is inadequate for the volume of sewage flows and is susceptible to overflow of partially treated sewage, raising health and sanitation concerns for residents and visitors to the area. Santo Domingo Pueblo is currently designing a new wastewater treatment plant to be located 1/2 mile south of the Railrunner station. The Main Village Lift Station and Forcemain project will collect wastewater from the Main Village, and convey it to the new Galisteo lift station. Wastewater will then be conveyed by the Galisteo lift station to the new wastewater treatment plant, where it will be treated to high quality and safely disposed of.

# **Scope of Project**

- Replace existing pumps with new 72-HP pumps
- 75 KW emergency generator
- Modifications to electrical power and controls
- · Approximately 2.5 miles of sewer forcemain
- Directional drill crossings of MRGCD canal
- Steel cased Galisteo Creek crossing

Santo Domingo Pueblo is applying for a grant and loan from the US Department of Agriculture - Rural Development to cover the cost of design and construction of this project.





# Santo Domingo Pueblo Wastewater Treatment Plant

Molzen Corbin is assisting Santo Domingo Pueblo in designing a brand new wastewater treatment plant on a site ½ mile south of the Rail Runner station on Indian Service Road 88 (Hummingbird Road). The plant will treat all wastewater generated on the Pueblo today and for many decades to come, providing high levels of treatment for safe disposal and, eventually, reuse of this critical resource.

The site will also be the home of the Transportation, Utilities, and Natural Resources Departments, who will share a new 8,000 square foot administration building. Each department will have a yard for vehicles and equipment on the site. The new site will also be the home of a new solid waste transfer station, where Pueblo resident can take household trash, recyclables, old appliances, and hazardous household waste.

The Pueblo is seeking funding for design and construction of part of the plant through US Department of Agriculture.







# **USDA Funded Projects within New Wastewater Treatment Plant**

## **Need for Project**

Santo Domingo Pueblo currently operates several lagoons, package treatment plants and septic systems to treat and dispose of wastewater generated by residents, businesses and government offices. The existing systems are old and inadequate for the volume of sewage flows. Furthermore, the need to maintain and operate several different systems throughout the Pueblo puts a strain on the Utility Department operations staff. The Pueblo needs a central wastewater treatment plant where all sewage generated by the Pueblo can be efficiently treated and safely disposed of or reused for irrigation.

Two major facilities of the new wastewater treatment plant currently under design have been identified for funding by the US Department of Agriculture — Entrance Works and Lift Station and Sludge Dewatering/ Disinfection/Washwater Facilities.

# Project 1: Entrance Works and Main Lift Station

The entrance works facility is the first place wastewater enters the plant and is where large solids and grit are removed. The main lift station then takes the wastewater and pumps it up to the main treatment facility (called a sequencing batch reactor) for further treatment.

### Scope of Project:

- Concrete channel with mechanical screen
- Manual bar screen bypass channel
- Gravity grit channels
- Parshall flume
- 2,700 square foot building for enclosure of facility
- Lift station with three 25-HP pumps



# Project 2: Sludge Dewatering/Disinfection/Washwater Facilities Sludge is the solid material left behind after the treatment process, and it must be dewatered before it can be disposed of at a landfill. Sludge dewatering will be accomplished by a screw

press that will be housed in fully enclosed building. The final step in water treatment from the wastewater plant is disinfection by sodium hypochlorite (bleach). The disinfectant will be generated onsite from water and salt in a Miox system. The disinfectant will be injected into the water then run through a chlorine contact chamber to ensure all microbes are destroyed. The resulting effluent will be safe for disposal or to use for cleaning and outdoor water uses at the plant (washwater). A booster pump to pressurize the effluent for washwater will be located in the sludge dewatering building

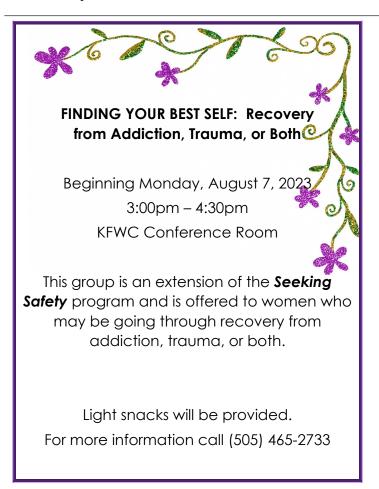
# Scope of Project:

- 2,800 square foot building
- Screw press
- Washwater pump skid
- Miox system (disinfectant generation)
- Chlorine contact basin

# **Funding**

Santo Domingo Pueblo is applying for a grant and loan from the US Department of Agriculture – Rural Development to cover the cost of design and construction of these two projects.











# **Kewa Family Wellness Center Services**

Would you or your family benefit from support with anger management, family communication, depression and anxiety, grief & loss, trauma, parenting, or individual or group therapy? Do you need to be enrolled in Medicaid? Do you or someone in your family need support with a drinking or drug problem?

We are here to help! Please reach out anytime to the Kewa Family Wellness Center at 505-465-2733, Monday – Friday between 8am and 5pm.



# SAVE THE DATE

August 30, 2023, Kewa Family Wellness Center-Kewa 988 will be hosting a **988 Tribal Response** 

<u>Community Readiness Assessment (CRA)</u> in partnership with the Albuquerque Area Southwest Tribal Epidemiology Center (AASTEC).

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss and identify the community's assets, gaps, tribal crisis response, and follow-up protocols. AASTEC will provide a report that can be shared with the community. A meal and refreshments will be provided. We value your input. If you are interested in participating, please contact Lena Gachupin, KFWC Assistant Director/Clinical Supervisor or KEWA 988 Coordinator Ed Thompson. Details will be provided to those interested person(s).



# Reasons to call or text 988: Feeling sad, confused, or angry? Worried about your safety or someone you know? Worried about alcohol or drug misuse? Wership with the Albuquerque Area Southwest Tribately the community's assets, gaps, tribal crisis ovide a report that can be shared with the led. We value your input. If you are interested in Assistant Director/Clinical Supervisor or KEWA 98

Call, Text, or Message

# The Kewa House Emergency Youth Shelter Is Open!

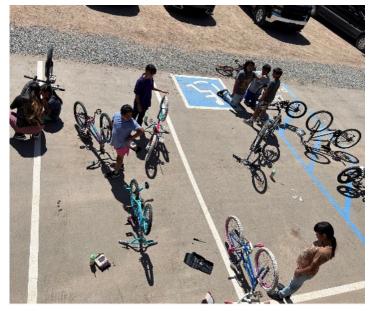
The Youth Shelter is a 24/7 program intended to provide a safe, caring and healthy environment to any youth in need. The shelter is for youth from any Tribe or Pueblo in New Mexico who are between the ages of 0 and 17 years old. Please contact Charlie Verploegh at 505-350-1374 with any questions or referrals.



On July 6th, 2023, The Santo Domingo Pueblo Education office hosted a Bike Maintenance workshop for the youth of the community. The event was facilitated by Gary Tenorio Jr. The event had 15 youth participants who brought their bikes to be worked on. The kids were taught how to replace the valve core and repair leaks on their tires among other things as well as instructions on how to maintain them after the repair. After they successfully repaired their bikes, the students were able to take home a bicycle repair tool kit, a new helmet, new pump, and a new bike lock. 3 bikes were taken home by Mr. Tenorio to repair because the damage to these bikes required more time and attention than the event allotted. After he repaired these bikes, he returned them to very thankful and happy kids. This event was a life skills workshop that these kids can carry throughout their life and helped them gain a little independence and hopefully they will be able to pass down what they have learned. Even though it was a scorching day, everyone had fun and left satisfied.







Suggestions for an activity or lifeskill workshop are welcome. Please contact Gary Tenorio at 505-585-0109.





On July 19th, 2023, The Santo Domingo Pueblo Education office hosted a community resource fair facilitated by Gary Tenorio Jr. There were 16 informational booths consisting of Tribal Programs, Kewa Health Clinic and other outside entities. The informational booths are listed as:



Kewa Family Wellness Center, which also include the CHR Dept and Emergency Youth Shelter, Kewa Census, Kewa Keres Language Program, Kewa EMS Dept, The Santo Domingo Early Childhood Learning Center, Kewa

I.T. Dept, Kewa W.I.C., Kewa T.R.U.T.H. Youth Council, Kewa Health Clinic PHN and Dental Dept, Santo Domingo Pueblo NFL Flag Football League, Bernalillo Public Schools, Cochiti Lake and Pena Blanca Fire Dept. The inflatable carnival was provided by Freedom Fun Abq. There were several community members that volunteered to ensure the event's success. Damian Coriz, Jennifer Lovato, Sidney Abeita, Joshua Garcia, Malcolm Nieto, Nadia Tenorio and Harley Tenorio



their time and effort, and we thank them for that. The resource fair was the result of several asset

dedicated

mapping sessions involving 38 kids from the community. It was their opinions and input that helped plan and put this event



together. The overall goal was to give the youth of the community a platform to be heard. To help them build up the community to create opportunities suited to them. The community turnout was amazing, and the programs had a great time interacting with everyone who came through their booths. 183 kiddos passed through our fair. They asked questions and interacted with



the programs.
The Fire
Dept cooled
everyone down
by spraying
water and even
let a select few
kids carry the
water packs
to get the job
done. Everyone
was invited

to jump and play at the inflatable carnival. There were several things to do like jumping in the bouncy houses, fling inflatable axes, play soccer darts or race through the obstacle course. There was even an archery and laser tag arena. Overall, the day was a great success filled with joy and laughter. One the community deserved.





# Santa Fe Indian School https://www.sfis.k12.nm.us/

Dorms Open: August 13, 2023 4PM

Start Date: August 14, 2023



# Bernalillo Public School https://www.bernalillo-schools.org/

Start Date: August 16, 2023

The district of Bernalillo Public Schools will be providing the following school supplies to each student. Please see each grade for supply list.

# Kindergarten-2nd Grade

- 4 spiral notebooks
- 2 packs of No. 1 pencils
- 1 pack of Crayola colored pencils
- 1 pack of Crayola crayons 24 count
- 1 box of Crayola washable markers
- 4 Flmer's Glue Sticks
- 1 Elmer's Glue Bottle
- 1 pair of Fiskar Scissors
- 1 box of Kleenex
- 1 container of Clorox Wipes

# **3rd-6th Grade**

- 4 spiral notebooks
- 2 packs of No. 1 pencils
- 1 pack of Crayola colored pencils
- 1 pack of Crayola crayons 24
- 1 box of Crayola washable markers
- 4 Elmer's Glue Sticks
- 1 Elmer's Glue Bottle
- 1 Package of Sharpie Highlighters
- 1 pair of Fiskar Scissors
- 1 box of Kleenex
- 1 container of Clorox Wipes

# 7th-8th Grade

- 6 spiral notebooks
- 2 packs of No. 1 pencils
- 1 pack of Crayola colored pencils
- 1 box of Crayola washable markers
- 4 Elmer's Glue Sticks
- 1 Package of Sharpie Highlighters
- 1 pair of Fiskar Scissors
- 1 box of Kleenex
- 1 container of Clorox Wipes

# 9th-12th Grade

- 6 spiral notebooks
- 2 packs of No. 1 pencils
- 1 pack of Crayola colored pencils
- 1 Package of Sharpie Highlighters
- 1 pair of Fiskar Scissors
- 1 box of Kleenex
- 1 container of Clorox Wipes

# NM Back to School Tax Free Holiday!

The tax holiday begins at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, August 4, 2023 and concludes on Sunday, August 6, 2023 at midnight. To qualify for the deduction, clothing or shoes must be priced at less than \$100 per unit. The price limit for desktop, laptop, tablets or notebook computers is \$1,000, and for related computer hardware it is \$500. School supplies for use in standard, general-education classrooms must be under \$30 per unit.

# PACT ACT BENEFITS AND SERVICES

In March 2022, Rep. Leger Fernández voted for and Congress passed the PACT Act. This lawexpands VA health care and benefits for Veterans exposed to burn pits and other toxic substances.



# **HOW TO APPLY**

There's no deadline to apply for PACT Act benefits, but Veterans have until August 9th to file a claim for benefits backdated to August 10, 2022.

Visit www.va.gov/PACT or call 1-800-MY-VA-411 to apply. If you file a claim, there is a 97% chance that your benefits will either increase or stay the same. So don't worry, and don't wait – APPLY TODAY

# **BENEFITS**

- Every Veteran enrolled in VA health care will receive a toxic exposure screening and a follow-up screening every five years.
- More health conditions are considered to be exposure related.
- Veterans with toxic exposures and Veterans of the Vietnam era, Gulf War era, and Post-9/11 era are now eligible for VA health care.
- The VA can expand the workforce and meet the growing demand for benefits and services.
- 31 new facilities have been authorized across the country to provide greater access to VA health care.
- The VA will research the mortality rates of Veterans who served in Southwest Asia during the Gulf War, Post-9/11 Veteran health trends, and Veteran cancer rates.

# **SPECIAL ENROLLMENT PERIOD**

For Post-9/11 combat Veterans who separated or discharged between September 11, 2001 – October 1, 2013.

To be eligible for the special enrollment period, veterans must have:

- served in a theater of combat operations during a period of war after the Persian Gulf War, OR
- served in combat against a hostile force during a period of hostilities after November 11, 1998, AND
- have been discharged or released between September 11, 2001, and October 1, 2013, and haven't enrolled in VA health care before

Enrollment is free, there are no annual costs, and care may be free as well!

# **ELIGIBILITY**

Veterans who served in the following locations and time periods can enroll in VA health care NOW:

- Republic of Vietnam (January 9, 1962 May 7, 1975)
- Thailand at any US or Royal Thai base (January 9, 1962 June 30, 1976)
- Guam or American Samoa or their territorial waters (January 9, 1962 July 31, 1980)
- Laos (December 1, 1965 September 30, 1969)
- Certain Provinces in Cambodia (April 16, 1969 April 30, 1969)
- Johnston Atoll or a ship that called there (January 1, 1972 September 30, 1977)

Veterans who served in any of these locations and time periods are eligible for the new Gulf War-related presumptions. This includes the airspace above any of these locations:

- On or After August 2, 1990: Bahrain, Iraq, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia,
   Somalia, United Arab Emirates (UAE)
- On or After September 11, 2001: Afghanistan, Djibouti, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, Uzbekistan, Yemen

Rep. Leger Fernández celebrates veterans with valentines made by students for her Valentines for Veterans program.



FOR MORE INFORMATION, TO APPLY OR FILE A CLAIM



VISIT: VA.GOV/PACT CALL: 1-800-698-2411 (TTY: 2411

FOR HELP WITH A FEDERAL LAGENCY CALL THE SANTA FE DISTRICT OFFICE: (505) 428-4680

It is not enough to thank veterans for their service.

We must provide veterans with the services they have earned.

Rep. Teresa Leger Fernández



**DON'T DRUG YOURSELF DOWN** 

END DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE

# 2 SMART 2 START

AWARENESS EVENT

When: Tuesday, August 8, 2023 9:00AM-3:00PM

**Where: Santo Domingo Pueblo Community Center Cafeteria** 

For More Information, call Darreth Calabaza at (505) 585-0109

Hosted by the Santo Domingo Employment & Training - SEIP Interns





08.09.2023

Santo Domingo **Community Center** 7am fun walk/run 9am-3pm Health Fair

Please join us for our annual **Community Health Fair and** receive information from health/tribal presenters, insurance companies, etc.



Fun Walk/Run will be held in Wadi. Registration will begin at 630am and the walk/run at 7am. Participants will receive a T-shirt while supplies last



Santo Domingo Tribal Programs Monthly Newsletter



Need one delivered to your house?

Scan the QR Code to fill out the form online or sign up at the IT Office.

# How to scan QR Code:



Interested in submitting content for your program? Contact 505-709-7392 for more information.

# SANTO DOMINGO **PUEBLO**



# **Immediate Hire**

**August 4th Feast Workers 20 TEMPORARY CONTRACT WORKERS!** (16 Laborers and 4 leads)

- Please stop at the Governor's Office and sign up with Beverly or Natalie.
- You are required to fill out and W-9.
  - You may be required to do a background check with Tribal Courts.





encouraged to get their

Teen check-up and

vaccinations

TO SCHEDULE, PLEASE CALL:





# AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY

## WHAT IS IT?

The Affordable Connectivity Program is an FCC program that helps connect families and households on Tribal lands when they are struggling to afford internet service.

- Up to \$75/month discount for households on qualifying Tribal lands; a \$30/month discount for qualifying households that are not on qualifying Tribal lands; and
- a one-time discount of up to \$100 for a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet
- purchased through a participating provider when the eligible household contributes at least \$10 but less than \$50 toward the purchase.

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

A household is eligible if one member of the household participates in any of the following Tribal specific programs: Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance, Tribal TANF, or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reserva

## OTHER WAYS TO QUALIFY

Households on Tribal lands can also qualify for the benefit if one member of the household has an income that is at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines or meets any of the following qualifications:

- Participates in certain assistance programs, such as SNAP, Medicaid, Federa Public Housing Assistance, SSI, WIC, or Lifeline
  - Is approved to receive benefits under the free and reduced-price school lunch
- program or the school breakfast program, including through the USDA Community Fligibility Provision
- Received a Federal Pell Grant during the current award year;
- · Meets the eligibility criteria for a participating broadband provider's existing low-income program.

## TWO STEPS TO ENROLL

Go to GetInternet.gov to submit an application or print a mail-in application

Contact your preferred participating provider to select an eligible plan and have the discount applied to your bill.

Some providers may have an alternative application that they will ask you to

Eligible households must both apply for the program and contact a participating provider to select a service plan.

# **LEARN MORE**







# 🖳 🧔 Back to School

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Best part about being back at school:

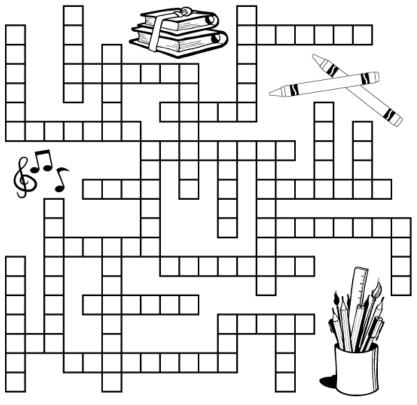
What are you looking forward to this year?

What is your favorite subject?

What would you like to learn more about?

What do you want to be when you grow up?

# **BACK TO SCHOOL**



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