

## Special Events

### Veterans Day Parade and Ceremony

Join us as we celebrate our Veterans and as we remember their selfless service. Come and watch the parade, listen to music honoring our great country, and give a hand to those who have served and protected the freedoms our forefathers fought for.

If you don't wish to enter a float or group in the parade, be a spectator, cheer from side-lines and enjoy the beautiful floats, marching bands, veterans groups, and more. Make signs, wave your flags, and show your support!

Everyone is welcome to participate in the parade, you don't have to be a veteran or a veteran-related organization to march in the parade. The fee to enter a float in the parade is \$15. You can enter into the parade by visiting [www.rnm.gov/ActiveNet](http://www.rnm.gov/ActiveNet) or by calling (505) 891-5015.

Line-up starts at 8:00 AM along the Westside of Country Club and on Oakmount. The parade will kick off at 10:00 a.m. and travel east on Southern Boulevard where it will conclude at Veteran's Park, near the intersection of Southern Boulevard and Pinetree. Immediately following the parade participants and spectators can take part in the Veterans Day Memorial Service starting at 11:00 a.m. at the Veterans Memorial Park (adjacent Ester Bone Library).

- November 11
- Monday
- 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
- Veterans Memorial Park
- \$15 per parade entry
- Free admission to spectators
- All Ages



### Winterfest Celebration

Take a break from the holiday crowds with family activities celebrating the winter season at Rio Rancho's City Center! Winterfest Celebration is a fun way to kick off the holidays. There will be a parade, a visit from Santa & Mrs. Claus, ice skating, and a craft show at the Santa Ana Star Center. This year's theme is "Seussville".

At 5:00 PM the City Center plays host to one of New Mexico's largest nighttime holiday parades. Attracting nearly 100 entries and hundreds of spectators, the parade will feature marching bands and beautifully decorated lighted floats. The route will take the parade from the Santa Ana Star Center and circle in front of City Hall, up King Boulevard, and in front of HP. This is truly a special event, and one that shouldn't be missed! Call the City of Rio Rancho Parks and Recreation office at (505) 891-5015 for more information.

- December 14
- Saturday
- 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM
- Rio Rancho Civic Center
- Free admission to spectators
- \$15 per parade entry
- All ages



### Holiday Pet Food Drive

The City of Rio Rancho Parks, Recreation & Community Services is asking for your help in making this a happy holiday for seniors & their pets by donating cat, dog, and bird food. They are also in need of cat litter.

To many seniors, their pets are considered companions, best friends, and often family; sometimes their ONLY family. Let's all help seniors by chipping in and donating what pet items we can. Help make a difference for a senior and their pet this holiday season. All donations collected will be divided between St. Felix Pantry and Storehouse West to aid their "Seniors in Need Program."

Helping Senior Citizens keep their companion pets at home and out of shelters! This is often the last resort for Seniors with pets. Help us ensure that no pet goes hungry or to shelters because their senior owner can't feed them!

- Collection is from November 4 through December 16
- Donations can be dropped off at Cabezon Community Center
- For additional information please call (505) 892-4499

### Santa for Seniors

Make the season bright by volunteering to become a Santa for a senior. For those who live in assisted living/nursing homes, the holidays can be a lonely time of year. Many seniors miss out on the companionship of family due to various circumstances.

Signing up to become a Santa is easy! Come to Cabezon Community Center starting November 14th to pick a gift request from a local senior. Purchase and return the gift to Cabezon Community Center wrapped NO LATER than December 22nd. The gifts will be taken to their facility on December 23rd, so that they may receive their gifts on December 24th.

You and your family will bring smiles to those who need it most this holiday season.

- Collection is from November 4 through December 19
- Donations can be dropped off at Cabezon Community Center
- For additional information please call (505) 892-4499



### Holiday Arts and Crafts Festival

Kick off the holiday season by joining us for our annual arts and crafts festival. With over 30 vendors to choose from you'll be able to find the perfect gifts for family and friends or something for yourself.

- November 16
- Saturday
- 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
- Sabana Grande Recreation Center
- Free Admission
- All ages

### Craft Vendors

8' x 8' booth spaces are available to rent for the show. Each booth space is \$45 and includes 1 6' table and two chairs. Set up for the show will be on Friday, November 15 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM and at 7:00 AM on Saturday. Booth spaces will be assigned by staff for the show. For more information please call (505) 891-7255. To register as a show vendor please visit [www.rnm.gov/Activenet](http://www.rnm.gov/Activenet).

