

San Marcos Association members receive e-mails with news and notices of events, from food bank distributions and Covid testing to Santa Fe County board meetings on mining clean-up or fire safety. **Learn more and sign up on our website, TheSanMarcosAssociation.org In this Dispatch, we encourage you to participate in 1) the 2020 Census and 2) the fall 2020 General Election.**

If you did not complete the U.S. 2020 Census, please do it NOW—before Sept. 30. Make sure you are counted so that your family as well as your neighbors are represented when the government decides how much funding to send to our state and our community for schools, public health including Medicaid, road repairs and other services. Completing the Census is usually super-quick. You will not be asked for citizenship or your social security number. Go to **2020Census.gov** or call 1-844-330-2020 (English) or 1-844-468-2020 (Español).

QUESTIONS ABOUT VOTING?

Since the Covid Crisis has made it hard for many people to stand in line on election day, Nov. 3, the State of New Mexico and Santa Fe County have taken steps to make it easier to vote. The San Marcos Association has reviewed a lot of official and non-partisan voting information sources. **We recommend the NM Secretary of State, or the non-partisan non-profit League of Women Voters (LWV) as starting points to find everything you need.**

NMVote.org – This web address will take you to the NM Secretary of State’s Voter Information Portal, identified by sos.state.nm.us. There, you can register or check your registration, order an absentee (mail-in) ballot, see if your mailed in ballot was received, and find voting locations.

Vote411.org – The League of Women Voters Portal. Using your zip code and voting address, it links you directly to the NM Secretary of State Voter Information, but with easy-to-follow explanations, and simple tools and translation for Spanish speakers (*El sitio web tiene una traducción si habla español.*) This website also gives phone numbers for help in English or other languages.

If you do not have Internet access or if you are confused about any voting issue, call the NM Secretary of State at 505-827-3600 or Santa Fe County Clerk at 505-986-6280., These folks will help. But YOU still have to choose ***how*** and ***when*** to vote. **Don’t delay!** You can order an absentee ballot now, or vote early in-person, starting Saturday Oct. 17, at the Santa Fe County Fair building or Southside Library on Jaguar Drive, among other locations.

For Your Vote to Count

- Make sure the information on your existing voter registration is correct. Fix it right away if you need to.
- If you are eligible to vote and have not registered, register *online* NOW. That’s the quickest way to go. If you want to vote with an absentee ballot, request one online or by phone NOW.
- If you vote with an absentee ballot, it’s easy and safe! It is best to mail at least a week in advance. No stamp is needed, but you have to fill out the information on the mailer and ***sign it.***
- Instead of mailing, you can drop off absentee ballots at early-voting locations or election-day polling places, or at the County Building, 100 Catron Street in Santa Fe during business hours. YOU or a family member or caregiver can drop off your ballot. Call the phone numbers above if you have any questions!
- You can vote on Election Day Nov. 3 if your absentee ballot does not arrive in time. Take your ID to the polling place and a polling official will help you.

Please wear a mask to keep everyone safe.