

Action Hub

Supporting San Juan County Families – August 2026

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Federal News: New law, new tools

The new bipartisan 21st Century ROAD to Housing Act is the first major federal housing law in decades, aimed at lowering costs by boosting supply and curbing speculative buying. It creates new grants and incentives for communities that update zoning, speed up permitting, and support options like manufactured and modular homes.

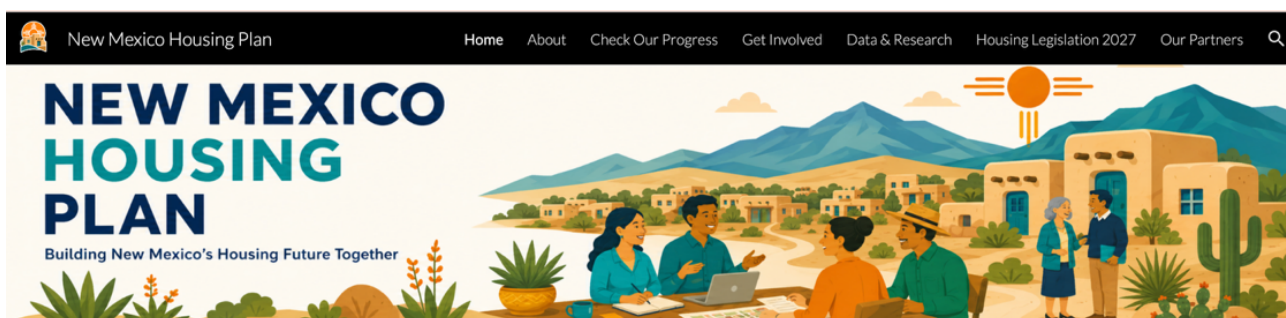
For San Juan County, that means potential new tools to align with the New Mexico housing plan and our local affordable housing work—especially for rural projects and preservation of existing homes. As agencies roll out rules and funding notices over the coming months, local partners can be ready to spot opportunities that fit our communities.

State News: New Mexico Housing Plan

New Mexico is creating a statewide housing plan based on what families and communities say they need most. For families in rural places like San Juan County, that matters because the plan is looking at real-life concerns like affordability, rural housing, and ways to help people stay in their communities.

This is more than a planning document. It is a **chance for parents, grandparents, renters, and neighbors to speak up** about what housing feels like where they live—whether that means rising rent, limited choices, long drives, or not knowing where to turn before a crisis grows.

The good news is that the plan is still being shaped, so family voices can still influence what comes next. Families can follow the process and share their story at nmhousingplan.org.



Local News: Local News: From Planning to Possibility

Build housing solutions in the Four Corners – and put them into action.

Four Corners Housing Summit

One Region. Many Voices. Moving Forward Together.
Thursday, September 10 | 8:30am-3:00pm
San Juan College – Henderson 9000 Rooms

FREE
with lunch
provided



KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

Suzanne Anarde-Devenport
CEO, Rural Community Assistance Corporation



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Housing planning in San Juan County is about more than identifying need. It is about creating real pathways for families to find safe, stable homes and for communities to shape solutions that fit local life across the county.

That is why the Fruitland Habitat Project feels so important right now. Tres Rios Habitat for Humanity has secured land for three future homes, opening the door for more local families to move toward affordable homeownership in San Juan County.

What makes this project especially powerful is the partnership behind it. Future homeowner's complete homeowner education, work alongside volunteers, and purchase their homes through an affordable mortgage—showing how community support can help build long-term stability and hope.

Families can learn more about this work at the September 10 Housing Summit at San Juan College, where the county-wide effort will be highlighted and local partners will keep moving from planning to action You can register [HERE.](#)

Eat the RAINBOW

Colorful fruits and vegetables help your body in so many ways!



How many colors
can you eat today?
Try to eat a variety of colors every day
for a stronger, healthier you!

Rainbow Bean Salad

Fresh, colorful, and perfect for hot summer days!

Did you know? Colorful bean salads have become popular on social media because they're easy to make, packed with protein, and taste even better the next day!

Salad Ingredients

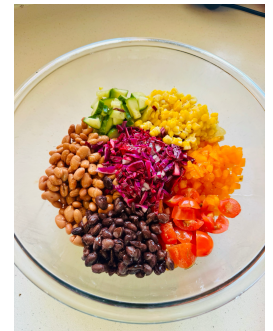
- 1 (15 oz) can black beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 (15 oz) can pinto beans, drained and rinsed
- 2 ears corn, blanched and cut off the cob (or one 15 oz can corn, drained)
- 1 cup diced tomatoes (or one 15 oz can diced tomatoes, drained)
- 1 cup diced cucumber
- 1 bell pepper, diced (any color)
- 1/4 cup shredded purple cabbage
- 1/4 cup diced red onion (optional)

Dressing

- 2 tablespoons olive oil (or other oil available)
- 2 tablespoons lime juice (or lemon juice)
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder (optional)
- 1 teaspoon cumin (optional)
- 1/2 teaspoon chili powder (optional)

Directions

1. In a large bowl, combine all of the salad ingredients.
2. In a small bowl, whisk together the olive oil, lime juice, salt, and pepper (also garlic powder, cumin and chili powder, if using)



3. Pour the dressing over the salad and toss well.
4. Refrigerate for at least 30 minutes before serving to let the flavors blend.
5. Enjoy as a light meal, side dish, or scoop into lettuce leaves or whole-grain wraps.

Makes: 6 servings

💡 Money-Saving Tips

- Fresh, frozen, and canned vegetables are all healthy choices.
- Choose **low-sodium** or **no-salt-added** canned vegetables when possible.
- Rinsing canned beans helps reduce sodium.

Bonus Chews: Bonus: Rainbow Fruit Salad

Can you eat the rainbow for dessert?

Did You Know? Different colors of fruits and vegetables give your body different vitamins, minerals, and antioxidants. The more colors you eat, the more nutrients your body gets!

Ingredients

- 1 cup strawberries, sliced
- 1 cup mandarin oranges (fresh or canned in juice but drained)
- 1 cup pineapple chunks (fresh or canned in juice but drained)
- 1 cup green grapes, halved or chopped green apple
- 1 cup blueberries
- 1 banana, sliced (optional)

Optional Dressing

- Juice of ½ lime
- 1 teaspoon honey (optional)
- Sprinkle of cinnamon or fresh mint (optional)

Directions

1. Wash and prepare the fruit.
2. Combine everything in a large bowl.
3. Toss gently with lime juice.
4. Chill before serving.

Makes: 6 servings

💡 **Tip:** Fresh, frozen, and canned fruit (packed in 100% juice) are all great choices!



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