

Calendar of Events

- November 21, 2024 **Monthly: Country Dance Lessons**
ABQ Social Club
4021 Central Ave NE
Albuquerque, NM 87108
06:30 PM - 09:00 PM MST
Third Thursdays: Country Dance Lessons at ABQ Social Club
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OPUNTIA CAFE
1607 Alcala St. Santa Fe
Santa Fe, NM 87501
07:00 PM - 09:00 PM MST
HRA Santa Fe,
Join us for entertainment, fun, and the community at our monthly Drag Bingo at Opuntia. Admission is \$20 which also gets you 6 bingo cards.
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November 22, 2024

Monthly: Queer Shabbat

Nahalat Shalom

3606 Rio Grande Blvd NW

Albuquerque, NM 87107

06:00 PM - 08:00 PM MST

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For any questions please contact queershabbatnahalatshalom@gmail.org.

November 22, 2024

Weekly Lunch Bunch Mentorship Opportunity

Voz Collegiate Prep

955 San Pedro Dr SE

, NM

12:00 PM - 12:45 PM MST

lduran@vozcollegiateprep.org

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Dry Heat Comedy Club

100 Gold Ave SW

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Red Root Acupuncture & Herb
6pm

December 4, 2024

NMOBA Monthly Breakfast
Sunnyside Cafe
6909 Menaul Blvd NE, Suite A Albuquerque, NM 87110
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08:00 AM - 09:00 AM MST

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Maple Street Dance Space
12-1:30 pm
Second Sundays: LGBTQ+ Dance Medicine
- December 10, 2024 **Business Impact/ Government Relations**
Alamogordo Center of Commerce Conference Room
1301 N. White Sands Blvd.
Alamogordo, NM 88310
09:00 AM - 10:00 AM MST
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Santa Fe: Pride After 5

05:30 PM - 07:00 PM MST

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Location TBA

December 13, 2024

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December 15, 2024

Monthly: Trans Senders
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4130 Cutler Ave NE
Albuquerque, NM 87110
06:00 PM - 08:00 PM MST
TransSenders Gathering

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Trans climbers of all levels and allies are welcome to find community and expand their climbing skills. Beginners are welcome!

Monthly, every 3rd Sunday after regular gym hours
6 pm - 8 pm
Midtown gym
Entry is \$14 and includes gear

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When you arrive, look for the Rainbow Senders' table behind the check in desk with the rainbow rug! There are pronoun pins available and often, a group activity is available if you choose to participate. The leaders of the Rainbow Senders will be available to help you get started if it's your first time and/or be your climbing partner if you wish.

Rainbow Senders

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Fundraiser

Shane Baron-Deutsch, one of our talented members, has created a fun design we are now featuring on some cool apparel! All purchases of items with this design benefit Rainbow Senders and TransSenders!

StoneAge Mid-Town. \$14 includes gear, no one turned away for lack of funds

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ORCA: Men's coffee

10am

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January 14, 2025

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