

PARK PLAZAS

Community Connections

Welcome Home!

INTRODUCING JAMIE CASSUTT-SANCHEZ and HER SPECIAL FAMILY



This is Jamie Cassutt's second "residency" in Park Plazas. She first came to Orquidea Plaza as a babe-in-arms in 1985 and lived here while her parents were house hunting. Her mother was a kindergarten teacher in local public schools for 20-plus years, while her dad was a private attorney who served on a number of nonprofit boards. Together, Jamie's parents taught her the values of education, hard work and compassion that helped shape her life.

Now, fast-forward to today and meet Jamie Cassutt-Sanchez, who is comfortably at home in Narciso Plaza with her husband, Bobby Sanchez, and their 13-month-old son Oliver. She describes the intervening bigger-city years as "not having the same sense of community I enjoyed here in Santa Fe. I missed it for myself and wanted it for Oliver."

After graduating from Santa Fe High School, Jamie earned her B.A. in Psychology from Lewis & Clark College (Portland, Oregon) and her Master's in Public Health, focused on Community Health Sciences, from UCLA. She firmly believes that "all public policy is health policy," pointing to mundane examples—such as repairing potholes and trimming weeds—that have personal health at their very core.

So perhaps it's not surprising that Jamie has long been interested in running for public office and that she is now a candidate for Santa Fe City Council. "We do need to care for our streets, of course," she tells me, "but we also need to think of traditional issues within a health framework. We need to make Santa Fe a city that truly works for all our community members."

Fortunately, Jamie has a soulmate for this second "lifetime" as a Park Plazas resident. Her husband Bobby Sanchez, who was born in San Diego, is now a sports chiropractor.



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Nancy Terry - Best Birthday Wishes!

Many residents know Nancy Terry (Ristra) from the walking paths, while others cherish her as a longtime neighbor. With her late husband, Frank Terry, Nancy moved to Park Plazas back in 2004. Their son Chip lives in a Colorado ski town, and daughter Julie resides in Palm Springs. There are now four generations of strong Terry women, including Julie's daughter Jess and Jess's two little girls (with another on the way). Among her accomplishments, Nancy founded and owned Encore 505, Santa Fe's first consignment clothing store. She's celebrating her birthday on October 26, and we invite you to join us in wishing Nancy many more good years.



SPOTLIGHT
on your neighbor



CREATING CONNECTIONS



Lunch 4 Life

You're invited to join us on Wednesday, October 23, for our last Lunch4Life event of 2019. The presentation will feature Sheila Doran Benyon, co-founder of Villages of Santa Fe, which is part of a national organization designed to help people age safely and successfully in their own homes. Sheila will introduce us to the Villages concept and to some of the programs that the Santa Fe organization has put in place. For information on the local Villages group, link out to <https://www.villagesofsantafe.org/>.

We will gather from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm in the conference room at The Montecito Santa Fe, 500 Rodeo Road. Attendees will order from the lunch menu. Seating is limited, so please RSVP by October 16 to Laurie Glaze at laurieglaze@gmail.com or 713-829-7276.

Sincere thanks to Karen Hyatt of Estate Pros and to all who attended Karen's recent Lunch4Life presentation, which introduced us to life changes that can include aging in place, downsizing, relocation and property distribution. Follow this link to get started with Karen's handout called Things to Think About: <https://www.parkplazascommunityconnections.org/businesses>.



PARK PLAZAS ARTISTS PAINT EN PLEIN AIR ON CANYON ROAD - OCTOBER 18 & 19



The Historic Canyon Road Paint & Sculpt Out will feature two artists from Park Plazas. This special event harkens back to the day when it was a common occurrence to see artists along Canyon Road plein air painting. Details at: https://www.visitcanyonroad.com/paintout_current/.

Friday, October 18 - Alexandra Stevens Gallery will showcase **Ruth Valerio** at a 5:30 Artists' Reception.
Saturday, October 19 - **Gina Rossi** will be painting under the portal at Pippin Contemporary.



DON'T FORGET YOUR DOG PARK KEY!!!

As one resident dog owner notes, the lock can be a little hard to manage while holding a leash, especially when locking up. But, she adds, the benefits of a lock outweigh this slight inconvenience.

Helpful TIP



CHIMNEY CLEANING

Fall is in the air—cool mornings, lovely evenings, the leaves are starting to turn brilliant colors. The most perfect time of the year in New Mexico. And soon, we will begin smelling that fragrant piñon wood in neighborhood fireplaces!

Before you build that first fire, remember to have your fireplace inspected. The National Fire Protection Association Standard 211 says, “Chimneys, fireplaces, and vents shall be inspected at least once a year for soundness, freedom from deposits, and correct clearances. Cleaning, maintenance, and repairs shall be done if necessary.”

This is the national safety standard and is the correct way to approach the problem. It takes into account the fact that even if you don't use your chimney much, animals may build nests in the flue or there may be other types of deterioration that could make the chimney unsafe to use.

Here in Park Plazas, based on a City building requirement, spark arrestors are required on all our chimneys to keep errant sparks from starting a fire. Be sure your chimney inspection includes the spark arrestor.

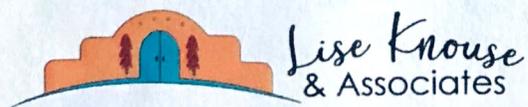
Always seek the services of a chimney sweep who is certified by the Chimney Safety Institute of America (CSIA). It's a good idea to check their reviews—perhaps asking a knowledgeable neighbor or two for their recommendations. And it's important to request visual proof when a contractor tells you that your chimney has excessive damage. Follow the link for more information:

<https://www.csia.org/faq.html>.

IT'S A SELLER'S MARKET, BUT FOR HOW LONG?

Inventory is still tight in Park Plazas. Prices in the overall Santa Fe market continue to rise. Those are two of the takeaways from Lise Knouse's third-quarter update, which we've added to our website at www.parkplazascommunityconnections.org/businesses. Lise's report also included this helpful list for ensuring that your home is ready for winter:

- Schedule annual maintenance of boiler or furnace
- Have chimney professionally cleaned
- Prune trees and bushes, especially against the house
- Examine stucco for cracks & make repairs
- Examine roof for needed repairs
- Disconnect & store hoses
- Turn off and drain sprinkler or drip irrigation system
- Find ice scraper and other winter supplies for car



NOVEMBER 2 IS HHW and E-WASTE AMNESTY DAY

As part of its Amnesty Day program, the Santa Fe Solid Waste Management Agency is looking for all old Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) and electronic items (E-waste) that Santa Fe City and County residents no longer want! The Agency will take this material off your hands for FREE—and dispose of it properly—on Saturday, November 2, from 9 am to 1 pm at the Buckman Road Recycling & Transfer Station (BuRRT), located at 2600 Buckman Road. HHW and E-waste materials will NOT be accepted at the Santa Fe County Convenience Centers. NO COMMERCIAL WASTE.

Pollinators of Park Plazas

a photo essay by

Pat Luiken



Broadtail Hummingbird



Painted Lady Butterfly



Zebra Swallowtail



Bumblebee/Bombus



With appreciation to talented photographer Pat Luiken (Cisne) for sharing these beautiful images with us. For Pat, the challenge of capturing lightbeams on a flower or a flying creature is what keeps her grabbing her camera and waiting for the right moment.

Photocards and wood prints available soon.

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With bachelor's and master's degrees in Kinesiology (the scientific study of body movement), followed by his Doctor of Chiropractic degree, Bobby is building his own unique practice here in Santa Fe. "No one else is doing what he does," says Jamie proudly, "and he's doing very well, ahead of our most optimistic projections."

In addition to Oliver, who is on the verge of walking unaided, the Cassutt-Sanchez household includes Patches the Australian Cattle Dog, who came from the Santa Fe Animal Shelter in July. I enjoyed feeding Patches little treats during my interview with Jamie—and was disappointed that Miley the cat didn't put in an appearance while I was there. Oliver tried hard to compensate, standing on tiptoe to work the TV and doing his very best to run the small calculator that's part of my portfolio.

Today, Jamie's focus includes both her family and her campaign. "I've knocked on more than a thousand doors, which is challenging as well as fun," she says. "Going door-to-door I've met some really interesting people, many with good ideas. But I've also opened myself up to criticism because of my beliefs in supporting larger social needs. I've learned to be careful, to be realistic—"These are my policies, but you need five votes to get things done."

Early alternate-location voting begins on Saturday, October 19, and continues through Saturday, November 2. The election itself is on Tuesday, November 5. Our closest polling place is the Santa Fe County Fair Building, 3229 Rodeo Road.

(Note that there are two other City Council candidates for District 4, Xavier Anderson and Greg Scargall. We are not endorsing any candidate, simply featuring Jamie as a Park Plazas neighbor and new friend.)

Right up to election day, Jamie will continue knocking on doors. Especially for the evenings, she needs volunteers to walk with her, to help ensure her personal safety. If this is something you'd be willing to do, you can reach Jamie at 505-670-1081 or at her campaign's email address, jameicassuttsanchez@gmail.com. And if you want to learn more about Jamie or her campaign, you can find her on Facebook.

During our wide-ranging conversation, Jamie talks about mental health, homelessness, affordable housing, climate change, recycling and even community composting. She's passionate about supporting young families with childcare, after-school and summer programs, and pre-K. She's committed to "supporting young people with jobs and economic opportunities so they can stay or return to Santa Fe."

Her proposals include a standing Health Alliance Committee involving City Councilors as well as the Santa Fe School Board and the Santa Fe County Commissioners. She emphasizes that there's no one else on City Council with a public health background. It's hard not to be impressed by her thoughtfulness and enthusiasm.

When it's time to leave (dinnertime is fast approaching and Oliver's diaper definitely needs changing!), Jamie escorts me to the door with these words: "This has been such a good change for our family. We're very happy here."

— Jane Morris



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SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Board Member(s) Absent: Gary Lutes
Number of Residents in Attendance: 6

OCT.
Board Meeting
Wed., Oct. 23
6:30 pm

Residents are encouraged
to attend.

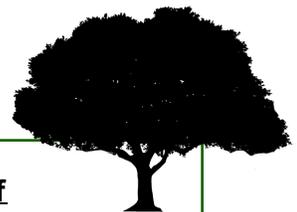
- **Financial** – Treasurer Arnold Valerio reported that the Association, as of August 31, has just over \$1 million in assets and \$15,000 in liabilities. CDs totaling \$746,600 are projected to result in approximately \$16,000 in interest earnings this year. Board discussed limitations on moving funds from reserve fund to operating fund. The 2019 financial reserve study is posted on the PPCSA website: http://www.parkplazas.com/editor_upload/File/ReserveStudy_6_2019.pdf.
- **Bylaws Review Committee** – Committee members Richard White, Diane Graves, Peter Whitman, Laurie Glaze and Barrett Markland met with attorney on September 17 to begin review of attorney's draft document. Group will meet again in early October.
- **Newsletter** – Board member Ken Coldwell questioned whether Association had ever considered including ads in the Park Plazas News. The Board discussed the possibility of advertising if the newsletter were to become an online publication. Director Deirdre Stiles, who is now editing the Park Plazas News, discussed creating a survey regarding the newsletter being placed online vs. printed. This could result in approximately \$2,000/year cost savings.
- **Manager's Report** – Manager Stephanie Davis-Namm reported on items from her written report, which will be attached to the September Board minutes and available on the PPCSA website. Our website also has her report at https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/dbdcd7_e7e8c8917a274588be7549100a4ad83e.pdf.
- **Handrail Requirements** – The Board approved installation of handrails on the newly rebuilt steps leading to the walking path from the parking area between Cisne and Cordero.
- **Dog Park** – Board discussed fact that the park is still being used by a few non-residents. The directors decided that, even in light of some complaints regarding the lock, it should remain.
- **Water Spigots** – The Board asked Stephanie to research adding standing water spigots in common areas that would be accessible to large trucks.
- **Resident Discussion** – Resident thanked Stephanie for her attention to removing chamisa that was obstructing delivery of mail. Resident made recommendation that street railing on Plaza Blanca (over the tunnel) be repainted. Resident discussed with Board ongoing issues regarding damage to her property.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Sharing News/Creating Connections/Building Community

Mission Statement:

To produce a warm, personal, engaging and timely community-focused publication that creates and nurtures connections among all residents of Park Plazas. *Community Connections* is about people — highlighting what makes our neighbors interesting, makes them real, and makes others want to learn more about them.

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