



Heart of the Valley

August 2008 *Española, New Mexico: A Proud History, A Progressive Future*

Message from the Mayor



Our budget was recently completed successfully. Though our revenue projections continue to be well below levels in the past, our priorities remain public safety, recreation, and streets. We have established a special "124" account to ensure that revenues from the recently passed GRT Increase will be spent according to the dedicated priorities of recreation, public safety, building improvements, and streets. The Police Department under this budget will be completely staffed and balanced. The water and wastewater funds though financially healthy, require a reserve amount to meet repair needs and extending utility lines to citizens not currently serviced. Upcoming Events: We will soon be re-opening the Senior Center after at 2-month closure and a \$270,000 renovation of the kitchen, offices, and furniture; the Police Department is undergoing a \$750,000 renovation to improve the holding cells, evidence room, and administrative offices. We will be planting grass around the gazebo in the next couple of weeks to allow the community to enjoy the plaza with their families and in the near future, the city will be embarking on the three primary projects to revitalize Paseo De Oñate, which includes renovating the Oñate Bridge, improving the roadway between the bridge and the plaza and reconstructing the intersection near the plaza. I look forward to presenting the annual state of the city address in September, to summarize the accomplishments made over the past year and highlight goals and objectives in the coming year. Stay tuned for details!

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Joseph M. Maestas

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Senior Center Re-Opening Celebration

Join us Monday Aug 11
11am to 1pm
At the Senior Center
To see the new improvements
and enjoy a FREE lunch!

Two Police Officers Awarded Employee of the Month for July 2008

Emily Montoya and Bobby Wright were honored at the Council Meeting on July 29 for their exceptional police work. Officer Montoya since January 1 has issued 506 citations and made 65 arrests. Officer Wright is the City's official DWI Officer and since January 1 has issued 194 citations, 63 arrests. Congratulations to both officers, and thank you for helping to keep our city streets safe.

Department Contacts:

Utility Billing 747-6047
Planning 747-6061
Streets 747-6006
Library 747-6083
Court 747-6033
Transit 747-3631
Senior Ctr. 747-6027
Lucero Center 747-6055
Animal Shelter 753-8662

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August Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
All meetings are held in City Hall council chambers at 6:00 pm unless otherwise noted. Agenda are available 24 hours in advance of any meeting in city hall or by calling 747-6012.						
3	4	5	6 Community Development Meeting	7	8	9
10	11 Senior Center Re-opens!	12	13	14 Planning & Zoning 5:30 p.m.	15	16
17	18 City Council Workshop	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 City Council Meeting	27	28	29	30
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Each dollar you spend in Española contributes to projects and developments in our city! Please shop locally and support the local economy!

"YOUNG GUNS OF NORTHERN NEW MEXICO II"

CITY STREET IMPROVEMENTS

The City has recently renovated four streets in a cutlerizing project funding with local, state and federal funds. The total cost of the project was \$443,000 and included Pajarito Housing, Duran Street, Calle Hacienda and Mountain View Street.

The Misión Museum is proud to announce the opening of this exhibit, which features up and coming young artists of Northern New Mexico. The exhibit will run from August 1, 2008 through September 5, 2008.

Who are these "Young Guns of Northern New Mexico", you might ask? The artists are Andrew J. Herrera, Jessy James Martinez, Robert Garcia, David Ingersoll and Jamie Herrera. These young artists dabble in all types of mediums, from spray paint to pastels, and from pencils to oils. The art will be so diverse that you will feel like you are moving from one gallery to another. Their inspirations are so great in abundance that one can only attend this show to experience them for yourself.

The Mision Museum is open to the public Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays 12 noon to 4:00 p.m. and Saturdays 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and there is no charge to the public to view the exhibit.

Participate in the City of Española Adopt a Median Program

The City of Española had implemented an Adopt-a-Median Program and it is fully underway. Any individual, family, organization, or business is welcome to adopt an available, eligible median. The adopter may design its landscape or can ask for design samples from the Planning & Zoning Department. All that is required is that the adopter picks up litter, removes weeds and debris, and maintains any vegetation planted. A 16" x 24" sign will tell all in Española that you have adopted! The city will provide the monument for placement of the sign. Please participate in this beautification project! Contact Berlinda at 747-6081 or Isabelle at 747-6062.



Safety in School Zones Enforced

As school begins this month, police will be actively enforcing safety in school zones, including speed control and pedestrian safety. Please watch out for all school crossings, children waiting at bus stops, and obey speed limits in and around school zones. Help to make it a happy back to school!