



# Heart of the Valley

May 2008

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

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## Message from the Mayor



We are pleased that the completion of the plaza gazebo is near. After several unfortunate delays, the project is back on track and will be completed in time for Fiestas and for use by the public throughout the summer. It will be the focal point of the new revitalized downtown, a project that is being pursued by the city as well as the Downtown Action Team Española. Thank you for your patience and understanding through this project that was delayed several times. The positive aspect is that the project will be completed at \$100,000 less than the original rejected low-bid, and will be completed entirely with the legislative appropriations designated for the project and not out of the city's general fund. Please join us as we celebrate the grand opening of the Gazebo in early summer at an event to be announced.



### WATER PROJECTS RECEIVE FUNDING

On April 9, the City of Española was awarded **\$500,000** in a Community Development Block Grant for water supply system improvements. The City had to shut down Wells 4 and 7 due to elevated levels of nitrates, fluoride, and arsenic. The grant funds will allow the City to match funding to install water treatment and blend the water from both wells to improve the water quality to meet federal drinking water standards. The project is currently under design and is expected to go to construction by late summer.

In addition on April 23, The New Mexico Water Trust Board approved a grant to the City of Espanola in the amount of **\$2,580,000**. This will provide the funding for the Wells 4 & 7 Project as well as construction of a new water line extension on US84/285 from SR 102 (at Dandy Burger) to State Road 76.



## May Events



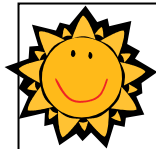
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
All meetings are held in City Hall council chambers at 6:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Agenda are available at city hall or by calling 747-6012.				1	2	3 Española Spring Clean Up Day!
4	5	6	7 Special City Council Meeting	8 Planning & Zoning 5:30 p.m.	9	10
11 Mothers' Day	12	13	14 City Council Budget Hearings 8am-5pm	15	16	17
18	19 City Council Workshop	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 Memorial Day- City Offices Closed	27 City Council Meeting	28	29	30	31

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# Recreation Schedule

May	June
Friday, May 9, 2008. Sock Hop Dance @ Lucero Center. Fee: .25cents. All ages	Men and Women Softball League @ Industrial Park starts Monday, June 2. Fee: \$350.00
May 13, Tuesday Night Ladies 3 on 3 Basketball League starts. Fee: \$80	Saturday, June 7, FUN RUN, 3k and 5k. All ages. Seniors and Youth age 12 and under \$12; Ages 13 and up \$15.
Sat. May 24, 2008. Co-Ed volleyball Tournament @ NNMC. Fee: \$110.00 16 yrs. and up.	Monday, June 16, Summer Food Service Program...and Justice for all. The Lucero Center is offering a FREE meal plus recreational activities from 8am to 2pm, to children ages 7 to 14. Meals served to those individuals age 18 and younger. Program ends August 8, 2008.
Men's Recreational and Competitive Basketball League. Starts May 26, 2008. Fee: \$350.00.	Youth Basketball 3 on 3 Saturday League starts June 17. Ages 10 to 15. Fee: \$60.00/Team
Ranchitos pool will open Tuesday, May 27, 2008 Hours TBA	
Lucero Center Pool Open from 6am to 8:30pm M-Th 6am to 6pm Fri 9am to 5p Sat	



## Keep Safe, Healthy & Enjoy the Weather!

As the weather warms up, it's time for baseball games, fishing, golf, hiking, boating, and camping. We've put together a few tips for you to remember as you enjoy the summer fun with friends and family (and your family pet!)

Hydrate, hydrate, hydrate. Keep bottled water with you whenever possible to keep healthy in the heat.

Make sure to apply sunscreen with SPF of 30 or higher and reapply often to keep you and your family safe from the sun during outdoor activity!

Drinking and Driving applies to your boat as well. Be safe on the water and enjoy your boat responsibly.

Make sure everyone has a well fitting lifejacket when on the water; children under the age of 12 should be supervised when swimming.

Learn CPR! Classes are available through the local Red Cross Office.

Make sure pets have plenty of water throughout the day; they overheat much quicker than humans.

Please don't leave animals or small children in the heat! The inside of a vehicle can reach up 120° within 8 minutes on a 75° day.

*Enjoy the weather! Be Safe. Be Smart.*

## No Burning Within City Limits

At its regular meeting on April 29, the Governing Body passed a resolution banning all open burning in the City of Española for a 90-day period, at the recommendation of the Fire Chief. This means no open flames are allowed inside city limits. This

### includes:

- No coal barbeque grills
- No fireworks
- No burning weeds
- No campfires
- No tossing lit cigarettes or matches

### What is allowed?

- Propane or gas-fired grills

If you had weeds or over-growth you had planned to burn, you can call North Central Solid Waste at 747-8459 to schedule FREE pickup of your weeds! Pickup is Wednesdays on the East side of town and Thursday on the West side of town.

## City of Española Neighborhood Clean Up Campaign

*It's Free!*

The next Neighborhood Cleanup is scheduled for May 12-19 in the El Llano Neighborhood – here's how it works:

### Monday May 12

Residents will be informed about where containers will be available for their use to dispose of trash, debris, etc.

### Tuesday and Wednesday

**Large item** (refrigerators, appliances, mattresses, TV's, carpet, tire) pick-up can be scheduled by calling North Central Solid Waste Authority at 747-8459.

### Thursday

**Large items** scheduled for pick up will be hauled away by NCSWA.

### Friday

A large container will be placed at a central location for use by all residents in the neighborhood on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday

### Following Monday, May 19

The large container will be picked up by NCSWA and Code Enforcement Officers from the City will canvass the neighborhood as a follow-up.