



Heart of the Valley

April 2008

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

Message from the Mayor



I am proud of the sense of community that has been demonstrated by our citizens this past month. We had several events in which many people participated. There was a public hearing held on March 27 at the Misión y Convento on the future of the nuclear weapons complex as it impacts Los Alamos National Laboratories and affects our community; the Circle of Unity event on March 29, which brought people of different faiths together as a symbol of unity in the community; and the launch of the Community Clean up initiative, which restores pride to neighborhoods and revitalizes the city, one neighborhood at a time. Other examples include the Interfaith Leap initiative who is working to establish a homeless shelter in the area - they are working to make a difference in the community. These events are examples of citizens getting involved to make a better Española. I commend Erica Espinoza, whose efforts to bring different faiths and churches together made the Circle of Unity event a success. It is events such as this that emphasize the need for people to get together and make a difference to our community. Even though we're a group of traditional communities that have grown together, there is a need to come together as we did in these events and in future public events. The only way we can overcome our challenges is through a united community - it takes government, schools, non-profits, faith-based organizations, community activists, community members, and businesses to make this happen. Please play a part!

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April 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.						
6	7	8	9	10 Planning & Zoning Meeting 5:30 pm	11	12 5 First Neighborhood Clean Up!
13	14	15	16 Public Works Meeting Fiesta Council Meeting - Senior Center	17	18	19
20	21 City Council Workshop	22 Housing Authority Meeting - @ Housing Office	23 Special City Council Meeting	24	25	26
27	28	29 City Council Meeting	30 Fiesta Council Frito Pie Dinner - Knights of Columbus 5-8 pm			

City of Española Neighborhood Clean Up Campaign

It's Free!

The City of Española has adopted a "Keep Española Beautiful" program that has two aspects: Scheduled Neighborhood Cleanup Events, and an Adopt-A-Median Program. The goal is that through October 2008, 13 neighborhoods will be scheduled for a clean up week.

The first Neighborhood Cleanup is scheduled for March 31-April 7 in the La Joya Neighborhood – here's how it works:

Monday March 31

Residents will be informed about where containers will be available for their use.

Tuesday and Wednesday

Large item pick-up can be scheduled by calling 747-8459.

Thursday

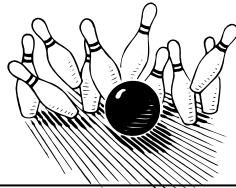
Large items scheduled for pick up will be hauled away by NCSWA.

Friday

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

Next Monday, April 7

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




Seniors Bowl Hi-Tech Style

On March 20, members at the Senior Center welcomed the first day of spring with a virtual bowling tournament, compliments of Health Net. The company has donated to the Senior Center a Nintendo Wii gaming system for use at the center. It is the newest in video game systems, and among the standard game pack is a Wii-Sports system, which has virtual bowling, golf, baseball and tennis. The Seniors all had a great time either participating or cheering on their friends.

ESPAÑOLA FIESTA COUNCIL PRESENTS:

TEEN PARTY
AT THE CLUB LC
313 PASEO DE OÑATE
(LUCERO CENTER)
FRIDAY, APRIL 25TH
AGES 13-18 ONLY
7-11 PM
\$5 COVER CHARGE

What's Happening at the Teen Center?

Tutoring 	Monday – Friday	4:30 to 6:30
Lapidary Class	Tuesday & Friday	4:00 to 6:30
Open Recreation	Monday	12:00 to 7:00
Pool Tournament	Wednesday	5:00
Hip Hop 101 Dance, Emceeing and DJ Class	Thursday	6:00 to 7:30
Dart Tournament	Friday	7:00



Large Items Include:

Appliances, furniture, refrigerators, TV's, mattresses, carpet, tires, lumber

Do Not Place in Large Container:

- Commercial waste
- Liquid waste
- Household hazardous waste
- Batteries, fluorescent lamps
- Concrete, dirt, rocks, bricks
- Junk vehicles
- Contractor waste
- Bullets or shells

**TAKE PRIDE IN
YOUR
NEIGHBORHOOD
BY
PARTICIPATING
IN THIS FREE
EVENT**

**KEEP ESPAÑOLA
BEAUTIFUL – IT
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WITH YOU!**