



Heart of the Valley

June 2008

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

Message from the Mayor



It is again budget season, and the Council and administration have been working over the past two years to stabilize the financial condition of the city. Much progress has been made in restructuring old debt, collecting outstanding grant

funds, and catching up on a three year backlog of financial audits. Now that there has been success in greatly improving our financial condition, the downturn in the economy has negatively affected both the current and next fiscal year budgets. I thank the employees and finance staff for understanding the city's current situation and for their efforts at continued success despite the budget shortages. I also thank the people of Española for their support of the recently passed tax that will be strictly accounted for and earmarked for improvements in areas such as recreation, parks, streets, and public safety. Many exciting projects have begun in the city, such as the expansion of the senior center, improvements to the detention holding facility and the reconstruction of Industrial Park Road. We are still faced with the continued challenge of the operation of the Public Housing Authority and are looking at alternatives to change the structure and operations of the Public Housing Program in Española. I ask for your continued understanding and support as we continue to address the many challenges in City government.

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Presented by the Española Library!

WHEN: THURSDAYS 10am – 11am
June 26 – July 30

WHERE: Española Public Library

WHY: For the FUN and joy of reading!

Register June 26th 10:00-11:00

Join us for Family Nights in July!

Presenters include:

- Puppeteer Liz Padilla – July 10th at 6pm at the Lucero Center gym
- Adventure Storyteller "Indiana Bones" – July 17th at 6:30 pm at the Lucero Center Gym
- Musician Andy Mason – July 24th at 6:30 p.m. at the Lucero Center Gym

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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June Events



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 Fiesta Council Meeting Senior Center 6pm	5	6 Frito Pie Sale! Library 11-2	7
8	9	10	11 Fiesta Council Meeting Senior Center 6pm	12 Planning & Zoning Meeting 5:30 pm	13	14
15	16 City Council Workshop	17	18 Fiesta Council Meeting Senior Center 6pm	19	20	21
22	23	24 City Council Meeting	25 Fiesta Council Meeting Senior Center 6pm	26	27	28
29 Fiesta Court Crowning Noon @ Santuaro	30					

All meetings are held in city council chambers at 6:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Agenda for each meeting is available by calling the clerk's office at 747-6012.

Recreation Schedule

June	July
Men and Women Softball League @ Industrial Park starts Monday, June 2. Fee: \$350.00	Sand Volleyball Tournament Valdez Park, July 12 or 13 th . Fee: \$110.00 / Team.
Saturday, June 7, FUN RUN, 3k and 5k. All ages. Seniors and Youth age 12 and under \$12; Ages 13 and up \$15.	Skateboarding Competition Saturday, July 19. Ages 10 to 16. Valdez Park. Fee: \$20 per participant
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.	
Youth Basketball 3 on 3 Saturday League starts June 17. Ages 10 to 15. Fee: \$60.00/Team	



FROM THE FIRE CHIEF

With warmer weather come mosquitoes. All citizens are urged to adequately protect themselves with some type of insect repellent. Also make sure that your children are protected against mosquito bites as mosquitoes are responsible for the spread of many diseases.

Many people have been asking me if I would consider removing the burn ban currently in effect. With the lack of much needed rain, I cannot foresee removing the ban anytime in the near future. Anyone with weeds or tree trimmings that need burning should take them to the city land fill for disposal, or contact North Central Solid Waste at 747-8459 to have them picked up.

WATER CONSERVATION REMINDER



Stage 3 of the Emergency Water Conservation Ordinance is still in effect. As the city continues to experience a water shortage, the wells are not able to supply all users and provide fire protection. Therefore, outdoor watering restrictions apply as follows:

- East of Riverside Drive – even-numbered addresses can water on Tuesday; odd-numbered addresses can water on Thursday
- West of Riverside Drive – even-numbered addresses can water on Wednesday; odd-numbered addresses can water on Friday
- **NO WATERING** between the hours of 8am – 7pm
- Fundraiser car washes and filling of private swimming pools are prohibited
- NO outdoor watering on Saturday, Sunday or Monday

Exceptions:

- Drip irrigation systems, trucked effluent, harvested water, grey water, hand-held water containers and plants in moveable containers
- Nurseries and landscape companies doing manual watering
- Public landscaping and parks, which require watering plans approved by the utility department

For more information, call 753-6861

Fair Housing in Española

The Fair Housing Act, 42 U.S.C. 3601 et seq., prohibits discrimination by direct providers of housing, such as landlords and real estate companies as well as other entities, such as municipalities, banks or other lending institutions and homeowners insurance companies whose discriminatory practices make housing unavailable to persons because of race or color, religion, gender, national origin, familial status, or disability. The City of Española subscribes to the Fair Housing Act. Individuals that believe they have been victims of an illegal housing practice may file a complaint with the Department of Housing and Urban Development [HUD] or file their own lawsuit in federal or state court. The Department of Justice brings suits on behalf of individuals based on referrals from HUD. The City of Española is required to provide this information to you; if you require further information, please contact 753-6861.