



Heart of the Valley

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Message from the Mayor

Congratulations to 10-year old Melissa Montañó who won the "Name the City Newsletter Contest." Her suggested title of "The Heart of the Valley" is very appropriate. Thanks to all other contestants that submitted suggested newsletter titles!

I hope your summer was enjoyable and filled with good times with friends and family! With "fun in the sun" coming to a close, there is a sense of back to reality for many of us that take time off during the summer to "recharge our batteries." Also, end of summer means back to school for our kids.

Meanwhile, everyone here at city hall has been busy finalizing our budget for the 2007-2008 fiscal year. We have instituted a process whereby city departments create their budget requests based on anticipated performance outcomes. At this point, I would characterize the city's financial condition as being upgraded from pneumonia to a nagging cold. We have managed, through exhaustive work, to fully comprehend the financial condition of the city while allocating limited funding to areas that reflect the priorities of the Governing Body. Priority one is public safety and our new budget reflects that priority.

Much progress has been made and more is needed. Efforts such as annexation, districting, the proposed surface water project, a realistic plan to provide utilities for all citizens, and others are moving along. In the near future, I will deliver my second annual State of the City address to you, the citizens, to inform you of key accomplishments made over the last fiscal year and key activities that are underway. I encourage all of you to attend and participate by asking questions and volunteering where possible. Stay tuned for details regarding my State of the City address.

Please do not hesitate to contact me regarding any city issues that are on your mind. My office telephone number is 747-6018 and my e-mail address is jmaestas@espanolanm.gov.



Streets & General Services Crew Awarded Employee Recognition

At the regular city council meeting on July 24, the City Council presented Employee Recognition Certificates and \$25 checks to employees from the Streets Department and General Services Department for their efforts over the winter with snow removal in the City. This past winter brought the most snowfall in recent history and the crew kept up with the weather to ensure that all city streets were safe and passable. Thank you Leroy Archuleta, Mel Duran, Frank Lucero, Adam Trujillo, Robert DeAguero, Diego Ortiz, Hawk Trujillo, Johnny Padilla, Vernon McCall, Elijah Mares and Ronald Martinez for a great job done!

City Planning Election Districting

The City has hired a consultant, Research & Polling, to develop alternative election districts for the City of Española. It was determined during the last municipal election that the current Ward system was illegal and must be changed. The consultants presented the first draft of the alternatives at the July City Council Meeting. They were given some feedback from the Council and will present again at the August City Council Meeting with the intent of having a plan agreed upon and adopted at the regular September City Council Meeting. The public's input is important in this process, and all interested parties are encouraged to attend and provide feedback at the meetings. The draft alternatives may be viewed on the city website.



Enjoy Back to School!

Mark Your Calendar – October 6!

Memory Walk

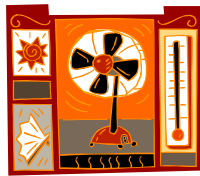
**To Benefit the New Mexico Alzheimer's Association
Will be held in Española on Saturday, October 6
At 10:00 a.m., starting at the Delta Bar & Grill**

This benefit walk is supported by Lt. Governor Diane Denish, Chair of the Statewide Alzheimer's Association; Senator Richard Martinez, Chair of the Regional Alzheimer's Association; and Councilor Danielle Duran, Chair of the Española Alzheimer's Association

For more information or to volunteer, call Danielle Duran at 753-3804 or Andy Braman at 1-800-272-3900

Industrial Park Road To Be Improved

The City of Española recently received notice from Cabinet Secretary Rhonda Faught that its GRIP II project application has been approved and will be funded from the General Fund Category for fiscal year 2007. The application for improvements submitted by the City included drainage improvements, construction of curb and gutter, sidewalks, and amenities. The city is currently working with a preferred engineer and plans to begin the planning and design process in September.



August Meetings

Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
		1	2 Public Hearing for EID on Arsenic <u>Abatement 6:00 p.m.</u> Library Board at the Library	3
6	7	8	9 Planning & Zoning <u>Commission Meeting</u> Fiesta Council Meeting	10
13	14 Public Hearing for Liquor License Transfer – Santa Cruz Country Store 5:30 p.m.	15	16 Fiesta Council Meeting	17
20 City Council Workshop Meeting	21 Housing Commission Meeting	22	23 Fiesta Council Meeting	24
27 City Council Meeting (Re-scheduled from its 8/28 regular date)	28	29	30 Fiesta Council Meeting	31

For more details on meetings, visit our website! All city meetings are held in City Hall Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m., unless otherwise noted. Agenda are available 24 hours prior to any meeting by calling the City Clerk's office at 747-6012