



# Heart of the Valley

February 2010

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



## Mayor

Joseph M. Maestas

## Mayor Pro Tem

Alice D. Lucero

## Councilors

Danielle Durán

Rosario "Chayo"  
Garcia

Alfred Herrera

Cecilia Lujan

Eddie Maestas

Helen Kain-Salazar

Dennis Tim Salazar

## City Manager

Veronica Albin



### *A Message from the Mayor*

By the time most of you receive next month's newsletter the citizens of Española will have elected a new Mayor, so this is my last message. Deciding not to run for re-election was a very difficult decision to make.

For the past ten years I have worked hard to build a foundation of sustainable economic development which included investing in infrastructure. I pushed for laws and administrative policies that demand ethical behavior in your public servants. I made improvements in public safety, capital investments, and technology integration. I have brought openness and transparency to your city government through diversified mechanisms for public outreach and by providing opportunities for public involvement.

I wanted to make a difference because I am a fifth generation native who is tied by my heritage to northern New Mexico. But mostly, I was humbled by the honor and trust the people of Española showed in me as I proudly served you first as a City Councilor, then as Mayor.

I believe I have been successful in meeting the goals I set for my administration, but only because I had your support and your help. I also had the support of our wonderful city employees who do so much behind the scenes.

There were some stumbling blocks. I agonized over the impact the downturn in the national economy had on Española. I felt frustration when some of my initiatives took longer to bring to fruition than I wanted.

All in all, it's been a good run we had together. I will leave knowing that I was blessed to have had the opportunity to serve the citizens of Española, and I will take with me many great memories.

Thank you for our time together.

*Joe Maestas*

## Amnesty Program Continues

Through the end of February, the Española Municipal Court will continue to offer a "Bench Warrant Amnesty Program." The Amnesty Program is for all active Bench Warrants issued for misdemeanors.

The Amnesty Program will allow individuals to have the warrants and associated court costs dismissed. Fines stemming from the original offense will have to be paid, and the individual can make arrangements with the court to pay the fines.

For more information call the Española Municipal Court at 747-6033.

## Calendar of Events

*The PD Conference area is located at 1316C Calle Adelante next to the Police Department (off Industrial Park Road)  
All meetings are open to the public.*

*Council Meetings are broadcast live on KDCE Radio (950 AM)*

**Feb 2** – Last day to register to vote in March 2<sup>nd</sup> Election

**Feb 3** – Public Input Meeting for Proposed new library  
6pm, Library

**Feb 10** – Early voting begins

**Feb 14** – Happy Valentine's Day

**Feb 15** – President's Day  
*City Offices Closed*

**Feb 16** – City Council Workshop  
6pm, PD Conference area

**Feb 23** – City Council Meeting  
6pm, PD Conference area

**Feb 26** – Last day for Early and Absentee voting

**March 2** – City Election



## Luján Visit

On January 16<sup>th</sup>, Mayor Joseph Maestas (right) hosted a visit by Congressman Ben Ray Luján (left). The Congressman visited Española to talk about the positive impact Stimulus Funding has had on the city. He also toured the Police Department and the Industrial Park Road Construction project.

# Municipal Election March 2nd

The declared candidates for the 2010 Municipal Election are (in order names will appear on ballot):

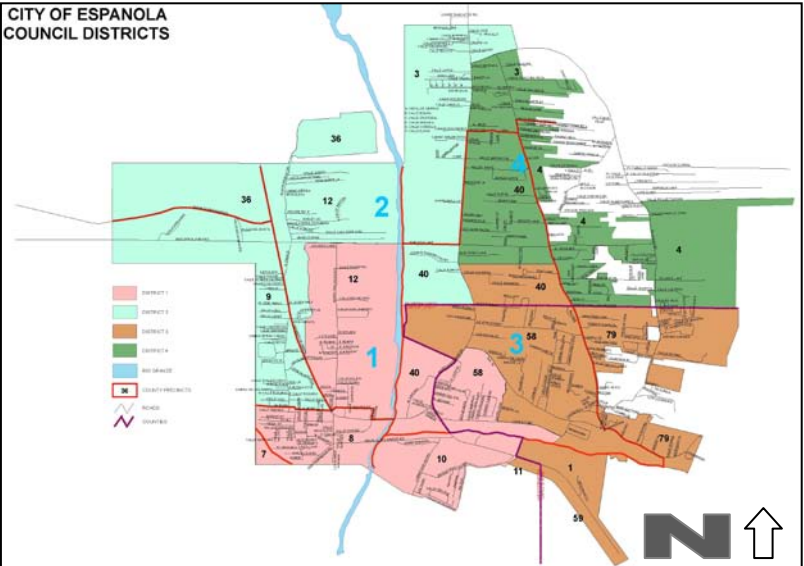
- Mayor: Alice A. Lucero  
 Alfred J. Herrera
- District 1: Danielle Duran (incumbent)  
 Pedro Valdez
- District 2: Jason L. Salazar  
 Greg N. Ortega
- District 3: Maria Cecilia Lujan (incumbent)  
 David S. Chavez
- District 4: Edward D. Maestas (incumbent)  
 Robert J. Seeds  
 Cory J. Lewis

Please vote! For information on early and absentee voting, please call the City Clerk at 747-6019.

## ELECTION DAY POLLING PLACES:

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|----------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>Precinct:</b>     | <b>Vote at:</b>                    |
| 1, 58, 59 and 79     | Holy Cross Gym                     |
| 3, 4, 10, 11, and 40 | 1327 Holy Cross St.                |
| <b>Precinct:</b>     | <b>Vote at:</b>                    |
| 7, 8, 9, 12, and 36  | Beatrice VQ Martinez Senior Center |
|                      | 735 Vietnam Veterans Road          |

CITY OF ESPANOLA  
COUNCIL DISTRICTS



## General Obligation Bond

On March 2<sup>nd</sup>, voters will decide on the issuance of General Obligation Bonds. The following question will appear on the ballot:

“Shall the City of Española issue general obligation bonds up to \$6,100,000, to be repaid from property taxes for the purpose of designing, planning, constructing and equipping a new library?”

Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> – Public Input Meeting at Library, 313 N.Paseo de Oñate

## Safety Reminder from Fire Chief John Kitchen

In January the City of Española Fire Department was called out to a fully involved mobile home fire. It was determined by the State Fire Investigator that the cause was due to faulty electrical heat tape wrapped around a water line to keep the line from freezing. These electrical add-ons should be checked annually because they can fail, leaving an individual without a home or possessions.

Electrical heat tape can become brittle over time and short out. If you're using this type of device, inspect it for wear and tear. Doing so could save your home and possessions. More importantly, you could prevent you and your loved ones being injured in a fire.

Although the home was a total loss, no one was injured in this fire.



## Lose the Wait

The New Mexico Motor Vehicle Division launched a new website last November which is designed to offer more online services. The MVD is also implementing streamlined services in its field offices, all in an effort to reduce the time customers have to wait when conducting routine business according to MVD Director Michael Sandoval in a presentation given to City Councilors December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Check out the new MVD website at [www.mvd.newmexico.gov](http://www.mvd.newmexico.gov)!

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## Hear us on KDCE Radio (950 AM)

Coffee Break every Thursday at 9:15am  
 City Council meetings broadcast live

## Website:

[www.cityofespanola.org](http://www.cityofespanola.org)

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