



HEART OF THE VALLEY

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Message from the Mayor



We are about half way through the 2008 legislative session, and have high hopes that our legislative agenda will be well supported. I am excited about the Solar Energy Research Park and Academy that

has been introduced by Rep. Ben Lujan and has steadily gained support. The Park and Academy will be a center in Northern New Mexico for advanced research of solar energy, with a particular emphasis on energy storage. This project could provide affordable training and education in high wage in-demand jobs for young people, as well as an advanced re-training center for those laid off or facing job uncertainty with LANL. As importantly, it will be a signal to the rest of the country that all of New Mexico is open for business in the new clean green economy!

Thanks to all who attended the ribbon cutting ceremony at the Wastewater Treatment Plant this month; this is the largest public works project in the history of Española, and was completed on time and under budget! We were pleased to have Congressman Udall join us for the event and thank him for his funding support for the project.

January's Employee of the Month


Richard Marquez has been selected as January's Employee of the Month. Richard is part of the Teen Court Program and oversees the Community Service Program as well. He was nominated by Leroy Garcia, who said about Richard, "Mr. Marquez is always willing to help and NEVER says NO. He just gets things done. Personally, I am grateful for his efforts and I know that our city is blessed to have him." Thank you Richard, and keep up the good work!



¡Que Viva Española!

January 26 was Greater Española Valley Day at the State Legislature; Mayor Maestas, Councilor Herrera, Councilor Duran, the Clerk's office and staff from the Teen Court participated in the event.

February 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	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 City Council Workshop	12	13 Fiesta Council Meeting - Senior Center 6pm	14 	15	16
17	18 <i>Presidents' Day</i> City Offices Closed	19 Housing Commission Meeting	20	21 Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 5:30 pm	22	23
24	25	26 City Council Meeting	27	28	29 Youth Dance - Lucero Center 7pm-11pm	

Clerk's Connection

The declared candidates for the 2008 Municipal Election are:

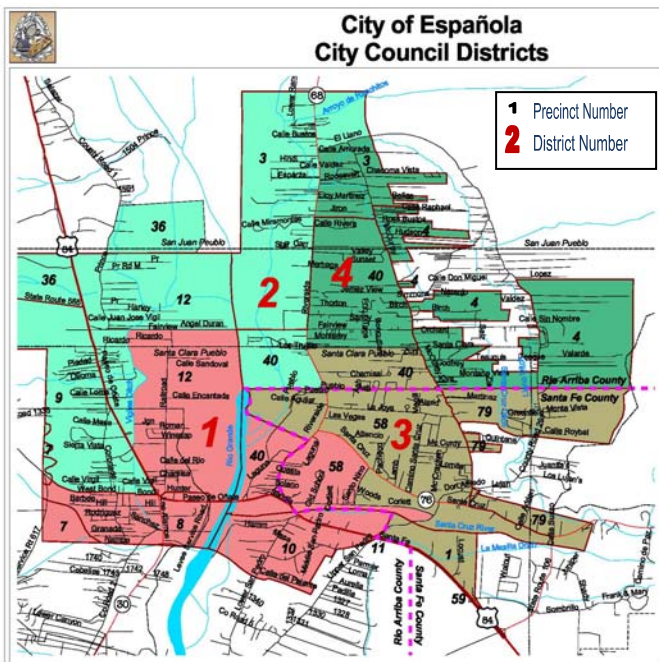
- District 1: Dennis Tim Salazar (incumbent)
Pedro Valdez
- District 2: Helen Kain-Salazar (incumbent)
Jason L. Salazar (Write-in)
- District 3: Rosario (Chayo) Garcia (incumbent)
- District 4: Alice D. Lucero (incumbent)
- Judge: JR Trujillo
Eric L. Rendon
Stephen S. Salazar (incumbent)

Please vote for your municipal officials! If you require an absentee ballot to return by mail, please request an application in writing from my office.

ELECTION DAY POLLING PLACES:

Precinct:	Vote at:
1, 58, 59 or 79	Old Santa Cruz Gym
10 or 11	Española Housing Authority Office
3 or 4	Ranchitos Pool
7, 8, 9, 12 or 36	Lucero Center
40	Fairview Elementary

If you would like to vote absentee in person, you may do so from February 6-February 29, Monday thru Friday from 8:00-12:00 and 1:00-5:00, at City Hall.



Do We Have Your Correct Billing Information?

In order to ensure prompt delivery of your utility bills, please let us know anytime you change your service or mailing address. You can call (505) 747-6045 or email your new information to sandrabustos@espanolanm.gov.

Please Take Care on Trash Day!

For the safety of drivers and your neighbors, please retrieve your poly carts from the curbside at the end of trash day. Also, please bag all trash before placing in poly carts in accordance with the solid waste ordinance. It is also your responsibility to keep your poly cart clean by washing it on a regular basis.



Your cooperation is appreciated!

Legislative Update

The following is a few of the bills of interest to the City have been introduced in the legislature; for more bills or details, visit www.legis.state.nm.us:

Bill: HB278 **Sponsors:** Salazar (D40)
Title: RIO ARRIBA ANIMAL SHELTERING SERVICES
Summary: Appropriates \$25,000 to the DFA's Local Government Division to provide animal services in Española.

Bill: SJM25 **Sponsors:** Martinez, Richard (D5)
Title: GREATER ESPAÑOLA VALLEY DAY
Summary: Declares January 26, 2008 as Greater Espanola Valley Day to honor the valley for its diversity of culture and long-standing Hispanic traditions.

Bill: HB187 **Sponsors:** Salazar (D40)
Title: ESPAÑOLA FIESTAS
Summary: Provides \$25,000 to the Tourism Department to contract for the Fiesta de Oñate in Española.

Bill: HB135 **Sponsors:** Salazar (D40)
Title: TEEN RECREATIONAL CENTER FOR ESPAÑOLA
Summary: Appropriates \$125,000 (GF) to DFA's Local Government Division for a teen technology and recreational center to be located on the west side of the City of Española

Bill: HB146 **Sponsors:** Lujan, B. (D46)
Title: NNMS SOLAR ENERGY RESEARCH PARK
Summary: Appropriates \$9 million to NNMS's board of regents for a solar energy research park and academy

Bill: HB492 **Sponsors:** Lujan, B. (D46)
Title: ESPANOLA AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS
Summary: Provides \$100,000 (GF) to the Public Education Department for after-school programs for elementary- and middle-school children