



Heart of the Valley

November 2009

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

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Mayor Pro Tem

Alice D. Lucero

Councilors

Danielle Durán

Rosario "Chayo" Garcia

Alfred Herrera

Cecilia Lujan

Eddie Maestas

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City Manager

Veronica Albin

Public Safety Director

Chief Julian Gonzales

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Stephen Salazar

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A Message from the Mayor

In September's newsletter, I told you I would keep working on bringing funding to Española from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act – what's known as "stimulus" money. I also promised I would keep you updated on the progress of the applications the city had already submitted.

This month I am very happy to tell you that the City of Española has been awarded \$451,680 in stimulus funding through the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program. This grant was awarded through a competitive process that selected projects based on criteria that included reducing emissions of greenhouse gases and increasing renewable energy production.

This money will allow us to take the first step towards becoming a green municipality. The funding was awarded to the city for upgrading systems at City Hall to save energy and reduce energy costs. We will save millions of dollars in the long run while developing ways the city can protect our beautiful natural environment.

I am proud of our city staff members who worked hard on designing this project. There is less stimulus money to go around, and receiving this award shows we have been aggressive in working to bring this money in, and have been diligent in submitting applications for important and well designed projects.

With this latest award, the City of Española has now received a total of approximately two and a half million dollars in stimulus money. We will keep working on bringing this money in, and of course, I will keep you updated.

F.Y.I.

These programs may be available to Española residents; the City of Española does not sponsor these programs.

Public Notification System

The City of Española, in conjunction with Rio Arriba County, has established a mass public information system. This system is used to notify the public in case of emergencies, including weather alerts, Amber Alerts, evacuations, etc. Anyone living within Rio Arriba County, including Española residents, can go online to <http://www.rio-arriba.org>, and fill out a short form to list their cell phone numbers or emails to receive the notifications. All information is kept confidential.

"We need everyone's cooperation if we are to be successful in getting these warnings and notices out to the public," said Fire Chief John Kitchen, "Please register your information so we can keep you informed."

This service is free to the public.

Weatherization Program – Los Amigos ERC, Inc. can assist low-to-moderate- income homeowners with weatherizing their homes. For more information, call (505) 983-7743 or visit their website at www.losamigosercinc.org.

Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program – The US Department of Labor administers disability compensation programs for certain Department of Energy and atomic program workers. For more information, visit the Española Resource Center at 412 Paseo de Oñate Suite D or call (505) 747-6766.

November Calendar

All meetings and events are open to the public

Nov 7 – Arts and Crafts Show, Beatrice VQ Martinez Senior Center, 735 Vietnam Veterans Rd, 9am to 4pm. 747-6079 for more info

Nov 11 – **Veteran's Day - City Offices Closed** – Veteran's Day Celebration at Veteran's Memorial Wall at the Plaza, 11am

Nov 12 – Town Hall Meeting – Public Safety – 5:30pm at the Police Department, 1316D Calle Adelante

Nov 16– City Council Workshop, 6pm, City Hall Council Chambers *Broadcast live on KDCE Radio (950AM)*

Nov 22 – 24th Annual Española Valley Toy Run, contact City Clerk Heather Velasquez at 747-6019 for more info

Nov 24 – City Council Meeting, 6pm, City Hall Council Chambers *Broadcast live on KDCE Radio (950AM)*

Nov 26 & 27 – **Thanksgiving Holiday – City Offices Closed**

Events in September and October



Top (L-R) Dorothy Valdez retired after twenty years with the City; Mayor Joseph Maestas delivering the State of the City Address; Safety demonstrations at Lowe's parking lot; Firefighter Eric Gallant at Spirit Day. *Second Row (L-R)* Mayor Joseph Maestas proclaims Sept. 19 "NNMC 100 Year Celebration Day"; Mayor Joseph Maestas and Councilor Alfred Herrera at NNMC celebration; Community Services Administrative Assistant Macrina Romero at the Tricycle race at Spirit Day; Councilor Helen Kain-Salazar at Senior End of Summer Picnic. *Third Row (L-R)* Councilor Eddie Maestas at the N McCurdy construction project; City Manager Veronica Albin and Councilors Chayo Garcia, Danielle Duran, Eddie Maestas, Helen Kain-Salazar and Cecilia Lujan join Mayor Pro Tem Alice Lucero, Mayor Joseph Maestas and Representative Nick Salazar at the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Portales and Tienditas at the Plaza; Councilors Dennis Tim Salazar, Danielle Duran and Cecilia Lujan join Mayor Joseph Maestas at the Industrial Park Road Groundbreaking Ceremony. *Bottom (L-R)* Field Superintendent Leroy Archuleta and Mayor Pro Tem Alice Lucero at the N McCurdy construction project; Plaza Director and artist Andrew Herrera talking with Mayor Joseph Maestas at the Wine and Arts Festival; Skateboard demonstrations at Spañapalooza.

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

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