



CITY OF RATON NEWSLETTER

Vision Encourage a thriving business economy, ensure neighborhoods are safe and beautiful, recreation and educational opportunities are exceptional all while preserving the City's rich history

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR As we enter the final quarter of FY18 Raton is poised to see a boost in our economic climate from associations that have been nurtured over the past months. Private investment in properties and new business is starting to make an impact with the beginning of construction of a new auto parts store. DOSS Aviation is looking to "take off" with additional client interest in pilot training at the Raton Flight School.

I serve you as Mayor but also as the Treasurer for the New Mexico Municipal League Board of Directors. The League acts as an advocate for all 106 municipalities in New Mexico. The League traveled to Washington DC where we met with all five New Mexico delegates and their representatives. The primary focus was on the lack of funding for infrastructure projects. President Trump recently proposed a \$1.7 trillion-dollar infrastructure package. Our goal was to see that New Mexico receives its fair share including our local level as well. We would like to see local governments have more say as to how these funds are dispersed and not be totally reliant on State officials. Raton could benefit greatly from increased infrastructure funding as we prepare to move forward with several projects. *Thank you all* for your support and look forward to working with all to move Raton forward. **Neil Segotta, Mayor**

April Events

Recycling at the Armex Plaza, 420 E. 4th Avenue, Raton, NM 87740, 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month 8-12, 1st Saturday of the month 9-1

At the Arthur Johnson Memorial Library, 244 Cook Avenue : **Pre-k Story hour:** every Wednesday 10 am, **Accidental Writer's Group:** every Friday 10 am, **Raton Science Café:** 2nd Saturday of the month, at 2 pm, **other library events posted on the Facebook page.**

A Department will be featured each month, next month Arthur Johnson Memorial Library

RATON FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

TO PRESERVE LIFE AND PROPERTY



January 2018 **Chris Espinoza** was sworn in as Raton's **Fire Chief**. Throughout his 20 year career he achieved the ranks of Firefighter/EMT-B, Engineer, Capitan and Deputy Chief. He is a certified Fire Officer by the State of New Mexico.

Chief Espinoza and staff are passionate about accomplishing the goals they have established for the good of the City. At the forefront is Citizen's awareness of the upcoming wild fire season. RF&ES staff, vehicles, and equipment are in a position of readiness to respond to any emergency. **Please report ANY and ALL smoke and open burning within the City limits and surrounding areas—call 911**

CITY FIRE STATIONS

- Station 1: 127 Clark Ave
- Station 2: 201 W. Troy Ave
- Station 4: 1400 Jones St (CPR classes held here)

PUBLIC IS INVITED FOR TOURS

CONTACT US: PHONE (575) 445-2708

CPR CLASSES

3rd Thursday/month \$35 *Signup at either Station 1 or 2*

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: While driving what do I do when I see/hear emergency vehicles approaching?
A: Pull over to the right as best you can and stop. Be aware there could be more emergency vehicles behind the first one that passed you.



CITY MANAGER NEWS

Scott Berry, City Manager

In 2017, with a **Community of Excellence** approach, the Commission, Partners, members of the Public and City Department Leads conducted a strategy session to position Raton for the future. The Vision, Mission and Focus Areas were established and each City Department has determined their specific goals, actions, and desired outcomes.

Visit the City's website at <http://www.ratonnm.gov> to review the Plan.

Two priorities, as a result of the new vision, are safe and beautiful neighborhoods — watch and listen (KRTN) for more information as actions are rolled out.

CITY GOVERNMENT FOCUS AREAS

- ⇒ STRONG AND EFFECTIVE STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS
- ⇒ YOUTH DEVELOPMENT, ENTREPRENEURSHIP, NEW GENERATION
- ⇒ FAMILY-FRIENDLY COMMUNITY
- ⇒ ENHANCE ECONOMIC VITALITY WITH INNOVATIVE APPROACHES
- ⇒ ENSURE VITAL RESOURCES, SAFE, ATTRACTIVE NEIGHBORHOODS
- ⇒ POSITION THE CITY FOR THE FUTURE

View the Plan for details at <http://www.ratonnm.gov>

Raton City Commissioners



- NEIL SEGOTTA, MAYOR**
- LINDE' SCHUSTER, MAYOR PRO-TEM**
- DON GIACOMO**
- RONALD CHAVEZ (RE-ELECTED)**
- LORI CHATTERLEY (NEWLY ELECTED)**

The Commission meets 2nd and 4th **Tuesdays** of the month at **6:00pm**
City Hall Commission Chamber
224 Savage Avenue Raton NM

MEETINGS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

MEETINGS ARE RECORDED AND STORED ON THE KRTN WEB PAGE IF YOU CAN'T ATTEND IN PERSON

Meetings are recorded and stored on the KRTN web page.