



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

Lake Maloya Watershed Stabilization Update

City Manager Scott Berry made a presentation to the New Mexico Watershed and Dam Owners Coalition on May 11, 2018 in Las Cruces. It has been nearly seven years since the Tract Fire intensively burned a large portion of the Lake Maloya watershed area in June, 2011. Berry reported on the efforts of the City of Raton to protect Lake Maloya from ash, debris and sediment following the Tract Fire and to restore the watershed to a stable condition.

Watershed stabilization and reclamation efforts continued until 2017 at a cost of nearly three million dollars. Measures to protect Lake Maloya included intermittent/ephemeral drainage sediment basins, floating sediment curtains, and numerous slope protection and erosion prevention measures. Significant post-fire work was completed by students of Raton High School through a work program that continued for four years. Work included the planting of 70,000 seedlings throughout the Maloya watershed area in an effort to re-establish ponderosa pine and mixed conifers. Additionally, extensive native grass seeding and mulching was completed throughout the impacted watershed area.

Most recently, the City of Raton completed construction of the Segerstrom Creek stabilization project, which was funded by Raton Water Works and the New Mexico River Stewardship Program of the Environment Department. In addition, funding for watershed stabilization work came from NRCS/ Emergency Watershed Protection Program, New Mexico Emergency Management, New Mexico Forestry, Colorado Forestry, and the New Mexico Water Trust Board.

Lake Maloya is the primary source of municipal water for Raton. Sugarite Canyon State Park attracts about 125,000 visitors per year. The park's land is owned by the City of Raton and leased to the State of New Mexico through a long-term agreement. Additionally, the Lake Dorothy recreational area is owned by the City of Raton and is leased to the Colorado Division of Wildlife.

These efforts have resulted in stabilization of the burn area and mitigation of post-fire impacts, such as erosion. In 2015, the City of Raton/ Raton Water Works received the Governor's Environmental Excellence Award for efforts in watershed restoration and protection of Lake Maloya.

June 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 : **Summer Story hour:** every Wednesday 10 am, starting June 13, 2018; **Accidental Writer's Group:** every Friday 10 am, **Raton Science Café:** 2nd Saturday of the month, at 2 pm, Essential Oils classes June 7 & 21 at 6 pm, **events posted on Facebook.**

Raton Aquatic Center summer hours begin on May 23rd **MONDAY-FRIDAY** 6am-10:30am Lap Swim, Senior Swim and Adult Exercise, 10:00am-11:30am Parent and Me Swim (**Tues & Thurs ONLY**), 1:00pm - 5:30pm OPEN SWIM, 5:30pm - 7:30pm Adult laps swim/exercise, **SATURDAY & SUNDAY** 12pm-6:00pm OPEN SWIM

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>

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR CITY DEPARTMENTS

WELCOME TO THE Parks and Recreation Department

The Raton Department of Parks and Recreation was created in 2010 with the construction of the Raton Regional Aquatic Center.



The Department has one full time employee and several part-time/seasonal employees whose numbers fluctuate depending on the season.

With a motto of "Stay and Play" the mission of the Raton Parks and Recreation Department is to enhance the health, wellness and quality of life for the citizens of Raton, regional residents and visitors to Raton by providing and promoting wholesome recreational activities, well maintained recreation facilities and customer service oriented staff.



Since its creation the Parks and Recreation Department has created events such as the Master of the Mountains Adventure Relay, the Aqua Easter Egg Hunt, Climax Canyon 5k and the Polar Bear Plunge.

It has created new parks and amenities including the Veteran's Park and Memorial, the Climax Canyon Nature Trail, the Whistle Stop and Country Club 18 hole disc golf courses, the Iron Horse Horseshoe Complex and the Aros Dog Park.

Along with parks and recreation the department also plays a role in beautification spearheading the Raton Beautification Coalition to beautify Raton.

The Parks and Recreation Department liaisons with a variety of organizations and entities in Raton and around Northeastern New Mexico to fulfill its mission and strives to be an entity that enhances the quality of life for all those that interact with it..

Climax Canyon Nature Trail named as a New National Recreation Trail

U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke continuing his work to expand recreational opportunities on public lands, designated on May 30, 2018, 19 national recreation trails in 17 states, adding more than 370 miles to the national recreation trails system of more than 1,000 trails in all 50 states. "By designating these new national trails, we acknowledge the efforts of local communities to provide outdoor recreational opportunities that can be enjoyed by everyone," said **Secretary Zinke**. "Our network of national trails provides easily accessible places to exercise and connect with nature in both urban and rural areas while boosting tourism and supporting economic opportunities across the country."

On that list is **Climax Canyon Nature Trail**: An easy to moderate 3-mile, figure 8 loop trail overlooking downtown Raton is named after the now abandoned Climax Mine. Schools use the trail as a field trip location to teach students about ecology, biology, geology, and natural science. With its historic significance and fantastic views of mountains, mesas, and New Mexico's high plains, the trail is one of Raton's outdoor recreation treasures.



Other designated trails for this year as national recreation trails are:

CALIFORNIA-Mt. Umunhum Trail, **FLORIDA**-Kathryn Abbey Hanna Park Trail System, **KANSAS**-Fort Larned Historic Nature Trail, **MASSACHUSETTS**-Fort River Birding and Nature Trail, **MICHIGAN**-Iron Ore Heritage Trail and North Western State Trail, **MINNESOTA**-Cannon Valley Trail, **MISSOURI**-Wilson's Creek Greenway, **MONTANA**-River's Edge Trail, **NEW MEXICO AND TEXAS**-Guadalupe Ridge Trail, **NEW YORK**-Martin Van Buren Nature Trails, **PENNSYLVANIA**-Jim Mayer Riverswalk Trail, **SOUTH DAKOTA**-Blackberry Trail, **TENNESSEE**-Bays Mountain Park Trail System, **TEXAS**-Salado Creek Greenway, **UTAH**-Corona Arch, **VERMONT**-Wright's Mountain Trails, **VIRGINIA**-Dahlgren Railroad Heritage Trail

For full article go to: <https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/secretary-zinke-announces-19-new-national-recreation-trails-17-states>

Raton City Commissioners

- NEIL SEGOTTA, MAYOR**
- LINDE' SCHUSTER, MAYOR PRO-TEM**
- DON GIACOMO**
- RONALD CHAVEZ**
- LORI CHATTERLEY**

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