Welcome to the City Clerk’s Department

Department Motto
“Preserving Past, Present, Future”

The Office of the Municipal Clerk is a time honored and vital part of local government that exists throughout the world and is the oldest among public servants. The Office of the Municipal Clerk provides the professional link between the citizens, the local governing bodies and agencies of government at other levels. The Raton City Clerk’s Office is here to assist and serves as the information center on functions of the local government and the community. The primary services offered include: general information, citizen complaints, issuance of dog tags and city business licenses, public facility rental, notary services, public records requests and coordination of city commission meetings.

The City of Raton’s website, which is maintained by the City Clerk’s office, offers useful information to the public 24/7 such as job postings, news, meeting agendas, community events and special notices. There is also an option called “notify me” that citizens can sign up for to receive text and email alerts as this information is added to the website.

Municipal Clerk’s Week will be celebrating its 50th anniversary May 5-11, 2019 and is a time of celebration and reflection on the importance of the Clerk’s office. The City of Raton extends its appreciation to our City Clerk, Michael Anne Antonucci, Deputy Clerk Robyn Osborn, Assistance Clerk Desiree’ Trujillo and to all Municipal Clerks for the for the vital services they perform and the exemplary dedication to the communities they serve.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS
Q: How can I find a copy of a City Ordinance?
A: Raton City Ordinances can be viewed for free by going to www.amlegal.com, click on library, select New Mexico and then select Raton.

Raton Multi-Modal Center

On Friday, April 26, 2019 the American Council of Engineering held their Awards Ceremony paying tribute to New Mexico’s most prestigious and distinguished engineering projects. The City of Raton’s Multi-Modal Transportation Center was awarded the 2019 Engineering Excellence Award for Special Projects and was presented to Bohannan Huston and the City of Raton. This project is the first essential step in a long-term vision for revitalizing the city’s historic downtown area and also serves an additional function as a community gathering location. The Raton City Commission also officially designated the name of “Heritage Park” to the multi-modal transportation facility earlier this year. The City of Raton gives thanks to local citizen, Frank Ferri, for suggesting the new name which honors the unique cultural influence of the generations of citizens that built and developed our community.
**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

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### Summer of Color 2019 Signature Events

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<td>Saturday, May 18 at Sugarite Canyon State Park</td>
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<td>Summer of Color Kick-Off Event:</td>
<td>Saturday May 25, at Ripley Park</td>
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<td>Sugarite Canyon SP Fishing Derby:</td>
<td>Saturday, May 25–Sunday June 2 at Lake Maloya, Sugarite canyon State Park</td>
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<td>Classic Night at the movies:</td>
<td>Wednesdays, May 28, June 26, July 31, and August 28 at the El Raton Theatre</td>
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<td>Grin and Bear it Mt Bike Ride:</td>
<td>Saturday June 1 at Sugarite Canyon State Park</td>
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<td>Climax Canyon 5k Fun Run/Walk:</td>
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<td>Bhattys 4 Foundation Fundraiser Golf Tournament:</td>
<td>Saturday and Sunday, June 1 &amp; 2 at the Raton Country Club</td>
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<td>Sun Valley Rides by Raton Main Street:</td>
<td>Thursday, June 6 – Sunday, June 9 at the Raton High School Parking Lot</td>
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<td>2nd Annual Elks Golf Tournament:</td>
<td>Saturday, June 8 at Raton Country Club</td>
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<td>Rotary 100th Year Anniversary:</td>
<td>Rotary Club: Saturday, June 8 at Pinon Club Raton Country Club</td>
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<td>Mary Poppins:</td>
<td>Friday and Saturday, June 14-15 &amp; 28-29, Saturday and Sunday, June 22-23 at Shuler Theater</td>
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<td>Santa Fe Trail Mountain Man Rendezvous:</td>
<td>Sunday, June 9-Saturday, June 15 at Whittington Center</td>
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<td>Color Run:</td>
<td>Saturday, June 15 at Roundhouse Memorial Park</td>
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<td>Bodacious Butterfly Festival:</td>
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<td>State Horseshoe Tournament:</td>
<td>Saturdays, June 22 and August 23 at Iron Horse Horseshoe Complex Roundhouse Park</td>
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<td>4th of July Fun on First Street, Roundhouse Memorial Park:</td>
<td>Saturday, July 6 in Downtown Raton</td>
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<td>Santa Fe Trail Balloon Rally:</td>
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<td>3rd Annual Whistle Stop Throw Down:</td>
<td>Saturday, August 24 at Roundhouse Memorial Park</td>
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<td>Down and Dirty Mountain Bike Challenge:</td>
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<td>Early American Music Fest:</td>
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<td>Moon Landing Celebration:</td>
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<td>Run to Raton:</td>
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<td>Lip Sync:</td>
<td>Saturday, August 3 at Shuler Theater</td>
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<td>21st International Golf Tournament:</td>
<td>Friday, August 9-Sunday, August 11 at Raton Country Club</td>
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<td>Gate City Music Festival:</td>
<td>Saturday, August 31-Sunday, September 1 in Downtown Raton</td>
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<td>Master of the Mountains Adventure Relay:</td>
<td>Saturday September 7 at Sugarite Canyon State Park and Raton Trap Club</td>
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<td>The Black Cat Music Festival:</td>
<td>Saturday, August 31-Sunday, September 1 in Downtown Raton</td>
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<td>The Raton Humane Society Pet Fest:</td>
<td>Saturday, October 5 at Ripley Park</td>
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### Raton City Departments

**Fire Department**
- Chris Espinoza, Chief
- Anthony Burk, Deputy Chief
- 575-445-2708

**Parks & Recreation**
- Jared Chatterley, Director
- JR Alderette, Associate Director
- 575-445-4271

**Police**
- John Garcia, Chief
- James “Jim” Valdez, Captain
- 575-445-2704

**Public Works/Solid Waste**
- Jason Phillips, Director
- Larry Marquez, Public Works Superintendent
- David Gallegos, Public Works Superintendent
- 575-445-9551

**Raton Water Works**
- Dan Campbell, Manager
- 575-445-3861

**Public Service**
- Sandy Chavez, Manager
- 575-445-9861

**AJM Library**
- Thayla Wright, Director
- Dennie R. Gum, Assistant
- 575-445-9711

**Public Service**
- Jim Valdez, Captain
- 575-445-9861

**City Clerk/Treasury**
- Michael Anne Antonucci
- 575-445-9551

**City Manager /Planning**
- Scott Berry
- 575-445-9551
Changes for City Animal Control

John Taft, retired last month after 32 years as the City of Raton animal control officer. The City of Raton thanks him for his dedicated service and wishes him the best in his retirement. Hector Gonzalez, who started out as a part-time employee at the animal shelter in October 2018, was recently selected to take over as the full-time animal control officer.

Mr. Gonzalez will dive into his new position and will attend the Animal Control and Humane Officer Training Academy held in Albuquerque this month. The 40 hour training will ensure the welfare of animals, provide for strong enforcement of cruelty laws, increase staff safety, and reduce liability while better serving the community.

The City of Raton requires pet owners who live within the city limits to follow the Animal Care and Control Ordinance which is available for viewing on the City’s website www.ratonNM.gov. The City of Raton partners with the Raton Humane Society to oversee the operation of the Raton Animal Shelter. There are a lot of animals at the shelter that are in need of a good home. If interested in adopting a pet, please go to the Raton Humane Society Facebook page @humanesociety.ratonnm for more information on fees and specials or to https://www.petfinder.com/member/us/nm/raton/raton-humane-society-nm12/.

City Manager’s Report
By: Scott Berry, P.E.

Economic Development Report:
The Raton City Commission completed an update to the City’s Strategic Plan in December 2018, and a key element of the plan is the effective partnership of the City of Raton with focused collaboration groups to enhance economic development opportunities in Raton. The City Commission followed this plan update with a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a Business and Economic Development Services program. The City of Raton identified funding for this program and subsequently awarded five contracts to several entities that responded to the RFP.

Included with the awards made by the Commission is a contract approved with a Better City – an economic development consulting firm based in Ogden, Utah. Better City has completed an evaluation of Economic Development opportunities for Raton and is working with the City Commission on six focus areas that have been identified through the process. The focus areas include Workforce Development, Entrepreneurship, Sustainable Economic Development, Downtown Revitalization, Business Retention & Expansion, and Outdoor Recreation.

Additionally, the City Commission has supported efforts by several local partnership programs to develop initiatives in the focus areas and those initiatives are currently underway in the community. The Better City consultation includes potential strategies utilized successfully by other communities that experienced economic downturn similar to Raton. These local actions have been developed to utilize the strengths of Raton and incorporate the successful strategies identified. There is extensive work to be done and must be sustained over the long term, however, Raton has opportunities for economic development success with hard work and determination.
MAY PROCLAMATIONS
The City of Raton extends its appreciation to the following departments during the month of May for the vital services they perform:

- Municipal Clerks Week May 5-11, 2019
- Drinking Water Week May 5-11, 2019
- Police Week May 12-18, 2019
- Public Works Week May 19-25, 2019
- EMS Week May 19-25, 2019.

June City Events

- Armex Plaza
  420 E. 4th Avenue
  Raton, New Mexico 87740

  Recycling 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month 8-12, 1st Saturday of the month 9-1

  Transfer Station (Landfill)
  1982 Armstrong Lane, Raton, NM
  Winter Hours
  Mon.-Fri. 8am-3:30pm
  Saturdays 10am-2pm (Non Commercial users only)
  Closed Sundays

- Raton Fire Department

  CPR CLASSES 3rd Thursday of the month $35
  Signup fee
  Go to either Station 1: 127 Clark Avenue
  Raton, NM 87740
  or
  Station 2: 200 West Troy Avenue,
  Raton, NM 87740
  to signup

- Arthur Johnson Memorial Library

  Summer Story hour:
  On Wednesdays, 10 – 11 am, June 19, 2019 - July 31, 2019

  Accidental Writer’s Group:
  every Friday 10am

  Art for Fun
  Starts on June 13, 2019 at 6:30pm and will be held every other Thursday night. This a young adult and adult program. Space is limited to first 10 who signup. This months program will be sculpting with air dry clay.

  Events posted on Facebook.

- Raton Aquatic Center

  Summer Hours
  Monday-Friday
  6am—10:30am: Lap Swim, Seniors Swim and Adult exercise
  10 -11:30 am Parent and Me Swim (Tues & Thurs Only)
  1:30pm—5:30pm: OPEN SWIM
  5:30pm—7:30pm: Adult Laps Swim/Exercise
  Saturday & Sunday
  12pm-6pm OPEN Swim

  Events posted on ratonrecreation.com