



CITY OF RATON NEWSLETTER

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MISSION: OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE EXCEEDING CUSTOMER EXPECTATIONS

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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

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GETTING TO KNOW YOUR CITY DEPARTMENTS

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 Bohannon 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.



Summer of Color 2019 Signature Events



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

Raton Pass Inn Car Show:
Saturday, May 11 at the Raton Pass Inn

Migratory Bird Festival:
Saturday, May 18 at Sugarite Canyon State Park

Summer of Color Kick-Off Event: Saturday May 25, at Ripley Park

Sugarite Canyon SP Fishing Derby: Saturday, May 25– Sunday June 2 at Lake Maloya, Sugarite canyon State Park

Classic Night at the movies: Wednesdays, May 28, June 26, July 31, and August 28 at the El Raton Theatre

Grin and Bear it Mt Bike Ride: Saturday June 1 at Sugarite Canyon State Park



Climax Canyon 5k Fun Run/Walk: Saturday June 1 at Climax Canyon Park

Bhatty 4 Foundation Fundraiser Golf Tournament: Saturday and Sunday, June 1 & 2 at the Raton Country Club

Sun Valley Rides by Raton Main Street: Thursday, June 6 – Sunday, June 9 at the Raton High School Parking Lot

2nd Annual Elks Golf Tournament : Saturday, June 8 at Raton Country Club

Rotary 100th Year Anniversary Raton Rotary Club: Saturday, June 8 at Pinon Club Raton Country Club

Mary Poppins: Friday and Saturday, June 14-15 & 28-29, Saturday and Sunday, June 22-23 at Shuler Theater

Santa Fe Trail Mountain Man Rendezvous: Sunday, June 9– Saturday, June 15 at Whittington Center

Color Run: Saturday, June 15 at Roundhouse Memorial Park

4th Annual We Love Raton Golf Tournament: Friday, June 21– Sunday, June 23 at Raton Country Club

Bodacious Butterfly Festival: Saturday and Sunday, June 22-23 at Sugarite Canyon State Park

State Horseshoe Tournament: Saturdays, June 22 and August 23 at Iron Horse Horseshoe Complex Roundhouse Park

4th of July Fun on First Street, Parade, and Fireworks show: Thursday, July 4 in Downtown Raton

Santa Fe Trail Balloon Rally: Thursday, July 4–Saturday, July 6 at La Mesa Airfield



Early American Music Fest: Saturday, July 6 at Shuler Theater

Moon Landing Celebration: Sunday, July 14–Saturday, July 20 at Sugarite Canyon State Park

Run to Raton: Thursday, July 18–Sunday, July 20 in Downtown Raton

Lip Sync: Saturday, August 3 at Shuler Theater

21st International Golf Tournament: Friday, August 9– Sunday, August 11 at Raton Country Club



Down and Dirty Mountain Bike Challenge: Saturday August 10 at Sugarite Canyon State Park

3rd Annual Whistle Stop Throw Down: Saturday, August 24 at Roundhouse Memorial Park

Gate City Music Festival: Saturday, August 31–Sunday, September 1 in Downtown Raton

Master of the Mountains Adventure Relay: Saturday September 7 at Sugarite Canyon State park and Raton Trap Club

The Raton Humane Society Pet Fest: Saturday, October 5 at Ripley Park

Raton City Departments

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

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

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

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Sandy Chavez, Manager
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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](https://www.facebook.com/humanesociety.ratonnm) for more information on fees and specials or to <https://www.petfinder.com/member/us/nm/raton/raton-humane-society-nm12/>.



Left – John Taft, Right – Hector Gonzalez

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.



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OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE
EXCEEDING CUSTOMER
EXPECTATIONS



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, New Mexico 87740

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

VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT
RATONNM.GOV

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, NM 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

