Large System of the Year – Raton Water Works

Raton Water Works has operated as a municipal franchise water utility since 1991 and serves the Raton public a quality product. The utility treats surface water from two pristine sources, Lake Maloya and Cimarron River. The system has 15 certified operators and prides itself on staff longevity. In the last 10 years four operators have retired after over 25 years of service with the utility and three possessed Level 4 New Mexico certifications.

The Raton Water Works has maintained and exceeded drinking water regulations while struggling with the affects of the 2011 Track Fire, which burned 85% of the Lake Maloya watershed, Raton’s primary supply reservoir. Then in 2018 the Ute Park Fire burned over 50% of the Cimarron River watershed of Raton’s secondary supply. Even with these catastrophes Raton has maintained a positive record of service with the Raton public.

Excellence in Environmental Achievement of the Year
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Over 90% of the public approved a continuing gross receipts tax dedicated to water in 2018. The original tax was first approved in 1982, which made construction of the Cimarron supplemental water system possible. The guidance and management of the Raton City Commission, Water Board and utility supervisory staff have fostered this positive attitude and quality service during difficult circumstances. The dedicated operations staff has made these accomplishments possible. The continuity and reliability of the operators have been critical to Raton’s utility service to its citizens.

Congratulations to the City of Raton, Raton Water Works and their staff!!
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(F) Illuminating torches;
and
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(5) Roman candles;
(6) Shells; and
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(Ord. 884, passed 8-11-1998) Penalty, see § 130.999

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Historic 1st Street
Thursday, July 4, 2019
10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Load up the family and come on down to the fun! There will be live entertainment provided by DJ Teddy Romero! Plenty of contests and games for the kids! And as always lots of awesome vendors with delicious foods, crafts and novelties to purchase! If interested in setting up a booth go to Ratonnm.gov and select “calendar” “view all” July 4th. For any further questions you may have contact: Katie @ 719-680-0573 or Brenda @ 575-445-2052

4th of July Parade
1 - 2 pm

Bring the family and your chairs if you'd like! It's a parade!! Let the good times roll!

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

Community Development Report: Community development or community redevelopment is an area of focus for the City of Raton and it’s community partners. One element of community development is infrastructure improvement. Raton experiences the same challenge that faces every community, state and the federal government in finding adequate funding to rehabilitate or replace aging infrastructure. Municipal infrastructure needs include streets and bridges, drinking water treatment and distribution systems, wastewater collection, treatment and disposal systems, electrical generation and distribution systems, stormwater and drainage systems, solid waste collection and disposal, and other forms of infrastructure.

Raton is similar to other New Mexico municipalities in that funding sources to adequately maintain infrastructure are limited and the needs are great.

A proven strategy to stretch the limited available infrastructure funding is to leverage local funds to secure additional outside funding. Leveraging can produce from 3 to 9 dollars of outside funding for every local dollar, and can effectively fund significant infrastructure improvements in Raton. City of Raton staff is experienced and capable of not only applying for grant or loan funds, but also managing and administering outside funded projects throughout the process.

Currently, the City of Raton is in the process of submission of a proposal for an N. M. Department of Transportation call for projects, as well as an application for Community Development Block Grant funding. Both submissions require lengthy preparations, but could result in meaningful improvements to streets, drainage systems and pedestrian facilities in the downtown Raton area.

Project funding is a continuous process and requires extensive planning and preparations. Public input and comments are always welcome, and are factors in the preparation and submission of the Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP) that is submitted to the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration (DFA). The ICIP process is a planning tool to identify priority infrastructure needs for the community. Many grant funding agencies, including the New Mexico Legislature, will evaluate the local agency’s planning process and will verify that projects requesting funding have been identified as a high priority for the community. The ICIP is submitted to annually in early September, and the City of Raton accepts community input and comments through the last City Commission meeting in August annually for the ICIP.

2019 International Santa Fe Trail Balloon Rally
July 4, 2019 - July 6, 2019
6:00 AM - 11:00 AM
La Mesa Park Airport

Come out and enjoy this spectacular sight!! Get up close and personal with some of the most beautiful hot air balloons around! Nothing beats being able as they assist in getting these beautiful balloons in the air! Don't bother getting breakfast, the Kiwanis Club provides a delicious pancake and sausage breakfast on sight for a more than reasonable price! For more information call: 575-445-2457 or 575-445-2052
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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

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PROCLAMATIONS
The City of Raton extends its appreciation to the following departments during the month of July for the vital services they perform:

Fireworks Display, Raton Fire and Emergency Services
2019 4th of July Events, Raton Main Street & Balloon Rally
Relay for Life Days, July 21-27, 2019

Special thanks to Frankie Mahannah for the use of his 4th of July photographs on pages 1, 2, and 3. Award Photos courtesy of Water Department.

July City Events

Arnex 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.

Friends of the Library Book Sale
Saturday, June 22, 2019 from 10 - 2 pm
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

Keep the City of Raton in mind when you’re looking for your next job.
View current Job listings
http://ratonnm.gov/148/Jobs

Happy 4th of July!