



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



Great Blocks Construction Begins on Historic First Street

The City of Raton and Raton MainStreet are excited to announce the ground breaking on construction of the downtown Great Blocks project. This project will beautify the district as a core piece of economic revitalization aimed to catalyze economic reinvestment into commercial property. The innovative project is comprehensive focusing on streetscape vitality, place making, creative economy, safety and pedestrian accessibility.

Phase 1 of the project will focus on the intersection of the Cook Avenue and 1st Street intersection adding bump-outs to calm traffic in the pedestrian-heavy multi-model area. Additionally, sidewalk improvements will be made and historic lighting will be added which will be consistent with the existing lighting in the downtown district.

The project began 2015, New Mexico MainStreet (NMMS) provided Great Blocks on MainStreet design services to Raton MainStreet and the City of Raton to plan a catalytic \$1.03 million investment in public infrastructure improvements along historic First Street. Since the original design services, Raton MainStreet, the City of Raton and NMMS worked collaboratively to raise \$320K in state capital outlay funds (earmarked for infrastructure improvements) combined with a \$90K in city investment which made it possible for Phase 1 construction to begin.

"We are very excited to be the first community in the state to have received Capital Outlay funding from New Mexico MainStreet for the Great Blocks project. We look forward to helping beautify our downtown district and the economic impact Great Blocks will have," said Raton MainStreet Executive Director Brenda Ferri. "We hope to make downtown a place people want to meet and this project is a step in the right direction."

"Downtown revitalization, specifically in the historic railroad district, is an important component of economic recovery and community development in Raton," said Raton City Manager Scott Berry. "The City of Raton, Raton MainStreet and New Mexico MainStreet have developed a strong and effective partnership that has resulted in completion of several catalytic projects in downtown Raton".

Looking towards the future, the City of Raton has applied for a Federal Transportation Alternatives Program Grant which could help fund the remainder of the project. The City of Raton, Raton MainStreet and NMMS have a strong history of completing projects. The \$1.4 Million Multi-Model Transportation Center is one example of the work the strong partnership helped see to fruition. NMMS remains committed to assisting Raton MainStreet and the City of Raton in completing the entirety of the Great Blocks Project.

www.ratonmainstreet.org

October 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, October 18, 2018, 7 p.m.

events posted on Facebook.

Raton Aquatic Center Off Season hours

MONDAY-FRIDAY 6am-10:30am Lap Swim, Senior Swim and Adult Exercise, 3:30 pm - 5:30pm OPEN SWIM, 5:30pm - 7:30pm Adult laps swim/exercise, **SATURDAY & SUNDAY** 12pm-6:00pm OPEN SWIM.

Events posted on ratonrecreation.com

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 RATON PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

DEPARTMENT MOTTO "Back to Beautiful"

Raton Public Works provides the backbone of the cities infrastructure by way of construction, development and maintenance. This department is staffed with 16 employees on average and is responsible for a wide variety of tasks within the city.



Public Works Department aims to keep our city beautiful and to get "Back to Beautiful" our staff maintains hundreds of acres of green space including city parks, ball field complexes, disc golf courses, and right of ways.

Public Works is responsible for the collection and disposal of over 5,000 tons of solid waste annually. It is also vital in the recycling efforts that include the collection of hundreds of tons of cardboard to be baled and shipped with the other recycled materials.

Public Works maintains the city streets and drainages structures. Maintenance can be as simple as patching potholes or as detailed as coordinating and prioritizing street resurfacing and reconstruction efforts. The department also provides all the snow removal and street cleanup after storms. The staff also supports all local events through setup, cleanup, and traffic control efforts.

The Raton Public Works Department is also responsible for all the maintenance and repairs to all city facilities such as City Hall, Arthur Johnson Memorial Library, Raton Convention Center, Shuler Theater, Highlands Building and the Raton Visitors Center.



The staff works hard to clean up the illegal dumping in our alley and waterways. Please help our staff clean up the town and get "Back to Beautiful" by doing your part and reporting all illegal dumping, as you see it happening, to the Raton Police Department at 575-445-2704.



As you can see our Raton Public Works Department may be small but we are working hard to keep our town beautiful and, with your help, our community will remain a great place to live.

Raton City Commission has recently passed City Ordinance 996.

This ordinance prohibits placing any items next to dumpsters. This action is now considered illegal dumping and will be strictly enforced by Raton Police and Fire departments. Please haul any items, other than bagged household trash, including tree trimmings to the Raton Transfer Station at 1982 Armstrong Lane off of the Clayton Highway. Those residents who do not have a vehicle to transport items in may contact City Hall at 575-445-9451 and arrange for pick-up, a minimal fee will be charged for the service. Trimmings will be turned into mulch which will be available to the public free of charge. The Public works would also like to encourage residents to close all dumpsters including bear-proof dumpsters to aid in keeping our city clean and keeps bears from getting trapped inside.

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