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New Service!

Active Shooter

Las Cruces Firefighters and Police Officers train at Fire Station 1, assuming the presence of an active shooter. Firefighters were led through the building to identify injuries on patients as if they were shot by a gunman. Fire and Police personnel will continue to train under similar scenarios.



Teen Mobile Unit

The City's Parks & Recreation Department continues to expand services by purchasing and developing a Teen Mobile Unit (TMU) to extend recreational programming into the community. The TMU will be used for a variety of purposes to support teen activities involving music, sports, contests, tournaments, entertainment, fitness and other programs. 541-2550



Solid Waste Rate Adjustment

On Jan. 1, 2015, the monthly residential solid waste fee that applies to the standard 96-gallon trash container will increase \$1.48, from \$11.77 to \$13.25. And a new service will be introduced called the Compact Saver, which is a smaller, 64-gallon container that will allow seniors and others who have lower trash volume, to select the service for \$11.25 month, which is 18¢ over current senior service rate. Also, Grappler service will go from twice to once-a-month. Commercial rates will vary. To view the complete rate schedule online, go to: www.las-cruces.org

- Click on Departments.
- Click on Utilities.
- Scroll to bottom of page.
- On the last column (far right) under the header Citizen Corner, click on Rates.
- Go to the section titled Solid Waste Rate Case 2013-004 (SW) filing documents, proceedings and resolutions
- Click on Comprehensive Rate Stipulation (August 7, 2014)

Additional information will be forthcoming.

City Using Pervious Concrete By Tony J. Treviño, City of Las Cruces Civil Engineer Senior

Albert Johnson Park is now home to the first-ever pervious concrete for the City of Las Cruces. Pervious concrete is a unique type of concrete with a designed mix allowing water to pass through it. This type of concrete is used in parking areas, light traffic areas and walkways to decrease run-off and promote ground water recharge.



Photo by Peter Bennett, City of Las Cruces Stormwater Program

Comparison of impervious and pervious concrete at Albert Johnson Park.



La Llorona Park Trail Improvement

The project will reconstruct 1.1 miles of the existing trail from La Llorona Park to the Las Cruces Outfall Channel Trail that was recently completed. The existing gravel trail surface will be removed and replaced with a permeable, durable surface that will allow storm water to recharge the water table adjacent to the trail. The project will also include additional trail amenities like benches and dog waste stations, and will provide users with a more skid-resistant surface that will reduce future maintenance costs.

Glass Recycling a Reality!

The glass crushing process is in full swing at the South Central Solid Waste Authority (SCSWA) Recycling Yard, 2855 West Amador Ave. And the crushed blue, green, amber and clear colored glass, called "cullet", is now available to the public at no charge. The cullet can be picked up at the SCSWA Yard Mon. - Fri., 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sat. - Sun., 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Glass bottles and jars may be dropped off for recycling at the SCSWA Recycling Yard or the Old Foothills Landfill, 555. S Sonoma Ranch Blvd. 528-3800.



Burn Lake Improvements

Two major projects are underway at Burn Lake. Phase II Landscape Improvements includes an observation deck (pictured) that extends into the lake area, new picnic structures, new trees and other landscaping, upgraded walkways, new retaining walls and paved parking. The other project is Phase VII of the El Molino Flood Control Project. It consists of expanding the existing ponding facility adjacent to Burn Lake. The \$900,000 improvement is scheduled to be completed by the end of the year.

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The Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) attracts visitors to our city and promotes the many fine aspects of Las Cruces to the wider world. The CVB visitor center and offices are located at 211 N. Water St. The Las Cruces Convention Center, operated in partnership through Global Spectrum, LP, is a venue for meetings, banquets, conferences, and exhibits and is located at 680 University Ave.

The Museum System is committed to sharing its resources to advance knowledge and appreciation of arts, culture, history, and the sciences through an ongoing exchange of ideas, information, and experiences. The Museum System includes the Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St., the Museum of Art, 491 N. Main St., the Museum of Nature & Science, 411 N. Main St., and the Las Cruces Railroad Museum, 351 Mesilla St.



Senior Programs provides services that assist and improve the lives of those who meet program eligibility in the community 50+ in the areas of nutrition (both congregate and home delivered meals), home care, respite care, grandparent program, health maintenance, education, recreation, resource referrals, and community service. Primary services are provided at the Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St., the Henry Benavidez Senior Center, 1045 McClure Rd., the Eastside Community Center, 310 N. Tornillo St., with ancillary services at the Frank O'Brien Papen Center (meal site) 304 W. Bell Ave. in Mesilla Park, and the Sage Café (exercise, referral and library services) 6121 Reynolds Dr.

Thomas Branigan Memorial Library provides access to information, resources and education through a full range of library services, including a state-of-the art computing center, modern meeting rooms, children's programming and a free home delivery service "books by mail". The Library is located at 200 E. Picacho Ave.