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LAS CRUCES COMMUNITY

CONNECTION

Official Quarterly Newsletter of the  City of Las Cruces

New Service!

NEW Hotline

A new service is available that allows the public to report government waste and possible illegal activity with City of Las Cruces employees. You can call the toll free hotline anonymously at 844-297-5947 or submit your report online at CLChotline.com.



Minimum Wage

Pursuant to Las Cruces Municipal Code, Ordinance #2741, the minimum wage in the city limits of Las Cruces increased to \$8.40 per hour on January 1, 2015. The tipped minimum wage will be 40% of the minimum wage. The Ordinance is accessible online at las-cruces.org.

Las Cruces CITIZEN SURVEY



The City of Las Cruces is currently conducting a communitywide citizen survey that asks respondents how they rate Las Cruces as a place to live, raise children, work and retire. Other topics include public safety, employment and housing opportunities. Deadline to return the confidential survey is February 16. Survey results will be ready in March or April.

Munson Center Makeover

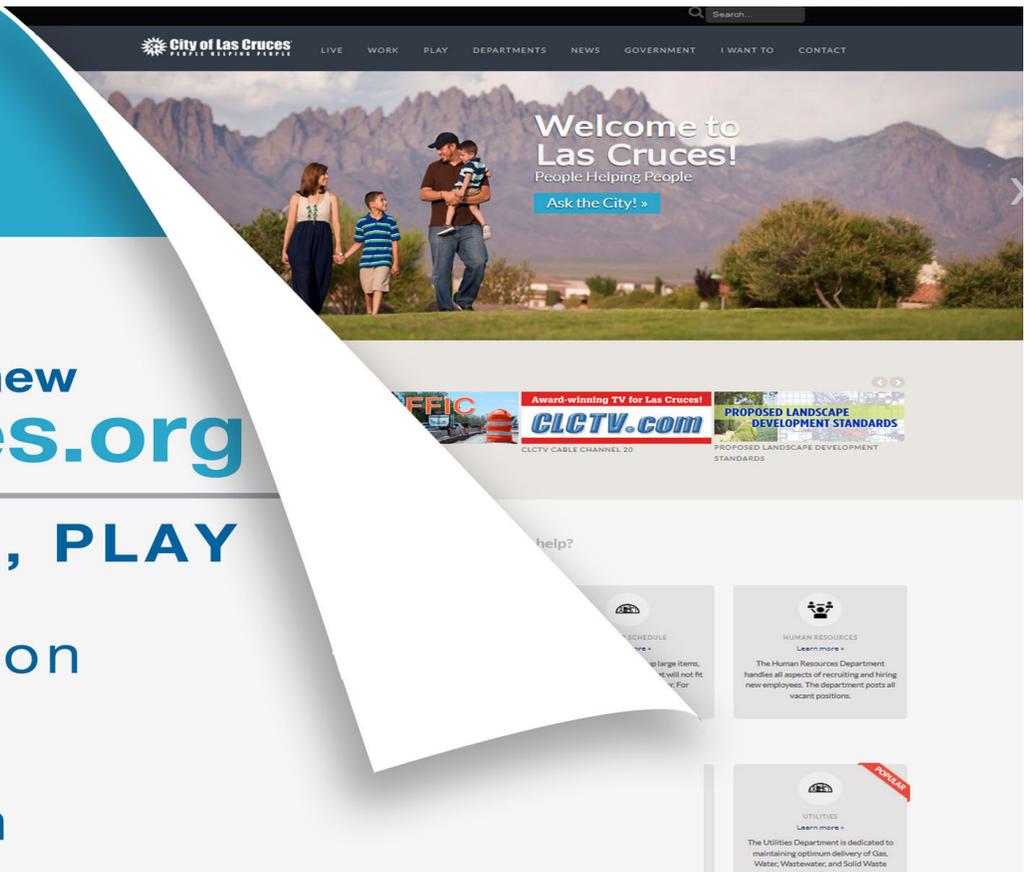
A new HVAC system and game room make Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St., an even more enjoyable community gathering place. The game room, constructed on the north end of the building, houses the pool tables. And the new HVAC system ensures a temperature-friendly environment. 528-3004.



WE'VE GOT A NEW SITE!

Welcome to the new las-cruces.org

LIVE, WORK, PLAY
freshlook
easynavigation
fewerclicks
savestime
betterdesign



Helpful Phone Numbers

Branigan Library:	528-4000
Utilities Customer Service:	541-2111
Street Lights Out:	541-2505
Recreation Programs:	541-2550
Senior Programs:	528-3000
Human Resources:	528-3100
Animal Control/Weeds: (private property)	528-4100
Crime Stoppers:	526-8000



2015 City of Las Cruces
**LEGISLATIVE
PRIORITIES:**
Building a Stronger
Community



POLICY

HOLD HARMLESS TAX POLICY

City requires GRT to provide essential services. The City of Las Cruces urges the legislature to protect revenues of local governments. Even with 3/8% HHGRT, City will not be made whole.

PREDATORY LENDING LEGISLATION

Request for legislation to modify lending provisions within state statutes to impose a more reasonable maximum interest rate.

PROJECTS



COMMUNITY POOL

Begin Phase II of the Regional Recreation and Aquatics Center: Competitive pool and diving tank.



STREET IMPROVEMENTS

Restoration of city roadways: Construction & reconstruction in multiple areas of the city.



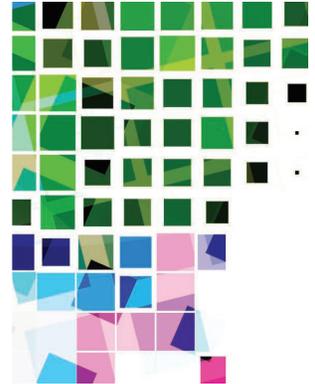
SEPTIC TANK REMEDIATION

Protect groundwater resources: Remove from city limits nearly 2,000 septic systems.



WATER WELL INFRASTRUCTURE

Ensure proper operation of wells to provide clean and safe drinking water to more than 100,000 residents.



“High quality of life through community improvement”

AREA CODE: (575)
MAIN LINE: 528-3043
FAX: 528-3155
TTY: 800-659-8331

BUILDING AND
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES
528-3059
FAX: 528-3155

MESILLA VALLEY MPO
528-3225
FAX: 528-3155

PLANNING AND
NEIGHBORHOOD
SERVICES
528-3066
FAX: 528-3155

Achieves its mission utilizing a wide range of programs and activities, including land use and transportation planning; construction, development and growth management assistance; and housing and neighborhood investment. The department is organized by three administrative work groups: Building and Development Services, Planning and Neighborhood Services and the Metropolitan Planning Organization.

The Building and Development Services group manages programs related to the growth and development of the city. Its activities include construction permits and inspections, land use zoning and signage oversight, land subdivision, and business registration/licensure.

The Planning and Neighborhood Services group delivers services related to improving the physical environment through planning and design, improving social conditions and the overall economy of the city. Its efforts contribute to safe and stable neighborhoods, affordable housing, infrastructure improvement, social enrichment, GIS resources, and downtown revitalization.

The Mesilla Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization provides regional transportation planning services to the City of Las Cruces, the Town of Mesilla and Doña Ana County. This aid includes activities for thoroughfare, transit, transportation safety, and pedestrian and bicycle planning.



Vietnam Veterans Memorial

The first of two phases of this project should be finished this spring. When completed, the memorial will include a wall clad in rock, plaques honoring the various service branches, laser images of soldiers, landscaping and lighting, brick pavers, and a Huey Helicopter hovering over the memorial wall.