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Official Quarterly Newsletter of the City of Las Cruces



New Youth Campus in Mesquite Historic District

The City of Las Cruces is expanding youth services in the Mesquite Historic District with the creation of a youth campus. The new campus consists of the A. Fielder Memorial Safe Haven, which currently houses the Weed & Seed program, and the Juvenile Citation Program (JCP) and the Afterschool Program in the adjacent, City-owned Mesquite Learning Center building, 890 Tornillo St. "This is a tremendous opportunity for the City of Las Cruces to increase much needed outreach opportunities for youth in the Mesquite neighborhood," said City Manager Robert Garza.



A. Fielder Memorial Safe Haven

New Young Park Restrooms

Three new restrooms will be installed at Young Park, at the intersection of Walnut Street and Nevada Avenue. The "drop in place," manufactured buildings are less expensive to maintain and have more durable finishes, which makes them more vandal-resistant. Two will be located on the east end of the park near the main entrance, and one in the Southwest corner just off Nevada Avenue.



New ACM/COO

Daniel Avila began as the new Assistant City Manager/Chief Operating Officer (ACM/COO) on Monday, June 22nd. He oversees the following departments: Economic Development, Community Development, Community & Cultural Services, Public Works, Transportation and Parks & Recreation. Welcome!

New Recreational Opportunities

- A new, remote controlled car track is now open next to the BMX Racetrack and Skate Park at the intersection of Hadley Avenue and Walnut Street. The project consists of a variety of off-road dirt track obstacles within a bowl for banked turns and jumps to accommodate beginners through experts.



Model car track.

- On the East Mesa, at the site of the Old Landfill, a new, remote control airplane facility will encompass approximately 40 acres with two crossing, 600 foot runways, ADA parking, entrance road, and hand-held flying area. It will also include safety fencing, work benches and a spectator viewing area.



- To the north of the remote control airplane facility will be a new, 30-acre archery range that will ultimately include target archery, a field archery component, and 3D archery. The project will also have ADA parking, spectator seating and defined target areas.



The remote control airplane and archery facilities are scheduled to open in the next couple of months. Access is through the entrance to the Foothills Landfill just south of the intersection of Lohman Avenue and Sonoma Ranch Boulevard.



The Sage Café

The City of Las Cruces Senior Programs offers several activities for seniors at the Sage Café, 6121 Reynolds Dr. on the East Mesa:

- Coffee & Current Events. Daily, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.
- EnhanceFitness. Aerobic exercise for seniors. Tue., Wed., and Fri., noon to 1 p.m.
- The Sage Knitting Group. Thu. 10 a.m. to noon.
- Bingo. Thu. 1 - 2 p.m. (It's free!)
- The Branigan Express Library. Tue. - Thu., 1 - 6 p.m.; Fri., 1 - 5 p.m. The library offers six public-use computers with free internet!

Watch live and archived City Council meetings and work sessions at CLCTV.com

Made in the Shade!

New awnings at ballfields 1, 3, and 4 at Ron T. Galla T-Ball Complex on Hadley Avenue provide welcome relief to spectators.



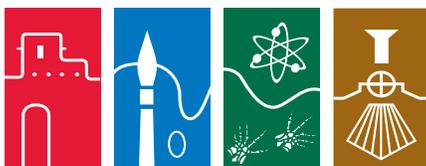
Helpful Phone Numbers

Animal Control/Weeds	528-4100
Animal Service Center	382-0018
Branigan Library	528-4000
City Attorney	541-2128
Crime Stoppers	526-8000
Human Resources	528-3100
Recreation Programs	541-2550
Senior Programs	541-2464
South Central Solid Waste	528-3800
Street Lights Out	541-2505
Utilities Customer Service	541-2111

New Museum Hours

All four museums in the Las Cruces Museum System have new gallery hours. The Branigan Cultural Center, Las Cruces Museum of Art, Las Cruces Museum of Nature and Science, and the Las Cruces Railroad Museum are now open to the public Tuesday through Friday 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Saturday 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The museums will continue to be closed Sunday and Monday. 575/541-2154.

MUSEUMS



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HUMAN RESOURCES
 AREA CODE: (575)
 Main Line: 528-3100
 528-3020 fax

- Workers' Compensation
541-2758
- Employee Assistance Program
528-3029
- Organizational Development
528-3028
- Employee Benefits
528-3104
- EEO/ ADA
528-3227

Handles all aspects of recruiting and hiring new employees. The department posts all vacant positions, receives applications and résumés and forwards them to the hiring department in which the vacancy exists. The hiring department then completes its selection process. Classification and compensation of positions is an ongoing process handled by HR. A key component of the department is employee relations - assisting applicants, employees, supervisors and managers.

The Workers' Compensation section is tasked with processing workers' compensation claims and managing workers' compensation liability funds.

The Employee Assistance Program is available free-of-charge to all City employees and their families and is coordinated by the Employee Assistance Program coordinator.

Training and Development is a vital part of enhancing employee job skills and performance, and the Organizational Development section provides a wide array of training each quarter.

Employee benefits are coordinated through the City's Benefits office within the Human Resources Department.

The Equal Employment Opportunity and Americans with Disabilities Act (EEO/ADA) office is responsible for investigating all complaints of discrimination and harassment. The office also functions as the City's ADA coordinator, serving as a technical resource and consultant to City departments on ADA compliance, and is the main point of contact for all City ADA-related issues.



New East Mesa Public Safety Campus



Construction is well underway on the new, \$14 million East Mesa Public Safety Campus located on Sonoma Ranch Boulevard just north of the Lohman Avenue intersection. The approximately 35,000 square foot, two-story building will house Fire Station 8 and the Las Cruces Police Department's East Area Command. Future plans include walking trails, parks, and recreation facilities. The main project is scheduled for completion in the summer of 2016.