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Streamlined Services!

The Parks & Recreation Department is the first City department to implement a

new software program to assist with registrations and reservations. The system: "eTrak-plus," is a software program that has streamlined the registration/reservation process for activities, leagues, classes and programs.

With eTrak-plus, patrons can check in and out of recreation facilities faster and it assists them according to their family's needs. The public will soon be able to register online for future programs and activities offered within the Parks & Recreation Department. The City will, in the near future, offer the eTrak-plus software program through other departments to provide residents improved online registration of programs and activities.

las-cruces.org/en/departments/parks-and-recreation

Las Cruces is National Leader in Sustainability

The City will be the first municipality in New Mexico and the 40th community nationwide to receive this recognition for its sustainability efforts from STAR Communities, a nonprofit organization that certifies sustainable communities. The STAR Community Rating System® (STAR) is the nation's leading framework and certification program for evaluating local sustainability, encompassing social, economic and environmental performance measures.



LCPD to Hire Additional Officers



The Las Cruces Police Department was recently awarded a U.S. Department of Justice grant to hire nine additional officers over three years, bringing the number of commissioned officers to 200. The grant will provide the department the ability to enhance or create new community policing programs such as increasing the number of

community liaison officers, enhancing the Targeting Neighborhood Threats (TNT) Unit, or to implement a departmental bicycle unit. The success of these initiatives will be to have officers back "walking the beat" within the neighborhoods, talking to citizens, conducting community meetings, and developing relationships to build trust to further address quality of life issues. 526-0795.



La Llorona Park Pavement Project

A new, one-mile stretch of paved trail has been added to the existing 3.5 miles at La Llorona Park at Picacho Avenue on the east bank of the Rio Grande. Previous concrete was used so water can drain into the ground and create a smooth, slip-resistant surface. The 10-foot-wide paved trail will extend north to the Las Cruces Dam Outfall

Channel Trail, and will become part of the overall plan to encircle the city with a paved walking trail. The project also includes the addition of benches, trash cans and dog waste stations.

Las Cruces Dam Trail System

A new trail system will be built behind the Las Cruces Dam with nearly \$400,000 in federal grant funding. The six-foot-wide network of paved trails will ultimately connect the scenic overlook on the south end of the Las Cruces Dam, the wetlands area behind the dam, Veterans Memorial and Sagecrest Parks. Completion is scheduled for mid to late 2016.



Las Cruces Named a "Best City for Global Trade 2015"

The City of Las Cruces has been named a "Best City for Global Trade 2015" by Global Trade Magazine. In Global Trade's fourth annual survey, the City was chosen based on the region's 210% surge in export growth in 2014, the attraction of several recent Foreign Direct Investment projects, and its international outreach, including a recent trade mission to Taiwan.

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

Demonstration Garden

If you want to create a garden using desert-adapted plants suitable for cultivation in this area, check out the new Demonstration Garden at the Las Cruces Utilities building, 680 N. Motel Blvd. Learn about low-water plants and irrigation system designs that support the plantings without draining your wallet! You can refer to the Demonstrations Garden Guide that identifies each plant species.



New Parks Restrooms Installed

Three new restrooms have been installed at Young Park, 1905 E. Nevada Ave., and one at Sagecrest Park, 601 N. Roadrunner Pkwy. The Young Park restrooms replace the one that was vandalized several years ago and taken out of service. Two are located near the main entrance to the park and a third off Nevada just west of S. Walnut Street. The restroom at Sagecrest Park is the first to be located there.



"To provide and support the automated systems and communications technologies that facilitate the flow of information throughout the City, and to extend the range and reach of information in its various forms to the citizens of Las Cruces."



INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT

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The Information Technology (I.T.) department consists of three sections: Infrastructure Services, Enterprise Services, and Information Systems and Services.

The responsibilities of the **Infrastructure Services** section include deployment, maintenance and support of City-owned computers, mobile devices, associated software, telephony and wireless communication equipment. Additional responsibilities include support of the City's network infrastructure, and the data center enterprise servers and systems.

Enterprise Services supports the City's Enterprise Resource Planning system, which is focused on the financial operations of the City. Personnel are responsible for analyzing department and division needs, assessing the feasibility of automating existing manual systems and maintaining the City's enterprise systems.

Information Systems and Services is responsible for developing and maintaining the City's central database server environment and web enabled applications. Systems and programming personnel are responsible for designing, programming, testing and implementing applications to satisfy the City's information processing needs.



The Las Cruces Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) has announced that it will be transitioning its name and logo to, "Visit Las Cruces."

The CVB will officially remain the Las Cruces Convention & Visitors Bureau but will now communicate its message under the Visit Las Cruces banner. Additionally, the CVB launched VisitLasCruces.com, an updated website with a new domain name.

Free Lifesaving Service: Smart911

When you sign up for Smart911, you can create a secure Safety Profile that will display on the call taker's screen if you ever have to dial 9-1-1 in the event of an emergency. It is recommended to add any details you would want responders to know - things like medical conditions and medications, address details, and photos of yourself, children, or elderly prone to wandering. Your information is stored in secure facilities and is only made available to 9-1-1 when you make an emergency call from a phone tied to your Safety Profile. Sign up for free at Smart911.com

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