

CONNECTION

Official Quarterly Newsletter of the City of Las Cruces



New 911 Center Set to Open

The Mesilla Valley Regional Dispatch Authority (MVRDA) will move to a new location in March, 2016 with a grand opening to be scheduled for citizen viewing. MVRDA is the 911 Communications Center for Doña Ana County and area municipalities, including the City of Las Cruces, Town of Mesilla, Village of Hatch, City of Anthony and the City of Sunland Park. MVRDA staff work with area law enforcement, fire agencies and ambulatory services to provide assistance in 911 and non-emergency related matters. Residents with non-emergencies are encouraged to call 526-0795 for assistance.



Women Veterans Memorial

Construction on this newest addition to Veterans Memorial Park on Roadrunner Parkway is set to begin this spring. The monument will recognize women who served their country honorably through the various branches of the armed forces of the United States. It will be the first of its kind in New Mexico.

The monument will consist of six statues with plaques, which represent each of the six branches and each era that had major conflicts. Other features include a seating area with shade structure. The 2014 New Mexico Legislature appropriated \$406,400 for the project. Completion is scheduled for spring, 2017.



Traffic Flow Improvements

Progress is being made to improve traffic flow on Las Cruces' busiest roadways. Traffic signal light synchronization is in effect on Lohman and Amador Avenues between Roadrunner Parkway and Walnut Street. While the synchronization doesn't guarantee motorists will hit all green lights, it does improve the probability. Also, traffic signal lights will soon include flashing yellow arrows. So the sequence will go from solid green to solid yellow, flashing yellow then solid red. In addition, a new traffic control center is under construction that will allow for remote operation of signal lights.



2016 City of Las Cruces Legislative Priorities: Building a Stronger Community



POLICY

Tax Policy Overhaul

Advocating for a complete statewide tax policy overhaul with a focus on Gross Receipts Tax. A simplified tax policy and structure will make New Mexico more competitive in the national market when recruiting businesses to our cities.

PROJECTS

Community Pool Enclosure: \$3 million



The City of Las Cruces is planning to build a large competitive pool to complement the Regional Aquatic Center and is requesting \$3 million to enclose the facility to enable year-round use. This project will help with wellness, increase public school swim programs, and have a positive economic impact to southern New Mexico.

Street Improvements: \$1 million



To improve driving surfaces and traffic flow, the City is requesting \$1 million to help maintain the community's 500 miles of roadways. The city has invested in a computerized pavement management system. The legislative funding will help improve roadways identified as needing maintenance.

Traffic Signal Synchronization: \$1 million



Another \$1 million is requested for traffic signal synchronization. The funding will help synchronize the city's 100 signalized intersections and replace half the equipment that is more than 40 years old. Benefits include less idle time for vehicles resulting in less pollution, safer driving conditions and quicker commute times.

Septic Tank Remediation: \$3.5 million (\$570,000 for smaller phases)



Continue removing the 1,880 septic tank systems in Las Cruces and replace with municipal sewer service. Benefits include protecting valuable ground water resources and protecting residents from failed septic systems and associated costs and environmental damage.

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New Meals on Wheels Vehicles



Four new hot/cold meal delivery trucks will be arriving soon to help meet the needs of the home delivered meals program. The City of Las Cruces Senior Programs operates 11 routes that serve approximately 430 points of contact. The new hot/cold delivery trucks will replace aging vehicles.

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

Camino Real Statues

The statues that were originally located along the "yellow brick road" in the former Downtown pedestrian mall before the reopening of Main Street are now on display between City Hall and Branigan Memorial Library. The bronze statues, which had been in storage for many years, have been refurbished and once again depict life along the Royal Highway from years past. A water-type feature will soon be added to the display area.



"To provide responsive, cost effective and high quality legal services to the City Council and City departments."



CITY ATTORNEY
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City Attorney

Serves as the chief legal advisor to the city manager, City Council, and all City departments. The office develops solutions for positive outcomes to the legal and non-legal problems confronting the City of Las Cruces and professionally represents the City in litigation and administrative matters.

CITY CLERK
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City Clerk: "To protect vital records and provide information in a timely and professional manner."

The Las Cruces City Clerk's office is a link between citizens and City Council. The office maintains and protects all official City records and provides public access to these records, including ordinances, resolutions and contracts. The city clerk manages the Las Cruces Municipal Code, compiles the City Council agenda, attends and records City Council meetings, microfilms and images public documents, and stores inactive records until retention requirements are met. The clerk's office issues notices to the public and news media on the dates, times, locations and subject matter of meetings involving the City Council. The agendas are posted in City offices and Thomas Branigan Memorial Library. Agendas for televised City Council meetings are posted on clctv.com and the City's website event calendar at las-cruces.org.

- Records Center
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In addition, the city clerk is responsible for conducting City elections in accordance with state law and city ordinances. The Doña Ana County Clerk administers all other elections and maintains the City voter registration database. New City voters or changes in City voter registration must be done at the Doña Ana County Clerk's office at 845 N. Motel Blvd. The Doña Ana County Bureau of Elections phone number is 647-7428.

Helpful Phone Numbers

Animal Control/Weeds	528-4100	Senior Programs	528-3000
Animal Service Center	382-0018	South Central Solid Waste	528-3800
Branigan Library	528-4000	Street Lights Out	541-2505
City Attorney	541-2128	Utilities Customer Service	541-2111
Crime Stoppers	800-222-8477		
Human Resources	528-3100		
Recreation Programs	541-2550		

