



CITY OF RATON NEWSLETTER

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May Events

Recycling at the Armex Plaza, 420 E. 4th Avenue, Raton, NM 87740, 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month 8-12 pm, 1st Saturday of the month 9-1 pm

Arthur Johnson Memorial Library, 244 Cook Avenue : **Pre-k Story hour**: every Wednesday 10 am, **Accidental Writer's Group**: every Friday 10 am, **Raton Science Café**: 2nd Saturday of May, at 2 pm, **Crafts with Nikkie**, **Zoo to you**, May 17 10 to 11:30, **Doggie Dana!** With Denise Gard's famous Border Collies Sienna and Joey May 30 at 10:30 am.

Raton Aquatic Center summer hours begin on May 23rd **MONDAY-FRIDAY** 6am-10:30am Lap Swim, Senior Swim and Adult Exercise, 10:00am-11:30am Parent and Me Swim (**Tues & Thurs ONLY**), 1:00pm - 5:30pm OPEN SWIM, 5:30pm - 7:30pm Adult laps swim/exercise, **SATURDAY & SUNDAY** 12pm-6:00pm OPEN SWIM

The Raton Beautification Coalition, made up of Raton Parks and Recreation Dept., Grow Raton!, Raton Main Street, Raton Chamber of Commerce, and The Center for Sustainable Community, is pleased to present the 2018 Summer of Color. Beginning May 19th downtown Raton will be transformed with banners, hanging baskets of flowers, and twinkling lights on the lamp posts. The light posts on Clayton Rd and south 2nd Street will also have banners to make the transformation of Raton complete. These decorations will remain up for the summer. To accompany this transformation the Beautification Coalition will be promoting the 2018 Summer of Color Signature Event Schedule highlighting some of the festivities going on in town throughout the summer. Flyers will be posted detailing the events for the summer and more information can be found on-line at www.exploratoraton.com or face book @ratonsummerofcolor.

Volunteers will be needed to help put up banners, hang flower pots on Saturday, May 19th and to water flowers throughout the summer. If you are interested in helping out please contact Jared Chatterley, Raton Parks and Recreation Director at 575-445-2413 or email jchatterley@cityofraton.com or contact any member of the Raton Beautification Coalition.

Raton City Commissioners

**NEIL SEGOTTA, MAYOR / LINDE' SCHUSTER, MAYOR PRO-TEM
DON GIACOMO / RONALD CHAVEZ / LORI CHATTERLEY**

The Commission meets 2nd and 4th **Tuesdays** of the month at **6:00pm**
City Hall Commission Chamber
224 Savage Avenue Raton NM

MEETINGS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

MEETINGS ARE RECORDED AND STORED ON THE KRTN WEB PAGE IF YOU CAN'T ATTEND IN PERSON

CITY GOVERNMENT FOCUS AREAS

- ⇒ STRONG AND EFFECTIVE STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS
- ⇒ YOUTH DEVELOPMENT, ENTREPRENEURSHIP, NEW GENERATION
- ⇒ FAMILY-FRIENDLY COMMUNITY
- ⇒ ENHANCE ECONOMIC VITALITY WITH INNOVATIVE APPROACHES
- ⇒ ENSURE VITAL RESOURCES, SAFE, ATTRACTIVE NEIGHBORHOODS
- ⇒ POSITION THE CITY FOR THE FUTURE

View the Plan for details at <http://www.ratonnm.gov>

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR CITY DEPARTMENTS

WELCOME TO THE

ARTHUR JOHNSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY



MISSION STATEMENT

The Arthur Johnson Memorial Library exists to serve the public's information, recreational, educational and technological needs in ways consistent with public library services.

MOTTO

Gateway to Discovery

ABOUT

The Arthur Johnson Memorial Library has served Raton since 1912. Over the decades it has changed names and location, but providing materials and services for everyone has always been the library's goal. The checkout collection has expanded from the original books and periodicals to include videos, audio books, video games, music cd's, Playaway audio and visual units, and digital/audio books through Overdrive.

Our art collection was stated in the 1930s under librarian Evelyn Shuler and has been added to over the years by patrons, the Friends of the Library, and purchases from local artists. Microfilm was added in the 1970s with a large donation from Frank Pfeiffer, owner of the Raton Range.

In the 1990s the first public access computers were added and have grown to include eleven that provide internet access and programs such as Word, Publisher, etc. Wireless access is available during open hours and the use of the online catalog by patrons, in their homes, is available at all times. The library has added an AWE Station in the children's section. This is an off-line computer that provides early learning in many areas for children ages 2-8 with over 70 programs designed to entertain while teaching.

Additional services in the library include nation-wide inter-library loan; copying and printing in both black/white and color; faxing; scanning; a free notary public service; and a free meeting room space that can be scheduled for meetings, events and non-profit purposes.

CURRENT PROGRAMMING AND PROJECTS

Programming includes Pre-School Story hour, Summer Story Hour, Raton Science Café, Crafts with Nikki, Essential Oils, and the weekly Accidental Writer's Group. The library conducts tours for public and home schooled children. Libraries as Launchpads is a creative entrepreneur program in partnership with Center for A Sustainable Community, NM State Library and Creative Start-ups of Santa Fe.

Projects and programming in the works include repainting and retiling the microfilm room, setting up gaming systems (Xbox One and PS4) for use inside the library. Computer classes will be scheduled during the year.

FUNDING

The library is funded by the City of Raton and other organizations such as the NM State Library, NM State Legislature, the Federal E-rate program, the local Friends of the Library, Darden Trust and many other generous donors. With their help we are able to maintain an attractive library that aims for the best quality, in collections and services.

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Come visit and discover how the Arthur Johnson Memorial Library can serve you!

City Manager's Report

By Scott Berry, P. E.

The City of Raton is currently in the engineering design phase of improvements to Hospital Drive. The proposed project shall consist primarily of cold-milling the section of Hospital Drive located south of the Card Street Intersection and placement of a new asphalt driving course. This pavement section has become rough and weathered due to the age of the pavement and a number of utility cuts that have occurred over time.

The project also is designed to change the vertical alignment from Card Avenue to State Highway 555 in order to lessen the effect of the "dip" section. The dip was created when the New Mexico Highway Department realigned 555 to its present configuration, and abandoned the old 555 right-of-way. This change occurred in 1995, and a dip has existing in Hospital Drive from then until now. The City of Raton has obtained granted funding from the Highway Department to reconstruct this section, including a portion of Card Avenue.

The reconstruction is planned to commence during the summer of 2018 and be completed by the end of fall 2018. The project will result in significant traffic disruption on Hospital Drive and Card Drive periodically during the construction phase. Drivers should be alert for construction hazards, plan alternate routes, look or listen to public announcements, and be patient with traffic control requirements.