January 31, 2022

Employees should continue to practice good hygiene by adhering the following guidelines:

- Wash your hands with soap and water or use hand sanitizer, especially after touching frequently used items or surfaces.
- Avoid touching your face.
- Sneeze or cough into a tissue, or the inside of your elbow.
- Disinfect frequently used items and surfaces as much as possible.
- Employees are asked to inform themselves on the current Public Health Order.

Word of the Day by G. David Myers:

*u·biq·ui·ty*

/yoo·bi kwedē/

**noun**

1. the fact of appearing everywhere or of being very common.

"The *ubiquity* of mobile phones means you don't really need a watch"

Remember When:
Scheduled for this Week:

MONDAY – January 31st
Marty Luna – Out

8:00 AM – Monday Mornings w/ the Mayor (Tim & Ron will also join) – 1490 AM

8:30 AM – Lodgers’ Tax Meeting – Council Chambers

11:00 AM – Mayors’ Council – WebEx

TUESDAY – February 1st
Tim Dodge – Santa Fe
Eric Boyda – Santa Fe
Marty Luna – Out

2:00 PM – Planning Commission Meeting @ – Council Chambers

2:00 PM – Mayor’s Caucus – Zoom

5:00 PM – Siren Testing – Ruidoso

WEDNESDAY – February 2nd
Tim Dodge – Santa Fe
Eric Boyda – Santa Fe
Dick Cooke – Santa Fe
Samantha Mendez – Santa Fe
Cody Thetford – Santa Fe
Lawrence Chavez – Santa Fe
Judi Starkovich – Santa Fe
Adam Sanchez – Santa Fe
Joe Kasuboski – Out PM
Marty Luna – Out

9:00 AM – Personnel Policy Meeting – Council Chambers

Lincoln County Day - Santa Fe

THURSDAY – February 3rd
Tim Dodge – Santa Fe
Eric Boyda – Santa Fe
Dick Cooke – Santa Fe
Samantha Mendez – Santa Fe
Cody Thetford – Santa Fe
Lawrence Chavez – Santa Fe
Judi Starkovich – Santa Fe
Adam Sanchez – Santa Fe

10:00 AM – Ruidoso Hazard Mitigation Easement – Zoom

1:30 PM – Horton Complex Project Update – On Site

FRIDAY – February 4th

33rd Annual Municipal Day – Santa Fe

Tim Dodge – Santa Fe
Eric Boyda – Santa Fe
Samantha Mendez – Santa Fe
Cody Thetford – Santa Fe
Lawrence Chavez – Santa Fe
Judi Starkovich – Santa Fe
Adam Sanchez – Santa Fe
Diane Staab – Out

9:00 AM – Personnel Policy Meeting – Council Chambers
SUNDAY – February 6th

Human Resources

- Quarterly Evaluations are due in January. Please submit to HR with all required signatures by January 31, 2022.
- If you haven’t yet been vaccinated register for your vaccine here: cvvaccine.nmhealth.org.
- Please submit your vaccination cards to HR.
  
If you need assistance HR can help!

Current Posted Positions

Police Department:
Patrol Officer Certified and Non-Certified (until filled)
Telecommunications Officer (until filled)

Street:
Street Supervisor
Heavy Equipment Operator

Water Distribution:
Water/Wastewater Foreman
Water/ Wastewater Maintenance Worker

Fire Department
Fleet Service Technician
Firefighter

Human Resources
Safety Officer

Capital Projects
Purchasing Agent

Parks
Parks Maintenance Worker

New Employee and Promotion Highlights
My name is Jimmy Lopez, I have 19 years in law enforcement. I was hired in Silver City, NM in 2003. I was a patrolman and worked until 2007. I was hired with New Mexico State Police in 2007 until 2022. I was a Patrolman, Agent with the Investigations Bureau, and the Commander of the State Police Dive Team. I'm very excited about working for the Village of Ruidoso. I am very happy for the opportunity and can't wait to start my new steppingstone in my career.

Parks and Recreation
Ice Rink will be extended to Fed 6th 11 am-8 pm weather permitting
Wednesday Early out Ice Rink Days 1 pm-6 pm
We will be leaving most of the lights up at Wingfield until the ice rink is gone

Ruidoso Convention Center Event Schedule
Here is the link for the radio station request form!!
https://forms.office.com/r/8Ejt4ZSABu

Community Center
Ruidoso Community Center
Activities
501 Sudderth Dr.
Ruidoso, NM 88345
(575) 257-4565

www.ruidoso-nm.gov/community-center

Monday-Thursday 8:00am-4:00pm
Fridays 7:00am-3:00pm

Enhanced Fitness Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays @ 9:00am
Yarn Club Mondays 1:00pm – 4:00pm
Clogging for Beginners Mondays & Wednesdays @ 6:00pm *Starts Jan 5th*
Constitution Class Wednesdays @ 5:30pm
Coffee & Snacks Tuesday Mornings 8:30am – 10:30am
People Works Counseling Tuesdays & Thursdays 9:00am-12:00pm
Gentle Fitness Class Tuesdays & Thursdays 9:00am-10:00am
Duplicate Bridge Games Tuesdays & Thursdays 1:00pm
Quilters & Stitchers 1st & 3rd Tuesday of Each Month 1:00pm-4:00pm
Art Lessons Tuesdays @ 1:00pm
Needle Crafting Group Tuesdays 9:30 – 11:30 am. For more info call 575-937-5248
Clogging Lessons Tuesdays & Thursdays 4:00pm-5:30pm
Table Tennis Wednesdays & Fridays 10:30am-12:30am
$1 Luncheon Wednesdays 11:45am
Humana Bingo & Seminar 3rd Wednesday of Each Month 1:30pm *Prizes for Winners*
Party Bridge Games Wednesdays & Fridays @ 1:00pm
Hear on Earth Hearing Care Last Wednesday of each month 10:00 am – 1 pm
Book Club 4th Wednesday of the Month @ 1:30pm
$2 Breakfast Thursdays & Fridays 8:00am to 9:30am
Dance Lessons Thursdays: Beginners @ 5:30 pm & Intermediate @ 7:00 pm
Mahjong Fridays @ 1:00 pm
DVI School Sundays 10:00am-2:00pm

For more information, please contact Anthony or Amber at:
AnthonyMontes@ruidoso-nm.gov or AmberWord@ruidoso-nm.gov

Transportation Services are Available: Call Z-Trans @ (575) 439-4971
FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Thetford - Lincoln Days / NMML Wed-Thurs.
Siren Test- February 1st 5pm
Joe Kasuboski-OFF February 2nd, Afternoon
Wildland Training / Pack Test Mon-Fri 8-5

LIBRARY

The Library Manager has received quotes for the replacement of carpet and vinyl flooring in Youth Services and will be working to get this completed. The library received American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) Grant Agreement and is waiting for approval from the Village Council during the February Council Meeting. Youth Services will hold story time on Wednesday, February 2, at 10:30 am. The Story will be the Nian Monster and there will be an interactive activity and a firework craft.

February Story Time Schedule

Feb. 2
Book: The Nian Monster
Craft- Paint Firecrackers

Feb. 9
Book: Valentine Mice
Craft: Follow Cupids Arrow. directional/spatial thinking activities. Group first, then individual and then a Valentine making craft

Feb. 16- (No Story Time) Take-and-Make: Straw Rocket for two age groups. Recognizing the contributions of Black Americans to space exploration for Black History month. (NASA STEM activity)

Feb. 23
Book: Look up
Craft: Shooting star wands (Backup- use the glow in the dark stars)

February 7th – Monday Mornings w/ the Mayor (Tim & Ron will also join) @8:00 AM – 1490 AM

February 7th – Utilities Committee Meeting @3:00 PM – Council Chambers

February 8th – Council Meeting @1:00 PM – Council Chambers

February 9th – Personnel Policy Meeting @9:00 AM – Council Chambers

February 9th – JUB Chair Review @10:00 AM – Council Chambers

February 9th – RJU Shop Building Construction Meeting @2:00 PM – Microsoft Teams

February 9th – Workforce Housing Advisory Board Meeting @3:00 PM – Council Chambers

February 10th – Capital Projects Update @7:00 AM – Council Chambers

February 10th – Director’s Meeting @9:00 AM – Council Chambers

February 10th – Ruidoso Hazard Mitigation @10:00 AM – Zoom

February 10th – DR 1783 Village of Ruidoso Bi-Weekly Call @1:00 PM – Conference Call

February 11th – Personnel Policy Meeting @9:00 AM – Council Chambers
February 14th – Monday Mornings w/ the Mayor (Tim & Ron will also join) @8:00 AM – 1490 AM

February 15th – Address Committee Meeting @2:00 PM – Council Chambers

February 15th – Siren Testing @5:00 PM – Ruidoso

February 16th – Personnel Policy Meeting @9:00 AM – Council Chambers

February 16th – JUB Meeting @10:00 AM – Council Chambers

February 17th HUB Monthly Meeting @9:00 AM – Convention Center

February 17th – Horton Complex Project Update @1:30 PM – Horton Complex

February 18th – Personnel Policy Meeting @9:00 AM – Council Chambers

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Employee February Birthdays
Increased Flexibility for Water Infrastructure Projects Under ARPA Final Rule

BY: Carolyn Berndt

With the release of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Final Rule from the U.S. Department of the Treasury, local governments can celebrate some key wins, including expanded flexibility for water and wastewater projects under the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF).

In a comment letter to Treasury, NLC was among several commenters that asked for broader eligibility on water infrastructure projects beyond what is allowed under the Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds.

While Treasury did not name additional federal statutes as eligible in the final rule, which would have potentially added to the challenges of determining eligibility by having to cross-reference across multiple programs, they provided detailed information on several key areas that expand eligibility water and sewer infrastructure.

Here is what local leaders need to know.

**Stormwater Infrastructure**
The final rule provides additional details and examples of stormwater infrastructure projects that are currently eligible under the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF). These projects include gray and green infrastructure, as well as culvert infrastructure projects.

New in the final rule is language expanding the eligible uses to include stormwater system infrastructure projects regardless of whether there is an expected water quality benefit from the project. Treasury anticipates that this eligible use will allow recipients to manage increased volumes of stormwater as a result of changes to the climate. Treasury also notes that all stormwater infrastructure projects undertaken should incorporate updated design features and current best practices.

**Private Wells and Septic Systems**

Both the Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds allow eligible use around the installation, repair, or replacement of private septic units and connecting homes served by a private well to a public water system.

In the final rule, Treasury provides that recipients may use SLFRF funds for an expanded set of infrastructure projects that improve access to and provision of safe drinking water for individuals served by residential wells. Eligible projects under this category include rehabilitation of private wells, testing initiatives to identify contaminants in wells, and treatment activities and remediation strategies that address contamination.

**Remediating Lead in Water**

The replacement of lead service lines, up to premise plumbing, is an eligible use under the Drinking Water SRF and continues to be an eligible use of SLFRF funds. Such projects are eligible regardless of the pipe material of the replacement lines and ownership of the property on which the service line is located. Lead service line replacement projects can serve households, schools, or any other entities.

In the final rule, Treasury stipulates that for lead service line replacement projects, recipients must replace the full length of the service line, and not just a partial portion of the service line. Treasury does note, however, that replacement of lead pipes within a home is not eligible under the final rule because the vast majority of lead contamination cases can be solved by replacing lead service lines (including on public and private property) and faucets and fixtures themselves. As such, replacement of lead pipes within a home would not be considered a cost-effective means for achieving the desired level of service and thus would not be a “necessary” investment.

The final rule also expands eligibility to include infrastructure projects authorized by the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act under the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Eligible projects under these programs include the installation or re-optimization of corrosion control treatment, replacing lead service lines, replacing galvanized pipes downstream of a lead service line (other than lead pipes within a home as discussed below), and maintaining an inventory of the drinking water system’s service lines. Water quality testing, compliance monitoring, and remediation activities in schools and other childcare facilities, as well as activities necessary to respond to a contaminant, are eligible uses of SLFRF funds. Remediation activities such as the replacement of faucets, internal plumbing, and fixtures in schools and childcare facilities are also an eligible use of SLFRF funds.
Water filtration systems are eligible under the EPA grant programs and the final rule as long as they are installed as a permanent part of a facility’s system and not intended for temporary use. Conducting remediation, follow-up monitoring, and conducting public education and outreach about the availability of infrastructure programs, such as water testing and fixture replacement programs funded with SLFRF funds or otherwise, are also eligible projects.

The final rule also notes that “remediation of lead paint and other lead hazards” is a separate eligible use category and a broader range of programs and services may be eligible under that section, including investments that are not infrastructure, such as the provision of bottled water in areas with an action level exceedance for lead in water.

**Dams and Reservoirs**

Treasury’s final rule provides that funds may be used for rehabilitation of dams and reservoirs if the primary purpose of the dam or reservoir is for drinking water supply and the rehabilitation project is necessary for the continued provision of drinking water supply. This determination is consistent with an EPA memorandum providing a class exception (aka deviation) for the use of Drinking Water SRF funds for the rehabilitation of dams and reservoirs to support meeting the public health protection objectives of the Safe Drinking Water Act. Treasury has limited the scope of the final rule to dam and reservoir rehabilitation projects.

The final rule also notes that dam removal projects and associated stream and habitat restoration projects are eligible uses of the Clean Water SRF and continue to be eligible under the final rule when the removal implements either a nonpoint source management program plan or a National Estuary Program Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan or when the removal will provide a water quality benefit. Habitat restoration projects more generally may also be eligible under the Clean Water SRF and the final rule if they constitute a form of stormwater infrastructure.

**Expansion of Drinking Water Service Infrastructure**

While the Safe Drinking Water Act limits the use of the Drinking Water SRF to public health needs of the existing population and projects to serve future population growth is not allowed under the Drinking Water SRF, the final rule does not include this same limitation.

The final rule provides that recipients may use SLFRF funds for projects that are needed to support the increased population in certain cases. ARPA limits projects to those investments that are “necessary.” Treasury interprets this to mean that the investments must be (1) responsive to an identified need to achieve or maintain an adequate minimum level of service, which for some eligible project categories may include a reasonable projection of increased need, whether due to population growth or otherwise and (2) a cost-effective means for meeting that need, taking into account available alternatives.

For this eligible use category, the project must also be projected to be sustainable over its estimated useful life, meaning the project can continue providing the adequate minimum level of service for its estimated useful life, taking into account projected impacts of changes to the climate and other expected demands on the source of water.

**Non-Federal Matching Requirements for Authorized Bureau of Reclamation Projects**
The final rule clarifies that SLFRF funds can be used to meet non-federal matching requirements of any authorized Bureau of Reclamation project, regardless of whether the underlying project would be an eligible use of SLFRF funds under the water and sewer infrastructure eligible use category.

This is effective as of March 11, 2021 and Treasury will provide further guidance to recipients on the scope of Bureau of Reclamation water projects and expenses covered by this provision.

**Floodplain Management and Flood Mitigation Projects**

Treasury notes that some floodplain management and flood mitigation infrastructure projects, including green infrastructure designed to protect treatment works from floodwaters and flood impact are currently eligible under the Clean Water SRF and therefore continue to be eligible under the final rule.

**Irrigation**

Treasury notes that the Clean Water SRF allows for some types of irrigation projects, particularly around reclaimed water projects, which are related to wastewater treatment and stormwater management.

**Consumer Incentive Programs**

The Drinking Water SRF and Clean Water SRF eligibilities include the development and implementation of incentive and educational programs that address and promote water conservation, source water protection, and efficiency related to infrastructure improvements. These include, for example, incentives such as rebates to install green infrastructure such as rain barrels or promote other water conservation activities. Treasury clarifies that such project types continue to be eligible under the final rule.

“Positive anything is better than negative nothing.” — Elbert Hubbard