February 7, 2022

Employees should continue to practice good hygiene by adhering to 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:
im·per·ti·nent

/adjective

1. not showing proper respect; rude.
2. FORMAL
   not pertinent to a particular matter; irrelevant.

"Talk of ‘what we always do’ is impertinent to calculus of this situation"
Remember When:

Scheduled for this Week:

**MONDAY – February 7th**

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

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

10:30 – Moon Mountain Feasibility Study Kickoff Meeting – Zoom

3:00 PM – Utilities Committee Meeting – Council Chambers

**TUESDAY – February 8th**

9:00 AM – Event Calendar Meeting – Council Chambers

1:00 PM – Council Meeting – Council Chambers
2:00 PM – Mayor’s Caucus Meeting – Zoom

**WEDNESDAY – February 9th**

9:00 AM – Personnel Policy Meeting – Council Chambers

10:00 AM – Center Street Pre-Construction Meeting – Executive Conference Room

10:00 AM – JUB Chair Review – Council Chambers

2:00 PM – RJU Shop Building Construction Meeting – Microsoft Teams

3:00 PM – Workforce Housing Advisory Board Meeting – Council Chambers

**THURSDAY – February 10th**

7:00 AM – Capital Projects Update – Council Chambers

9:00 AM – Director’s Meeting – Council Chambers

10:00 AM – Ruidoso Hazard Mitigation – Zoom

1:00 PM – DR 1783 Village of Ruidoso Bi-Weekly Call – Conference Call

3:00 PM – Cutler Project Meeting – Executive Conference Room

**FRIDAY – February 11th**

Adam Sanchez – Out
Denise Staab – Out

9:00 AM – Personnel Policy Meeting – Council Chambers

**SATURDAY – February 12th**

**SUNDAY – February 13th**

**Human Resources**

- If you have not yet been vaccinated register for your vaccine here: [cvaccine.nmhealth.org](http://cvaccine.nmhealth.org).
- Please submit your vaccination cards to HR.
- We have rapid Covid tests available for employees. If you need a test kit, please contact Cheryl.

If you need assistance HR can help!
Current Posted Positions

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

Street:
Street Supervisor
Heavy Equipment Operator

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

Fire Department
Firefighter

Capital Projects
Purchasing Agent

Parks
Parks Maintenance Worker

Finance
IT Technician

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New Employee and Promotion Highlights

Hannah Cooper
"My name is Hannah, and my husband and I moved here from Texas. I am a dog mom of two and am excited for the opportunity to serve the Ruidoso area as a dispatcher."

Ruidoso Convention Center Event Schedule
Here is the link for the radio station request form!!

https://forms.office.com/r/8Ejt4ZSABu
Community Center

www.ruidoso-nm.gov/community-center

Ruidoso Community Center
Activities
Home of the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program

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 @ 6:30 pm & Intermediate @ 7:00 pm
- Mahjong: Fridays @ 1:00 pm
- DWI School: Sundays 10:00am-2:00pm

- Free Fitness Equipment Usage
- Pool and Ping-Pong Tables
- Blood Pressure Checks
- Coffee Available Everyday

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

Transportation Services are Available: Call Z-Trans @ (575) 439-4971
Emergency Manager will participate in NMDHSEM COVID update meeting on February 9th at 11:00. COVID Self-test kits are available to employees and residents at the following locations and times.

- Village Hall: 313 Cree Meadows Drive 8-3 Monday – Friday
- Fire Station 1: 541 Sudderth Drive 8-3 Monday- Friday
- Community Center: 501 Sudderth 8-3 Monday –Friday

**Heating Safety**

Colder weather is upon us. Here are several things to remember while heating your home for the winter:

- Keep a properly maintained smoke detector on all levels of your home and close to sleeping areas.
- Keep a properly maintained Carbon Monoxide Detector on all levels of your home.
- Never use a space heater overnight in the room where you are sleeping. It should never be left unattended.
- Place heaters at least three feet away from objects such as bedding, furniture, draperies, and other combustibles.
• Chimneys should be inspected by a qualified chimney sweep before, as well as during, the heating season to prevent a dangerous creosote buildup and resultant chimney fire.

• Do not put drying clothing or combustibles over heaters.

• Allow five minutes or more for the gas to go away before trying again.

• Do not allow gas to accumulate.

• Light the match before you turn on the gas to the pilot. This avoids the risk of a flashback, which could occur if you allow gas to accumulate before you are ready to light the pilot.

• IF YOU SMELL GAS, leave the area, and call a plumber or gas company service person.

With a few precautionary steps, such as checking the furnace to ensure it is properly vented, you can reduce the chances of an accident. Read instruction manuals and take time to get acquainted with the operation of your heating unit before starting it up. Let us make this winter an especially safe heating season.

This message is brought to you by the Ruidoso Fire Department.

LIBRARY

February Story Time Schedule

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 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 – Mayor’s Caucus @2:00 PM – Zoom

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 – Ruidoso Hazard Mitigation @10:00 PM – Zoom

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

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

February 21st – Monday Mornings w/ the Mayor (Tim & Ron will also join) @8:00 AM – 1490 AM

February 23rd – Personnel Policy Meeting @9:00 AM – Council Chambers

February 24th – Ruidoso Hazard Mitigation @10:00 AM – Zoom

February 24th – DR 1783 Village of Ruidoso Bi-Weekly Call @1:00 PM – Conference Call

February 24th – Poll Worker Election Training @2:00 PM – Council Chambers

February 24th – Village of Ruidoso RJU Shop Building @2:00 PM – Microsoft Teams

February 25th – Personnel Policy Meeting @9:00 AM – Council Chambers

February 28th – Monday Mornings w/ the Mayor (Tim & Ron will also join) @8:00 AM – 1490 AM

February 28th – Mayors’ Council Meeting @11:00 AM – WebEx
Reimagining Public Space for Winter

BY: Lena Geraghty - Lindsey Volz

With winter in full swing and the Omicron variant raging in many parts of the country, cities can adapt their public spaces to ensure their communities can continue to utilize outdoor spaces during the colder months. Cities can take similar measures from their warmer weather operations to adapt public spaces for the cold and ensure that residents enjoy the benefits of being outdoors. Outdoor spaces offer not only physical and mental health benefits for those who use them but can also boost local economic activity. When reimagined to account for winter weather operations, these areas offer space for residents to enjoy and encourage tourism during off-season months, which can increase foot traffic for local businesses.

As the COVID-19 virus spread across the country, U.S. cities, towns, and villages swiftly reconfigured underutilized outdoor spaces as assets, to help keep people safe while allowing their businesses to stay open. NLC’s recently-released Future of Cities: Reimagining Public Space to Support Main Street Retail municipal action guide provides local leaders with recommendations on how they can reimagine public space in ways that meet the needs
and expectations of all residents while supporting equitable economic development. Reimagining public spaces for winter can help cities achieve the four core values of successful public spaces:

1. Accessible to Destination Visitors

Maintaining accessibility for all people is vital, especially in the winter months. Ice and snow can create access barriers for people with physical disabilities and families with children. It can make moving around space difficult and dangerous for the elderly or those with physical disabilities. Proper winter maintenance of sidewalks, roads and alleys can ensure continued opportunities to host retail and dining in those spaces safely and year-round, instead of only in warm seasonal conditions.

The City of Eau Claire, WI, is ensuring accessibility to its four-mile walking trail by making sure that having it plowed after every snow is a high priority. This way, people can enjoy the local restaurants, sculptures, and parks along the trail safely.

Winter seasons can also make accessing public transportation more difficult, with severe weather causing route reductions or suspensions. Route disruptions can lengthen trips, especially for residents who live far away from a particular destination. Bus shelters and real-time transit information will help make sure these reimagined winter spaces are accessible to all.

2. Interactive Destination to Explore & Enjoy

Providing a variety of reasons to go outside is vital to encourage people to bundle up and brave the cold. Art, music, and activities can all facilitate a welcoming outdoor environment.

Outdoor art exhibits are one tool to provide an interactive element for visitors to enjoy. Art that incorporates light is especially valuable in the winter months when early sunsets can discourage people from staying out. Washington, D.C. hosted Georgetown Glow, a series of public light art exhibitions spread throughout the Georgetown neighborhood, allowing visitors to walk the streets and experience work by a variety of local artists. While the event was previously only held during the holidays, this past year Georgetown expanded the exhibit to include light installations through the summer and early winter, allowing visitors to enjoy the lights throughout the year. This event is a partnership with the local Business Improvement District, which works with other local businesses to provide food and photography tours of the art. Attractions such as Georgetown Glow draw visitors into the neighborhood, where they are then more likely to explore local businesses and restaurants.

3. Adaptable to Various Community Uses

Seasonal changes require flexibility to make places comfortable in the colder months. While some public space infrastructure (such as outdoor firepits) can be enjoyed in hot and wintry weather, others need to be adaptable or removable to allow for alternate uses in the summer. Maggie Daley Park in Chicago, IL, for example, has an ice-skating ribbon that converts into a roller-skating rink during the summer months. Other cities can make similar shifts and consider other options, such as replacing ice-skating rinks with outdoor seating, gaming tables or other activities in warm seasons.

To ensure that public spaces can flex with changing needs, cities can consider temporary or adaptable structures. OpBox, a company based in Southern Maine, has created easily transportable structures that can be used for pop-up shops, hospitality uses and more. These boxes can be used for temporary needs, like ice skate rentals or covered outdoor seating, and adapted or removed during the warmer months.
A reimagined public space can improve residents’ quality of life and increase social engagement. While some may want to go sledding or play in the snow, others may enjoy sitting with hot cocoa by an outdoor fire or shopping at a holiday market. Hosting charettes, or community listening sessions can give city leaders the information they need to better understand how to encourage the use of the public space and make visitors feel connected to it.

Providing warmth can help residents enjoy these public spaces all winter long and be able to stay outside long enough to reap their social benefits. Portable heaters can make previously unusable outdoor space comfortable for visitors, and covered areas can also protect patrons from the wind and snow. Restaurants can provide blankets and warm food and drinks as well to create a warm and welcoming atmosphere. The City of Fairfax, VA, used its CARES Act funding to improve outdoor dining experiences during the winter. The city provided free blankets to restaurants that they could then resell to customers for additional revenue. Customers with blankets would receive a free hot drink at any participating restaurant.

Encouraging outdoor use and tourism is one method for cities to highlight local culture and traditions that encapsulate the community’s identity. St. Paul, MN hosts an annual Winter Carnival that includes a variety of outdoor activities and attractions for tourists and residents to enjoy, such as drive-through ice and snow sculpture parks, parades, art installations and more. St. Paul celebrated the Winter Carnival’s 136th anniversary this year, bringing in hundreds of thousands of visitors to the city.

“Keep your face to the sunshine and you can never see the shadow.” — Helen Keller