March 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:

in·tran·si·gence
/inˈtransəjəns,inˈtranzəjəns/

noun

1. refusal to change one's views or to agree about something.

“Sometimes, if we abandon some of our parochialism, advantages, and intransigence, we can achieve more”

Remember When:
Scheduled for this Week:

**MONDAY – March 7th**

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

8:30 AM USFS North Fork Eagle Creek Wellfield Annual Operating Plan – Smokey Bear Ranger District Office

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM – NRCS – Fire Station 1

10:00 AM – Emergency Watershed Protection Program Meeting & Field Visit

3:00 PM – Utilities Committee Meeting – Council Chambers

**TUESDAY – March 8th**

7:00 AM - Emergency Watershed Protection Program Meeting & Field Visit
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM – Aircraft Rescue Firefighting Course – Fire Station #1

1:00 PM Council Meeting – Council Chambers

**WEDNESDAY – March 9th**

7:00 AM - Emergency Watershed Protection Program Meeting & Field Visit

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM – Aircraft Rescue Firefighting Course – Fire Station #1

9:00 AM – Personnel Policy Meeting – Council Chambers

10:00 AM – RWWTP – Joint Use Board Chair Review – Council Chambers

12:00 PM – Bridge Update @ ENMU

**THURSDAY – March 10th**

7:00 AM - Emergency Watershed Protection Program Meeting & Field Visit

7:00 AM – Capital Projects Update Meeting – Council Chambers

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM – Aircraft Rescue Firefighting Course – Fire Station #1

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

10:00 AM – Ruidoso Hazard Mitigation – Zoom

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

**FRIDAY – March 11th**

7:00 AM - Emergency Watershed Protection Program Meeting & Field Visit

8:30 AM – County Commission Special Meeting – 2022 MOE Election Canvassing - Virtual

9:00 AM – Personnel Policy Meeting – Council Chambers

**SATURDAY – March 12th**

**SUNDAY – March 13th**

**Human Resources**

We have rapid Covid test kits available for employees at Village Hall, Fire Station 1, and the Community Center. If you need a test kit, please pick up at one of the sites.
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 (Until filled)

Street:
Street Supervisor
Heavy Equipment Operator

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

Fire Department:
Firefighter
Fire Chief

Parks:
Recreation and Adult and Youth Services Coordinator

Convention Center:
Convention Center Tech III

Water Production:
Compliance Operator

New Employee Spotlight:
Ruidoso Convention Center

Event Schedule

Ruidoso Fire Department and the Village of Ruidoso would like to welcome Tyler Forrester. Tyler comes to us with 5 years of experience in wildland fire suppression with BLM. Tyler along with his wife Makenzi and daughter Hadleigh are excited to be in Ruidoso. They enjoy the outdoors and frequently go camping and
Here is the link for the radio station request form!!
https://forms.office.com/r/8Ejt4ZSABu
The Ruidoso Community Center has had to cancel its Thursday morning breakfast due to it being slow. Staff may start it again once our summer crowd hits.

The Friday breakfast is still ongoing and has been busy. Breakfast includes Eggs, Roasted Garlic Potatoes, Ham, Pancakes, Toast, Refried Beans, White Gravy, Coffee and Tea. Breakfast is $2 and everyone in the public is welcome.

The Ruidoso Community Center has had a wall built in the exercise room to be able to place more exercise equipment in the parameter of the area. Black mats have been purchased and placed on the flooring in this area for the weight equipment while providing a safer environment for the public. Fitness equipment has been arriving and is being assembled by Community Center staff as it arrives. The Ruidoso Athletic Club did donate a bench press machine and two cycling bikes to the Community Center so we want to send a huge thank you to Joe Coakley for that. Fitness equipment is available free of charge to the public and donations are accepted.

Mahjong is hosted at the Community Center on Fridays at 1:00pm. The game is a tile-based game (almost look like dominos) that was developed in the 19th century in China and has spread throughout the world since the early 20th century. It is commonly played by four players but anyone that wishes to attend are welcome to join. Bette Berns, who is very active in the Community Center with Yarn Clubs and Book Clubs, is the teacher for this game. Bette Berns likes to call it American Mahjong. The game has a good following and they are always a very cheery bunch that bring a lot of life to the center. Come learn this game and get involved.
RUIDOSO COMMUNITY CENTER
PRESENTS

ART & PAINTING
Lessons

LESSONS BY MARIA HAMILTON
CONTACT INFO: 575-937-7826

EVERY TUESDAY
1:00pm-4:00pm

OILS
ACRYLICS
WATERCOLOR
PASTELS
CHARCOAL
GRAPHITE

DONATIONS ARE APPRECIATED
PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN SUPPLIES
LIMITED SUPPLIES ARE AVAILABLE

LOCATION:
501 SUDDERTH DRIVE
RUIDOSO NM 88345
PHONE (575)257-4365

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Ruidoso Community Center
Activities

501 Sudderth Dr.
Ruidoso, NM 88345

Home of the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program

Mon - 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

Coffee & Snacks
Tuesday Mornings 8:30am-10:30am

People Works Counseling
Tuesdays 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

Pet on Earth Hearing Care
4th Wednesday of each month 10:00 am – 1 pm

Book Club
4th Wednesday of the Month @ 1:30pm

$2 Breakfast
Fridays 8:00am to 9:30am

Geri-Flex
Thursdays @ 2:45

Dance Lessons
Partner Dance Lessons Thursdays @ 7:00 pm

Mahjong
Fridays @ 1:00pm

Chair Yoga
Fridays @ 1:00pm

DWI School
Sundays 10:00am-2:00pm

- Popcorn Mondays
- Coffee Available Everyday
- Free Exercise Equipment
- Pool and Ping Pong Tables
- Blood Pressure Checks

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
The number one killer of children in New Mexico is motor vehicle accidents. One simple item could help save countless children—car safety seats.

Did you know that 4 out of 5 car seats are installed incorrectly?!

Did you know that one third of children are riding in the wrong restraints for their age and size?

The back seat is generally the safest place in a crash. If your vehicle has a passenger air bag, it is essential for children 12 and under to ride in back.

New Mexico Law states:

Children under 1 must be in rear facing safety seats and in the back seat of the vehicle.

Children 1-4 must be in a safety seat.

Children 5-12 must be in a child safety seat or seat belted in the rear seat.

When purchasing a child safety seat, make sure it is federally approved. Follow the instructions on how to properly use the seat. If your child is going to be riding with someone else such as a
grandparent or other family member, make sure those adults also know how to properly use the seat. Once properly seated, do not allow the child to get out of the seat for any reason while the vehicle is in motion—not even for a second. Just one second is all it takes for tragedy to strike.

If you see an unbuckled child in a moving vehicle, call 1-800-505-BABY. The Office of Highway Safety will ask you for the license number and state on the car. The car owner will receive a letter saying that an unrestrained child was observed, and that the law requires children under five to be properly secured. The letter is not a ticket, but an opportunity to educate the owner of the vehicle about keeping children safe in the car.

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

LIBRARY

March Storytime Schedule:

Wednesdays at 10:30 in Children’s Classroom

March 9th Theme: Transportation
Short Felt board story
Book: Diggersaurs explore!
Game: Transportation game

March 16th Theme: Spring
Activity: Rainbow Rice magnet seek and find

March 23rd Theme: Music (National Music in Our School Month)
Book: Every Little Thing
Craft: Kleenex box guitar

March 30th Theme to be determined.

March 14th - Monday Mornings w/ the Mayor (Tim & Ron will also join) @8:00 AM – 1490 AM
March 14th – Team Tourism Meeting @1:00 PM – Executive Conference Room
March 15th – Siren Testing @5:00 PM - Ruidoso

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

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

March 16th – Cemetery Board @11:30 AM – Council Chambers

March 16th – Town Hall Meeting – HWY 70 Address Changes @6:00 PM – Council Chambers

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

March 17th – Ruidoso Hazard Mitigation @10:00 AM – Zoom

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

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

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

March 21st – Team Tourism Meeting @1:00 PM – Executive Conference Room

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

March 24th – Ruidoso Hazard Mitigation Easement Meeting @10:00 AM – Zoom

March 24th – Village Hall Open House @3:00 PM – Village Hall

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

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

March 28th – Team Tourism Meeting @1:00 PM – Executive Conference Room

March 28th – Parks and Recreation Commission @5:00 PM – Council Chambers

March 30th – Personnel Policy Meeting @9:00 AM – Council Chambers

March 31st – Ruidoso Hazard Mitigation @10:00 AM – Zoom

March 31st – Horton Complex Project Update @1:30 PM – Onsite

Employee March Birthdays
As part of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law’s (BIL) historic $65 investment in broadband infrastructure and digital equity, Congress appropriated $14.2 billion for the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP). This program, administered by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), aims to close the digital divide by assisting qualifying low-income households with affording broadband service. The program, launched December 31, 2021, provides enrolled qualifying households with a $30 monthly discount on broadband service. The program replaces the similarly structured Emergency Broadband Benefit, which sunset on March 1. Final rules for the program were adopted by the FCC on January 14.
The ACP represents one of the largest investments ever made in addressing the broadband affordability gap. While other programs in the BIL are intended to address other aspects of the digital divide, such as a lack of infrastructure, or a need for digital skills, the ACP is the only program dedicated to assisting households in areas with existing broadband service in affording that service. Out of the estimated 28.2 million American households still without broadband in 2021, two-thirds (about 18 million) were disconnected because they couldn’t afford a subscription, despite having access to infrastructure locally.

Households can qualify for the ACP through a wide variety of factors, including:

- Income that is at or below 200% of the federal poverty guidelines; or
- Participation in certain assistance programs, such as SNAP, Medicaid, Federal Public Housing Assistance, SSI, WIC, or Lifeline;
- Participation in Tribal specific programs, such as Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance, Tribal TANF, or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations;
- Approval to receive benefits under the free and reduced-price school lunch program or the school breakfast program, including through the USDA Community Eligibility Provision in the 2019-2020, 2020-2021, or 2021-2022 school year;
- Receiving a Federal Pell Grant during the current award year; or
- Meeting the eligibility criteria for a participating provider’s existing low-income program.

Subsidies for participating households are paid directly to broadband providers, who then discount subscribers’ monthly bills for the subsidy. While most cities will not directly receive ACP payments, unless they operate a municipal broadband utility, it is crucial for local leaders to monitor the rollout of the ACP and support enrollment of qualifying households. As with any federal benefit program, qualifying households may fail to participate for a variety of reasons that local leaders can help to overcome. These can include a lack of awareness, a lack of trust in government or service providers, lack of information in an accessible language, lack of supporting documentation, confusion about the enrollment process, and others.

Cities, towns and villages are in an ideal position to help bridge these gaps and connect residents to the benefits to which they are entitled. Further, federal resources are available, or will be, to help support local leaders in this work. The FCC has a small amount of funding available for a third-party enrollment assistance grant program, which will be used to fund assistance to families in completing and submitting ACP applications. Other broadband programs in the BIL may also provide resources to do this kind of digital navigator work, such as funding from the Digital Equity Act grant programs. In addition, digital equity work is an eligible use for the American Rescue Plan Act’s State and Local Coronavirus Fiscal Recovery Fund and Capital Project Fund, meaning that a state or locality could choose to fund some outreach and enrollment assistance work through their existing ARPA allocations.
Local leaders also have an important role to play in encouraging the overall success of the program beyond enrolling households. A list of participating providers is available on FCC’s website, and communities should reach out to their local broadband providers to encourage them to enroll if they have not already. The ACP also includes a number of consumer protections, and local consumer affairs and financial empowerment offices are well-positioned to ensure that these protections are upheld locally and to escalate any issues to the FCC’s official complaint channels.

“It always seems impossible until it’s done” – Nelson Mandela