April 4, 2022

Word of the Day by G. David Myers:

foo·fa·raw

/ˈfoʊfaˌrəw/

noun

1. a great deal of fuss or attention given to a minor matter.
2. showy frills added unnecessarily.

“It is unwise to engage in foofaraw and cry over spilled milk.”

Remember When:
Scheduled for this Week:

**MONDAY – April 4th**

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

9:00 AM – Safety Committee Meeting – Council Chambers

3:00 PM – Utility Committee Meeting – Council Chambers

**TUESDAY – April 5th**

8:00 AM – Council Workshop – Council Chambers

2:00 PM – Planning Commission Meeting – Council Chambers

2:00 PM – Broadband Expansion RFP Evaluation – Executive Conference Room

3:00 PM – Country Club Property Conceptual Plan Kickoff – Zoom

**WEDNESDAY – April 6th**

Randy Koehn – Out

9:00 AM – Personnel Policy Meeting – Council Chambers

4:00 PM – Moon Mountain Steering Committee Meeting – Zoom

**THURSDAY – April 7th**

Randy Koehn – Out
8:30 AM – Special Lodger’s Tax Meeting – Council Chambers

10:00 AM – Ruidoso Hazard Mitigation – Zoom

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

5:30 PM – Fire Chief Candidate Meet and Greet – Convention Center

**Friday – April 8**th

9:00 AM – Personnel Policy Meeting – Council Chambers

**Saturday – April 9**th

**Sunday – April 10**th
Human Resources
If you need assistance with anything HR can help!

Employee of the Quarter: Oscar Ulate!!
Department of the Quarter: Water Distribution/Sewer Collections!!

Thanks to all these employees and for their hard work and dedication to the Village!!!
Firefighter

**Parks**
Parks Maintenance Worker
Pool Manager- Temporary
Aquatic Manager- Temporary
Lake Attendant- Temporary
Cashier
Lifeguard

**Water Production**
Water Production Compliance Coordinator
Water Resource Maintenance Tech

**Finance**
Project Manager

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**Welcome to the Village!!!**

Philbert Candelaria- Convention Center
Ryan Blanchard- Street Department

**Hires Pending:**
Rec Leader II- In Background
Dispatcher- in Background
Firefighter- Fire Department Start Date Pending
Animal Control Officer- In Background

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**New Employee Spotlight:**

ANDREA NEJERES
– Before working at Village of Ruidoso, what was the most unusual or interesting job you’ve ever had? I used to be a Therapeutic Massage Therapist. I loved learning about how the human anatomy worked, assisting in chiropractic manipulations and sports therapy to help people feel better.

– How did you first learn about Village of Ruidoso? I found out about the Purchasing Agent opening online. I have been wanting to move back for some time and had been searching online for a good job to bring me back home.

– How do you balance your career at Village of Ruidoso and family? I focus on work while I am at work and tend to my family and friends on my off time.

– How has Village of Ruidoso helped you in your career development? I have the opportunity to learn additional skills in the finance and construction side of procurement.

– If you could pick one theme for Village of Ruidoso to turn into a book about the company, what would it be? Teamwork

– If you could switch your job with anyone else within Village of Ruidoso, whose job would you want? Procurement Manager if one becomes available in the future.

– What advice do you have for prospective Village of Ruidoso candidates? Be the best version of yourself and embrace integrity and excellence. You will want to be here for the long term.

– What are 3 words to describe Village of Ruidoso? Friendly, Positive, Respectful
– What do you find the most challenging at Village of Ruidoso? As with any new position, learning the new systems. I will be more efficient soon.

– What do you like most about Village of Ruidoso? The value of employees and teamwork.

– What drew you to Village of Ruidoso originally? And how has Village of Ruidoso changed since? It’s a great place to work and live. I’ve been here for two weeks and hasn’t changed.

– What has been your favorite project at Village of Ruidoso? My first, and only so far, project is the Annex Building Demo Invitation to Bid.

Ruidoso Convention Center Event Schedule

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

Community Center

The Ruidoso Community Center Retired and Senior Volunteer Program will be hosting its annual recognition banquet on April 22nd at the Ruidoso High School. Teepee Lounge students and staff, who do an outstanding job for us every year, will be catering and serving the meal. The recognition banquet is to recognize the 197 volunteers that are helping in 16 non-profit volunteer stations in Lincoln County. Many of these non-profits would not survive without the help of volunteerism so the hard work these RSVP members provide so diligently is irreplaceable. Door prizes and recognition gifts will be given along with certificates and plaques to those with the most years in the program. In 2021 local RSVP Volunteers provided 16,571 hours which provided a savings of over $472,000 worth of work to our community.
The Ruidoso Community Center will only be partially open due to the ceiling tiles, insulation, and lighting replacement throughout the center. Fitness classes and fitness equipment usage will be closed until the project ends. The tentative schedule for partial closure will be April 4th through April 22nd depending on construction problems that could arise.

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www.ruidoso-nm.gov/community-center
There's nothing like waking up to the fresh mountain air, the smell of pine trees, and a roaring campfire. However, weather conditions, poor planning or fire dangers can put a damper on your camping trip. Here are a few simple tips to help make your camping trip fun and safe!

- Use flame-retardant tents and sleeping bags
- Keep stoves, lanterns and candles out of tents.
- Place campfires and stoves away from tents or sleeping gear, keep fire downwind.
- Extinguish fires before going to sleep.
- Don't smoke cigarettes, pipes or cigars near sleeping bags.
- Transport flammable liquids in safety containers, keep them capped, out of tents and away from children.

IF YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE A CAMPFIRE

1. Keep a bucket of water and a shovel nearby. To extinguish the fire, cover with dirt or pour water over it.
2. Stack extra wood upwind and away from the fire.
3. Never leave a campfire unattended, not even for a minute. Always put out a campfire when going to sleep or leaving the campsite.

Thank you for helping us protect this beautiful area from fire.

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

Parks and Recreation

Wednesday, April 6th, at 4pm
Steering Committee Meeting #2

Please join us for our second Steering Committee meeting next Wednesday, April 6th, at 4pm via Zoom.

We will be reviewing preliminary market analysis findings and reviewing outreach strategies.
The Great American Cleanup 2022
April 24th
Registration starts at 12:30 & the cleanup is from 1:00 - 4:00 PM
At Wingfield Park
Gloves, Vests, Trash bags are provided.
Food & a prize giveaway for volunteers.
Youth/Service Group fundraising opportunity available.
For more information about joining our efforts, please call the Village of Ruidoso Parks department at (575) 257-5030 or email davidtetreault@ruidoso-nm.gov

LIBRARY
Library Manager working with the Agency to update our website. We will have a celebration for Dia (Day of the Children Day of the Book) on Saturday April 30, 2022, from 11 am to 1:30 pm. A detailed flyer will be sent out soon. The library had 26 attendees for story time this week. The story time schedule for April is as follows:

April 6th- National Walking Day themed Storytime
Book: Finklehopper Frog, Activity: Scavenger Hunt

April 13th- Caring for your animal with special guest reader, Joey from the Ruidoso Animal Clinic
Book: Vicky the Vet Activity: Kids bring your favorite stuffed animal for a veterinarian role play activity!
April 20th- It’s Library Month!
Book: The Book Hog, Activity: Rocking Piggies Craft
April 27th- Theme: Celebrate being yourself!
Book and Activity: T.B.A

TOURISM
Join Ruidoso Parks and Rec for the Third Annual Bunny Run at Cedar Creek. You are welcome to run/walk in an Easter Costume. Prizes for the "Top 3" Finishers in each division.

Registration starts at 6:00am
The Walk / Run starts at 7:00 am
Dress up and show your Easter Cheer!

The Village of Ruidoso, Parks & Recreation Easter Egg Hunt will commence after the run at 10:00 AM SHARP at the Cedar Creek Campground.

There will be free fire truck rides and special appearances by the Easter Bunny and Smokey Bear, Registration fee: $10. For more information call Parks and Recreation at 575-257-5030.

April 5th, Tourism to participate in Smokey Bear Stewardship Fun-Sawmill Event Planning Meeting for Ribbon Cutting Event on May 06th.
April 11th - Monday Mornings w/ the Mayor (Tim & Ron will also join) @8:00 AM – 1490 AM
April 11th – Keep Ruidoso Beautiful @11:00 AM – Council Chambers
April 11th – AOC Ruidoso Groundbreaking @1:00 PM – Horton Complex
April 12th – Council Meeting @1:00 PM – Council Chambers
April 13th – Personnel Policy Meeting @9:00 AM – Council Chambers
April 13th – JUB Chair Review Meeting @10:00 AM – Council Chambers
April 13th – Cutler Pre-Con @2:00 PM – Council Chambers
April 14th – Capital Projects Update Meeting @7:00 AM – Council Chambers
April 14th – Director’s Meeting @9:00 AM – Council Chambers
April 14th – Ruidoso Hazard Mitigation @10:00 AM – Zoom
April 14th – Horton Complex Project Update @2:00 PM – Horton Complex
April 15th – Personnel Policy Meeting @9:00 AM – Council Chambers
April 15th – Siren Testing @5:00 PM – Ruidoso
April 18th - Monday Mornings w/ the Mayor (Tim & Ron will also join) @8:00 AM – 1490 AM
April 18th – Team Tourism Meeting @1:00 PM – Convention Center
April 19th – Address Committee Meeting @2:00 PM – Council Chambers
April 20th – Personnel Policy Meeting @9:00 AM – Council Chambers
April 20th – JUB Meeting @10:00 AM – Council Chambers
April 21st – HUB Monthly Employee Meeting @9:00 AM – Convention Center
April 21st – Ruidoso Hazard Mitigation @10:00 AM – Zoom

April 21st – DR 1783 Village of Ruidoso Bi-Weekly Call @1:00 PM – Conference Call

April 22nd – Personnel Policy Meeting @9:00 AM – Council Chambers

April 25th – Monday Mornings w/ the Mayor (Tim & Ron will also join) @8:00 AM – 1490 AM

April 25th – Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting @5:00 PM – Council Chambers

April 27th – Personnel Policy Meeting @9:00 AM – Council Chambers

April 28th – Capital Projects Update Meeting @7:00 AM – Council Chambers

April 28th – Ruidoso Hazard Mitigation @10:00 AM – Zoom

April 28th – Horton Complex Project Update @1:30 PM – Horton Complex

April 28th – Workforce Housing Advisory Board Meeting @2:00 PM – Council Chambers

April 28th – RJU Shop Building Construction Meeting @2:00 PM – Onsite

April 29th – Personnel Policy Meeting @9:00 AM – Council Chambers

**Employee April Birthdays**

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**Employee April Anniversaries**
One Application, Three Transportation Grants

BY: Brittney D. Kohler

The message from cities to the federal government was clearly received – we can and should make it easier for cities and towns to apply for transportation grants with the new Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. At the Congressional Cities Conference, the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) Secretary Buttigieg teased that we should stay tuned for news on how they want to make it easier. USDOT just announced a combined application process for three major grant opportunities in a single, common application:

1. National Infrastructure Project Assistance grants program (called the Mega Grants program): $1 billion in FY2022 funding.
2. Nationally Significant Multimodal Freight and Highways Projects grants program (called the INFRA program): with $1.55 billion in FY2022 funding.
3. Rural Surface Transportation Grant program (called the Rural program): with $300 million in FY2022 funding.

This combined opportunity for $2.9 billion is known as the Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (MPDG) opportunity. It is a concrete step to ease the application burdens for cities of all sizes and receive the best project applications across the infrastructure spectrum in all areas of the country for two new programs and one reauthorized program. While they remain separate programs for the purposes of award, the programs share many common characteristics, including larger project size, multimodal eligibility, and many shared statutory project requirements. Because of these shared characteristics, it is possible for many projects to be eligible and considered for multiple programs using a single application.

Focus of Programs

- New Mega program: Focused on large multimodal transportation projects, with 50% of the funding being awarded to projects greater than $500 million in total project cost, and the remaining 50% of the funding being awarded to projects between $100 million and $500 million in total project costs. The Mega program will help large multimodal projects with gaps in their
financial plans. Requirements for selection for this program include national or regional economic, mobility or safety benefits among others.

- **The INFRA program:** At least 15% of the funds are reserved for small projects (<$100 million) and at least 25% of the funds are reserved for rural projects. The program also includes a leverage pilot, under which $150 million is set-aside to prioritize for projects with greater non-Federal share.

- **New Rural program:** Reserved for surface transportation projects in rural areas, with a minimum of 90% of all projects having a minimum $25 million Rural grant award. Note that the rural is defined in this program as an area that is outside an urbanized area with a population of over 200,000. The Rural program will focus on these community needs, such as improving highway safety and expanding access to rural transit service. Set asides for projects on the Appalachian Development Highway System and projects located in states with above average rural lane departure fatality rates are also included.

**Key City Considerations**

- **Consider Eligibility and Partnership:** City municipal governments are considered “political subdivisions of the state” in federal legislation, and cities are eligible both individually or in partnership group with several other eligible partners including metropolitan planning organizations, states, a special purpose district and many others. Consider if the listed eligible partners or group of partners could add value and support to your application.

- **Note the Wide Rural Definition:** In this new Rural program, “rural” is defined as an area that is outside an urbanized area with a population of over 200,000. This category may be particularly competitive for small cities and includes opportunities to partner with several communities to meet the project minimums. Review the urbanized area designations here.

- **Bundling Remains Welcome and Strategic:** If your infrastructure challenge is shared across your region or state, there may be opportunities to consider the benefits of bundling projects into a single application. In the past, USDOT has received applications that bundles multiple bridge projects into a cohesive whole showcasing the possibilities of regional, corridor, or broader gains that can be made. Assets do not necessarily have to be geographically connected. Remember too that many modes are also welcome within an application (such as transit and highway).

**Application Process**

While the MPDG Opportunity consists of three separate programs, DOT will evaluate common applications for the programs using common merit criteria and considerations to provide a more streamlined and efficient application process for project sponsors. The common set of criteria include:

- Safety
- State of good repair
- Economic impacts
- Freight movement
- Job creation
- Climate change
- Resiliency
- Environment
- Equity
- Multimodal Options
- Quality of life
Innovation

Additional considerations include:

- Cost effectiveness
- Demonstrated project readiness, which includes technical assessment, financial completeness, and environmental review and permitting risk
- Geographic diversity among recipients, including a balance between the needs of urban and rural projects

“No matter what people tell you, words and ideas can change the world” – Robin Williams

NEVER GIVE UP ON A DREAM JUST BECAUSE OF THE TIME IT WILL TAKE TO ACCOMPLISH IT. THE TIME WILL PASS ANYWAY.

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