March 21, 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:

de ju·re

/adjective
1. denoting something or someone that is rightfully such.

"The state of Palestine, is a de jure sovereign state in Western Asia."
Remember When:

Scheduled for this Week:

**MONDAY – March 21st**
Karen Gutierrez – Out
Joe Kasuboski – Out

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

10:30 AM – Safety Training Meeting – Executive Conference Room

**TUESDAY – March 22nd**
Karen Gutierrez – Out

8:30 AM – OHV Trails Meeting – Executive Conference Room

1:30 PM – ENMU-R Training Meeting – Council Chambers

4:00 PM – Moon Mountain Kickoff Meeting – Zoom

**WEDNESDAY – March 23rd**
Karen Gutierrez – Out

8:00 AM – Consolidated Dispatch Joint Board Special Meeting – Council Chambers
9:00 AM – Personnel Policy Meeting – Council Chambers

1:00 – RJU Budget Review – Executive Conference Room

2:00 PM – Address Committee Meeting – Council Chambers

**THURSDAY – March 24th**

Adam Sanchez – Out
Karen Gutierrez – Out

7:00 AM – Capital Projects Update – Council Chambers

8:30 AM – NM Transportation Commission Meeting – Roswell

9:00 AM – VOR Master Planning Project Update – Microsoft Teams
1:00 PM – Investment Grade Audit Kick-Off – Council Chambers

3:00 PM – Village Hall Open House – Village Hall

Friday – March 25th
Adam Sanchez – Out
Karen Gutierrez – Out
Randy Koehn – Out

9:00 AM – Personnel Policy Meeting – Council Chambers

Saturday – March 26th

Sunday – March 27th

HUMAN RESOURCES

• If you haven’t yet been vaccinated register for your vaccine here: cvvaccine.nmhealth.org.
• Please submit your vaccination cards to HR.
• Please VOTE for Employee of the Quarter and Department of the Quarter for Quarter 1. (January-March). Votes are due tomorrow!

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
Water Distribution:
Water/Wastewater Foreman
Water/Wastewater Maintenance Worker
Fire Department
Firefighter
Fire Chief
Parks
Recreation and Adult and Youth Services Coordinator
Temporary Lifeguard
Hello, my name is Randal Fuchs. I joined the Marine Corps in 2017 and served as a diesel mechanic until 2021. I worked as a mechanic in Phoenix Arizona for 6 months before coming to Ruidoso. I was excited to hear about this position with the Village since most of my family lives here. I am eager to start contributing my knowledge and skill sets for the city’s departments.

Question: What is your biggest pet peeve?
Answer: Please don’t touch my tools.
Here is the link for the radio station request form!!

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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.

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

Community Center

ART & PAINTING Lessons

LESSONS BY MARIA HAMILTON
CONTACT INFO: 575-937-7926
EVERY TUESDAY
1:00pm-4:00pm
GILDS, ACRYLICS, WATERCOLOR, PASTELS, CHARCOAL, GRAPHITE
DONATIONS ARE APPRECIATED
PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN SUPPLIES
LIMITED SUPPLIES ARE AVAILABLE
LOCATION:
501 SUDDERTH DRIVE
RUIDOSO, NM 88354
PHONE (575) 537-4645

Name with Fw or Mw last initial written in the center.
Ruidoso Community Center Activities

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
Hear 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
Gerl-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
FIRE DEPARTMENT

Joe Kasuboski will be out of office Monday March 21.
Joe and Assistant Chief Pribble will be attending Wildland Fire training in Cloudcroft the evening of Friday March 25 thru Sunday evening March 27.
NMDHSEM Emergency Managers quarterly meeting March 22, 1:00pm-3:00pm.

Home Fire Hazards

Every 15 seconds, a fire department responds to a fire somewhere in the United States.

Fire can start in any area of the home. Causes of fire include overheated or overloaded electrical wire, cigarettes, sparks from the fireplace, unattended outdoor fires and barbecues, appliances in poor repair and unattended cooking in the kitchen.

One of the best ways to prevent fire in the home is to do a home inspection specifically looking for the fire hazards or preparing for emergency measures in case of a fire. Inspect your home one section at a time.

- Check the cords on all appliances. If they are worn or frayed, have them repaired.
- Don't overload the outlets.
- Turn pot handles so children can't pull them down.
- Be sure a fire extinguisher is placed in the kitchen.
- Be sure portable space heaters are at least three feet away from anything that can catch fire including walls and curtains.
- Have the chimney checked and cleaned regularly.
- Put lighters and matches where small children won't find them.
- Smoke detectors should be placed just outside every bedroom. Test them regularly.
- Have an escape plan and a meeting place. Practice getting out with your family.
- If you smoke, DO NOT smoke in bed.
- Do not let pine needles accumulate on your property.

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

Parks and Recreation

There is an Adult Basketball Tournament in the Horton Gymnasium this Saturday March 19th and Sunday March 20th.
Saturday, first game starts at 8am, last game starts at 11pm.
Sunday, first game starts at 8am, last game starts at 7pm.

- The OHV-Sweepstakes Prize will be placed in the Midtown area for promotion of the Ruidoso Adventure Tours over the weekend. Staff will pick up and drop off in the morning and pick it at the end of each day.

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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

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LIBRARY

March Storytime Schedule:
Wednesdays at 10:30 in Children’s Classroom
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 28th - Monday Mornings w/ the Mayor (Tim & Ron will also join) @8:00 AM – 1490 AM
March 28th – Mayors’ Council @11:00 AM - WebEx
March 28th – Team Tourism Meeting @1:00 PM – Executive Conference Room
March 28th – Parks and Recreation Commission @5:00 PM – Council Chambers
March 29th – Chapter 54 Steering Committee Meeting @11:00 AM – Council Chambers
March 29th – Citiworks Liquor License Training @1:30 PM – Zoom
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
April 1st – Oath of office - Organizational Meeting @ 8:00 AM- Council Chambers
April 1st – Personnel Policy Meeting @9:00 AM – Council Chambers
April 1st – Siren Testing @5:00 PM – Ruidoso
April 4th - Monday Mornings w/ the Mayor (Tim & Ron will also join) @8:00 AM – 1490 AM
April 4th – Team Tourism Meeting @1:00 PM – Executive Conference Room
April 4th – Utility Committee Meeting @3:00 PM – Council Chambers
April 5th – Council Workshop @8:00 AM – Council Chambers
April 5th – Planning Commission Meeting @2:00 PM – Council Chambers
April 6th – Personnel Policy Meeting @9:00 AM – Council Chambers
April 7th – Special Lodger’s Tax Meeting @8:30 AM – Council Chambers
April 7th – Ruidoso Hazard Mitigation @10:00 AM – Zoom

April 7th – DR 1783 Village of Ruidoso Bi-Weekly Call @1:00 PM – Conference Call

April 8th – Personnel Policy Meeting @9:00 AM – Council Chambers

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

Employee March Birthdays
The COVID-19 pandemic has undone a decade of progress for today’s youth; now as many as six million youths are disconnected from education and the workforce. There are risks that these trends will continue in the future as well – the percentage of Gen Z youth considering a four-year degree has fallen from 71 percent to 48 percent from May 2020 to September 2021. Recognizing the long-term risks to their economic competitiveness, and the economic trajectories of their residents, Cities are leveraging new federal funds and working with the National League of Cities (NLC) to implement bold solutions to help youth and young adults access high-quality education and career opportunities.
Signed into law in March of 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act, also known as ARPA provides $350 billion in new direct funding for state and local governments, in addition to $122 billion for K-12 schools. Leading cities are leveraging these funds to make long-term investments in education and programs to provide job training opportunities for youth, including in high-demand STEM career pathways, and to provide a wide array of supportive services to reengage youth:

Milwaukee, WI is investing more than $13 million in ARPA funds to help youth and young adults’ access new career opportunities. This includes a new Skillful Transitions Project, which will provide apprenticeship opportunities for unemployed, low-income adults ages 18-29, a new Earn and Learn Program for youth, and a new Clean Energy Jobs program to provide short-term, industry-recognized training for individuals in entry-level clean energy jobs. Madison, WI is allocating $465,000 in ARPA funds for their 2022 summer youth employment program and is anticipating additional funding for support youth employment and skill-building programming Houston, TX Independent School District Connect allocated $5 million in Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief funds (ESSER) to address declining enrollment and support Opportunity Youth in getting re-enrolled by establishing the city’s first Reengagement Center. To both help cities leverage these new federal funds, and to broadly support city efforts to reengage youth to educational programs and develop high-demand employment programs, NLC launched two new initiatives: Youth Excel: Cities Advancing Equitable Youth Economic Recovery and Empowerment (Youth Excel) & The Reengaging Opportunity Youth in the South initiative (ROYS).

Youth Excel is supporting work in Bridgeport, CT; Houston, TX; Lauderhill, FL; Madison, WI; Sacramento, CA; and Saint Paul, MN to improve opportunities for youth and youth adults who are marginalized from economic opportunity by expanding STEM career pathways; promoting job quality for youth; and empowering youth and youth-serving organizations.

ROYS is supporting eight cities: Corpus Christi, TX; El Paso, TX; Houston, TX; Jackson, MS; Little Rock, AR; Rock Hill, SC; Louisville, KY; and St. Petersburg, FL in developing or expanding new reengagement centers and programs, which focus on bringing youth and young adults ages 16-24 back to school or into employment. Participating cities will significantly expand the 27-site NLC Reengagement Network and provide more peer learning opportunities nationwide.

“You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose.” – Dr. Seuss

“GO THE EXTRA MILE, IT’S NEVER CROWDED”