

SOCORRO NEWSLETTER

Council Meetings

We invite every resident of Socorro to attend our City Council Meetings. They are a great way to be involved and stay informed with what's happening in your community. They are held the first and third Thursday of every month at 6 p.m. in Council Chambers (860 Rio Vista, Socorro, TX 79927)

Upcoming Meetings:
November 6th & 20th

Upcoming Events

- Fall Festival - October 24, at Rio Vista Community Center from 6p.m.-11p.m.
- Municipal Court Open House - November 3, at 860 Rio Vista Road from 8a.m.-5p.m.

Sandbags

For those in need, sandbags can always be picked up at;

- 241 Old Hueco Tanks Rd. (Recycling Center)
- 901 N. Rio Vista Rd. (Rio Vista Community Center)



(Inside Chayo Apodaca Community Center)

Construction on Horizon Blvd.

Here is the most recent information regarding the construction on Horizon Blvd. While this project is in the City of Socorro, but the construction is being done by the Texas Department of Transportation. TxDOT began to work on the project and needed all of the utilities to relocate due to the size of the new road. All of the utilities (water, gas, telephone, and electricity) had to move to accommodate the expanding of the road. Most of the utilities were completed, but irrigation season began in the cotton field next to the road. The utilities could not be moved while water was flowing in the area. This forced the project to be pushed back and caused a delay in the construction. At this point, the only utility left to relocate is the Electric Company and they will be completed by the end of October. We understand the frustration that this project has caused, but we want to make sure that everyone receives accurate information. TxDOT has advised us that the project will be completed by the Summer of 2015. We

Community

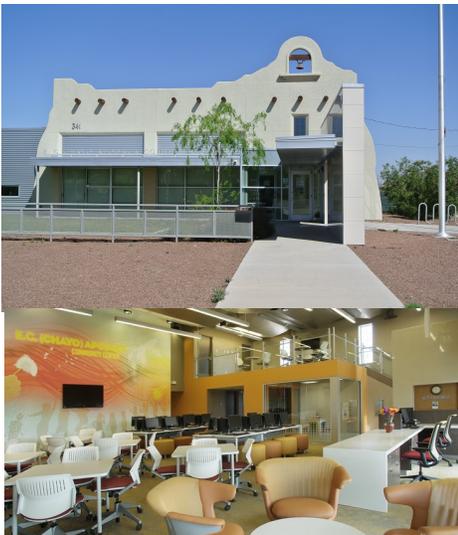
Visit our Chayo Community Center

The E.G. "Chayo" Apodaca Community Center is open to the public and offers free computer and internet access, an arcade room, a toddler play room, and a conference / study area.

Location:
341 N. Moon Rd.
Socorro TX 79927

Hours:
Tuesday-Friday: 1:00pm-8:00pm
Saturday: 11:00 am-6:00 pm
Closed: Sunday & Monday

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Council Proclamation

At the city council meeting on October 16, Council declared the month of October to be Breast Cancer awareness month as well as National Bullying Prevention Month.

ask for your patience and continued understanding while the project is completed. This project will benefit Socorro greatly once it is completed and will alleviate traffic in our community. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Government

Capital Program List

On page 5 you will find a chart that details how the city will be using \$5.8 million in the first year of the 5-year capital improvement program. This program totals \$10 million and will be invested into the cities infrastructure. This chart (page 5) details that the focus of the program is on street paving, sidewalk building, streetlight installation and more projects that will improve city infrastructure.

Included in this list is the building of Leadership Bridge which is a four lane bridge by Passmore that will alleviate traffic in the Campestre area by providing another exit there.

Chart on Page 5.

Mayor Ruiz Hold Press Conference

On Friday, October 10th, Mayor Ruiz held a press conference in which he detailed the next steps the city of Socorro would take regarding the forensic audit that Socorro city council approved to be conducted by a thirdly party auditing firm.

In keeping with the cities mission of transparency and in following the recommendation of the auditing firm, the audit was sent to various law enforcement agencies for further investigation.



Entertainment/ Lifestyle

National Night Out

A very big thank you to everyone who joined us and participated in our first ever National Night Out!

This will be an annual event here in Socorro and we look forward to hosting it for many years to come.

Naitonal Night Out is a great way to learn about law enforcement, gain safety tips and learn about the Neighborhood Watch Program.

We look forward to seeing you next year!



Municipal Court Open House

Please join us to celebrate Municipal Court week! Enjoy refreshments while you meet the Socorro Court Staff, Judge, and Attorney. The open house is on November 3, at 860 Rio Vista Road from 8a.m.-5p.m.

Entertainment/Lifestyle

Fall Festival

Socorro is proud to present our annual Fall Festival. Socorro strives to bring its community fun and entertaining events and activities whenever possible. We believe in bringing our community together and strengthening bonds through these events.

This is sure to be fun for the entire family as there will be kids and adult costume contests, a haunted house, games, face-painting, trick or treating and we will be showing the film Paranorman (Rated PG) while serving free popcorn.

This event is FREE ADMISSION and all ages welcome. We hope to see you at Rio Vista Community Center (901 Rio Vista Road) on October 24 from 6-11p.m.



Opinion

**Recreation Director,
Victor Reta**

The Recreation Centers Department consists of two community centers: Rio Vista, located at 901 N. Rio Vista Rd., Socorro, TX 79927 (915) 860-8615 open Monday - Thursday 8 AM to 8 PM, Friday 8 AM -4 PM, closed on Sat/Sun;

and

Chayo Apodaca, located at 341 N. Moon Rd., Socorro, TX 79927 (915) 500-1602 open Tuesday - Friday 1 PM to 8 PM, Sat 11 AM-6 PM, closed on Sun/Mon.

The department is led by myself, Victor Reta, and is run by a team of 5 fabulously talented, and extremely hard working ladies (Ms. Ivette Agüero, Ms. Lizbeth Castrol, Ms. Rocio Hinojosa, Ms. Erika Galvan, & Ms. Juliza Perez), whose goal is to welcome each & every patron into a peaceful, fun, & high energetic setting.

The centers offer a wide array of assistance programs, enrichment opportunities, scenic outings, and educational tools which are actively used by the community of all ages. Specifically, the Senior Nutrition Program, GED, ESL, Domestic Violence, Alcoholics Anonymous, various health fairs, & exercise classes are housed at the Rio Vista Community Center (RVCC).

This center picks up, and transports community members in and around the city for free to offer assistance towards our residents. Although Rio Vista Community Center is a historic building, plans are in the works to begin restoring some of the buildings which have been affected by the elements and regular repeated use. RVCC is routinely used to house dances for the holidays, and hosts kid’s camp while the Socorro Independent School District is on intercession.

The Chayo Apodaca Community Center (CACC) serves as a daily meeting place for the community to utilize our 17 desktops, 14 laptops, free Wi-Fi, game room, board games, children’s center, library, and conference room. This new modern facility is an old fire house turned Community Center and is named after Mr. Elizario Gonzales Apodaca, one of Socorro’s first mayor pro-tem, fire chief, and obtained the first fire truck in the city. He often visits the center and share stories of how this city has progressed since its inception. Through a partnership through higher education

institutions volunteers are sent to the CACC to assist school children with tutoring during the normal school season. Chayo Apodaca strives to be a pillar of pride for the entire community to enjoy.

The Recreation Center also coordinates special events throughout the year; such as: Easter Egg Hunt, 4th of July Celebration, Chile War Festival, Fall Festival, & Winter Fest. It is with great pride that the Recreation Centers is able to provide free, fun, & family oriented activities for the constituents to enjoy. We hope to see you at our upcoming Fall Festival Friday October 24th at RVCC from 6pm - 11pm!

Lastly, the Recreation Centers would like to extend a debt of gratitude to all other departments; without co-departmental cooperation we would now be able to do our events as successfully without you!

Capital Program List continued.

Capital Program

Plan 1 May 15, 2014

	FIVE YEARS	YEAR ONE	YEAR TWO	YEAR THREE	YEAR FOUR
Building and Improvements					
Old Hueco Tanks Road	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,500,000			
Flood Improvements	\$ 600,000	\$ 600,000			
General Park Improvements	\$ 600,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000
Repair Rio Vista Buildings	\$ 500,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000		
Signalization Program	\$ 160,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000
Library	\$ 600,000		\$ 600,000		
Infrastructure					
Sidewalks	\$ 800,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000
Leadership Bridge	\$ 1,200,000	\$ 1,200,000			
Street Overlay	\$ 2,400,000	\$ 600,000	\$ 600,000	\$ 600,000	\$ 600,000
Street Lights	\$ 240,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000
Street Projects-Local Share	\$ 1,200,000	\$ 1,200,000			

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