

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:
December 18, 2014

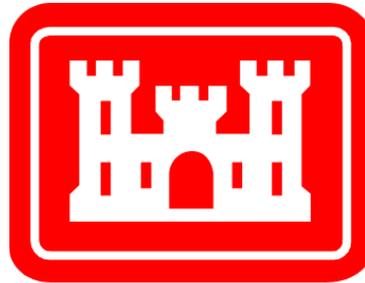
Upcoming Events

- WinterFest - December 12, at Rio Vista Community Center from 6 p.m.-10 p.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)



US Army Corps of Engineers®

Meeting with Army Corps of Engineers

On November 14th, various city leaders met with the Army Corps of Engineers in Albuquerque, NM. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the water run-off plan that the City of Socorro has created and the one that the Army Corps of Engineer has devised. Both sides presented their plans to one another and the Army Corps of Engineers were pleased with the plans that the city has put together. The City of Socorro plans to use 24 acres of land that has been purchased as a means to hold water run-off from North of I-10 that flows into Socorro. The Army Corps of Engineers stated that this plan would not interfere with their studies and it is the best thing that the city can do. The Army Corps of Engineers plans to build several water capturing facilities along the North and South boundaries of I-10 in the coming years.

Community

Visit our Rio Vista Community Center

Rio Vista Community Center offers many classes and programs, including;

- English as a Second Language
- Senior Nutrition Programs
- Graduate Equivalent (GED)
- Yoga and Many More!



Location:
901 N. Rio Vista Rd.
Socorro TX. 79927

Hours:
Monday-Thursday:
8:00am-8:00pm

Friday:
8:00am-4:00pm
Closed: Saturday & Sunday

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Council Proclamation

At the city council meeting on November 6, Council declared November 11, as Veterans Day here in Socorro.



Government

Payday Lending Ordinance

Socorro will soon have an ordinance that will regulate payday lending services. City Council started the process of drafting an ordinance a couple of months ago and that process could soon produce a finished ordinance. City Attorney Jim Martinez has presented possible regulations to Council and will soon have the final ordinance ready. With this ordinance, Socorro will join the City of El Paso in passing an ordinance that will regulate payday lending services.

Socorro Street Paving

City Council approved \$700,000 that will go to paving streets in Socorro this fiscal year. In order to determine which streets will be selected, Public Works Director, Doug Lobdell, has begun the process of reviewing all of the streets in Socorro. Mr. Lobdell and his staff will rate the streets from a scale of 1-5, with one being in the best condition and 5 being in the worst condition. Once all of the streets are reviewed, Mr. Lobdell will present them to City Council so that they can decide which streets will be paved. The list of streets does not include any privately owned roads or state owned roads. Once the streets are selected, Mr. Lobdell and his staff will begin to pave the roads.

New Vacuum Truck

Socorro has a new piece of equipment to aid in dealing with standing water; a vacuum truck. The vacuum truck was purchased earlier this year and arrived in November. The vacuum truck will be used to gather standing water and has a capacity of 3,000 gallons. With the this truck, city crews will be able to more effectively get rid of standing water.



Entertainment/ Lifestyle

Socorro College Fair

This year Socorro held its first annual College Fair. Initially, this event was aimed at city employees that wished to gain information on continuing their education. However, it was decided that anyone that wished to attend was able to do.

Vista College, Park University, UTEP, EPCC, and Western Tech were all on hand to give information and answer any questions regarding enrollment, courses offered, campus life and more.

We sincerely thank these higher education institutions for taking the time to make themselves available for this event. We would also like to thank everyone that attended the event and wish them the best of luck on their continuing education.

We look forward to hosting this event again in the future as we understand the importance of quality education.



Entertainment/Lifestyle

WinterFest 2014

Socorro is proud to bring you our final event of the year, WinterFest!

Sure to be fun for the entire family our WinterFest celebration will have pictures with Santa, Tree Lighting Ceremony, showing of How the Grinch Stole Christmas, hot chocolate and much more! Food will also be available for purchase from vendors during the event. This event is free admission and will be held at Rio Vista Community Center (901 Rio Vista Road). We hope to see you there!



Friday, December 12, 2014
6:00p.m. to 10:00p.m.

Rio Vista Community
Center

901 Rio Vista Road,
Socorro, TX 79927

Admission is Free and
there will be fun events and
activities for the whole
family!



- Christmas Tree Lighting
- Hot Chocolate
- Pictures with Santa
- Arts & Crafts
- Free movie showing of Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas
- Games, Face Painting, Music
- &
- Food will be available for purchase from vendors

Opinion

Human Resources Director, Adriana Rodarte

The Human Resources Department is deeply committed to the recruitment, retention and development of a forward thinking workforce that serves the citizens of Socorro.

With a focus on customer service and accountability, we are taking strides to exceed the expectations of stakeholders and achieve high levels of customer satisfaction.

Here at the City of Socorro we hold ourselves to high standards and set big goals, not for our own benefit, but for the benefit our community, our city that we take so much pride in being a part of.

The mission and vision statement for the City of Socorro read, "To collaborate with our citizens in order to provide outstanding municipal services and utilize forward-thinking ideas to generate the highest possible quality of living. By combining honesty and integrity continue to provide a safe and unique community for all current and future residents."

These are goals and standards that we, city employees, hold ourselves accountable for.

We have a great team here at the city, and it's getting better all the time.

In my time here, working for the city, we have filled many positions with the most qualified, dedicated and professional candidates for the job. No job is too small here, because we all have the same goal, keeping Socorro moving forward, help make Socorro the best that it can be.

Many members of our staff often attend various trainings and seminars in order to become better, more efficient public servants, because again our mission is to bring our community "outstanding municipal services.." and we work as a team to help achieve these goals.

We understand the importance of working as a team and helping one another. To help build up this great team we have, we hold events for city employees such as softball games and employee luncheons. While we may work in different departments, working as one team with the same goal will help us be more efficient in achieving those goals.

I, along with my coworkers, take great pride in our work. Because of that pride and that work ethic, I see Socorro improving everyday. It feels good knowing that I'm helping and giving back to a community that I've been a part of for so long.

If you're interested in becoming a part of our team, regularly check the Human Resources page of our website for the most current job openings here in Socorro.

That website is ci.socorro.tx.us

On a final note, I would like to thank all of my fellow City of Socorro employees for their professionalism and dedication to Socorro. Without all of us working together we would not be able to continue our mission of making Socorro great.

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