

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:
February 19, 2015

Events

Healthcare Enrollment Assistance;
February 7, 2015

Chayo Apodaca Community Center
11 a.m. - 4 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)



Socorro Streets to be Paved

During the council meeting on January 15, Socorro city council heard a presentation from Public Works Director, Doug Lobdell, regarding which streets in Socorro are in the most need of paving. Mr. Lobdell categorized the streets by grade, with 1 being the best condition and 5 being the worst.

After receiving all of the information, council decided that all streets in Socorro designated grade 5 will be paved, regardless of district. After the category 5 streets, Public Works will focus on all category 4 streets in Districts 1 & 2, during 2015. Beginning 2016 they will do all category 4 street in Districts 3 & 4. In total, 60 streets will be paved during this phase of the project.

Not mentioned on the list below are improvements that will be made to Dindinger Road. Council approved these improvements at the City Council Meeting held on February 5 thanks to many Socorro resident's voicing their

Community

New Rep Elected to District 4

We would like to thank everyone that utilized the civil liberty of their right to vote in the city's recent special election. Anthony Gandara was recently sworn in as the new representative of District 4. We welcome Representative Gandara and we look forward to this City Council's continued efforts to improve Socorro through ethical, responsible and dedicated representation.



Socorro High School; Early College Program

The Socorro Independent School District is starting a new early college program that will take effect next year.

The new program will have 125 freshman enrolled for the 2015-16 school year.

Students will take high school and college courses and have the opportunity to earn both a high school diploma and two-year associate of arts degree while in the comprehensive high school setting.

thoughts on street paving on our various social media platforms.

Category 5

- Andy Ct.
- Carbajal Rd.
- Donna Marie Dr.
- Jervis Dr.
- Jewel Dr.
- Jim Bean Dr.
- Jimmy Don Ct.
- Justin Ct.
- Le Lois St.
- Mark Mabon Ct.
- Mcadoo Dr.
- Piro Court
- Reese Ct.
- Regina
- Ron St.
- Russ Rd.
- Wesley St.
- Wilton Pl.

Category 4

- Bundala Dr.
- Burt Rd.
- Carrillo Ln.
- Corinth Ct.
- Figueroa Rd.
- Fresquez Rd.
- Gail Pl.
- Galleon Ln.
- Haskell Pl.
- Holguin Rd.
- Hovey Dr.
- Jolla Del Valle Dr.
- Juanita Duran Rd.
- Kasey Way
- Lark Rd.
- Los Magos Cir.
- Mckesson St.
- milo Rd.
- N Nevarez Rd.
- Nirmal Dr.

Category 4

- Old Hueco Tanks Rd.
- Page St.
- Porcel Dr.
- Pritam Dr.
- Samuel St.
- Scarlet Ct.
- Sheryl Cir.
- Tortugas
- Valle Buenavida Dr.
- Valle Del Carmen Dr.
- Valle Del Centro Dr.
- Valle Del Este Dr.
- Valle Del Paseo Dr.
- Valle Del Rio Dr.
- Valle Hermoso Dr.
- Valle Lindo Dr.
- Valle Los Nogales Dr.
- Valle Palos Verdes Dr.
- Valle Pintoreco Dr.
- Valle Roio Dr.
- Valle Viejo Dr.
- Zach Rd.

Socorro Police Department to Receive New Weapons

At a council meeting held on January 15, 2015 Council heard a presentation from Chief of Police, Carlos Maldonado, about the transition to a one weapon system. Making the Socorro Police Department for efficient and better prepared for a wider range of scenarios.

After hearing from Chief Maldonado council approved the purchase of Glock 22 .40 caliber pistols and AR-15 Bushmaster rifles. The long rifles are a first for Socorro PD and we are excited to bring more training and materials to our Police Department, keeping the prepared and ready for a number of scenarios. The purchase will be around \$25,000 and will be on hand in the near

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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West Texas Communities Aid Socorro in Storm-Water Relief

Cities around West Texas are partnering with the City of Socorro to utilize the region’s allocation of the 2015-2016 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to improve the culvert on I-10, which funnels the flow of storm-water coming the north of the freeway into the Sparks Arroyo. This improvement will be one of many projects that Socorro is targeting in an effort to alleviate the flood situation in the community.

Communities located in the Rio Grande Council of Governments (COG) region are eligible to apply for a \$180,000-\$250,000 CDGB allocation for infrastructure improvements. The COG, which is the agency responsible for implementing the system to score and allocate the CDGB tuning in the region on behalf of the Texas Department of Agriculture, has received confirmation from eligible grantees that they are willing to allow the City of Socorro to use the full regional allocation to fund this very important project.

Entertainment/ Lifestyle

Whataburger Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Recently, Whataburger held a ribbon cutting ceremony at the new Socorro location. Along with city officials, the Socorro High School drum line, choir, mariachi band and Junior ROTC were in attendance. We would also like to thank the wonderful people at Whataburger for donating \$500 to SHS.



This is tremendous news for Socorro, as it will be able to implement a \$700,000-\$800,000 project.

The grant application will be completed by February of this year and, if funded, funding will be available at the end of 2015.

It is outstanding to see local West Texas communities come together and support one another in their time of need. We sincerely thank all of our neighboring communities and look forward to being able to adequately deal with the storm-water that flows from the north of I-10.

Donation to La Purisima Parish

This past Saturday the La Purisima parish, here in Socorro, received an extraordinary donation, a replica of a world-famous Michelangelo sculpture that sits inside St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City. The sculpture was donated by Richard and Esther Stewart, who grew up in Socorro.



Daniel Fresquez of the El Paso Mission Trail Association looks over the Pietà replica inside La Purisima Catholic Church in Socorro. (VICTOR CALZADA – EL PASO TIMES)

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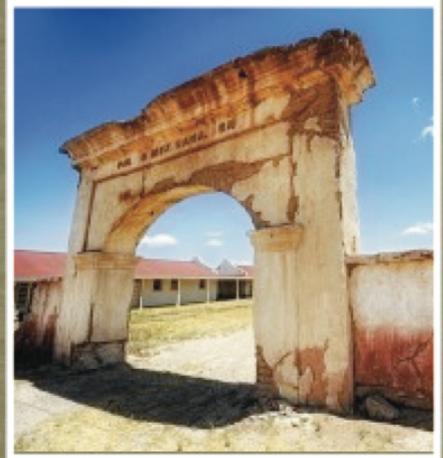
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DISCOVER SOCORRO



Located in the heart of the Mission Trail, Socorro is a historically rich and ever expanding community. Come and explore one of the oldest missions in the Southwest, enjoy the splash park at Bulldog Championship Park or listen to a concert at the Socorro Entertainment Center. Whatever your taste in adventure is, Socorro is sure to meet it!



For more info visit ci.socorro.tx.us or call (915) 858-2915

