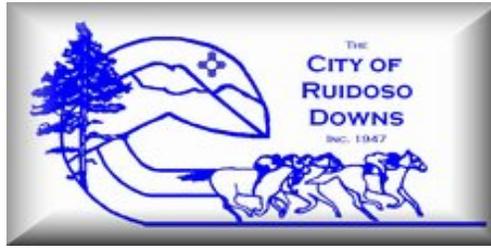


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**YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS**

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Gary L. Williams, Councilor 378-7068  
Rene G. Olivo, Councilor 378-4646**

**Greetings from Mayor Tom E. Armstrong**

Dear Citizens & Visitors,

So far we are experiencing a fantastic summer season. Efforts to spruce up and enhance our fair city continues as our Parks Department works on All American Park. Please take time to be with your children and enjoy the playground area. Morning and evening walks around the track can be very relaxing. If you are sports-minded please feel free to make use of the basketball court and baseball field. Stop by and visit City Hall if you need information about our area. We are all about family and quality of life and wish you a safe and happy summer!



**Official City Flower in Bloom!**

Many citizens have come to City Hall to pick up free seed packets of the Desert Poppy to plant in their own yards. Pictured below is some landscaping that shows off the brightly colored blooms in a wildflower mix. Seed packets are still available in the front office and are compliments of Keep Ruidoso Downs Beautiful.



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**2008 OFFICER OF THE YEAR**

During the annual 12th Judicial District Awards Ceremony our own Senior Officer Joseph R. Bailey received the 2008 Officer of the Year Award.



**JOSEPH R. BAILEY  
2008 OFFICER OF THE YEAR**

Officer Bailey is a certified K-9 Handler and has been a member of the department for almost four years. Chief A.C. Ortiz nominated him for many reasons. He has been instrumental in numerous drug seizures and felony arrests throughout Lincoln County. During the floods in July of 2008 he assisted in rescue efforts in the Ruidoso Downs area of a female resident who fell in the raging waters during the storm. The woman suffered no injuries thanks to the quick thinking and heroic actions of Officer Bailey. He continued rescue efforts during the following days with fellow police and fire/rescue officers of Ruidoso Downs.

Joseph "Joe" Bailey is to be commended and congratulated for his outstanding contribution of service to his community.

Officer Bailey is married to his lovely wife Sarah and resides in the Downs with his two dogs "Boo" and Officer "Tinka."

**MEETING DATES**

**JULY**

07-02-09 Economic Development	5:30
07-03-09 Independence Day	Closed
07-07-09 Planning & Zoning	5:30
07-09-09 Parks & Recreation	6:00
07-13-09 City Council	5:30
07-15-09 Beautification	4:00
07-27-09 City Council	5:30

**AUGUST**

08-04-09 Planning & Zoning	5:30
08-06-09 Economic Development	5:30
08-10-09 City Council	5:30
08-13-09 Parks & Recreation	6:00
08-19-09 Beautification	4:00
08-24-09 City Council	5:30

**SEPTEMBER**

09-01-09 Planning & Zoning	5:30
09-03-09 Economic Development	5:30
09-07-09 Labor Day	Closed
09-10-09 Parks & Recreation	6:00
09-14-09 City Council	5:30
09-16-09 Beautification	4:00
09-28-09 City Council	5:30

**MUNICIPAL COURT**

For your convenience there is now **Night Court** every Tuesday evening 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. (no Regular Day Court)

Thursdays  
Regular Day Court  
10 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Our local Senior Center offers the following:

- Meals on Wheels
- Home Delivered Meals
- Nutrition Screening
- Assisted Transportation
- AARP Tax Assistance
- Social Security Assistance
- Medicaid Assistance

**Emergency Notification Siren System**

Chief A.C. Ortiz would like our citizens and visitors to be aware of our Emergency Notification Siren System and the importance of having one in our delicate, high mountain surroundings. If you haven't already noticed it is loud and will get your attention!



For many years the primary use of the City's existing siren system has always been for fire evacuation purposes, not for "all risk" emergencies to include flood or inclement weather. Any time the sirens are sounded, residents and visitors should immediately tune into one of the following local radio stations for dissemination of emergency information:

KNMB	96.7 FM	KWES	93.5 FM
KIDX	101.5 FM	KRUI	1490 AM
KBUY	1360 AM	KWES	1450 AM

These stations have agreed to broadcast live radio information during an actual or pending emergency. The sirens DO NOT mean that an evacuation is eminent for all or even a part of the City of Ruidoso Downs. Rather, the emergency measures to be taken by everyone in the City will be broadcast over the radio and may include shelter in place advisors.

Beginning in October 2008 the siren system began testing on the first day of every month at noon and will continue to do so. At present, siren coverage east of the Agua Fria Subdivision is insufficient. The Ruidoso Downs Department of Public Safety is assessing the need to further expand the system during future tests. The City also plans a thorough education program advising our residents of the new procedures.

*If you have any questions feel free to contact the Ruidoso Downs Department of Public Safety at 378-4421.*

**New at the Fire Department:**

The Ruidoso Downs Fire Department has received delivery of an F-150, four wheel drive, four door truck that will be used for quick response. The bed has a tonneau cover and they are in the process of looking for a bed slide in order to carry equipment in the back without having the worry of equipment sliding around and possibly being damaged.



**Calling for Volunteers:**

The Ruidoso Downs Fire Department is always looking for professional volunteers to join our ranks. Please come by the fire station, 123 Downs Drive, on the first or third Wednesday of the month for our standing membership meeting. Volunteering with the Fire Department requires a professional, quick thinking, dedicated individual. If you have any of these traits you can help your community. Call us at 378-1624.

It only takes a few days without precipitation to turn lush green landscapes into tender dry fuels that wreak havoc with firefighters trying to defend homes and communities from the wrath of wildfires. That's why it's important to create defensible space in areas that are at high risk from wildfires. A defensible space slows the rate and intensity of an advancing wildfire, creates an area where fire suppression operations can occur and helps protect lives and property from the potentially devastating effects of large wildfires. We ask you to keep aware of the Fire Restriction Level throughout Lincoln County and to remove fire-feeding debris from your property.



**FIRE RESTRICTIONS**

- Level I (Fire Danger Normal-Low, Moderate, High) • NO OPEN BURNING • NO FIREWORKS
- Level II (Fire Danger Very High) • NO CHARCOAL OR WOOD BURNING BRIQUETTES ON ANY PUBLIC OR PRIVATE PROPERTY
  - NO OUTSIDE SMOKING ON ANY PUBLIC OR PRIVATE PROPERTY
  - SMOKING MUST OCCUR WITHIN CLOSED VEHICLES OR INDOORS PURSUANT TO THE DEE JOHNSON CLEAN INDOOR AIR ACT
- Level III (Fire Danger Extreme) • NO OPEN FLAME OR FIRE OF ANY KIND
  - ALL FORMS OF FIRE PROHIBITED

Please be reminded that warm, dry, windy days are prime for wildfires, be cautious and do your part to protect our area.

**KEEP RUIDOSO DOWNS BEAUTIFUL**

The Beautification Committee of Ruidoso Downs a/k/a Keep Ruidoso Downs Beautiful has been very busy AND productive this year. With funding from a grant in the amount of \$6,000 awarded through New Mexico Clean & Beautiful the committee has contributed trees, flower seeds, and lights for the outdoor trees for "All American Christmas in the Park."



Pictured is Leonard Sanchez, Parks & Recreation foreman next to the new aluminum recycling bin in All American Park. Keep Ruidoso Downs Beautiful purchased the bin to aid in the reduction of litter and to promote recycling.

Categories within the grant award are Litter Eradication, Beautification & Weed Eradication, Education, Graffiti, and Keep American Beautiful Affiliate Programs.

**POLYCARB NOTICE**

For the safety of all drivers, please bring your polycarts back off the street between pick-ups.

**NOTICIA DE LOS BOTES DE BASURA**

Para la seguridad de todo los que manijan. Por Favor. Quiten sus botes de basura despues que lev anten la basura.

**THE "CODE" CORNER**

The City of Ruidoso Downs Code Enforcement Department would like to thank all of the property owners that continue to clean up throughout our city. If you receive a letter from the Code Enforcement Officer about a specific violation on your property, please feel free to call our office at 378-1342 to discuss the issues. We will be glad to work with you to remedy the violation. As a reminder, if you are cutting tree limbs or brush, please cut them to 4-foot lengths and set them on the right-of-way for Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority to pick up. These piles must not be under electric lines, set next to fences or by any obstacles. If you have any appliances, Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority will pick them up for a nominal fee if you call them at 378-4697 and schedule a pick up. Please have the appliance set off of the road in the right-of-way. Again, the City of Ruidoso Downs and the Code Enforcement Department appreciates your help to keep Ruidoso Downs beautiful.

**BUILDING PERMITS**

Building permits must be obtained from the Planning and Zoning office prior to any property development or construction within the City Limits. Please call 378-1342 with any questions about permits or construction, or stop by City Hall at 122 Downs Drive to discuss your plans.



**COMMITTEES AND BOARDS**

The City of Ruidoso Downs wishes to thank the volunteers who serve on our boards and committees. These dedicated citizens give many hours of their own time for the benefit of the community. We are always looking for new ideas and welcome any suggestions to improve our town. If you are interested in becoming a voice in the community please consider joining one of our committees or boards.

*The Economic Development Board is currently in need of members. If you wish to serve our community please come in and express your willingness to Mayor Armstrong. Meetings are at 5:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month in the Council Chambers.*

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS  
2010 Community Development Block Grant**

The City of Ruidoso Downs wishes to inform all interested parties that 2010 CDBG public hearings will be held at City Hall, 122 Downs Dr., Ruidoso Downs, NM at 4:30 pm on the following dates: **July 27, 2009** **August 10, 2009** **August 24, 2009**

The purpose of these public hearings will be to report on past CDBG Program activities and to receive public input on Community Development needs & suggestions for future projects. State and national objectives of the CDBG Program require that assistance be made available for activities that address at least one of the following:

- 1) An activity identified as principally benefiting persons of low and moderate income
- 2) Aid in the prevention and elimination of slums and blight
- 3) Meet other community development needs of recent origin having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health and welfare of the community where other financial resources are not available to meet such needs.

Applications are limited to a maximum of \$500,000, except for planning applications, which have a limit of \$50,000. All interested parties are invited to attend to submit project ideas, to provide supporting data & testimony, and other pertinent information. With sufficient notice, a translator will be provided for non-English speaking residents. Those unable to attend the public hearings may send written comments to:

**CDBG Grant Program Requests**  
c/o Carol Virden  
City of Ruidoso Downs  
PO Box 348  
Ruidoso Downs, NM 88346

575-378-4422 City Hall

**RUIDOSO DOWNS SENIOR CENTER**

575-378-4659

**Lunch served daily** from 11:00-12:30 p.m. for ages 60 years and older. Please make your reservation one day in advance. Cost is \$2.00

**Line Dancing** Monday & Friday 9:00 to 11:30

**State Line Dancers** Wednesday 9:00 to 11:00

Please call or stop by for an Activities Calendar. Once a month we host tournaments for pool, %2+ Shuffleboard, and a %Game Day.+There is always good company and a fun time to be had.

**Come Out And Join Us Sometime.**

(Located in All American Park)



BOBBY ROMERO is shown with brand new Transit bus. Pictured is a 2009 Star Trans shuttle bus. It carries 15 passengers, is lift-equipped and has air conditioning!

**NEED A RIDE?  
CALL: 378-1188**

**HUBBARD MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN WEST**

575-378-4142

**March 21 - August 16, 2009 Snapshots: Along the Rivers Exhibit** - Pictorial History of the Ruidoso Valley.

**May 23 - September 13, 2009 A Season with the Paintings of LeRoy Neiman Exhibit** - Exhibit of 62 original works.

**July 11, 2009 - Wyatt Earp: A Life on the Frontier** - Presented by Wyatt Earp at 2:00 pm. Set in the mid-1920s, an elderly Wyatt Earp tells of his adventures during the final days of the American Frontier from Arizona to Alaska, the story Hollywood didn't tell. Wyatt has been portraying his famous relative in a one-man play since 1996, having toured much of the Southwest and several countries abroad. The play was written by his wife Terry, who is an award-winning Arizona playwright.

**July 18, 2009 - Annual FUNDRAISER: "WILD WILD WEST"**

**July 25, 2009 Cowboy Jubilee**-in honor of the National Day of the Cowboy, Jay Smith-Classic Western Films: afternoon session combines with film in Learning Center and Gwen McCausland-Dutch Oven Cooking.

**Aug. 29, 2009 Heritage Rendezvous**-learn from experienced re-enactors the ways of the early West.

**Sept. 5, 2009 Fall American Photography** exhibit opening.

**Dec. 12, 2009 Holiday Past Times**-travel to another age to celebrate the holidays.



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