

CIMARRON COMMUNICATOR - March 2014

New Mexico Road Conditions call (800) 432-4269

Upcoming Cimarron Meetings

3-11-14 Tue 5pm

Cimarron Clean-Up Committee Meeting Village Hall 356B East 9th Street

This is the first meeting for this committee. It will be an organizational meeting setting the goals of the program and general areas to be addressed. The main purpose of this committee is to promote a sense of pride and ownership in the residents and businesses of the Village. Please come out and bring your ideas.

3-12-14 Wed 6pm

Village New Council Organizational Special Meeting Village Hall 356B East 9th Street

3-19-14 Wed 6pm

Village & Housing Regular Council Meeting Village Hall 356B East 9th Street

Every Wed 7am

Kiwanis Club of Cimarron St. James Hotel 17th St. & Collinson Ave

Visitors are always welcome! Come visit or come join.

Last Thur of Every Month 6:30pm

Historical Society Potluck Meeting United Methodist Church 31082 US Hwy 64

Come join in and learn about some of the history of the area and enjoy some great home cooking. Call the Chamber of Commerce for more information 575 376-2417.

Upcoming Events

3-4-14 Tue 7am-7pm

Municipal Election & School Bond Election Location: Village Hall 356 E. 9th Street

Come on out and VOTE!

3-9-14 Sun 2am

Daylight Savings Time Starts This means that at 2am on March 8, 2014 you will forward the clock to 3pm is so that you lose one hour.

3-20-14 Thur 5:30pm

Cimarron Chamber of Commerce After Hours Social Cimarron Blue

Please join us for the after-hours social. Light refreshments will be served (potluck style).

Third Friday of Every Month

Martha's Kitchen Program with the United Methodist Church to provide fresh food for residents on a fixed income or with a low income. If you are interested in joining this program call Ellen Swain at 376-2977. The food is delivered on the third Friday of every month.

Mon-Fri

Cimarron Ministerial Food Bank Sister Hildegard Parish Hall

The food bank is always taking donations. If you would like to help with this extremely needed effort contact Charles or Esther Arguello 575 376-2331 for more information.

Mon-Fri Noon-1pm

Senior Lunch Program Senior Center 449 East 9th Street

If you are 60+, come in, register and check out our amenities and social outings!

The center provides activities on a daily basis. Sign up for lunch and enjoy visiting with other senior's in the Village. Hope to see you soon!

Cimarron Municipal Schools - Events

3-4-14 Tue 6pm

Full Band Rehearsal Cimarron High School

3-6-14 Thur TBD

District Band "MPA"

3-18-14 Tue 6pm

Ram Track Parent/Athlete Meeting Cimarron High School

3-31-14

Cimarron Schools - Spring Break Begins!

Boy Scout Cub Pack 68 Schedule

3-13-14 Thur 6pm

Committee Meeting United Methodist Church

3-27-14 Thur 6pm

Pack Meeting - Go to Raton to Swim & Pizza

Any questions please feel free to call your Den Leaders or Louise Johnson 575 376-2307 or 575 447-2307 for assistance.

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program - LIHEAP

- LIHEAP assists eligible persons and families with their heating and cooling costs. Applications can be filed at your local Human Services Department Office. For more details please contact your nearest office. For additional information on LIHEAP please call (800) 283-4465 New Mexico Human Services Dept 2009 S. Pacheco, Pollon Plaza Santa Fe NM 87504. **STOP BY VILLAGE HALL TO PICK UP AN APPLICATION!**

SKUNK PROBLEMS???



Contact USDA WILDLIFE SERVICES - Mr. Cody Hazen 575 643-5601



Your Village Governing Body is Mayor Judy LeDoux, Mayor Pro-Tem Eddie Carter, Councilors Ron Hickman, Philip Salazar, Sherry Bennett and Ray Gothard. The governing body meets the third Wednesday of every month. Council packet information can be reviewed on-line the Monday prior to the meeting on the Village website www.villageofcimarron.net.

Judy LeDoux - Village of Cimarron Mayor

The 2014 legislative session has ended.

Here are the preliminary results for Colfax County:

Angel Fire Streets & Drainage Improvements	\$70,000		
Cimarron Wastewater Treatment Facility	\$40,000	Cimarroncito Dam Improvements	\$300,000
Eagle Nest Water System Improvements-Phase 2	\$80,000		
Maxwell Water Well	\$1,000,000		
MCMC Operating Room Equipment-MTF	\$200,000	MCMC Radiology Equip & Renovate-MTF	\$1,200,000
Raton Drainage Systems & Street Repairs	\$200,000	Raton Lake Maloya Dam Outlet Improv.	\$300,000
SCCCSHD Cimarron Healthcare Clinic	\$68,000		
Springer Wastewater Sewer Lagoons	\$75,000	Springer Water Treatment Plant Ionization	\$150,000
Total Amount for Colfax County	\$3,683,000		

We are very thankful for what the Village received - but, it is a long way from getting the funding needed to replace the wastewater treatment facility and the water treatment facility. Looking at the upcoming year more effort will be focused on monthly communications with our legislative representatives on the necessary funding for these projects. Also, as grants become available they will be applied for expeditiously.

Mindy Cahill, Clerk Administrator

On Tuesday, March 4, 2014 the Village is having the Municipal Election voting to fill six vacant Council positions, the Municipal Mayor position and four ballot issues. The following is some information:

Currently, the Village is not collecting all the taxes allocated by the gross receipt tax authority. The result of not enacting these taxes is a loss of approximately \$90,000.00 in gross receipt income. Each one of these taxes has been established with a specific use. These ballot tax issues are as follows:

1. Shall the Village of Cimarron, New Mexico, impose a (1/4) of one percent (1%) municipal gross receipt tax to be dedicated as follows: general fund operating expenses. (This increase represents a ¼ of a penny.)
These funds can only be used for general fund expenditures and grant match funds.
2. Shall the Village of Cimarron, New Mexico, impose a (1/8) of one percent (1%) infrastructure gross receipt tax to be dedicated for municipal infrastructure purposes. (This increase represents a 1/8 of a penny.)
These funds can only be used to repair, improve or replace the water lines, sewer lines, streets, curbs, gutters and sidewalks in the Village. As we all know the status of the infrastructure of the Village is poor and in critical need of upgrading.
3. Shall the Village of Cimarron, New Mexico, impose a (1/4) of one percent (1%) capital outlay gross receipt tax to be dedicated for municipal capital outlay project purposes. (This increase represents a ¼ of a penny.)
These funds can only be used to help fund capital outlay projects. Each year the governing body ranks and rates the top ten projects needed in the Village. This year the top three capital outlay projects are the new wastewater lagoon system, new water treatment plant and the replacement of water and wastewater lines through-out the Village.

As we all are aware each year the price of construction materials and labor increases and in order to move forward on improving the failing infrastructure of the Village it is important to activate these tax initiatives. The decision is yours so come out and vote on March 4th. These issues were on the ballot in 2012 and passed. They were not put into effect because; I did not follow the correct procedure of having the governing body pass an ordinance for each and then put the issue on the ballot. This year the governing body passed ordinances 257, 258 and 259 on November 20, 2013. I am very sorry for this confusing situation.

4. Shall the Village of Cimarron, New Mexico, reduce the number of councilors from six to four since it has been hard for the past eight years to get six residents to volunteer to serve in this capacity?

Paul May, Chief of Police

It is that time of year and everyone is beginning to get Spring Fever. As the kids dust off their bikes for the summer, please remind them to dust off their helmets as well. NM state statute says it is the parents' responsibility to make sure a child is wearing their helmet. This goes for the bigger kids who are dusting off their motorcycles. While NM law does not require a helmet for riders over 18, please put one on anyway. For the rest of us, remember to take a second look before pulling away from that stop sign or making that turn, those bicycles and motorcycles are small and can be missed during the first look.

As Spring Break rolls around remember that Officers throughout New Mexico, Colfax County and Cimarron will be conducting saturation patrols to deter Drunk Driving. This year this is especially close to me. One of my Houston field training officers from 1990 was killed in a traffic accident on February 22, 2014 during the Galveston Mardi Gras celebration. He was on his motorcycle and was hit by an 18 year old drunk driver. He died and as I write this his wife is still in intensive care. There are now countless lives changed by this single act. A son no longer has his father, a wife no longer has her husband, a small child no longer has a grandfather, a father and mother have probably lost their daughter for years, and a young 18 year old woman has lost her freedom and most likely several years of her life, all because she felt the need to drink and drive. Please drink responsibly and have a sober designated driver get you home.

Anthony Martinez, Volunteer Fire Department Chief

With the extreme dry weather and high winds everyone needs to be aware of the high fire danger. Every year there are dumpster fires which occurred because of HOT ashes. It is fine to dispose of this ash in the dumpster but it MUST be non-flammable. To ensure safe disposal, water the ash down and make sure it is out and COLD before disposing of them. Do not put the ash outside your fence line. If the ashes are still hot the wind could pick them up and start a fire through the Village. Please check at Village Hall for updates on open burning conditions. Remember you MUST fill out a burn permit prior to any type of open burning. This is to inform the Fire Department and Police Department of open burning activities in the Village.