

CITY OF RIO COMMUNITIES New Mexico



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Stephanie Finch

City Offices —

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Drought and Fireworks

New Mexico is in a severe drought. Fireworks are very dangerous. The list of illegal and legal ones will be on the city website. You can also call the city. Violations will be enforced.

RC Street Repair

“Repair work is underway on city streets,” says Dr. Martin Moore, Rio Communities City Manager. “We have completed repair work on various streets, with a list of additional streets scheduled for either pothole repair or partial replacement throughout the months of June, July, and August. Due to the number of potholes that require repair, the City is contracting with paving companies to do the work.

“Price estimates for pothole repairs are expected to be completed around June 1, 2021. Work is expected to begin the first full week of June.

“As street work starts in different areas of the city, we will make every effort to inform residents in those areas through social media and our city website,” adds Dr. Moore.

The current list of potholes on the repair list are located at or near:

- Howell & Goddard
- Carmel South
- Avenida Del Fuego
- Riley Avenue
- Dulcinea
- Clinton Court
- Horner
- Suncrest Blvd
- Calle De Jose
- McDougall Ave
- Riggs
- Perion Dr
- Kaghan Loop
- Golf Course Road
- Frederico & Nancy Lopez

Business License:

Do You Need One?

Anyone doing business within the City of Rio Communities needs to register their business with the City and receive a business license.

Businesses must fill out the City application and turn it into City Hall. In the effort to help Rio Communities Businesses recover from any effect from the COVID-19 pandemic, the Rio Communities City Council voted to eliminate the 2021 business license fee that is charged every year.

UWS in RC

Universal Waste Systems is excited to welcome customers to the new office in Rio Communities!

Conveniently located at 2308 NM-304 in Rio Communities, UWS is just a quick trip down the road from the residential neighborhoods and local businesses.

UWS is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. through 5 p.m., ready to assist customers with opening new accounts, adding additional services to existing accounts, accepting payments, and scheduling bulky item collections.

Stop in and introduce yourselves to Ciera, Caitlin, and Nicole during Grand Opening month in July. The first 100 customers will receive a Universal Waste tote bag!

The staff can't wait to meet you!

Do You Know Building Permits?

Many homeowners are self-proclaimed handymen who feel capable of building almost anything; after all, construction is not metaphysics and with the internet, especially You-Tube, there's a seemingly inexhaustible source of instructions and how-to videos.

So, when faced with home maintenance or improvement projects, how do homeowners know if a building permit is necessary? Following, is guidance that should prove useful answering this question.

What is a Building Permit? Simply stated, a building permit is required for many home and all commercial construction or remodel projects to ensure safety and compliance with current local building, construction and zoning codes.

When do I need a Building Permit? Generally, a building permit is required when constructing a new home or building, adding rooms, or remodeling that involves demolition, and certainly when repairing or installing new mechanical, electrical or plumbing.

Projects that most likely require a permit are those that change the structure or use of a building or have the potential to create a potentially unsafe condition. Examples:

- Adding or removing walls,
 - Changing the use of a room (e.g., converting a garage to a living room),
 - Changing the piping (mechanical or plumbing) in your house,
 - Replacing a roof to include decking,
 - Demolishing a portion of your house.
- Projects that typically don't require a permit include:
- Repainting your house,
 - Adding kitchen cabinets,
 - Replacing certain kitchen appliances,
 - Repaving your driveway,
 - Installing new floor coverings,
 - Erecting a small fence, or

- Building a storage shed that is less than 120 square feet.

For specific exceptions where a building permit is not required, see Chapter 7 (Building and Construction), Section 2 (Inspections), Article 3 (Permits), Paragraphs A-D or 7-2-3(A)(B)(C)(D) at <https://www.riocommunities.net>

How do I get a Building Permit? Contact the Municipal Clerk at 505 861-6803 to inquire about a building permit, or stop by City Hall, Monday thru Thursday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 360 Rio Communities Blvd. Or after 3 p.m. by appointment.

How much does it cost? A typical building permit will cost \$75.

The City of Rio Communities does not issue the actual permit, rather your request is reviewed for compliance with flood-plain criteria, existing setbacks, right of ways and clear line of sight. The actual permit is issued by the office of Construction Industries Division (CID) in Albuquerque. The City Clerk will provide details on this process.

Finally, it's important to know that failure to acquire a permit for a project, may result in the project being demolished, especially if it does not meet current construction codes.

Best advice... when in doubt, call City Hall.



THE CITY OF RIO COMMUNITIES
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
IS DELIGHTED TO ANNOUNCE A
PROGRAM, "SPOTLIGHT ON BUSINESS".

The "Spotlight on Business" is a small business recognition program designed to create awareness about the variety of local businesses located in Rio Communities. The articles will highlight one local business periodically, the aim of this program is to raise awareness for residents about the businesses in our community and to foster pride in Rio Communities businesses and establish a strong local economy.

New spotlighted businesses will be posted to social media and added to this site periodically. Follow us on social media and check back often!

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[HTTPS://RIOCOMMUNITIESEDC.NET](https://riocommunitiesedc.net)

City Partners with Belen

For Summer Recreation Program

The City of Rio Communities has agreed to help fund a summer recreation program with the City of Belen.

“Through this support of the Belen summer program, we open the door for Rio Communities families to participate,” says Acting Mayor Peggy Gutjahr.

See the recreation events calendar for registration and session dates, and the registration form.

For More Info call 505 966-2703.

Grand Openings new Oasis Plaza Shops Located 480 Rio Communities Blvd (Highway 47) Rio Communities, New Mexico

KS Sweets and Lovely Things will have its
GRAND OPENING

Saturday, June 19, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

KS Sweets offers cookies brownies,
quick breads and fudge

Come in for a free coffee

and baked good sample on Saturday, June 19
DJ music provided.

For more information contact Kelly Salazar
at KSSweetsandLovelyThings63@yahoo.com

Also a Grand Opening for
Oasis Laundry

For more information contact
Eric Hoskinson: 505 910-5292

Or Oasis Plaza@yahoo.com

Come meet Davree and Dean who run MMR Beef

Any meat orders that come in
on June 19 get 10% off!
505 404-8147

*Thanks to the Economic Development Commission
for providing this information*

City of Rio Communities Rio Grande Estates Fire Department Open House and Ribbon Cutting

On June 19, 2021 the City of Rio Communities will host an open house and ribbon cutting for improvements to the fire station and the acquisition of a new fire tanker truck.

Details regarding the Open House and Ribbon Cutting will be provided as the event gets closer.

Tentative Budget Adopted

After three months of hard work, the City of Rio Communities Council has adopted its Fiscal Year 2021/2022 budget.

“We are very pleased to have a balanced budget that increases services to our residents,” says Peggy Gutjahr, Mayor Pro Tem of the City of Rio Communities. “This budget includes a ¼ cent increase in the Gross Receipt tax rate and over \$2 million dollars in grant funds. This increase helps the city balance the budget while providing the following additional services.”

- a dedicated, trained code enforcement officer;
- two (2) emergency medical personnel to improve week-day response to medical calls for service;
- an increased presence of law enforcement with a focus on improved targeting of problem areas and traffic safety;
- confirming the location, designing, and completing the city’s first recreational park;
- completing over \$1 million dollars worth of additional street improvements;
- adding new street lights in strategic areas throughout the city;
- using the city’s storm water drainage plan to start designing flood improvement projects; and
- attracting new housing and businesses to the City of Rio Communities.

Belen Recreation



ACTIVITIES CALENDAR



Summer Recreation Session 1:
June 14th-July 2nd
Registration: April 1st-May 28th
Cost: \$150.00 Per Child

Summer Recreation Session 2:
July 12th-July 30th
Registration: April 1st-June 5th
Cost: \$150.00 Per Child



Youth Volleyball
Registration: May 1st-July 12th
Season Starts: August 2nd
Cost: \$45.00

Youth Flag Football
Registration: May 1st-August 9th
Season Starts: August 30th
Cost: \$65.00 Per Child



Youth Basketball
Registration: Oct 1st-Dec 31st
Season Starts: January 17th
Cost \$60.00 Per Child



Adult Programs:
Co-Ed Volleyball
Open Gym Basketball
Weight Room

For More Info &
Registration
Shawn Ammons
Sports Coordinator
505-966-2703

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City Council Meetings
2nd & 4th Mondays 6 p.m.
City Council Workshops
2nd & 4th Mondays 3 p.m.

Welcome to the
City of

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NEWS

A digest of what is going on in the City
of Rio Communities.

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Meetings of the City of Rio
Communities Council,
Economic Development
Commission, and Planning and
Zoning Commission may be
viewed on Facebook at
the time of the meeting.

New 2,000 Gallon Fire Tanker Truck



Local firefighters inspect and outfit the City of Rio Communities new 2,000 gallon Fire Tanker Truck. This fire vehicle is a replacement for the city's old tanker which will be retired after 15 years of service.

Read this
newsletter to find
out what's going
on in
Rio
Communities.