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# The City Voice



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## We Aren't Cooling Down by J.J. Murphy, City Manager

The Fall season is changing the temperatures, but that's the only thing cooling down for us! All engines are still firing as we work on ongoing projects and approach upcoming ones.

Construction on the CORE is full steam ahead as we work with our contractors to reach our goal of a grand opening in Spring of 2018. We can't wait to present the brand and logo to the community in the next couple of weeks. It will definitely represent

our community and the feeling we each will have when entering the amazing facility.

With the streets recycling project coming to an end, the roads in town clearly represent the hard work of these teams. The roads are now smoother, easier to drive on, and have had years added to their lives.

Remember to keep an eye on City Park once we move towards construction. This is another great opportunity for us to

provide a great amenity to the public.

We are happy to serve you and look forward to hearing from you all.



OUR MISSION IS S.E.R.V.I.C.E.

**S**AFETY  
**E**NGAGED TEAM MEMBERS  
**R**ESPONSIVE  
**V**ISIONARY  
**I**NCLUSIVE  
**C**USTOMER DRIVEN  
**E**NHANCE QUALITY OF LIFE

## Upcoming Events

**October 17** - City Commission Meeting  
at 6 p.m.

**October 21, 22, 28, and 29** - Parks and  
Rec Haunted House

**October 29** - City Halloween Carnival from  
12–5 pm at Lea County Event Center

**October 31** - Safe Stops—Visit us at City Hall  
during Safe Stops for some treats and  
ooley-gooley fun!

**November 3** - 4 p.m. Presentation of  
progressives of The Light of Learning  
at the Hobbs Public Library

**November 5** - LAST Community Clean-Up

**November 7** - City Commission Meeting  
at 6 p.m.

**November 21** - City Commission Meeting  
at 6 p.m.



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# City Hall Trick or Treat!

## Halloween

**Monday, Oct. 31, 2016**

**3:00 PM**

### **All City Hall Dept. Offices!**

All City Employee's Children are welcome to Trick or Treat at City Hall by Dept. Liberal Leave will be allowed at 2:30 to allow you to get the kids ready.

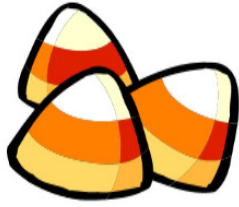
**All Trick or Treaters please use the NORTH ENTRANCE to avoid confusion with our Safe Stop visits.**

You are welcome to Trick or Treat City Hall then make your way down Broadway to join the fun! Workers not out with the children can help pass out candy and enjoy our enthusiastic visitors! Each department is encouraged to participate by dressing up and decorating their area, contact Parks & Rec. for any help with supplies or questions.

397-9291



**Don't have  
children?  
Join the fun  
and dress  
up!**



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# Carnival

Lea County Event Center  
5101 Lovington Hwy



**SATURDAY,  
OCTOBER 29, 2016**

**12:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.**

**FUN BOOTHS, FOOD & TREATS!**

ALL BOOTHS ARE CASH ONLY, BRING  
PLENTY OF CHANGE!



**397-9291 FOR  
MORE INFO**





## Parks and Rec Summer Recap

Were you a part of any of the activities the City of Hobbs Parks and Rec Department hosted this summer? Well after reading this article, you'll wish you were! However, there are more to come this fall and there's always next year! Read on to see what types of activities this department gets to bring you.

The weather was perfect all 5 times for Movies Under the Stars. No weather delays meant great turn-outs each time, and the addition of a DJ before the show really excites the crowds. It's the perfect addition to get all attendees in the perfect fun-loving mood. We started Memorial Day weekend with Inside Out on May 27th, Max on June 24, The Goonies on July 4th, Minions on July 22nd, and McFarland USA on August 27th.

Summer Recess was a great success this year at Houston. We had 440 individuals registered compared to the 589 the year before. The addition of the Boys & Girls Club Facility and the economy are attributing factors to the drop in numbers. The program was one week shorter but the daily rate was the same.

The 9th annual Dog Daze of Summer was held on September 10th at Del Norte Pool. This year we attempted to add a 'Meet and Greet' Adoption feature to the event, but due to the weather we had a low turn-out to that. The weather cleared in time to hold the Doggie Paddle Version with 86 dogs and 127 humans attending. 2015 numbers were 155 dogs and 204 humans. We plan on having a special event for the 10th anniversary of this event next year.

Stop by the Parks and Rec office inside City Hall to pick up the annual publication of the Activity Guide or visit the Parks and Rec webpage at [www.hobbsnm.org](http://www.hobbsnm.org) to view the online version.



## Adoption Center Waives All Adoption Fees!



October is also "National Adopt-A-Shelter-Pet Month. Throughout the month of October, the City of Hobbs Animal Adoption Center will waive ALL adoption fees!! This is in part to help kick off the Humane Society Gala taking place on Saturday, October 22nd.

So head over to the Adoption Center soon and pick up the newest member to your family!



## October is United Way Month!

October is the month when the City of Hobbs employees participate in fundraising for the United Way campaign. The City will be hosting numerous events and taking different initiatives to raise money that will go directly to the Lea County United Way campaign. If you're interested in playing in the softball or bowling tournaments, let a City of Hobbs team member know and we'll be happy to play a fun competitive game against you! Join in on the fun while helping a local cause!



\$20 buys a pass to wear jeans  
every Thursday during the campaign!



Bowling Tournament  
\$10 per person  
Wednesday, October 26th  
6:30 pm

Softball Tournament  
\$75 per team  
Friday, October 21, 2016  
6:30 pm



Monday, October 31st  
City Hall (2nd floor Patio)  
9:00 am – 9:30 am



**2016 Halloween  
Costume Contest**

## GIS Survey Results

The GIS (Geographic Information System) Division conducted a needs assessment survey to gain information and assess the current level and needs for additional GIS tools throughout the City. They wanted to share the winners from the random drawing of those who took part. Below are the recipients and their awards of the GIS Division's survey—No City funds were utilized for the purchase of prizes.

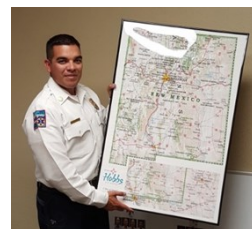


**First Place Individual Winner**

**Isaac Holguin, Finance Department—\$20**

**Second Place Individual Winner**

**Barry Young, Fire Department—Wall Map of New Mexico**

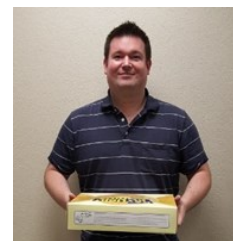


**First Place Department Winner**

**Police Department—Bakery Fresh Cookies**

**Second Place Department Winner**

**IT Department—Assorted Doughnuts**



GIS Manager, Terrance Staggs, stated, "We appreciated everyone who took part in the survey. Our goal was to help open lines of communication and gain a better understanding of how folks were using GIS. Being a service-oriented division, we rely on constructive feedback from the end users. It helps us improve the tools and products we develop and create. This process was helpful in directing our path forward."



## Tharon Drake Homecoming at City Hall

Hobbs native and Paralympian Silver Medalist, Tharon Drake, received a warm homecoming rally at City Hall on October 5th. Receiving a welcome from Mayor Sam Cobb personally and gratitude from City Manager J.J. Murphy, Drake answered multiple questions as well as posed for pictures with his coveted silver Paralympic medals. He was also able to share his experiences at the Paralympics as well as how it feels to win a Paralympic medal. Drake will now spend time in Hobbs touring multiple schools in the Hobbs Municipal Schools District. After completing his tour of schools, he will return home to the



U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs to begin training again for his next swim meet. When asked if he will pursue a spot in the next Paralympic Games, Tokyo 2020, he answered that these medals are not gold yet – so that's a yes! The entire city is proud of Tharon and his dedication, commitment, and leadership.

Tharon Drake will be present to have a proclamation named in his honor at the next City of Hobbs Commission meeting at 6 p.m. on October 17th in the City Hall Annex.

## The Center Of Recreational Excellence Opening Spring 2018



IT ALL HAPPENS HERE.

Amenities within  
158,000 sq. ft.  
facility include:

Indoor water park  
Indoor soccer field  
Indoor sports court  
Indoor playground  
Indoor track  
Competition pool  
Warm therapy pool  
Exercise rooms  
Fitness equipment

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# COMMUNITY Cleanup

Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>

Have your large items to the curb by 8 a.m.

Residences north of Sanger and east of Fowler within city limits

For more information or assistance carrying your large items, visit [hobbsnm.org](http://hobbsnm.org) or call (575) 397-9291. The deadline to request assistance will be the Wednesday prior.



**Oilfield and Mining waste will not be accepted.**



"This facility is a game changer in our community. We stand together and redefine the term 'public-private partnership' where six public and private institutions came together to collaborate on a true center of recreational excellence."  
- City Manager, J.J. Murphy

"What a tremendous asset this facility will be to the community."  
- NMJC President, Kelvin Sharp



"The proposed facility will provide recreational opportunities for all ages both for visitors and residents and will be a powerful recruiting tool for our economic development efforts. It will truly put Lea County on the map for a special place to 'Live Work and Play.'"  
- Mayor Sam Cobb

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## Rockwind Update



The team at Rockwind Community Links is up before the sun and does not leave until the moon has come out. They are a hardworking group of individuals who dedicate their work to providing the internationally recognized facility you see today. Below are some statistics from their last year's worth of dedication:

- 27,656 total rounds (quite impressive considering the recent economic and residential changes in our community)
- 12% Li'l rock, 50% residents, 8% tournament, 6% junior rounds
- An average of \$13.79 spent in merchandise per round (this is more than double the national average)
- Non-golf Events hosted by Rockwind: weddings, birthday parties, corporate events, 5K & 10K fun-runs and walks, karaoke nights, and NMJC Cross Country event
- Golf Events hosted by Rockwind: United Way, NMJC, Hobbs High School, The First Tee, SMA, Hobbs City Championship, Centurian, College Tournaments, Play the Rock, Pro Am, SCAGA Amateur Team Championship, Sun Country Junior Tour, Adult/Junior Tournament, High School Team Tournaments
- Social/Fun Golf Events: Couples Night, Ladies Night, Thursday Night Scramble, Family Day, Glow Golf, Turkey's Revenge
- Instruction: The First Tee Golf & Life skills, National Schools Program and Summer Camps, Girl's Eagle Golf Academy, Adult Clinics, Ladies Night, and private lessons

On Monday, September 19th's City of Hobbs Commission meeting, the golf course architect, Andy Staples, was in attendance to assist Parks and Rec Director, Doug McDaniel, in presenting the Commission and public the American Society of Golf Course Architects (ASGCA) Design Excellence Award for Andy's work at Rockwind. Rockwind was also presented Golf Inc.'s 2016 Top 5 Best New Golf Developments in the World Award.



If it wasn't apparent to you before, maybe now it is how great of a municipal golf course we have right here in Hobbs, New Mexico. Each program and event has contributed to the numerous awards Rockwind has had the pleasure of receiving. Whether you are interested in enrolling a child in The First Tee Program and becoming a golfer yourself, Rockwind is a welcoming place for all family, friends, residents, and visitors.

To sign up for a tournament or event, or for more information, visit [rockwindgolfcourse.com](http://rockwindgolfcourse.com)







## 2nd Annual City Sock Drive

In partnership with the Junior Service League's Annual Shoe Drive, the City of Hobbs held our second Annual Sock Drive, which came to an end on Monday, October 10. This year, the City of Hobbs challenged Nor-Lea Regional Hospital to join in our efforts to help support the Junior Service League's annual shoe project. The Sock Drive served as the City of Hobbs Fall Employee Service Project this year. Those socks that are gathered will be geared towards children in elementary school. Brands of all types, styles, and colors were accepted for feet of all sizes. The goal 2,575 pairs was chosen to ensure that all 515 children of the program would have a pair for each day of the school week, and we passed it by over 1,000 pairs! The City of Hobbs and Nor-Lea Regional Hospital donated a total 3,579. Thank you to all who donated and supported the program. Now, 515 children will have a clean pair of new socks to keep their feet warm every day of the week.



## Hobbs Public Library Fall Programs

The weather is getting chilly, making Fall the perfect season to cozy up with a good book to read or a fun activity to participate in at the Hobbs Public Library! We would like to share with you some of the fun activities coming up within the next month.

### HPL Children Activities:

Tuesday Twos - Every Tuesday 10:00 - 10:30  
 3/4/5 Year Olds - Every Thursday 10:00 - 11:00 and 3:00 - 4:00  
 Week of October 16-22: Scarecrow Theme  
 Week of October 23-29: Halloween Theme  
 Week of October 30- November 5: Bird Theme  
 Week of November 7-22: Thanksgiving Theme  
 November 15: Leaves Theme  
 November 29 & December 1: Pigs Theme

### Young Adult Activities:

Young Adult Program—October 11, pillow crafts  
 Young Adult Fall Book Club October 11th - November 5th, Tuesdays at 5 p.m. The book is *I am Malala*  
 Young Adult Movie Night—November 14 at 5 p.m. "Fifth Wave"

### HPL Adult Activities:

Adult Program—October 17 at 6 p.m., Origami  
 Adult Movie Night—November 7 at 5 p.m. "Hail, Caesar!"

Call the Library at 575-397-9328 or visit [www.hobbspubliclibrary.org](http://www.hobbspubliclibrary.org) for more information. There are Young Adult and Adult programs and activities every single month!!



## Warrior Awards

### August

While on an EMS call, we learned our patient did not have any shoes and had walked miles to the doctor. The doctor ended up being out that day and so our patient had begun his 3 mile walk home. On scene, Officer Gordon asked the patient where his shoes were and the patient replied that he did not own any. While the patient was being examined, Officer Gordon went across the street to the Dollar General and bought the patient flip flops and some water.

Soon after, Officer Olenik arrived at the scene and found out the patient had not eaten that day. Without hesitation, Officer Olenik went to his unit and gave the patient the lunch he had just picked up for himself. The patient was so moved he began to cry. Officer Gordon then gave the patient a ride home.

To have officers in this town who will buy shoes for someone in need and also give up their own lunch to feed them is incredible! - Hobbs Firefighter Michael Nelson




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to pay your Utilities Bill online?**

**Try the "Online Payments" link  
on the left side of the City of Hobbs  
homepage.**

### J.J.'s Final Thought:

**"The greatest glory in living lies not in never falling but  
in rising every time we fail."**

**- Theodore Roosevelt**

