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The City Voice

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Employee Spotlight

Rockwind Community Links has become known as a staple of our community, and due to excellent leadership and innovations from the staff is becoming known as a staple for the golf community of the state! A recipient of numerous national and international awards and recognitions, renovations to what was formerly Ocotillo Golf Course are bringing joy to all.

The innovative moves made at Rockwind are noticed all the time, and to that we have a lot of credit to give to the course's Golf Pro Linda Howell. Her supervisor, Parks and Recreation Director Doug McDaniel, gave the following nomination:

"Recently, Linda received the 2017 Merchandiser of the Year Award from our section of the PGA. Linda has been striving to win this award since coming onboard as the Rockwind Community Links General Manager/PGA Professional in 2014. She had won previous awards from the

PGA section, including the Youth Development Award, among others. Linda has also excelled in assisting the Rockwind Chapter of The 1st Tee to continue to provide excellent life skills training using golf. Linda has achieved Level II Coaching status and is on her way to achieving Level III status. Linda continues to excel at promoting Rockwind, thus benefitting all of Hobbs!"



Always a hard worker, Linda's apparent drive for achievement and success benefits Rockwind and its staff in every. Each element of the course has been recognized to some extent, from the quality and presentation of the merchandise at the Pro Shop, to the facility's engagement and

welcoming atmosphere to the entire public, and of course to the high quality and challenges that the course provides. For all of this, Linda was chosen as this month's Employee Spotlight!

Upcoming Events

February 20 - City Commission Meeting at 6 pm
March 6 - 2018 Municipal Election

April 21-22 - Hobbs Downtown Slam & Jam
June 2 - CORE "GO Day" - Grand Opening!



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Dallas Grass Along Lovington Highway

Everyone sees it. Everyone knows where it's at. Yet, do you know what it's called? We're talking about the thick, tall Dallas grass along Lovington Highway.

For the past several weeks the Lovington Healthwalk Crew has been working hard to clean up the area by the Lovington Highway Trail by mowing, blowing, and bundling all of the overgrown Dallas grass that lines the trail. It's hard to ignore all of their hard work as they busy themselves with the expansive work that needs to be done. Marcos and his crew can be seen in the early mornings working efficiently because there is always something for the crew to do! Great job with all of your hard work everyone!



CORE GO Day!

The Grand Opening, or GO Day, for the CORE is set for Saturday, June 2! There will be an official Grand Opening/Ribbon-Cutting ceremony, followed by an afternoon and evening of FREE entry into the CORE for everyone to experience the amazing features and amenities the multi-generational, multi-use recreation center will have to offer.

More details about GO Day will be announced as we get closer to June 2! Mark your calendars! #CORE2018 #theREVOLUTIONbegins



Center Of Recreational Excellence

Did you know Waste Management will pick up your large trash items for free?!

That's right! Through the contract and ordinance with the City of Hobbs to conduct trash pickup services, Waste Management will pick up 2 bulky items per year free of charge from each residential account! Just give them a call at (575)392-0428 and they will pick up your large items within 10 days of you making the request.

Here's this specific section of the ordinance in full:

8.16.070 - Bulky solid waste.

Solid waste too long or bulky to be placed in the containers required by this chapter, may be, at the option of the person in charge of the premises where such solid waste accumulates, delivered to the convenience center for collection. Waste that is not placed within a mechanically-transported container, including a polycart, will not be collected for disposal by the City Sanitation Department or its duly authorized contractual agent, with the following exception: two (2) bulky items per year will be collected free of charge from each residential account within ten (10) business days of receipt by the contractual agent of a request for such pick up. Additional bulky items may be picked up at an agreed price for such special service.

(Ord. 952 (part), 2006)



Due to a large reduction participation the past few years, the City of Hobbs Utilities Department will not hold Community Cleanups this year.

To request a large item pick up with Waste Management (2 per year free of charge for WM customers) call (575)392-0428.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.





It's Open Season! (on hiring Seasonal Staff that is!)



Each year the Parks & Recreation Department and the Human Resource Department embark on the greatest challenge we face (by volume) - hiring seasonal staff for the Summer! Together, both departments hold a meeting to strategize and review what recruitment efforts worked best the year before. A major focus in the discussion during that meeting is what our prospective employees may have found challenging about the hiring process and every effort is made to educate and encourage a high volume of new applicants. Some positions are second nature for the applicant such as Basketball, Tennis, Wrestling or Football Instructors for the Summer Sports Program. Many applicants for these positions

are actively playing in these varsity sports and can contact their high school coach about available positions.

Other positions, such as Lifeguarding, require a certification to obtain employment. Classes are available throughout the spring season and cost \$50. Skills such as CPR, First Aid and water skills are taught during the class, but the attendee must perform a prerequisite swim of 300 meters and retrieve a 10 lb. weight from a depth of at least 7 feet. While passing the class does not guarantee employment with the City of Hobbs, it does allow the applicant to meet the supervising staff and learn about their prospective job duties in advance. To sign up for class please call 575-397-9291.

The Summer Recess Program also hires for their fun and fast-paced 7 week program. As an Activity Leader, the applicant would have the opportunity to work with several age groups of children. Arts & Crafts, various sports, talent shows, field trips and guest speakers are all part of what the Activity Leader will help the children of our community experience. All hired applicants will receive CPR and First AID training also, which has proven helpful time and again to our staff and is a reassuring feature to the parents entrusting us with the care of their little ones.

Seasonal Hiring isn't always fun and games, it can also be very technical when it involves other areas of the Parks & Recreation Department. The Sports Fields, Rockwind Community Links, the Parks Division, and the new the Center Of Recreational Excellence (CORE) will also hire Seasonal Staff who care for our fantastic facilities all while receiving training on the specific equipment and needs for that division of the department. As a side note, the CORE will also begin hiring for part-time staff between April and May.

Job descriptions are available to view at our website www.hobbsnm.org under the Job Opportunities tab. An applicant for the City of Hobbs may be 15 years of age, but must be 16 years old by the first day of employment. For an online application please visit www.governmentjobs.com/careers/hobbsnm, we look forward to meeting and working with you! The City of Hobbs is an equal opportunity employer.

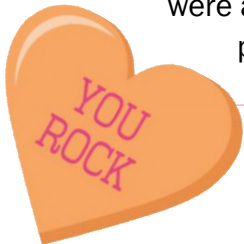


Utilities Employees Receive Two Housekeeping Awards

Earlier this year, employees from the City of Hobbs Water Production and Wastewater Divisions attended the New Mexico Water and Wastewater Association Awards Banquet to receive not one, but two Housekeeping Awards! These awards are presented to the crew based on their superior operations and maintenance in these production areas. Numerous long-standing members of the association stated this was the first time they knew of for the same organization to receive both of these awards.



While not all members of those receiving the award were able to attend the conference, several were able to represent their hard work and diligence in providing our area with quality water products. Congratulations to our Water Production and Wastewater Divisions!!



Construction Projects Update

City Park

CDR Construction continues to make improvements at City Park with an estimated completion date of August 2018. Concrete is in place for the 2 new Volleyball Courts and Covered Basketball Court. The metal structure for the covered basketball court is on-site and erection should start this month. Underground site electrical is 50% installed and irrigation subcontractor is installing the mainline for the irrigation system. Site concrete and sidewalks are being installed along Jefferson and will continue to wrap around the park. Foundation infrastructure (underground electrical, irrigation and site concrete) can take months before some of the vertical elements are installed, such as playground equipment, trees, park lighting and structures, which are coming soon!

Millen Dr.

Entrench Inc. is continuing the extension of a new 18" Watermain along Millen. If you're familiar with digging a trench in Hobbs, you may recognize the value and need for a trencher that can cut through our caliche cap in Hobbs. The installation of an 18" watermain is needed to have a large transmission line connection between SR 18 (Lovington Hwy) and Grimes. This is sized to serve Hobbs today and tomorrow. Will Millen be closed to cross and connect the waterline? No, Millen at Adel was bored to avoid closing down the roadway. There will be two additional bores under Millen at Ja-Rob and Brittany to complete the looped water line.

CDBG Project

Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) projects are grant funded and the City competes with other communities; the funds are used to make neighborhood improvements in areas of low to moderate income that have substandard infrastructure. The concept the City has supported is to complete streets after a CDBG project to address the roadway, sidewalk, and ADA improvements. Ramirez & Son's is making improvements along 1st and Farquhar between Main St (improved in 2017) and Humble (part of this project).



Pro Se Clinic

Attorneys will provide free legal information, including assistance with pro se forms, in the following areas of law:

- DIVORCE
- CUSTODY
- LANDLORD/TENANT
- CHILD SUPPORT
- CREDITOR/DEBTOR
- KINSHIP/
GUARDIANSHIP
- PUBLIC BENEFITS
- SOCIAL SECURITY
- UNEMPLOYMENT
- HOUSING ISSUES

Friday, February 9, 2018

1:30 PM – 4 PM

Faith in Action Building

401 W. Taylor St.

Hobbs, NM 88240

First-come, first served basis * Bilingual attorneys and staff available

If you need a Signed Language Interpreter for this event, please notify us in advance by contacting Eldora Morris at eldora@nmcenterforlanguageaccess.org.

Questions? Please call (575) 388-0091 or (575) 263-3287.



Condado de Lea OPEN HOUSE

TODOS SON BIENVENIDOS!
VIERNES, FEBRERO 9, 2018
MEDIO DÍA A 1:00 P.M.
401 W. TAYLOR ST., HOBBS, NM

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City of Hobbs Parks & Recreation Presents our save the Date:

Special Events



Father Daughter Dance, February 2nd - Enjoy quality time with Dad/Father Figure. The theme is **CANDYLAND!** The \$15 tickets go on sale January 10, 2018, with two times to choose from 6:00 PM & 8:00PM.



Sat. March 31st - Community Easter Egg Hunt - Join us for our 40,000 EGG-travaganza! MLK Soccerplex 9 AM for kids 'walking' through 2nd grade.

CORE

Center Of Recreational Excellence

Grand Opening Day – June 2
(details to come)

Keep up with announcements and developments at

www.COREhobbs.com and at

[Facebook.com/HobbsNMCORE](https://www.facebook.com/HobbsNMCORE)

We are currently in the process of upgrading our online registration service to better serve our community, stay tuned for updates!



Movies Under the Stars

SPRING FLING

April 27th - To Be Announced

At Washington Heights Park

Summer Series

All Movies Start at Dusk at Del Norte Park

May 26th - Coco

June 22nd - Jumanji

July 4th - Despicable Me3

July 27th - Wonder

Aug. 24th - Beauty & The Beast

Sing-a-long

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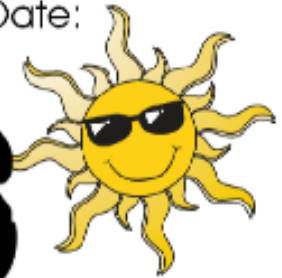
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* ALL DATES, TIMES, AND EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE. *

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City of Hobbs Parks & Recreation Presents our Save the Date:

Special Events



Downtown Slam & Jam, April 21st & 22nd - An event for everyone featuring a Volleyball Tournament, Talent Show, amazing food, the annual Gus Macker Tournament, music and much more!



All Outdoor Pools Open, May 26th - Grab your suit, kids and sunscreen and visit our outdoor aquatic facilities for the coolest time in town! Open 6 days a week, until August.



All pools are closed on Mondays except Memorial & Labor Day.



Hooked On Fishing, July 21st - Join us at Harry McAdams Park for a Fishing Derby hosted by NM Game & Fish and Parks & Recreation! Prizes will be awarded in several categories for ages 11 & under.



Dog Daze of Summer September 8th - Bring your pooch to the pool for a howlin' good time. Event includes a shot clinic, pet info booths, contests and more, we guarantee a good time for you and Man's Best Friend!



Halloween Carnival, Oct. 27th - Join us at the Lea County Event Center for some creepy fun at the Halloween Carnival! The City of Hobbs teams up with Hobbs Schools and other non profit groups for this fund raising event, providing safe games, costume contest and candy options for families!

The FALL COMMUNITY CLEAN UP will be postponed until fall of 2019. Please use the two Convenience Centers at 3000 E. Marland and 4401 Business Park BLVD.



Light Up the Night Decorating Contest - Decorate your house for this wonderful neighborhood holiday contest. Compete in various categories for cash prizes!

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February Warrior Award

In the early afternoon of Thursday, January 4th, the Hobbs Fire Department responded to a call in reference to a fire in the backyard of a residence. The fire was discovered to have started with a tree in the backyard and was beginning to make contact with the home. However, it was due to the quick action taken by the nearby City of Hobbs employees from the Parks and Recreation Department that the home did not catch fire.

The following employees were removing Christmas decorations near the neighborhood of the affected home:

- Dee Martinez: Irrigation Technician
- Rudy Adame: Irrigation Specialist
- Adrian Navarratte: Parks Maintenance Lead Worker
- Balty Baeza: Parks Maintenance Lead Worker
- Jema Duron: Parks Maintenance Worker
- Manuel Martinez: Pesticide Technician
- Luis Mora: Parks Maintenance Lead Worker

These employees noticed a column of black smoke rising from the trees in a back yard. When a passenger of a white vehicle pulled up to the home and ran up to the door, they were certain there was a problem. The employees approached the man in the home to communicate the situation, then ran to the backyard with the fire extinguishers they keep in their work vehicles.

The quick reactions on the part of these staff members may have prevented the situation from escalating into something much worse. Their willingness to be engaged and involved is a credit to themselves and the City of Hobbs. Their efforts reflect the Safety, Engaged Team Members and Responsive components on which the Warrior Award program is built.

This also reflects that the annual fire extinguisher training that all City Employees take part in pays off. This training provided these employees with the knowledge and awareness to handle the situation until the fire department could arrive on scene to extinguish the fire. Training like this is crucial to not only protecting City equipment and property but the community as well.

The investigation into the cause of the fire has been closed. The cause was determined to be an electrical issue caused by a daisy chain of extension cords and power outlets connected to one another and an electric smoker in the backyard.

