



City of Cortez
123 Roger Smith Ave.
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CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

June 28, 2022

Mayor and Council:

The following are some of the major issues occurring in the City of Cortez:

- Major road construction projects are in progress and are proceeding as planned.
- Recreation Center – The recreation center is critically low staffed. They are struggling to maintain the existing hours and services, and are trying to keep up with increasing use and demand. We have received the petition created to encourage us to extend the hours of the recreation center, which is something we would be more than happy to do if we had adequate staffing for this purpose. To make that happen we would need at least 5 new recreation associates and 5 recreation receptionists. These really are good positions in a fun and rewarding environment. If ANYONE is interested in applying for one of these positions please visit the City website for details.
- Aquatics – We are experiencing similar problems at both of our swimming pools that has resulted in fewer available open hours, especially at the indoor pool. To remedy this we would need at least 10 additional lifeguards on staff. Again, if ANYONE is interested in applying for what many is considered by many to be a fun and worthwhile position, please visit the City website for details.
- Parks – The Parks Department is critically low staffed as well, and they are struggling to keep up with their maintenance responsibilities. They are doing all they can to keep our parks clean, mowed, and green this summer, and they are putting in extra hours to keep up with the demand. We appreciate your patience this summer.
- The traffic plan for the July 4th fireworks display at the Parque de Vida will be posted on the City website, etc. for examination by attendees. We are looking forward to an exceptional display this year and wish to thank the Cortez Fire Protection District for their ongoing participation in making this possible. We as City staff wish our residents and visitors a safe and enjoyable July 4th holiday!

EMPLOYEE HIGHLIGHT

I do not feel it best to try and highlight just one employee this evening given that we have an entire department who are collectively giving their all to fulfill the needs of our community. I would therefore like to recognize the entire Parks and Recreation Department for all they are doing this summer, and with limited help. There are so many of them who are putting in many extra hours per week just to keep up with demand and to ensure the people of this community are served. I can go on and on about individual stories of dedication and going the extra mile in that department if we had time to do so. Nearly all of them go unnoticed as they fulfill their daily duties, so I would like to thank each and every one of them for their hard work and dedication to the people of this community. Hang in there team, and keep up the good work!