



May

Employee Newsletter

Welcome to our brand-new employee newsletter! We're going to be sending these out monthly. We want to keep everyone in the loop on what's going on in the city and celebrate the people who help make it happen.

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Let's Celebrate

Happy Birthday!

Josè Ramos 5/6

Gabby Cronopulos 5/9

John Sopher 5/10

Michael Bunt 5/11

Janeth Cox 5/16

Carl Nelson 5/17

Porfirio Segura 5/17

Kim Rutherford 5/18

Missy Ochoa 5/19

Howard Bishop 5/19

Suzanna Flores 5/20

David Bailey 5/22

David Gerle 5/23

Courtney Kilmer 5/24

Manuela Ramos 5/28

Richard McNeil 5/29

WORK Anniversaries

Jimmy Bustamante 40 years

Omar Acosta 30 years

David Rodriguez 17 years

Jennifer Cortez 15 years

Jonathan Perez 14 years

David Bailey 12 years

Russel Najar 8 years

James Herrera 7 years

Josè Gutierrez-Rodriguez 4 yrs

Erica Mitchell 2 years

Carmen Saiz 2 years

Sheli Guillen 2 years

Isidro Hernandez 1 year

Herman Chavez 1 year

Heather Silva 1 year

Kristi Froman 1 year

Emily Baeza 1 year

Melissa Rutledge 1 year

Rhonda Davis 1 year

Employee Spotlight

Scott Parrish

Job Title: Garage Supervisor

Time With City: 21 Years

Daily Tasks: Assigning work to mechanics for the repair of city vehicles and equipment. Also keeping maintenance records and stocking parts.

What do you do in your spare time? I like to spend time with my family and hunt whenever I am lucky enough to draw tags.

Dream Car: A 1971 Chevelle that I bought in 2001 with the intent to do a classic muscle car build. I'm just waiting for the right time to restore it the way it needs to be.



HR Updates - Health Insurance

Open enrollment will be June 4-10. Representatives will be on hand June 4th at City Hall and June 5th at the PSC to answer any questions you may have.



City Council also approved a new benefit that can be added to your plan. The benefit helps cover the cost of emergency medical transport even if you're outside of Eddy County when the event happens. You can add this benefit during open enrollment.



Around Town

- A map of Jaycee Park has been installed near the entrance. The map has a QR code that will pull up the map on your phone.
- New bathrooms were opened at Jaycee Park
- The lights at Jaycee Park will be converted to LEDs as the existing bulbs burn out.
- HTeaO had their grand opening on April 26th
- The 2nd and Richardson project has entered phase 2. They are now working on 2nd from Richardson to Dallas
- The Senior Center now has new flag poles in front of their building.



HOW TO FIND THE JAYCEE PARK MAP ONLINE

- 1.) Go to artesianm.gov
- 2.) Click on the "MENU" button in the top left corner if you're on a phone
- 3.) Click on "DEPARTMENTS" and then click "PARKS"
- 4.) Scroll down and click the link that says "JAYCEE PARK"
- 5.) Scroll down until you find the link that says "JAYCEE PARK MAP"

Fleet Maintenance Human Resources ▶ Information Technology Infrastructure ▶ Library ▶ Municipal Court ▶ Museum & Art Center ▶ Parks Planning & Zoning Police ▶ Purchasing Recreation ▶ Regional Emergency Dispatch Author...	event. For location information use the following links: ◦ Baish Park ◦ Central Park ◦ Davis Park ◦ Eagle Draw ◦ Guadalupe Park ◦ Jamaica Park ◦ Jaycee Park ◦ Dr. JJ Clarke Park ◦ Martin Luther King Jr. (MLK) Rec Complex ◦ Roberts Park Facility Concerns If you encounter a city facility or lighting issue you can contact the Infrastructure Department of the City of Artesia at 575-746-9821.	Features • Baseball / Softball • Parking • Picnic Shelters • Picnic Tables • Playground • Restrooms • Sitting Areas • Soccer Field • Tennis Court • Walking Track Jaycee Park is Artesia's largest park. Within Jaycee Park you find a walking track, soccer fields, baseball and softball fields, tennis courts, picnic areas and shelters and playground equipment. The picnic areas and shelters are available for reservation. Artesia's annual 4th of July celebration is held at Jaycee Park and attracts residents of Artesia along with the surrounding communities. A map of Jaycee Park can be found by clicking the link below. Jaycee Park Map
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April 8th City Council Recap

City Audit

There was a review of the city's financial audit for 2024. The third party who did the audit said that everything was in order and there were no findings. Thank you to our finance department for their work and success in managing our money.

Dispatcher Appreciation

Mayor Henry signed a proclamation declaring April 13-19th as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week. The proclamation recognizes the vital work our local emergency dispatchers do in responding to 911 calls.

Flag Football

The council voted to change 5th and 6th grade football from tackle to flag football. The recommendation came to the council after being approved unanimously both by the event board and the recreation advisory board. Reasons for changing to flag football included player safety as well as size discrepancies between players.

April 22nd City Council Recap

Plat Applications

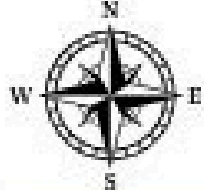
The council approved a change to streamline the approval process for plat applications involving small amounts of public right of way. This change reduces the wait time for approval in these cases by many months.

Police Barricades

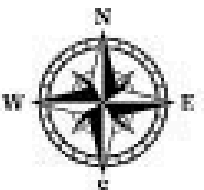
The council approved the donation of vehicle barricades to the Artesia Police Department. The barricades will help ensure public safety at events where streets have to be blocked off. We want to thank the Greater Artesia Foundation for their donation of the equipment.

City Limits

Our infrastructure department announced that city limits have expanded. This comes as two annexations were recently made official. The annexations of the Paris and York area and the North Richey area have both been approved and they are now officially part of Artesia. (See maps on next page)



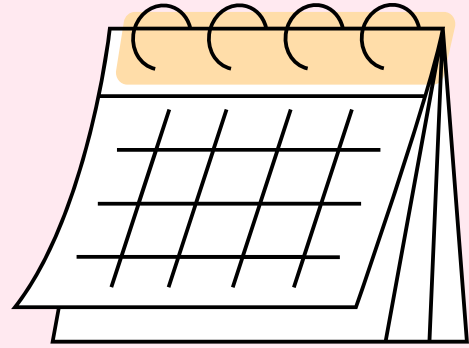
PARIS & YORK ANNEXATION



ANNEXATION - 1ST TO 13TH NORTH OF RICHEY AVE



A Look Ahead



- **Summer Activities Fair – 5/6**
 - Admin Building; 3:00–5:00pm
- **Oil Patch Market – 5/10**
 - Derrick Floor; 5:00pm
- **Mother's Day – 5/11**
 - Thank you, moms
- **City Council Meeting – 5/13 & 5/27**
 - City Hall; 5:00pm
- **Splash Pad Opens – 5/16**
 - Open daily 9:00am–7:00pm
- **Outdoor Pool Soft Opening – 5/17**
 - Grand opening 5/24; 9:00am–6:00pm
- **Artesia High School Graduation – 5/22**
 - Congrats, grads!
- **Memorial Day – 5/26**
 - Honoring our fallen heroes
- **Aquatic Center Summer Bash – 5/26**
 - Food trucks, music, and swimming; 9:00am–6:00pm





AIR RACES ARE COMING!

SEPTEMBER 10 – 14, 2025

**TURN YOUR HOME
OR VEHICLE INTO
EXTRA INCOME! →**

**Apply TODAY for other
opportunities to make money!**

- ◆ Artesia Chamber of Commerce (107 N. 1st St.)
- ◆ America's Job Center (704 W. Main St.)



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