



DECEMBER

Public Newsletter

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City of Artesia Anniversaries

Happy Birthday!

Chris Gallegos 12/3

Gabriel Villalobos 12/3

Jose Gutierrez-Rodriguez 12/3

Hoyt Maciain 12/9

Hector Varela 12/11

Jesse Cain 12/12

Jacob Lara 12/15

Analisa Herring 12/18

Wesley Harden 12/18

Anna Iglesias 12/19

Cassandra Boutelle 12/20

Eli Herrera 12/23

Deanna Gonzalez 12/26

Debra Laman 40 yrs.

Jeff Letcher 19 yrs.

Harry Bailey 19 yrs.

Lucas Ruiz 15 yrs.

Summer Valverde 13 yrs.

Gina Davila 11 yrs.

Gabby Cronopulos 8 yrs.

Kim Rutherford 6 yrs.

Sarah Gallegos 6 yrs.

Christopher Villegas 3 yrs.

Justin Stoneman 3 yrs.

Jeff Silveira 2 yrs.

Stephen Drake 2 yrs.

Lisa Elrod 2 yrs.

Gerardo Nino 1 yr.

Ramiro Granados 1 yr.

Kassandra Lantz 1 yr.

Welcome, Hayley Klein!

Employee Spotlight

Kristi Froman

Facilities Maintenance Custodian

How long have you been working at the City? 1 year, 7 months

What do you do in your free time? I enjoy spoiling and spending time with my husband, children and granddaughter. I also enjoy camping and cooking.

What inspires you in your daily life? My biggest inspiration is to wake up and be a wife, mother and grandmother to my family and be better than I was yesterday.

What is your favorite holiday tradition? Decorating the Christmas tree with my family.



family
is
EVERYTHING



Perfect Safety Month

Whether we're working in the field, in the office, or on the road, taking safety precautions protects our team and the community we serve.

We are proud to announce that city staff had zero safety incidents in the month of November!

This is the third month this year without a safety incident. Thank you to our employees for making safety a priority!



Around Town

**Yucca Blossom
Trade Days
12/6 & 12/7
Artesia Rec Center
10am-5pm**

**Holiday Paint Party 12/2
Artesia Arts Council
\$30 6-8 pm**

**Christmas on the Corner
Renewed Wellness
12/6 10-4**

**7 Brew Grand Opening
12/8**

**Light Up Artesia 12/4
4:00pm Jingle Bell Jog
5:30 pm tree lighting
6:00pm light parade**



A Look Ahead

- **Light Up Artesia** – 12/4
 - *Downtown Main Street 6:00 PM*
- **Oil Patch Market** – 12/13
 - *Derrick Floor 1:00 PM*
- **Minute with the Mayor** – 12/9
 - *Kith & Kin 8:30 AM*
- **City Council Meeting** – 12/9
 - *City Hall 5:00 PM*
- **Christmas** – 12/25 & 12/26
 - City offices will be closed. Merry Christmas!



Artesia Animal Shelter

Pups Of The Month



**Schowzy, 2 yr.
Male Pit Mix**



**Micchu, 3 yr.
Male Mastiff Mix**



**Stevo, 2 Years
Male Heeler Mix**



**Violet, 5 weeks
Female Heeler Mix**



**Indigo, 5 months
Female Heeler Mix**

November 10th City Council Recap

Artesia Animal Shelter

Thanks to outside grant money and awarded city money last year, the Artesia Animal Shelter was able to offer free spay and neuter for 42 pets before they went to their new homes. To stay updated on available pets at the shelter, click to visit [Artesia Animal Shelter](#).

Armory Heights Subdivision

The Council approved the layout of the new armory heights subdivision. The new housing will consist of two-story condos on the north and south ends of the lot. The rest of the land will be used for single family houses. The construction of new housing is thanks in part to incentives recently passed by City Council.

Tractor Supply Donation

Council approved a \$250 donation from Tractor Supply to our police department. We are grateful for the continued support from our community.

November 25th City Council Recap

Annual Leave Policy

City Council has approved a change to the city's annual leave policy for directors. The change gives directors four weeks of vacation upon hire. The council said that this will help hiring offers be more competitive when trying to bring on new directors.

Special City Council Meeting

Council has set a special meeting for December 15th to discuss putting the recently annexed areas of Paris & York and North Richey into voting districts. This will allow residents in those areas to vote and run in upcoming city elections. The public is invited to attend this meeting.

Amended Election Resolution

Council has amended our election resolution. Another seat from District 4 will now be voted on in our upcoming elections. This means one seat from Districts 1-3 and two seats from District 4 will be on the ballot in addition to the position of mayor.



2026 SEASON REGISTRATION

**REGISTRATION OPENS:
REGISTRATION CLOSES:**

**DECEMBER 1, 2025
JANUARY 7TH, 2026**

SCAN FOR WEBSITE:



**ALL REGISTRATIONS WILL BE DONE ON THE ARTESIA LITTLE LEAGUE WEBSITE.
MUST TURN 4 BY AUGUST 31ST, 2026 TO BE ELIGIBLE TO PLAY TEE-BALL.
PLEASE EMAIL ARTESIALITTLELEAGUE@GMAIL.COM FOR REGISTRATION QUESTIONS.**



**REGISTRATION FOR BOYS 3RD-6TH GRADE
DECEMBER 8, 2025 - JANUARY 7, 2026
\$40.00 PER PLAYER**

Mack's Tree Lot

Tree Decorating Contest

The Artesia Historical Museum and Art Center, in collaboration with Zia's Student Council would like to invite the community to participate in a tree decorating contest, held at the APS Administration building.

Competition will take place between our local businesses, organizations and schools.

All proceeds will be donated to the Museum and STUCO for future events!

\$10
ENTRY FEE
CASH ONLY

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DECEMBER

Tree Drop Off and Decorating

8-12 & 1-4 are the available times for decorating.
301 Bulldog Boulevard
Trees will be displayed within the main public access areas of the lobby hallways.

Judging

Judging will be based on the Best Representation of the Christmas Spirit. A trophy and certificate will be presented to the winning tree and hold bragging rights until next year!

Pick Up

We kindly ask that you pick up your tree and ornaments before 4:00 pm.

Any trees left behind will be donated to the Senior Center.

Email for more information

Alayna Guidry - aguidry@bulldogs.org
or
Jessica Hope- jhope@artesianm.gov





LIGHT WARS

IT'S TIME TO GET FESTIVE!
THE ARTESIA LIGHT WARS
BEGINS DECEMBER 1ST.



- Decorated houses will be posted on The Artesia Historical Museum's Facebook page.
- Both Businesses and Homes will appear.
- Multiple Categories to win!
- Winners will receive a certificate for Bragging Rights!



Categories include for Home, Main Street, and Off Main St.

Businesses:

Best overall

Best Lights

Most creative Scene

Light Show

-More not included here



CITY OF ARTESIA JOB OPENINGS

Apply online here: [Open Jobs](#)

- Building Inspector I Electrical
- Division Chief of EMS
- Equipment Operator I (Streets)
- Facilities Maintenance Tech I
- Fire Lieutenant
- Lateral Firefighter
- Police Officer (Certified/Corporal)
- Police Officer (Uncertified)
- Senior IT Tech
- Water Tech
- Wastewater Operator Assistant



A message from our Utility Billing Supervisor

Water rates are recalculated each year in March. We use the consumption amounts for the months of November, December, and January to determine your rate.

To keep your base rate the same, the average usage needs to be 7,000 gallons or less if you live in the city, or 6,000 or less if you live outside of city limits. So, if you had higher usage in November, you still have a couple more months to bring that average down.

If you have a leak, please take pictures and contact us right away so we can let you know what you will need to provide in order to keep it from affecting your rate.

If you have questions, you can always reach out to one of the customer service clerks at
575-748-8288.

Thank you!



Soar with the stories of
African Americans in Aviation History —
discover what these American aviators achieved and what they overcame.

BLACK WINGS

AMERICAN DREAMS OF FLIGHT

Opening September 10th, 2025
Artesia Historical Museum and Art Center

505 West Richardson Ave. Artesia, NM 88210

(575) 748-2390 | www.artesiamuseum.org



Tuskegee Airmen, 1944 | Photo courtesy of Library of Congress

The extraordinary works of the Tuskegee Airmen caused the black press to publicize not only their achievements, but those of other black servicemen. The press they both received led many to call for the end of racial segregation in American society.



Smithsonian Institution

MetLife Foundation

"Black Wings: American Dreams of Flight" was organized by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service in collaboration with the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum. The exhibition was made possible by the generous support of MetLife Foundation.



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