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# Happy Birthday!

Mary Esquibel 3/2

Terri Woods 3/2

Justin Stoneman 3/4

Brett Golleher 3/6

Francisco Orrosco 3/7

Fernando Valdez 3/7

Jeff Silveira 3/8

Aaron Brockmann 3/9

Matthew Schwab 3/10

Kaden Zuniga 3/10

Jarrood Moreau 3/14

Michael Boutelle 3/15

Joel Holleman 3/16

Russel Najjar 3/16

Celia Perches 3/22

Joshua Tubbs 3/22

Kevin Hope 3/24

James Jarratt 3/24

Wendy Kilpatrick 3/26

Carlos Bustamante 3/28

Robert Lewis 3/28

# City of Artesia Anniversaries

James Bly 41 yrs.

Mary Esquibel 29 yrs.

Raul Rodriguez 20 yrs.

Cindy Madrid 19 yrs.

Jeff Youtsey 14 yrs.

Kirk Roberts 12 yrs.

Kevin Hope 9 yrs.

Caryle Goss 8 yrs.

Christopher Herrera 8yr

Richard McNiel 8 yrs.

George Mullen 8 yrs.

Adam Oropesa Jr. 7 yrs.

Jennifer Brown 6 yrs.

Daniel Barrera 3 yrs.

Shanisse Huerta 1 yr.

Cassandra Boutelle 1 yr.

Deanna Gonzalez 1 yr.

Courtney Kilmer 1 yr.

Nicholas Tafoya 1 yr.

Scott Walker 1 yr.

# Employee Spotlight

## Mary Esquibel

### Cemetery Supervisor



**How long have you been working at the City?** 29 years

**What are your daily duties?** My responsibilities include maintaining the sprinkler system, mowing, coordinating monument company installations, managing the sales of burial plots, and ensuring compliance with regulations. I work with families and funeral directors to plan and arrange burials. I also maintain records, manage finances, and conduct daily inspections of the facility.

**What do you find most meaningful about your job?** Being able to provide support and comfort to grieving families while ensuring their loved ones' final resting places are maintained with dignity and respect. To balance the emotional aspects of this work, I rely on prayer and look to the Lord for courage, strength, and wisdom.

**Are there any weird or spooky stories you'd like to share about the cemetery?** I have experienced a few unusual moments, from finding dried lemons on the cemetery grounds to a customer trying out his plot by laying on the ground. Leaving after dark can sometimes feel spooky, but I always try to leave before dark.

**What do you do in your spare time?** I enjoy gardening, watching movies, participating in community theater, attending games, spending time with my family and supporting their activities, attending church conferences, and being active in my women's fellowship group. I also enjoy bike riding and walking.

# Around Town

**Recycled Art Show  
Artesia Public  
Library  
March 5-28**

**NERF Wars at the  
Library  
APD vs. Teens  
3/16  
6PM-8PM  
6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders  
ONLY**

**Ribbon Cutting  
Allsup's Rebrand  
1<sup>st</sup> & Richey  
9:30 AM**

**Trivia Night  
Ocotillo Theatre  
3/27  
7:00 PM**

**Movie Night  
Ocotillo Theatre  
3/14  
7:00 PM**

**Car Show & Cruise  
March 27-28  
Texas Ave. & 5<sup>th</sup> St.**



Artesia Public  
**Library**  
*learn · experience · grow*



## Children Programs

**Tuesdays 10am-11am  
Story Time & Craft**

**Wednesdays 10:30am-  
11am  
Mother Goose**

**Thursdays 10:30am-  
11:30am  
Toddler Time**

**Thurs. 4pm-5pm  
After School STEM**

## Teen Programs

**Tuesdays 3:30pm-5pm  
Teen Tuesday**

**Thurs. 3/12 4pm-5pm  
Teen Crafternoon**

**3/16 6-8pm NERF Wars**

## Family Programs

**Wed. 3/18 Vitalant  
Bloodmobile**

**Fri. 3/20 BINGO for  
Books**

## Adult Programs

**Mondays 1pm-5pm  
Artesia Stitchers**

**Tuesdays 2pm-6pm  
Dungeons & Dragons**

**3/11 & 3/25 12pm-1pm  
Yarn United**



# A Look Ahead



- *Election Day - 3/3*

- *Get out and vote!*

- *Daylight Savings - 3/8*

- *Spring Forward; Because losing an hour of sleep builds character!*

- *Minute with the Mayor - 3/10 & 3/24*

- *Kith & Kin 8:30 AM*

- *City Council Meeting - 3/10 & 3/24*

- *City Hall 5:00 PM*

- *Town Hall: All Inclusive Park - 3/12*

- *Artesia Rec Center 5:30 pm*

- *St. Patrick's Day - 3/17*

- *Shake your shamrocks!*



# Artesia Animal Shelter Pups of the Month



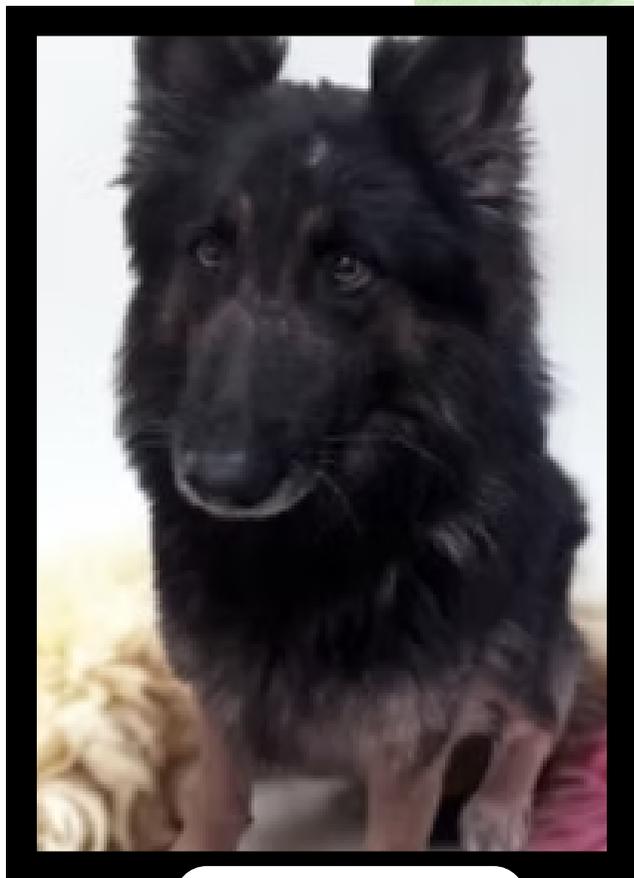
Celeste, newborn  
(Not available until 4/1)  
Shepherd mix



Thor, 2 yrs.  
male pit Mix



Laika, 1 yr.  
German Shepherd Mix



Gary, 4 yrs.  
Female German Shepherd  
Mix



Sass, 2 yrs.  
Female Poodle Mix



Rosalie, newborn  
(not available til 4/1)  
Shepherd Mix

See all available animals [here](#)  
or visit 502 Paddy Wagon Way

# February 10<sup>th</sup> City Council Recap

## **Community Mural**

Artesia Clean and Beautiful Director, Linda Stevens spoke at City Council expressing gratitude to the city for assigned money towards the expansion of the community mural along Eagle Draw. The expanded mural will be 1,684 ft. long.

## **Letter Addressing Waterline Pipe Materials**

Our infrastructure director addressed a federal rule that asked us to send out letters to homeowners about waterline pipe materials. The rule asked for identification of the pipe material from the meter to the yard line. The yard line is on private property of the homeowner, so our teams did not dig on private property to identify the pipe materials.

Because of that, if we couldn't confirm the pipe material and the house was built before 1972, a letter was sent saying that the pipe material is unknown. This doesn't mean that there is copper or lead in the water, the letter is only saying the material of the pipe was unknown. If your home was built or renovated at any point since the 1940s, it's unlikely your home has lead pipes. If your pipes were listed as unknown and you would like help identifying the materials, you can reach out to the city for assistance.

## **Budget Adjustments**

Council approved a budget adjustment. The City received two grants that will go towards parking lot and dance floor upgrades at the Senior Center. The budget adjustment also allocated money for a new salt spreader for our Streets Department.

# February 24th City Council Recap

## **Recreation Committee**

Over 250 kids signed up for basketball and softball had 27 teams register this season. The afterschool program currently serves 23 kids. The committee is now working on a plan for transitioning the program to the new rec center when it's done.

## **Legends of Artesia Subdivision**

Council awarded Constructor's Inc. from Carlsbad the bid for construction on the Legends of Artesia Subdivision project. The city is closing on the property this week and work should start shortly after. Council said they are trying to approve this project in a timely manner in order to meet deadlines set by Eddy County.

## **Public Hearing**

Council set a public hearing for the March 24th council meeting. The proposal is to change the zoning of two lots near the corner of 13<sup>th</sup> and Hermosa from residential to commercial. There is a business that has interest in moving into that spot, but the zoning must be changed first. If you have any opinions on the matter, please come to the hearing.

# CITY OF ARTESIA JOB OPENINGS

Apply online here: [Open Jobs](#)

- Building Inspector/ Electrical
- Division Chief of EMS
- Equipment Operator I - Solid Waste
- Facilities Maintenance Tech I
- Lateral Firefighter
- Mechanic I (Garage)
- Police Officer (Certified/Corporal)
- Police Officer (Uncertified)
- Water Tech
- Wastewater Operator Assistant



# ARTESIA HISTORICAL MUSEUM



**ON DISPLAY UNTIL  
MARCH 31ST**

**505 W. RICHARDSON AVE.  
ARTESIA, NM 88210**





# Relay For Life of Carlsbad – Eddy County

## On Track to a Cure



MAY 1 & 2 2026 | Lake Carlsbad Beach Park

Register at [relayforlife.org](https://relayforlife.org)

Or text 575-200-8582 with questions

Facebook: Relay for Life Carlsbad, NM



# PRINT YOUR TRANS AERO MEMBERSHIP CARD

- **Permanent Eddy County residents are automatically enrolled in Trans Aero Medevac's free air ambulance program.**
  - **This means there is no remaining balance that needs to be paid you're flown by Trans Aero Medevac.**



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