Village of Ruidoso

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SAFETY TRAINING FEBRUARY 15

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

8:00-12:00 Safety Audit: Water Shop and Plants

1:00-3:00 Slips, Trips, and Falls

3:00-5:00 Weapons of Mass Destruction: Employee Awareness

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February 7 – 8:30 Pre-Agenda Meeting – Village Hall
February 8 – Ruidoso Days with the Legislature – Santa Fe
February 9 - 9:00 OSHA Workshop (Convention Center)
February 14 – Council Meeting
February 16 – Director's Meeting
February 20 – Presidents Day – Offices Closed
February 21 – Village Council Workshop – Mid-Year Budget Review
February 28 – Council Meeting
February 29 - 10:00 Ribbon Cutting at RWWTP

The Village Forests are Under Attack: Bark Beetles

Bark Beetles and related insects are the most serious insect pest of ponderosa pine forests in Ruidoso. Outbreaks periodically kill large numbers of pines. Recent evidence indicates that beetle populations are on the rise statewide.

Beetles usually attack pines greater than seven to eight inches in diameter. The one-year life cycle of the beetle begins in April when adults exit dead trees and fly to attack nearby green trees.

The external symptoms of beetle infestation include popcorn-like masses of resin called "pitch tubes" on the trunk, boring dust at the tree base, and patches of missing bark or bark flakes at the tree base as the result of woodpecker predation. In early summer, about nine to ten months after being attacked, the needles of infested pines will turn reddish-brown.

During outbreaks, infested trees produce enough mature beetles to kill one to three more trees. A community-wide program of prevention and beetle population reduction is necessary in areas of high-value pines. Population reduction involves cutting infested trees before beetles exit from them and performing one of the following: solar treating the trunk with clear plastic, debarking or chipping the trunk, or burning and hauling infested trunks to a site at least a mile from pine forests.

If you have dead trees on your property, you should:

1. Cut the infested tree before June of the next year.
2. Cover the bole wood (downed trunk) in clear plastic, or debark the trunk.
3. Place the tree near the road to be transported for grinding.
4. Spray the healthy trees in early summer to prevent beetle entry.

If you have questions, call the Ruidoso Forestry Department at 575-257-5544.

Bark Beetle Damage

Up With People

Up With People have committed to come to Ruidoso for an entertaining performance on March 7th. This group of people is a non-profit organization focused on bringing the world together through service and music. Approximately 120 young people from 20 different countries will be arriving in Ruidoso on February 27th, and will be here until March 7th. We will have members making a presentation during this Council Meeting and have provided a handout in the Council Packet. The have a small team of Up with People who will be in Ruidoso now until the event is over, promoting their event and community services.

If you are interested in sponsoring one or more of these team members, please call Debbie Jo at 257-5030.

Skate Jam

Awards for the skate competition were donated by Boarder Stop!

On December 10th, the EcoServants EcoRanger crew hosted a community event to help improve the North Skate Park. With several volunteers and over 60 participants, the skate jam was a great success! Participants and spectators enjoyed the event and the free food and drink donated by many of the businesses in downtown Ruidoso.
The event kicked off with a free skate and live music from local bands, then pizza donated by Café Rio. There were also snack and drinks donated by Schlotzsky's, Smokey's Market, and IGA. After lunch, there was a beginner and an advanced skate competition, where skate gear was awarded that was donated by Border Stop. While there was one minor injury, a sprained ankle, there were plenty of First Aid kits on hand to treat the person!
The new mini wall is no complete, and has already been used by many skate-boarders in the Ruidoso community. It is serving as a well-built and safe addition to the North Park skating area. It is the hope of the Parks and Recreation Department that this will enhance the out of school experience of kids and young adults in our area, providing a fun, productive, and athletic outlet.

Way to go, Parks and Rec, for all the hard work!!

Library - It'll FLOOR You!

"I have never been hurt by what I have not said."
~Calvin Coolidge

The Village of Ruidoso Public Library underwent an interesting and hard to do make-over: new carpet throughout the library!!!

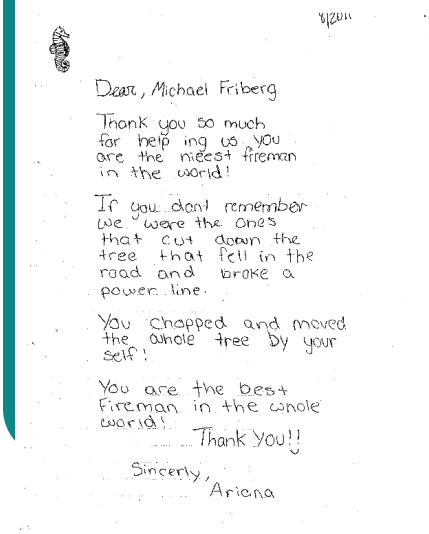
While the project was actually completed rather rapidly, the library did have to be closed while it got a face-lift, and had to be closed a little longer than was expected. However, it sure paid off because the library looks GREAT!

February P.S. Story Time

Feb. 1: Groundhog stories
Craft: Groundhog craft
Feb. 8: Valentine's Day stories
Craft: Valentine's Day craft
Feb. 15: Pet Adoption/Therapy dog stories
Craft: Dog Tag craft
Feb. 22: Cat stories
Craft: Thumbprint cat magnets
Feb. 29th: "Pur-r-r-fect"stories

Saturday, Feb 11 @ 10 am
Book talk: "Perceptions" by Luddy Leong

Book description Mel Faure has 'No Light Perception', the term for total blindness. She lives within a black space. When she can figure out what will happen, she's calm. When unexpected incidents crop up, the black space intimidates her. Find out how Mel overcomes the obstacles.



Dear, Michael Friberg

Thank you so much for help ing us you are the nicest fireman in the world!

If you dont remember we were the one's that cut down the tree that fell in the road and broke a power line.

You chopped and moved the whole tree by your self!

You are the best Fireman in the whole world!

Thank You!!

Sincerly,
Ariana

Fireman-Hero in an Unique Way

In August of last year, an older woman who was trying to cut down a tree, downed the tree across their street and cut a power line. Fireman Michael Friberg went out and cut the tree by himself, and helped the woman and her granddaughter. The picture and letter from the girl say it all, don't you think?

Michael, the Village thanks you for caring for the woman and her granddaughter. YOU are such stuff as heroes are made of, and we are glad to have you on our team!!! THANK YOU!

Drought?

Staff, engineering consultants, and water team members continue to develop strategies for addressing a potential extended drought. An RFP for a Water System Master Plan/Model is being planned to support the development of a fully redundant system in order to mitigate the effects of drought. Staff are proceeding to self perform small but critical projects that will facilitate redundancy immediately.

Staff continues to execute Drought Contingency Plan and projects. Work has started on the Grindstone Raw Waterline repairs, Embdy Project, and anticipate construction of the new Camelot PRV to begin early February pending arrival of needed PRVs to supply demand. The recent snows have been contributing about 650 gpm to Grindstone. The recent snows have significantly improved our Drought Outlook as there is currently 60+ inches of snowpack on the mountain (more than we would normally have at this time). We normally would like to see 100 to 110 inches of snowpack by the end of February/mid March in order to provide water to Grindstone. The recent snow melt is contributing to a slight rise in the elevation of Grindstone Reservoir.

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Cleaning with Cola? Absolutely!

Sure an ice cold cola is refreshing, but the bubbly drink can help you clean up messes all around your house.

Cooked on Mess
If you have cooked on crud, pour some cola into the pan, and bring it to a boil. The carbonation and heat will loosen that mess in no time. The same procedure will remove lime scale from the inside of your teapot. Just pour in cola and bring to a boil.

Sluggish Drain
Pour some cola down there. It will bubble and fizz away greasy build-up keeping your drains flowing smoothly.

Rusty Bolt
If you need to remove a rusty bolt, cola to the rescue, it will loosen the corrosion in no time! It will also clean rust off of all sorts of other metal surfaces. Pour a little on a scrubbing pad and go to work, the rust will disappear.

Stained Toilet
Pour a can of cola down your toilet. Wait an hour and scrub away those stubborn stains.

Clean Tile Grout
Pour some cola on tile grout. When you wipe it up, the grout will be the original color it was when the tile was laid.

Remove Oil Stains from Concrete
Cola will remove oil from driveways and garage floors. Simply pour onto the spot and let soak. Then hose clean.

Remove Grease, Creosote, and Asphalt from Clothing
Pour one can of cola in washing machine water with the regular amount of laundry detergent. Add clothing. The stains will be gone when the wash cycle is complete.

Ice Removal
Pour a can of cola over your ice covered windshield and the ice will melt immediately.

Just a thought …

we drink this!!!

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Village of Ruidoso ...
A great place to live and work!

Upcoming Special Events

March 24th - Ruidoso Firefighter's Hook & Ladder Chile Cook Off (Wingfield Park)

June 8-10 & September 21-23 - Two more girls' fast pitch tournaments have been scheduled. It is anticipated that this will bring about 50 teams each!

June 27th-July 1st - Travel Sport Baseball Tournament.

September 8th - Kite Festival at White Mountain Soccer Fields

We're on the Web!!!
www.ruidoso-nm.gov

Get to Know Your Directors

The Parks & Recreation Department has one the hardest working people as their director that I have ever met in my life. Debbie Jo always has a smile, and is just really fun to be around! Her happiness and enthusiasm are contagious.

Debbie Jo has worked for the Village in the capacity of Department Director for 3 years. She says that the one thing she would like to see change in her department this year is the creation of Friends of Parks & Recreation or Adopt a Park to seek funding for various projects. Her hobbies include crocheting and working out, and let me tell you, this woman is a GENIOUS with crochet needles! She is looking forward to spending quality time with her daughter and granddaughters and finishing her PhD in Sports Administration. She would very much like to vacation in Hawaii.

The fabulous Debbie Jo Almager

Debbie Jo, we are so very glad to have you. Our community is a better place because of your involvement!

The Waste Water Treatment Plant sure has one of the best directors in the Village! Bobby Snowden brings such joy into any room he comes into, and always has a joke and a smile to brighten the world.

Bobby has worked for the Village since 1986 (26 amazing years!). He was Chief Plant Operator from 1990 through 2009, when we was promoted to Department Director. He would like to see the most stringent Discharge Monitoring Report in the world to have just a little more flexibility within the next year, His hobby is horserace handicapping, and he is looking forward to retirement. When asked where he would like to vacation, he answered that a yearly South Padre Island trip with 20 other family members would just about hit the spot!

The Best There Is: Bobby Snowden

Bobby, we tip our hats to you and thank you for everything you do to make our Village a better place to live and work!!!