

# City of Socorro

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## Municipal Elections Loom

Register by February 4 to vote in the City Council and Mayoral election on March 4. Incumbent Mayor Ravi Bhasker will face Michael Olguin, Jr. (current City Councilman) in the mayoral race. For City Council in Ward 1 incumbent Nick Fleming is challenged by Israel Rodriguez-Rios; in Ward 3 incumbent Gordy Hicks is running against Luis Aguilar; incumbent Ernest Pargas will meet Jacob Carrillo in Ward 4; and Donald Monette runs unopposed in Ward 2.

To vote Absentee, call the City Clerk's Office at 835-0240 and request an Absentee Application. It must be filled out and received by the City Clerk's Office by 5:00 pm Friday, February 28. The ballots must be mailed in or delivered in person to the City Clerk's office—RECEIVED by 7:00 pm, Tuesday, March 4. Early voting by machine will take place at the City Clerk's Office beginning Wednesday, February 12, and ending Friday, February 28. For more election information, contact Pat Salome, Stephanie Saavedra or Bobbi Gonzales at City Hall, 835-0240.

## Good news, past and future!

- For the four quarters of 2013, Socorro's arsenic treatment plant met the Maximum Contaminant Level, indicating that the City of Socorro is no longer in violation of arsenic in its water.
- The lights are installed at the new soccer fields, and the concession stand and bathrooms are under

construction. The four regulation size fields and three practice fields should be ready to use by August.

- Construction soon will begin on the Hope Farms sewer project. Currently all houses in this area are on septic systems. This project will help mitigate ground water contamination from leaky systems and will be a plus for future development.
- Landscaping on the north entrance to town from I-25 is complete.
- A \$14 million project to stabilize the levy will help protect the City from possible flooding.

## Adult Co-ed Volleyball Registration Opens

\$250/team, 10 players on a roster. Each team will play 16 regular season games with a post season Tournament. Sign up at Finley gym starting February 1.



Katey West, Faith Lucero, Angel Truillo, Anissa Armijo and volunteer Lynnette Napier take a peek at the plants.

Lynnette Napier, a volunteer tutor at the youth center, is teaching the kids about winter gardening using cold frames. Their cilantro, radishes, cabbage, onions, and garlic are just starting to peek out of the soil.

## Employee Anniversaries

Henry Jojola	20 years
Christopher Padilla	20 years
Angel Garcia	15 years
Warren Scates	15 years

## City Council

Mary Ann Chavez-Lopez	Nick Fleming
Gordy Hicks	Toby Jaramillo
Donald Monette	Michael Olguin, Jr.
Ernest Pargas, Jr.	Peter D. Romero
Ravi Bhasker, Mayor	Pat Salome, Clerk