

El Mensaje

We are Very Proud of Our Employees



Lisa Miller—Employee of the 1st Quarter of 2008

Lisa Miller was honored as Employee of the 1st Quarter of 2008 Quarter by City Council at a council meeting. **Lisa** was nominated by her supervisor, Andrew D’Camillo. Andrew commended **Lisa** for her dedication and hard

work. **Lisa** has been working in the Planning & Zoning Department as Code Enforcement Officer since July of 2007. It’s been a year and she’s proved herself to be a great employee and asset to the City. **Lisa** had worked with Valencia County Planning & Zoning in the same field for 2 years before coming to Belen. In the nomination letter, Andrew claims **Lisa** is the “go to” person in the department. She generously takes on added duties. **Lisa** is a native of Jarales, has 2 grown children and 2 grandchildren.

Congratulations Lisa!

Leona Chavez—Employee of the 2nd Quarter of 2008

Leona Chavez was named Employee of the 2nd Quarter of 2008. Before retiring, Jeanette Urtiaga-Chavez nominated **Leona Chavez** based on her customer service skills in the Water Department.



Apparently **Leona** knows how to handle irate citizens who blame her for not paying their bills. **Leona** was first hired at the Municipal Court as a Court Clerk, back in September 2000. It’s going to be (8) eight years with the city next month. In 2001 **Leona** took a transfer into the Water Department as a Clerical Specialist. **Leona** is married to Leo Chavez and has (2) two children, Leandra and Little Leo. At one time **Leona** weighed approximately 300 pounds. **Leona** was in a newsletter a few years ago (old & new pictures). She changed to a better life style and look at her now! Wow! **Congratulations, Leona!**

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- Council meetings: 1st and 3rd Monday of the month-Council Chambers, 6:00PM.

- Department Head meetings: 2nd Tuesday of every month 8:30am-Conference Room

New Employees:

- John Lytle
- Eric Montano
- Karen Nunez
- Bill Griffith
- Aja Cordova
- Jonallyn Kohoe
- Derek Eteeyan
- Gerald Gallegos

Other newer employees on next issue!

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Share Your Pictures with Us



Natalie Garley, daughter of **Sally Garley**, City Manager, and **Henry Garley**, graduated with a bachelor's teaching degree from New Mexico State University. Natalie is currently employed at While Sands Missile Range.



Joe Saiz and **Luke Crawford** with long hair, and then with no hair, raising funds for St. Baldrick's Children's Cancer Foundation.

Officer Danny Galvan, Lenore Pena and **Captain Dan Robb** pose for a picture at a city event.



City employees participate in a CPR class conducted by **Fire Chief Manny Garcia**.



Brenda Gurule shows of her cute little companion, **Zazu**.



Steve and Lenore Pena proudly show off their beautiful, year old, granddaughter, **Vanessa**.



Sally, Diane, Jeanette, Julie and **Mildred** take a picture for old times sake.



Send me your pictures!



That's our **Charlie**, waving us away!

25th National Night Out
Nancy, Marie, Laura, Jonallyn, Tommy and **Kiki** all had fun working the successful event.



Pedro "Sonny" Martinez proudly displays new machinery at the Wastewater Plant.



Robert Uecker working hard getting his sign into the truck.



New Employees

Missing newer employees will be on next newsletter

Welcome



Bill Griffith, Wastewater Laborer



John Lytle, Police Officer



Gerald Gallegos, Bailiff



Karen Nunez, Wastewater Laborer



Aja Cordova, Administrative Assistant



Derek Eteeyan, Police Officer



Jonallyn Kehoe, Fire Fighter



Eric Montano, Police Officer

City of Belen Employee Birthdays

June

Audrey Torres-7
Veronica Campbell-18
Stephanie Wallace-17
Gabe Candelaria-13
Judge Savilla-25
Mark Montoya-28
Brenda Spencer-11

July

Veronica Gamboa-13
Joe Nunez-29
Gilbert Chavez-25
Nathan Godfrey-8
Feliz Landovazo-20
Albert Ortega-12

John Montano-25
Robert Uecker-25

August

Debbie Graham-16
David Lopez-27
Ralph Jaramillo-29
Sally Garley-29
Eddie Jaramillo-29
Lawrence Kaneshiro-8
Joe saiz-21

Leona Chavez-27

September

Mike Chavez-33
Pat Schlough-23
Ana Pope-9
Yvette Padilla-15
Cristina Aufmann-22
Lucy Baca-1

Art Baca-29
Brenda Gurule-20

October

Lisa Miller-17
Pat Gallegos-28
Mario Sisneros-2
Tommy Sanchez-3
Diana Phillips-18
Leonard Carrillo-7
Frank Maes-27
Eric Montano-1
Jonathan Abeita-13
Dale Tafoya-10

*Happy Birthday to
you, Happy Birthday
to you, Happy Birth-
day to all you birthday
employees, Happy
Birthday to you
and many more!*



SAFETY CORNER

How You Can Reduce On-the-Job Injuries

Show you're serious about safety. Following these principles can help you reduce on the job injuries for yourself and for those around you.

Three steps to safety:

Follow the rules. Understand the safety policies for your workplace. When it comes to workplace equipment, be sure you know how to properly operate it-read your manual and understand the machine's capabilities and its hazards; follow preventive maintenance guidelines. **Remember** shortcuts aren't worth the risk.

Report hazards immediately. Think you can't do anything about that dim fluorescent light or that loose railing? Think again. By immediately reporting safety hazards, you may save someone (perhaps even you) from unintentional injury. If you notice a potential hazard, talk to your supervisor or building maintenance personnel right away.

Look out for others. Always use machine guards when you are working on or repairing equipment. If you need to step away from the machine, lock it out and tag it out. If you see co-workers doing something unsafe, let them know. If they continue to work unsafely talk to your supervisor. They are putting themselves and others in jeopardy.



This is your Human Resources Team

Lenore Pena, Risk Manager, **Pamela Toledo**, Human Resources Payroll clerk, and me, **Lucy Baca**, Human Resources Manager, are here to help you! **Lenore** looks after your well-being and safety. **Lenore** not only monitors employee and city safety, but she makes sure compliance training is completed. **Pamela** looks out for your pay, insurances and taxes. **Pam** is eager to help anyone needing help. Me, **Lucy**, I'm here to oversee issues with personnel policy. We all work together and strive to know each others jobs, so that when you need help, one of us will make sure you get what you need. We may not have immediate answers, but we will get you answers as soon as we possibly can.

Thank you for being cooperative with us! We're always looking out for you!

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**NEXT HOLIDAY—
SEPTEMBER 1,
2008 Labor Day!**

We Have Bragging Rights When It Comes to Our Employees

Jeanette Chavez-Urutiaga Retires!

Jeanette had been counting down and it finally came. We all know what **Jeanette** will be doing with her spare time, biking of course! Her husband “Cuco” is also retired so now they will be bike traveling places together all the time. AND, they’re both still young enough to



enjoy all those retirement years together. **Jeanette** started working for the City on June of 1983 as a Water Clerk and climbed up to Collections Supervisor. As **Jeanette** ponders on her 25 years of work at the City, she recalls many a time throughout the years, work also had some fun times. She’s seen many employees come and go. She claims she’s taking with her lots of memories and knowledge. At the luncheon she gave thanks to husband, family, council, Sally, Mildred, Julie and friends for being there for her and helping her along the way. **Jeanette’s** retirement luncheon was different from all others (a nice change). She wanted a barbeque and a barbeque she got! Lunch included, hot dogs, hamburgers and all the trimmings. The council and City Manager, Sally Garley, all had good things to say about **Jeanette** and wished her well. **Jeanette** was presented a watch with the City emblem and also engraved service dates on the back, a beautiful plaque, money and many other gifts. **Congratulations Jeanette!** We are all happy for you! Enjoy your retirement!



Summer Recreation Program a Huge Success

This summer on June 17, 2008, the recreation children were able to experience their first train and bus ride. They had the opportunity to ride the Rail Runner to Albuquerque and back. The Rail Runner administration was very cooperative in giving them a free ride. **Mike Dziuk**, Recreation Supervisor, had his excellent idea approved by his Director, **Brenda Gurule** and it proved to be a “hit”. They all road the city bus to the Bernalillo

County, City of Albuquerque Municipal and Metro court houses. They also toured the Cold Stone Creamery and were treated to an ice cream cone of their choice. Before returning they ate pizza at the New York Grill. The young people were really excited and behaved beautifully. Hopefully, this inexpensive field trip will be a lasting memory, approved for every summer, for every summer recreation participant. Also, the program was expanded into having these young people go to the library to read and work on computers. It was amazing what the events meant to some of these children, who may never get this opportunity again. Thank you **Brenda, Mike**, and all the recreation staff who made this an excellent summer to remember.



Photos by **Lenore Pena**