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The New Mexico Municipal League has established a Facebook page in order to increase our presence in social media. On the League's website pages, in the top right corner, is the familiar Facebook logo. Click on that to go directly to the League page. You will need a Facebook account to post to the page, but please refer to our social media policy for posting under the "About" link below the League logo. We encourage our members and the public to give us their feedback on issues of municipal interest. We also welcome your suggestions as to how to make the site better.

League Executive Director William Fulginiti Honored by Leadership New Mexico

William Fulginiti, Executive Director for the New Mexico Municipal League and Mr. Don Chalmers, President of Don Chalmers Companies, were recognized for their outstanding leadership and dedication to the State of New Mexico at the 2014 Leadership New Mexico Annual Awards Dinner on May 2, 2014 in Albuquerque. Fulginiti, Leadership New Mexico 2003 Core Class graduate, was awarded the 2014 Distinguished Alumnus Award and Chalmers was awarded the 2014 Distinguished Leadership Award Posthumously.

There were over 300 people in attendance at the dinner, which took place at Sandia Resort & Casino. The event was followed the next day by Leadership New Mexico's Annual Golf Tournament, which sold out with 144 golfers. Sponsors for these events included: BP America, ConocoPhillips, Albuquerque Wholesale Envelope & Paper Co., Inc., AUI, Inc., BBVA Compass Bank, Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, Los Alamos National Bank, Pettigrew & Associates, Technology Ventures Corporation, URENCO USA, U.S. Bank, Western Refining, Brycon Corporation, Business Environments, Dekker/Perich/Sabatini, Delta Dental Plan of New Mexico, GranCor Enterprises, Inc., Greer Stafford/SJCF, Inc., Holman's, Inc., New Mexico MEP, Presbyterian Medical Services, Pulakos CPAs, P.C., Whitehead Chevrolet and many more who purchased tables, golf teams and hole sponsorships.

Since its founding in 1995, Leadership New Mexico has provided a non-partisan perspective on statewide topics of concern and opportunities for improvement. The organization identifies current and emerging leaders throughout New Mexico, enhances their leadership skills and deepens their knowledge of the challenges and opportunities facing our state. The Core Program, Local Government Leadership Program and Connect New Mexico Programs contribute to developing a larger understanding of these issues and ultimately prepare the leaders of today and tomorrow to meet these challenges with innovation and enthusiasm. *(Photo courtesy of Leadership New Mexico).*

U.S. Communities Can Help Cities be Prepared for Any Emergency

By Marc Shapiro

With the onset of tornado season and other hazardous weather events, U.S. Communities, NLC's government purchasing cooperative, can provide timely and affordable products and solutions to help cities "weather the storm" and assist in recovery from the aftermath.

Through competitively bid contracts with lead public agencies, U.S. Communities offers thousands of products and solutions from more than 30 suppliers offering their best government pricing.

"When it comes to weather related events, I encourage cities to look to U.S. Communities for a wide range of products and solutions from national companies to help with emergency preparedness and response," said NLC Executive Director Clarence E. Anthony.

Emergency preparedness and response solutions available from U.S. Communities include personnel protection equipment and safety products from Safeware-Mallory to help first responders, emergency response teams and public works crews deal safely

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with any response hazard.

The Home Depot and HD Supplies Facility Maintenance provide supplies and assistance to prepare for and recover from any emergency and assist in coordinating with other organizations such as the American Red Cross to keep needed supplies moving into the affected areas.

Other U.S. Communities supply partners provide roofing supplies and services, heavy equipment rental, electrical supplies, materials for command centers, first aid equipment, portable lighting, clean up supplies and more.

Sponsored by NLC and four other national associations, along with 29 state municipal leagues, U.S, Communities reduces the cost of goods and services by aggregating the purchasing power of public agencies nationwide. Today more than 55,000 registered agencies, education institutions and nonprofits utilize U.S. Communities contracts to procure more than 1.4 billion dollars in products and services annually.

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Judges Association Elects New Officers

From left: Judge William White, President; Judge Sonya Ruiz, Second Vice President; and Judge Jack Griffin, First Vice President.

Edgewood Municipal Judge William White was elected president of the New Mexico Municipal Judges Association on May 1 during their 2014 Professional Development Conference in Albuquerque. He will serve until 2015.

Red River Municipal Judge Jack Griffin was elected First Vice President and Silver City Municipal Judge Sonya Ruiz was elected Second Vice President.

Judge White was first appointed municipal judge in 2003 and is currently serving his third term.

Las Cruces Clerk Esther Martinez-Carrillo Named 2014 "Clerk of the Year"

Las Cruces Clerk Esther Martinez-Carrillo has been named Clerk Of the Year by the New Mexico Clerks and Finance Officers Association during the organization's Spring Meeting held April 15-17 in Albuquerque. The purpose of the award is to identify and recognize a member of the Municipal Clerks and Finance Officers Association who has made an enhancement to the clerk's own community or municipal government, made a significant contribution to the objectives of the Association in New Mexico, and has advanced the municipal clerks' profession and/or the promotion of municipal government in New Mexico.

She first began with the City as a clerk typist in the City Attorney's office in 1993 and transferred to the City Clerk's office in 1998. She was promoted to Deputy Clerk in 1999 and was appointed Acting City Clerk in 2006. In 2007, she was appointed City Clerk. She received the Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC) designation in 2002.

Martinez-Carrillo has been a member of the New Mexico Municipal Clerks and Finance Officers Association and the International Institute of Municipal Clerks since 2000. She served in the United States Navy from 1984 to 1991 and was named Sailor of the Year 1989 – Transit Personnel Unit. She has been a volunteer for the Whole Enchilada Fiesta from 2008 to 2012.

Judges for this year's award were the current Executive Board of the Association: President Renee Lucero, MMC, Clerk – Taos; President-Elect Shawn Jeffrey, MMC, Clerk - Springer; Vice President Ann Mackie, MMC, Clerk – Silver City; Immediate Past President Renee Cantin, CMC, Clerk – Alamogordo; and Second Past President Gayle Jones, MMC, Clerk/Administrator – Bosque Farms.

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By Jennifer Brady, Roswell International Air Center Manager

Jennifer Brady, Roswell International Air Center Manager, with Skidabrader equipment. (Courtesy photo)

Originally operated as the Roswell Army Air Field during World War II, and as Walker Air Force Base during the Cold War, the Roswell International Air Center (RIAC) has evolved into a premier facility for a wide variety of commercial, corporate, general aviation and military aviation activities. Jennifer Brady, the Air Center Manager, is keenly focused on maintaining a vast area of concrete surfaces that have seen decades of heavy use. Most recently, friction testing results indicated the concrete keel section of the 13,000 foot-long primary runway had become polished smooth - so smooth that friction levels were well below minimum acceptable levels. This condition left the airport needing to provide a runway surface that met the FAA's minimum friction levels while simultaneously providing *a* smooth enough un-grooved runway for aircraft certification testing regularly conducted by Boeing, Gulfstream, Learjet/Bombardier and Cessna aircraft companies.

Brady orchestrated consultation and coordination among the city, airport management, the FAA, NASA, New Mexico DOT, Armstrong Consultants, Inc. and the various aircraft manufacturers to identify and evaluate potential solutions. Various friction treatment methods were discussed, including simple rubber removal, hydro-blasting and shot-blasting. Ultimately, Skidabrader surface texturing was selected as the preferred method for the surface treatment. Rather than using cutting blades, the Skidabrader with its 6 Ft wide productive pass, propels steel shot at the pavement to create surface texture. The velocity of the abrasive, and/or the varying of the travel speed determined the desired texture. It separates the steel abrasive from the pavement debris, reuses the suitable media and sends the fine powdery residue to a truck mounted vacuum hopper for off-site disposal.

The City provided pavement remarking in-house and each of the aircraft testing companies contributed towards the project, but the available funding was still below the funding needed for the project. Jane Lucero and the New Mexico DOT Aviation Division (NMAD) stepped in with a discretionary aviation grant providing the balance of the funds needed to complete the project.

The project commenced in July, 2013 with the oversight by Kevin Sykes, Air Center Superintendent. After adjusting the Skidabrader machinery to provide the desired effect, the work started on the 13,000-foot by 100-foot concrete keel section over two evenings while the runway was closed. Hi-Lite Marking provided on-site friction testing throughout the project reporting real-time results as the treatment was applied.

Following the Skidabrader treatment, the entire runway was found to be above the required Maintenance Planning Level, meeting FAA runway friction level standards, while at the same time providing a suitable, un-grooved runway for aircraft certification testing.

The efforts, ideas, and expertise of the entire project team resulted in a cost effective solution that met FAA standards, required minimum runway down-time, and provided a precise level of surface texturing to accommodate aircraft testing activities…a win-win-win for everyone.

Association of Chiefs of Police Elects New Officers

From left: incoming President Fred Radosevich- Edgewood; outgoing President Michael Kovacs – Bloomfield; and incoming Vice President Eric Garcia – Española.

Cloudcroft's Sue Dreikosen Receives Certified Zoning Official Designation

Sue Dreikosen, Planning & Zoning Officer/Deputy Clerk for the Village of Cloudcroft, has received the Certified Zoning Official (CZO) designation from the New Mexico League of Zoning Officials. The designation is awarded to those professionals in planning and zoning activities that have met the organization's educational and professional criteria.

Dreikosen has been with the Village's administrative office for two years. Some of her duties include building permits, business licenses and registrations, rezones and variances, code enforcement and other village administrative duties. She has a degree in Fire Science from New Mexico State University and she has been a firefighter for 26 years. She has been an EMT for 11 years and is currently the Assistant Emergency Manager. She has been the District Chief and Training Officer for the Cloudcroft Fire Department for nine years.

She and her husband and sons have operated Dreikosen and Sons Construction Company for more than 30 years.

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Jill Sweeney Joins Sherman & Howard Firm

The law firm of Sherman & Howard has announced that Jill Sweeney has joined the firm as a member and will manage the newest office in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Ms. Sweeney's practice focuses on the representation of issuers and underwriters in connection with the issuance of government securities. She has over twenty years of experience in the public finance sector including serving as the general counsel for the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration. She currently serves as bond and disclosure counsel for the New Mexico State Board of Finance and bond counsel for the New Mexico Finance Authority, in addition to serving as the primary attorney for tax increment and public improvement district transactions for the City of Albuquerque. This experience gives her a unique perspective on public finance transactions in the state of New Mexico.

She joins 16 other attorneys in Sherman & Howard's Public Finance Department. Sherman & Howard has been a public finance leader for decades throughout the Rocky Mountain West, serving clients in Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Nebraska, New Mexico, Wyoming and other states.

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