

Happy New Year!
2026

This newsletter has been created and mailed to all Rio Rancho addresses by the Governing Body (Mayor and City Councilors) to aid with disseminating information to community members. A newsletter will be issued periodically throughout the year to share exciting updates, the status of projects, tips, upcoming events, helpful information, and friendly reminders.



Winter 2026

City Officers, Bonds on March 3, 2026 Ballot



THE MUNICIPAL OFFICER ELECTION takes place on Tuesday, March 3, 2026. The election will be held to elect a Mayor (at-large) to

a four-year term; Municipal Court Judge (at-large) to a four-year term; and three City Councilors to four-year terms: District 2, District 3, and District 5. If no candidate for a particular office receives more than 50% of the total votes cast, the candidates with the highest and second-highest vote totals will be subject to a runoff election held on April 14, 2026.

Also appearing on the ballot will be three General Obligation Bond questions – Roads, Public Safety, and Quality of Life Facilities. If the bond questions are approved by voters, no corresponding property tax rate increase will occur.

Requested absentee ballots will be mailed starting February 3, 2026, and the last day to request an absentee ballot is February 17, 2026. In-person early voting begins February 3, 2026, at the Broadmoor Senior Center (City Clerk’s Annex). Additionally, four early voting locations will open starting February 14, 2026. Election Day voting will take place on March 3, 2026, at various locations throughout the City between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. See page 7 of this newsletter for a complete listing of voting locations.

For additional election and bond question information, including how to submit an application to work as an election board official, visit rnm.gov/rrvotes.

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Your Elected Officials

THE CITY OF RIO RANCHO is governed by six council members elected from separate districts and a full-time mayor elected at-large, which comprises the Governing Body. Contact and Council District boundary information is available at rrnm.gov.



Mayor
Gregory D. Hull



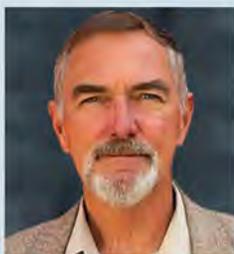
District 1 Councilor
Deborah Dapson



District 2 Councilor
Jeremy Lenentine



District 3 Councilor
Bob Tyler



District 4 Councilor
Paul Wymer



District 5 Councilor
Karissa Culbreath



District 6 Councilor
Nicole List

Top Performers

Trust in Government

Voice of the People - Transformation

Town of Ashland, Virginia

Village of Buffalo Grove, Illinois

City of Milton, Georgia

City of Rio Rancho, New Mexico

Borough of State College, Pennsylvania



Trust in Government Recognition

THE CITY'S CITIZEN SURVEY has been conducted consistently

every two years since 2015. One of the goals of the survey is to gauge what community members believe City government is doing well. To conduct a statistically valid survey, the City contracts with the National Research Center by Polco. Results from the survey are benchmarked and measured alongside hundreds of municipalities throughout the country. Rio Rancho was recognized as a top performer nationwide in trust in government based on 2025 survey results. To view all 2025 Citizen Survey results, visit rrnm.gov.



RIO RANCHO IS A 2026 top place to retire in the United States, according to U.S. News & World Report. The City was evaluated on affordability, health care, quality of life and more.



RIO RANCHO EVENTS CENTER

THE RIO RANCHO EVENTS CENTER hosts a variety of events to cater to our diverse community including shows for children, concerts, comedians, sporting events, trade shows, conventions, job fairs, religious events, and more.



The Rio Rancho Events Center can be booked for special/private events. For more information, including tickets, visit rioranchoeventscenter.com.



Upcoming Special Events



Eggs 'N Beggin' Pet Parade, Costume Contest, & More

Saturday, March 28, 2026 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Cabezon Park, 2305 Cabezon Blvd.



Park 'n Park Car Show

Saturday, April 25, 2026 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Campus Park, 2516 King Blvd.

Recreation Programs

THE PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT offers a variety of programs, classes, and league play opportunities for all ages. To view offerings and register, visit rrnm.gov/ActiveNet.



Library & Information Services Department Offerings



Garden Expo

The 5th Annual Garden Expo takes place on Saturday, March 7, 2026, from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Loma Colorado Main Library, 755 Loma

Colorado Blvd. NE. Come celebrate New Mexican habitats and landscapes with a variety of gardening lectures by experts in local plants, foraging, and pollinators. Family-friendly crafts and activities include building bee baths and making wind chimes, a community plant swap, and a visit from exotic animals. For more information, please visit rrnm.gov/library/events.

Star Wars Fest

Star Wars Fest returns on Saturday, April 25, 2026, from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Loma Colorado Main Library, 755 Loma Colorado Blvd. NE. Enjoy no-cost, family-friendly activities and crafts; wear your costumes for our out-of-this world photo ops; and try your luck at raffles throughout the event. For more details about the event, please visit our website at rrnm.gov/library/events.



ROAD IMPROVEMENTS HAPPENING THROUGHOUT THE CITY



UNDERWAY NOW

Broadmoor Boulevard
Work consists of roadway reconstruction (Country Club Drive to Loma Colorado Boulevard) with water line replacement. The estimated completion date is January 2026. Project cost: \$8.4 million.



Lema Road
(Western Hills Drive to Chessman Drive) reconstruction with water utility improvement. The estimated completion date is April 2026. Project cost: \$2.9 million.



19th Avenue NE
(10th Street NE to Cherry Avenue): Reconstruction with water utility improvement. The estimated completion date is March 2026. Project cost: \$2.4 million.



RESIDENTIAL ROAD WORK

VISIT RRNM.GOV/ROADWORK for the neighborhood streets crack patch and seal phased schedule,

as well as the hybrid mill and inlay (replacing the asphalt with new pavement and creating a better road base) phased schedule.



RRNM.GOV/ROADWORK

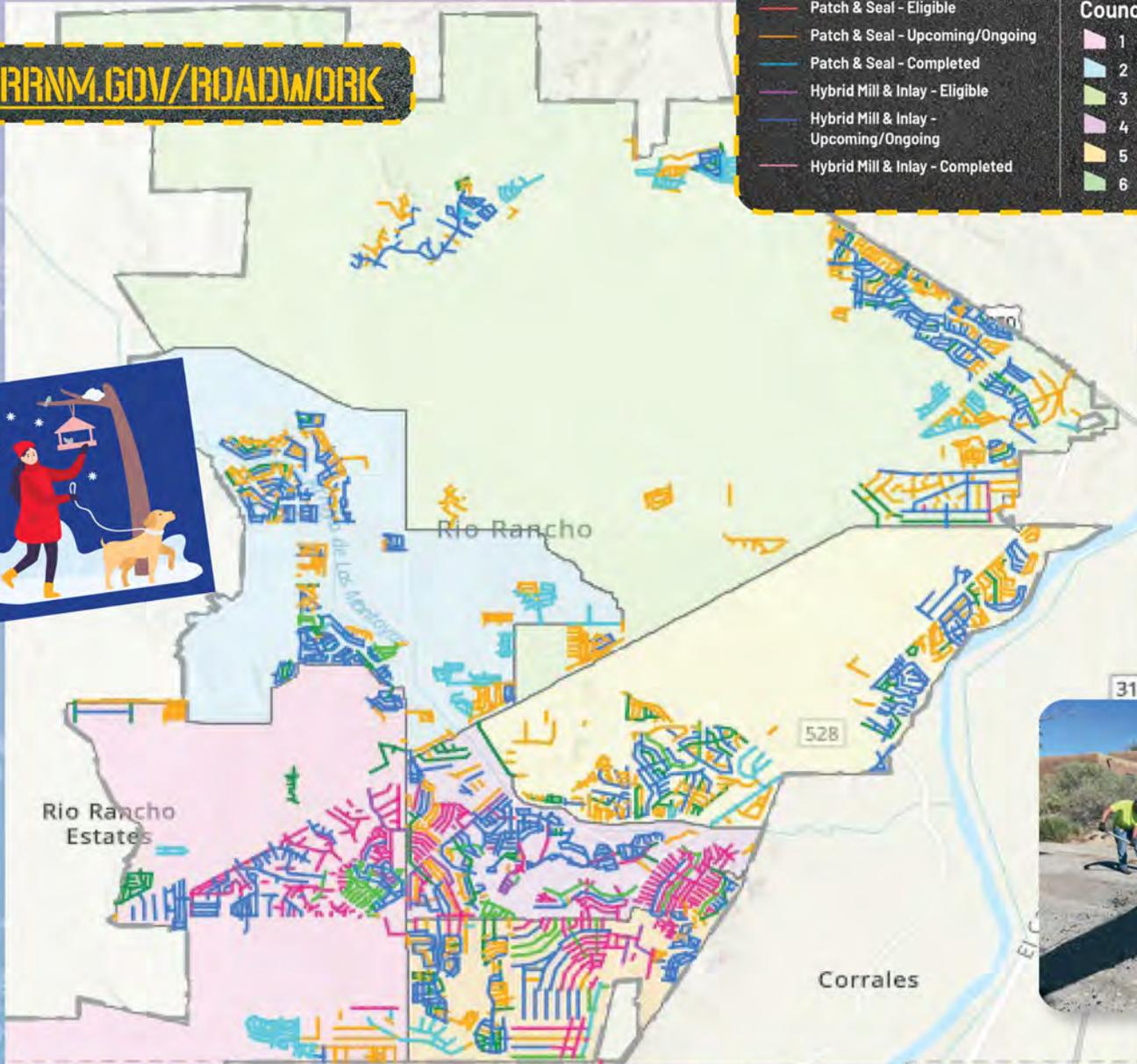
Road Conditions Master View

- New Construction
- Patch & Seal - Eligible
- Patch & Seal - Upcoming/Ongoing
- Patch & Seal - Completed
- Hybrid Mill & Inlay - Eligible
- Hybrid Mill & Inlay - Upcoming/Ongoing
- Hybrid Mill & Inlay - Completed

City Boundary Line

Council Districts

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6

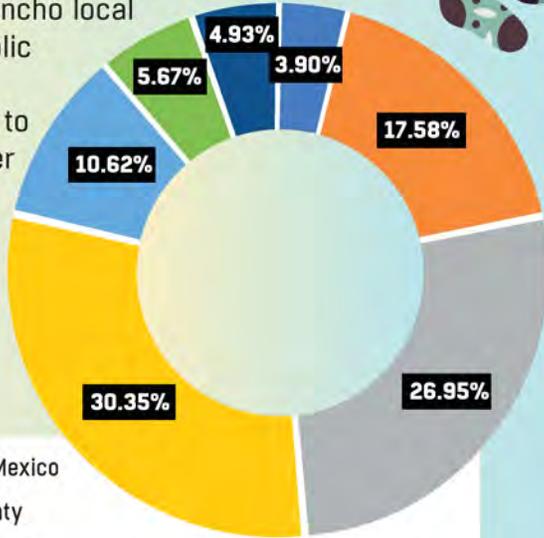


SINCE 2016, 48 MAJOR ROAD PROJECTS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED & MORE THAN 133 MILES OF RESIDENTIAL STREETS HAVE BEEN IMPROVED. MORE WORK IS SLATED TO BE COMPLETED SOON AND GET UNDERWAY!

Property Tax Breakdown

IN TAX YEAR 2025, a Rio Rancho residential property assessed by the Sandoval County Assessor's Office with a value of \$300,000 is responsible for paying \$3,489.60 in property tax (does not include applicable Public Improvement Districts or exemptions).

Of this amount, \$940.70 (26.95%) is allocated to City of Rio Rancho local government public services. The remainder goes to a variety of other governmental entities and service providers.



- State of New Mexico
- Sandoval County
- City of Rio Rancho
- Rio Rancho Public Schools
- Central New Mexico Community College
- Southern Sandoval County Arroyo Flood Control Authority
- UNM Sandoval Regional Medical Center

Legislative and Funding Priorities



THE NEW MEXICO LEGISLATURE is scheduled to hold a regular 30-day session beginning January 20, 2026.

Each year, the Governing Body adopts legislative and funding priorities for State officials to consider and adopt. Legislative priorities cover matters such as local government authority/autonomy, economic development, finance, and public safety. Funding requests span projects for quality of life, safety, and infrastructure. To view the adopted priorities, visit rrnm.gov.



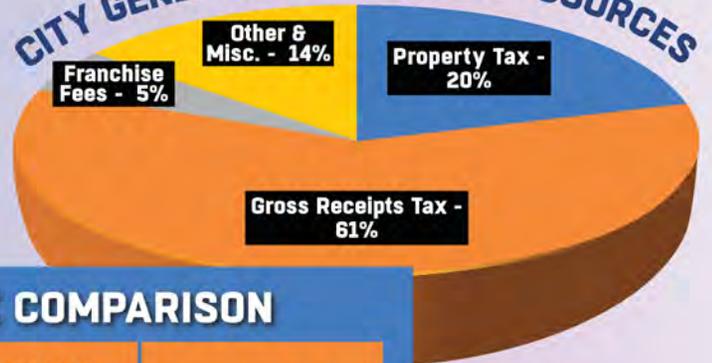
City Budget - Did You Know?

CITY OF RIO RANCHO LOCAL GOVERNMENT receives the majority of its funding to provide public services (e.g., police, fire and rescue, libraries, parks and recreation, etc.) from two sources: gross receipts tax and property tax.

Pursuant to State law, gross receipts tax is a tax on the seller of goods and/or services, which is normally passed onto the buyer of goods and/or services. Pursuant to State law, a property tax rate is applied to the value of property (e.g., land, homes, buildings).

More information about the City's annual budget is available on the City's website rrnm.gov/fy26budget.

CITY GENERAL FUND BUDGET SOURCES



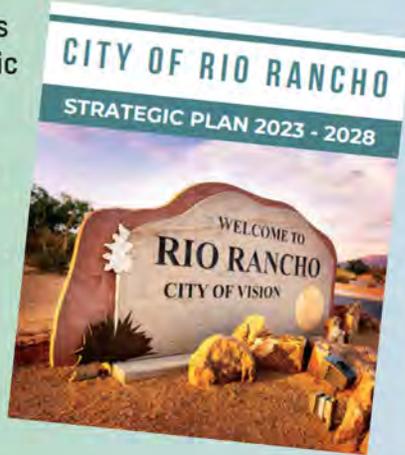
GRT TAX COMPARISON

Largest New Mexico Cities by Population	2024 U.S. Census Update	Gross Receipts Tax Rate 2025/2026
(1) Albuquerque	560,326	7.6250%
(2) Las Cruces	116,998	8.3900%
(3) Rio Rancho	112,524	7.4375%
(4) Santa Fe	90,551	8.1875%
(5) Roswell	47,176	8.2708%



Strategic Plan Progress

THE GOVERNING BODY has adopted a 5-year Strategic Plan (2023-2028) that establishes future goals for local government and strategies to achieve those goals. Focus areas include community and economic development, quality of life, public safety, infrastructure, and organizational excellence.



Annually, tracking and progress reports related to plan goals is published. To view 2025 progress, visit rrnm.gov/strategicplan.



Speed Vans

SINCE 2011, THE POLICE DEPARTMENT has utilized automated traffic enforcement equipment (e.g., mobile speed monitoring cameras) to support traffic safety and law enforcement efforts via its Safe Traffic Operations Program (STOP). Recently, the vehicle-based mobile speed enforcement cameras were replaced with new mobile equipment/units. Unit placement is based on Police Department data related to speeding and citizen requests/concerns. The enforcement speed thresholds for issuance of a citation are 11 mph over the posted speed limit on Rio Rancho maintained roadways and 5 mph over the posted speed limit for school zones. The citation fine amount is \$100.00. For more information, visit rrnm.gov/stop.



March 3, 2026 Voting Locations

EARLY VOTING

Monday – Friday, February 3 – 27, 2026
(8 a.m. to 5 p.m.)

Saturday, February 14, 21, and 28, 2026
(9 a.m. to 6 p.m.)

- ▶ **Broadmoor Senior Center (City Clerk's Annex)**
3241 Broadmoor Blvd.

ADDITIONAL EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS

February 14 – 28, 2026
(Tuesday – Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.)

- ▶ **Loma Colorado Library**
755 Loma Colorado Blvd.
- ▶ **4114 Sabana Grande Ave.**
- ▶ **The Hub @ Enchanted Hills**
7845 Enchanted Hills Blvd.
- ▶ **2345 Southern Blvd. SE, Suite C2**

ELECTION DAY

(Tuesday, March 3, 2026, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.)

- ▶ **Broadmoor Senior Center (City Clerk's Annex)**
3241 Broadmoor Blvd.
- ▶ **Loma Colorado Library**
755 Loma Colorado Blvd.
- ▶ **4114 Sabana Grande Ave.**
- ▶ **The Hub @ Enchanted Hills**
7845 Enchanted Hills Blvd.
- ▶ **2345 Southern Blvd. SE, Suite C2**
- ▶ **Rio Rancho Middle School**
1600 Loma Colorado Blvd.
- ▶ **Cabazon Community Center**
2307 Cabazon Blvd.
- ▶ **Esther Bone Library**
950 Pinetree Road SE
- ▶ **Cielo Azul Elementary School**
3804 Shiloh Road
- ▶ **Haynes Community Center**
2006 Grande Blvd.
- ▶ **Puesta Del Sol Elem. School**
450 Southern Blvd.
- ▶ **Star Heights Recreation Center**
800 Polaris Blvd.
- ▶ **Colinas Del Norte Elementary School**
1001 Night Sky Ave.
- ▶ **Joe Harris Elementary School**
2100 10th Street

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Community Newsletter with Updates and Information Inside!

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Postal Customer
Rio Rancho, New Mexico

Where to Find Us, Stay Up-to-Date and Report Issues



WE ARE ACTIVE ON social media sites such as Facebook, X, Instagram and Nextdoor.

Use the Report Rio Rancho system available via the City's website at rrnm.gov or download the app to report non-emergency issues.



Get Involved—Apply Today

THE CITY OF RIO RANCHO has 11 boards/commissions/committees that citizens can volunteer to serve on. These public bodies provide input on services and operations such as recreation, libraries, infrastructure, land use, finance, and more. Apply today at rrnm.gov.

Employment Opportunities

Up to \$3,000 New Hire Bonus Available for Certain Positions!

THE CITY OF RIO RANCHO IS HIRING! Many opportunities are available. The City offers competitive pay, paid vacation and sick time, medical/dental/vision coverage, a retirement plan, and many other benefits. Apply today and join the team: rrnm.gov.