



2022 In Review- A Look Back at Accomplishments and Projects of The City of Deming

As we reflect on the accomplishments of our city in 2022, it's essential to take time to celebrate the remarkable progress that has been made and recognize how far we have come. From significant infrastructure developments and increased investment in public programs to improved community relationships and expanded resources for everyone, these achievements have created a positive impact that will continue to be felt for years ahead. As proud members of this community, let us recognize the hard work, creativity, and dedication that have helped define our successes over the past year— a period that brought about exponential growth that will be seen for years to come!

The City Economic and Tourism Development Coordinator was recognized by the NM Industrial Development Executives Association (NMIDEA) as the Chase Gentry Economic Developer of the Year for securing a \$250K State LEDA [Local Economic Development Act] to Green Stream Farms (a \$7M project) and a Local LEDA to a \$1.5M Homegrown Market expansion creating 15 new jobs. The Economic Development Dept. also worked with Little Toad Creek Brewery and Distillery to secure a \$200K State LEDA award and an additional JTIP [Job Training Incentive Program] award of \$125,260 for creating ten new jobs - further helping to build our economy's future success. In addition, The City of Deming continues its economic development initiatives in conjunction with Deming Luna County Economic Development, Inc., The County of Luna, and the NM Workforce Connections office by hosting several hiring events and other opportunities for businesses to grow.

The Community Services Department has been hard at work developing stage 2 of the Trees Lake Project. The project will allow increased tourism, small business development, and recreational opportunities in an underserved region. The Trees Lake Project is estimated to be completed by the summer of 2023 and will provide a much-needed boost to the local economy. The project will feature a new kayak launch, kayak rentals, an inflatable water park, a zoom floom, and an additional fishing dock, among many other amenities. Additionally, completed projects at trees lake include the development of walking trails around the lake, a multi-use fitness path, and the Installation of the Trees Lake playground, which aids with the need for physical activity. Not only did the city develop this project for the youth of our community, but the city and contractor, Four Rivers, also involved the youth of our community in the project. Four Rivers involved the local FFA students in caring for the landscape plants planted around the Inclusive Park at the completion. In addition, they involved a local college student in the design of auxiliary "homemade" accessible play areas, working remotely by sharing CADD design information with the City Engineering Department. There are also other projects, such as the Police Department Shooting Range, an Industrial Freight Transportation Route, and more MAP-Re-Construction at intersections, that are adding significant value to this upcoming year in our community! The Community Services Department is making remarkable progress in improving the quality of life for



all who live and visit our town. Over the last five years, they have successfully repaired, revised, and micro-sealed 55 miles of roads and implemented various traffic calming measures to much-needed intersections. Additionally, Play Sharity Museum received enhancements, including water fountains, bathroom flooring, and an ADA-accessible indoor playground with a splash pad for kids – creating a safe area where children can engage in active recreation throughout our community! It's incredible what we've achieved together so far; it shows how deeply dedicated everyone involved is toward elevating every citizen's experiences here.

Reflecting on the successes of our Public Safety Department is essential for renewing faith in humanity as it highlights the hard work and dedication of those who make up the department. For example, the Deming Fire Department has worked tirelessly to put out fires and respond to medical calls. Likewise, the Deming Police Department is working to prevent and investigate crimes and ensure order to keep our community safe across the city. Each embodies selfless service and heroism. On top of that, the Deming Police Department has committed to community outreach through its Explorer Program, aiming to bridge the gap between law enforcement and local youth in 2023. Seeing a commitment from public safety departments helps restore faith in what we can accomplish when we come together with a unified purpose.

2022 will go down in history as a year of progress and growth for the City of Deming. In 2022, businesses flourished, infrastructure was improved, and community vitality was strengthened. Our investments in the future of our city have allowed us to foster a thriving community for generations to come. These efforts demonstrate our commitment to creating a better future for all who call Deming home. We must continue to invest in our local communities and businesses and create recreational opportunities for people to participate in keeping our city vibrant. Despite any challenges this year, we can remain hopeful when we recognize the successes achieved together. So, looking back on 2022, let's celebrate how far we have come while looking forward with positivity and determination!