



OFFICE OF NEW AMERICANS

EL PASO, TEXAS
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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We invite you to be part of our bimonthly meetings to:

- Provide advice on future initiatives
- Be part of the creation of the Welcoming Strategic Plan.
- Help us identify the needs and other outreach activities.

Below you will find tentative dates for our Bi Monthly Meetings:

- November 20th 9-10:30am
- January 15th 9-10:30am
- March 19th 9-10:30am
- May 2nd 9-10:30am
- July 16th 9-10:30am
- September 17th 9-10:30am

Some projects to be discussed:

- Welcoming Strategic Plan
- Outreach Opportunities
- Legal Defense Fund
- Language Access
- Citizenship Workshops

To get involved in our monthly convenings, [register here.](#)





COMMUNITY INPUT COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Please take the time to complete our survey to help us identify the needs in our community.

Click here for survey.

Q: Who are New Americans? A: New Americans are foreign-born residents.

Q: What is a “Welcoming” City/County? A: “A Welcoming City or County is one that works across multiple sectors, such as government, business, and non-profit, to create inclusive policies and practices such as making it easier for entrepreneurs to start a business or having government documents available in multiple languages. Welcoming Cities/Counties are guided by the principles of inclusion and creating communities that prosper because EVERYONE feels welcome, including immigrants and refugees.” –Welcoming America



Creating such a place means county departments prioritize and consider policies, actions, and practices that help ALL, including immigrant and refugee communities succeed.

Q: Why build a welcoming place? A: Welcoming communities are inclusive places where neighbors get to know one another. A Welcoming place connects ALL residents to their new and established neighbors and to local government. Welcoming communities creates a climate where EVERYONE can become deeply involved in their community and invest their time, talents, money, and hopes.

In being a Welcoming County we invite New Americans to join us in building strong communities, finding strength in our diversity, and resisting fear and division. Welcoming communities are safer, stronger, and more vibrant. As a Welcoming Place, we seek a safe, engaged and inclusive El Paso where EVERYONE can contribute and thrive through civic, economic, and cultural integration.

We should stop thinking in terms of “us versus them,” and start thinking in terms of **just us** – if we can do that, we will be able to do so much, together.

Q: How do welcoming communities benefit us? A: Becoming a more inclusive community means a more vibrant culture, more jobs created by immigrant entrepreneurs, and a thriving economy that benefits us ALL. Welcoming helps us work together to make sure that ALL of us - white, black, Christian, Muslim, or any faith - are part of making a community a great place to live. By giving each person an equal opportunity to contribute, it makes the entire community stronger.

Welcoming communities are inclusive, equitable places where EVERYONE can reach their greatest potential and contribute to a prosperous economy and flourishing culture.

Receptive communities are critical for immigrants to be able to fully participate in the social, civic, and economic fabric of their adopted hometowns.

Welcoming communities helps communities move beyond divisiveness and fragmentation to a coordinated web of policies and programs that ensure that ALL residents - including immigrants - can fully participate and belong.

Q: Do newcomers want to integrate with our community? A: Yes! With the support of nationwide partners and local advocacy groups we can accelerate this process and make our community a place where EVERYONE can thrive. We know that when cities and counties work towards becoming a “Welcoming Place”, they become more vibrant and prosperous places for everyone. The successful integration of immigrants contributes to a robust economy and a vibrant culture for EVERYONE.

Please forward information on upcoming events or trainings and new services to highlight in our newsletter. What would you like to see in our next issue? Email me for suggestions loflores@epcounty.com





Website Resources

Our page has gone live!

Click on link:

Office of New Americans Website

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Monday-Friday
Lunes-Viernes
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

WHAT WE DO
LO QUE HACEMOS

REQUEST A PRESENTATION
SOLICITE UNA PRESENTACIÓN

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)
PREGUNTAS FRECUENTES

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
CALENDARIO DE EVENTOS

OFICINA DE NUEVOS AMERICANOS

A division of the Community Services Department
Una división del Departamento de Servicios Comunitarios



VISION AND MISSION (Vision y Mision):

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La Oficina de Nuevos Americanos (ONA) del condado de El Paso está comprometida a mejorar la inclusión, integración y la calidad de vida general de los inmigrantes y refugiados de nuestro condado por medio de colaboración con la comunidad, instituciones educativas, organizaciones de la comunidad y organizaciones interreligiosas. ONA busca un El Paso seguro, comprometido y inclusivo donde TODOS puedan contribuir y prosperar a través de la integración cívica, económica y cultural.

We will work with our constituents, community-based organizations, and advocacy groups to establish a Welcoming Strategic Plan. The Welcoming Strategic Plan will record our overall mission as well as our short term and long-term

It is a work in progress but you'll be able to see resources that will be made available to our constituents. What other resources should we consider posting on our website? Let us know.

El Paso County recently established the **Neighborhood Association** Program to ensure residents who rely on the County for services have the opportunity to provide input and feedback on community concerns.

Staff from the Planning & Development Department will be hosting a series of English and Spanish meetings for residents interested in forming their own neighborhood association. The meeting information is below:

English Session Date:
Tuesday, December 8, 2020
Location: Virtual
Meeting Link: [Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](#).
Call-In Option: Dial +1 469-848-0247
Conference ID: 256 126 05#

Spanish Session Date:
Wednesday, December 9, 2020
Location: Virtual
Meeting Link: [Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](#)
Call-In Option: Dial +1 469-848-0247
Conference ID: 147 656 571#



VIRTUAL DACA RENEWAL CLINIC AVAILABLE

A virtual DACA clinic offered by Texas Here to Stay and the Texas Law Mithoff Pro Bono Program is open for those who are seeking to renew their DACA application. There are 25 spots available and you can register [here](#) if you're a DACA recipient in Texas who needs help with renewal.

SEEKING PARTICIPANTS FOR FOCUS GROUPS

The intent of the focus groups is to assess and address community needs based on zip codes. El Paso County wants to improve its outreach efforts for county services and COVID. We are looking for participants in these zip codes: 79928, 79838, 79836, 79849, 79821, 79927, 79835, 79932, 79853. We're looking for individuals willing to share their opinion during our 90-minute focus group. [To take part, click here.](#)

SEEKING UTILITY ASSISTANCE AND

El Paso County Community Services Department continues to offer services. [Click on link for list of services.](#)
Contact the division for more information.

NOVEMBER 2020



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Offices Closed 	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 Juntas de ONA 9:00-10:30 	21
22	23	24	25	26 Offices Closed	27 Offices Closed	28
29	30					

FREE COVID-19 TESTING

Testing available 9am - 4pm
No appointment required.

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 28

Fabens
16001 Socorro Rd
ESD #2 HQ

THURSDAY OCTOBER 29

Fabens
16001 Socorro Rd
ESD #2 HQ

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 3

Horizon City
17018 Darrington
Horizon First Baptist

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 4

Socorro
11440 N. Loop
ESD #2 Fire Station

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 5

Horizon City
17018 Darrington
Horizon First Baptist

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 6

Fabens
16001 Socorro Rd
ESD #2 HQ

MONDAY NOVEMBER 9

Montana Vista
5411 Paso View Dr
MVFD Station 2

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 10

Horizon City
17018 Darrington
Horizon First Baptist

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 11

Vinton
510 Vinton Rd
West Valley Fire St.

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 13

Socorro
11440 N. Loop
ESD #2 Fire Station

MONDAY NOVEMBER 16

Fabens
16001 Socorro Rd
ESD #2 HQ

Monday - Saturday

8am - 3pm MST - Drive Thru

Appointment required. To schedule call
(915) 212-0783.

City Site - Westside
7400 High Ridge Rd

City Site - Eastside
301 George Perry Blvd

9am - 4pm MST - (Every Day)

Tobin Rec Center
8831 Railroad Dr

**SISD Student
Activities Center**
1300 Joe Battle Blvd

UTEP Schuster 1 Parking Lot
Schuster Avenue and Spur
1966 Roundabout, on the
south side of the complex

EPCC - Valle Verde
919 Hunter Dr

9am - 4pm MST

Azcarate Park (Every Day)
6900 Delta Dr
(Use back entrance off Fonseca Dr)

Eastside Sports Complex (Every Day)
14380 Montwood

Region 19 Kenworthy
(Mon - Sat)
9776 Kenworthy

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 18

Montana Vista
5411 Paso View Dr
MVFD Station 2

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 19

Horizon City
17018 Darrington
Horizon First Baptist

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 20

Vinton
510 Vinton Rd
West Valley Fire St.

MONDAY NOVEMBER 23

Socorro
11440 N. Loop
ESD #2 Fire Station

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 24

Horizon City
17018 Darrington
Horizon First Baptist

MONDAY NOVEMBER 30

Montana Vista
5411 Paso View Dr
MVFD Station 2

OUTREACH EFFORTS



Self Help Center Flu Shot Event

On October 17th El Paso County Community Services- Community Development hosted a flu shot drive-thru event at the Self Help Center. Reps from the ONA office were out spreading the word on new services.



OUTREACH AND PRESENTATION REQUESTS

The Office of New Americans offers outreach and educational services to bring awareness on certain issues and to connect with the community.

1. For Outreach/Presentation requests, please fill out the [Outreach/Presentation Request](#)
2. Please allow two weeks advance notice for presentation or outreach activity requests when possible.
3. All request are subject to availability.

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El Paso County ONA is proud to collaborate with not only local partners but also nationwide organizations like: Welcoming America, National Partnership for New Americans, Cities 4 Action, New American Economy, Cities for Citizenship, and Immigration Legal Resource Center.

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