

## **THE CITY OF GALLUP NEEDS YOUR OPINION ON RECYCLING OPTIONS**

Several months ago the City Council voted to study the feasibility and citizen reception to curbside recycling and other initiatives. A figure of \$50,000 was agreed upon to hire a consulting agency to take on this task.

Cooney, Watson, and Associates, Inc. was sub-contracted to organize the survey, public outreach, and analysis.

Informative public service announcements are airing on the radio stations, ads about the two public forums on recycling held June 25 & 26 were in local newspapers, and fliers went up throughout town with the help of volunteers from the McKinley Citizens' Recycling Council. A late June PR recycling blitz hit our town.

The City and the McKinley Citizens' Recycling Council encourages you to participate. If you missed the public discussions at City Hall and at the Northside Senior Citizens' Center, you still have time to voice your opinion by taking the online survey.

*The City of Gallup would like your opinion on current and future recycling options for residents. Your feedback will help determine the services that will be made available by the city's solid waste department. Please take a moment to complete our online survey at [www.GallupNM.gov/recyclesurvey](http://www.GallupNM.gov/recyclesurvey).*

*Your opinion is very important to us! Complete this survey no later than 11:59 p.m. **Tuesday, July 15, 2014** so that your input can be included in our report for consideration on future recycling in our community.*

For more information, visit the city's website at [www.gallupnm.gov](http://www.gallupnm.gov) or call Patti at (800) 687-3417 ext. 3134.

Many thanks to Patti Watson, President, of Cooney, Watson & Associates for her dedication and thorough handling of the campaign.

Special thanks to Adrian Marrufo, Superintendent, The City of Gallup Solid Waste Department. His support for recycling over the last 20 years, forward thinking initiatives (community yellow lid corrugated cardboard bins), and furthering

recycling in partnership with the Solid Waste Authority has helped Gallup achieve the level of recycling we have today.

A thank you to the City Council and Mayor for initiating this citizens' survey. Gallup needs to move into the 21<sup>st</sup> century with an increase in volume diverted from our regional landfill. If you agree that saving water, energy, and our planet's finite natural resources is important please take the time to complete the online survey. Paper copies of the survey can be made available; call the Solid Waste Department (863-1212) or the City Clerk (863-1254).

MCRC started an online survey last year asking residents to comment on whether or not they supported curbside recycling and if a nominal increase in their trash fee would be acceptable to cover the cost. The informal survey found that the citizenry was overwhelmingly supportive of both!

Looking forward to hearing the city's survey results.

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**\*LOCAL RECYCLING CENTERS IN GALLUP**

**Location and Hours of Operation**

MWF	8-Noon	Train Station
MWF	Noon-4	Larry Brian Mitchell Recreation Center
SAT	10-2	Larry Brian Mitchell Recreation Center
M-SAT	8-4:30	Gallup Transfer Station on Hasler Valley Road

**For More Information about Recycling in Gallup-McKinley County or how you can volunteer** contact the McKinley Citizens' Recycling Council (MCRC) by calling 722-5142, through the web site [www.recyclegallup.org](http://www.recyclegallup.org), or send an e-mail to [betsywindisch@yahoo.com](mailto:betsywindisch@yahoo.com)

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