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Commission Meetings

Commission Meetings are generally held the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month (except in November and December). For full meeting schedule visit ci.alamogordo.nm.us.

Fireside Chats

FIRESIDE CHATS with the City Manager are held on the second Monday of each month. The next one will be **September 14, 2015** at 5:30 p.m. in the Southwest Room of the Alamogordo Public Library. Stop by and hear Jim chat about ongoing projects and answer your burning questions!



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CITY PROFILE

Message from the Mayor

September Festivities — In addition to upcoming days of observance, Labor Day on September 7th and Patriot Day on September 11th, there are upcoming festivals and events in and around our community you may want to consider joining in.

- ★ Alamogordo Cottonwood Festival, White Sands Balloon Invitational, Tularosa Basin Wine and Nut Festival, and HAFB German Air Force Oktoberfest
- ★ Near Las Cruces: Hatch Chile Festival, de Septiembre Fiesta
- ★ Near Ruidoso: Kite Festival, Mountain High Fly In, Golden Aspen Motorcycle Rally
- ★ Near Cloudcroft: Herbal Healing Conference

There is something for everyone to enjoy in our community and region!

After several celebrations, we must bid farewell to wonderful community partners from the German Air Force. Colonel Armin Havenith, Commander for the German Air Force Flying Training Center, and his wife, Monika, will be leaving our community for military orders back home to Germany. The friendly cultural influences of the German community greatly helps to improve our diversity. I wish the Havenith Family well after their 3 years of great partnerships in Alamogordo.

Please continue to help me welcome the new faces in our community assigned to Holloman AFB and newly relocated residents. I am grateful that Alamogordo continues to be known as the 'Friendliest Place on Earth'.

~ Mayor Susie Galea

Back to School Traffic

School is back in session — be extra vigilant!

Be aware of school zones and increased pedestrian traffic, particularly during peak hours.



Also, remember to stop (and do not pass) when school buses are loading and unloading children, unless on a divided roadway.

9/11 Memorial Ceremony

The Otero County Firefighters Association along with the Alamogordo Fire Department will hold its annual September 11th Memorial Ceremony on



9-11-2015 at the New Mexico Museum of Space History. All county Fire Departments and Alamogordo Fire Department will gather at the Fairground parking lot, and parade to the Space Hall.

The procession will begin at approximately 7:00 p.m. Fire trucks will travel east-bound on Fairgrounds Road to North Florida Avenue, south to Indian Wells and east to North Scenic Drive to the Space Hall. The ceremony begins with a slide show at 7:30 p.m. and the formal program will start at 8 p.m.

The fire helmet of Lt. Al Marchand who served the community of Alamogordo, and who died in the 9/11 terrorist attacks, will be part of the ceremony. Lt. Marchand was a fire fighter and police officer with the City of Alamogordo. After he retired from the force, he became a flight attendant with United Airlines. Lt. Marchand was on board Flight 175 when it crashed into the South Tower.



The public is invited to join in this solemn occasion to commemorate the events on this day in 2001 when so many public servants and civilians came together to save tens of thousands of lives.

If you have not witnessed this procession, bring the family, it is something you will never forget!

New Businesses

Increased economic development is a goal we all share and the city would like to recognize new businesses in Alamogordo. The following businesses were issued a license in July:

- Affordable Lawn and Cleaning Services (575) 415-6555
- C Bar K Mechanical (575) 491-4122
- Dew Lawn Service (575) 443-4124
- Do Terra Wellness Advocate (575) 491-1655
- Fix My Roof, LLC (575) 495-5307
- Gheparo B.C.B. Knitting (575) 415-1403
- Hali Marte (575) 430-9403
- HDR Engineering, Inc. (402) 399-1000
- Hein Construction (575) 430-9435
- LCDoesHair (614) 806-6277
- Maria N. Bloomfield, CPA, LLC (850) 420-4791
- Matthew Lyons DBA Lyons Handyman Service (575) 415-7941
- Perfect Under Pressure (575) 415-8266
- Psychedelic Emporium (575) 446-9933
- Rockin Rose Floral & Gift Shop (575) 437-8768
- Severs and Orchard, LLC DBA D&D (575) 921-2861
- Stacey's Stuff (575) 636-9994
- Starrett Film Productions, LLC (575) 430-0354
- The Hopkins Group (575) 551-6887
- Trinity Analysis and Development (850) 613-6800

Planning and Zoning Meetings

Planning and Zoning meetings are held the first Thursday of the month in the Commission Chambers of City Hall at 6 p.m. The next meeting will be **September 3, 2015**. For more information or to submit an agenda item, please call Melissa Walker, 439-4204.

Want daily updates on happenings around town?

Scan the code and "Like" us on Facebook!



AFRC News



Session 5 Swim Lessons, September 28-October 21: sign-up begins **September 23** at 9 a.m. in person and online. Cost is \$34.00.

The Recreation Center will be open from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. on **September 7** in recognition of Labor Day.

You can now register online and purchase memberships online at: apm.activecommunities.com/coactivitieservices

Holiday Trash Schedule

Labor Day Monday 9/7/15

- Monday routes will be serviced on Tuesday 9/8
- Tuesday routes will be service on Wednesday 9/9

Thanksgiving Day Thursday 11/26/15

- Regular Thursday route will be serviced on Wednesday 11/25
- Friday route will run as normal

Christmas Day Friday 12/25/15

- Thursday route will be serviced on Wednesday 12/23
- Friday route will be serviced on Thursday 12/24

New Years Day Friday 1/1/16

- Thursday route will be serviced on Wednesday 12/30
- Friday route will be serviced on Thursday 12/31



Cottonwood Festival & Ambassador Pancake Breakfast

September 4-6, 2015

Alameda Park

1321 N White Sands Blvd, Alamogordo



Enjoy arts and crafts, food vendors, amusement rides and family entertainment!

Admission is free! Other events include:



the Ambassador Pancake Breakfast Saturday and Sunday, 7-10 a.m., a Saturday-Car Show and a Sunday-Motorcycle Show.

For more information, visit:

<http://www.alamogordo.com/cottonwood-festival/>

Balloon Invitational & Tularosa Basin Wine and Nut Festival

September 19-20, 2015

White Sands National Monument

19955 Highway 70, Alamogordo

Ed Brabson Balloon Park

223 La Velle Rd, Alamogordo

Alameda Park

1321 N White Sands Blvd, Alamogordo

Two major events in one weekend! Between balloon launches, enjoy some culture at the Tularosa Basin Wine and Nut Festival, showcasing the best of the state's wines, along with local and regional artists, local nut producers, and music all day.



For more information visit:

www.alamogordo.com/white-sands-balloon-invitational/ or www.tularosabasinwinefest.com

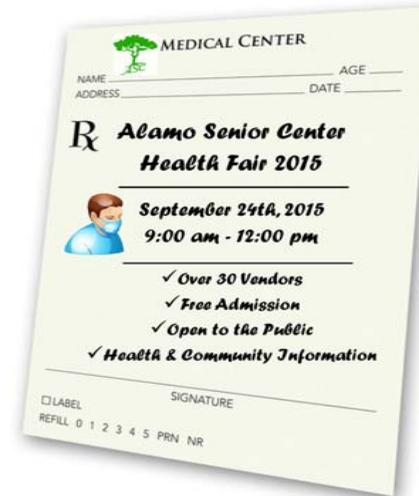
Health Fair 2015



The Alamo Senior Center will be hosting its annual Health Fair on Thursday, **September 24**, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Open to the public, Health Fair 2015 is an excellent opportunity to find information on health and community resources from over 30 sources. In addition to an armload of amazing and useful information, you can also get your blood pressure checked and have the opportunity to get vaccinations for influenza, pneumonia and shingles.

The Alamo Senior Center is located at 2201 Puerto Rico Avenue, Alamogordo. For further information, call us at 439-4150.



Gardening Tip

From Becky at Lowe's Grocery Store:

Warm, humid weather—what a change from last year's. Seedlings have come up from annual pop-



pies, lupines, and malvias that I planted ten years ago. Those seeds have been waiting for the right conditions, and this year brought them. Maybe I'll see them again in ten more years.

Keep a watch out for fresh crops of weeds. I noticed a lot of tumbleweeds popping up, and the puncture vines will start showing up soon. It's best to pull them up before they set seed; if you keep at it, you can probably eradicate them in a couple of years, unless they blow in from the neighbors or get tracked in by dogs or kids.

August is a good time to start planting our fall garden crops such as beets, carrots, collards, broccoli, and peas. Lettuces will take cooler temperatures, about the middle part of September. Perennial herbs, bedding plants, and biennials should also be planted in August. This gives them time to get established before dormancy, and a head start in the spring. Remember to water fall through winter.



For those iris lovers: I have ordered an assortment of iris rhizomes. They should arrive about the middle of August, ready to be planted. The spring blooming bulbs will start shipping in September. I'll have planting information available then.



It's time to start cleaning up our tired roses. Deadhead dried blossoms, remove dead branches, check for black spot and powdery mildew, and do a light pruning. Remove old compost and put down some fresh compost and fertilizer, and then give them some good soakings, and they're ready to put on their fall rose show!