

## Leadership

### City Commission / City Manager

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(575-439-4203)

## Commission Meetings

Commission Meetings will be held the 1st and 3rd Tuesday during November and December and will return to the normal schedule of 2nd and 4th Tuesday in January. For full meeting schedule visit [ci.alamogordo.nm.us](http://ci.alamogordo.nm.us).

## Fireside Chats

Cancelled until further notice.



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# City of Alamogordo

## CITY PROFILE

### Message from the Mayor

It's time to support our Alamogordo Public Schools. Prepare to vote!

The City of Alamogordo is full of Tiger Pride, supporting the Black & Gold initiative, and I'm asking every registered voter, residing in the Alamogordo Public School District, to vote on February 2, 2016.

On Tuesday, February 2, 2016, a General Obligation Bond question will be on the ballot that asks voters for authorization to issue up to \$20,000,000 of additional bonds.

Good news! The new bonds will NOT raise property taxes. The bonds will be sold at such times and in such amounts to maintain a stable tax rate (old GO Bonds are expiring).

This GO Bond will afford to complete 15 identified APS projects to improve our schools.

Everyone who is registered to vote by January 5, 2016, will be eligible to participate in this General Obligation Bond election opportunity. If you're not yet registered to vote, please register soon to be eligible to participate in the March 1, 2016 City of Alamogordo Municipal Election.

For more information, please contact, Alamogordo Public Schools Board of Education, President, David W. Weaver, (575) 812-6000, [Dave.Weaver@aps4kids.org](mailto:Dave.Weaver@aps4kids.org).

Please join me, vote "YES", February 2, 2016!

~Mayor Susie Galea

## Business Renewals



### Business Renewals for 2016

The City of Alamogordo has sent out business renewal forms to businesses registered with the City. All business registrations expire December 31, 2015 and must be renewed by January 31, 2016. A surcharge will be assessed to each late registration renewal. Please be aware that if your business operates one or more days into 2016, you are still liable for the registration fee for the 2016 calendar year. If renewing by mail, make checks payable to the City of Alamogordo; please do not send cash.

If you have any questions concerning the renewal process or any other matter related to your business registration, or if you would like to renew your registration over the phone with a credit card, please feel free to contact Rachel Hughs at (575) 439-4205.

Want daily updates on happenings around town?  
Scan the code and "Like" us on Facebook!



## 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 November.

- American Whole Sale Builders (General Service)  
(575) 491-6888
- C&C Safety Compliance Services (General Service)  
(575) 491-2579
- Children in Need if Services (Administrative)  
(575) 434-3011
- E&D Detail & Landscaping (Automotive Detail)  
(575) 202-3093
- El Toro Loco Graphics (Graphic Design)  
(575) 921-7319
- F.A.S. (Janitorial Services)  
(575) 921-5040
- Kin Clean (Janitorial Services)  
(575) 415-8129
- MK Handyman Service (Handyman Services)  
(575) 288-5460
- Premier PCS of TX LLC (Telecommunications)  
(678) 615-1617
- 360 Insights, LLC (General Service)  
(408) 307-7867
- Dance Passion (General Service)  
(575) 446-9927

## 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 **January 7, 2016**. For more information or to submit an agenda item, please call Melissa Walker, 439-4204.

## Alamogordo Police Department

The Alamogordo Police Department offers free car seat fittings every third Saturday of the month, by appointment. The next fitting will be December 19, 2015 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Police Department, 700 Virginia Ave. Please contact (575) 439-4300 for more information.



## Boards and Committees

### Board and Committee Vacancies

- Airport Advisory Board
- Disability Council
- Promotion Board
- Community Development
- Housing Authority Advisory Board
- Mayor's Committee on Aging
- Public Library Board
- Senior Volunteer Programs Council

If you are interested in serving on any City of Alamogordo Board/Committee, please fill out an application at the City Clerk's office or call 439-4205 for more information. Volunteers are always needed and appreciated.

## Holiday Trash Schedule

### 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



## Municipal Election



### MARCH 1, 2016 REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION

By: **Nancy Jacobs, CMC, City Clerk**  
575-439-4205 or  
[njacobs@ci.alamogordo.nm.us](mailto:njacobs@ci.alamogordo.nm.us)

An Election will be held in the City of Alamogordo on Tuesday, March 1, 2016 for the purpose of electing:

- one (1) District 1 City Commissioner
- one (1) District 3 City Commissioner
- one (1) District 5 City Commissioner
- one (1) District 6 City Commissioner

The Ballot will also have one question: 1) Proposed amendments to the City Charter. In only Districts 1, 3, 5 and 6 will the ballot contain a position for City Commissioner. The election will be Citywide (Districts 1 through 6) and all ballots will contain any question(s) that might be placed on the ballot at the time the election resolution is adopted.

## Municipal Election (cont.)

### City Commissioner Positions

Any registered elector of the City of Alamogordo may be a candidate for the office of City Commissioner. There is only one day to file for office and that is on **TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2016, BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 8:00 A.M. AND 5:00 P.M., AT THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK.** All prospective candidates are encouraged to contact the City Clerk, Nancy Jacobs at 575-439-4205 to receive a candidate packet.

### Voter Registration

Don't miss out on your chance to vote! Make sure you are registered to vote and make sure your Voter Registration Card is current so that you may vote for your candidate in your district. Make any corrections at the **County Clerk's Office, 1104 N. White Sands Blvd., Suite C, on or before 5:00 p.m., February 2, 2016.** You are welcome to contact our office to make sure in which district you are located.

### Voting Convenience Centers

Voting Convenience Centers will be used for the March 2016 Election. The polling places for all elections in 2016 will be held at the Willie Estrada Memorial Civic Center, the Tays Special Events Center, and the Otero County Fairgrounds. You may request to vote Absentee beginning January 26, 2016 and Early Voting will begin February 10, 2016 at the City Clerk's Office.

Please feel free to contact the City Clerk's office anytime if you have questions.



## Gardening Tip

*From Becky at Lowe's Signature Market*

Rain on Thanksgiving Day. When did that last happen? I can remember snow on Thanksgiving—cold, and sun—warmth (needed the air conditioner), but rain and warmth, I don't recollect. Maybe I should have started a journal years ago, recording data, but it would have probably lasted as long as that 'Dear Diary' I had as a child—about a month. Little brothers seem to have a knack for picking locks.

About a month ago, I noticed wild mustard was germinating. With this latest soaking rain, we should expect a bumper crop of it, and other winter annual weeds. These weeds harbor many garden pests, such as aphids, leafhoppers, and thrips, that may carry and transmit different viruses. It is best to eliminate the weeds prior to their mature growth to help manage pest infestations, and control seed development.

Have you cleaned up your leaves and garden debris yet? If you have, and your deciduous trees and shrubs are bare, it is time to start applying dormant oil, lime sulfur or other fungicide sprays on plants that have had pests and fungal infestations in the past. The oil clings to and suffocates overwintering pests, coats and penetrates deposited eggs, reducing the number of hungry pests. Blackspot, powdery mildew, peach curl leaf, and other fungal spores will also be suffocated. Dormant oil spray should not be applied to tender winter annual flowers and other plants.

For those who want to start their gardening early, we will receive Botanical Interest seeds about the last week of December. Also, I have ordered over four hundred roses that will be delivered about the middle of April. If you are looking for specific roses, check with us. We will reserve them, and then contact you when they arrive.

Take time to water this winter. A deep watering every three weeks will help keep your established trees, shrubs, and plants healthy.

Like Benjamin Franklin said, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

