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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 **August 10, 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

The beloved tradition of the annual county fair is a much anticipated event by the Alamogordo community.

Please save the date and plan to attend:



Otero County Fair Parade on Saturday, August 8, at 6:30 on 10th Street, between Oregon Avenue and New York Avenue.

The 76th Annual Otero County Fair & Rodeo, August 12 - 15, on the fairgrounds located at the corner of Fairgrounds Road and White Sands Boulevard.



This year, the Otero County Fair Association welcomes back the Ranch Rodeo where teams will compete in working ranch events like steer necking, wild cow milking, team tying, branding and trailer loading. You won't want to miss it!

For more information, please visit www.oterofair.com.

I look forward to joining you for the fun!

~ Mayor Susie Galea

Convenience Center

224 LaVelle Road
(575) 439-4109

** Must bring a copy of your most recent water bill for proof of residence.

Summer Hours

Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Friday-Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The Convenience Center is a solid waste transfer station that accepts:

- household garbage
- furniture
- yard waste
- used motor oil
- anti-freeze
- household appliances
- scrap metal
- batteries
- electronics
- ink cartridges and more



The facility serves City residents and small construction contractors. Customers are required to bring their materials to the facility.

Any person with a garbage charge on their water bill from the City of Alamogordo is permitted to dispose of up to 2000 pounds of solid waste per month at no charge at the Convenience Center. For each 100 pound increment per month over 2000 pounds, a \$2.00 per 100 pounds will be charged. Scrap metal and appliances may still be disposed of at no charge.

Non city residential or non city commercial accounts will be charged at a rate of \$2.00 per 100 pounds of debris.

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 June:

- Alamo Pet Grooming and Hotel (575) 437-1671
- Cosmic Glass (575) 446-2778
- Desert Oasis (575) 921-4297
- Diane McCord-Arnold, LMT (361) 218-27454
- Farie Feathers (575) 442-3770
- Munchiz Snack Shack (575) 439-6524
- Sally's Nails (708) 602-7885
- Something To Do (915) 227-7358
- Spiritkane, LLC (575) 491-6627
- Strong Tower Janitorial Service (575) 442-3901
- Yvonne Shay and Associates (520) 421-0692

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 **August 6, 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



Fall soccer registration will be **August 1, 8, and 15, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.** at the Alamogordo Family Recreation Center (AFRC).

Registration for Session 4 Swim Lessons is **August 26, 9 a.m.** both online and at the AFRC.

The last free swim day for the summer season is **August 9** at the AFRC

Fall/Winter/Spring hours will take effect on **August 18** for the AFRC.

Mons Moro is the band that will play at Fourth Friday, **August 28, 5:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.** at the Zoo.

Fourth Friday

Cruelty to Animals

During these hot summer months, residents are reminded not to leave pets unattended in their vehicles. Leaving the windows cracked is not enough, and two minutes is too long. Please leave your pets at home! Also, despite your dog's affection for riding in the bed of the truck, it is against the law unless crated or restrained.

Please see the excerpt below for more information about the Cruelty to Animals City Ordinance.

7-01-060 — Cruelty to Animals

- (a) Cruelty to animals consists of:
- (1) Torturing, tormenting, poisoning, cruelly beating, mutilating, cruelly killing or overdriving any animal;
 - (2) Depriving of shelter necessary to protect from rain, snow, wind and direct rays of the sun;
 - (3) Unnecessarily failing to provide any animal with proper food or drink;
 - (4) Abandoning an animal;
 - (5) Permanently coloring, painting, staining or dyeing any animal; an animal may be tattooed for identifying purposes.
 - (6) Placing or leaving any animal in an unattended motor vehicle without adequate ventilation or in such a manner as to subject the animal to extreme temperatures which may adversely affect the health of the animal;
 - (7) Placing or leaving any animal in a condition whereby there is a substantial possibility the animal's life will be threatened; or
 - (8) Carrying an animal in or upon any vehicle in a cruel, inhumane or unsafe manner. An animal carried in the bed of a truck must be crated or restrained so it cannot fall or jump from the truck or be strangled.
- (b) It is unlawful for any person to commit the offense defined in this section.

If you have concerns about an animal, please contact Animal Control at 575-439-4330.



Road Safety

Always remember when riding a bicycle on a public roadways, you are required to obey the same traffic regulations as motor vehicles.

- Abide by the instructions of official traffic-control devices applicable to vehicles
- Always ride as near to the right side as possible
- When riding on a sidewalk (where allowed) always yield to pedestrians
- Ensure proper reflective devices and lamps are used when riding at nighttime



Runners, joggers and walkers should also use caution when on or near public roadways.

- Wear light colored clothing
- Wear or carry reflective clothing, tape or equipment
- Carry a light

Gardening Tip

From Becky at Lowe's Grocery Store:

Busy bees, hummingbirds humming, butterflies flitting--the sounds and sights of a wonderful summer garden. I do not want to be a spoilsport, or rain on anyone's parade, but I have to issue a warning: the budworms have arrived!

If your geranium buds dry up before blooming, and are hollow, plus the leaves have holes in them, the culprit is probably the tobacco budworm. This moth's larvae also feeds on petunias and other garden flowers. It usually hides during the day, avoiding predators, and feeds in the evening and night. Check your plants for other worms and caterpillars. Cabbage loopers, cutworms, tomato worms, and other creatures are also enjoying our moist, warm weather.

As the weather gets hotter and drier (in-between rain showers), some plants are showing symptoms of drought stress. Some signs of drought and heat stress are wilt, chlorosis, browning leaves, loss of leaves, dull, curled leaves, dried out tips, and lack of growth. Make sure your plants are getting the amount of water they need; the ground should be moistened 18 to 24 inches deep halfway between the trunk and the drip line on trees.

Know what type of soil you have. One inch of water applied to sand penetrates about 12 inches. When applied to loam, it reaches about 7 inches, and when applied to clay soil, it only moves down 4 or 5 inches. Sandy soils dry out faster and need to be watered more often. Clay soil holds moisture longer, but takes longer to absorb the water. The well-being of all plants depends on adequate water. Nutrients are absorbed by the roots only when water is present in the soil, and water transports the nutrients throughout the plant, which is necessary for photosynthesis. When plants lack water and nutrients, they become stressed and susceptible to insect invasion and disease.

And now while you're still enjoying your summer vegetable garden, I want to remind you that its almost time to start planting your fall vegetable gardens. Seeds of carrots, radishes, and other cool weather veggies should be planted in the latter part of July.

Our work is never done!

