

## City Leadership

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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](http://ci.alamogordo.nm.us)

**FIRESIDE CHATS** with the City Manager are held on the second Monday of each month. The next one will be **April 13, 2015** at 5:30 PM 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 of Alamogordo

## CITY PROFILE

### Message from the Mayor

All Alamogordo Citizens are cordially invited to the State of the City address. The meeting will be held on April 6th, at 5:00 pm at the 19th Hole banquet room. If you are unable to attend the formal address, the City will post the event on their website.

Also, please plan to attend one of the largest festivals hosted within Alamogordo, Earth Day. The annual Earth Day event at the Alameda Park Zoo will take place Saturday, April 25th. Earth Day will begin with a formal ceremony at 8:00 am. Admission is free for the whole day!

On behalf of the City Commission, we recognize the volunteer work the citizens contribute to make events and organizations within Alamogordo run successfully. Thank you for all that you do to help us continue to make Alamogordo the best place to live.

~Mayor Susie Galea

## Convenience Center

The Convenience Center hours will be 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. from Friday-Sunday beginning on March 8th.

## New Businesses

Increased Economic Development is a goal we all share and the City would like to recognize New Business in Alamogordo. The following businesses were issued a license in February:

- As It 'Twas (575) 430-8428
- Bridan Services (575) 430-0868
- Carter T McDaniel, Notary (575)430-2475
- Code 3 Service (575)202-9709
- David Richards dba Bright Idea (575)434-2109
- Diane McCord-Arnold, LMT (361)218-2745
- Double Dime Well (575)551-1605
- First Choice Property Management (575) 921-8016
- Grace Services, LLC (844)692-5266
- High Country Agency, Inc (575)257-4651
- Leonides Soto Trucking (575)824-2191
- Magic Moments Photography (575) 551-0429
- Pinky's Fun Center (775) 293-3014
- Pup Couture Dog Grooming (575) 439-7786
- Sonya's (575) 386-2665
- U Name It Lawn Care (575) 415-7697
- Vendamerica dba Spirit Fast (575) 434-2061
- 4 Reliable LLC dba Reliable (575) 430-1000

## AARP FOUNDATION TAX-AIDE

Tax-Aide Alamogordo for the Tax Year 2014 We will prepare your income taxes FOR FREE!

**February 2nd - April 15th**  
**Sgt. Willie Estrada Civic Center**  
**800 East First Street**  
**Monday—Wednesday—Friday**  
**9:00 am to 4:00 pm**

Please bring the following information:

**PHOTO ID** for all taxpayers  
**SOCIAL SECURITY CARDS** for all taxpayers and dependents  
**W-2 year end wage forms** from each job for each person

**If you work for yourself**, all the income and expenses (not exceed \$10K) from your work.

**Interest, dividend, stock or CD sales.** You should bring the 1099 forms from the bank.

**Social Security.** You must bring the year-end statement from Social Security.

**Unemployment.** You must bring the W2-G form from the Labor Department.

**Gambling:** Bring the 1099 tickers and Win/Loss report from the casinos.

**Pensions:** Bring the 1099-R form you received from the pension payer.

**ACA Medical Documents:** Statement of Health Insurance coverage

**Bring the list of expenses you paid for Child Care, College or Vocational Training, Medical Expenses and Charity Donations:** Bring a list of everything and keep the receipts for 3 years.

**Mortgage, Interest and Property Taxes:** Statements

**Direct Deposit: Bring a blank check to get direct deposit of your refund in 8-10 days with no fees**

AARP Foundation Tax Aide—Alamogordo  
575-439-4154 or [alamotaxaide@yahoo.com](mailto:alamotaxaide@yahoo.com)

## Spring Fling

The Alamogordo Chamber of Commerce in part with Downtown Merchants Association and Alamogordo MainStreet are hosting a new event, Spring Fling. The event will be held on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm on New York Ave. between 8<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Street. Spring Fling will have arts & crafts, music, food, car show and more. For more information, please call the Alamogordo Chamber of Commerce (575) 437-6120.

## Earth Day

Earth Day will be coming to the Zoo on April 25th. There will be information booths, free health screenings, child fingerprinting by DPS and a Great Butterfly Release at 11:00 am. Admission is free and there will be food vendors and entertainment all day! This year parking will be at the Chamber of Commerce and north of 14th Street in Alameda Park. Don't miss this fun filled Earth Day!

## NMSU-A Summer Session

Apply online for the Summer Classes at NMSU-A! The first session begins May 28 and ends July 1 and the second session begins July 2 and ends August 6. Full session classes are available.

The registration schedule is:

April 9: Crimson Scholars (Seniors and Juniors), Students with Disabilities and Veteran Students

April 10: Crimson Scholars (Sophomores and Freshmen)

April 13: Senior Citizens, Seniors

April 14: Juniors

April 15: Sophomores

April 16: Freshmen

April 17: Non-Degree and Readmitted Students

April 20: New Transfer Students



## Armed Forces Day/Gus Macker Basketball Tournament



The Armed Forces Day/Gus Macker 3 on 3 basketball tournament is looking for sponsors. Your organization/event has an opportunity to interact with thousands of local and traveling patrons. Hurry, only 20 courts are available!

*What You Need:* Four volunteers to work split shifts 3' x 5' displaying banner for your business/organization  
*Event Dates:* Saturday, May 6— 8:00 am to 6:00 pm  
Sunday, May 7— 8:00 am to 5:00 pm  
If Interested, please contact Jason Richards, Special Events Manager Office: (575) 439-4250 Cell: (575) 551-2793 Email: [jrichards@ci.alamogordo.nm.us](mailto:jrichards@ci.alamogordo.nm.us)

## Volunteer

Would you like to volunteer your time, talents, wisdom, and experience to your community and neighbors who need you? *There are volunteer openings!*

We are currently recruiting volunteers, 55 years or older to tutor and/or mentor students within our local schools in Otero County; additionally, we are recruiting volunteers to provide fellowship to the elderly who are homebound and in need of companionship. Volunteers strengthen neighborhoods by providing services that community budgets cannot afford and by building bridges within and across generations. Some volunteers may qualify to earn a tax-free, hourly stipend. For more information please contact our SVP office is located at 2201 Puerto Rico Ave. Our office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 – 5:00. The telephone number is 430-4154.

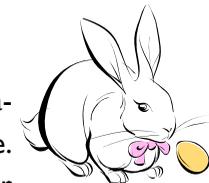
## Easter in the Park

The City of Alamogordo and Burt Broadcasting will hold the annual, Easter in the Park. The event will be held at Alameda Park on Saturday, April 4th from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

The event starts with a costume parade through the park and a prize will be awarded to a winner in age brackets, 0-2, 3-4, 5-6 and 7-8. First place winners will receive bicycles courtesy of Kmart. The annual egg hunt will immediately follow the parade. Groups of 25 children will hunt down eggs with the chance of winning an Easter basket, courtesy of Kmart.

Local businesses will be on-site passing out candy and providing games for the children. Burt Broadcasting will also be providing giveaways for the adults in the crowd.

The Easter bunny will be on site for picture opportunities. The pictures will cost \$1. Registration for the costume parade is open now and will close March 31st. Registration can be made at the Alamogordo Family Recreation Center at 1100 Oregon Ave. For more information on the event, contact Jason Richards at (575) 439-4250 or email at [jrichards@ci.alamogordo.nm.us](mailto:jrichards@ci.alamogordo.nm.us).



## Gardening Tip

From Becky at Lowe's Grocery Store:

I should have known better than to trust meteorologists, there is quite a difference between 30 and 36 degrees. The cold wind really tortured the peppers and basil, and some of the tomatoes are not happy. The lettuces, cabbages, and kales are laughing and making fun of their wimpy warm weather cousins, while the pansies are smiling at them all.

Even through the bouts of cold, I've noticed that aphids are starting to appear on new growth; green aphids are showing up on roses and black aphids on chrysanthemums. Succulents and other plants that are starting to leaf out should be checked for aphids as well. If the aphids are a problem, trying washing with forceful sprays of water every other day, making sure the underside of the leaves are sprayed. If the treatment has proved ineffective, try an insecticidal soap spray. Only use harsh chemical controls as a last resort (poisons are not selective, they will eliminate both good and bad bugs.)

Gladiolus, lilies, dahlias, and other summer flowering bulbs are arriving, many of which can be planted in March. However, the canna's and dahlia's should be planted when the soil warms up. These particular flowers can be planted in garden beds, borders, or containers. If you had containers of forced bulbs—tulips, hyacinths, daffodils—they can be planted out in your garden. Remove the dried flower stalks and any seed pods, but do not remove the leaves. The leaves soak up the sun, and the energy is stored in the bulb for the next blooming cycle. Remove the leaves after they wither and dry up.

As the days begin to warm, summer watering schedules need to begin, deep watering helps develop deep root systems. Currently, the first fertilizers can be applied on most trees and shrubs; follow the suggested application rates for each type of fertilizer. Mulches can be spread over the root area of the plants, helping to reduce soil moisture loss.

I haven't received my 100 gladiolus corms yet, but I have decided on where I'm going to plant them—in containers. Now I only have to figure out how many containers I'll need, and where to place them.