

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.

Fireside Chats

FIRESIDE CHATS with the City Manager are held on the second Monday of each month. The next one will be **June 8, 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

Stay "Cool" This Summer ~

I hope you, and all the citizens of Alamogordo, are beginning to enjoy summer. There's so much to do in and around our community!

Like many of you, I also like to enjoy the outdoors. I want to address the challenges our community has each summer, and I'm here also asking for your help.

With the summer weather we find more weeds springing up, personal pets may more frequently be outside, and backyard BBQ's might create crowded parking along sidewalks, additional noise, and even festive décor our neighbors don't appreciate.

Please consider a few opportunities to resolve conflicts with neighbors, before contacting our Code Enforcement or Police Department, by being "cool" enough this summer to respectfully talk with your neighbors, and maybe even compromise.

Our City has rules in place by ordinance to enable a peaceful and orderly community. Please take pride in your yard by removing weeds, and where your neighbor falters - please consider lending them a hand. Please take care of your pets by not leaving them out in the heat without shade structure/food/water, and where your neighbor falters - please let them know Alamogordo enforces humane treatment of animals. Please do enjoy social gatherings and backyard BBQ's. The city clerk's office offers noise permits, and I ask that you please let your neighbors know of your upcoming party event. If your neighbor's social event becomes too loud, you don't like the party décor, or there's no place for residents to park - please let the party host know, and I'm sure they will be able and willing to resolve the problem without dispatched public safety officers.

We can all stay a little cooler this summer while sharing the many adjoining spaces in our city, and we can strengthen our community by working better together with greater respect and compromise through communication.

"We need a spirit of community, a sense that we are all in this together. If we have no sense of community, the American dream will wither." ~Pres. William Clinton

If you need an advocate for a reoccurring challenge with your neighbors, please contact your City Commissioner or me!

~ Mayor Susie Galea

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 April:

- Austin's Attention 2 Details (575) 446-9760
- Biggs Auto & Machine (575) 446-8114
- Christian B. Fortunato (661) 496-6290
- Custom Satellite Installation (575) 415-7334
- Divine Dog Care (575) 652-2720
- Flower of Life Body Works, LLC (575) 921-8959
- General Parts Distribution, LLC (540) 561-6458
- Gerardo Cheairs (575) 551-2125
- High Desert Tattoo (575) 491-9544
- Higher Power Solutions (575) 921-6064
- In Stock Games (575) 551-4138
- Kevin's Maintenance Service For You (575) 415-8706
- Kingdom Construction (575) 415-8061
- Kory's Used Cars (575) 437-0124
- Live Out of the Box (541) 840-4441
- Deudurf Enterprises, LLC (575) 488-6525
- Premium Exterior Solutions, LLC (575) 921-9118
- Reliable Lawn Care Services (575) 430-1000
- Rizo's Restaurant (575) 434-2607
- RMH Notary Services (575) 491-7977
- Seward Clean Tech (525) 404-0266
- Stephanie Rodriguez (575) 415-8240
- Transformation Fitness, LLC (575) 202-2336
- Under the Sea Daycare (850) 319-8536
- Western Building & Development (505) 246-6960
- Wibbly Wobbly Photography (228) 244-3053

Monsoon Season and Flooding

It's that time of year again, and with the Monsoon season fast upon us, we need to be prepared.

Sand bags are available to the residents of Alamogordo and can be picked up at your local Fire Station (except for Fire Station 3). If you need assistance loading sand bags, knock on the Fire Station door, and someone will be more than happy to help.

The Alamogordo Fire Department recommends sand bags not be stacked more than three bags high, and should only be used to protect openings and entrances to homes, businesses or critical infrastructures, please use only as many as needed, and make sure to share with neighbors.

Always call 911 in-case of an emergency.

REMEMBER IN CASE OF A FLOOD: GO IN, STAY IN, AND TUNE IN.

Boards and Committees

The City of Alamogordo currently has ten active boards and committees which are all comprised of volunteer members from our community. Each board and committee acts in an advisory capacity to the City Commission, and the input received from each of them can be very essential to decisions made by the City Commission. We currently have vacancies and are accepting applications for the following: Airport Zoning Board (2), Alamogordo Disability Council (2), Cemetery Board (1), Community Development Advisory Committee (5), Senior Volunteer Programs Advisory Council (3), Housing Authority Board (1), and Parks and Recreation Board (2).

If you think you might be interested in voluntary service to any of these boards or committees, please call the city clerk's office at 439-4205 for more information.

Want daily updates on happenings around town?

Scan the code and "Like" us on Facebook!



Fourth Friday

Noise Complaints

With spring and summer upon us, many residents will spend more time outdoors, leading to an increase in noise complaints.



Residents are reminded to be considerate of their neighbors on both sides of the spectrum. If you confront your neighbor, be polite and respectful. Don't let your frustration dictate the conversation. If you are confronted, try to be understanding and cooperative.

Feel free to review the City's Code of Ordinances regarding "Unreasonable Noise" to better understand the City's policy.

https://www.municode.com/library/nm/alamogordo/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=PTIICOOR_CH11CRCO_ART11-05OFREPUORSA_11-05-270GENRNO

Summer Programs



Camp Cottonwood
June 1 - August 14
7am - 6pm
\$73.25/week plus
one-time \$15.00 admin fee

Tennis Camp
June 8 - June 24
\$27.50

Basketball Camp
July 6 - July 22
\$27.50

Soccer Camp
July 27 - August 12
\$27.50



Various Swim Lessons
Session 1:
June 1 - June 18
Session 2:
June 22 - July 9
Session 3:
July 13 - July 30
\$50.50



New This Year

Junior Lifeguarding
June 22 - August 14
\$54.00

Summer Swim League
June 15 - August 13
\$54.00



Now patrons can register online and reserve parks online at:
apm.activecommunities.com/coacommunityservices

White Sands Pupfish Schedule

JUNE						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	ROS ¹ @ WHI 6:30PM	ROS ² @ WHI 6:30PM	ALP ³ @ WHI 6:30PM	ALP ⁴ @ WHI 6:30PM	WHI ⁵ @ CRU 6:30PM	CRU ⁶ @ WHI 6:30PM
WHI ⁷ @ CRU 6:30PM	WHI ⁸ @ CRU 6:30PM	VEG ⁹ @ WHI 6:30PM	VEG ¹⁰ @ WHI 6:30PM	ALP ¹¹ @ WHI 6:30PM	ALP ¹² @ WHI 6:30PM	WHI ¹³ @ ALP 7:00PM
WHI ¹⁴ @ ALP 7:00PM	WHI ¹⁵ @ ALP 7:00PM	WHI ¹⁶ @ ALP 7:00PM	WHI ¹⁷ @ CRU 6:30PM	WHI ¹⁸ @ CRU 6:30PM	TRI ¹⁹ @ WHI 6:30PM	TRI ²⁰ @ WHI 6:30PM
CRU ²¹ @ WHI 6:30PM	VEG ²² @ WHI 6:30PM	GCK ²³ @ WHI 6:30PM	GCK ²⁴ @ WHI 6:30PM	WHI ²⁵ @ TRI 6:00PM	WHI ²⁶ @ TRI 6:00PM	WHI ²⁷ @ TRI 6:00PM

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Gardening Tip

From Becky at Lowe's Grocery Store:

Now that the days are warm, and the nights do not get too cold, it should be safe to start planting warm season vegetables. A few gardeners have had their plants in the ground since before April, but they have had to cover and protect them, and some plants have been frost damaged. The warm weather veggies do not grow well unless the temperatures are over 60° F during daytime and 50° at night.

Some tomato types have been hard to find this year, especially the multi-packs. If the tomato did not sell well the previous year, the growers cut back on production, and the retailers can't get them. To ensure you have the tomatoes you really want, it might be best to start your plants from seed. Tomatoes sprout fast as long as they are kept warm.

Heirloom or Hybrid? Which to choose? First, hybrid tomatoes are **not** GMO (genetically modified organisms). They are tomatoes that are the result of years of carefully selecting and cross-pollinating different types of tomatoes to achieve desirable traits, such as disease resistance, good growth, and good flavors. Heirloom tomatoes are open-pollinated, with the seeds passed down from generation to generation. The hybrid tomato seeds, harvested and planted the following year, usually will not produce the same tomato. The heirloom tomatoes, if isolated from chance pollination of different types of tomatoes, will produce the same tomato.

Whatever type of tomato is chosen, they all need the same growing conditions: sunlight, good soil, and consistent watering. And most important, a guardian gardener to fight off the Killer Tomato Worm!

