

## Alamo Senior Center

**April 12th** - Aging & Long Term Services department will be hosting a Medicaid, Medicare, Social Security SSI and prescription seminar from 10-11 a.m.

**April 23rd** - Come and get a free dental exam provided by the local dentists in Alamogordo. Open to anyone ages 60+ from 9-11 a.m.

**April 24th** - Seminar sponsored by Representative Yvette Herrell entitled "Winning in the Second Half." Topics to be covered will be in reference to families being prepared for financial, medical and legal planning in their golden years. Seminar will be held twice once at 1:30 p.m. and again at 5:30 p.m.

**April 26th** - Come and join ASC staff on a day trip to the El Paso Zoo. You must be registered with the Alamo Senior Center to attend. Please call 439-4150 for more information.

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## Message from the Mayor

The City, through the city manager, plans to perform lifesaving measures on the Cottonwoods in Alameda Park with a granular microbial that will absorb the harsh salts from the effluent water used to conserve while watering the parks. If successful, the trees and grass will revitalize within 3 weeks of treatment. No one is cutting down a healthy Cottonwood tree. The order for the miracle microbial has been placed and we hope to have several areas throughout the City treated by late April.

Additionally, I would like to take the opportunity to extend my sincere appreciation for our outgoing interim City Manger, Bob Carter. Mr. Carter has served as an extraordinary leader. During his term, Bob successfully hired many key positions within the City including: a new Finance Director, Police Chief, Library Director and City Engineer. Also under Bob's direction, a Public Information Office was established creating for a better flow of information regarding City initiatives. Mr. Carter helped move important city projects forward, including the Snake Tank project and the clean up of Bonito Lake following the Little Bear fire. Alamogordo is lucky to have had Mr. Carter as a Manager and look to continue his efforts.

Thank you!



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Public Information Office

## Public Library

### "Dig Into Reading"

Children ages birth through age 18 are invited to join the Alamogordo Public Library for our 2013 Summer Reading Program, "Dig Into Reading". The program is completely FREE, and offers activities for all ages, as well as prizes for reading (or for being read to.) There are no minimum requirements - the more you read, the more prizes you can earn, and you can come to as many or as few programs for your age group as you wish.

Registration begins at the library Saturday, May 11, and continues through the summer. Programs begin June 3, and schedules are available at registration.

Anyone finishing 5th grade or higher this year may also sign up to be a volunteer.

### Forest Service

On May 2, the topic is "Wildlife and the Habitat Stamp Program on the Lincoln National Forest." This presentation will be in the Sacramento Room at 6 P.M.

## National Poetry Month

On April 24 the Alamogordo Public Library will be hosting a Poetry Reading from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the Eugene Manlove Rhodes Room. Everyone is invited to share an original poem or a favorite poem by another author.

### Computer Classes

Free introductory computer classes are available for Library Patrons. The library offers beginning level classes on general computer use, Internet use, Microsoft Word and Microsoft Excel. Class size is limited.

### New Mexico's Spanish

### Livestock Heritage

William W. Dunmire will be at the Library on Friday May 4 at 1:00 PM with a presentation about New Mexico's livestock Heritage. Mr. Dunmire is the author of New Mexico's Spanish Livestock Heritage: Four Centuries of Animals, Land, and People and several other books as well. He is an Associate in Biology at the University of New Mexico and a Research Associate at the New Mexico Museum of Natural History & Science.

## Storybook Wall

Come celebrate with us as we mark the 50th anniversary of the Alamogordo Public Library's Storybook Wall, on Saturday, May 11, from 11AM to 4PM.

Half a century ago, area schoolchildren drew pictures of their favorite stories, and submitted them to a committee of ladies led by Maude Rathgeber. These ladies painstakingly transferred the selected drawings to individual tiles, which have graced the wall of the library ever since. Many of the original artists have scattered to the winds, while others have stayed in the Tularosa Basin. Join us as we welcome those who have been able to travel back for the celebration, and help us encourage them to share their memories of Alamogordo then and now. In keeping with that theme, the library will also be showcasing some of the major and minor events in our history, as well as demonstrating some of our newest offerings, such as the Lego Robotics teams, and our new eBook collection. Entertainment and light refreshments will be provided throughout the day.

## Youth Programs

### **Adventure Kamp Summer Program**

"AROUND THE  
WORLD"  
June 3 - August 9  
7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
Monday - Friday  
Ages 4 - 12  
Registration: April 10,  
2013 at 9:00 a.m.  
\* Registration will  
continue during regu-  
lar business hours  
until filled.

### **Tennis Camp**

June 3 - June 19  
9:00a.m.- 10:00 a.m.  
Monday and  
Wednesday  
Ages 7 - 13  
Fee: \$27.50  
Location: Oregon  
Tennis Courts

### **Basketball Camp**

June 24 - July 10  
9:00a.m.-10:00 a.m.  
Monday and  
Wednesday  
Ages 7 - 13  
Fee: \$27.50  
Location: Recreation  
Center Gym

### **Folk Art**

July 23 - August 8  
9:00a.m.- 10:00 a.m.  
Tuesday and  
Thursday  
Ages 5 - 13  
Fee: \$36.00  
Location: Recreation  
Center  
Multi-purpose Room  
For more info on  
these programs call  
439.4142



White Sands Pupfish - Home  
Opener - Tuesday May 14 versus the  
Alpine Cowboys! Come out and  
support the Pecos league.

### **FIRESIDE CHAT**

Join the City Manager Monthly for  
a cup of coffee and a chat about  
what matters most to you! Upcoming Chats:  
April 15th at 5:15pm- Public Works and Streets  
May 9th at 5:30pm - Local Emergency Plan-  
ning. All Chats are at the Public Library.



## Water Reclamation Facility Upgrade – Phase 1

Improvements to the City's Water Reclamation Facility were completed March 27, 2013. This project was the first phase of improvements originally recommended in a study done in 2006 following a Wastewater Master Plan done in 2004.



Reclaimed water is former wastewater that is treated and used in many practical applications to provide for water conservation and sustainability.

The City treats all its wastewater to meet the New Mexico Environmental Department (NMED) requirements for use as irrigation water for large landscaped public areas within the City including the golf course, sports fields, parks, and school grounds as well as use by contractors on construction projects. The plant generates between 1.8 and 2.2 million gallons of reclaimed water daily. Alamogordo is the leading city in New Mexico for the use of reclaimed water, benefiting the environment



and preserving our valuable water supply. This project almost doubled the storage capacity of reclaimed water by adding 2 reservoirs allowing for storage of up to 6.4 million gallons compared to previous capacity of 3.4 million gallons. This increased capacity is critical in the summer months during high demand for irrigation water.



The plant was originally constructed in 1975 then upgraded in 1995. Some rehabilitation of parts of the plant was performed over the years to keep it operational while city leaders developed a plan and voters approved a bond measure to fund the much-needed improvements.



The success of this project is due to a great team effort involving the design firm, Bohannan-Houston out of Las Cruces, the construction company, RMCi out of Albuquerque, plant operators and city staff. The project finished on schedule. The cost was \$10 million.



### WATER RESTRICTIONS

By Ordinance the normal watering schedule from May 1st through November 1st each year allows us to water as follows:

- Odd numbered addresses (street number ends in 1,3,5,7,9) may only water on: SUNDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, & FRIDAYS
- Even numbered addresses (street number ends in 0,2,4,6,8) may only water on: TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS & SATURDAYS
- All outdoor watering must take place BEFORE 9am and AFTER 6pm (This conserves water by reducing evaporation)
- WATERING IS NOT PERMITTED ON MONDAYS. You will find a link to the entire Water Conservation Ordinance on the City's webpage.



## **19<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Earth Day Fair**

April 27, 2013  
9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Alameda Park Zoo

Sponsored by Earth Day Committee and  
Alamogordo's Lions Clubs

## **36th ANNUAL ARMED FORCES DAY & GUS MACKER**



Join us May 18 - 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and May 19 - 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Washington Park to honor our military service personnel from The Army National Guard and Holloman Air Force Base. For registration forms for Gus Macker please go online at [www.macker.com](http://www.macker.com) or for more information please contact the Alamogordo Family Recreation Center at 439-4142.



### **Desert Light Film Festival**

For NM Middle/High Schools  
Will be Held April 19, 2013  
Film Viewing 1:00 to 3:30 pm  
Middle School-Rohovec  
Theater  
High School-The Flickinger  
Center for the Performing Arts  
**FREE** to the Public –Come and  
Support NM Student Filmmakers

