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FIRESIDE CHATS with the City Manager are held on the second Monday of each month. The next one will be **September 8, 2014 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!

A Little Reminder...

The Alamogordo Family Recreation Center Pool will remain closed from August 11th until mid October for renovations.



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CITY PROFILE

The Friendliest Place on Earth

Message from the Mayor

There are many opportunities to participate in community events for the whole family. Here are a few of the upcoming events you'll find me at, and I hope to see you there too!

- **Sept 12th-13th** German Oktoberfest on HAFB (see Chamber of Commerce)
- **Sept 20th-21st** White Sands Balloon Invitational (see Chamber of Commerce)
- **Sept 26th** 4th Friday and Movie Under the Stars, "The Hunger Games: Catching Fire" 7pm at the Zoo
- **October** is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and events will soon be announced
- **Oct 25th** Zoo Boo 9am – See you in costume!
- **Dec 13th** Lady of the Mountain Run (Half marathon, half marathon relay, 10k and 5k run/walk) Let's celebrate the holidays in good health. Get ready now to join me for this running event a few weeks away.

I am working with the City Commission to serve the citizens, visitors, and community partners of Alamogordo. I want to hear from you if you have a need, sgalea@ci.alamogordo.nm.us

~Mayor Galea

Alamogordo Theft and Crime

The Alamogordo Police Department has an on line communications program which allows the police department to alert local business owners to current criminal activity related to retail businesses. The program is called the Alamogordo Theft and Crime Network or ATAC. Each day information pertaining to the local business industry is taken from the police activity log and posted to the website for the members. This includes shoplifter information (including mug shots), counterfeit monies being passed, and any other information that might affect the business owners of our community. The program has been funded for the last five years by donations from businesses such as French Brothers, Severn Trent, Kings Treasure, and VFW 7686. There are currently over 100 members currently in the program. If you are interested in joining or need more information please contact Lieutenant Tracy Corbett at 575-439-4300.

Speed Limits

The City would like to take this opportunity to remind citizens about the importance of Speed Limits. Speed limits are in place as a safety measure. According to the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration, speeding in residential neighborhoods represent the single greatest complain issued to police departments and city council representatives throughout the U.S. and most of the speeders on your street live in the neighborhood. Statistics show that a pedestrian hit at 20 mph has a 95% chance of survival whereas a pedestrian hit at 30 mph has a 55% chance of survival and at 40 mph a person has a 15% chance of survival. With our warm summer nights, children are outside playing or riding bikes and with school beginning again, we have children walking to and from school. We ask that you please slow down in residential areas and in school zones. Obey all posted speed limit signs and please do not text and drive! Let's continue to keep our community safe and look out for each other when we are behind the wheel.

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 July : For more information on any of these, contact the Clerk at 439.4205.

- Affinity, LLC
- All About Gifts
- Bearden Enterprises, Inc
- Britt's Cleaning Services
- By Grace Christian Book Store
- De'Obvious
- Debi's Cleaning Service
- Dei Gratia Real Estate, LLC
- Dr. Cycle / Tire Pratore
- Ground Works
- Iron Made Crossfit
- J & D Sandoval Trucking
- Jim's Props
- Kacie Colorado
- Mary E Sawyers, MA LPCC
- Moni Cakes
- Plan A Painting Services
- Precision Collision Center
- Sarah's Garden Creations
- Store 2 Door
- Western Enterprises, Inc
- Wireless and More

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



Southwest Disposal Holiday Schedule



Labor day: Monday, September 1

Mondays route will be picked up on Tuesday

Tuesdays route will be picked up on Wednesday

Thursday and Friday will remain the same.

Thanksgiving Day: Thursday, November 27

Thursdays route will be picked up on Wednesday

Fridays route will be picked up on Friday

Christmas Day: Thursday, December 25

Thursdays route will be picked up on Wednesday

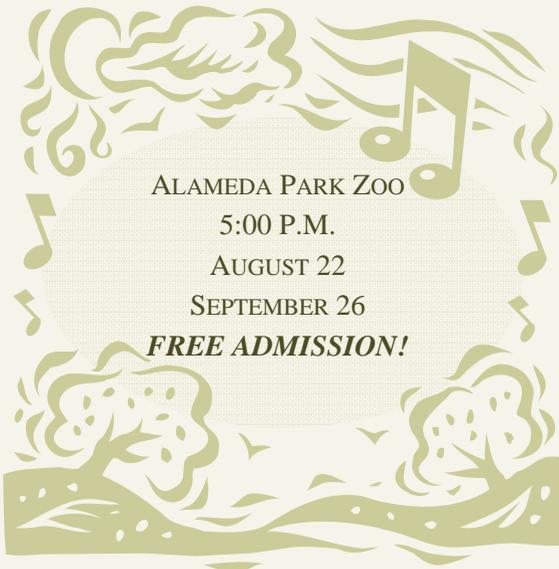
Fridays route will be picked up on Friday

New Years Day: Thursday, January 1, 2015

Thursdays route will be picked up on Wednesday

Fridays route will be picked up on Friday.

FOURTH FRIDAYS!



City Launches New Meter Reading Program

City of Alamogordo Residences & Utility Billing Customers,

The City has launched the Advanced Metering Infrastructure System. The mesh fixed network Automated Meter Reading (AMR) system will utilize the latest technology to automatically collect consumption from water meters for billing, troubleshooting, and analyzing. The AMR system not only allows the City to replace manual meter reading, but will allow the City to provide timely responses to resident inquiries. The system also provides efficient leak detection where immediate notification is possible.

You will see work crews in your areas as they move through the entire system to do the change over. In most cases the water meter will be replaced at the same time the automated meter reading device is installed. There is no cost to the customer. The installation process typically requires 20 minutes and the water will be turned off for that period. Notification will be given to customers within three days prior to installation.

The City's goal is to have the Advanced Metering Infrastructure System completed by December 2014.

Thank you,

City of Alamogordo Customer Service Department

SENIOR CENTER

The Alamo Senior Center is hosting its annual Health Fair on Thursday, September 25. The event will feature over 30 vendors displaying information on health and community opportunities.

The Health Fair is open 9:00 am until 2:00 pm and is open to the public at no charge. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn about prevention and treatment of a number of diseases and injuries. Walgreens Pharmacy will be on hand to offer vaccinations for flu, pneumonia and shingles; other booths will offer blood pressure and oxygen level readings; and, all will provide a wealth of information.

Mark your calendar now for this event that's sure to be as exciting as it will be educational.

Alamogordo Public Library

Ahoy mateys! Mark your calendars for **September 19th** at the Alamogordo Public Library for **International Talk Like a Pirate day**. We'll have activities for all ages (even adults) and you can show off your best pirate costume and accent.



Don't speak pirate? Never fear, it may not stave off scurvy but **Mango**, our language learning software online offers lessons in pirate speak along with 62 other languages that you can learn online. See our web page or ask at the library details!

GARDEN TIPS

from Becky at Lowe's Grocery Store:

At last, rain! Alas, weeds! It is agonizing to see how prolific weeds are with just a little rain, while we struggled to keep our gardens alive and looking good with lots of water, hard labor, and TLC.

County fair time arrived and I had nothing to enter because I planted so late. I did regret disposing of my Killer Tomato Worm—it was so big I could have entered it in the livestock division and it would have won. Oh well, I would have looked silly leading it around the show ring with a string.

For those who enjoy planting seeds, remember that many perennial and biannual seeds can be planted in the fall. The seed packs usually recommend when to plant, many suggest two months before first frost. Our spring weather gets hot too soon, so by planting in the fall, the plants have time to develop tap roots and top growth. California poppies, hollyhocks, bee balm, blue flax, and columbines are a few of the flowering plants that can be planted in the fall.

Also, some vegetable seeds such as beets, carrots, chard, and peas can be planted about the second week of August. Radishes, leaf lettuces, and spinach can be planted about the end of August or first of September. They should mature before first frost.

Cool weather vegetable plants are starting to come in. These include broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, kales, lettuces, chards, and other veggies. They should be planted about the second week of August. Remember to amend your garden soil with organic composts before planting.

And now, back to my favorite flower, the rose. After deadheading, trimming, fertilizing, Super Thrive, and those lovely rains, the roses are starting to perk up. New growth is showing and buds are starting to form, promising a lovely fall bloom. And for those who dislike roses because of their thorns, here is a quote by Alphonse Karr: "Some people grumble that roses have thorns; I am grateful that thorns have roses."