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FIRESIDE CHATS with the City Manager are held on the second Monday of each month. The next one will be **July 14, 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!



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CITY PROFILE

The Friendliest Place on Earth

Message from the Mayor

If you've noticed a lot of orange cones around the city, you're not alone. Many citizens are asking, "why all at once?" The funding for these current projects will retire with an expiring bond at the end of this year. These projects cannot be done with the same funding in the next year, and in effort to maximize the full potential of a citizen approved bond for construction projects, we will temporarily drive through multiple construction zones.

The work on White Sands Blvd is being done by NMDOT until June 27 and it is a repaving project from Glacier to the Panorama.

A list of City construction projects and their schedule have been provided by, Jason Thomas, City engineer:

- Pecan/Indian Wells Intersection 8/26/13 - 1/23/14
- North Florida Repaving 12/30/14 - 7/12/14
- Panorama/Hamilton Intersection 4/07/14 - 8/05/14
- Pecan Drive Extension to Fairgrounds Road 3/31/14 - 9/08/14
- 10th St / White Sands Rt Turn Lane 5/05 - 8/03/14
- Washington/1st Street Intersection 5/12/14 - 11/08/14
- Street Paving Prep - Scenic and Fairgrounds 6/02/14 - 9/01/14
- *Street Paving - Scenic, Fairgrounds, Washington 7/01/14-10/01/14

*Fairgrounds paving will not interfere with 2014 County Fair

Please join me in being patient with all the construction zones, and those personnel and contractors working to serve us all with improved infrastructure.

Thank you,

Susie Galea, Mayor

Fireworks!



Fourth of July is almost upon us and that means Fireworks! However, not all of the fireworks that are sold within the County are legal for use within the City of Alamogordo. Fireworks that travel more than ten feet into the air or that produce an explosion louder than a paper cap pistol are prohibited within the City limits. It is illegal to sell, possess, transport or discharge these types of fireworks within the City. Examples include sky rockets, bottle rockets, helicopters, spinners, roman candles, mines and shells and firecrackers. Setting off fireworks in the City is prohibited except from June 20 to July 8, December 28 to January 3, May 2 to 7 and three days preceding and including Chinese New Year and the two days following that date. The following are some safety tips from the US Consumer Product Safety Commission's website at www.cpsc.gov

- Never allow children to play with or ignite fireworks
- Read and follow all warnings and instructions on the package
- Be sure other people are out of range before lighting fireworks
- Only light fireworks on a smooth, flat surface away from houses, dry leaves or other flammable materials
- Never try to relight fireworks that have not fully functioned
- Keep a bucket of water available in case of a malfunction or fire

The safest way of course to enjoy fireworks on the 4th is to observe the program at the New Mexico Museum of Space History. The show begins around 9:00 pm and is always fabulous!

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

- All About Gifts
- Angelica Martinez Photography
- Arana Paionting
- Camille Ray Photography
- Cottonwood Birth Services
- Doug Messer Company
- Dynamic Development Strength
- Dynamix PT
- El Zarape Restaurant
- Grow Big or Grow Home
- Johnny V Customs
- Mack's Technology Services
- Mendoza Const.
- Partners in Grime
- Pediatrics of Alamogordo Downtown
- Reliable LLC
- Sweet, Luscious & Chocolicious
- Thomas's Appliance Service

OTERO COUNTY FAIR AND RODEO

Come out and celebrate the 75th year of the Otero County Fair and Rodeo August 13-16 2014. The Otero County Fair and Rodeo is the largest event in Otero County. It is 3 fun filled days with Livestock Shows, Rodeos, Food, Carnival, and Exhibits. The fun begins on Wednesday night at 5 PM when the exhibit building opens. You may go to the website at otero-fair.com to download the fairbook. The Otero County Fair Parade will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, August 9th, from the corner of 10th Street and Oregon Avenue, and will proceed down 10th Street to New York Avenue. Entry forms may be obtained from the Fair Office located at 401 Fairgrounds Rd.

Aqua Zumba is back!



SPECIAL FRIDAY CLASS!
ZUMBA
HEAT UP THE POOL PARTY
WELCOME BACK!
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ZUMBA POOL PARTY!
Special Friday Class! June 6th @4:30PM
We're bringing back Aqua Zumba® with a splash! Snacks will be served after an exhilarating and refreshing Aqua Zumba® workout. Bring a friend!
Regular classes: \$2 PER CLASS
MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS 5:30PM-6:30PM
TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS 6AM-7AM At the Alamogordo Family Recreational Center Pool 100 Oregon Ave.
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Family Recreation and Community Services

Camp Cottonwood

June 2, 2014- August 8, 2014

Monday- Friday Ages 4- 12

LIMITED SPOTS ARE STILL AVAILABLE!!

For questions please contact AFRC at 439- 4142

Summer Swim Lessons

Session 2: June 24 - July 10, 2014

Registration begins June 18, 2014

Session 3: July 14 - July 31, 2014

Registration begins July 9, 2014

Cost per session: \$50.50

(\$2.00 Additional Child Discount)

CLASSES ARE HELD MONDAY-THURSDAY

Basketball Camp

July 7- July 23, 2014

9:00 A.M.- 10:00 A.M.

Monday and Wednesday

Ages 7- 13

Fee: \$27.50

Location: AFRC Gym



Swim Clinic

July 12 and 13

9:00 A.M.- 1:00 P.M.

Saturday and Sunday

Ages 8- up

Fee: \$27.50

Location: AFRC Pool



FOURTH FRIDAYS!



Independence Day Parade

Friday July 4th - parade begins at 10am

Route - South from Recreation Center at 12th and Oregon, East on 10th Street to New York Ave.

Theme - "Made In America"

Categories - float, motorized non-float, non-motorized/non-musical, fire truck, animal and musical

Prizes awarded in each category for: Creativity, Best Decorated, Overall Appearance

Parade registration - contact Jason Richards

(575) 439-4250 or

jrichards@ci.alamogordo.nm.us



GARDEN TIPS

from Becky at Lowe's Grocery Store:
"If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need."—Cicero. This quote really struck home to me. We have been 'blessed' with many time saving devices: automatic washers (car, clothes or dish), everything at our fingertips to save time and energy, but we still do not seem to have enough time for gardening or reading. Gardening should not be classified as a chore, something we have to do, but as a present, a gift that gives us so many different benefits. It provides physical exercise, stress relief, beauty, and healthy edible fruits and vegetables. It teaches us patience, and occasionally rewards us for that patience with a better crop than our neighbors' crops, and gives us a chance to talk and share our 'garden secrets.' Summer seems to have arrived, along with hot dry winds; we never have a seasonal spring. Hopefully, most of our gardens have been planted. Here are a few tips on watering, mulching, and fertilizing that may help sustain a fruitful and healthy garden. Water slowly, deeply, and consistently. Watering to a depth of 4 to 8 inches encourages the growth of deep roots. Do not let the soil become very dry and then sopping wet. This stops and starts plant growth and results in poor yields. Water your garden early in the morning. There is lower evaporative moisture loss when the temperature is cool and the air is still. Mulching has multiple benefits. It helps reduce loss of soil moisture by cooling and shading the ground, and helps prevent clay soils from crusting, allowing for thorough watering. It reduces the population of greedy weeds that steal water and nutrients from your plants. Mulches also add nutrients and can be tilled into the soil in the fall. Healthy plants tolerate a drought better, so side-dressings of fertilizers will help nurture your plants as they begin to blossom and produce. Some good fertilizers are fish and kelp emulsion mixes, manure teas, or a blooming and rooting mixture. Take time to enjoy your garden. Turn off the TV, and shut off the phone. Sit in the shade of a tree, read a book, and watch your garden grow.