

City Leadership

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FIRESIDE CHATS with the City Manager are held on the second Monday of each month. **DUE TO BUDGET HEARINGS, THE MAY 12th CHAT IS CANCELLED.** The next one will be **June 9, 2014 at 5:30 PM** in the Southwest Room of the Alamogordo Public Library. See you there!



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CITY PROFILE

The Friendliest Place on Earth

Message from the Mayor

I am grateful to have the opportunity to serve you as the City Commission prepares to adopt the 2015 fiscal year budget. We are dedicated and working with the city staff that have prepared a very lean budget, which provides the same level of services you've long enjoyed in Alamogordo.

I understand the challenges that businesses, people, and families in Alamogordo face as we work to grow while not spending more than we earn. How do we do more with less while obtaining growth that leads to greater prosperity? Simply, we need to work together to become even more resourceful and to embrace a regional approach. We've become like nomads in our beautiful basin instead of a destination and hub for high wage jobs, which would help improve our local economy and quality of life for everyone.

I believe that the current structure can no longer survive. Growth requires the investment of more than money, let our efforts be toward one goal for our common good. A quote from William Jenkins (politician) applies especially now, "Regionalism presented some obstacles in the past, ... But the boundaries are beginning to disappear and we have this wonderful, intellectual synergism."

With the synergy of cooperative individual, business, military, and political relations, we are in the best position to realize opportunities and develop successes beyond potential. It's time to communicate and work better together. I am committed to Alamogordo's success.

Susie A. Galea

Great American Clean Up Thank you

Dear Volunteer!

I wanted to take some time to thank you for your efforts in helping us preserve, beautify and repair Kids Kingdom on May 3rd, 2014. With your help, we were able to spread 120 cubic yards of playground chips, apply 42 gallons of waterproofing and repair three tables and their associated shades along with a fixed bench. Also, seven bags of litter were removed from the playground area. Seventy-three volunteers and eight city staff were involved in the project which we would call a successful effort.

When the park construction was completed in 1995, it took a community to put it together and almost 20 years later, the same can be said about this project. It warmed my heart seeing all involved and the pride and effort everyone put into the work.

Although much was accomplished, when you have a structure that is made of materials that degrade, it is a continual effort to repair and preserve it. The ultimate goal is to completely replace the current structure with low-maintenance, child-safe materials while preserving the integrity of the artistic and unique style of the playground.

It took a community to build Kids Kingdom. It took a community to repair, beautify and preserve Kids Kingdom. It will take a community to rebuild Kids Kingdom. A foundation will be created soon for the rebuilding effort and I encourage you to spread the word about how important a project is to Alamogordo and this landmark.

Thanks again for all of your help. You did a great job!

Sincerely,
Jason M. Richards
Keep Alamogordo Beautiful Coordinator

New Businesses

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

- A & A Cleaning Service
- Alamogordo Youth Football League
- Alley Cats Enterprises
- Anesthesia Physicians of NM
- Brothers Design
- Carma Chisam Photography LLC
- Courvoisier Law, LLC
- Elycia's
- Falcon Electric Sys. Co.
- Grow Big or Grow Home
- Jim's Lawn Service
- John Gulley
- Kenneth Childress, DDS, PC
- La Frontera Center, Inc.
- Moore's Auto Sales
- Ms. Lily's by M&M
- Partners in Grime
- Regional Finance Co. of NM
- Reiki Energy for You
- Reliable LLC
- Sanchez Detailing
- Southern Lights Tattoo Co.
- Stefan Lynch Construction
- The Razors Edge

YOUR PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Alamo Public Library hosts "Lincoln Live" on the first Thursday of each month (except July.) Join personnel from the Lincoln National Forest in the Sacramento Room at the library for engaging talks and demonstrations on a wide variety of topics. The programs begin at 6:00 p.m. and are appropriate for all ages. Please call the library reference desk for more information 439-4148.

- **June 5:** *Railroads of the Lincoln National Forest*
- **August 7:** *Happy 70th Birthday Smokey Bear*
- **September 4:** *Outdoor Photography*
- **October 2:** *Dissecting Owl Pellets*
- **November 6:** *Plants & Pollinators of the Lincoln National Forest*



Registration for the Alamo Public Library's Summer Reading Program is ongoing. The program is free for children birth through age 18, and offers prizes and programs throughout June and July. Call 439-4157 for information.

Noise Ordinance



With the weather warming up we find ourselves outside more, we encourage folks to remember the Noise Ordinance adopted by the City. Specifically Section 6 which addresses noise from car stereos that can be heard from more than 50 feet away from the vehicle. Do not be caught unaware, officers are enforcing this

Family Recreation and Community Services

Camp Cottonwood

June 2, 2014- August 8, 2014
Monday- Friday Ages 4- 12
Registration began April 11, 2014, But SPOTS ARE STILL AVAILABLE!!
For questions please contact AFRC at 439- 4142

Summer Swim Lessons

Session 1: June 2 - June 19, 2014
Registration open now

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



Tennis Camp

June 9- June 25, 2014
9:00 A.M.- 10:00 A.M.
Monday and Wednesday
Ages 7- 13
Fee: \$27.50
Location: Oregon Tennis Courts



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



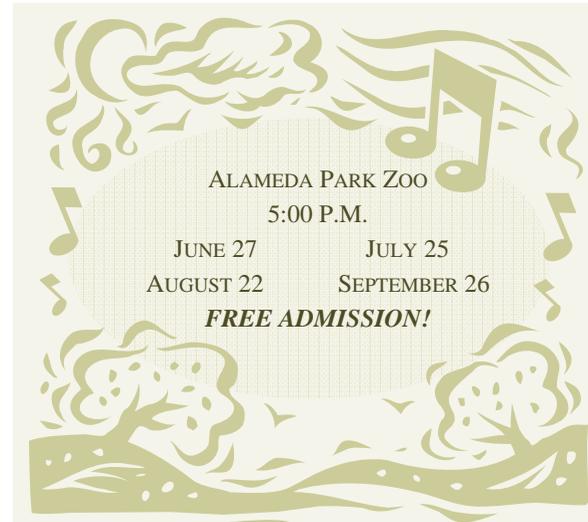
Swim Clinic

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!



ALAMEDA PARK ZOO
5:00 P.M.

JUNE 27 JULY 25
AUGUST 22 SEPTEMBER 26

FREE ADMISSION!

GARDEN TIPS

from Becky at Lowe's Grocery Store:

Once again our New Mexico weather is being fickle, warm one day, cold the next, and then those days of brutal winds. What can a gardener do?

For those who have gardened here for many years, the weather variables are normal, but for those from clement regions, gardening here is a daunting challenge. We have to remember the nature of our plants. For example, some of the Solanaceae species, tomatoes, peppers, and eggplants, are warm weather plants. The daytime temperatures have to be over 60° F for growth and above 50° F at night. Gardeners who plant early have to be prepared to cover or move their plants inside if a freeze seems likely.

Read the labels on vegetable plants to see what their traits are, and choose plants that will fit your conditions. If you have nematodes, look for plants that have 'N' resistance. Many of the tomato and pepper labels list resistances to multiple diseases, and if these diseases have caused problems in the past, choose a variety that shows that resistance. The ripening date tells how many days are needed from transplanting to harvest. For those gardeners with shorter growing days, choose varieties that list lower numbers, such as Early Girl. Many of the heirloom varieties need longer days, some as much as 120 days.

Fluctuations in watering can contribute to inconsistent and poor fruiting. One way to help control dryness is using mulch. Two to four inches of mulch around the base of plants extending across their root area will help prevent the moisture from evaporating, cool the soil, and suppress weed growth. When mulching, pull the mulch about four inches away from the plant's stem; too much moisture against the plant's base can cause rot.

Contrary to gardening folk lore, you do not have to have a green thumb to be a successful gardener. Success comes with practice. And let's admit it, work and experience. Remember that old poem, 'if at first you don't succeed, try, try again'. Roll your sleeves up, get your hands dirty, talk to your plants, and then enjoy the fruits of your labor.