

City Leadership

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A Little Reminder...

Convenience Center Times changed in November. Hours are from 8am-4pm Monday to Thursday and 8am - 5pm Friday to Sunday.

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



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Message from the Mayor

Join us with holiday cheer as the City of Alamogordo, along with the Chamber of Commerce, proudly host the second annual holiday and Christmas tree lighting. Feel free to bring an ornament you would like to decorate our twenty five foot community tree with. Hot chocolate will be available for purchase and a choir of carols will encourage us all to sing-along! This fun event will take place Friday, December 12th at 5:30pm at the Airborne Memorial Park (West side corner of White Sands Blvd and 10th St.) So bundle up in something warm and come trim the tree with us!

On behalf of the Alamogordo City Commission, we hope to see you there.

~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 October:

- A Bit of Everything 575-446-9635 (CORRECTION)
- Cara Lee Haraden, Avon 435-896-8200 (CORRECTION)
- B & B Full Yard Services 575-415-3066
- Blackforest Fire Group Landscaping 575-921-7840
- Christina Freelance 575-551-4106
- CMH Enterprises Auto Detail 575-202-1361
- David's Cuts & Details Lawn care 575-921-4191
- De Barr Arts 575-491-0987
- Elite Fit Cross Training, LLC 575-446-1191
- Jackson Adult Counseling Services 575-430-9663
- Jean's Clean Sweep 575-430-6320
- Kendall Turner Photography 830-822-8739
- Lefevre Masonry Inc 575-437-6932
- Professional Detailing Automotive 505-818-0873
- S & R Cleaning 575-443-4366
- Shockwave Productions DJ 575-491-9544
- Zumba Instructor Gabriele 575-430-1981

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 (3), Cemetery Board (1), Community Development Advisory Committee (3), Senior Volunteer Programs Advisory Council (3) and Housing Authority Board (1). 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 further information.

ONLINE BILL PAY!

Many of our customers are still not aware of the bill pay that is available to them online. If you are new to the area or still have not signed up, visit our website at ci.alamogordo.nm.us and click on the "online bill pay" link at the top left of the page. Have your bill available when you sign up. It's that easy.



CODE ENFORCEMENT Q & A

Residents often call in with questions concerning the code and what they must do to comply. The following discussion is one such question. If you have a question, please don't hesitate to contact us. You might find your question in the next City Profile!!

Q: I understand that I am responsible for maintaining the weeds and grass inside my yard, but I have also heard that I am responsible for outside my property line. Could you clarify?

A: You are correct; property owners are responsible for specific areas outside their property lines. The ordinance requires the property owner to maintain the area between the back of the curb to the center of the alley. This includes taking care of weeds and grass that may grow in the sidewalk area, and trimming trees that are between the sidewalk and the street.

Q: What if I don't have any curb on my street?

A: If you don't have a curb, the property owner is responsible for maintaining ten feet (10') outside the property line toward the street. You **DO NOT** have to maintain 10' outside the property line into the neighbor's private property.

Q: I have a block wall behind my property and have no gate out to the back. Must I still maintain the alley or 10' outside the fence?

A: Yes. If there is a dedicated road or alleyway behind the fence, the property owner is still responsible. Any areas that may be dangerous to maintain such as deep drainage canals would not be your responsibility, the city will take care of that. If you are in doubt, please call us first at Code Enforcement, we're here to help you. Email us at codeenforcement@ci.alamogordo.nm.us or call at 43WEEDS (439-3337).

Community Calendar

DO YOU HAVE AN ITEM FOR THE CALENDAR?

Let us know if you have a nonprofit event that would be of interest to City of Alamogordo Residents, and we'll consider it for inclusion in the calendar. Deadline for the November Newsletter is November 2, 2014. Remember some residents do not receive their Profile until the end of a month so in November we need your December or January events.

Saturday, November 22

St John's Autumn Market

St. John's Episcopal Church 1114 Indiana Ave 9am-4pm. Vendors, Crafts, Antiques and food!

Saturday, December 6

Christmas Craft Fair

Fellowship Hall of First Presbyterian Church 14th and Oregon from 9am-3pm. Gift and Crafts and Pasole for lunch!

Saturday, December 13

Lady of the Mountain Half Marathon

HM Relay, 10k, 5k - 8am start
Registration at www.ladyofthemountainrun.com

Saturday, December 13

Alamogordo Chamber's Parade of Lights

"A Wild West Christmas"

Parade begins at 5pm and runs west on 10th St from Oregon to New York.

City Offices will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday on Thursday, November 27th and Friday, November 28th. Additionally we will close for the Christmas Holiday on Thursday December 25th.

Southwest Disposal schedule for the remaining Holidays:

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



Alamogordo's small businesses are major providers of your everyday needs and services. When you choose to shop small businesses locally, you make a huge impact in your community, turning dreams into reality. Your choices help create jobs in our town, where you and your neighbors can enjoy a better quality of life. More local sales means more in local taxes which helps to fund better city services, roads and city parks. You make a difference when you Shop Small and Shop Local, every day of the year, and especially during this holiday season.

Gardening Tip

from Becky at Lowe's Grocery Store:

As we start pulling out and putting on our layers of sweaters and coats, the trees and shrubs are taking theirs off, and rudely tossing them to the ground. Where are their manners?

Think of these leaves as the final harvest gift of the year instead of messy litter. If you are planting a garden next year, till the leaves in with compost and manure into your garden plot. Keep it moistened and the leaves will decompose by planting season. You can also mulch plants with leaves and pine needles, or start a compost pile, which will need to be turned and moistened periodically. Warning: do not compost leaves that have been affected with fungi, viruses, or bacteria.

If diseases such as mildew, black spot, shot hole disease, or pests like aphids, mealy bugs, and mites have affected some of your trees or roses, November is a good time to start controlling them. Mark the plants that had problems, and when they start dropping their leaves, rake up the litter and discard it. Remove damaged twigs, mummified fruit, and old flower pods. After the plant is cleaned, mix up and spray dormant oil on it. Lime-Sulfur or a copper fungicide can be mixed with it to help suppress fungi. The oil coats and suffocates pests and eggs that are hidden in the bark and branches of the plants. Another spray should be done in December, and a last spray prior to bud break. Do not spray plants that do not have problems, and do not use sulfur on apricots.

Bulbs, pansies, and most perennial plants can still be planted. Any potted plants that you want to take in should be done before freeze. To prevent that unpleasant swarm of gnats and other unwanted creepy-crawlies, it is best to remove the plant from its old pot, and re-pot it in a clean pot with fresh soil.

Evening walks in November are refreshing. The brush of cold, the whiff of smoke from fireplaces, and the aromatic fragrance of quinces and apples drifting in the air makes this month one of my favorite months.