

City Leadership

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A Little Reminder...

Convenience Center Times change on November 2nd. Hours will be 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 **November 10, 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

Did you know that shopping locally and supporting your small community businesses not only helps local merchants but also allows for more of your money to remain in our community. This money then supports services like the Alamogordo Family Recreation Center, the Alamogordo Public Library and community parks and athletic fields used for youth sports. Many of the aspects we consider as adding to the quality of life here in Alamogordo are funded in part by shopping local.

As the holiday season approaches, I encourage you all to shop small and stay local. In this small way you will help continue to fund the great array of services that you have come to expect from your community. Participate in Small Business Saturday, November 29, 2014!

Thank you

~Mayor 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 September:

- A Bit of Everything 575-430-0558
- Agape Granite Work LLC 575-491-5671
- Alpha's Landscaping & Beyond 575-491-4375
- AMP Fitness 334-595-1666
- Antiques, Collectibles & Stuff 575-491-4514
- Blackforest Fire Ground 575-921-7840
- Brother's Distributing LLC 575-430-2828
- Campus Deli & Café 575-551-1060
- Cara Lee Haraden, Independent 435-896-8200
- Catfish Enterprises 575-446-8636
- Cowboys Steakhouse 575-740-4594
- Desert View Mobile Home Park 818-517-4515
- Grammie C Home Care 518-265-0739
- Into Focus Photography 575-430-5489
- J & B Lawn Care 575-415-8486
- JH Landscaping 575-921-2931
- Keith's Towing & Automotive 931-538-5777
- Khameleon Inc 888489-7948
- King Financial Solutions 575-446-4512
- Larocque Custom Tile 575-439-7471
- Massage by Debbie 575-442-9132
- MC Landscaping 575-805-3652
- Perfection Detailing 575-434-2234
- Susan Morrison Speech Therapy 575-439-6757
- Top Dog Landscaping & Yard Care 575-317-5918

Water Restrictions Lifted

The water restrictions that began on May 1 as a part of our conservation ordinance will be lifted starting November 1, 2014. Even though there are no longer specific restrictions as to the times and days you are allowed to water, the City asks residents to still exercise caution and continue to conserve where and when they can.

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 (2), Senior Volunteer Programs Advisory Council (3). 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.

COMMISSION MEETINGS LIVE!

You can now listen to the City Commission meetings online! Simply visit the City Clerk's page on the City Website. Click on the "meetings" link and listen to meetings beginning with the September 9, 2014 Meeting.

Update-Fixed Network Automated Reading System

The City of Alamogordo has completed approximately 1/3 of the new meter installations with the new reading technology. Crews are working diligently to complete the installations without causing any inconvenience to the customer.

The water meter replacement program will allow the City of Alamogordo to capture lost consumption caused by older, slow, and sometimes dead meters. The entire City will benefit from the efficient system. The system recognizes in a timelier manner; i.e. leaks, dead meters, and illegal consumption, etc.

This system also has the ability to notify customers by phone or through email. We would like to update customer phone numbers and email addresses so we can add them to our email and call list for water outages and local emergencies. You can email updated information and include your name and account number to coacis@ci.alamogordo.nm.us or you can call us at 575-439-4260.

Thank you,
City of Alamogordo
Customer Service Department

Alamo Senior Center

The Alamo Senior Center will be hosting a trick-or-treat for all children on Friday, October 31st, from 10:15 am - 11:15 am in the Senior Center Dining Room.

The Alamo Senior Center is located at 2201 Puerto Rico Avenue, just off Indian Wells. For more information, please call 439-4150.

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, October 25 - Zoo Boo

Alameda Park Zoo 9am-12pm

Candy, Costume Contest

(several categories \$25 prize per category)

Friday, October 31 - Trick Or Treat at City Hall

Bring the little ones down from 9 to 3 to trick or treat at various offices in City Hall.

Saturday, November 1 Turkey Shoot

Recreation Center 1pm-5pm

Saturday, November 1 Grace United Methodist Women's Annual Christmas Bazaar

Fellowship Hall of Grace United Methodist Church

Corner of Cuba and 16th from 8am - 2pm

Christmas gifts galore, plants, collectibles, cinnamon rolls, lunch items, treats to take home and the United Methodist Women's famous peanut brittle.

November 8 (9a-6p) and 9th (12p-4p)

Christmas Craft and Variety Show

Civic Center - Free Admission

Local variety holiday acts, craft vendors, delicious food, Toys for Tots drive, Santa Claus, and kids craft table

Saturday, December 13

Lady of the Mountain Half Marathon

HM Relay, 10k, 5k - 8am start

Registration at www.ladyofthemountainrun.com

City Offices will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday on Thursday, November 27th and Friday, November 28th.

The Southwest Disposal schedule for the Thanksgiving Day Holiday is as follows:
Thursday's route (Nov. 27) will be picked up on Wednesday (Nov. 26)
Friday's route will be picked up on Friday (Nov. 28)

ELECTIONS

Election Day is Tuesday, November 4th and voting will be held 7 am to 7 pm.

Election Day Voting will be held in Alamogordo at the three Voting Convenience Centers.

- Willie Estrada Civic Center
- Tays Special Events Center
- Otero County Fairgrounds

In Tularosa, voters go to Tularosa Public Safety.

Rural Area Precincts will all be open.

If you want to find out if you are registered to vote, or you're not sure who you can vote for, contact the County Clerk's Office for a sample ballot. To request an absentee ballot call 437-4942 or go to our webpage @ co.otero.nm.us.

Gardening Tip

from Becky at Lowe's Grocery Store:

You can tell summer has ended and autumn has arrived just by the scent of roasting chili.

October is the perfect month for planting perennials. The days are warm, which keeps the soil warm, and promotes good root growth. The shorter days and cooler nights slow top growth and prepare the plants for their winter rest. A good compost worked into the soil, and a regular watering schedule will get new plants off to a good start. This might sound repetitive, but we have to water in the winter if we want healthy plants.

Speaking of healthy plants: stroll through your garden and make a list of plants that you had trouble getting to thrive. Each year I eliminate plants that did not grow to my satisfaction. Sometimes the plants do not like the soil or the exposure where they are planted, and no matter what measures are taken, they do not live. And I have found, to my mortification, some plants do not like me. Have you ever heard of a person who cannot grow marigolds or hollyhocks?

October is a beautiful month. Leaves are starting to turn, and pumpkins, ornamental corn and gourds are arriving, all the ingredients for colorful displays. Spring blooming bulbs should be planted now; plant cool season bloomers such as pansies, stock, and mums around them. Just remember or mark the areas where bulbs are planted so you don't dig them up or disturb them.

Enjoy October as a transition period between the relentless hot summer of garden care, and the hectic preparation of the coming winter holiday season. Take some time off for yourself and watch the leaves turn. And do not think about having to rake them.