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## City of Alamogordo

### CITY PROFILE

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#### **City Offices Will be Closed**

**Monday January 21st**

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**Monday February 18th**

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### Message from the Mayor

"The City Commission is seeking experienced applicants, to fill the position of the city manager, until March 1, 2013. On behalf of the Commission, I want to thank Mr. Bob Carter for the opportunity and privilege we have to extend his contract as the interim city manager for 5 months. We are grateful that since he has arrived the positions have been filled of the human resources manager, grant coordinator, finance director, police chief, and incoming engineer. At this time in our City's history, there are many new department directors, the Commission is comprised of many newly elected officials, and the upcoming 2013-2014 budget will require a city manager of the all-embracing expertise that Mr. Carter has. As it is in the best interest of the City, Mr. Carter will lead through the preliminary budget hearings in April, and the Commission will seek to hire a new city manager of similar and utmost expertise. The paramount level of service to all citizens is of the greatest importance to the City Commission as we continue the search for a city manager. We work to serve the citizens of Alamogordo, and will do so diligently."

## Main Street USA Public Information Session

The City of Alamogordo is exploring the possibility of taking part in the Main Street USA program. This program creates a public/private partnership to assist local merchants and property owners in a specified, limited geographic area in renovating and revitalizing a business district. The partnership is one in which the private sector takes the lead, with the support and technical assistance of the local government and the Main Street New Mexico program. Representatives from the New Mexico Department of Economic Development (which operates the program in New Mexico) will be holding a public information session to explain the benefits and costs of this program. The session will be **Wednesday, February 6, 2013 at 6:00 PM** at the Willie Estrada Civic Center located at 800 E 1st Street. All members of the public and the City's business community are encouraged to attend the meeting. There will be a presentation on the structure of the program, and an opportunity to ask questions and/or raise issues that need to be addressed if this program goes forward. We particularly encourage merchants or property owners in the historic downtown of Alamogordo (8th to 12th Streets, White Sands to Indiana/Maryland Aves.) to attend.

If you would like more information please call Marc South at 575.439.4231 or email [msouth@ci.alamogordo.nm.us](mailto:msouth@ci.alamogordo.nm.us)

## Alamogordo Public Library

### 2013 Adult Reading Challenge

The Friends of the Alamogordo Public Library have decided to shake things up by re-vamping the annual Adult Reading Challenge with you, the reader, benefitting! Starting Thursday, January 3rd, read as much as you can with the ending date being Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup>. The difference this year is that you will count the number of pages read (rather than the number of books). So, if you have been anxious to read Marcel Proust's, *In Search of Lost Time*, (which holds the Guinness Book of World Records for longest novel at 4,211 pages) but thought you'd have to wait until March, you are in luck! It will count the same as several shorter books of the same page count! The other big news is that the prize for the overall "most pages read" winner will be an Amazon Kindle e-book reader! Other top readers will receive gift cards. Books read for the Adult Reading Challenge **must** be checked out (at least overnight) from the Alamogordo Public Library. Pick up an entry form starting Thursday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> at the circulation desk. Then check out your books and start reading!

Read more about the FOL and their activities at [www.folbookworm.com](http://www.folbookworm.com) or on Facebook "Friends of the Alamogordo Public Library".

## Family Rec Center

### Session 8 Swimming Lessons

January 28 - February 22, 2013

Registration January 23, 2013

Class will be held Friday, February 22, 2013

Fee: \$30.75 per child



### Pee Wee Soccer Spring 2013

Ages 3-8      Fee: \$36.00

Registration: January 30, 2013

Practice begins: March 4, 2013

First Game: March 16, 2013

\*A copy of the child's birth certificate is required for first time participants at time of Registration for all youth sports!

For more information please call 439-4142

## Car Seat Fitting Stations

The Alamogordo Department of Public Safety will be conducting Car Seat Fitting Stations every third Saturday of each month.

The Car Seat Fitting Stations will be held at Fire Station #7 located at 2010 Oregon Avenue between 9:00am & 12:00pm. Every Car Seat inspection takes approximately twenty to thirty minutes so an appointment is required. For questions or to make an appointment please call Officer Bobby Pacheco at 575- 439-4178.

## Alamo Senior Center

### Senior Volunteer Programs To Assist Local Needy Children

The Alamogordo Senior Volunteer Programs are collaborating with Love, INC in their weekend backpack program that supplies needy school-aged children with non-perishable food items to hold them through the weekend.

Nearly 200 children in Otero County leave school on Friday and may not have a nutritious meal the entire weekend. Their only means of sustenance comes from the school breakfasts and lunches. Love, INC. provides school counselors with the donated backpacks filled with non-perishable food items that are discreetly given to the students every Friday afternoon. On Monday morning the backpacks are returned to Love, INC. and set aside for replenishing the next weekend.

Starting the month of January, the Senior Volunteer Programs office (located in the north wing of the Alamo Senior Center, at 2201 Puerto Rico) will have a drop box located in their reception area where you can donate food items such as individual servings of tuna and crackers, dried fruit, fruit juices...non-perishable items that will easily fit into a backpack.

The Alamogordo Senior Volunteer Programs have adopted this initiative in conjunction with the MLK Day of Service, an effort headed up by the Corporation of National and Community Service. Our support of the Love, INC weekend backpack program will continue throughout the remaining school year.

We hope to see our drop box brimming with good, nutritious items that will certainly bring a smile to the face of a needy child in Alamogordo. For information, please call 439-4154.



### Valentine's Day Dinner and Dance

The Alamo Senior Center will hold its Valentine's Dinner & Dance February 14, 2013. Dinner will be held from 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM with the dance following from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM. Music provided by SELMO. Suggested donation for the dinner is \$5.00 for seniors and \$8.60 for those under sixty. The Dance will be \$4.00.

We look forward to seeing you there!

### Valentine Bake/Gift Sale

The Senior Companion and Foster Grandparent Programs are having their annual Valentine's Day Bake/Gift Sale on February 14, 2013 from 9 A.M. to 1 P.M. at the Alamo Senior Center located at 2201 Puerto Rico Avenue and First National Bank located 414 10<sup>th</sup> Street.

All proceeds will go to help the Foster Grandparent and Senior Companion volunteers with their activity expenses. Baked goods are provided by the Retired and Senior Volunteer Programs (RSVP) bakers.



## Alamogordo Public School Virtual Academy Connecting Students to Their Success...

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- Learn at your own pace – go faster when you are able, and move slower when you need to
- Flexible, interactive online courses
- Our online courses are aligned to New Mexico standards
- If registered as a full time student, absolutely NO COST to you!

For more information, contact Dr. Jann Hunter at (575) 812-6034 or visit our website at: [www.aps4kids.org](http://www.aps4kids.org).