

## City Leadership

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### A Little Reminder...

The Alamogordo Family Recreation Center Pool will remain closed until mid October for updates and renovations.

**FIRESIDE CHATS** with the City Manager are held on the second Monday of each month. The next one will be **October 13, 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 of Alamogordo

### CITY PROFILE

*The Friendliest Place on Earth*

### Message from the Mayor

Extra Mile America is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that empowers people to "go the extra mile." They operate on the belief that "going the extra mile" opens doors to new possibilities and improves the Quality of Life for all of us. "Going the extra mile" allows us to make a difference in our community and in our world. I would like to encourage "going the extra mile in Alamogordo" and I ask for your help. The Commission is looking for nominations of community members who support this mission and "go the Extra Mile" here in Alamogordo. Nominations will be accepted through 5pm on October 3, 2014. Short narratives describing why your nominee deserves the "extra mile" recognition should be addressed to 1376 E Ninth St Alamogordo, NM c/o Mayor Susie Galea or via email at [sgalea@ci.alamogordo.nm.us](mailto:sgalea@ci.alamogordo.nm.us). The Top 10 nominees will be chosen by the City Commission and will be recognized on a plaque. Each of their stories will be shared online so everyone can see their work acknowledged. Thank you

~Mayor Galea

### Car Sales

Are you looking to sell your car and save some hard earned cash by doing it yourself? Are you thinking of parking it in a more visible area than at your home? The City of Alamogordo and the State of NM have requirements for personal vehicle sales that you should be aware of. If you sell less than three (3) cars in a year, the sale is considered a casual sale. Selling more than three (3) cars requires you to be a licensed dealer.

Casual sales can only take place at the vehicle owner's residence, the vehicle owner's place of employment, or any site where the seller has obtained prior written permission from the land owner. The written permission must be displayed with the vehicle for sale and the vehicle may not obstruct the sidewalk or pedestrian walking path.

If the rules are broken the penalties are as follows:

- A law enforcement officer is authorized to place a warning sticker on the vehicle indicating it is in violation of NMSA 66-3-126.
- The vehicle can be towed at the owner's expense within 24 hours of the placement of the warning sticker.
- Within 48 hours of the vehicle being towed, the towing facility will give written notice by certified mail to the registered owner of the vehicle that the vehicle has been towed and stored.
- Any person who violates these provisions is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) or by imprisonment for not less than thirty (30) days, or both.

Used vehicles are in high demand these days, but make sure not to cut into your profits by violating the law and having to spend your money on fines or towing fees. Be smart and follow the rules, and good luck on the sale!

For further information or questions, call the Alamogordo Police Dept. at 439-4300 or Code Enforcement at 43WEEDS; we're always here to help you.

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

- Brown Bros. Tree Service  
575-430-2038
- Dr. Cycle  
575-446-6877
- Elizabeth Runningwater Cosmetology  
575-491-8280
- Jazzy's Janitorial  
575-430-0708
- Kitfox Computer Repair  
541-921-3946
- Las Cruces Physician Services  
575-556-7737
- Making a Difference Thrift Shop  
575-430-4849
- Plumb Crazy Plumbing  
575-430-8822
- Pros Construction  
480-772-0992
- Sun City Plumbing and Heating  
575-526-9758
- Trail Boss Jerky & Country Store  
575-430-6913
- Tucker's New Mexico Home Real Estate  
575-430-0407
- Xpress Clean Carpet  
575-551-0683

Want daily updates on happenings around town? Scan the code and "Like" us on Facebook!



## Alamogordo Public Library



### OPEN HOUSE!

Come join the Alamogordo Public Library in celebrating the final results of the summer project. New lights in the Southwest room and new carpet throughout the library are on display Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>, 12PM-4PM.

Listen to author talks, enjoy refreshments and help us honor our dedicated volunteers.

- Family Fright Night at the Alamogordo Public Library, October 30, 6-7PM. Come with the whole family to enjoy scary stories, crafts, and snacks, and give those costumes a last-minute test-spin before the big night! For more information, call 439-4157.
- Lunch and Lapsit at the Library - Thursdays from 11:30 - 12:30. Bring your baby and a sack lunch, for some early literacy fun and a time to socialize with other families. For more information, call 439-4157
- Preschool Story Times most Mondays and Wednesdays at 10:30AM. Stop by or call 439-4157 for a schedule of themes, or check out the library's Facebook page!

## Alamo Senior Center

The Alamo Senior Center is hosting a workshop on Estate Planning and Long-term Medicaid Planning on Tuesday, October 7, 10:00 - 11:15 am. The workshop is presented by the Legal Resources for the Elderly Program, a free statewide legal helpline for New Mexico residents 55 and older. Estate planning is so much more than just having a will. Attend this workshop to learn or review information about powers of attorney, advanced health care directives, estate planning, long-term care planning and other issues. For more information, contact the Alamo Senior Center at 439-4150.

## September/October '14

### DO YOU HAVE AN ITEM FOR THE CITY 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 October Newsletter is October 2, 2014. Remember some residents do not receive their Profile until the end of a month so in October, we need your November or December events.

Friday, September 26

#### 4th Friday/Movie Under the Stars

Alameda Park Zoo - 5pm-10pm

Band: Kar Canyon (6pm start)

Movie: Hunger Games: Catching Fire (7:30 start)

Saturday, September 27

#### Kitty City Fur Ball

Civic Center

For more information visit [kittycitynm.com](http://kittycitynm.com)

Saturday, October 4 Sunset Run Half Marathon

Celebrate World Animal Day by participating in the 5th Annual Half Marathon, 10K, 5K benefiting Animal Rescue. Register at [race360.com](http://race360.com)

Saturday, October 11 - Relay For Life

American Cancer Society Relay for Life begins at the Alamogordo High School at 10 am For more info email [louis.jeantete@cancer.org](mailto:louis.jeantete@cancer.org)



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 1st Turkey Shoot

Recreation Center 1pm-5pm



November 8th (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 13th -

#### Lady of the Mountain Half Marathon

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

Registration at [www.ladyofthemountainrun.com](http://www.ladyofthemountainrun.com)



### Did you Know?

The City now provides auctions on-line through Public Surplus. This has been a great improvement for the City of Alamogordo. We no longer have to provide storage for items waiting to go on Auction. In the past items would be held up to two years until an auction could be held. Providing the auction on-line has many advantages including a bigger audience. If you're interested in surplus property please view the website. You can find the link on the City of Alamogordo's web-site. You can also contact Cynthia Casillas, Purchasing Specialist for more information on Public Surplus. [ccasillas@ci.alamogordo.nm.us](mailto:ccasillas@ci.alamogordo.nm.us) or call 575-439-4115.

## GARDEN TIPS

from Becky at Lowe's Grocery Store:

The pages on the calendar seem to be flipping faster than usual. Where has the summer gone? Life would be so much simpler without calendars. Nevertheless, calendars are great for gardeners. The best kinds—especially free ones—are ones with squares large enough to write in planting, fertilizing, and chore dates. And speaking of dates, I learned that the utility bills are mailed in waves. Some people get their bills later, when the month is almost over. To read this earlier, go on line to 'City of Alamogordo', then 'City Profile', and then the current month.

After the long, hot days of August, the on and off teasing promise of rain, September should behave better. A little more rain and less heat would be nice. However, there are garden tasks that should be started in September. This is the last month to fertilize warm season grasses, deciduous perennial plants, shrubs, and trees. Cool season grasses, flowers, and evergreens should still be fertilized regularly through the cooler months. Keep watering; established plants, trees, and grass still need water, just not as often. New transplants will need more water.

September through November are the perfect months to plant in the basin. Our soil stays warm and encourages healthy root growth from September through the first of the year, without the added strain of producing leaves in hot temperatures. So in spring, at bud break, the plants have a good start and a better chance for survival.

Spring blooming bulbs are arriving. Choose good quality bulbs and incorporate compost into the planting area. Bulb fertilizer or bone meal should be added at planting, when sprouts start emerging, and then again in mid-summer when leaves are maturing. Keep the soil moist, but not soggy, during the growth period. The soil should be moistened at least twelve inches deep in order to ensure that all your bulbs receive water.

Have you noticed the lush growth of weeds in yards, alleys, and cracks in the sidewalks? Doug Larson got it right when he said that a weed is a plant that has mastered every survival skill except for learning how to grow in rows. Next year I think I will start teaching them.