



Cottonwood Festival

The 23rd Annual Cottonwood Festival will be held Saturday, August 31st - Monday, September 2, 2013. Over 80 arts and crafts booths, food, carnival, entertainment and this year an all new Beer Garden! For more information contact the Alamogordo Chamber of Commerce at 437.6120



FIRESIDE CHATS

With the City Manager are held on the second Monday of each month. The next one will be **September 9, 2013 at 5:30 PM** in the Southwest Room of the Alamogordo Public Library. See you there!

Fourth Fridays

August 23 and September 27
Alameda Park Zoo 5pm - 9pm
Live Bands, Free Admission & Prizes!
Food and Beer
Concessions Available

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Let Me Share With You...

As your new City Manager, I am very excited at the opportunities I see for this community. While I am still "getting my feet wet" as it were, I have become aware of a few areas I feel need particular attention paid to. One of these items being the Family Recreation Center. This facility should serve as a proud staple of our community and provide an abundance of activities and services to our residents, especially our children. I am working diligently with both City Staff and Commissioners to revive our facility. We are starting by getting the center fully staffed. Followed by a concerted effort to clean and restore the facility to a center we can once again be proud of. Additionally, we ask for your comments and suggestions on how we may improve your experience and provide you and your families with programming, activities and services that are useful and exciting to you. Please feel free to contact my office at anytime about any issue, not just this one. I appreciate your patience as we move forward. I am sincerely committed to making this facility a respectable place we can once again enjoy.

-Jim Stahle, City Manager
575.439.4203



Code Enforcement

The Otero County Day of Caring began as a community project for those who could not help themselves, either physically or financially. The Day of Caring is also a part of a continuing goal to support a cleaner community. Alamogordo Code Enforcement also strives to maintain a cleaner and safer community. As part of this annual event, the United Way has made available a car removal service for residents that have inoperable vehicles they would like removed FREE of charge. The AFD Code Enforcement is proud to support the United Way on Friday, September 6, 2013. AFD Code Enforcement is charged with administering several city ordinances, including Section 14-01-140 Outdoor Automotive Storage. In short, this section says that any vehicle that is dismantled, does not operate under its own power, or does not have current registration and insurance is an inoperable vehicle. An inoperable vehicle cannot be stored outdoors visible from the public right of way, street or alley. The ordinance calls for the re-

Message from the Mayor

The City Commission is focused on improving the quality of life for everyone through targeted economic development, growth and stability. Economic development is important for the future well being of our community and your involvement is wanted through concepts and active networking. The City of Alamogordo Commission is committed to serving you.

-Mayor Susie Galea

pair or removal of the vehicle from public sight. The repair or removal of such a vehicle can be costly, especially to those who are disabled or on a fixed income. But good news, the United Way is here to help!



Although the Day of Caring is slated for September 6, 2013, residents can call anytime of the year to have a vehicle removed. To do so just have the following information on hand:

- **Location of the vehicle**
- **Vehicle owner information**
- **Information on any citations for the vehicle**
- **Make and model of the vehicle**

then give us a call:

AFD Code Enforcement Office (575) 439-4375
or United Way of Otero County (575) 437-8400

If you have any further questions about the rules regarding inoperable vehicles or to report one in the city limits, please call AFD Code Enforcement at the number above.

For more up to date information on City Happenings - Log in and "Like" the **City of Alamogordo Public Information Office** now on Facebook!



In the Works

Our Public Works Department will be contracting with San Bar Construction to have

crosswalks redone. Most of the crosswalks around the schools will require the existing (old) crosswalks to be removed and then the new 3M Tape

crosswalks will be installed. The City is investing close to \$200,000 for these improvements and for our kids safety.

Turn Around Don't Drown®

Each year, more deaths occur due to flooding than from any other severe weather related hazard. The Centers for Disease Control report that over half of all flood-related drownings occur when a vehicle is driven into hazardous flood water. The next highest percentage of flood-related deaths is due to walking into or ear flood waters. Why? The main reason is people underestimate the force and power of water. Many of the deaths occur in automobiles as they are swept downstream. Of these drownings, many are preventable, but too many people continue to drive around the barriers that warn you the road is flooded.

What Can I Do to Avoid Getting Caught in this Situation?

Most flood-related deaths and injuries could be avoided if people who come upon areas covered with water followed this simple advice: **Turn Around Don't Drown®**. The reason that so many people drown during flooding is because few of them realize the incredible power of water. A mere six inches of fast-moving flood water can knock over an adult. It takes only two feet of rushing water to carry away most vehicles. This includes pickups and SUVs. If you come to an area that is covered with water, you will not know the depth of the water or the condition of the ground under the water. This is

especially true at night, when your vision is more limited. Play it smart, play it safe. Whether driving or walking, any time you come to a flooded road, **Turn Around Don't Drown®**

Follow these safety rules:

- Monitor the NOAA Weather Radio, or your favorite news source for vital weather related information.
- If flooding occurs, get to higher ground. Get out of areas subject to flooding. This includes dips, low spots, canyons, washes etc.
- Avoid areas already flooded, especially if the water is flowing fast. Do not attempt to cross flowing streams. **Turn Around Don't Drown®**
- Road beds may be washed out under flood waters. NEVER drive through flooded roadways. **Turn Around Don't Drown®**
- Do not camp or park your vehicle along streams and washes, particularly during threatening conditions.

Be especially cautious at night when it is harder to recognize flood dangers.

For information on what to do before, during, and after a flood go to the following website: www.ready.gov/floods



Animal Control and Alamogordo

Alamogordo Animal Control Division would like to remind residents that if you take your pet(s) anywhere within the City of Alamogordo, with the exception of the Bark Park, all animals are required to be on a leash at all times.

Per Ordinance 7-01-030 Animal at Large:

No owner or person having control of any animal shall permit it to run at large in the city unless the animal is contained within a park specifically designated for the animal's species.

Any animal outside the fenced yard of the owner or keeper must be under control of a leash or other device which is may be led except during the time the animal is confined within a park specifically designated for the animal's species.

Additionally, we would like to remind everyone that you should never leave your pets in a vehicle outside! Unless it is absolutely necessary, please leave your pets at home. With temperatures that can be extremely high, ani-

mals can suffer from heat exposure in a very short time.

Per Ordinance 7-01-060 Cruelty to Animals:

Placing or leaving any animal in an unattended motor vehicle without adequate ventilation or in such a manner as to subject to animal to extreme temperatures which may adversely affect the health of the animals; or

Placing or leaving any animal in a condition where by there is substantial possibility the animal's life will be threatened.

Animal Control takes its ordinances very seriously. Should you be caught in violation, you will be issued a citation. We remind pet owners to be mindful of the responsibilities they have to their animals and the laws with in the City as they pertain to their animals.

If you have any question in regards to these or any other Ordinances please feel free to contact Alamogordo Animal Control at 575-439-4330 between 8:15-11:00 and 12:00-5:00 Monday through Saturday.



Alamogordo Fire Dept.

The Alamogordo Fire Department wishes to thank the citizens of Alamogordo for their diligence in employing fire safety practices during this fire season. The City of Alamogordo did not experience any major fire activity during this past fire season and we applaud you. During the 4th of July holiday season, we are happy to report, that there were no fire incidents related to the mishandling of fireworks. With the support of our community, Firefighters have had a relatively quiet fire season.

We hope that the citizens of Alamogordo and surrounding area have enjoyed the summer season and will continue to follow fire safety tips throughout the fall and winter.