

## Did you know...?

Alamogordo is home to the Brackish Groundwater National Desalination Research Facility. On Thursday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Randy Shaw, Facility Manager, will present a program covering some basics about desalination as well as BGNDRF and the work they do here. Please bring your questions for what promises to be a very educational presentation. The presentation will be held inside the Rhodes Room in the Alamogordo Public Library beginning at 6:00 P.M. Please call 439-4140



## How do I...

### Report overgrown weeds?

To make a complaint about weeds, abandoned vehicles or other City Code Violations, please call our Code Enforcement Division at 575.439.4375 or visit the City Website and leave us a comment on our electronic Feedback Form.



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# City of Alamogordo

## CITY PROFILE

The Friendliest Place on Earth

## Message from the Mayor

The past and current Commission care about the quality of life for our City's youth. Over \$1,000,000 has been allocated for projects specifically for youth (between 2011-2013). Some of the projects are ongoing toward completion in 2014.

Here is a listing of some of the large projects that will improve the quality of life for our youth:

- Pool Spray Park (\$386,000)
- Pool Slide (\$150,000)
- Rec Center Improvements (\$342,000)
- Play Ground Shade Structures (\$120,000)
- New Concrete Skate Park (\$300,000)
- Griggs Baseball Field Renovation (\$30,000)
- Zoo Primate Exhibit (\$350,000)
- Tennis Court Lighting Improvement (\$150,000)
- BMX Bike Track (\$150,000)
- Kids Kingdom paving lot (\$50,000)
- Space Museum I-Max Digitalization Upgrade (\$300,000)

-Susie Galea

## Public Library

The Children's Room offers a selection of both classic and contemporary books for children of all ages. Additionally the Library offers Children and Youth programs including:

- **Story Time** - Monday and Wednesday 10:30 am - 11:30 am
- **Tween Café** (grades 4-7) One Tuesday Evening a month 6:00pm - 7:00pm
- **Teen Café** (grades 8 and up) One Thursday evening per month 6:00 - 7:00 pm



### FIRESIDE CHATS

With the City Manager are held on the second Monday of each month. The next one will be **August 12, 2013 at 5:30 PM** in the Southwest Room of the Alamogordo Public Library. See you there!

## After School "Frenzy" Program

August 12, 2013 - May 23, 2014

After School - 6pm

Monday - Friday

Kindergarten - 5th Grade



Children will participate in various recreational and educational activities including indoor and outdoor games, sports, fitness and exercise, nature hikes, movies, swimming, field trips talent shows and dances.

\*Program is available on all scheduled APS half day and no school days. Additional fees charged.

Registration begins

July 31, 2013 at 9:00 am

Van Rider - \$34.50 per week\*

Walker - \$30.75 per week\*



### Pee Wee Soccer

Registration Begins July 24th, 2013 9:00 am at the Family Recreation Center. Ages 3-8. Fee is \$36.00 and includes a T-shirt. Practice will begin August 26, 2013. First game September 7, 2013!



### Folk Art

July 23-August 8, 2013

9:00am - 10:00am

Tuesday and Thursday

Ages 5-13

Fee \$36.00

Located at the Family

Recreation Center



## 4th FRIDAYS

July 26, August 23 and September 27  
Alameda Park Zoo 5pm - 9pm  
Live Bands, Free Admission & Prizes!

Food and Beer  
Concessions Available



## Otero County Fair & Rodeo

The 74th Otero County Fair and Rodeo is coming. The Parade will kick off the Annual event on Saturday - August 10, 2013 at 6:30 pm. The parade will start at Oregon avenue and proceed down Tenth St to New York Ave. Entry forms may be obtained from the Fair Office or online at [www.oterofair.com](http://www.oterofair.com)

Gate Fee is \$2.00 Thursday - Saturday, August 14-17, 2013 from 8:00 am to 11:00 pm (Children 5 and under and seniors 65 and older are FREE)

Frontier Village will offer Food and Games Thursday through Saturday.

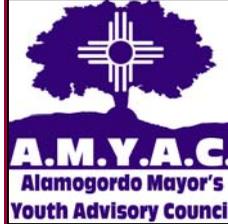
Come out for the 50th Junior Livestock Sale. Join your neighbors at the fair for exhibits, carnival rides and much more. Call the Fairgrounds at 575.434.0788 or the Chamber of Commerce at 575.437.6120 for more information.

The City of Alamogordo currently has Job Openings! Visit our website for a complete and current list of what we have available [ci.alamogordo.nm.us/coa/Human Resources](http://ci.alamogordo.nm.us/coa/Human_Resources)



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Information Office**

## Alamogordo Mayor's Youth Advisory Council



The Alamogordo Mayor's Youth Advisory Council (AMYAC) is a council established by the Alamogordo City Commission to provide an opportunity for the youth of the City to make a difference through participation and contributions to City government and in service to the people of the City of Alamogordo. The youth council members also make recommendations and advise the City Commission concerning solutions to specific problems involving the youth activities of the community. The

youth members develop and are involved in various community service projects including: Keep Alamogordo Beautiful trash pick ups; assisted with the concessions for the First and Second Alamogordo Idol events; and planned and worked the free 4th of July Concerts for 2010 and 2011; and Teen Football Event in 2010. Last year they headed up the Save the "A" project to get people in the community together to repaint the A on the mountain facing the City, where they brought in three other youth groups in the community to help.

Last year AMYAC chose and supported the Improvements to the Alamogordo Recreation Center Slide and followed the project through the ICIP process. In the beginning, it was not even in the top of the list, but as a result of the Council's efforts it was combined with the Solar Panel Project at the Recreation Center and was chosen by the City Commission as one of the top 5 projects. As a result of their efforts, the Recreation Center Slide was added to the Capital Improvements for this year.

If you are a High School Student in Alamogordo, NM and are interested in getting involved to improve your community, Mayor Susie Galea invites you to join The Alamogordo Mayor's Youth Advisory Council. The 2013-2014 Alamogordo Mayor's Youth Advisory Council kick off meeting is on Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall, 1376 E. 9<sup>th</sup> St. Applications available at City Hall or at the Kick off event.

The goal for AMYAC is that youth members will have a recognized voice in community; you will also have the opportunity to bring your ideas on how to address various youth issues and develop projects to improve your community.

Some upcoming events include: Alamogordo Idol, Various Fundraisers, a Trip to the Capitol in Santa Fe and more activities to do in your community.

*Your ideas are valuable and your voice is important! Stop by and check it out.*

For further information please call or text the City Clerk, Renee Cantin at 551-1412 or email: [rcantin@ci.alamogordo.nm.us](mailto:rcantin@ci.alamogordo.nm.us)

## Cottonwood Festival



SAVE THE DATE!

It will be here before you know it! The 23rd Annual Cottonwood Festival will be held Saturday, August 31st - Monday, September

2, 2013. Vendors are encouraged to start the application process now by visiting the Chamber of Commerce website or by calling (575) 437-6120. Over 80 arts and crafts booths, food, carnival, entertainment and this year an all new Beer Garden!

## Upcoming Road Closures

The Army Corp of Engineer Flood Project is continuing to make progress. Once the area of the channel along South Florida is complete and Florida is opened back up, the project will move to the next phase which will include a closure of Cuba at First Street. The initial plan calls for the area in front of the High School to be blocked from the end of July to the end of October. In an effort to minimize the interruption of the flow of traffic in that area, the City continues to work diligently with the Alamogordo Public Schools to make alternate routes available. Maps showing alternate entry and exit points into the High School will be available during registration. We appreciate your cooperation and patience as we work to improve the flood prevention efforts here in Alamogordo.