

## SWIM LESSONS

Registration for Session 2: June 24-July 11 begins on June 19, 2013. Classes held Monday - Thursday. \*\*Class will be held on Friday, July 5th. For more information stop by the Family Recreation Center or call 439.4142



## FIRESIDE CHATS

With the City Manager are held on the second Monday of each month. The next one will be **June 10, 2013 at 5:15 PM** in the Southwest Room of the Alamogordo Public Library. See you there!



White Sands Pupfish are looking for Host Families. If you are interested in this awesome opportunity, please contact Raul Ruiz at 439.4159.

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## CITY PROFILE

The Friendliest Place on Earth

## Message from the Mayor

I have had the privilege to serve as Mayor for a little more than a year. Before I began, I knew that government wasn't our answer to the problems, and after working within government I affirmatively know that the government certainly is not the answer and won't be able to help you in a true time of need in the case of a natural disaster. As your Mayor, I am asking all citizens to live providently by beginning with emergency essentials planning. Prepare with a 72-Hour Emergency Essentials kit for you and each member of your family. A three day supply of nonperishable food and water is a good start toward provident living. Who knows what tomorrow will bring? If we are prepared as a community, there is no reason to have any fear. Overtime, my family has acquired the resources necessary to also help our neighbors, should a natural disaster occur. The greatest disaster affecting Alamogordo is the prolonged drought conditions. I will continue to work with the Commission to request the State/Federal \$4M needed for a Desalination Unit that will be our contingency plan against this drought, as using our plentiful brackish water may be needed. The Commission is committed to overseeing a budget that provides the infrastructure and services for you. Please join me, and choose to live providently to provide for yourself what your local, state, and federal government cannot.

## Public Library



The Alamogordo Public Library's Summer Reading Program begins June 3, but registration is already well under way. Kids birth through age 18 can register at the library any time. Participants will receive a packet full of information about programs and activities, as well as instructions for earning prizes as they read. All parts of the SRP are FREE, but registration is required. For more information, call 439-4157.

## Alamogordo Police Department: Safety and Crime Prevention

In 2012, the Alamogordo Police Department took reports on 163 residential burglaries and 192 reports on auto burglaries. The police reports show 29% of the residences and 57% of the vehicles were left unsecured. Many of the unsecured vehicles contained valuable personal property. The Alamogordo Police Department strongly encourages all citizens to secure their vehicles and residences. Many of the property crimes committed in Alamogordo are the result of opportunity. Let's work together to decrease the opportunity to become a victim of a property crime. Secure your homes and vehicles and report any suspicious activity immediately.

## 4th FRIDAYS ARE BACK!



June 28  
July 26  
August 23  
September 27

Alameda Park Zoo 5pm - 9pm  
Live Bands  
Free Admission  
Prizes  
Food and Beer Concessions Available



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**JULY 12 2013** **IRON HIDE RIDE** **MOTORCYCLE RALLY** **SAFETY AWARENESS** **Fort Bliss** **HOLEMAN AIRFORCE BASE**

**LOCATION**  
FREEDOM CROSSING  
BEHIND "THE GRAND TEN"  
MOVIE THEATER  
BY HAAN RD.

**REQUIREMENTS**  
MOTORCYCLE DRIVER'S LICENSE  
PROOF OF INSURANCE  
MOTORCYCLE REGISTRATION  
MSF CARD  
PPE/CIVILIAN CLOTHING

**TIMELINE**

- 0630-0730 REGISTRATION
- 0730-0750 GUEST SPEAKER
- 0800-1000 SP FORT BLISS ENROUTE TO ALAMOGORDO
- 1000-1400 ACTIVITIES AT ALAMOGORDO
- 1400-1500 DEPART ALAMOGORDO ENROUTE TO WSMR VIA US 70
- 1500-1600 DEPART WSMR (RE-FUEL)
- 1600-1700 DEPART WSMR ENROUTE TO FORT BLISS VIA RANGE ROAD
- 1700-1900 ARRIVE AT FT BLISS

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(L-to-R) Desert Light Film Festival 2013-Directors Joan Griggs & Jan Wafful present poster to Festival Winner, Samantha Filer, from Los Alamos, NM on April 19, 2013, while corporate festival sponsor, Shannon Jones local JC Penney-Alamogordo store manager, looks on.

## DESERT LIGHT FILM FESTIVAL

The Desert Light Film Festival is presented each year by New Mexico State University Alamogordo, the Otero County Film Office and the Flickinger Center for Performing Arts. Sponsored by J.C. Penney, the winning filmmakers are presented with cash and other prizes.

This festival was the first statewide film competition in New Mexico geared toward middle and high school students. The festival and competition have grown since it first began in 2004. This year, a record 127 films were entered from schools across the state!

## It's that time of year again - Mosquito Season!

The Spanish called them musketas, they are known as gnats in England, and the Germans used the name Stechmucken when referring to these small pesky insects. Mosquitoes do not actually "bite" humans; they "feed" on them. Female mosquitoes require protein to produce their eggs and obtain this protein from the blood of humans and other animals. Males do not feed on humans. Mosquitoes are mainly attracted to CO<sub>2</sub> (Carbon Dioxide) and the scent of Lactic Acid that the human body emits.

Mosquitoes need water to breed and spend two out of their four life stages in water. Therefore, mosquitoes can always be found around, you guessed it, water. This is why it is important to prevent stagnant water from standing around your home and apply a larvicide to areas where stagnant water cannot be removed.

Mosquitoes are cold-blooded creatures and do not generally feed in temperatures below 50F, they prefer cool times of the morning or evenings to feed and may hide in tall grass during the hot daylight hours.

Only in the last century has it been known that mosquitoes are capable of spreading disease. The diseases are often viruses that are picked up by the mosquito when it feeds on an infected host. Mosquitoes are known to have carried diseases such as malaria, yellow fever, dog heartworm, and viral encephalitis among many other viruses. Mosquitoes do not transmit AIDS. In New Mexico the most common Mosquito borne viruses are West Nile, viral Encephalitis and dog Heartworm. So protect your family and your pets.

**How can mosquitoes be controlled?** Eliminate their breeding habitat. Mosquitoes around the home can be reduced significantly by minimizing the amount of standing water available for mosquito breeding. Residents are

urged to reduce standing water around the home in a variety of ways. Source reduction activities include:

- Dispose of tin cans, plastic containers, ceramic pots or similar water-holding containers that have accumulated on your property.
- Empty standing water from used or discarded tires that may have accumulated on your property (e.g. tire swings).
- Turn over plastic wading pools when not in use.
- Turn over wheelbarrows and do not allow water to stagnate in birdbaths.
- Aerate ornamental pools or stock them with mosquito eating fish.
- Clean and chlorinate swimming pools that are not being used. Be aware that mosquitoes may even breed in the water that collects on swimming pool covers.
- Keep grass and weeds cut as short as is healthy for the grass

Larviciding (applying pesticides in standing water where Mosquito Larva lives) is the most effective and economical way to control mosquitoes when the stagnant water cannot be drained. Fogging (using a mechanical fan to blow a fine water/pesticide fog into the air) is used in areas where water abounds and due to large amounts of standing water (lakes, river edges, stream edges) Larviciding is not as effective. A fog droplet must land on the adult Mosquito to kill it, and atmospheric conditions must be amenable to fogging. In addition, the fog is a pesticide, and can be harmful to innocent animals, fish, birds and humans. However in some cases the risk of fogging is less than the risk of Mosquito diseases.

For more information contact the City of Alamogordo Public Works Department, the County Extension Office, the local Environment Department or the CDC

## United Way Day of Caring

For 21 years the United Way of Otero County has offered the **Day of Caring** to residents of Alamogordo and Otero County. Volunteers from Holloman Air Force Base and community citizens perform work service to seniors, and the disabled and low income families that need critical assistance at their home. These volunteers perform various tasks such as yard work, window washing, general house cleaning, painting, minor repairs, and new this year, old vehicles can be towed at no expense to the owners.

This year the **Day of Caring will take place September 6, 2013**. The launch site for this county-wide effort will be at **Alameda Park**. Previously this event was held in May, but it has been moved to September. All participants must fill out a **Residential Job Request Form** by August 2, 2013, in order to qualify for the volunteer service. The Job Request Form is available at the United Way Office, 1601 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite B, on-line at our web site, [www.uwoteroconomy.org](http://www.uwoteroconomy.org), or at the City's web site.

**Residential Vehicle Towing Request Form** can be picked-up at the United Way Office or will be on-line at our web site, [www.uwoteroconomy.org](http://www.uwoteroconomy.org).

You may want to **volunteer or donate** a contribution to this effort. Volunteer workers will be engaged from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on that day. Please call our office to sign-up or make a **Day of Caring** donation for this community effort. We are seeking donations of \$50.00 to \$200.0 for materials and to cover costs of tool rentals.

