

Public Library



Join us at the Alamogordo Public Library for our annual Family Christmas Program - Tuesday, December 17, 6-7 PM. We will have stories (featuring both Nativity and Santa themes), and songs, followed by refreshments, a chance to make gifts for friends and family, and a visit from a certain gentleman in a red suit. Parents, make sure to bring your cameras! Call 439-4157 for more information.

FIRESIDE CHATS



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

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CITY PROFILE

The Friendliest Place on Earth

Message from the Mayor

The holiday season is upon us and full of many ways for us to engage in our community and extend cheer. Join me at the City's Holiday 5k and 10k on December 7th. Register now at the Family Recreation Center. If you bake Christmas cookies like I do, why not provide homemade cookies to over 850 airmen? Col Croft's wife, Vicki, is organizing the HAFB Annual Airmen Cookie Drive and the Chamber of Commerce will collect cookies on December 9th from 8-12. Speaking of the Chamber, they do a wonderful job sponsoring the holiday parade, and this year the "Christmas Around the World" parade will be held on December 14th, at 6pm. The Annual Toys 4 Tots drive is a great way to give! Toys can be dropped off at any Fire Station or at City Hall. If you would like to help feed the hungry during this holiday season, contact Love, Inc for a way to donate food items (575)439-4812.

There are truly so many ways for us to give within our community, and too many to list here. This season, let us all reach out a little further to those around us. Let us look for those who might need that helping hand. Let us thank the Veterans and the volunteers for their service, the elderly for their examples, the young children for their hope and optimism, and friends for just being friends. On behalf of the City of Alamogordo Commission, I extend my warmest regards and best wishes to all in our City. May the spirit of this wonderful season be with you and your loved ones throughout the holidays and many blessings in the New Year.

Personally, I want to wish above all, a Merry Christmas.

Susie Galea

ONLINE BILL PAY!

The City of Alamogordo is excited to introduce Online Bill Pay Service. After an overwhelming demand the City implemented the Online Bill Pay option on November 1, 2013. The City has chosen Billing Document Specialist to process and to host the Online Bill Pay service and you can easily access the service via the City Website at <http://ci.alamogordo.nm.us/>

The service allows our Utility Customers to pay their Utility Bill online by either Credit Card or directly from their bank account. The service will also allow the customer to view their statements online.



Customers will still be able to pay their Utility payment at City Hall. Unfortunately the City will no longer accept credit cards over the telephone. Customers may still call City Hall (575-439-4260) and select the pay by telephone option; however, calls will be forwarded to Billing Document Specialists to process a telephone payment.

Please note: Due to the increase of credit card merchant fees, the City will charge a 2.95% fee of the total Utility Bill to all customers using a credit card starting November 1, 2013.

If you have any further questions please contact the City of Alamogordo Utility Billing staff at 575-439-4260.

Holloman AFB Annual Airmen Cookie Drive

Please join us as we provide homemade cookies for over 850 of our young airmen.

Cookies can be dropped off at:
Holloman AFB Chapel
Monday, Dec. 9th from 7am-1pm

or
Alamogordo Chamber of Commerce
(Next to the Alamogordo Zoo)
Monday, Dec. 9th from 8am-12pm

❖ Please package cookies in sandwich-sized ziplock bags in groups of four.

❖ Questions? Email Vicki Croft at hollomancookie drive@gmail.com



Alamogordo Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade "Christmas Around the World"

Date: December 14, 2013

Time: 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

<http://www.alamogordo.com>

Join the Alamogordo Chamber of Commerce and the town in celebrating "Christmas around the World!" Enjoy the lighted Christmas Parade while learning about the way Christmas is celebrated everywhere and the traditions that people carry on year after year! For more info call 575.437.6120



Coming Up

Holiday Classic Fun Run/Walk December 7



Christmas Parade

**Saturday December 14, 2013 at
5:00pm**

Wild 'n Winter

Dec 23 - Dec 27, 2013

Dec 30 - Jan 3, 2014

7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Ages 5-12

**Registration starts November
27, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.**

Biddy and Youth Basketball Winter 2013

Ages 3-12

**Registration: November 27,
2013**

Practice Begins: January 6, 2014

First Game: January 18, 2014

Swimming Lessons Session 7 January 6- January 29

**Registration Begins January 2,
2014 at 9:00 a.m.**

**For more info on any of these
events contact the Alamogordo
Family Recreation Center
(575) 439-4142**

MAIN STREET

The business owners within the Alamogordo Downtown Business District have joined together in organizing a committee to join the Main Street Program.

What is Main Street?

Since 1985, the New Mexico Main Street Program has been fostering economic development in local communities statewide. Based in the New Mexico Economic Development Department, the NMMS Program works with selected local Main Street organizations and municipalities to establish and enhance downtown revitalization programs. Using the highly successful Main Street Four-Point Approach developed by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the New Mexico Main Street Program offers technical assistance and professional services aimed at helping communities take a comprehensive approach to downtown revitalization.

What is the process to join the MainStreet Program?

Through a competitive application process, communities are selected to become members of New Mexico MainStreet.

What are the benefits of belonging to MainStreet?

- Economic Benefits
- Social/Community Benefits

- Municipal/Local Government Benefits
- Organizational Benefits

How many cities throughout New Mexico currently participate in MainStreet?

There are twenty-two cities currently active. FARMINGTON, RATON, LOS ALAMOS, TAOS, CLAYTON, LAS VEGAS, ALBUQUERQUE DOWNTOWN, CORRALES, TUCUMCARI, GRANTS, BELEN, ALBUQUERQUE NOB HILL, CLOVIS, PORTALES, ROSWELL, TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES, SILVER CITY, DEMING, LAS CRUCES, CARLSBAD, ARTESIA, LOVINGTON

Are meetings open to the public outside the Downtown District?

YES AND WE ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO JOIN US

Meetings are held in City Hall Commission Chambers at 6:00 p.m. as follows

November 18, 2013

December 2, 2013

December 16, 2013

For further information please contact Marc South, City Planner 575-439-4231

November Garden Center Tip

Written By: Becky at Lowe's Grocery Store

Harvest season is winding down and leaves are turning yellow, red, and brown. As the leaves start to fall, gather them and use them for mulch and composting. A quick way to shred large leaves is to run a lawn mower over them. Bagging mowers will collect the leaves for you and you can place them where you want mulch.

Roses, shrubs, trees, bulbs, and cool weather flowers and veggies can still be planted. Fall planting gives plants a head start in developing roots before the heat wave hits. Do not put your garden hoses away; established plants need to be watered at least twice a month during the autumn and winter seasons, and newly planted ones more often.

As the nights begin to get colder, protecting tender perennials and container plants will be necessary. If you decide to take plants inside, it would be best to re-pot them with fresh soil. This will help remove any unwanted pests and give fresh nutrients to the plant. And after you gather all your tomatoes, peppers, and pumpkins, the harvest is done.