

## Alamo Senior Center

The Senior Volunteer Programs is partnering with the Lions Downtown Club and Twice Blest Thrift Store. This is a scholarship fundraiser for the Academy del Sol and to help the Senior Volunteer Programs.

The "Dance of the Ages" is on October 12, 2013, from 6 pm – 11 pm at the Tays Center. The tickets are \$35 each. Bring your dancing shoes and appetite for dinner. We also have great items to auction off at our silent auction.

For more information on "Dance of the Ages", please call (575) 439-4154 or (575) 437-0944.

### FIRESIDE CHATS

With the City Manager are held on the second Monday of each month. The next one will be **October 14, 2013 at 5:30 PM** in the Southwest Room of the Alamogordo Public Library. See you there!



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## City of Alamogordo

### CITY PROFILE

*The Friendliest Place on Earth*

### Message from the Mayor

In the last year and a half as your Mayor, I have come to truly appreciate the richness of the people, land and history that makes Alamogordo so special. The future holds great possibility for the City and I want all of us to actively participate in making that future a reality. At the birth of the rocket age, Alamogordo was the epicenter. At the birth of the atomic age, Alamogordo was literally, ground zero. Once again in our human history man has set the stage for a new race to space. The implications are enormous. And, just as in the past, Alamogordo is poised to be at the forefront of this latest and most exciting chapter of man's quest for Space. Over the next several weeks, we will engage in the conversation of branding Alamogordo. Although Alamogordo is known as the birthplace of space exploration, many of the engineers, Scientists and companies supporting that vision have long gone from our basin. I propose that we, as a community, chart the course to become known as <sup>3</sup>Space City USA<sup>2</sup>. What was once science fiction will soon be reality. What better place than here to realize anti-gravity propulsion, exo-atmospheric anti-ballistic missiles, and anti-atmospheric lasers? The birthplace of space exploration can be home to the many companies seeking to establish themselves in this wonderful journey. I'm asking all community members to catch this vision, and help lead us forward as we become known as <sup>3</sup>Space City USA<sup>2</sup>.



The Alamogordo Fire Department would like you to join us in recognizing Fire Prevention Week. Did you know that fire prevention week commemorates the great Chicago fire which took place on October 8<sup>th</sup> thru the 9<sup>th</sup> in 1871. This fire killed more than 250 people, left over 100,000 homeless and destroyed more than 17,000 structures. This tragedy inspired fire reform across our great country. The theme for this year is how to prevent kitchen fires. Cooking is the number one cause of home fire and fire type injuries, so the Alamogordo Fire Department's goal is to help promote safe kitchen practices while cooking and preparing food in the kitchen.

#### IMPORTANT KITCHEN SAFETY TIPS :

1. When you fry, grill, or broil food, always stay in the kitchen.
2. Maintain a child and pet free zone at least



### Alamogordo Public Library

Come learn about "Internet Genealogy" at 1 P.M. on October 10. Then return to hear about "Brick Walls" in your family research on November 14 at 1 P.M. Teen Read Week is October 14-18, to celebrate great books for young adults. Next we have National Friends of Library Week October 20-26. Of course, our Friends and the Alamogordo Public Library Foundation work for the library year-round!

## Fire Prevention Week October 6-12

three (3) feet from all cooking appliances.

3. Turn pot handles away from the stove's edge.
4. Keep a lid and oven mitt nearby when you are cooking to use in case of a grease fire. If you have a grease fire, slide the lid over the pan. Turn off the burner and leave the pan covered until it is completely cool .

The Alamogordo Fire Department will be in the community promoting fire prevention for the month of October. Remember it is all our responsibility to stay safe and always stay fire smart.



For more information on fire prevention you can visit [www.firepreventionweek.org](http://www.firepreventionweek.org) or [www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org)

## NM COPS Memorial Ride

The 1st Annual Usual Suspects Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club Memorial Ride in support of New Mexico Concerns of Police Survivors will be held on Saturday October 5, 2013. Registration will begin at 8 am and the last vehicle will leave at 10 am from 1201 New York Avenue. The 100 riders will receive a commemorative "Challenge Chip". All vehicles types are welcome. For more information contact Chris "Vaquero" Baca at 520-253-0991

## Coming Up

### Swimming Lessons Session 5

September 30 - October 16, 2013

Cost per Session \$30.75

Registration begins September 25- 9:00 a.m. at the Alamogordo Family Recreation Center, 439-4142

### Fourth Friday Event

September 27, 2013

Alameda Park Zoo

5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Free Admission!

### Zoo Boo

October 26, 2013

9:00am- 12:00 p.m.

Alameda Park Zoo 10th and White Sands Blvd.  
Local businesses will hand out free snacks and drinks. If you would like a booth call 439-4142.

### Turkey Shoot

November 2, 2013

1:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m.

1100 Oregon Ave.

Shoot basketball free throws for a chance to win a FREE Thanksgiving turkey!

### Christmas Craft Show

November 9, 2013

9:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m.

November 10, 2013

12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

For more information please contact Raul Ruiz at 439-4159

### Veteran's Day Parade

Saturday November 9, 2013 at 10:00 am

## Neighborhood Watch

The Neighborhood Watch program is a group of people living in the same area who want to make their neighborhood safer by working together and in conjunction with local law enforcement to reduce crime and improve their quality of life. Neighborhood Watch is homeland security at the most local level. It is an opportunity to get to know our neighbors and work together towards increasing the safety and security of our homes and our homeland. Neighborhood Watch is one of the most effective and least costly answers to crime. If you are interested in forming a Neighborhood Watch please contact Sgt Tracy Corbett at the Alamogordo Police Department 575-439-4325 Ext 136.

## Thinking about having a Yard Sale?

It's been a great summer and fall is just around the corner. The weather is still perfect for that quick yard sale to de-clutter from all your summer fun or make some quick cash for school supplies.

The City of Alamogordo has set forth regulations regarding the operation and advertising of yard sales within city limits. It's good to be aware before you begin so here's a brief overview of the regulations.

- There is no license or registration to hold a yard sale.
- A yard sale is limited to operate between 8am and 8pm.
- Yard sales must not exceed three (3) days in duration.
- There is a limit of three (3) yard sales per 12 month period per location.
- There is a limit of no more than two (2) sales within a ninety (90) day period by the same

person at the same location.

- It is allowable to advertise the yard sale, EXCEPT for posting signs on city right-of-way such as streets, medians, sidewalks or city parks. Signs may not be attached to utility poles.
- Signs can be placed no earlier than 6 am on the day of the sale and shall be removed by 9 pm on the last day of the sale.



Code Enforcement is looking for your help to keep the city clean and clutter free by promptly removing any advertising that you place for your sale. Remember to be aware to place signage in a safe location that does not impede vehicular or pedestrian traffic and respect the rights of property owners in the area by asking permission before placing signs.

If you have any further questions please feel free to contact Code Enforcement at 439-4179 or visit our website at [ci.alamogordo.nm.us](http://ci.alamogordo.nm.us).

## United Way BBQ 4 Change



OCTOBER 12, 2013

ALAMEDA PARK

10 AM TO 2 PM

This event is for families and children to come have fun and learn about the United Way of Otero County's community commitment.

BRING YOUR CHANGE to enter this fun event and receive a ticket for a free hot dog or hamburger, PLUS, children can play all the games.

COME OUT AND ENJOY ENTERTAINMENT, PLAY GAMES, WIN PRIZES, EAT, AND HAVE A FAMILY FUN TIME WITH THE UNITED WAY OF OTERO COUNTY.

## Sunset Run Benefitting COPE

AlamoShape Sunset Run, a 5K/10K/Half Marathon complete with a beer garden and barbeque will be held Saturday, October 26, 4 pm at AlamoShape, 700 1st St in the Granada Center. Join over 100 other runners, joggers, and walkers in support of COPE, The Center of Protective Environment, dealing with the problems of domestic violence. Type in COPE for a \$5 discount at [www.race360.com](http://www.race360.com). Pets are welcome and you can run in your favorite Halloween costumes!