

## Leadership

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## Commission Meetings

Commission Meetings will be held the 1st and 3rd Tuesday during November and December and will return to the normal schedule of 2nd and 4th Tuesday in January. For full meeting schedule visit [ci.alamogordo.nm.us](http://ci.alamogordo.nm.us).

## Fireside Chats

Cancelled until further notice.



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# City of Alamogordo

## CITY PROFILE

### Message from the Mayor

Think outside the box, a common phrase, but is meant here to redirect the focus of giving and receiving tangible gifts.

Among the local holiday shopping, it's also time to "think outside the box" for Christmas, Kwanzaa, Hanukah, Festivus, or any other holiday you choose to celebrate.

I want to encourage everyone to be involved in our community activities and to be engaged through service. It is my personal opinion, that health is the greatest gift we can give ourselves, and our time is the greatest gift we can give to others.

As your Mayor, I am wishing you the best health, joy amongst friends and family, and blessings that come through serving others.

~Mayor Susie Galea

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## Holiday Fire Safety Tips

### Kitchen

- When you fry, grill, or broil food, always stay in the kitchen.
- Maintain a child and pet free zone at least three (3) feet from all cooking appliances.
- Turn pot handles away from the stove's edge.
- 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.



### Turkey Fryers

- Completely thaw and dry turkey before cooking. Partially frozen and/or wet turkeys can produce excessive hot oil splatter when added to oil.
  - Place fryer in open area away from walls, fences, or other structures, and keep fryer in full view when burner is on.
  - Never operate fryer in, on, or under breezeways, garages, carports, porches, or any structure that can catch fire.
  - Always raise and lower food slowly.
- Follow the manufactures instructions to determine the proper amount of oil to add. If instructions are not available:**
- Place turkey in empty pot.
  - Fill pot with water until the turkey is covered by about 1/2 inch of water.
  - Remove and completely dry turkey.
  - Mark existing water level. Dump water, completely dry pot, and fill with oil to the marked level.

### Candles

- Keep candles at least 12 inches away from walls, curtains, decorations or other materials that may burn.
- Extinguish all candles when you leave the room or go to sleep.
- Never leave a child or a pet alone with a burning candle in the room.
- Burn candles in a stable, noncombustible holder.

### Fireplaces

- Have your chimney inspected at least once a year and cleaned and repaired as often as necessary.
- Always use a fireplace screen to prevent sparks from flying into the room.
- Allow ashes to cool completely before disposing of them.
- Store removed ashes in tightly covered metal containers, never in boxes or bags.

### Portable Space Heaters

- Improperly used space heaters are one of the leading causes of home fire deaths.
- Keep portable space heaters at least three feet away from walls, curtains, bedding or other materials that may burn.
- Turn off portable space heaters when you leave the room. Never leave them on when you go to bed.
- Plug cords only into outlets with sufficient capacity and never into an extension cord.

## New Businesses

Increased economic development is a goal we all share and the city would like to recognize new businesses in Alamogordo. The following businesses were issued a license in October:

- Affordable Bookkeeping Plus (575) 937-6949
- Brittany Norred Photography None
- Catalino & Sons Painting (575) 443-3749
- D&H United Fueling Solutions (915) 859-8150
- Eric's Repair Service (702) 540-4934
- Father Son Siding (575) 415-3219
- Kelly Cable of New Mexico (505) 343-1144
- Leverage Screen Printing, LLC (Printing/Copy) (917) 838-5488
- MLM, Inc. (Landscaping/Lawncare) (575) 445-5778
- Nation 2 Nation (Craft Services) (575) 430-0156
- Olive & June Boutique (361) 728-3154
- Sanny Movers Corp (575) 434-5489
- The Advocate (General Service) (437) 491-5945
- White Mountain Transport, Inc. (Transportation Service) (575) 937-6173
- White Sands Granite Works, LLC (575) 491-7639
- Win Ice (Distributor) (915) 875-8645
- Your Community Connection (575) 491-4478

## Planning and Zoning Meetings

Planning and Zoning meetings are held the first Thursday of the month in the Commission Chambers of City Hall at 6 p.m. The next meeting will be **December 3, 2015**. For more information or to submit an agenda item, please call Melissa Walker, 439-4204.

## Holiday Trash Schedule

### Thanksgiving Day Thursday 11/26/15

- Regular Thursday route will be serviced on Wednesday 11/25
- Friday route will run as normal

### Christmas Day Friday 12/25/15

- Thursday route will be serviced on Wednesday 12/23
- Friday route will be serviced on Thursday 12/24

### New Years Day Friday 1/1/16

- Thursday route will be serviced on Wednesday 12/30
- Friday route will be serviced on Thursday 12/31



## Library News

Come be literary at the Alamogordo Public Library. We invite you to express your literary creativity by joining two special groups that meet at the library.



Join the Alamogordo Library Writers group on December 1, at 6 p.m. in the Eugene Rhodes Room. Then join the Alamogordo library Poetry Appreciation Group for a poetry read aloud on December 3, at 6 p.m. in the Eugene Rhodes Room.

For more information call the Reference Desk at (575) 439-4148.

## Art Walk

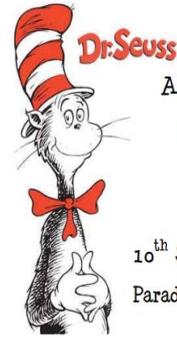


The Downtown Merchants Association presents the Art Walk every third Friday of the month, 6 - 8 p.m.

Stroll through historic downtown, meet local artists and enjoy local food and entertainment.

For more information, contact Le Spirit Arts & Crafts at (575) 312-5065

## Christmas Parade



Alamogordo Chamber of Commerce  
Christmas Parade of Lights 2015  
December 12th at 5:00 PM  
Theme "Dr. Seuss"  
10<sup>th</sup> Street from Oregon to New York Ave  
Parade forms available at the Chamber Office!

## Old Fashioned Christmas



On December 5, join the Downtown Merchants for an enchanted evening filled with carolers, horse-drawn trolley rides, Santa's Village, Little Miss Christmas Pageant, a live nativity scene, entertainment, food and much more! Alamogordo Historic Downtown, New York Avenue, 4 p.m. - 9 p.m.

## Coat Drive



Do you know of a child in need of a winter coat? Coats can be picked up or donated at the United Way of Otero County at 1601 10<sup>th</sup> St. Suite B. More information & donation locations can be found at [www.uwoterocty.org](http://www.uwoterocty.org). Child must be present to try on and receive coat.

## Special Events

**Lady of the Mountain Run**  
SAT. DECEMBER 12TH  
HALF MARATHON  
HM RELAY  
10K 5K  
NMSU-A SOCIAL SCIENCES CLUB KIDS 1-MILE FUN RUN  
CORPORATE CUP RELAY  
CASH PRIZES  
INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION ONLINE AT:  
[www.ladyofthemountainrun.com](http://www.ladyofthemountainrun.com)

**WILD N WINTER**  
A two week day camp program for children ready for the New Year to arrive! Children will participate in swimming, arts and crafts, gym games, outside activities and plenty of Wildness! A snack is included, but kids must bring their own lunch.  
Program will be closed December 25, 2014 and January 1, 2015.  
December 21-December 24, 2015  
December 28-December 31, 2015  
7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
Ages 5 - 12  
Fee for each week\* = \$68.25 per child  
Wild N Winter is TWO weeks in duration.  
Registration: November 18, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

## Gardening Tip

From Becky at Lowe's Signature Market

This has been an unusual year; more rain, less heat, less wind. Sounds like the perfect gardening conditions, doesn't it? Nevertheless, many people have reported smaller vegetable crops. With the higher humidity, there has been more powdery mildew, other fungi, and insects appearing. Every year brings different conditions, and if gardening is too easy, we would probably get bored, wouldn't we? Challenge is stimulating!

Talking of stimulating activities, leaf raking is one. Before you gather up your leaves and cart them to the landfill, try to use them. They make wonderful compost and mulch, and are free. If you have too many to use or do not want them, sometimes other gardeners can use them. Especially if you have already gathered and bagged them. Just do not save and use leaves that have shown signs of diseases. Dispose of those.



Here are some more chores that can be done in November. This is still a good time to plant perennials and bulbs. The plants grow roots during the winter months, and are established before the warm months. Before all the leaves fall off trees and shrubs, check for dead branches and remove them, or mark them for later pruning. After leaves have fallen, dormant oil can be sprayed, which will help reduce the number of unwanted pests in the next growing season. Fungicides can also be applied with the dormant oil. If you purchased garden mums and they have stopped blooming, trim them back and plant them in your garden; they're perennials. Prior to taking frost tender container plants inside, re-pot them with fresh potting mix, which will help keep them bug free.

Quiz Questions: #1: What is the purpose of using compost in gardens? #2: What types of mulch are there and why are they used?

As the temperatures start to decline, watering can be reduced, but not canceled. Trees and other perennials need the same amount of water, but less often. Roots grow in the fall and winter and need moisture. Just as we get thirsty, so do they.