

## Leadership

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## Commission Meetings

Commission Meetings are generally held the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month (except in November and December). For full meeting schedule visit [ci.alamogordo.nm.us](http://ci.alamogordo.nm.us).

## Fireside Chats

**FIRESIDE CHATS** with the City Manager are held on the second Monday of each month. The next one will be **July 13, 2015** at 5:30 p.m. in the Southwest Room of the Alamogordo Public Library. Stop by and hear Jim chat about ongoing projects and answer your burning questions!



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June 2015

# City of Alamogordo

## CITY PROFILE

### Message from the Mayor

Do you have plans to make improvements to your home or business with a handyman or general contractor this year? If so, please be sure to protect yourself, as a consumer, and those around you that may be effected by the renovation or repairs. Check with the person(s) or company you hire to ensure they have the proper license with the state of New Mexico.

If you know of contractors operating without a contractor's license, please seek out and complete a form online "Unlicensed Contractor Activity Complaint/Report," at: <http://www.rld.state.nm.us/>.

The New Mexico Regulation & Licensing Department's goal is to promote the general welfare of the people of New Mexico by providing for the protection of life and property through standards that, when complied with, will result in a safer structure.

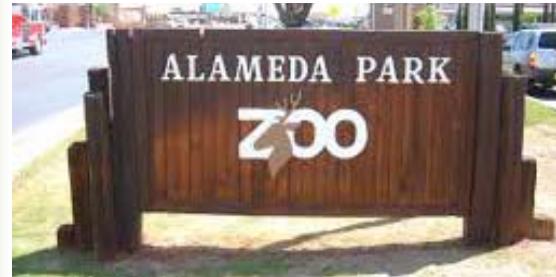
Contracting without a proper license in New Mexico is against the law. If a contractor is working without a license, the Division may stop the construction project and file a criminal charge of unlicensed contracting in Metropolitan or Magistrate Court. The Division also has an administrative process that allows an unlicensed contractor to become properly licensed to do work in New Mexico.

I hope you are enjoying the summer so far, and also continue to find ways to help me and the City Commission to make improvements to our beautiful community.

~ Mayor Susie Galea

## Alameda Park Zoo

Visit the oldest zoo in the Southwest!!



### Hours of Operation

Sunday-Saturday

9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

\* Closed Christmas & New Years

### Admission Costs

Youth 3-11—\$1.50

Adults 12-59—\$2.50

Seniors 60+ —\$1.50

Alameda Park Zoo offers 12 acres of parkland, a playground, picnic area, education center and a brand new gift shop.

For the health and safety of our animals and guests, please consider the following when visiting the zoo:

- ✦ children must be supervised at all times
- ✦ no outside alcoholic beverages
- ✦ no bicycles or skateboards
- ✦ no pets allowed
- ✦ no loud radios
- ✦ no toy guns
- ✦ no feeding the animals
- ✦ no climbing on railings or fences
- ✦ no harassment of the animals
  - ✧ do not yell or make loud sounds, bang on railings or windows, or throw objects at animals or into exhibits



Any guest found in violation of the above rules and regulations may be asked to leave the zoo. Please contact zoo staff if you have concerns with other guests during your visit.

## New Businesses

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

- A Best Bail Bonds (575) 437-8888
- Adame Construction, Inc (505) 865-7001
- Burton Learning Systems (575) 491-6260
- Enchanted Glass, Inc (575) 443-6110
- Farie Feathers (575) 442-3770
- Flores Photography (575) 446-6095
- Foundation for Change (540) 495-8844
- France and Joe's Wood Shop (520) 429-5598
- Free Coast Clothing, LLC (915) 838-5488
- Freedom Janitorial Plus (575) 491-0885
- GJ Solutions, LLC (575) 495-4130
- Justin's Motor Company (575) 430-8393
- Karen S Clark (575) 442-5300
- Perfect Horizon (310) 951-1110
- PMS Alamogordo FHC—Behavioral (575) 434-2960
- Post Holes Drilling New Mexico (575) 430-3975
- Seward Clean Tech (525) 404-0266
- Sharon Smaga (575) 430-3701
- Soderberg's Repair Sales and Service (575) 430-2703
- Sunny Movers Corp (575) 434-5489
- 5150 Smoke Shop (575) 551-6309

## 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 **July 2, 2015**. For more information or to submit an agenda item, please call Melissa Walker, 439-4204.

Want daily updates on happenings around town?  
Scan the code and "Like" us on Facebook!



## Independence Day Celebration

Please join us for the Independence Day festivities on July 4, 2015!



There will be a parade at 10 a.m. on Tenth Street from Oregon Avenue to New York Avenue. There will also be a fireworks display at the Space Museum at sundown.

## Fourth Friday

## Summer Reading Program



There is still time to sign up for the Alamogordo Public Library's Summer Reading Program! Free for ages birth through 18. We have a variety of programs throughout July, as well as the opportunity to earn prizes simply by reading! Call 439-4157 for more information.

## United Way Day of Caring

The United Way of Otero County will host Day of Caring on **September 3, 2015**.

For over 20 years, this incredible event has allowed volunteers from the community and Holloman AFB to perform services such as yard work, window washing, general house cleaning, painting and minor repairs for seniors, the disabled and low income families.

To request assistance, please fill out a residential job request form and return it no later than **July 31, 2015**.

If you would like to volunteer or donate materials, applications should be submitted by **August 17, 2015**. We are seeking cash donations, gift cards to Home Depot or Lowes Home Improvement (\$50-\$200) for materials, and gently used yard tools (lawn mowers/weed eaters/rakes, etc.) needed to perform the work requested.

For more information and to obtain forms and applications, please visit our website at: [www.uwoterocty.org/cms-view-page.php?page=day-of-caring-2015](http://www.uwoterocty.org/cms-view-page.php?page=day-of-caring-2015) or call us at 437-8400.



## White Sands Pupfish Schedule

| JULY   |                              |                              |                              |                              |                               |  |
|--|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| Sunday   | Monday                       | Tuesday                      | Wednesday                    | Thursday                     | Friday                        | Saturday   |
|  |                              |                              | 1<br>ROS<br>@ WHI<br>6:30PM  | 2<br>WHI<br>@ ROS<br>7:00PM  | 3<br>ROS<br>@ WHI<br>6:30PM   | 4<br>CRU<br>@ WHI<br>11:00AM<br>WHI<br>@ CRU<br>7:00PM |
| 5<br>WHI<br>@ CRU<br>6:30PM  | 6                            | 7<br>CRU<br>@ WHI<br>6:30PM  | 8<br>ALP<br>@ WHI<br>7:00PM  | 9<br>ALP<br>@ WHI<br>7:00PM  | 10<br>ALP<br>@ WHI<br>7:00PM  | 11<br>ALP<br>@ WHI<br>7:00PM                           |
| 12<br>WHI<br>@ ROS<br>7:00PM   | 13<br>ROS<br>@ WHI<br>6:30PM | 14<br>WHI<br>@ ROS<br>7:00PM | 15<br>ROS<br>@ WHI<br>6:30PM | 16<br>WHI<br>@ ROS<br>7:00PM | 17<br>CRU<br>@ WHI<br>6:30PM  | 18<br>WHI<br>@ CRU<br>6:30PM                           |
| 19<br>WHI<br>@ CRU<br>6:30PM   | 20<br>CRU<br>@ WHI<br>6:30PM | 21<br>WHI<br>@ CRU<br>6:30PM | 22<br>CRU<br>@ WHI<br>6:30PM | 23<br>ALP<br>@ WHI<br>6:30PM | 24<br>ALP<br>@ WHI<br>6:30PM  | 25<br>WHI<br>@ ALP<br>6:30PM                           |
| 26<br>WHI<br>@ CRU<br>6:30PM   | 27<br>WHI<br>@ ALP<br>6:30PM | 28<br>WHI<br>@ ALP<br>6:30PM |                              |                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Home | <input type="checkbox"/> Away                          |

## Gardening Tip

From Becky at Lowe's Grocery Store:

Can you believe it's already June? And, weather forecasters are predicting a wet El Nino throughout the southwest, with precipitation through August.



These rains will be great if we do receive them, but all gardeners should continue deep, consistent watering and mulch to prevent moisture loss. To help keep your bedding plants and vegetables, healthy sidedressings of fertilizers can be applied. Pull the mulch back, and work the suggested amount of fertilizer into the top two inches of soil, away from the stem, and not so deep that the roots are damaged. Put the mulch back, and water. If a foliar fertilizer is going to be used, I suggest watering the plants prior to fertilizing. Always spray before it gets hot so the leaves don't burn. Get up at five, water by six, spray by seven, then coffee at eight.

Several people have come in because their plants are suffering. They tell me that they have looked up their plants on the Internet, and the information they found said once-a-week watering is sufficient. This is not true for new transplants. In hot weather, new plants should be watered every day for the first two weeks, twice a day if they start to wilt, and do not recover during the night. Deep water in the morning so the plants are hydrated before the heat of the day. When the plants start putting out new growth, try skipping a watering day. Deep water the next day, then skip another day, and continue monitoring the plant. Just be careful not to drown it.