

## 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

Cancelled until further notice.



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# City of Alamogordo

## CITY PROFILE

### Message from the Mayor

Alamogordo Senior Citizens can enjoy an active lifestyle here, and continue to inspire the fitness goals of many community members like myself.

This year, the 2015 National Senior Olympics took place in Minnesota, and I'm proud to share that one of our community members won medals there.

Please join me in congratulating Monroe Ratchford who won national medals in both track and field competitions and table tennis.

We can also celebrate four local winners who medaled at the state level games in Roswell, NM:

Jean Duncan – 2015 NM Golden Athlete Award

Susan Coffman & Jim Garrett – Gold & Silver Medalist for Dance

Marta Velasco – Gold & Silver Medalist for Running (5k, 400M, 800M)

To qualify to compete in the Senior Citizen Olympics, competitors must be 50+ years of age. As your Mayor, I hope that all citizens take time to take care of themselves. I see the wonderful work volunteers do every day for others – don't forget to be generous with yourself too. See you outdoors!

~ Mayor Susie Galea

## Alamo Senior Center

Are you 60 years old or over and looking for a place to hang out? The Alamo Senior Center is the area's premium recreation center for seniors.

The Alamo Senior Center offers fitness classes (such as tai chi, yoga, strength & flexibility, chair exercise, fall prevention, line and belly dancing), activities (such as bridge and pinochle, quilting and needlework, lapidary and silversmithing), live music every morning, Friday night dances, delicious lunches every day, and so much more.

The Alamo Senior Center also hosts the AARP Safe Driver's Course once a month as well as other support groups and special presentations. On October 28, the Legal Resources for the Elderly Program will present a short workshop on estate planning, an excellent overview of points to consider for wills, advanced medical directives and powers of attorney as well as their free legal services from 10 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. Our monthly newsletter, *The Sentinel*, details all of our events.

The Alamo Senior Center is located at 2201 Puerto Rico Avenue in Alamogordo. We invite you to stop by, pick up a copy of our newsletter and see all that we have to offer. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at 439-4150.



## 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 August:

- ADL Experts (Therapy) (814) 490-6118
- Aggregate Technologies, LLC (General Service) (575) 437-0047
- Angela's Property Cleaning Service (Janitorial) (917) 789-4910
- Christina Brendler (General Service) (575) 495-8381
- Froggy's Splash-N-Dash (Car Wash) (575) 491-3846
- Kicklight Law, PC (Attorney) (575) 443-1039
- Luis M. Flores (Barber) No Phone
- Lynn Kimball (Counseling) (575) 491-2789
- NowClean, LLC (General Service) (575) 439-1248
- Sophia's Treasures by Trilobit (Jewelry Sales/Service) (830) 822-6792
- Spiritkane (Retail Sales) (575) 491-6627
- Steve's Quality Home Inspection (Home Inspection) (575) 650-0000
- Top Notch Cleaning Service (Janitorial) (575) 491-5906

## 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 **October 1, 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!



## Zoo Boo

**ZOO BOO**  
**SAT. OCT. 24TH**  
**ALAMEDA PARK ZOO**  
**9AM-12PM**  
**PRIZES GIVEAWAYS**  
**CANDY GAMES**  
**COSTUME CONTEST**

**94KEY**  

**PET PARADE**  
**AT ALAMEDA PARK**  
**ZOO BROO**  
**ADULTS ONLY**  
**ALAMEDA PARK ZOO**  
**7PM-11PM**  
**DJ COSTUME CONTEST**



## Turkey Week Registration



**Registration begins October 28 at 9 a.m.**

November 23—November 25  
7 a.m.—6 p.m.  
Ages 5 - 12  
Fee: \$51.25 per child

A day camp to give your “Little Turkeys” something to be thankful for during Thanksgiving Break! Children will participate in swimming, arts and crafts, gym games and outdoor activities (weather permitting). A snack is included, but kids must bring their own lunch.

## Water and Sewer Rates



On June 10, 2014 the Alamogordo City Commission approved Ordinance No. 1467 which set new water and sewage rates for a two year period. The first of the rates were effective July 1, 2014 with the second year rates to be effective July 1, 2015.

Due to unforeseen circumstances the rates that were to become effective July 1, 2015 were not entered into the billing system in a timely manner and will not be reflected in your utility bill until the September/October 2015 billing periods. The City will not apply this increase retroactively.

## Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)

CACFP provides financial reimbursement to child and adult care homes and family day care homes for the provision of nutritious foods that contribute to the wellness, healthy growth, and development of young children, and the health and wellness of older adults or chronically impaired disabled persons.

See how CACFP can make a difference in the quality of your program! Whether you are a provider in your home, at a day care center, in an afterschool care program, or in an emergency shelter, you will find many useful resources for serving nutritious meals and snacks.

Anyone who cares for a non-resident child/children or disabled adult in his or her home and provides meals and snacks to those being cared for can apply to participate.

For more information or to acquire an application, please call 1-800-832-1321 or 575-434-9588.



## Medicare Open Enrollment

Medicare Open Enrollment starts October 15 and runs until December 7. This is the time to check to ensure your Medicare insurance choices are right for you. If you feel that your current plan is not providing the coverage you need or the premiums and deductibles are too high, this is the time to comparison shop. You can change to an Advantage Plan without medical qualification each year. And, you can change your independent Prescription Drug Plan without penalty as well. New plans take effect on January 1.



State Health Insurance Assistance Program representatives will be at the Alamo Senior Center on Tuesday, October 27, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm, and on Friday, November 20, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. to help you choose and enroll in a Medicare plan. Or, call the Alamo Senior Center at 575-439-4150 to make an appointment with Peter McKown, SHIP Volunteer.

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## Gardening Tip

*From Becky at Lowe's Grocery Store:*

After complaining about the hot, dry weather we have had the last three or four years, it's hypocritical to complain about this year's weather. There was less wind, more rain, and the temperatures were not as consistently high as they usually are.

The cooler days of September will be welcome. There are a lot of gardening chores that should be done in September. Warm season grasses should have one last fertilizing before winter. Cool weather vegetable seeds and starts can still be planted, some perennial plants may need division, the last fertilizing of roses, planting of perennials or cool weather annuals, irises, and the list goes on and on.

Additionally, I have decided to start a contest to help make gardening education more fun. Each month I will give out two or three questions. Anyone interested can participate.

On a piece of paper write down the questions, then the answers—essay form—and return it to the garden center at Lowe's Grocery Store. You can then put your name in for a monthly drawing of ten dollars off a plant purchase. The drawing will be done on the 15<sup>th</sup> of the following month.

**Question #1:** Describe annual plants and their characteristics.

**Question #2:** Describe biennial plants and their characteristics.

**Question #3:** Describe perennial plants and their characteristics.

All the answers can be found in gardening books, organic gardening publications, and on the web.

Now, I better start studying!

