

Alamogordo Police Department



ALAMOGORDO POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Public Service Announcement

December 31, 2015

On December 31, 2015, The Alamogordo Police Department was made aware of several scam attempts involving someone pretending to be a representative of the City of Alamogordo Water Utilities Department.

The caller is advising local residents they are behind on their water payment or need their water meters replaced. The caller has identified himself as Dave, but the caller could be using any fictitious name when he calls. The caller has advised residents to go to Wal-Mart and purchase a money card or the caller asks the resident to meet them at Wal-Mart with a payment to avoid a disconnection of their water services.

Alamogordo residents need to be reminded that the City of Alamogordo Water Utilities Department **"does not"** make phone calls when water bills are past due. The COA Water Utilities Department will only send out water bills via the US Mail Service. The caller has been using the phone number of 575-218-7222, which is disconnected on call back.

The Alamogordo Police Department wants to make all citizens aware that these criminals are continually trying different methods to fraudulently obtain funds from unsuspecting citizens.

The Alamogordo Police Department wants to warn the public of the latest scam and to report all incidents to the police department. We also want to remind citizens to never give out personal information to anyone over the phone or via the internet.

Boards and Committees

Board and Committee Vacancies

- Airport Zoning Board
- Disability Council
- Promotion Board
- Community Development
- Housing Authority Advisory Board
- Mayor's Committee on Aging
- Public Library Board
- Senior Volunteer Programs Council

If you are interested in serving on any City of Alamogordo Board/Committee, please fill out an application at the City Clerk's office or call 439-4205 for more information. Volunteers are always needed and appreciated.

Municipal Election



MARCH 1, 2016 REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Nancy Jacobs, CMC, City Clerk
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njacobs@ci.alamogordo.nm.us

An Election will be held in the City of Alamogordo on **Tuesday, March 1, 2016** for the purpose of electing a Mayor At-Large to complete the current term, electing four City Commissioners, and to consider the proposed amendments to the Alamogordo City Charter. Only for Districts 1, 3, 5 and 6 will the ballot contain a position for City Commissioner. All Districts will be voting on the position of Mayor At-Large to complete the term through 2018. The election will be Citywide (Districts 1 through 6) and all ballots will contain the City Charter amendment questions.

Voting Eligibility

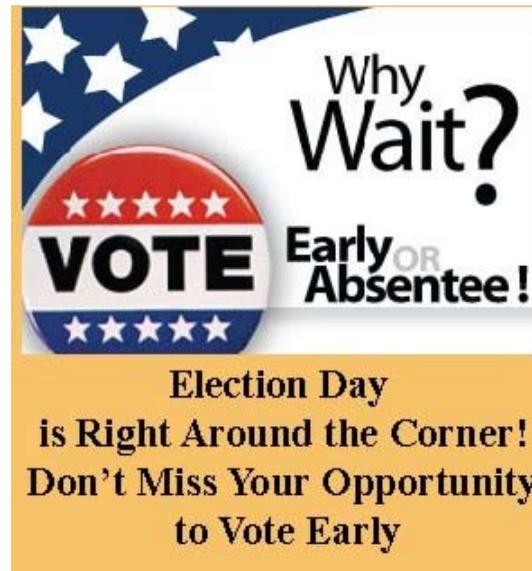
To be eligible to vote in this Election, you must be a registered elector whose registered address is within the City Limits of Alamogordo. If you are not currently registered to vote, you must do so with the Otero County Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 2, 2016. Since the registered voters within the boundaries of the districts elect the City Commissioners, it is particularly important for voters to be registered at the address where they presently reside. If you have moved since the time you registered to vote, you should change your voter registration to reflect your current address.

Municipal Election (cont.)

Absentee & Early Voting

Absentee voting on paper ballots through the mail will be available for this election and can be obtained by contacting the office of the City Clerk. Absentee voting applications can be mailed beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 26, 2016, and Early Voting in person on electronic voting machines begins at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 10, 2016. Absentee voting on paper ballots and Early Voting on voting machines ends at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 26, 2016.

Absentee and Early Voting will be conducted in the Office of the City Clerk at City Hall, 1376 E. Ninth Street, during regular business hours, which are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ***THERE WILL BE VOTING DURING THE NOON HOUR.***



Gardening Tip

From Becky at Lowe's Signature Market

At last, winter has arrived. There has been ice on the birdbath, we've had a little snow, and the winter solstice has passed. Now we can start planning our gardens, and hopefully get them planted before the summer solstice.

The 2016 Botanical Interest seeds have arrived. These seeds are GMO free, and are primarily heirloom or heritage seeds, organic and untreated. There is a large selection of herbs, vegetables, flowers, sprouts, and micro greens available.

Before you start preparing your garden beds, analyze the results of last year's garden. What flourished, what perished, or what just hung on because you were too stubborn to give up on it. Gardening here is not as easy as other regions, and we have to exert more effort in order to succeed. This means more soil amending, better watering practices, shading if needed, and vigilance. Plant only what you like and enjoy, and have time to care for and use. If you had zucchinis and Armenian cucumbers choking out your other vegetables, and your neighbors hid from you, plant less.

Now that most of the trees have become dormant, trimming and pruning can be started. Only prune what is necessary; remove dead or diseased branches, and ones that are too close together or crossed. Do not top trees. After the trees have been taken care of, a spray of dormant oil should be applied, especially if they were infested with pests.

Hold off pruning roses until the middle of February. You can start removing dead leaves that are on the stems and ground. This will help you see the structure of the branches when you do start pruning. Before pruning, determine what type of rose you have, and prune accordingly.

And as we start counting the days before we start sowing our seeds, calculating how many to plant, heed what Leo Aikman said: "A good gardener always plants three seeds, one for the bugs, one for the weather, and one for himself."

Leadership

City Commission / City Manager

Susie Galea, Mayor at Large (575-518-9308)
Jason Baldwin, District 1 (575-921-1093)
Nadia Sikes, District 2 (575-491-7910)
Robert Rentschler, Mayor Pro-Tem
District 3 (575-446-9140)
Jenny Turnbull, District 4 (575-434-5544)
Al Hernandez, District 5 (575-921-3632)
Cliff Hudson, District 6 (446-9337)
George Straface, Interim City Manager
(575-439-4203)

Commission Meetings

Commission Meetings will be held the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers at City Hall. Upcoming meeting dates are January 26, 2016 and February 9, 2016. For full meeting schedule and deadline dates visit: <http://ci.alamogordo.nm.us>



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CITY PROFILE

Message from the Mayor

The month of February is the conclusion of the 2016 New Mexico legislative session in Santa Fe. This year the City's top legislative funding request from capital outlay is to prevent flooding of over 150 homes and structures, to include the Senior Center and an elementary school, and to prevent loss of life.

Please join me and the City Commission by showing your support of the \$900,000 capital outlay request. The Griggs Field Detention Basin project of \$900,000 will help us all protect life and property within our community.

Rep. Yvette Herrel, Rep. Zach Cook, Sen. Ron Griggs, and Sen. Bill Burt will be working on our behalf in Santa Fe this year. On behalf of the City Commission, I offer gratitude to our Legislators and wish them well. I am especially grateful to citizens that daily work to improve our community with the good you do. It's truly a pleasure to serve you!

~Mayor Susie Galea

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Alamogordo Main Street



Alamogordo, NM became part of the New Mexico Main Street program in 2015. The NM MainStreet Program is a community-driven revitalization program. The program brings together stakeholders from all sectors to drive the revitalization of main street districts, which brings revitalization to the whole community. The MainStreet approach uses four key areas to guide the revitalization: economic vitality, promotion, design, and organization.

During 2015, Alamogordo MainStreet formed a board and committees, held a public meeting, and completed a revitalization project cleaning Founders Park at the corner of 10th Street and White Sands. MainStreet is now developing new and exciting projects for 2016. If you would like to be a part of this program and help revitalize Alamogordo's main street district, please contact Alamogordo MainStreet at alamogordomainstreet@gmail.com or visit the MainStreet website at www.alamogordomainstreet.com. Information can also be found on FaceBook at AlamogordoMainStreet.

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 **February 4, 2016**. For more information or to submit an agenda item, please call Melissa Walker, 439-4204.

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 December.

- Broken J Designs (Photography Services) (575) 491-2521
- Browning Taxidermy (Taxidermy) (575) 639-0402
- Jaimen Lawn Care (Landscaping/Lawn Care) (775) 335-9348
- Janina Reich (Health Instructor) (575) 495-8414
- Jessica Biagiotti (General Services) (603) 204-4470
- Shimmer Spa (Massage Therapy) (575) 437-2593
- Tanks and Tutus (Retail Sales) (575) 937-1763
- 123 White Sands Bistro (Restaurant) (575) 551-5477

Library News

The Alamogordo Public Library invites you to express your literary creativity by joining the Alamogordo Library Writers Group on February 2, 2016, at 6 p.m. in the Eugene Rhodes Room. For more information call the Reference Desk at (575) 439-4148.

