

Message from APS



On behalf of the Alamogordo Public Schools' Board of Education, Superintendent Adrienne Salas, APS employees and over 5600 students, we would like to thank you for your support in passing the General Obligation Bond.

Passage of this bond insures the continued upgrade, repair and construction of educational facilities within the Alamogordo Public School District.

We **won** with 79.6% of voters approving the GO Bond.

(785 - FOR / 201 - AGAINST)*
Voter Turnout was 4.57%*

*Unofficial Results (Official results will be available 2/4/16)

Boards and Committees

- 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
575-439-4205 or
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 term, four City Commissioners, and to consider 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 (2018). The election will be Citywide and all ballots will contain the City Charter amendment questions. Please call the City Clerk's office with any questions concerning the election – 439-4205.

Proposed Amendments to the City Charter

There are many proposed amendments to the Alamogordo City Charter. Please come by the office of the City Clerk and pick up a copy of the proposed amendments.

Voting Convenience Centers

Voting Convenience Centers will be used for the March 1, 2016 Election. The polling places for Districts 1 – 6 will be at the Sgt. Willie Estrada Memorial Civic Center, the Tays Special Events Center, and the Otero County Fairgrounds.

Municipal Election (cont.)

ELECTED OFFICIALS

One Mayor At-Large will be elected to complete the term ending in 2018. The following are the candidates who have filed for the position in the order they will appear on the ballot:

Mike Rosales
Richard A. Boss
Robert G. Hahn
James T. Baker
Jeffrey Ault
Michael David Elliott



Four City Commissioners

(for a 4-year term) for the districts listed below along with the candidates who have filed for the positions in the order they will appear on the ballot:

District One (1)

Jason R. Baldwin
Dawn E. Lewis

District Three (3)

Maria Alicia Rios
Robert G. Rentschler
Matthew J. Deer
Susan L. Payne

District Five (5)

Alfonso Hernandez

District Six (6)

Erica M. Martin
Eugene C. Hudson



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This publication is also available on the web.

Gardening Tip

from Becky at Lowe's Signature Market



As February arrives, gardeners start getting planting fever. There is a saying that when the crocus starts to open, it's time to transplant the cold crops, which consist of lettuces, the cabbage family, and onions. I never really had much luck with that, because I always forgot where I planted crocus, and they would have bloomed and dried up before I noticed them. They're so short.

In the garden, seeds of radishes and cold hardy lettuces can be sown. If you set out transplants of any of the cold crops, be sure to cover them on frosty nights. Cold blankets are available, or sheets can also be used. Inside, herb seeds can also be started under lights or on sunny window sills. Annual flowers, warm weather vegetables, and perennial seeds can be started, but be sure to check the planting dates on the packets, and your average last frost date.

Do not forget your garden beds. If you have not removed the rubbish from last year's growth, it needs to be done. Fresh composted organic matter can be worked into the soil, and I always like to add some dry fertilizers such as bone meal, potassium, and other trace minerals. When spreading powdered fertilizers, try not to inhale the dust; use a dust mask for safety.

Finish pruning dormant roses, shrubs, and fruit trees. Climbing roses should not be pruned until after they have bloomed; they usually bloom on the older wood. Just trim off dead or diseased branches or canes, and any scraggly growth. If using dormant oil for pest management, spray one last time before bud break. Start modifying your watering schedule. As the weather starts to warm up, plants will need water more often. As trees get larger, they will need more water, deeper and farther out.

And now I am going to practice my New Year resolution: to only plant what I have time to tend to. It's never worked before, but there's always hope. Happy Gardening!

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 February 23, 2016 and March 8, 2016. For full meeting schedule and deadline dates visit: <http://ci.alamogordo.nm.us>

Recognition for Mayor Galea



At the February 23, 2016 Commission Meeting there will be a special presentation for outgoing Mayor At-Large, Susie Galea. Prior to the Commission Meeting, starting at 6:00 p.m., a reception outside Commission Chambers will take place for the public, city staff and Commissioners to thank Mayor Galea for her service and wish her well in her new endeavors.

February 2016

City of Alamogordo

CITY PROFILE

Message from the Mayor

As of March 1, 2016 Alamogordo will have elected its newest Mayor. The newly seated Commission takes its place on March 8, 2016. It has been my privilege to have served Alamogordo since March 2012. What a wonderful city we live in! Thank you to all the citizens that work together to make our community the best place to start a business, raise a family, tour unique attractions, and retire. Alamogordo will continue to be the destination to “Discover. Explore. Launch.”

Please join me in welcoming the newly seated 2016 City of Alamogordo Commission! I especially extend sincere gratitude to all of the City of Alamogordo staff that continue to serve all of us daily, and carry out the work orders, policies, and ordinance adherence the Commission enacts for us all.

Yours truly,
Susie Galea (Former Mayor)

Want daily updates on happenings around town?
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MainStreet



Property owner, John Evans, has invested in the economic development of Alamogordo and Otero County by donating office space for the MainStreet America

@Alamogordo business office.

Alamogordo MainStreet has partnered with the Shroud Museum to market the museum, Alamogordo businesses and hotels to the thousands of travelers making the pilgrimage to Juarez, Mexico for the Papal visit February 17th.

Work has begun on the PNM grant for façade revitalization on the 800 block of New York Ave and the Mural Painting facing White Sands Blvd.

The Fund-Raising Committee has begun organizational activities and is currently seeking businesses and individuals interested in investing in the economic development of Alamogordo and Otero County. Please contact Barry Thorp at bthorp@bbiradio.net for more information.

Alamogordo MainStreet is actively seeking applicants for the position of Executive Director. This is a full-time position with compensation commensurate with education and experience. Please direct inquiries to Barry Thorp, at bthorp@bbiradio.net.

Persons interested in volunteering with this dynamic, fast growing, and economic landscape changing organization are urged to contact Dr. Terry Marquardt, Chairman of the Alamogordo MainStreet Board at drterrymarquardt@gmail.com.

Business Licenses

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 January.

- Addus Homecare (Home Care)
(575) 824-2685
- Ameristar Construction, Inc. (Gen. Cont.)
(505) 991-1933
- Backroad Explorer (Photography Services)
(575) 551-4336
- Beauty by Brittany (General Services)
(575) 491-9972
- Belle Cheveaux (Cosmetology)
(575) 437-0543
- DB Yard Service (Landscaping/Lawn care)
(505) 688-8007
- Eva-Christian Fischer (General Services)
(575) 551-0771
- Janina Reich (Health Instructor)
(575) 495-8414
- LA Landscaping & Care (Landscaping)
(575) 489-3359
- Sarah's Gone Natural (General Services)
(575) 489-3359
- Stain Alive (General Services)
(432) 295-3028

Alamogordo Police Department

The Alamogordo Police Department offers free car seat fittings every third Saturday of the month, by appointment. The next fitting will be February 20, 2016 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Police Department, 700 Virginia Ave. Please contact [\(575\) 439-4300](tel:5754394300) for more information.