

City Profile

City of Alamogordo

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What's New at the Zoo?

These South American animals are Lama Guanicoe; found in the plains of the Andes Mountains. The common name is Guanaco. They are wild animals of the camel family; closely related to domesticated llamas. Alameda Park Zoo received these two guanacos from the John Ball Zoological Garden in Detroit, Michigan this spring. Minnie is 16 years old and Tippy is 17 years old.

We have babies at the zoo: ducklings, mule deer, capybaras, African Crown Crane, and a Capuchin monkey. Two Mexican Gray Wolves, sisters, have joined us through the Species Survival Plan. The Zoo has also received one male Black Swan from Busch Gardens in Tampa, Florida, and one female Mute Swan from the Virginia Zoological Park in Norfolk, Virginia.

The big mammals are enjoying their veggie popsicles which help keep them cool. There has been a lot of progress on the walk through aviary construction.

We'd love to see YOU at the ZOO!



Alamogordo Department of Public Safety invites you to a **Child Safety Seat Clinic**. These are held every 3rd Saturday each month, starting at 9am. The next clinic will be July 17th, at 1360 Indian Wells. Call 439-4178 for an appointment.

Community Services is teaming up with 94KYEE to bring you this hot summer special: when the forecast temperature is 94 degrees or higher, swim for just ONE BUCK at the Family Rec Center (during public swim every day from 1 to 5 pm).

The next FREE SWIM day at the Family Rec Center will be held on August 13, 2010

PET SAFETY: do NOT take your pets in the car with you. It is too hot for them, even with the windows cracked. Dogs don't have sweat glands like people to be able to cool down. Leave them home. Make sure they have plenty of water and shade.



Family Recreation Center News

Call 439-4142 for more information

Registration for summer camps is on-going

Registration for Session 3 swim lessons is now open. The session runs from July 12 – July 29.

Cost is \$49.50 with a \$2 additional child discount.

Swimming lessons are available year round.

Did you know the Family Rec Center has birthday party packages available?



Programs brought to you by YOUR
Community Services Department

The Alamogordo Public Library's Summer Reading Program is still on-going; with story times, prizes and programs for all age groups. This year, the Friends of the Library are even offering an Adult Summer Reading Program, with special programs and activities. Those interested in participating can sign up at the library any time. Library hours are:

Monday-Thursday, 10AM-8PM
Friday, 10AM-5PM Saturday, 11AM-5PM

Story Times at the Alamogordo Public Library are free, but you must be signed up for the Summer Reading Program, which you can do at the door:

- July 12, 10:30AM-11:30AM Preschool Story Time
- July 19, 10:30AM-11:30AM Preschool Story Time
- July 14, 10:30AM-11:30AM Kinder/1st Grade Story Time
- July 21, 10:30AM-11:30AM Kinder/1st Grade Story Time
- July 15, 10:30AM-11:30AM 2nd Grade and Up Story Time
- July 22, 10:30AM-11:30AM 2nd Grade and Up Story Time

Teen Café events are free for all middle and high school students:

- July 13, 5-7PM Teen Cafe; Greek Night - come dressed as your favorite character from Greek mythology
- July 20, 6-7PM Teen Cafe; Beach Party - come dressed in your best Hawaiian gear
- July 27, 6-7PM Teen Cafe; Water Fight - bring your squirt guns and prepare to get soaked!

Other **Summer Reading Program** events at your Library:

- July 9, 10:30-11:30, White Sands Park Ranger Kathy Denton
- July 16, 10:30-11:30, Storyteller Lynette Harris
- July 26, 10:30AM Water Play Day. For ages 5 & under. Come play with sprinklers and bubbles, learn about floating and sinking, or just have fun splashing around. BYOT (Bring Your Own Towel)
- July 28 - August 10, 10AM-6PM, Scholastic Book Fair
- August 5, 10AM, Summer Reading Program Closing Ceremony on the library lawn. Prizes, games and refreshments, and if we reached our goal: Miss Ami in the dunking booth!

Free movies in the multipurpose room at 1PM on Monday July 12th and Monday 19th

For more information, contact Ami Jones at 439-4157 or ajones@ci.alamogordo.nm.us

Family Movie Night at the Zoo returns, on Thursday July 15th! The zoo re-opens at 7:30 for this special after-hours event. The "Zoovie" will be shown as it gets dark enough outside, approximately 8:30 p.m. This program was a real hit last summer. Please join us for Family Movie Night; it's just \$1 special admission to the zoo. Please bring your lawn chairs, blankets and bug repellent.

Water Outlook – Summer 2010:
Public Works Department

Our community's average daily water use has been at about 7.5 million gallons per day, which is a dramatic increase from this time last year. The Bonito Lake spillway was overflowing through the end of June, thanks to substantial winter snows. Surface flows from Alamo Canyon and La Luz – Fresno Canyons have dropped off. The reservoirs are still 95% full. The outlook is good for the summer. The City has completed upgrades in all the well fields. Wells have been run recently only to exercise them. Public Works anticipates running 2 to 3 wells starting in August, as is normal for this time of year. If we experience a typical monsoon season, the reservoirs should remain near full through the fall.

CURRENT OUTDOOR WATERING SCHEDULE

- **Odd numbered addresses (street number ends in 1,3,5,7,9) may only water on: SUNDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, & FRIDAYS**
- **Even numbered addresses (street number ends in 0,2,4,6,8) may only water on: TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS & SATURDAYS**

All outdoor watering must take place BEFORE 9 am and AFTER 6pm

This saves water by preventing excessive evaporation.

WATERING IS NOT PERMITTED ON MONDAYS. THANK YOU.

Wasting water, such as allowing it to flow down a street or alley, is prohibited.

Please remember to keep covers on your swimming pools, watch for leaks on your swamp coolers, and check your sprinklers for proper aim.

WATER SAVING TIPS:

- don't let the water run while brushing your teeth, or while shaving
 - choose low water use plants for landscaping
- when you give your pet fresh water, use the old water on a household plant



Be Involved - Positions Available on Boards & Committees

By Reneé L. Cantin, CMC, City Clerk 439-4205

The City of Alamogordo currently has ten active Boards and Committees which are all comprised of volunteer members from our community. Each Board and Committee acts in an advisory capacity to the City Commission; and the input received from each of them can be very essential to decisions made by the City Commission. We currently have vacancies for each of the following: Airport Zoning Board, Alamogordo Disability Council, Alamogordo Promotion Board, Community Development Advisory Committee, Parks and Recreation Board, and Senior Volunteer Programs Advisory Council. If you think you might be interested in voluntary service to any of these Boards or Committees, please call the City Clerk's office at 439-4205 for further information.

Animal Control will host a **pet adoption event** at Alameda Park Zoo during the 2nd Annual *Family Affair Car Show* on August 13th, from noon until 4:00pm. This is a perfect time for you to come meet the newest, furry, member of your family!
Animal Control is open for pet adoption every Tuesday through Saturday from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.



Please join us at the Alameda Park Zoo on Friday July 23rd for the next **"Fourth Friday"** event. June's Fourth Friday was a huge success. This is a cultural experience in the shady and peaceful setting of our beautiful zoo. Check for more information on the City website, <http://ci.alamogordo.nm.us>

The First Mobilization for Cutler Repaving Is Completed

- Maryland Ave. (1st to 10th) - 13,836 square yards milled and 1,036 tons of hot mix applied.
- Indiana (10th to 16th) - 10,125 square yards milled and 1,310 tons of hot mix applied.
- New York (13th to 16th) - 6,599 square yards milled and 540 tons of hot mix applied.
- 12th (Florida to White Sands) - 9,425 square yards milled and 667 tons of hot mix applied.
- College (10th to Indian Wells) - 22,466 square yards milled and 1,715 tons of hot mix applied.
- Bellamah (McKinley to Ridgecrest and 10th to Madison) - 16,447 square yards milled and 1,103 tons of hot mix applied.
- Cornell (Indian Wells to end) - 10,996 square yards milled and 782 tons of hot mix applied.
- S. Florida (Santa Cruz to Panorama) - 15,017 square yards milled and 1,105 tons of hot mix applied.

Total expenditure for this round is \$ 992,611.64

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