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Upcoming Events

Sept 14 - Regular City Commission Meeting

Sept 17-19 White Sands Balloon Inv't'l & Tularosa Basin Wine & Music Fest

Sept 22-Swim Lesson Registration

Sept 23 - Senior Health Fair

Sept 24 - Trek for Trash 2010 Sign-up Deadline

Sept 25-Pet Adoption @ Maurices-White Sands Mall

Sept 28-Regular City Commission Meeting

See our events calendar on our website at:
<http://ci.alamogordo.nm.us>

City Profile

Keep Alamogordo Beautiful-2010 Trek for Trash

The City of Alamogordo Community Service Department in cooperation with Keep Alamogordo Beautiful would like to announce this year's 2010 Trek for Trash. The event date is scheduled for 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM on October 2nd. This important litter eradication and community clean up effort is one of the largest events of the year organized and supported by the state office of New Mexico Clean & Beautiful. The local activities for this event will be organized by Keep Alamogordo Beautiful and sponsored by the City of Alamogordo Community Services Department. Keep Alamogordo Beautiful will place four large roll-off dumpsters at centrally located and easily accessible spots around the City. These trash receptacles will be available to the public free of charge to dump all trash and debris allowed by the

local landfill. All members of the community are asked to focus on removal of any trash and debris on their property and the immediate surrounding area which will improve the overall community appearance. The dumpsters will be located at Hooser Sports Complex located on Walker Road, The Washington Park Pavilion Parking Lot on Washington Ave, The Desert Foothills Park Parking Area, and at the City Maintenance Yard Parking Lot located at 2600 N. Florida Ave. Keep Alamogordo Beautiful volunteers will be manning these locations to assist patrons in disposing of their unwanted items. Keep Alamogordo Beautiful would also like to encourage all currently active clean-up groups and civic organizations who have a mile or an "Adopt-A-Spot" area to schedule their clean up of their areas on this date. Any and all civic groups, youth groups, or

individuals who wish to get involved but don't have a specific area already assigned are welcome as well. Keep Alamogordo Beautiful staff will be set up in the Washington Park Pavilion to register groups who wish to participate and to hand out clean-up kits and t-shirts at 8:00 A.M. All groups are encouraged to contact Keep Alamogordo Beautiful director Erik Marion at 439-4250 by September 24th, 2010 to pre-register and coordinate their efforts or to find out more information. The activities will wrap-up at noon with a hot dog and hamburger cook-out for all volunteers and participants.





“Free Health Screenings and informative 30-minute health workshops will be available throughout the day.”

Coming in October-

**THE FALL 2010
LIBRARY BOOK
SALE!**



Senior Health Fair

The Alamogordo Senior Center will be the site of the Senior Health Fair Thursday, September 23. The event is designed to promote, educate and empower the community to adapt healthier lifestyle behaviors. Health care industry representatives from throughout Otero County will be on hand for the event which is open to the public and free of charge.

The health fair will include free health screenings and information about various health topics. A variety of 30-minute health education workshops will be available throughout the day. Exhibitors from organizations including CAPPED, Alamo Home Health Care, and COPE will have booths and offer information to encourage local residents to utilize local health care resources within the community. Door

prizes will be given away throughout the day.

The Alamo Senior Health Fair will be held from 9 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. and is open to all age groups. Nicky Phillips, SW Regional Manager, Alzheimer's Association will open the event as the key note speaker.

For more information contact Monica Steeby at 439-4154 or

Alamogordo Public Library News

Staff : The Library is pleased to announce that Rashal McEldery is the new Reference Librarian. Ms. McEldery is a graduate of Alamogordo High School and New Mexico State University. Recently returned to Alamogordo after spending 11 years in Florida. Ms. McEldery brings a wealth of experiences and knowledge to her new position as Reference Librarian, most notably a lifelong love of books and media. She is thrilled to re-join the Alamogordo Public Library team (she worked there as a Page and Clerk when she was in high school) and excited to be able to fulfill her career

goals in her hometown of Alamogordo.

By popular request, the library will continue offering free tai chi classes at the library, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9 am on the south lawn.

The 3rd Friday of the month is Movie Night at the library. The show starts at 7pm.

The Alamogordo Public Library has an excellent collection of music; books; and videos, available for check out. The library has 20 PCs for public use. Programming is offered to all ages, and basic computer classes for adults. Stay in touch with what's happening by visiting your local

public library. For more information, please come to the library at 920 Oregon Avenue; call us at 439-4140; or visit the library website: http://ci.alamogordo.nm.us/coa/community_services/library.htm.

The fall 2010 Library Book Sale is scheduled for October 21 - 24. Donations of good quality fiction, non-fiction and audio books, videos, DVDs, CDs and puzzles are gratefully accepted and may be dropped off at the Library or the old IGA building, 10th & Cuba entrance. For more information call Joyce 430-1893 or Esther 439-7468. Thank you for supporting your Alamogordo Public Library.

The Convenience Center is located at 224 LaVelle Road, which is off of West 1st Street. Beginning the last week of August, and lasting until Daylight Savings Time ends on Novem-

Change in Hours of Operation

expanded hours for the Convenience Center are:
Monday - Thurs 8:00am-3:30pm
Fri-Saturday 8:00am- 6:30pm

Sunday —12:00pm-3:30pm

Customers with materials bring a current utility bill to the facility.

Sidewalk Revolving Loan Fund!

Article 8-07 of the Alamogordo Municipal Code makes it the duty of every property owner to construct and repair sidewalks upon notification. The city typically makes such notifications whenever it undertakes new streets projects. During the past 18 months the city has completed, or is about to complete, projects on the following streets or street segments; New York, Cornell, 12th, South Florida, Indiana, Bellamah, 15th, College, North Florida, Maryland, Plainview, 18th and Lavelle. On each of these streets at the beginning of the project the property owner was notified of the work to be done and the property owner's responsibility for certain improvements such as thermal expansion tanks and sidewalk

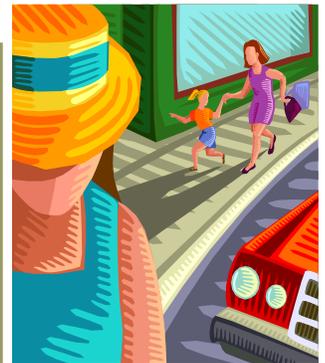
placement or repairs. The city has had good success with voluntary compliance with these notifications. However, as we now near completion of the construction work the City will be notifying those property owners in the project areas that have not yet constructed and/or repaired sidewalks that they must now do so.

Realizing that some property owners may not be able to afford the expense of installing or repairing a sidewalk on their property and recognizing that sidewalks are an integral part of a community's transportation system and quality of life the Alamogordo City Commission established a Revolving Loan Program for resident property own-

ers that allows them to borrow up to \$2,500 from the city to be used to construct and/or repair sidewalks and/or drive aprons.

To be eligible to participate in the Revolving Loan Fund program the property must; A) be in an identified project area, B) must have received a notice from the city indicating the need to construct and/or repair the sidewalk, C) be owner occupied, D) the property owner must not have any outstanding tax liens or other debts to the city and, E) the family income may not exceed the City of Alamogordo Median Family Income from the most recent decennial U.S. Census (\$35,673 annually).

If you live on one of the streets listed above and receive a notice from the City of Alamogordo that you need to construct and/or repair the sidewalk on your property and you meet the eligibility requirements we encourage you to contact Mr. Marc South, City Planner, at 439-4231 for more information on the revolving loan fund program.



Alamogordo Family Recreation Center

Fall is coming at the Alamogordo Family Recreation Center and the facility is offering programs to fit the needs of every busy family and individual. Facility operation hours for this fall and winter will be 6am -7pm Monday – Thursday, Friday 6am-6pm, Saturday 1-6pm. The Facility is closed on Sundays. Facility Programs include the After School Frenzy, a fast-paced after school program for children from 4 years of age to 11 years of age. Space is still available just call to sign up any child today. Soccer season is here and that registration is in full-

swing. The soccer program and practices started August 30th, and are ongoing until filled. Call the Recreation Center for full details and information to register your soccer boy or girl. The pool facility is open and welcomes the public. Resurfacing and other exciting changes are coming for this facility that will be needed to give better service to the public. Average pool attendance has been holding steady with record numbers, and the facility is looking forward to serving those patrons through the rest of the year. In the month of September the Recreation Center will offer swim lessons for all ages. This reg-

istration opened August 25th and will fill up quickly, so individuals are urged to call for registration now.

The Family Recreation Center would like to thank the patrons for utilizing our services this summer and the center looks forward to providing full service events and programs through out the fall and winter months. Future events will include the Zoo Boo in October, the Turkey Shoot in November, and the Holiday Classic fun run in December. The center thanks all the staff who worked over the summer to make 2010 a fun and safe summer. Happy Fall, y'all!

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Water Saving Tips

The City of Alamogordo Customer Service staff would like to offer you a few tips to conserve water and save you money. Remember to look at your bill closely, it specifically tells you how many gallons you have used in a month. You should compare this to previous year's bills to ensure you don't have a leak. Also on your bill is a graph that shows 12 months of consumption to assist you in monitoring your usage. *Try to do one thing each day that will result in saving water. Don't worry if the savings are minimal. Every drop counts. You can make a difference.*

Try our top 12 water saving tips

- Water your yard and outdoor plants early or late in the day to reduce evaporation.** (Illustration: A person watering plants with a hose, with a rainbow and 'YES!' above and 'NO!' below.)
- Use a shut-off nozzle on your hose.** (Illustration: A yellow hose with a shut-off nozzle.)
- Use plants that require less water.** (Illustration: A potted plant with purple flowers.)
- Mulch around plants to hold water in the soil.** (Illustration: A hand placing mulch around a plant.)
- Get an Energy Star labeled washing machine.** (Illustration: A washing machine with an 'Energy Star' logo.)
- Wash only full loads.** (Illustration: A washing machine drum.)
- Use a low flow showerhead.** (Illustration: A showerhead with water spraying.)
- Take shorter showers — five minutes or less is best.** (Illustration: A person taking a shower with bubbles.)
- Turn off the water while soaping hands and brushing teeth.** (Illustration: A person brushing teeth at a sink.)
- Turn off sink faucet while scrubbing dishes and pots.** (Illustration: A person scrubbing dishes at a sink.)
- Install new toilets that use less than 1.6 gallons per flush.** (Illustration: A toilet.)
- Put faucet aerators on sink faucets.** (Illustration: A faucet with an aerator being installed.)
- Use a broom, not a hose, to clean driveways and walkways.** (Illustration: A broom and a hose.)

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**

Reminder: All outdoor watering must take place **BEFORE 9 am** and **AFTER 6pm**. This saves water by preventing excessive evaporation.

Due to Special Scheduled Events: **4th FRIDAYS** will resume on October 22, 2010 at Alameda Park Zoo



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