



# City Profile

## OCTOBER EVENTS for Community Services

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### Upcoming Events

- Oct 12 - Regular City Commission Meeting
  - Oct 13 - Swim Lesson Registration Begins
  - Oct 16-25 - Pool Bubble construction
  - Oct 22 - 4th Friday 5-9 PM
  - Oct 26 - Regular City Commission Meeting
  - Oct 27 & 28 - Idol Auditions Civic Ctr 5 PM
  - Oct 30 - Zoo Boo 2010 9 AM-12 PM
  - Upcoming:
  - Nov 6-Basketball Turkey Shoot
- See our events calendar on our website at:  
<http://ci.alamogordo.nm.us>

### 4<sup>th</sup> Friday's

#### October 22<sup>nd</sup> 5pm-9pm

Come join us for an evening of musical entertainment, food, drinks or just enjoying the Zoo exhibits. \*Beverages are not allowed to enter the Zoo and please no coolers.

**Free admission and giveaways.** Musical entertainment by: Claxton Rocks Open to all ages. **Sponsored by: City Community Services Dept and 94 KYEE, KZZX CoolFM. Contributing sponsors: Gerald Champion Regional Medical Center, Alamogordo Daily News, Farmers Insurance, & VFW POST 7686**

#### Alamogordo IDOL Auditions October 27 & 28, at Civic Center at 5PM

Do you have what it takes to be **Alamogordo's Idol**? We are seeking vocal talent to perform in front of a live audience. This event will showcase individuals from ages 13 & older to

see who has the potential on being a musical star.

Auditions held will determine who will advance to the 5 week competition rounds. The weekly competitions will begin every Thursday, starting November 4<sup>th</sup> (except for Thursday November 25<sup>th</sup>) and the final performance will be on Thursday December 9<sup>th</sup> to determine our \$1,000.00 prize winner. **To register go online: DsertDjsnm.com or call 439-4159. Sponsored by: City of Alamogordo, Desert Dj's, 103.7 FM ESPN, 92.7 KRSY Coyote Country, 1230 AM KRSY, & AlamogordoLive.Net**

#### ZOO BOO Saturday Oct 30th Alameda Park Zoo 9AM-12PM

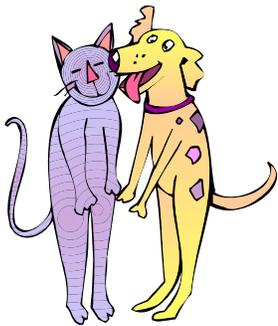
The City of Alamogordo, 94KYEE, KZZX & CoolFM is teaming up once again for our annual Zoo Boo. For ages 12 and under: Costume contest at 11am, must register at the en-

trance of the event or can pre-register at the Family Recreation Center at 1100 Oregon Ave. Over 20 businesses and organizations handing out **free treats and admission is free.** If you are interested in participating or for additional info contact the Family Recreation Center at 439-4142.

**Upcoming November Event Turkey Shoot November 6**  
Family Recreation Center  
1100 Oregon Ave.  
For info call 439-4142

**Christmas Crafts Show November 13 & 14**  
Sgt. Willie Estrada Memorial Civic Center, 800 First Street For info call 439-4159





*“An Animal Adoption Event will be held at the Alamogordo Senior Center on October 14th”*

9-to-11 AM

October– 21 thru 24

THE FALL 2010  
LIBRARY BOOK  
SALE!



## Animal Control Division Extends Hours

Animal Control, a division of the City’s Department of Public Safety is pleased to announce that it is now open Monday thru Saturday, noon to 5 pm at the 2910 N. Florida Ave. facility. City pet licenses are sold and the facility lends traps to persons needing to capture feral or nuisance animals. City ordinances require that any dog or cat housed within the city must have a license. Mondays were added to the schedule to increase adoption and reduce euthanizing. The staff also seeks adoption events outside the facility so that more animals can be adopted. This year animals at the shelter have

gone to nine adoption events and two more are scheduled during October.

Animals taken in at the center are held for three days before they are eligible for adoption. Before any animal at the shelter can be adopted or released to its owner, it must receive appropriate vaccinations and be spayed or neutered.

Additionally, Animal Control staff is making plans to educate the community about the need to have pets vaccinated. As part of the program, plans are being made to hold vaccination clinics.

Calls are taken during normal business hours and the

shelter houses animals there 365 days a year. Animal Control staff on call respond to after-hours emergencies involving animals. Full-time staff devotes time and energy to patrolling the city and responding to calls from residents. Volunteers and donations are greatly appreciated to assist in the division’s operations. Persons wishing to make donations or volunteer may contact ACO Manager, Ray Gonzales at 439-4330.

Persons wishing more information concerning the City’s ordinances dealing with animals or the operation of the division may also visit [http://ci.alamogordo.nm.us/coa/Department of Public Safety/animal control.html](http://ci.alamogordo.nm.us/coa/Department%20of%20Public%20Safety/animal%20control.html)

## Alamogordo Public Library News

Your Public Library is your source for borrowing educational and popular Books, DVDs, and Music CDs. Computers are available for public use - all you need is a library card. Several databases are available to our patrons as well as a large selection of checkout material.

Among our many new fiction titles are: **Warlord**, by Ted Bell – an Alex Hawke novel **The Never-ending-snake**, by Aimee & David Thurlo – an Ella Clah mystery **Ice Cold**, by Tess Gerritsen The newest Jane Rizzoli mystery New non-fiction arrivals include: **Medium Raw**, by Anthony Bourdain **Packing for Mars: the curious science**

**of life in the void**, by Mary Roach and **The Tiger: a true story of vengeance and survival**, by John Vailant

If learning foreign languages is your bag, be sure to try out our new Mango® language learning database. The link is on the library’s front page.

Every third Friday of the month the library shows a movie at 7 pm. In October we have several programs related to “Banned Books Week.” This is a National Library event created to celebrate our freedom to read and our freedom of speech.

One City One Book season

is now beginning. This year’s book is *Snow Falling on Cedars*, written by David Guterson. These programs are sponsored by the Friends of the Library (FOL) organization. Visit the Alamogordo Public Library, 920 Oregon Avenue; call us at 439-4140; or visit the library website: [http://ci.alamogordo.nm.us/coa/community\\_services/library.htm](http://ci.alamogordo.nm.us/coa/community_services/library.htm).

The fall 2010 Library Book Sale is October 21 - 24. Donations of good quality books, videos, DVDs, CDs and puzzles are accepted 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 your Book Sale support.

## New Flood Maps for the City of Alamogordo

The city participates in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), which makes federally backed flood insurance available for most buildings, whether they are in a floodplain or not. Participation in the NFIP makes federally-backed flood insurance policies and federal disaster assistance available to the community. Flood insurance covers direct losses caused by surface flooding, including an arroyo over its banks, and local drainage problems. Flooding is not covered under typical Homeowners insurance policies.

Floodplains are mapped by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). FEMA is undergoing a Flood Map Modernization effort to update Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs). As a result of this effort, FEMA has provided new FIRMs from which flood zone determinations are made for properties within the city, replacing maps from 1983. These new maps will become effective, from FEMA and NFIP standpoint, on December 17, 2010 – which includes adoption of the new maps. In order for our community to remain in the National Flood Insurance Program, the city's Chapter 13 Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance will be updated to meet or exceed the minimum NFIP regulations.

Because of timing, the maps that will be adopted in December will not reflect

the Corps of Engineers Flood Control Project. The Corps has requested a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) from FEMA to reflect the project and this LOMR request is still in the approval process. The city anticipates the LOMR will become final in 2011, which will officially revise the maps (again) only in the areas affected by the project.

Property owners that will move into a flood zone with adoption of the new maps and have a mortgage on the property through a federally regulated or insured lender will be required to purchase flood insurance. When flood map changes occur, the NFIP provides a lower-cost flood insurance option known as "grandfathering" for property owners who are not in a flood hazard area under the current effective maps but move into a flood zone when the new maps become effective in December and who: 1) have a flood insurance policy in effect when the new flood map becomes effective and then maintain continuous coverage, or 2) are insuring a building that was built in compliance with the FIRM in effect at the time of construction. **Timing is important as the opportunity to grandfather and lock in an existing zone for future rating is before the new flood map becomes effective.** The benefits of the grandfathered zone can be transferred to a new owner if the building

is sold, as long as there is not a lapse in coverage.

The city is currently working to identify properties that will be newly designated in a flood zone with adoption of the maps in December, in order to provide these property owners with an opportunity to purchase flood insurance at a grandfathered rate, if they choose to or if they are required by their lender.

For more information about flood zones and maps, go to the city's website <http://ci.alamogordo.nm.us> and click on "Flood Information". The new maps are available for viewing at the reference section of the library and at the Community Development Department at City Hall.



## Alamogordo Family Recreation Center

The Recreation Center schedule of events for October is now available. Basketball season registration starts December 1. The After School program is now operating. The Center takes children that are 4 years to 11 years of age. Space is still available in that program. The Recreation Center registration is now open for fall swim lessons. Classes begin October 13<sup>th</sup>. The Center also hosts private swim lessons for adults and children. The bubble will be put up over the pool October 16<sup>th</sup> -25<sup>th</sup>. The pool will be closed during this time. Zumba classes are now offered on Mondays and

there are plans to start an aqua Zumba class in the pool. The annual Turkey Shoot will be coming up next month on November 6<sup>th</sup> at the Recreation Center. Sign up to compete for the turkeys to be given away as prizes.

For more information on classes and activities call 575-439-4142. Hours of operation are 6am -7pm Monday – Thursday, Friday 6am-6pm, Saturday 1-6pm. The Center is closed on Sundays.



## Code Enforcement

The Code Enforcement Division of the Department of Public Safety is located at Fire Station #1, 619 Texas with office hours of 8:00-5:00 Monday through Friday. During the month of August 2010, Code Enforcement investigated 687 violations based on 512 complaints called in by citizens and calls initiated by Code Enforcement Officers. The majority of the violations came into compliance within 15 days, however 20 criminal charges were filed and 9 properties were abated for the violations that did not come into compliance. There are currently 246 cases open pending re-inspection or enforcement/abatement actions.

In August, the five largest sources of violations were weeds with 408 violations, growth or blockages on sidewalks with 63 violations, overfilled dumpsters with 59 violations, trash/garbage with 44 violations, and trees to be trimmed with 25 violations. One of the duties of this division is the enforcement of the trees to be trimmed ordinance. This ordinance requires a 14 foot clearance over the roadway or alley from any tree limbs. This clearance insures that tall vehicles, including fire engines and other emergency vehicles can travel the streets without damaging the trees or vehicles. Additionally, the Code Enforcement division enforces the sidewalks ordinance which requires that the sidewalk be free of obstacles such as basketball goals and debris as well as maintaining an eight foot clearance over sidewalks from tree limbs and vegetation. Compliance with this ordinance allows pedestrians to use the sidewalks unimpeded and in a safe manner. Code Enforcement can also be reached in person at 619 Texas, by phone at 439-4375, or e-mail at [jbaker@ci.alamogordo.nm.us](mailto:jbaker@ci.alamogordo.nm.us)



**TREK FOR TRASH EVENT — THANK YOU, CITY EMPLOYEES! October 1, 2010**

## 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.

### 4th FRIDAY

**October 22, 2010 at Alameda Park Zoo**



### City of Alamogordo

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<http://ci.alamogordo.nm.us>

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