

Parks, Recreation, Open Space Division August 2017 Report

Aquatics

Rocket Fueled Family Fun Night, July 14, 85 participants:

In conjunction with Science Fest weekend, the Aquatic Center hosted a fun-filled evening for families that included the bounce house on the patio, the floating obstacle course, a treasure hunt in the shallow end of the pool and a cannonball contest in the deep end. Prize packages were awarded for the top 3 cannonballs in the different age groups as well as for those finding specially marked pennies during the treasure hunt.

Diving for Coins



Cannonball Contest



Bounce House



Sliding Course



Shark Week July 24-28, (50+ participants):

During Shark week, the Aquatic Center showed different shark-themed movies each afternoon in the classroom along with free popcorn. There were also shark floats in the pool that were a big hit for both kids and adults. Even the Master's team pretended they were Michael Phelps racing the sharks.

Shark Movies



Mark the Shark



Popcorn & a Movie



Race Against the Shark



Special Olympics, July 16, 60+ participants:

Special Olympics swim meet was held at the Aquatic Center Sunday morning prior to opening for the public. The participants were very excited to swim and receive their medals at the end of their races. The meet was finished off with a luncheon in the classroom for the swimmers and their families.

PARKS

Statewide Urban Forestry Analysis and Management Planning Project, July 24

The Parks, Open Space and Golf Programs, working with New Mexico State Forestry and their Contractor Groundwork Studio participated in gathering data for the Tree Plotter applications. The Ashley Pond and Fuller Lodge urban forest was identified as to species, condition and maintenance needs. We mapped each tree and put a common name as well as a botanical name on each tree, we then logged all of the characteristics of each tree. This year, New Mexico State Forestry is doing these tree inventories in all 33 counties. This information will help communities to manage the risk associated with these aging trees, while providing baseline data of their urban forest resources.



The Green Team Helping Parks, July 25

The Green Team joined Parks in maintaining the Green Team Project at the White Rock Visitors Center. Last summer the Green Team in a joint effort with employees from other divisions created this beautiful landscape near the Bandelier bus stop at the WR Visitors Center. The Green Team and Parks are in the design process for the area behind and to the east of the bus stop. They expect to tie it in with the existing landscape with water conservation at the forefront of the design.



Open Space

The International Mountain Biking Association (IMBA) Ride Center Evaluation, July 28

The staff has submitted documentation of our open space trail system, which is the first step in obtaining IMBA ride center designation.

Camp May Improvements: 50% Complete

In collaboration with Parks, drainage issues in Group Camp Site 7 have been addressed, two condemned vault toilets have also been torn down and removed.



Golf

ACI Golf Tournament / Atomic City Invitational, July 1st- 4th, 98 Participants, 7 States Represented

The 64th ACI Golf Tournament was held over July 4th weekend. Golf, Social, F&B, Activities & Fireworks highlighted the weekend.



Special Olympics Area Golf Tournament, July 13th, 32 Special Olympians, 32 Adults

The Annual Special Olympics golf tournament helps contribute to the fundraising efforts in New Mexico.



Big Brothers Big Sisters Charity Golf Tournament, July 15th, 104 Participants

Big Brothers Big Sisters provides youth ages 6-14 with an adult mentor. The Northern New Mexico Mountain Chapter serves both Los Alamos and Rio Arriba Counties.



Los Alamos City Championship Golf Tournament, July 29th-30th, 54 Participants

The Annual Los Alamos City Championship Golf was held over the last weekend in July. Jason Norman is the 2017 Los Alamos Champion.



Mid-Season Aerification of Greens, 100% Complete, July 31st 100% complete.

For the 1st time in many years, we did Mid-Season aerification to the greens on the Golf Course. Aerification during this time of the year allows for quick healing and ultimately improved turf conditions.



Quick Cuppler Irrigation Installation, July 25th, 100% Complete, Installed by all 18 Greens

Quick cupplers allow for hand watering of the greens in the heat of the day by connecting to a water source, via a hand held hose.



Recreation

High Mountain Mud-Fest Volleyball Tournament: Saturday, July 8th – 116 players, 60 fans.

Once again, all 12 team slots were filled and though the championship games were hailed out around 1:30PM. The participants had a great time and “can’t wait for next year’s tournament.” Look for a short video produced by staff on the PROS Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/losalamoscountyrecreation/>



Los Alamos County Horse Show: Saturday, July 22nd – 30 Participants, 20 Spectators

Participants range in age from six to sixty at the annual Horse Show.



Movies in the Park:

Wednesday, July 5th – “Home” at Rover Park, 400 attendees

Wednesday, July 12th – “Back to the Future 3” at Ashley Pond, 30 attendees, rained out.

Wednesday, July 19th – “Finding Dory” at Urban Park, 400 attendees



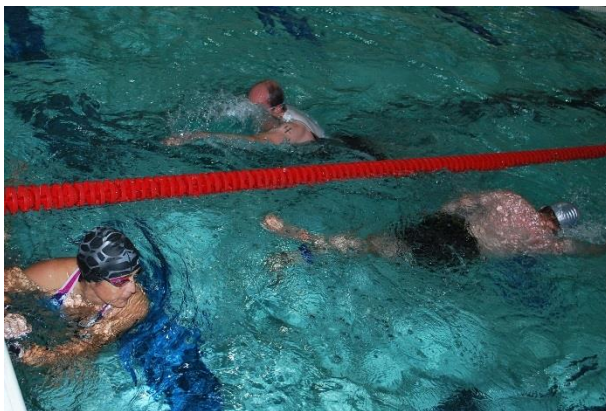
1st Annual Los Alamos JR Triathlon: 7 Participants

The seven participants in the inaugural JR Triathlon consisted of five girls and two boys between the ages of 10 – 15.



43rd Annual Los Alamos Triathlon: 161 Participants, Individuals & Teams, Up 8% from 2016

There were 111 individual participants and 19 relay teams.



24th Annual Los Alamos Kids Triathlon: 47 Participants

Kids ages 4 – 10 compete in a non-competitive event where every finisher receives a participant medal.



Community Collaborations

ScienceFest – Ranch School Days: Wednesday, July 13th – Saturday, July 15th

Science, s'mores, camp outs, burro packing demonstrations, tours, beer gardens, music and libations...just a few of the activities offered over the four days of ScienceFest.

