

Recreation Programs Report

Walkup Aquatic Center

- **High School Swim Team:** Beginning October 20, the Los Alamos High School Hilltoppers swim team will *get their feet wet* practicing at the Walkup Aquatic Center. Through an intergovernmental agreement with the Los Alamos Public Schools, the Walkup Aquatic Center provides between four and seven lanes between 3:30-7:00 p.m. Monday through Friday along with Tuesday & Thursday morning practices from 6:00 – 7:30 a.m. In addition, the Walkup Aquatic Center will host up to three high school swimming and diving meets between the months of November and February. The High School Swim Team brings a lot of energy and participation to the Aquatic Center during these months.
- **Out of This World Pumpkin Splash:** On Saturday, October 29, the PROS will host a Star Wars Pumpkin Splash. Calling all Jedis, droids, star lords and ladies, and friends for an out of this world adventure. A great children and youth activity for volunteers and service organizations.

Pumpkin diving (begins @ 11am) and decorating, multiple galactic themed carnival games, a photo booth area, and much more. A long time ago, in a galaxy far, far away... Revelers gathered to retrieve pumpkins and enjoy Halloween festivities. Gather your light sabers, droids, and inter-galactic friends for an afternoon of galactic themed activities in and out of the pool.

The Imperial Guards have been busy creating their Empire...May the Force be with You.



Community Collaborations

- **10th Atomic Man Duathlon:** It was a beautiful day for the Fat Man and Little Boy races in White Rock. Over 50 participants came out to run through the neighborhoods in White Rock, then set out on State Road 4 to race out and back towards and past the entrance to Bandelier National Monument, and then one last run through the neighborhoods to finish at Pinon Elementary School. This tough, and very scenic race, showcases our community's beauty, wonderful volunteers, and recreation opportunities. Where else will a T-Rex encourage racers by chasing, whoops, escorting them across the finish line? For more photos and race video visit the Duathlon FB page at <https://www.facebook.com/atomicmanduathlon/>.



Recreation

- **Gearing up for Fall Fun:** Recreation staff are gearing up for the Ice Rink season yet still preparing for a couple fun, family events, so **SAVE THE DATES** for:
 - **October 29th:** “Out of this World Pumpkin Splash at the Aquatic Center. Get out your light sabers and space costumes as we adventure to a “galaxy far, far away.”
 - **December 3rd:** The North Pole Workshop moves back downtown as part of Winter Fest activities as we partner with the Los Alamos Teen Center for this annual event.
- **FALL Brochure:** The FALL brochure is available online at <http://www.losalamosnm.us/rec/Pages/default.aspx>. Printed copies will be available at the Walkup Aquatic Center and both Visitor Centers.

Ice Rink

- **Tentative Opening Date – Sunday, November 13th:** The Recreation staff will transition down to the Rink in October to prepare for this mid-November opening date. There are many things to accomplish prior to starting the ice installation (weather permitting) at the beginning of November.
- **New Staff Training:** Interviews are complete and we anticipate bringing new Ice Rink staff on board starting October 24th. Staff will have approximately two weeks of training prior to the Ice Rink opening. Many of them will assist with the installation of the ice and preparing the facility for opening. If you see the lights on down at the Rink in the evenings, pop in and say “hi.”
- **Winding Down:** The 2016 Derby Season was very busy as the Derby Dames hosted at least one, sometimes two, bouts at the Rink each month as well as several workshops over the spring and summer. As of October 16th all of the off-season users are aware they will have to find different accommodations as staff works to prepare the slab for ice.



- **LAHA Work Party:** The Los Alamos Hockey Association (LAHA) was down at the Ice Rink for a work party Saturday, September 24th. The work party focused on cleaning up the summer's worth of weeds, pine needles, and trash from inside and around the outside of the rink. After the work was done and to wrap up the day, everyone enjoyed burgers and dogs off the BBQ grill.

Golf Course

September 2016

Once again, monthly tournaments were a focus at the Los Alamos Golf Course.

- The Labor Day "Slug Fest", a three (3) day event was successful with several ideas coming out of for next year.
- Young Life, a Charity event.
- The Class of 1976 reunion.
- The LAWGA, Los Alamos Women's Golf Association, had their end of the year "Last Blast"

The "BIG" activity of September was the Fall Aerification of the Greens on the Golf Course.

This is a Bi-Annual activity, each Spring and Fall, and once we get a dependable irrigation system, we will be able to do aerification on the tees, fairways and greens. This is important for healthy turf conditions.

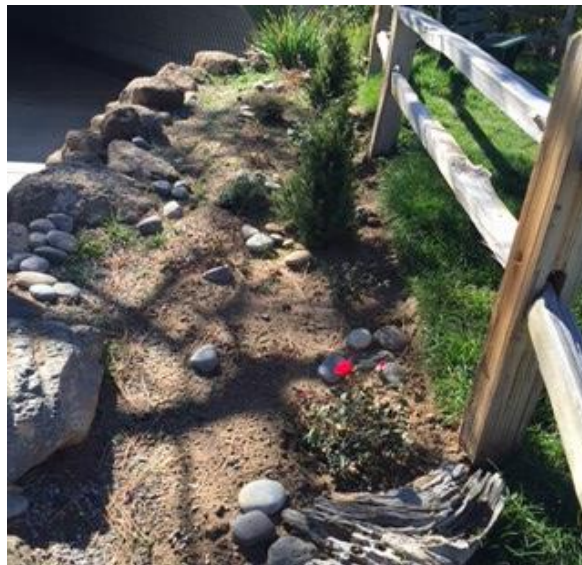
"Aerification is a mechanical process that creates more air space in the soil and promotes deeper rooting, thus [helping the grass](#) plants stay healthy. In most cases, it's done by removing half-inch cores (those plugs you sometimes see near a green or in [fairways](#)) from the compacted soil, allowing for an infusion of air and water that brings a resurgence of growth. The spaces are then filled with sand "topdressing" that helps the soil retain air space and makes it easier for roots to grow downward."

Photos of during and 2 weeks after are attached.



The “LEXUS” statue is getting closer to 100% complete. “Natural and Native” areas surrounded the statue and this next month the plaque dedicating the statue will be in place. The LAWGA donated the flowers surrounding the statue

Photo is attached.



The LAWGA also donated the flowers behind the Tee Box of Hole #10.

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