

County Manager's Monthly Update

LOS ALAMOS COUNTY

JANUARY - 2017

This update contains information about Los Alamos County, and is intended to keep you informed regarding key issues, the status of various capital projects, employee recognitions and significant events that have occurred during the past several weeks. This update is distributed on a monthly basis; however the County maintains a website at www.losalamosnm.us where you can also check for periodic updates on the issues outlined below as well as other current topics. In the event that you have questions concerning the information in this update, or any other questions about Los Alamos County activities, please feel free to contact the County Manager at (505) 663-1750, or via lacmanager@lacnm.us.

COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT

Happening Now:

Work continues with Civic Live for the public website. Data for the migration step and approval of the next sub-level department landing page mock up are underway. Training on the brand will occur Jan. 19 with employees. The IBRC meets twice a month to continually evaluate employee requests or feedback. The IDEA Group has drafted the brand action plan and it was reviewed on Jan. 13. They will be presenting brand materials to the employees (supervisors) on Jan. 17 and then meeting with other key groups that afternoon. The plan will be finalized in February and will be presented to the Council in early March. The PIO continues to spend a significant amount of time on public outreach activities for the 6 Recreation Capital Projects now that the Dec. 20 Council vote has authorized staff to proceed with taking the projects to a vote in May. A public outreach plan is being developed. The division continues to support the ongoing work of the Manhattan Project Nat'l Hist'l Park committee. The Visual Information Specialist served on the evaluation team for the RFP for Wayfinding this month. The PIO concluded work with the RFP evaluation team for the legal notices newspaper RFP and it is in processing with the Daily Post. The PIO and VIS spent significant time on the 2016 Annual Report. The VIS spent time on starting the new trail maps and trailhead brochures. CPR supported the opening of the Phase 2 Canyon Rim Trail, the Los Alamos History Museum Grand Opening Dec. 30, planning activities for the Fuller Lodge grand re-opening and planning activities/plaque request for the Senior Center remodel in White Rock for its grand opening. The winter recreation brochure was completed and the Transit Ride Guide is being updated by the VIS.

Coming Up:

The PIO's time spent on the design of the new webpage is increasing. January and February will be very busy with website activities occurring. Website training will occur at the very end of January, and then February will be the beta testing of the site. The Go Live date is now March 1. Work on the 6 Recreation Projects will move to the next phase of bond election public outreach in February. Work on outreach for the Economic Development projects that were separated from the 6 projects by Council in November should enter the early phases of public outreach with stakeholders such as the Main Street Futures group. Work will get underway at the end of January for Cycle 2 of the Home Renewal Program, which is set to launch in February and close in April. Once the Council Strategic session is completed in January, the Council goals will be updated on the new website and internally.

Communications Plan:

The webpage project is part of the Communications Plan and progress was already noted above. That project will continue to be a significant impact on the PIO's time in January and February. Support for branding was an unanticipated work item in the 2015 Communications Plan. Once the Action Plan is finalized, the Communications Plan and expected CPR involvement for graphic design or photo support will be noted and reflected back in the Plan as a changed item.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Building Safety Division



Before: *Nuisance*



After: *Violation Resolved*

Construction for Domino's Pizza was completed and the restaurant opened for business on Saturday, December 31st. The restaurant is located at the Smith's Shopping Center next to Supercuts.

Construction for McDonald's restaurant was completed and the restaurant opened for business on Wednesday, December 28th. The Restaurant is located at the intersection of Trinity and Knecht Street.

CDD's Monthly Contractors Meeting was cancelled in December due to the holiday's. The next meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, January 17th at 11:00 a.m. at Fuller Lodge.

The total number of commercial permits issued in November was eight, with a total valuation of \$197,829.00.

The total number of residential permits issued in November was 44, with a total valuation of \$1,830,353.00. Permits were issued for three new homes.

Housing and Special Projects Division

Housing Rehabilitation Program (Home Renewal Program):

The 2016 program includes 11 rehab projects, 7 of which are for senior households. Work has been completed on the first home under the emergency repair program, and work has begun on three more homes. A permit application has been submitted for a sixth home. For the final five homes, three contractors have been selected and rehab work will begin in January.

Homebuyer Assistance Program:

As a required first step for this proposed new program, the drafted ordinance was reviewed and approved in December by the State's Mortgage Finance Authority (MFA). The ordinance is expected to be brought to Council for consideration in January. Staff is in the process of drafting a Request for Proposal and program administrative procedures with the intent of contracting a qualified external entity to implement the program.

Vacant Homes Project:

Staff is developing a 'clean & lien' strategy which will allow, if adopted by Council, the County to clean up vacant properties that have code violations and the property owners are non-responsive to notice of violations. It is anticipated that an ordinance outlining such a program will be brought to Council for consideration by the first quarter of 2017. The Vacant Homes analysis, including field observations, has been updated with the help of a student intern from Los Alamos High School. This information will support on-going enforcement efforts against building exterior and yard violations.

A-19 Development:

Staff continued to coordinate with the Site A-19-A-1 Acquisition Group, LLC as they continue with their due diligence.

Planning Division

Comprehensive Plan:

On December 6, 2016, following unanimous recommendation for approval of the Comprehensive Plan by the Planning and Zoning Commission, the Los Alamos County Council unanimously adopted the 2016 Comprehensive Plan. This is the first comprehensive plan to be adopted by the County in nearly 30 years and includes, for the first time, Future Land Use Maps.



Vision Statement

The community today has looked ahead to the next ten, even 20 years, and this is what it sees: Los Alamos will continue to have a small town feel, while improving economic vitality will bring significantly more choices for residents in local retail, restaurants, and recreational opportunities. There will be more and varied choices for housing, including senior housing and continuing care, smaller units, and affordable housing. Increased tourism will be a benefit to the community through promotion of diversity and growth of the local economy. The community will eliminate blight. It will protect and enhance open space and trails.

Planning & Zoning Commission Activities:

The Board of Adjustment approved one Waiver application on the 5th of December to a manufactured home to encroach into the side and front setbacks.

Business License and Building Permit Review:

Planning Division staff reviewed and acted on 19 Business License applications and 28 Building Permits.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Recreation Community Collaborations

- **Take over PEEC – Tuesday, January 17th from 6-7:30PM:** PROS Division staff are once again collaborating with the Los Alamos Nature Center and PEEC to provide a night of fun activities and programs hosted by staff from across the Division. Join us for putt-putt golf through the Nature Center where each hole is hosted by a PROS staff member handing out fun give-a-ways and asking PROS Division trivia; or join us outside around the campfire for roasting s'mores and sharing trails information. It's all FREE and we hope you'll join us!



Ice Rink

- **Skate with Santa:** Santa and his elves visited the Rink on Saturday, December 17th from 2:30 – 4:00 PM and Sunday, December 18th from 3:30 – 5:00 PM. A fun time was had by all as Santa posed for pictures on and off the ice; the elves passed out candy canes; and all ages gave Santa a warm welcome as he enjoyed ice skating.
- **Christmas Eve Luminaria Skate:** This event has become an annual tradition for many families and we were excited to share the experience with many new faces. It was wonderful to see a comment from a family who recently moved to Los Alamos share this event with their Facebook friends and family and say how they were “looking forward to starting a new holiday tradition in their new community.”
- **Holiday Hockey Tournament:** Players from across New Mexico and from Austin and Odessa, TX trekked on down to the Ice Rink from December 27th – 30th to play the “greatest game on ice.” Approximately 10 teams took the ice early mornings, mid-afternoon, and evenings over the course for the four-day tournament. This year we were fortunate to have great weather with no snow to hold up play.

- **Ice Skating Lessons:** It's time to register for the second session of ice skating lessons. Lessons resume on Saturday, January 7th and Wednesday, January 11th. If the group lesson times do not fit into your schedule, or you need a little more one-on-one time with an instructor, sign up for a series of Spotlight/Private lessons.
- **Holiday Ice Rink Hours:** This is always the Ice Rink's busiest time of year with family home for the holidays, visitors in town, and the Holiday Hockey Tournament. It started getting busy on Wednesday, December 21st as 60 Aspen Elementary School 6th graders and their chaperones took to the ice in the morning. On Friday, December 23rd the Rink hosted Pinon Elementary School in the morning and a group from the Middle School in the afternoon. Public skating has been busy as people of all ages enjoyed some time on the ice.
- **NEW! Adult Hockey Tournament:** We are excited to be hosting the 1st Annual Atomic City Adult Hockey Tournament January 13th – 15th. Volunteers from LAHA are coordinating this event with Ice Rink staff and we hope to have a large turn out as the feedback has been very positive.



Moments from Skate with Santa, Luminaria Skate, Ice Skating Lessons, and Holiday Hockey Festival

Golf Course

- The new POS System, (Point of Sale), has been installed and pro shop staff has gone through training. The New POS System will allow us to move into the electronic tee time reservations process for all golfers in the spring.
- Staff will attend the PGA buying show in Orlando, Florida in late January to buy inventory for the upcoming season. Staff will meet with local tournament coordinators in January to firm up their 2017 tournament dates and pricing for the upcoming season. Presently we have 41 events scheduled for 2017.

- We have covered 6 greens this winter, Holes 6, 7, 8, 12, 13, and 16. These greens typically take on more damage during dry winters. See pictures below.



Greens Cover hole #8



Greens Cover hole #7

GOLF COURSE CLOSED FOR SEASON

- The Los Alamos Golf Shop was closed from the 23rd of December 2016 through the 2nd of January, 2017 reopening with the hours, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm on January 3rd. This schedule will continue until the weather allows us to open the course taking into consideration turf conditions.

Library

- The Library has received a substantial art donation from White Rock residents Susan and Scott Robertson. The Robertsons were moved to donate the works after seeing the style of the new White Rock branch, but the artworks, mainly monoprints and artist's prints, will be hung at both libraries.



- Noon Year's Eve was a grand celebration for the toddler set at both Libraries again this year. The White Rock celebration featured Noon Year's Eve Unwrapped, celebrating midnight in Cairo (at 3 p.m. in White Rock) with Egyptian games- and of course, the all-important balloon drop.



- One of the great joys of working in the Libraries is making book recommendations. Each year the staff picks favorite books from the previous year and features them with bookmarks, handouts and a special display shelf. Stop by and see what we especially loved last year! Elly Olivas has coordinated the 2016 display.



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Administration Division

2017 Bond Project Update:

On December 20, 2016 County Council voted to approve a list of recreation projects and directed staff to develop a ballot question in the amount of \$20 million for a May 2017 all mail ballot. The list includes Golf Course Improvements, Softball Field improvements at Overlook Park, a new Recreation Center, a new Multi-generational pool, and a Splash Pad at Pinon Park in White Rock. Council also voted to direct staff to develop a plan for advertising and promoting the bond.

Transportation Board:

The Transportation Board meets the first Thursday of the month at 5:30 p.m. Meetings are held at 1000 Central Avenue, Room #110.

Airport Division

Terminal Building Roof Repairs:

The terminal building roof had been experiencing some small water leaks after heavy rains or snows. The roof was repaired the week of December 12th.

Fence Project:



The Airport Manager has been informed that the FAA will fund the design of this project this fiscal year and the construction of the project in FY 2018. However, if more funding becomes available this year due to a project at another airport being cancelled or delayed the FAA will consider increasing this year's funding to include the construction portion of the project. Grant applications have been sent to the FAA and the NMDOT-Aviation Division for the design phase of the project. The FAA will fund 90% of

the project and the State will fund 5% of the project.

Hangar Construction:



We are in the process of writing the Invitation to Bid and the Specifications for the construction of four hangars on the concrete pad constructed by the Department of Energy on a portion of the old landfill at the airport. We anticipate going out for bid in early January 2017 and beginning construction in late spring or early summer. The four hangars consist of one 60 foot by 60 foot box hangar and three T-hangars. These hangars will be available for lease and will be the first hangars owned by the County

at the airport. There are presently 45 privately owned hangars at the airport.

Gas Line Installation:



The Department of Public Utilities is installing two new gas lines and two electrical conduit lines along the south property line of the airport. The gas lines are replacing an old gas line that now runs within the right-of-way of Route 502. The pipes are being placed so that they will be inside the airport fence when the new security fence is constructed next year.

Custodial Division:

The Custodial Division supported 214 events during the month of December.

The RFP for custodial services at the Pajarito Cliffs Site closed on December 2 and is in the process of being scored and evaluated.

Equipment and supplies were stocked at the White Rock Complex in anticipation of renovation completion.

Interviews were conducted and a candidate was selected for the vacant custodial position, Adrian Salazar started on January 3, 2017.

Engineering & Project Management Division

Fire Station 3:

Architectural design work is nearing completion and includes a more substantial reroofing, as well as a new wall system, window replacement and HVAC system modifications to better insulate and control the temperature in the bunkrooms. Construction is anticipated to begin in April 2017 and will last approximately 4-months.

Fuller Lodge Phases 2-4 and Historical Museum:

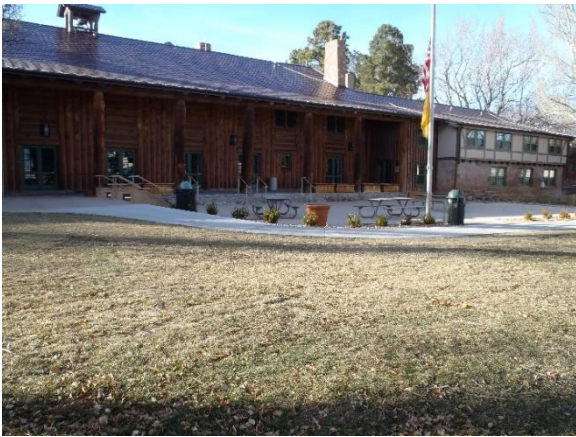
R&M Construction continues to make steady progress on both facilities.



Fuller – new driveway



Fuller – new steps and ramp



Fuller – New East Patio



Fuller – South and West Wings – Storm Windows



Fuller – New Elevator



Fuller – Green Room



Museum – front



Museum – East Side



Museum – north side



Museum – new ramp to the north



County Custodians – recreated the coat room and spruced it up!

Fuller Lodge:

- Final Completion was achieved December 12th.
 - Finalization of the expanded snow melt system
 - Paint the exterior kitchen door.
 - Replace the log column for the west wing roof overhang

Museum:

- Substantial Completion has been achieved with a couple of items outstanding
 - Installation of exterior furnishings, a recycling and trash container and bench.

LAPD Dispatch Lighting Improvements:

The installation of new lighting system has been completed successfully.

Mesa Library HVAC Improvements:

The current system is an evaporative cool system. However, it does not provide adequate cooling during times of high (30% plus) humidity. The system itself is limited in its cooling capacity due to its original design. The design consultant evaluated several system options which included an initial and life-cycle cost analysis. This evaluation resulted in a system selection to proceed to the design phase.

The Design Development drawings have been received and is being reviewed with comments to be provided back to the design team. It is anticipated that this project will be advertised for bid in January, with construction work scheduled to occur in August 2017. Staff is evaluating options to reduce impacts and disruption of services.

White Rock Complex & Senior Center Renovations:



Senior Center



View through the courtyard



Activity Center

Senior Center – Event Hall (aka Meal Center):

This building has been completed a few punch list items are remaining but the kitchen is operational and is expected to open January 3rd, 2017.

Senior Center

The building has been completed and is ready for the occupants who will begin moving in Monday, December 19th.

Activity Hall - This building is nearly completed on the interior.

Town Hall - This building has been completed on the interior.

Site work - The contractor is currently working on finishing up the exterior brick. Landscaping is expected to begin the week of December 19th. Final clean up and punch list items are being addressed.

Youth Activity Center Remodel:

The bids for construction closed on December 9th. The construction contract, project budget, and lease for relocating the Youth Activity Center to a temporary location was approved by Council on December 20th. The construction is scheduled to begin January 6th and is anticipated to be completed at the end of March.

Western Area Improvements Phase 4:

This project has been completed successfully on schedule and within budget.

Central Avenue Improvements – Phase 2:

This project has been successfully completed within budget. County traffic crews have completed the installation of the roadway lights.

Canyon Rim Trail Project:



Officials gather on December 21 to cut the ribbon on the Canyon Rim Trail Pedestrian Bridge.



Starting December 26, 2016 several sections of the trail will be closed as the contractor will be grinding sections of the trail to comply with ADA cross and running slopes. The trail consists of a 10 foot wide paved surface from Fire Station #6 to the Smith's Marketplace. The project is scheduled for completion by late December 2016, weather permitting.

Upcoming Engineering Projects...

- Cumbres Del Sol Subdivision Roadway Improvements
 - The Project consist of roadway improvements, which includes asphalt, paving, curb, gutter, sidewalks, ADA curb ramps, drive pads and drainage structures.
- 20th Street Extension Improvements
 - The Project consists of an extension of 20th Street south of Trinity Drive and necessary utilities.
- Canyon Rim Trail, Phase III Improvements
 - The Project consists of a continuation of the existing pedestrian trail from Knecht Street to 20th Street and a grant request for a trail underpass near the co-op.

Environmental Division

New Mexico Environment Department inspection:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) conducted their annual inspection of the Los Alamos County Eco Station and Overlook Collection Center. NMED found ZERO violations and the inspector commended Environmental Services staff for an outstanding job.

Greener Holiday Season



Your Christmas lights **are** recyclable! Bring them to the Eco Station to dispose of them properly at with the metal recycle area free of charge.



Gift wrapping paper is NOT recyclable as it is often dyed, laminated, and/or contains non-paper additives such as gold and silver colored shapes, glitter, plastic, etc., which cannot be recycled. Bows and ribbons cannot be recycled either. It is best to reuse these items when possible.

Christmas Trees



Our crew will be collecting Christmas trees January 3rd through January 13th. Please place the tree by the curb. Christmas trees can also be brought to the Eco Station free of charge.

Hot Ashes:



Environmental Services would like to remind everyone that hot ashes cannot go into the roll-carts as it is a fire hazard. On Friday, December 16, 2016 one of our operators came across this very situation. If the fire had not been noticed before dumping the trash in the truck it could have caused a larger truck fire.

Recruitment



Environmental Services Division would like to welcome Clint Chevalier as the new Environmental Services Trainee.

The recruitment process for Senior Equipment Operator is currently underway; this recruitment ends January 19, 2017.

Los Alamos County Landfill Gas Update:

The landfill gas vents all decreased in methane during this period. Methane concentrations ranged from 31.4% (volume in air) to 55.5%. All perimeter gas probes except for MP-11R ranged in methane concentration from 0% to 43.7%. MP-11R had a methane concentration slightly above 100% of the lower explosive limit (LEL). That is 5.3% (volume in air).

SCS Engineering has begun design work for a permanent methane extraction system to be installed at the landfill which will help decrease the methane levels.

Residential Sustainability Report



Residential Sustainability Report

Service Period: December 2016

Recyclables Collected: 83.68 tons

Trash Collected: 256.02 tons

Compostable Materials Collected: 0.00 tons

Total Material collected: 0.00 tons



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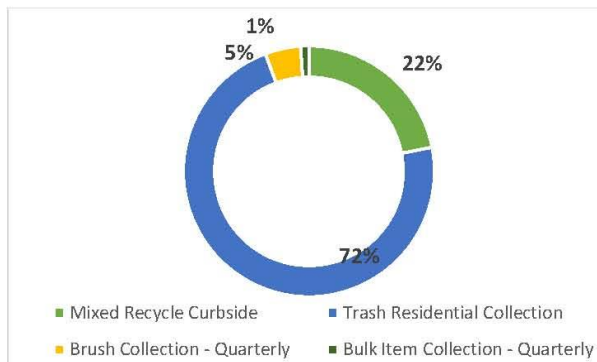
Monthly Collection Report

November Diversion Rate: **34%**

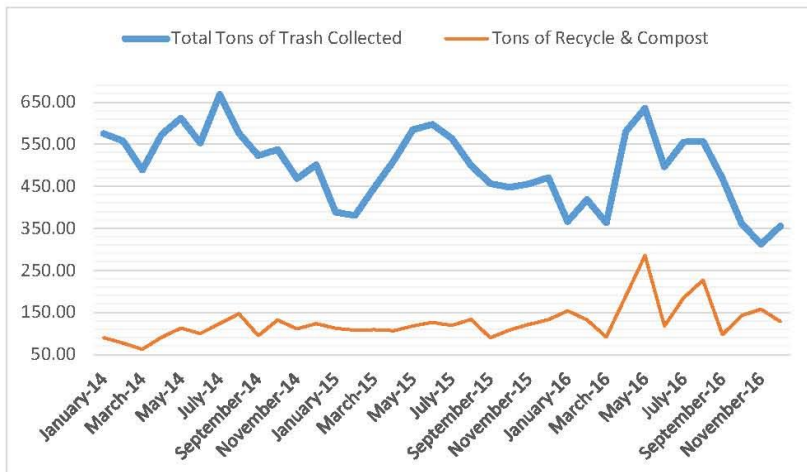
December Diversion Rate: **27%**

A **21%** Decrease in Diversion

The *diversion rate* is the percent of materials recycled and composted.



Month by Month Recycling Comparison



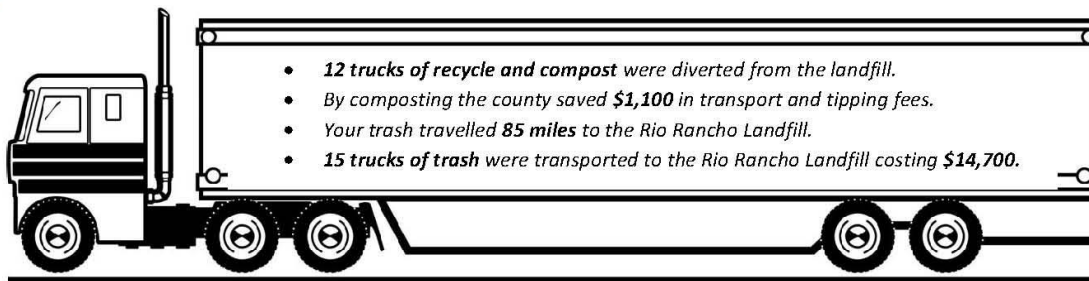
Recycling saves

Recycling one ton of aluminum:

- Saves 14,000 kWh of energy
- Saves 39.6 barrels (1,663 gallons) of oil
- Saves 237.6 million Btu's of energy
- Saves 10 cubic yards of landfill space

Aluminum Recycling Tips

- Prepare aluminum cans for recycling by either crushing the cans to save space or leaving them uncrushed.
- Cans that are rinsed out will have little or no odor and are less likely to attract bugs.



Facilities Division

Crews are working on heating issues at several facilities.

Staff is working on the scoreboard at the Ice Rink.

Crews are rekeying the White Rock Complex.

Crews are installing one more row of lights at the Eco Station.

A new washer and dryer were installed at Fire station 2.

Fleet Division

New Equipment

Mowing tractor for Streets Division



Brush truck for the Fire Department



Fire Truck for Fire Department.



Gator for the Parks Department

Traffic & Streets Division

Streets Division:



Crews repaired and patched asphalt at Rover and Carlsbad where a utility waterline break occurred earlier this month.



GM Emulsion is in the process of lining the San Ildefonso Pedestrian Walkway.



Crews are replacing a section of sidewalk at North Mesa due to a water main break.



Crews cleaned and built a new drainage ditch at Range Road.



Crews repaired and patched two utility water breaks at Sandia and Trinity Loop



Crews removed a blown over tree from county property that was potentially threatening a private structure.



Crews cleaned a drainage ditch on Barranca Mesa.

Traffic Division



Crews installed delineators along the road to the Stables. These have been placed to warn owners of the newly placed drainage culverts placed along the side of the roadway.



Crews have installed the final light poles along Central Ave. This is part of the Central Avenue Lighting Project (Phase II). They have also placed the new Los Alamos County Banners along Central Ave.

Transit Division



The Transit Division participated in the Annual Christmas Light Parade on December 3, 2016. This year's parade theme was "Peace on Earth". The employees enjoyed decorating and participating in the event.



Atomic City Transit has partnered with the DWI program to provide a safe-ride home program in an effort to end DWI for December 30, 2016 from 6:00 pm to 12:30 pm and December 31, 2016 from 6:00 pm to 1:30 pm. Reservations will begin on Thursday December 29, 2016 at 7:00 am by phoning Atomic City Transit at (505) 661-RIDE (7433). Space is limited so plan ahead and give Atomic City Transit a call.

The new stop sign on Range Road has been added to the Route 5 Barranca Mesa. Since the beginning of service on November 21, 2016 a total of 19 operating days we provided a total of 30 rides from this location. Customers are enjoying the service and we anticipate this ridership to increase as the neighborhood gets to know the route.



In preparation of the on-coming snow season, the Transit Division held our "Winter Driving" training on December 7, 2016. All 21 drivers, 3 lead drivers and dispatchers attended the training. Drivers enjoyed the training stating the training is good and goes right along with experience.



A warm returning welcome to Jonathan Gonzales and Deborah Flores who will be joining the team on December 19th in the Transit Operator I position. Jonathan and Deborah assisted ACT this past summer with the Bandelier service. We are happy to have them on-board and joining our team.

November 2016 Ridership Report



Route	Current Month Trips			Year-to-date Trips			Average Daily Trips		
	Last Yr	Curr Yr	% Chg	Last Yr	Curr Yr	% Chg	Last Yr	Curr Yr	% Chg
1 Downtown	6781	5429	-19.9%	92231	85549	-7.2%	376.7	285.7	-24.2%
2M White Rock - Main Hill	4410	1652	-62.5%	61213	20707	-66.2%	245.0	86.9	-64.5%
2T White Rock - Truck Route	2275	1456	-36.0%	32228	25682	-20.3%	126.4	76.6	-39.4%
2 White Rock Total (2M & 2T)	6685	3108	-53.5%	93441	46389	-50.4%	371.39	163.6	-56.0%
3 Central / Canyon	1273	2039	60.2%	16928	21890	29.3%	70.7	107.3	51.7%
4 North Community	2459	2678	8.9%	33558	30569	-8.9%	136.6	140.9	3.2%
5 Barranca Mesa	2374	1623	-31.6%	32300	21883	-32.3%	131.9	85.4	-35.2%
6 North Mesa	7312	5258	-28.1%	87557	64134	-26.8%	406.2	276.7	-31.9%
<i>Fixed-route total</i>	26884	20135	-25.1%	356015	270414	-24.0%	1493.6	1059.7	-29.0%
7 North Mesa Expr	918	1226	33.6%	10242	10671	4.2%	51.0	68.1	33.6%
8 North Community Expr	663	712	7.4%	6288	5707	-9.2%	36.8	39.6	7.4%
9 Aspen Expr	553	797	44.1%	5359	5515	2.9%	30.7	44.3	44.1%
10 Barranca Expr	841	924	9.9%	6485	7166	10.5%	46.7	51.3	9.9%
11 White Rock Expr	679	643	-5.3%	6073	6096	0.4%	37.7	35.7	-5.3%
<i>Express route total</i>	3654	4302	17.7%	34447	35155	2.1%	203.0	239.0	17.7%
12 Bandelier	0	0	0.0%	108369	111626	3.0%	0.0	0.0	0.0%
Dial-a-Ride (Evening Service)		62			882			3.3	
ACT Assist (Previously DAR)	560	454	-18.9%	7876	5540	-29.7%	31.1	23.9	-23.2%
Special Services	0	0	0.0%	4603	4536	-1.5%	0.0	0.0	0.0%
<i>System total</i>	31098	24953	-19.8%	511310	428153	-16.3%	1727.7	1325.9	-23.3%

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Land Development:

- The subdivision application has been filed for the 20th Street extension, one the Economic Development CIP projects that Council approved in 2016. The development will be a 6 lot subdivision with road and utilities infrastructure improvements on County land. The joint project with Public Works, Utilities and Economic Development will be moving forward to IDRC and then to P & Z. Please contact Joanie Ahlers at 662-8296 with questions.

Small Business Update:

- Blue Window Bistro completed its move and opened for lunch service on Tuesday, 1/10/17! The new space located in the 1789 Trinity building (across from the Post Office), has been completely renovated.
- Domino's Pizza opened over in the Trinity Site (new Smith's) development.
- China Moon completed a renovation of their space adding new booths and flooring.

Brand Implementation:

- Consultants **The Idea Group of Santa Fe** completed an initial draft of the Brand Action Plan based on input received at interviews with more than 30 stakeholders. Consultants also conducted initial brand integration presentations on January 17 with stakeholders, introducing the phrase "cultivate curiosity and deliver a-ha moments" as an actionable way to integrate the brand mindset of the brand strapline "Where Discoveries Are Made." At each meeting, attendees were challenged to share their "a-ha moment(s)" regarding the brand. The collective input will be incorporated into the Brand Action Plan, scheduled to be presented to Council at the March 7, 2017 meeting.

New Mexico Tourism Department:

- The New Mexico Tourism Department selected Los Alamos as the location/host of the quarterly meeting of the state's **Tourism Commission** on Wednesday, February 15, 2017. The meeting will be held at Fuller Lodge, and will include a tour of the new Los Alamos History Museum Campus.

Los Alamos Film Office Update:

- **"Untitled Bollywood Picture."** The Los Alamos Film Liaison is currently working with Los Alamos Golf Course manager and Cottonwood on the Greens to host a small "Bollywood" production company wishing to film 10 days at the Los Alamos Golf Course facility and greens. The movie is about a man and woman from different social classes and the challenges they face after falling in love at a golf course.

LOS ALAMOS FIRE DEPARTMENT

Los Alamos held a Memorial for Arturo Gurule who died in the line of duty on December 18th, 1983.

In Memoriam

ARTURO E. GURULE LINE OF DUTY DEATH – DECEMBER 18, 1983

On this 33rd anniversary of his death,
we remember and honor our fallen brother.

Never Forget



In Memoriam

Arthur E. Gurule

Line of Duty Death – December 18, 1983

LAFD Honor Guard partnered with Santa Fe Fire Department to honor Retired Captain Pete Tapia at his funeral. Pictured are LAFD Honor Guard Commander William Nackers and SFFD Commander Daniel Gutierrez.



CALENDAR OF UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Jan 24 – Strategic Planning Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Pajarito Cliff Site

Jan 31 – Council Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Council Chambers

KUDOS & FYI

Kudos

-----Original Message-----

From: hariselvi@juno.com

Sent: Tuesday, November 29, 2016 1:27 PM

To: Romero, Louise <louise.romero@lacnm.us>

Subject: A Big Thanks to you, The NWF sign is installed now by Alipio.



Dear Louise,

A Big Thank you to you Louise and Alipio. Talking to you at your office, made a big difference to have the NWF sign installed. Many have been trying this from April. You gave me a lot of hope .Your guidance and help I will remember always Louise. Jonathan from NC sent me the picture showing the sign installed. What a moment I was waiting for! You have been very kind and again my heartfelt thanks.

Though Thanksgiving is just a few days back, I want to say YOU DID IT FOR ME so Thank you.

Selvi

From: Montalvo, Nathaniel

Sent: Monday, December 19, 2016 12:31 PM

To: Gurule, Angelica <angelica.gurule@lacnm.us>

Subject: Customer Appreciation

Good Morning Angelica,

Wanted to pass this along to you. I just spoke with a customer regarding trash pickup during the holidays. After we were done speaking she mentioned that the pickup guys have been wonderful and she would like to thank everyone for being so helpful. Just FYI.

Nathaniel (Nate) Montalvo
Billing & Service Specialist

Los Alamos County Utilities

From: Katherine Watson [mailto:director@peechnature.org]

Sent: Thursday, December 22, 2016 10:29 AM

To: Shelton, Philo <philo.shelton@lacnm.us>

Cc: Erickson, Daniel <daniel.erickson@lacnm.us>

Subject: Kudos to Dan Erickson

Dear Philo,

I just wanted to let you know that Dan Erickson has been an amazing partner to the nature center. We have a volunteer who has spent hundreds of hours planting penstemons on our property, and unless the snow is plowed carefully, and not pushed on to the flower beds, the penstemons may die. Dan has been great about making sure the snow gets plowed right where we want it. I so appreciate his attention to detail and care for our property. Los Alamos County is lucky to have someone like Dan working for them!

Take care,

Katie

Katherine Watson

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To Tim Glasco

Fr. Sam Gardner

Thursday: December 22, 2016 11:27 AM

Hey Tim, it's Sam Gardner. I wanted to tell you that those two guys that came out and finally found my gas line - especially the one, and I forgot his name, the older guy about my age - they did a great job. He was really diligent. He worked really hard laboring with that digging bar in the frozen ground. I was really impressed. So anyway, thanks and really glad that they found that gas line. Ok. Talk to you soon. Bye.

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From: Mark and Pauline Wilder [<mailto:xxmpwxx@gmail.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, December 14, 2016 12:55 PM

To: Richardson, Jack <jack.richardson@lacnm.us>

Subject: Compliment!

Our gas meter began chirping and we called the county to ask about a possible fix. A work order was submitted and your workers, Aaron and Andre, came out and it is fixed. We appreciate the prompt response. The workers were competent and pleasant; they answered all our questions.

Thank you for a job well done.

Pauline and Mark Wilder

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