

County Manager's Monthly Update

LOS ALAMOS COUNTY

MAY - 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.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Discover Los Alamos Economic Development Report

The Economic Development Division's new promotional piece is at the printers. Designed by the Communications and Public Relations Office, *Discover Los Alamos* targets prospective employers, employees, site selectors and legislators, highlighting the economic, recreational and quality-of-life assets that make Los Alamos a great place to work and live. A portion of the limited print run will accompany the Los Alamos County delegation traveling to Washington, D.C. in June. EDD will be working with the Communications and Public Relations office staff to finalize and post an electronic version of the brochure on the County website.

Los Alamos Visitor Guide 2017

The finishing touches on the new Los Alamos Visitor Guide are being done, the guide is scheduled to hit the street in June.

Los Alamos In the News

Los Alamos is profiled in a new publication—*Regional Attraction Guide*—published by the Regional Coalition of LANL Communities. Each of the communities that belongs to the Coalition has two-page spread that uses words and photos to describe what the town offers in terms of history, economic assistance, demographics, events and unique assets. This annual publication is targeted to prospective employees that are considering relocating to northern New Mexico to work at the Lab and live in the area.

Brand Implementation

The Los Alamos' Brand Action Plan was approved by Council on April 4, triggering a contract amendment with branding consultants The Idea Group of Santa Fe and HK Advertising to facilitate immediate execution of the approved brand actions for the first quarter, including the establishment of a Discoveries Action Team of stakeholders from the business, residential, Lab and County communities who will be charged with advising the County on brand implementation activities. The Idea Group/HK Advertising will also be scheduling brand briefings with stakeholder groups and developing a travel "kit" to include a pop-up tent, standing banners and other display materials that incorporate the brand mark and messaging.

Statewide Tourism Marketing

New Mexico Hospitality Association's Governor's Conference on Tourism, May 7-10, 2017 at the Albuquerque Convention Center:

Economic Development Marketing partnered with the Los Alamos Commerce and Development Corporation's (LACDC's) Marketing Manager Ryn Herrmann to attend educational sessions and informative keynote sessions at this annual event. Although the governor was unable to make the conference, Tourism Cabinet Secretary Rebecca Latham and her staff announced the start of a new campaign: The "Enchanted 8"—themed road trips through the state that target different interests, including architecture, restaurants and recreation. NMTD also announced the continued funding for Tourism Marketing Cooperative Advertising and Tourism Development grants in FY18. Also, one of Los Alamos' branding guys—Dave Hayduk of HK Advertising—was inducted into the New Mexico Hospitality Association's Hall of Fame!



“Travel Tank” Competition, May 10, 2017 at the Hyatt Regency Albuquerque:

The Economic Development Marketing manager participated with the rest of the North Central Region 5 tourism board members, pitching to statewide media representatives and travel writers, to garner follow-up media coverage for the region which includes Los Alamos, Santa Fe, Taos and Rio Arriba counties. Emceed by KRQE-TV meteorologist Mark Ronchetti, the media “sharks” included Chris Ramirez-KOB-TV reporter, Marisa Maes, KOAT-TV morning anchor; Dean Staley-KRQE-TV evening anchor, Rebecca Valdez, KRQE-TV and KASA FOX executive producer; Rosalie Rayburn, Albuquerque Journal Features reporter, Kate Nelson, New Mexico Magazine managing editor and travel writer Judith Fein. Region 5 pitched the Northern New Mexico region as “fierce female frontier,” highlighting Georgia O’Keeffe, Mabel Dodge Luhan, Millicent Rogers and the Manhattan Project’s gatekeeper, Dorothy McKibbin and recommended tangible experiences including llama tours, fly-fishing excursions, Feasting Day at Ohkay Owingeh and the Spy Tour from Santa Fe to Los Alamos. Based on feedback received from the media sharks/judges, Region 5 is tying these experiences to calendar events and anniversaries for future stories.



Tourism Development Grant:

Los Alamos and LACDC are on track to complete the Los Alamos Historic Walking Tour markers, signage and map project by or before the NMTD’s June 1st deadline to qualify for a 50% cost reimbursement for the project. The next cycle is scheduled to open on June 15 under a new name: New Mexico True Rural Pathway Projects. Economic Development Division will be coordinating with other County departments and community organizations to identify projects that qualify, e.g., the bike flow trail development.

COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC RELATIONS DIVISION

Happening Now

The PIO continues working with Public Works and Community Services on the public outreach for the recreation bond election. FAQs have been developed, ads asking voters to be educated and cast their vote are running in local media, and a video (PowerPoint) was placed on transit buses and in the lobby of the municipal building, as well as posting it on line, to assist with better visuals for public outreach. The voter information booklet has been received and distributed to various facilities and placed in the Clerk’s office. The PIO met with the IDEA Group and Kelly Stewart on May 5 to kick off the implementation of the

Brand Action Plan and assign tasks and timelines to the first phase, which will promote community engagement and begin to form the Discoveries Action Team citizen-based group. The Visual Information Specialists (VIS) are working on clerk materials (election ads, banners) economic development materials, trail maps, items for 100 days of summer promotion, buzz bus promotion, home buyer assistance launch, the Visitor's Guide, the Recreation summer guide, support for Art in Public Places' booklet on the San I pottery project in White Rock, along with an assortment of ads, forms or other materials requested by departments. The PIO continues to support PRISM outreach for employees as part of the internal Change Management Team and work orders related to the project. The division participated in two on line demonstrations of digital signage software, a project sponsored in IT, which might have internal and external uses. The PIO has been busy this month with emergency management and preparing for the LANL-led emergency management drill May 11. The emergency information plan was updated and the PIO led a tour of interested stakeholders for the space in the library basement that could be an alternate Joint Info Center or use for public outreach or other emergency efforts. May also marks the beginning of other seasonal outreach public service announcements that are required, an uptick in proclamations requested for many May events, and the launch of Farmer's Market booths. Contract renewals for FY18 also occur in May for contracts such as the PAC-8/County contract.

Coming Up

CPR will continue to be very busy with support for branding as the Brand Action Plan occurs, along with work on outreach about the bond election which closes May 23. CPR staff is also part of planning efforts for Sciencefest (July) and the County Fair and Rodeo (August) and items related to their promotion will increase VIS workload next month. VIS will be in the field more beginning in July to update the photo library and capture more video of various County facilities or events in anticipation of needs for the Tourism Plan and branding tourism efforts. Workload for tourism related materials or updates to brochures or videos increases this month in preparation for the tourism season (Memorial Day to end of balloon fiesta in October). The Cone Zone typically launches in May, but is on hold unless it is needed (there are not as many road construction projects from Public Works and Utilities and thus info may be released as needed using a press release. The State of NM DOT would be in charge of issuing information on the roundabout project in front of the former Hilltop Hotel, but the PIO would share out their information as much as possible to keep the public informed.

Communications Plan

The webpage project is part of the Communications Plan and will move into its next phase later this summer with the web editor policy, newsletters, polling and surveys and work flow items – all of these still need to be trained and then executed. More discussions on how best to apply the features over time will be needed. Support for branding under the Brand Action Plan and expected CPR involvement for graphic design or photo support will be noted and reflected back in the Communications Plan as a changed item. The materials update (conversions to tri-cuts and application of the brand) for the Municipal Building West Vestibule continues as brochures or notecards need to be reprinted, which is an on-going public outreach item in the Communications Plan. The goal is to have the majority of the most popular items updated by the end of May.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Administration Division

2017 Bond Projects:



Information on the 2017 Bond Projects Voter Information Booklets on the proposed recreation projects are now available at the County Clerk's office, around town at various county buildings and at the Municipal Building.

Mail-in ballots were mailed out on May 2, 2017. They must be received in the County Clerk's office by 7pm May 23, 2017.

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. The Transportation Board is working to fill one vacancy.

Airport Division

Helicopter Pad:



The asphalt on the south aircraft parking apron where the medivac helicopter parks to refuel had begun to deteriorate. In order to prevent the asphalt from breaking up further and creating a debris problem it was decided to replace a 15 by 15-foot section of the asphalt with a concrete pad for the helicopter to land on.

Fence Project:

Delta Airport Consultants has begun the design of the fence project and it is expected that the design will be completed later this summer. The FAA grant has been delayed due to the funding constraints placed on the FAA by the continuing resolution under which they are presently funded. They expect Congress to pass another continuing resolution before final funding is approved. The FAA has stated that we can expect to receive the grant later this fiscal year. Construction of the fence is presently scheduled to be funded by the FAA and State in FY 2018.

FAA Visit:



Andy Velayos, the FAA engineer who oversees funding for projects at the Los Alamos airport, visited the airport on April 19th. Future projects were discussed and he toured the airport to view the condition of the facilities and get a better feel for the unique situations we face at our airport. Mr. Velayos was pleased with the facilities maintained by the County and the quality of the projects that have been completed in the past. He specifically mentioned the airport's efficient use of land and the relatively large number of aircraft based on the airport in spite of the airport being situated on only 89 acres of land.

Custodial Division

- The Custodial Division supported 226 events during the month of April.
- The Division has been consulting with a "Green Cleaning" supplier in preparation for the transition over to green chemicals and products.
- New signage is being prepared for various rooms at Fuller Lodge such as the classroom, coat room and reservations office.
- A few flower boxes around the patio at Fuller Lodge have been planted with annual flowers to give the area more seasonal color.
- A new window cleaning system was purchased which uses filtered water (via a 3-tier filtration system) and no chemicals in an effort to move to an all green cleaning program.

Good job!



Sam Molina, Brenda Sargent, Yvonne Valencia and Mandy Valdez received customer service coins from Wayne Kohlrust in recognition of the excellent service they provide at the Municipal Building (Sam & Brenda) and at Fuller Lodge (Yvonne & Mandy). Sam and Brenda go out of their way to provide the highest quality customer service to the tenants and public at the Municipal Building and have received well over 200 "Backbone Awards" for their efforts. Yvonne and Mandy offer the same high quality service at Fuller Lodge and were instrumental in keeping the Lodge presentable during its lengthy renovation period in addition to taking the initiative to reorganize and paint the coat room and shampoo and sew all the wooden chair cushions. Congratulations on a job well done!

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. It was stated last month that the project has been postponed until Fiscal Year 2020 due to funding reductions. However, staff has worked through the project list and re-prioritized tasks so the project is now scheduled to be completed in FY2018. The plan is to have design work completed in May so that the project can advertised and be awarded in late July or early August.

Fire Station 4:

The Fire Station 4 HVAC replacement project consists of replacing the rooftop units with combination heating and AC units, replacing the existing boiler with a more efficient unit and remove floor tile and abating some asbestos mastic (glue). This project is set to be awarded at the May 2nd County Council meeting. It is anticipated that construction will start in early June and extend through November.

The Fire Station 4 shower replacement project will replace the plastic shower insets that are too small and are 14 years old with new walls and tile. In addition, new counter tops will also be installed in the shower areas. Allied 360, one of the on-call construction contractors, will be performing this work. This work will start in May and is anticipated to end in early June.

Mesa Library HVAC Improvements:

The current system is an evaporative cooling system, while a less expensive system to install and operate 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.

This project has been postponed until Fiscal Year 2019. While this sounds like a 2-year postponement, it really is only about a 15-month delay as the plan is to advertise in March/April 2018 and award the 1st Council meeting in July 2018 (Fiscal Year 2019).

In the meantime, the Fire Alarm panel which was part of the project is being advertised in March/April 2017 as it was badly damaged in a power surge and needs to be replaced now as a Life-safety issue. The cost for this is estimated at \$150k.



An analysis was performed of the existing versus proposed equipment and then an analysis with the LED lighting improvements added in to see what sort of impact the new HVAC equipment would have. The current lighting is 781 KVA and the existing evaporative cooling system contributes 80 KVA for a total of 861 KVA. The new cooling component is 363 KVA and the heating portion is 152 KVA. However, the new LED lighting is 289 KVA as compared to the 780 KVA existing. Overall the currently configured Evaporative Cooling and Lighting totals 861 KVA whereas the new HVAC and Lighting totals 803 KVA. There are some assumptions made, such as the heating operates 6 months and the cooling the other 6 months to provide a basis of comparison. These can

obviously be tweaked somewhat with warmer springs or cooler falls and overlap, etc. But this does show that some amount of savings can be achieved. Other savings can be achieved by having better controls in place in each of the areas served, as opposed to ONE main sensor in the Circulation area. The delay in the project will allow staff and the consultant to look for some additional savings.

Youth Activity Center Remodel:

Interior improvements are underway at the Youth Activity Center, located in the basement of the Community Building. The proposed work includes replacing the sloped concrete floors, finishing the entire floor as polished concrete, abatement, replacing cabinetry, and upgrading a fire exit door to be compliant with current codes.

The interior walls had new sheetrock installed, textured and painted. The planned completion date is May 5th with the Youth Activity Center and being open for the children on Monday, May 8th.

Los Alamos Family Council will contact parents in advance to let them know when the move will take place. A re-opening celebration is being planned for the users and children of the Youth Activity Center.

North Mesa Improvements Project Phase 1:

The project was advertised on March 7, 2017. Bid opening was held on March 22, 2017 with award at the April 4, 2017 County Council meeting. The contract was awarded to Star Paving Company, construction is scheduled to begin on May 1, 2017 with a completion date of August 10, 2017. The Project consist of roadway improvements, which includes asphalt, paving, curb, gutter, sidewalks, ADA curb ramps, drive pads and drainage structures on Camino Uva (from San Ildefonso to the cul-de-sac) and Camino Durasnilla (from San Ildefonso to Camino Uva).

20th Street Extension Project:

The project was advertised April 9, 2017 with a non-mandatory pre-bid meeting held on April 18, 2017. The bid opening was held for May 3, 2017 with award at the June 6, 2017 County Council Meeting. Construction is scheduled to begin in July with an anticipated completion of October 2017. The project will consist of roadway and utility improvements, which includes asphalt paving, curb, gutter, sidewalks, ADA curb ramps, drive pads and drainage structures.

Canyon Rim Trail Phase 3:

A task order for easement acquisition and preliminary design services has been negotiated under an on-call Engineering Contracts for the portion of trail between Knecht Street and 20th Street. The task order process is underway and work will begin in early May.

Bicycle Transportation Plan:

**Please use the following link
to take a short survey on
Open Forum**

http://www.peakdemocracy.com/portals/119/Issue_4829



Questions/Comments

Please call the Public Works Department at 662-8150 or
send an email to LACPW@lacnm.us

The Bicycle Transportation Plan Subcommittee has been meeting on a biweekly basis and continues to provide feedback as the Bicycle Transportation Plan takes shape. The subcommittee has suggested, as a public process, that presentations of the plan be made to the Planning & Zoning Commission, Parks & Recreation Board and the Transportation Board. These presentations have been given with positive feedback at each presentation. An electronic survey is currently on the County Open Forum web page to solicit feedback on the county's bicycling habits, this survey will close on May 8th. Public Works staff will present the plan to the Transportation Board at their June meeting for recommendation to County Council for approval. If recommendation is made, the

subcommittee and staff intend to schedule the Plan for the County Council Work Session on June 13th and then the June 27th County Council meeting for approval.

Bike to Work Day:



An event is being planned for National Bike to Work Week, May 15-19. A community ride, lunch, and vendors will be at Ashley Pond from 11:00 -1:00 pm Friday, May 19. A proclamation of support was on the Council agenda for May 2, 2017.

Future Projects:

- The New Mexico Department of Transportation recently announced that Los Alamos County was selected and awarded approximately \$2M in funding for the Canyon Rim Trail Underpass Project

through NMDOT's Transportation Alternatives Program. The project involves the design and construction of an underpass across NM 502 from the Canyon Rim Trailhead to Entrada Drive near the Coop. Funding is split to provide funds for project design in Federal Fiscal Year 2018, and construction in Federal Fiscal Year 2020.

- NM 4/East Jemez Rd. (Truck Route) Intersection: Staff continues to work with DOE, NMDOT, and Army Corps of Engineers to program, design and construct intersection upgrades to improve capacity and safety.
- NM 502 Reconstruction, Knecht St. to Tewa Loop: Staff continues to coordinate with NMDOT on this state lead project scheduled to begin this summer. NMDOT held a project bid letting on April 28, 2017.

Environmental Services Division

Los Alamos County Landfill Gas Update:

This is a summary of results for March 2017 methane monitoring for the Los Alamos County closed landfill.

1. The LFG vent wells in general decreased from last month with methane concentrations ranging from 36.5 (LFG Vent-7) to 57.5 (LFG Vent-1) percent volume in air.
2. The gas probes at the toe of the waste in general increased from last month, with methane concentrations ranging from 7.6 (MP-12) to 42.7 (MP-8) percent volume in air.
3. The gas probes at the boundary of the landfill in general varied in increasing and decreasing methane concentrations from last month. The methane concentrations ranged from 0 (MP-9R) to 19.0 (MP-11R) percent volume in air.

Tour of Friedman Recycling Facility:



Los Alamos County Environmental Services and PEEC Nature Center co-hosted a tour of Friedman Recycling Facility located in Albuquerque, NM. Friedman Recycling Facility is a material processing facility and is the County's business partner for processing mixed recycle materials. The participants learned how the mixed recycle materials are separated and prepared for the market using state of the art technology. Los Alamos County is known for having very clean recycle material, which can be attributed to the eco- conscious community. LAC recycle contamination rate is only 17% compared to the national average of 30% contamination. Participants learned that one of the most commonly found contaminants are glass bottles, food, and yard debris. It is important that we keep these contaminants out of our mixed recycle bins.



Earth Day Festival 2017:

Members of the Environmental Sustainability Board and Los Alamos County Environmental Services hosted an informational booth at the PEEC Earth Day Festival. Participants played the recycle sort game where their recycle abilities were challenged and educated in the process. Vermicomposting worms, recycle bins and other informational items were available for attendees.



Bear Resistant Dumpsters:



Environmental Services has begun delivering bear resistant dumpsters to local businesses in an effort to decrease human/bear encounters and keep everyone safe. The bear resistant dumpsters were purchased using a federal grant that was facilitated by New Mexico Department of Game and Fish. The bear resistant dumpsters are free to any local commercial customer with dumpster service.

2017 Spring Quarterly Brush Collection Schedule:

The Los Alamos County Council unanimously approved changes to the Brush Collection Program. Starting on April 3rd the County will be collecting brush only for quarterly collection.

Area	Set out no sooner than	Collection starts
Barranca Mesa, Ponderosa Estates, Loma Linda & Hawks Landing	Mar. 24 th	Apr. 3 rd
Quemazon, Sandia, Trinity, Orange & Nickel	Mar. 31 st	Apr. 10 th
North Mesa	Apr. 7 th	Apr. 17 th
Walnut, Yucca, Urban, Arizona, Town Site	Apr. 14 th	Apr. 24 th
Rover, Old Town, Meadow Lane, Aragon, Bryce Avenue	Apr. 21 st	May 1 st
La Vista, Canada Way, Canada Circle, Barcelona, Canyon Vista, Sierra Vista, Monte Vista, La Paloma	Apr. 28 th	May 8 th
La Senda & Piedra Loop	May 5 th	May 15 th
Pajarito Acres, Monte Rey, Rio Bravo, Potrillo, Estante Way	May 12 th	May 22 nd

New Environmental Services Employees and Promotions:

Environmental Services Division would like to welcome Tiffany Pegoda as the new Office Specialist. Tiffany worked for South Central Solid Waste Authority in Las Cruces for 5 years as the Recycling Coordinator. John Mascarenas was hired as a Senior Equipment Operator. John was previously employed with NM Department of Transportation for over 20 years and has advanced experience in heavy equipment operations.

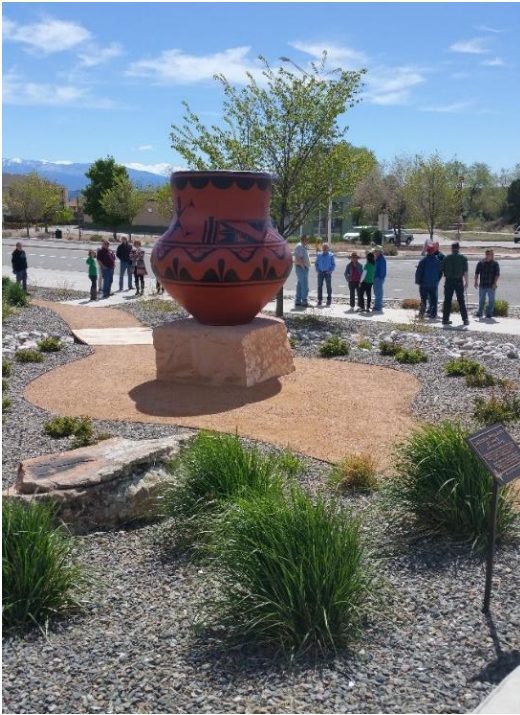
Congratulations are in order for Andy Broadus who was recently promoted to Senior Equipment Operator. Andy served as an Environmental Services equipment operator for two years. Andy is a stellar employee and continues to demonstrate excellent customer service and professionalism. (Left to right: Tiffany Pegoda, John Mascarenas and Andy Broadus).



From left, Alex Archuleta, Jason Wardlow-Herrera, Robert Martinez, Bryan Aragon, Jonathan Henley, Ben Gonzales, Dan Erickson, Jeff Humpton, Matthew Allen, Lee Cole, Angelica Gurule and Kirsten Bell.

Los Alamos County Green Team members celebrate the Demonstration Garden with a ribbon cutting ceremony on Wednesday, April 26, 2017 in White Rock.

Demonstration Garden:



The Demonstration Garden project was an opportunity for the Green Team to implement sustainable landscaping practices by selecting native plant varieties that would require minimal water usage and minimal effort to maintain. The landscape design is primarily xeriscape with the largest percentage of landscape area finished with New Mexico Travertine Comanche gravel and speckled with high desert, drought-tolerant plant varieties such as Feather Reed Grass (*Calamagrostis X Acutiflora* 'Karl Foerester'), Butterfly Bushes (*Buddleja Davidii*), and White Pampas Grass (*Cortaderia Selloana*). The Green Team also utilized compost from the County's composting operation, which is an excellent resource offering resident's readily available landscaping material at the Eco Station. Compost is also an excellent soil amendment for flower gardens.

The Green Team Demonstration Garden

GREEN TEAM MISSION

The Los Alamos County Green Team is dedicated to creating positive environmental change within Los Alamos County. The Green Team promotes environmentally sustainable operating practices such as reducing waste, conserving energy and water, promoting sustainable purchasing practices, and encouraging the use of alternative transportation.

The beautiful landscape you see is the culmination of hard work from various departments and employees from Los Alamos County.

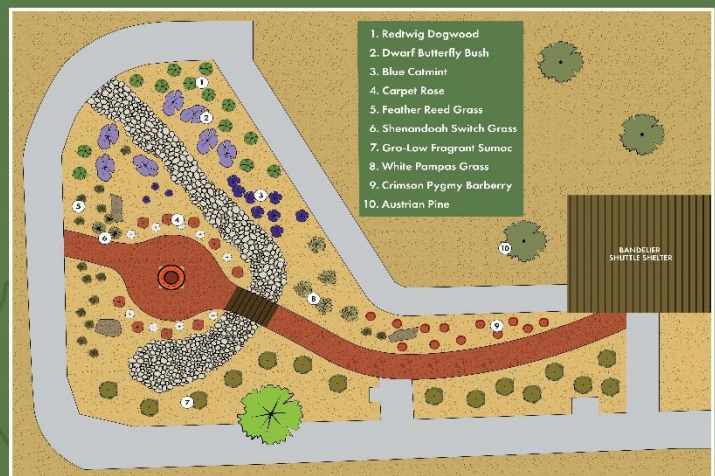
The Green Team's goal in creating this garden is to educate community members and visitors about how to create a beautiful landscape with native plants that require low water usage. With the addition of the San Ildefonso replica pottery near the White Rock Visitor Center and Bandelier Shuttle Stop, this location is perfect for a garden that many visitors can enjoy. This garden displays a variety of plants that grow well in Northern New Mexico and are labeled throughout the garden.

THANK YOU LOS ALAMOS COUNTY GREEN TEAM MEMBERS:

Matthew Allen, Anita Barela, Kirsten Bell, Leah Frazier, Benjamin Gonzales, Angelica Gurule, Jonathan Henley, Jason Wardlaw-Herrera, Robert Martinez, Leo Ortiz, Tim Shroyer

THANK YOU LOS ALAMOS COUNTY EMPLOYEES

James Alarid, Bryan Aragon, Alex Archuleta, Lee Cole, Dan Erickson, Jeff Humpton, Eric Lopez, Vint Miller, Dave Ploeger, Derrick Voight



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where discoveries are made

April 2017 Residential Sustainability Report



Residential Sustainability Report

Service Period: April 2017

Recyclables Collected: 68.60 tons

Trash Collected: 315.45 tons

Compostable Materials Collected: 24.45 tons

Total Material Collected: 408.50 tons



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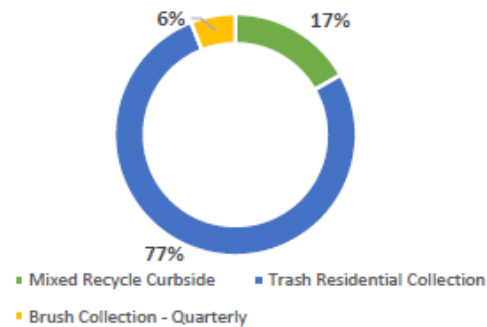
Monthly Collection Report

March Diversion Rate: 23%

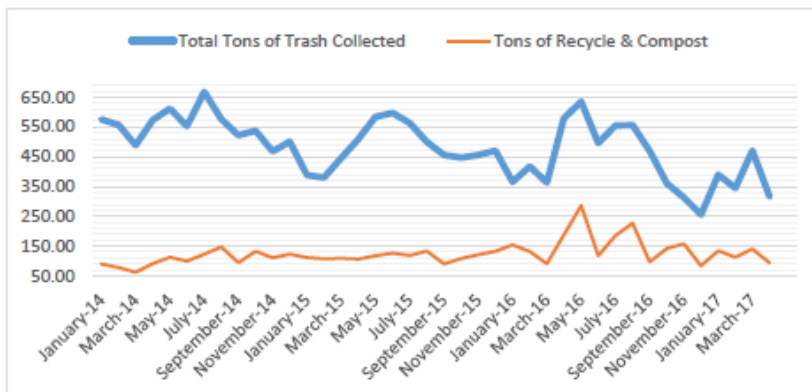
April Diversion Rate: 22.8%

A 1% Decrease in Diversion

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

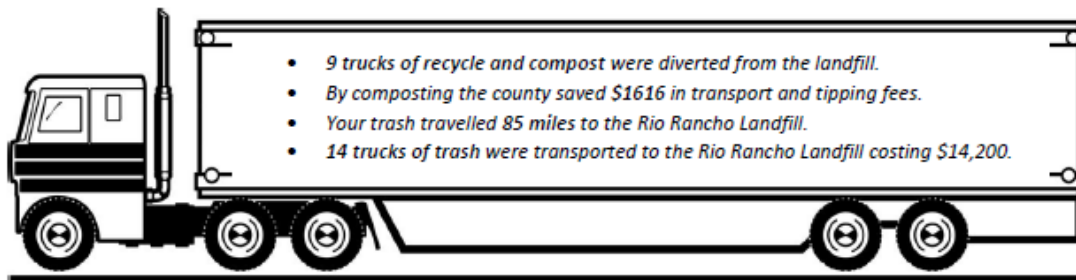


Month by Month Recycling Comparison



Recycling saves

- Americans throw away enough office paper each year to build a 12 foot high wall from Seattle to NY (a new wall every year).
- Making paper from recycled paper reduces the related contribution to air pollution 95%.
- Recycling a stack of newspaper just 3 feet high saves one tree.
- More than 37% of the fiber used to make new paper products in the U.S. comes from recycled sources.



Facilities Division

1. Crews are working on servicing overhead doors throughout the County.
2. Installing access control at the Library, Fire Admin and software updates.
3. Installation of chair rails continue at the Municipal Building.
4. Support Engineering projects, such as the Youth Activity Center.

Fleet Division

A new unit has arrived for the Traffic & Streets Division



Traffic & Streets Division



Mechanically Stabilized Earth (MSE) wall at the Landfill FEMA Project. Enviroworks is the contractor working on this project. Santa Fe Engineering, LLC is providing the Quality Assurance / Quality Control on this project as well as providing drainage studies.



Crew members removed a 6 inch PVC drainage pipe that was plugged and installed a new 12 inch culvert and modified the drop inlet to take more water near the 10th hole T-box at the Golf Course



Newly reconstructed drop inlet on Diamond Drive near the 10th hole T-box at the Golf Course.



Prep work for the installation of pipe for drainage at the rodeo arena parking area.



Crew members repaired a section of pavement where a utility line break occurred at North Mesa and San Ildefonso Road.



A crew member is seen clearing brush behind guard rails on Camp May Road with the boom new mower.



A section of pavement at the Pajarito Cliffs Site collapsed from drainage issues. Staff repaired this section of pavement and fixed any potential for further drainage issues.



Crews replaced two wood poles at the Airport parking lot that were blown down by the wind.



As part of an on-going project, Crews installed 6 streetlight poles on Central Ave. near the movie theatre. Crew members will be taking these streetlight poles down, sending them for inspection to determine if they can be repaired and powder coated or if they need to be replaced. A section of poles were removed from Oppenheimer to Canyon Road on Central Ave. last week (April 17th) and have been delivered to a vendor in Albuquerque for evaluation and possible repair.



Crew members are shown installing delineators at the intersection of State Road 4 and The Truck Route. This is a traffic calming/safety effort between the State of New Mexico Department of Transportation and Los Alamos County.

Additionally, Traffic & Streets Crews performed the following tasks:

- Responded to various workorders requested by both internal and external customers.
- Streetlight repair and locates throughout the County.
- Repaired the signal cabinet, cleaned cameras and adjusted detection at Central Ave. and 15th Street.

Transit Division

Shuttle Service

The Transit Division participated in Earth Day on April 22, 2017 by providing a Central Avenue/Canyon Road shuttle from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. ACT also provided shuttle service to the County's Environmental Sustainability Board to tour the Friedman Recycling center in Albuquerque, New Mexico. On April 21, 2017, ACT assisted Leadership Los Alamos with service from Los Alamos to the Valle Caldera. Act appreciates all the partnerships within our Los Alamos County community.

Bandelier Shuttle Service



Five seasonal drivers were hired and are training for the Bandelier service to begin May 15, 2017. From left to right meet Jesse McGlown, Pablo Ruiz, Mark Katko, Terrance Baldonado and Travis Roybal. Take a ride to Bandelier this season and meet our great drivers.



Summer time is coming soon and Jonathan Henley has been busy getting our bus shelters repaired and cleaned. New glass panels have been ordered and installed at the following locations:

- Diamond Dr. in front of the High School gym
- Diamond Dr. and Sandia Dr. and the end of the High School
- Canyon Rd in front of the Aquatic Center

We will be continuing to identify bus shelters that need repair and assure the work is done as soon as possible.



LOS ALAMOS FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mutual Aid during 2017 Chimayo Pilgrimage

LAFD EMS Bike Team and Wildland Team assisted agencies from throughout New Mexico with the annual pilgrimage to the Santuario Church in Chimayo, NM. The pilgrimage to Santuario De Chimayo is a tradition that has taken place over 200 years, and draws thousands of walkers every year. Previous years have drawn crowds of up to 100k people, it is unknown of how many were in attendance this year. Santa Fe County Emergency Management is the lead for this event. They requested mutual aid from 31 agencies, and had all 31 agencies on standby. Hospitals throughout Northern New Mexico, along with all helicopter crews are placed on alert for this event. This event crosses over 7 different districts. Some of the departments that provided public safety aid for this year's event included Los Alamos Police Department, Rio Arriba County Sheriff, Taos County EMS, NM State Police, Rio Arriba County Volunteer Fire Department's, Espanola Valley Ambulance, Santa Fe County Fire Department, Rio Arriba Emergency Management. Santa Fe County Emergency Manager Martin Vigil expressed his gratitude for the aid from all the departments. This is the first year that LAFD provided aid for this event.





Wildfire Day 2017

Los Alamos Fire Department held their annual Wildfire Day event. This year's event brought in over 1200 people. LAFD and Christus St. Vincent's fit over 350 children with bicycle helmets. There were 12 organizations and agencies that participated in this year's event and were crucial in the success of this event. LAFD will be meeting with participants of this year's event to go over lessons learned and discuss planning for the 2018 event. If you attended Wildfire Day 2017 and have questions or feedback on this event please e-mail marisol.padilla@lacnm.





Wildland Division

Division Chief Ramon Garcia was successful in procuring a grant through the Department of Homeland Security for over \$400k. Scope of work for this grant will be for Wildfire Mitigation, Home Assessments and Public Education, that will take place over the next 3 years. Mitigation will take place on approximately 114 acres in the areas of Camino Redondo, Camino Uva, Lower Loma Linda, North Horse Stable, Villa Bench, Walnut Bench and Ponderosa Estates. These areas are critical to the success of the Los Alamos Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP). This is the third grant the LAFD has procured for the Wildland Division, previous successful grants include the purchase of the first County owned Wildland Fire Apparatus which include Brush 1 and Brush 4.

EMS Division

Chief Stone and Donna McHenry taught CPR to the Juvenile Justice Advisory Board. The EMS Division is committed to proving hands only CPR to better equip the community to save a life. If you are interested in receiving this training contact us to schedule a training. In the 5 minutes, it may take for LAFD to respond to cardiac arrest hands only CPR could be the difference between life and death.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Building Safety Division

The total number of commercial permits issued in April was 2 with a total valuation of \$62,200. The total number of residential permits issued in April was 50 with a total valuation of \$1,141,860.

The monthly contractor's meeting was Tuesday April 18st at Fuller Lodge 27 were present.



Adrienne Lovato gave a presentation on the soon to be implemented EnerGov customer self-service (CSS) portal. Michael Arellano had a general discussion with the contractors and Matthew Chacon of Miller Insulation gave a presentation on unventilated attics and crawl spaces.



Work continues on several new houses being built around town including two on 45 Street by Urban Park, one on Los Pueblos, one on Grand Canyon, two on Aster, one on Quemazon and one on Santalina.

Senior Permit Technician Adrienne Lovato has been building EnerGov's customer self-service portal which went live May 5th.

Permit Technician Amy Danforth has been creating a building permit application and a fillable forms.



In May the turnaround time for permit applications was an average of 2 days.

Code Enforcement

Code Enforcement Officer Larry Valdez has been working with commercial and residential property owners to bring properties into compliance with the Los Alamos County code.



Violation at the Mar-Mac Shopping Center



Before: Inoperable Vehicles on Trinity Dr.



After: Inoperable Vehicles Removed

Larry Valdez has also been working with commercial property owners to bring their properties into compliance with the Los Alamos County code.



Before: Dilapidated Awnings on Trinity Drive



After: Dilapidated Awnings Removed

Code Enforcement Officer Larry Valdez has been working with residential property owners to bring their property into compliance.



Before: Dilapidated Roof and Siding (Private Residence)



After: Roof and Siding Repaired

Housing and Special Projects Division



Home Rehabilitation Project
Paige Loop, White Rock

Housing Rehabilitation Program (Home Renewal Program):

The 2016 program includes 11 rehabilitation projects, seven of which are for senior households. Work has been completed on five homes and is nearly completed on three more homes. It is anticipated that the remaining projects will be completed by September 2017. The 2017 program application period opened April 17th and closes on May 31st.

Homebuyer Assistance Program

A Request for Proposals and Draft Administrative Policies & Procedures was announced on April 20th and closes on May 11th, with the intent of contracting a qualified external entity to implement the program. Approximately 10 households are expected to receive assistance in the first year, however, this will be somewhat dependent upon the local housing market.

Planning Division

Planning & Zoning Commission Activities:

The Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z) met on April 12th and approved a Waiver to Downtown Street Standards for the 20th Street Subdivision. The 6-lot subdivision is a County-initiated economic development project. The Final Subdivision Plat will be considered by the Commission in May.

Also on April 12th, the Commission heard the first of a series of draft code amendments to the Development Code, Chapter 16 of the LAC Code of Ordinances, which follow on adoption of the Comprehensive Plan and create the tools needed to implement Plan goals and policies. Future code amendments will update various sections of Chapter 16. All code amendments are reviewed by the Interdepartmental Review Committee (IDRC), and the Planning and Zoning Commission. P&Z makes a recommendation to County Council, which makes the final decision to approve code amendments at a public hearing.

At the same meeting, the Commission participated in an hour long training session developed by the American Planning Association in association with the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy. Following the presentation, Associate County Attorney and P&Z Legal liaison Kevin Powers provided an added perspective at local and state levels.

The Board of Adjustment (BOA) has two new members, Amy Woods and Jessie Dixon, who were officially appointed by Council on May 2, 2017. The BOA is made up of three members of the Planning and Zoning

Commission, nominated by P&Z and appointed by Council. The Board approved a side yard setback Waiver application for a carport at their meeting on April 17, 2017.



Board of Adjustment members Amy Woods, Chair Jaret McDonald, and Jessie Dixon

Business License and Building Permit Review:

Planning Division staff reviewed and acted on 8 Business License applications and 45 Building Permits in the month of April.

Other Staff Activities:

The draft ordinance creating of a new Mixed-Use zoning district was introduced at Council on April 24th, and will be considered at a public hearing on May 16th.

On April 14th the Planning Division held a pre-application conference for an assisted living facility to be constructed on the lot recently split from the Visiting Nurses site at 2202 Canyon Road. The meeting was attended by representatives of all reviewing departments. A rendering of the preliminary conceptual building is shown below.



COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Parks, Recreation, Open Space Division

McCurdy Charter School Swim Lessons, April, 43 students:

McCurdy Charter School students for swim lessons on Wednesdays during the month of April. After lessons were over, the kids got to enjoy playtime on the island. On their last day, the students presented their instructors with hand written thank you notes.

Dive in Movie, Friday, April 14, 69 participants:

The Aquatic Center showed the movie "Moana" while guest floated on inner tubes and snacked on popcorn, sodas and other goodies.



Egg Splash, April 15, 110 participants:

This year's Egg Splash was a huge success. The kids were treated to floating eggs in the pool, which they collected and turned in for prizes.



Teen Night, April 28, 75 participants:

The Aquatic Center partnered with the Los Alamos Teen Center to host a Teen Night at the pool. It started at 7:00 p.m. and ended at 10:00 p.m. The teens enjoyed pizza and ice cream, races over the floating island, inner tube water polo, crazy dive competitions, and music and laser lights provided by a local teen D.J.



Adult Softball League Volunteer Work Party, April 8, 50 volunteers:

The Parks Division held a volunteer work party with the Adult Softball League where they helped fill gopher holes, paint dug-outs and work on backstops. We had a great turn out and accomplished a great deal of hard work. A great job of supporting the volunteer workforce was done by Overlook Crew.



Dog Park and Secondary Trailhead Kiosk: 75% Complete:

In collaboration with Parks, Open Space started designing and constructing kiosks for dog parks and secondary trailheads.



Fence Removal in Acid Canyon: April 22, 5 people attended – 75% complete:

On Earth Day 5 volunteers assisted Open Space in removing and hauling away .64 tons of fencing in Acid Canyon.



Golf Course Signage Project, 90% Complete, Estimated Completion June 30:

The tee signs, tee markers, distance markers, fairway markers and flags were all redesigned for the opening of the season



Tee Sign



Tee Marker



Distance Marker



Flags



Fairway Marker

Golf Course Spring Aerification Project, Completed April 18:

This is a maintenance practice twice a year, in the spring and in the fall.



Aerification Process



Aerification Cleanup

Opening Golf Tournament Breakfast, April 3, 44 participants:

We held the inaugural tournament to officially kickoff the season. It was very well received with 44 players enjoying breakfast burritos before the event. It was so well received, we will have a closing tournament at the end of the Season in October.

High School Golf Tournaments, April 12 & 18, 74 participants:

The Golf Course hosted 2 tournaments with 14 schools participating from across the state. The Los Alamos Junior Varsity Boys team took first place and Jessica Osden took the first place ribbon for the Individual Girls category.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt, April 15, 400 Cars Parked / 1500 Participants:

The Easter Egg Hunt on the Golf Course was once again a huge success with hundreds of people enjoying the bouncy houses, food, egg hunt, and Easter Bunny under beautiful weather.



Easter Bunny



Egg Hunting

Social Services Division

National Crime Victims' Rights Week, April 7:

Social Service Division participated with LAPD in National Crime Victims' Rights Week, which included a T-shirt give-away and staffing info tables at both Smith's locations.

Dementia Friendly Training, April 27, 30 participants:

The Social Services Division hosted the 2nd annual training at the Municipal Building. Human Resources has now approved this training for all County employees.

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Presentation to LACHC, April 6, 25 participants:

CASA was established in the First Judicial District in 1995 to support and promote court-appointed volunteer advocacy so that abused and neglected children in Santa Fe, Rio Arriba, and Los Alamos Counties can be safe and have the opportunity for a permanent home.

Teddy Bear Picnic, April 12, 50 participants:

Family Strengths Network promoted bear awareness during their first ever Teddy Bear Picnic



Teddy Bear Picnic(FSN)



Teddy Bear Picnic (FSN)

“Summer is Almost Here” YMCA Teen Center Pool Party, April 28, over 70 people attended:
The Aquatic Center hosted a professional DJ; there were free pizzas, gallons of root beer floats, and teen-led games and activities.



“Power of You(th)” program, April 21, 50 participants:

This JJAB supported program facilitated by LAPS helps youth make empowered decisions when it comes to underage drinking, drug use, driving while intoxicated, and peer pressure.

MADD’s “Power of Parents” Program, April 21, approximately 150 attendees:

LAPS facilitated MADD’s “Power of Parents” program at the Teen Center as well as at two driver’s education classes at LAHS, and at the April monthly JJAB meeting.



“Sticker Shock” Campaign, April 21:

LAPS Prevention Office collaborated with Smith’s Marketplace in Los Alamos on a “Sticker Shock” campaign to remind shoppers that providing alcohol to minors is a felony offense.

LAVA’s “Fabulous Fifties” Volunteer Appreciation Gala, April 28, 120 attendees:

The Los Alamos Retired and Senior Organization (LARSO) hosted an event with a performance of Eddy and the Nomads to honor all the contributions of our senior volunteers.



Library Division

22nd Annual Los Alamos Photographers' Show, April 3 – 28 in Upstairs Art Gallery

460 visitors attended the Opening Reception of the show in the Upstairs Art Gallery at Mesa, and 2090 visitors saw the show during the month of April.



National Poetry Month Poetry Readings, April 2017

Los Alamos native Allison Cobb – April 9, 20 people attended
Institute of American Indian Arts students and alumni – April 15; 18 people attended
Los Alamos High School students, April 19; 6 people attended



April Monthly Authors Speak event at the Library featured retired Park Ranger Doug Thompson, who talked about his book “Underground Ranger.” 17 people attended

Doug Thompson’s book is about his experience working as an interpretive ranger at Carlsbad Caverns National Park, and how he learned to overcome his fears of both tight spaces and heights while doing rope work in the caves.



Underground Ranger Doug Thompson- April Authors Speak

Library Employee Retirement, April 21



Long-time Mesa Public Library employee Lih-Jane Kao celebrated her retirement with a potluck luncheon and a beautiful cake.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

May 23 – Bond Election – Voting Closes

KUDOS & FYI



Annette - On behalf of Leadership Los Alamos Board of Directors, I would like to thank you and your staff for providing transportation for our session at the Valles Grande National Preserve on April 21st.

The feedback from the class was excellent. Your drivers were punctual, friendly and very professional.

Thanks again for supporting us.

Terry Priestley
Chair, Leadership Los Alamos