

County Manager's Monthly Update

LOS ALAMOS COUNTY

JUNE - 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.

CMO

Senator Martin Heinrich was in Los Alamos on May 27, 2017. Senator Heinrich was in town to make two special announcements concerning the Manhattan Project National Historical Park. He was joined by MPNHP Superintendent Kris Kirby at an event held at the MAPR Visitor Center. He announced the formation of a Los Alamos Friends of the Manhattan Project NHP. This organization, led by former Councilor Kristin Henderson, received a letter of intent from Superintendent Kirby. The board of the new organization was introduced at this ceremony. Superintendent Kirby presented the Los Alamos Historical Society with a check for \$10,000 (photos from the event are shown below). The Historical Society in partnership with Los Alamos County was recently awarded a Park Service Heritage Partnership grant to complete an interpretation plan for Fuller Lodge.





Los Alamos County is embarking on the development of a new wayfinding program that will direct visitors and residents to various attractions and amenities around town. Wayfinding encompasses a variety of tools that help guide people to their destination, this includes signage, maps and digital tools. Wayfinding programs also help to establish an identity and reinforce a sense of place. Regions, cities, towns and communities of all sizes are establishing wayfinding programs to provide a better experience for their visitors. The County has hired MERJE, a nationally recognized wayfinding expert, to guide the community through this process. MERJE visited Los Alamos in March and will be presenting their Wayfinding Analysis and Schematic Design Concepts on June 15th. They will be reconvening the various Stakeholder groups, so that they may provide comments to the work accomplished to date. There will also be a **Public Meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 15th in Council Chambers** (in the Municipal Building) to give the community an overview of wayfinding and opportunity to provide feedback on the Schematic Design concepts

COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC RELATIONS DIVISION

The PIO wrapped up outreach on the recreation bond election (May 23) and now is working on other seasonal outreach that increases during summer months as well as ramping up support/outreach for the Tourism Plan, Wayfinding Plan and implementation of the Brand Action Plan (CPR will participate in the production of materials as directed/in collaboration with the Branding consultants). The Visual Information Specialists (VIS) are wrapping up the new trail maps and just completed significant effort for items that were needed for CSD for 100 days of summer promotion and the DWI Planning Council's buzz bus promotion. The VIS are proofing the new Visitor's Guide set to be published in June, working on branding materials for promotions, plus an assortment of ads, forms and other materials requested by departments.

Contract renewals for FY18 are in progress along with yearend close out activities for CPR work orders and purchasing.

CPR staff is also part of planning efforts for Sciencefest (July) and the County Fair and Rodeo (August) and items related to their promotion are increasing VIS workload. VIS are also spending several days in the field each month, working 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 efforts. All staff in CPR have leave planned between June and July and workload/availability will be adjusted accordingly.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Administration Division

2017 Bond Projects:



The ballot question failed by 486 votes. There were 3,446 ballots for the bond and 3,932 ballots against it. A total of 7,383 ballots were returned to the County Clerk's Office of the more than 13,000 registered voters. Council Chambers was crowded on May 23 as adults and children awaited the results. The room emptied, mostly in silence, after County Clerk Naomi Maestas made the announcement.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GRADUATES!



Jon Bulthuis, Alipio Mondragon, James Barela and Pete Mondragon proudly display their hard-earned Los Alamos County Leadership Academy certificates. The graduation was held on May 18, 2017.



Congratulations, we are very proud of you!

Employee Recognition Picnic:



BEST SALSA CONTEST



Salsa contest, gunny sack races, watermelon and pie eating contests, are just a few activities employees participated in at the Public Works Department Annual Employee Recognition Picnic held on May 17, 2017.

- 1st Place – Derrick Voight
- 2nd Place – Robert Woodall
- 3rd Place – Paul Sena



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

State Aviation Conference:

David Ploeger was named Airport Manager of the Year.



At the 2017 Annual Meeting of the New Mexico Airport Managers Association (NMAMA) held in Ruidoso, May 10 -12, Los Alamos Manager, David Ploeger, was named New Mexico Airport Manager of the Year. This award goes to the airport manager that does an outstanding job in managing the airport and advancing aviation safety at his/her airport. Criteria includes administrative expertise, maintaining a safe and efficient airport, general upkeep of airport, staff and management interface (internal and external), and involvement in the local airport community.

The New Mexico Airport Managers Association Awards were first given out in

2000 at the Airport Managers Association Annual Conference and Trade Show. Prior to the conference, the NMDOT – Aviation Division and a member of the New Mexico Airport Managers Association discussed the nominees and winners in each category.

Nominees this year were Jim Talbert, Alamogordo White Sands Regional Airport, Mike Lewis, Farmington Four Corners Regional Airport, and David Ploeger, Los Alamos Airport.

Please join us in congratulating David Ploeger as 2017 Airport Manager of the year.

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 had been funded. Congress has now passed another continuing resolution that funds the FAA through the end of FY 2017. 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.

New Hangars:

The hangar manufacturer submitted a set of plans for the hangar which have been approved by the County building inspectors. The manufacturer has been informed of the approval and can now begin to fabricate the building. They have stated this process will take approximately 14 weeks to complete. The building materials should be delivered on site in either late August or early September. We expect the construction of the building to take approximately 30 days.

Custodial Division

The Custodial Division supported 238 events during the month of May.

The Division will begin transitioning over to a “Green” cleaning program beginning in June.

New tables were purchased for Fuller Lodge events and additional chairs were purchased for Council Chambers to accommodate overflow attendance.

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, removing floor tile and abating some asbestos mastic (glue). This project was awarded at the May 2nd County Council meeting to CAC, Inc. with a Notice to Proceed date of June 5. It is anticipated that construction will extend into October.

A second project at Fire Station 4, the shower replacement project is currently in progress, by contractor Allied 360. Crews have one shower unit 60% complete. In addition, new counter tops will also be installed in the shower areas. This work is anticipated to be completed in June.

Youth Activity Center Remodel:



Interior improvements have been completed at the Youth Activity Center. The project was completed at the end of April with the Youth Activity Center moving in on May 1. A re-opening celebration is being planned, date to be determined.



North Mesa Improvements Project Phase 1:



Construction began on May 1 with an anticipated 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).



The Contractor is currently working on Camino Uva from the Cul-de-sac to Camino Cereza with curb & gutter, drive pads, sidewalk, and ADA curb ramps. The Contractor is scheduled to complete Camino Uva by July 1, the first milestone date.

20th Street Extension Project:

The project was advertised April 9, with a non-mandatory pre-bid meeting held on April 18. The bid opening was held for May 3, with award at the June 6, 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. The utility improvements include gas, water, sanitary sewer and electrical distribution system improvements supplemental to the development of the 20th Street Extension corridor infrastructure.

Canyon Rim Trail Phase 3:

The County's consultant has begun work for easement acquisition and preliminary design services for the portion of trail between Knecht Street and 20th Street. A kickoff meeting was held on May 9 and survey work was started on May 18. The survey work was conducted using a drone, permission was granted by the FAA in conjunction with NNSA and LANL security. Further topographic land survey will be conducted at the site and drainage design work for potential alignments is underway.

Canyon Rim Trail Underpass:

In November 2016, an application was submitted to the NMDOT by way of the Regional Transportation Planning Organization for Transportation Arterial Program (TAP) funding for an underpass of the Canyon Rim Trail at the trailhead near Camino Entrada. On April 26, the NMDOT planning staff informed County staff that a decision was made to award Los Alamos County our entire request in the amount of \$2,340,000 (including the 14.56% local match). The funding is for federal fiscal year 2018 design funds and 2020 construction funds.

Bicycle Transportation Plan:



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:

The community ride planned for Friday, May 19 was cancelled due to inclement weather and will be re-scheduled in the near future.

Future Projects...

- 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, only one bid was submitted and unfortunately the bid was \$5 million over budget. NMDOT is doing a bid evaluation at this time.

Environmental Services Division

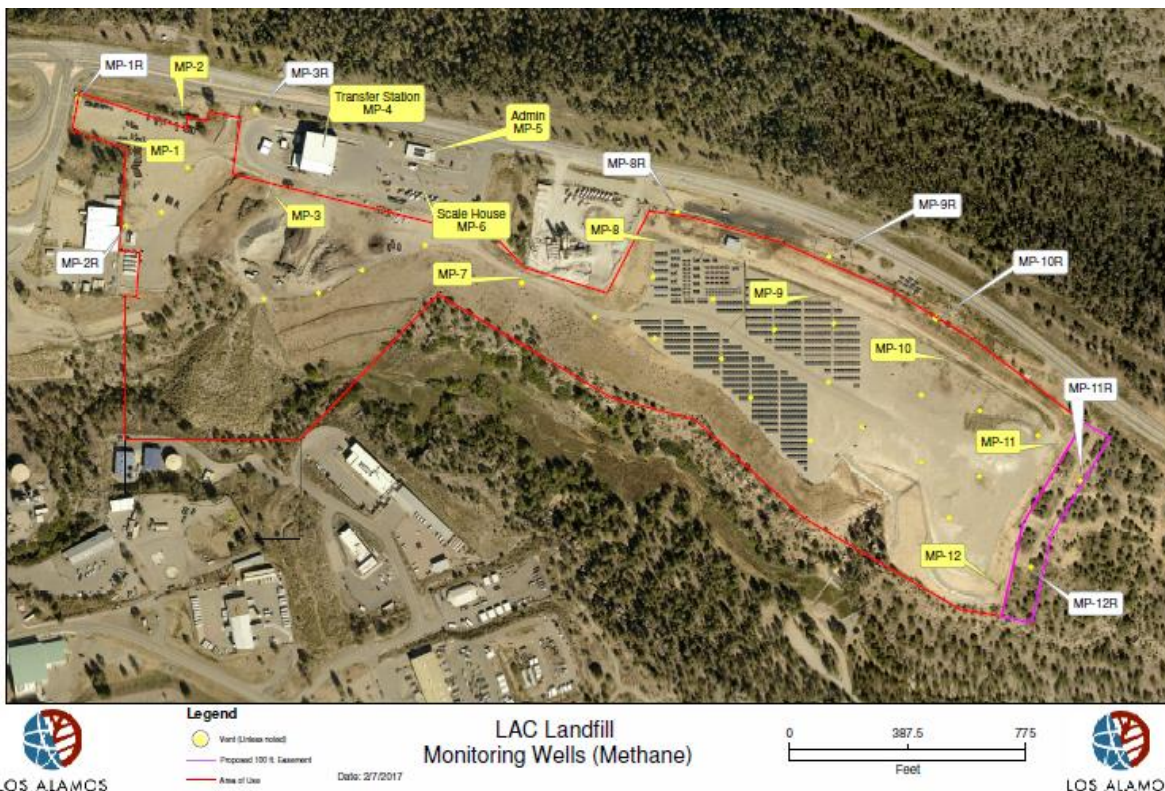


2017 Spring Quarterly Brush Collection Schedule

The Los Alamos County Council unanimously approved changes to the Brush Collection Program, which has resulted in brush being collected separately from bulk items. As part of the 2017 spring quarterly brush collection, Environmental Services has collected approximately 37.85 tons of brush.

Los Alamos County Landfill Gas Update:

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



1. The LFG vents ranged in methane concentration from 38.2 (LFG Vent – 7) to 60.8 (LFG Vent – 2) percent gas in air.
2. The gas probe readings for the methane probes ranged in methane concentration from 1.0 (MP-12) to 38.7 (MP-8) percent gas in air.

3. The gas probe readings for the MP probes located at the landfill boundary ranged in methane concentration from 0.0 (MP-8R and MP-9R) to 7.8 (MP-10R) percent gas in air. In addition to MP-11R, MP-10R also exceeded the LEL.

4th Annual Clean Up Los Alamos Day:



Environmental Services would like to thank all the volunteers who participated in the 14th annual Clean Up Los Alamos Day on Saturday May 13th. It was a great success again this year with 339 participants collecting trash and brush around the Los Alamos and White Rock area. The county collected approximately 10.5 tons of solid waste and 156 residents utilized the Eco Station and Overlook Convenience Center Saturday for free disposal. The event wrapped up with an appreciation luncheon hosted at Ashley Pond, with hamburgers and hot dogs provided by David's Dogs. Environmental Services staff would like to thank LANB, Coca-Cola, and Los Alamos County who

sponsored the event.

Facilities Division

Mesa Public Library – access control has been completed.

Fire Station 4 – Move access control and camera panels out of day room into bay area, install electrical for stove in annex building, and install temporary sink in annex building.

Municipal Building – painting the perforated metal throughout building.

White Rock Complex – fence along south side of complex has been repaired.

Fleet Division

A new unit has arrived for the Police Department.



CDL Exams:

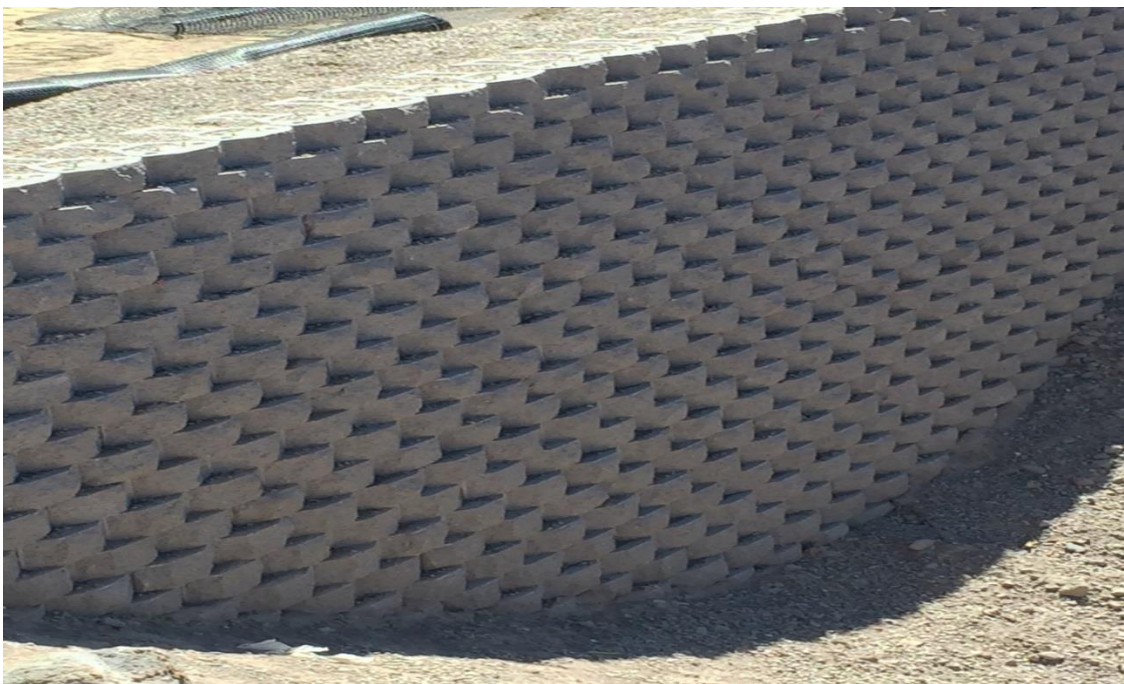
During the month of May Chris Sena provided CDL testing for four employees from Transit who completed and passed their Class B, P rating to operate transit buses and four employees from the Department of Public Utilities who passed their Class A rating.

Mechanic at Work:



Raul Lujan, Fleet Mechanic II repairs a drive shaft.

Traffic & Streets Division:



Enviroworks, LLC is the vendor who was awarded the Landfill Project that is partially funded by FEMA. Above are images of the Mechanically Stabilized Earth, MSE wall 95% complete.



Crew members were dispatched to respond to a traffic accident at the intersection of East Jemez (truck route) and NM 4 where a traffic signal warning beacon was knocked down. LAPD was unable to reach NMDOT dispatch to respond to the incident.

During the month of May, the Streets Division lost another employee who moved on to the private sector. Robert Lopez left at the end of April. This makes 2 Streets crew members that have moved on (Mario Herrera who retired in March). They were both Senior Equipment Operators. Since they left, we have promoted two equipment operators within the Streets Division to Senior Equipment Operators, Matthew Salazar and Joseph Trujillo. Congratulations!



Matthew Salazar



Joseph Trujillo



Street crews are seen working on Nugget Street where they removed and replaced a section of sidewalk.

Transportation Safety Specialist, David Archuleta has retired after 18 years of service with the County. We will miss David and all the help he has given the County over the years. Congratulations David!



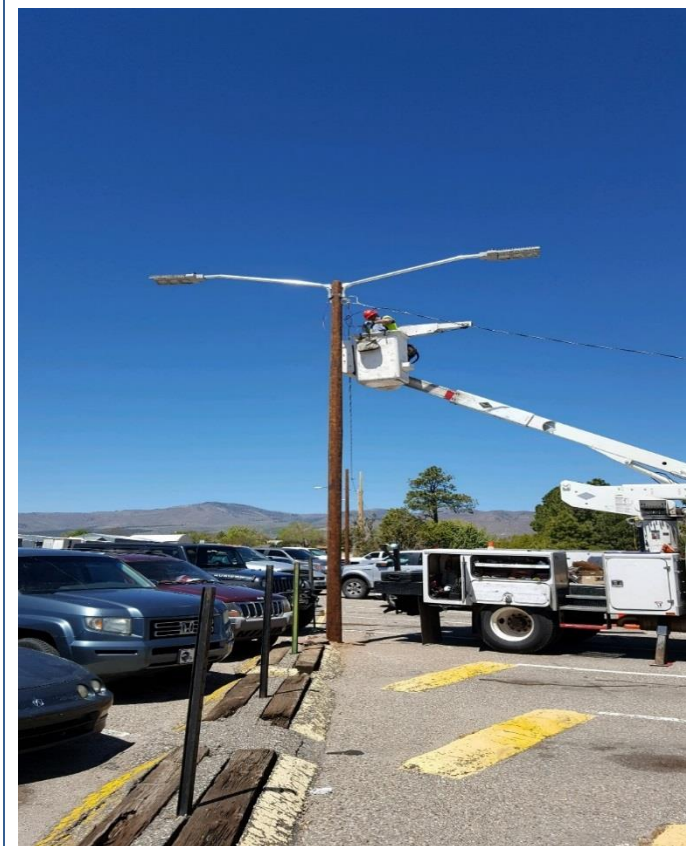


Joseph Blea will be replacing David Archuleta as the new Transportation Safety Specialist. Joseph started out as a temporary employee under Traffic and Streets as a Traffic Electrician I. Congratulations Joseph!





Traffic electricians assisted facilities by lifting a motor to the roof of the Judicial Center.



Traffic electricians installed lighting at the Airport.

The light pole was knocked down earlier this month by high winds.

Work Request – a resident called in to report a streetlight on Village Place that was blocked by a pine tree. She asked that the light be repositioned instead of trimming the tree. Crews were successful in repositioning the light.





Crews have been busy replacing signs throughout the county.

Transit Division

The Transit Division (Atomic City Transit - ACT) provided service to Leadership Los Alamos for their graduation ceremony on May 10, 2017. Congratulations Leadership Los Alamos Class of 2017!

Bandelier Shuttle Service:



Bandelier Shuttle service began on Mother's Day, May 14, 2017 with thirty (30) minute service on the week days and fifteen (15) minute service on the weekends. The service will continue through October 15, 2017.

Bus Shelters:



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



Atomic City Transit and Avail Technologies have teamed up on the kick off meeting to bring Automatic Vehicle Annunciators (AVA) to the bus service. Annunciators will provide both visual and audio announcements of the next stop as well as general notices in the near future. Stay tuned for installation dates.

LOS ALAMOS FIRE DEPARTMENT

EMS Division

On Tuesday May 2nd at the County Council meeting, LAFD Station 4 B crew were recognized and received the Phoenix Award. The Phoenix Award is presented to emergency responders who resuscitate a patient in cardiac arrest. Congratulations to Captain Joseph Baca, Driver Engineer Van Leimer, Firefighter Zachary Shriver, Firefighter Kenny Martinez and Firefighter Michael Austin. This is the second Phoenix award presented to this crew.

Pictured below on May 2nd during County Council Meeting (Left to Right): FF Martinez, FF Austin, Division Chief Ben Stone, FF Shriver, Chief Troy Hughes, DE Leimer and Captain Baca



Pictured below on May 2nd after being recognized in front of Engine 4 (Left to Right): FF Austin, FF Shriver, Captain Baca, FF Martinez and DE Leimer

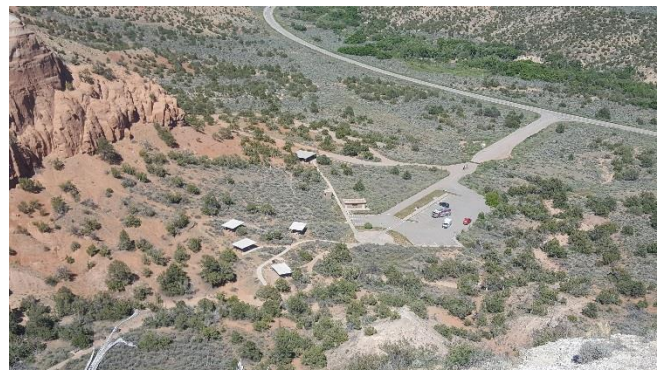


LAFD Technical Rescue Team (TRT)

Los Alamos Technical Rescue Team assisted in surrounding Counties. On May 12th LAFD TRT was asked to assist the Taos EMS with rescuing two trapped kayakers in the area of Arroyo Hondo north of the Jon Dunbar bridge. LAFD responded Heavy Recue with their TRT members. LAFD crews met up with Taos EMS personnel in Taos and were escorted to the scene. Crews assessed the situation and developed a rescue plan. Crews built the rescue systems and were getting ready to initiate the operation when they received word that an airboat had reached the trapped kayakers. Heavy Rescue was put back in service on scene and returned to county.



On May 24th LAFD TRT was asked to assist Rio Arriba County emergency management with the rescue of an individual that had fallen and was stuck on a ledge at the Echo Amphitheater north of Abiquiu. LAFD responded Heavy Recue with their TRT members. Upon arrival LAFD made contact with the Rio Arriba County Fire Marshal. They were informed that the Espanola EMS was able to get to the individual off the cliff side, but that one of their members was still on the cliff side. After making contact with the individual it was decided the TRT members would hike to the top of the ridge, set up a rappel system, and effect a rescue for the EMS member. The crew was successful in fulfilling the rescue plan and getting all personnel off the cliff side. Heavy Rescue was put back in service on scene and returned to county.



LAFD Recruit Academy # 27

Los Alamos County Fire Department would like to announce that Fire Recruit Academy #27 have completed 23 weeks of training as of May 29, 2017.

They have also successfully completed the following IFSAC Certification Trainings during the month of May:

IFSAC Vehicle & Machinery Extrication

IFSAC Technical Rescue: Rope I

IFSAC Firefighter I & II

Congratulations! We are very proud of them for these amazing accomplishments!

LAFD Fire Recruit Academy #27 will graduate on Friday, June 16, 2017 at 11:00 am at the White Rock Baptist Church.



Wildland Division

The LAFD Wildland Division has been working on insuring that all uniformed personnel of the LAFD have received their Red Card credentials. In order to receive a Red Card, personnel are required to complete certain training requirements which they receive during the academy. In addition personnel must complete a "Pack Test" this test consists of a 3 mile hike while carrying a 45lb pack. Red Card certification allow personnel to assist in a wildland fire anywhere in the state or country. The goal is to have all uniformed personnel Red Card certified. The first two employees of the LAFD to complete and obtain their Red Cards are FF David Baca and FF Patrick Thoma, who were the first team to be deployed by LAFD on May 4th, 2017 to assist with a controlled a burn in the Cuba Ranger district. The controlled burn was over 3,000 acres and was successful. This was a great milestone accomplished by the LAFD.

Pictured Below FF Patrick Thoma and FF David Baca upon returning from assisting with controlled burn in the Cuba Ranger district.



Pictured below Station #3 A-Shift Personnel completing Wildland Pack Test



Push in Ceremony

On Thursday May 18th LAFD held a small ceremony at Fire Station 1 to recognize and celebrate the addition of six new fire apparatus to the LAFD fleet. The apparatus included the following...

- Engine 1 and Engine 6 – these are front line pumpers that are capable of 1,500 gallons per minute.
- Heavy Rescue – is used for response on larger incidents including structure fires, technical rescue, vehicle extrication. State of the art equipment needed for these types of incidents is readily available on Heavy Rescue.
- Light Rescue- is like Heavy Rescue in the sense that equipment is readily available to respond every day to minor vehicle accidents and EMS response.
- Type Four Wildland Engine- Is used for initial attack in Wildland Firefighting as well as structure protection. The Type Four has capacity to hold 800 gallons of water, and 25 gallons of Class-A Foam. The pump on the Type Four is capable of pumping approximately 250 gallons per minute.
- Type Five Wildland Engine- Is used for initial attack in Wildland firefighting. The Type 5 has the capacity to hold 400 gallons of water and 10 gallons of Class-A Foam. This apparatus can better navigate in rough terrain. The pump on the Type Five is capable to pump approximately 200 gallons per minute.



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PLANNING RESOURCE INTEGRATION + SYSTEMS MANAGEMENT

Knowledge Transfer Complete

A total of 40 eight hour sessions have been completed that included training and process analysis for Finance, Procurement, Human Resources, Payroll, Work Orders, Service Requests, Utility Billing and General Billing/Cashiering processes. Initial configuration and code decisions have been made and documented. The teams have been learning how County processes will need to change to meet the requirements of the new Munis system as well as streamline day to day activities as much as possible.

Static Environment Testing (SET) Begun

The finance and procurement teams have begun the next phase where a clean TEST environment is loaded with sample codes and configurations from documentation created in Knowledge Transfer and actual County data is used to test outcomes meet the requirements and expectations are correct. Adjustments will be made to setups based on these sessions.

Configuration of Production

Following approvals by the County of the Static Environment Test results, loading the Production environment with the hundreds of code tables, final configurations, work flows, roles and permissions will begin. It is expected that this phase will take approximately two months for all areas to complete.

Conversion

Concurrent with Production configuration the Information Management team will work with Tyler and the County business experts to perform final mapping of our legacy data that will convert into the new Munis system. Preparation tasks have been ongoing including data clean up and decisions about how much and which data we want to carry forward. Once mapping is complete, actual dry runs of converted data will begin being processed into Conversion environments for validation by County staff.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Building Safety Division

The total number of commercial permits issued in May was 12, with a total valuation of \$327,000.

The total number of residential permits issued in May was 57, with a total valuation of \$623,872.

The Building Permit review turnaround time for all permits, including residential and commercial, was **1.57 days** in May.



Contractors Meeting at the Council Chambers

Tuesday, May 16th

Community Development's monthly Contractors Meeting was held on Tuesday, May 16th at the Council Chambers. Approximately 20 individuals attended the meeting. Representatives from Champion Truss gave a presentation on roof and floor trusses. Adrienne Lovato, Sr. Permit Technician, gave a presentation on the recently implemented EnerGov customer self-service (CSS) portal.

The DIY meeting was held at Fire Station 3 on Saturday June 3rd. A few citizens stopped by to ask building and zoning questions.



Michael Arellano, Chief Building official (left) and Joe Dudziak, Senior Building Inspector (right) inspect the roof of Motel 6th.



Lee Brammeier, Senior Building Inspector, conducting inspections in town.



Lee Brammeier, Senior Building Inspector, inspecting the foundation at BeeHive Homes.



Demolition of the old Chevron station to make room for the new O'Reilly Auto Parts store on Trinity Drive.



Church on Arkansas

Code Enforcement working on structures that are in dire need of abatement



Before and After Pictures of Code Enforcement Interventions

Housing and Special Projects Division

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. A second round of applications of the program were received on May 31. A total of 15 applications were received and Los Alamos Housing Partnership staff will be reviewing them for eligibility in early June.

Homebuyer Assistance Program:

Negotiations are underway with a qualified external entity to implement the program. The contract for the program has been included on the June 27, 2017 Council agenda for consideration to approve. The program policies and procedures will be finalized and submitted to Council for their review in August. The program should be operational in August.

Planning Division

Planning & Zoning Commission Activities:

The Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z) met on May 24th and approved the final plat for the 20th Street Subdivision. The 6-lot subdivision is a County-initiated economic development project.

The Board of Adjustment (BOA) had two cases scheduled for public hearing. However, based on recommendations of denial by IDRC, both cases were withdrawn.

Business License and Building Permit Review:

Planning Division staff reviewed and acted on 12 Business License applications and 32 Building Permits in the month of May.

Other Staff Activities:

At a public hearing on May 16th the Council considered an ordinance creating a new Mixed-Use zoning district and passed it with a 7-0 vote. The ordinance will go into effect in June.

On May 26th the Planning Division held a pre-application conference with a local developer for eleven townhomes for consideration on Entrada Drive. The meeting was attended by representatives of all reviewing departments. The developer will return with revised drawings that will take into account input from the pre-application discussion.

Staff has initiated a County-led rezoning action for the Entrada Business Park that would allow the proposed residential development illustrated below.



Conceptual elevation for new housing development on Entrada Drive.

Other news:

Assistant Planners **Anita Barela** and **James Naranjo** were awarded a “Recognition Coin” for their unflagging support and hard work in seeing the Comprehensive Plan through to successful adoption. **Anita** received the award for Leadership. She attended every outreach and other public meeting, engaged the public at these and other events, and worked tirelessly to ensure the process stayed on track and that all the various notice requirements were met. **James** received the award for Cooperation. He produced most of the mapping for the Comprehensive Plan, working steadfastly through many iterations of each graphic until it was close to perfect. His patience and good nature contributed greatly to the process.

Good job!



COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Scuba Dive Classes, May, 7 participants:

Jay Elson, our contract scuba instructor, conducted a PADI Open Water Dive class for new students and a Rescue Diver Course for experienced divers.

4th Grade Elementary School Swim Lessons, May, 250 participants:

Chamisa, Mountain, Barranca, and Pinon enjoyed swim lessons and learning critical water safety skills to prevent drownings.



Canyon Rim Trail .25 Mile Markers, May 25th – 100% complete:

We installed new .25 mile markers along the entire Canyon Rim Trail. The trail is 2.25 miles long!



White Rock Disc Golf Course: 100% completed:

The Grand Opening will happen soon with an opening day tournament and ribbon cutting. All signage is in as well as concrete tee-pads. The baskets (goals) were installed as part of an Eagle Scout Project. The disc golf course winds through the Pinon Juniper landscape up onto a mesa overlooking Pinon Park and returns to finish the ninth hole near the bridge by the picnic pavilion.



White Rock Disc Golf Course



Dog Park and Secondary Trailhead Kiosk – 90% complete:

Designing and construction of kiosks for dog parks and secondary trailheads in underway. 8 kiosks have been built and are ready for installation. You will see them appear in the community throughout June.



Ancestral Pueblo Stabilization Project – 50% complete:

Los Alamos Landscaping has mobilized and began working on sloping the soil to prevent wicking and improve longevity.



Cinco de Mayo Golf Tournament, May 5th – 52 participants:

The tournament was a great success and all enjoyed the nice weather and great golf.



Beverage Cart



Golf Carts ready to go

Two Charity Golf Events were held in May; over 80 participants:

- May 12th; The Mrs. New Mexico - raised funds for Rose Evans
- May 20th; The Sage Cottage Montessori - raised funds for the local Montessori School



Mrs. New Mexico



Sage Cottage Montessori

Mother's Day Roses at the Golf Course, May 14th, 50 participants:

Thank you to all the mothers that came out to the golf course. We appreciate you and hope to see you on the course again.

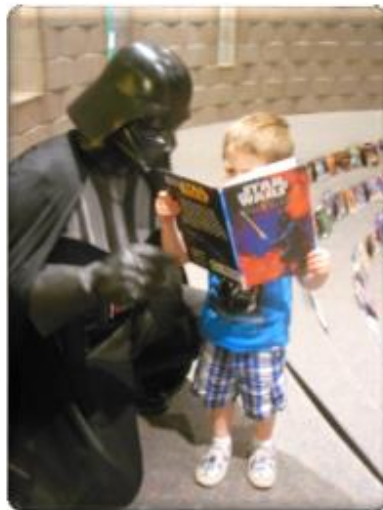
Memorial Day Golf Tournament, May 28th – 29th, 56 Players:



Memorial Day Scoring

Star Wars Day “May the Fourth be With You,” May 4th, 200 participants:

Lord Vader, Princess Leia and Yoda visited several Los Alamos facilities to take photos and interact with community members of all ages. The day wrapped up with a Lego building and costume contest at Ashley Pond.



County Fair & Rodeo Queen's Court Competition, Saturday, May 6th:

On Saturday, May 6th two participants came out to show their horsemanship and speaking skills at the annual Queen's Court Competition. The 2017 Los Alamos County Rodeo court consists of Sweetheart Carly Hollander and Princess Rebecca Newell.



Bear Awareness Day, Saturday, May 13th, 400 participants:

Several activities were held all over Los Alamos promoting bear awareness and safety. Crafts, art displays, a gummy bear hunt, and giant gummy bear giveaway were just some of the fun events available throughout the day. The Nature Center also hosted a Bear Dinner as part of the festival and provided educational demonstrations and activities.



Los Alamos Arts Council Arts & Crafts Festival, May 6th, 80 vendors, 300 participants:



May 6 LAAC Arts & Crafts Festival
Photo Courtesy of LA Daily Post



May 6 LAAC Arts & Crafts Festival
Photo Courtesy of LA Daily Post

Bike to Work Day, May 19th – 44 attendees (LANL Morning Commuters = 42, LAC Morning Commuters = 2, Afternoon Community Ride: Cancelled due to snow):

This first annual event was interrupted by a snow storm, yet several brave commuters endured the elements to enjoy the morning events. The Bike to Work committee members are looking forward to coordinating another event in 2018 and we appreciate the support of our sponsors including the Central Avenue Starbucks, Los Alamos Heart Council, Wal-Mart and Santa Fe Chain Breakers.



Bike to Work Day
Vint & Brian Braved the Elements



May 19th at 10AM
Bike to Work Day

Los Alamos Kite Festival: May 20th – May 21st, 1,000 attendees, 50 vendors and 400 kites built:
It turned into a beautiful weekend for the annual Kite Festival hosted by the Los Alamos Arts Council and many came to participate in the kite flying fun.



Summer Concert Series, May 19th – 300 Attendees

The 2017 Summer Concert series kicked off with a morning snowstorm that moved the concert scheduled for Overlook Park into Fuller Lodge. Attendees enjoyed great music including the Los Alamos Middle School Jazz Band who opened for Chuchito Valdéz.



Summer Concert Series, May 26th – 800 Attendees

Councilor Chris Chandler presented Russ Gordon with “The Tribute to Russ Gordon” which U.S. Senator Martin Heinrich placed into the Congressional Record of the 115th Congress of the United States on Wednesday, May 24th, 2017. After the tribute Russ kicked off the concert and everyone enjoyed the great music by Deke Dickerson.



Jemez Mountain Trail Runs: Saturday, May 19th, 350 participants, 150 support crews, 75 volunteers:

Staff, along with many community volunteers, assisted the JMTR volunteers in event logistics to ensure another quality, well run and safe race. Though this is one of the toughest races in regards to elevation and technical challenges; it is well-loved by attendees.

- "I just moved to Los Alamos last week and participating in this race made me very optimistic that I am going to enjoy my time in New Mexico!"
- "A Truly stellar set of events, put on by people with attention to the details who quite obviously care a great deal about making it a great event for all. I intend to come back!"



Los Alamos Roller Hockey Derby Dames Tournaments, May, 225 participants:

The May 20th bout was a double header bout against Albuquerque Roller Derby with the Jr. Girls team the "Los Alamos Cherry Bombs" in the first bout and the M'atom Bombs wrapping up the event. The May 27th bout hosted Las Santas of Crossroads City Derby from Las Cruces.



100 Days of Summer

#100AHAMoments

Hundreds of brochures, rack cards, pins and stickers have been handed out to people who are excited to **Get Out. Get Active.**



National Senior Health & Fitness Day, May 31st, 50 participants:

The first annual Los Alamos County National Senior Health & Fitness Day was a hit. The Betty Ehart Senior Center, White Rock Senior Center, Mesa Public Library, White Rock Library, LAC Aquatic Center, Aspen Ridge Lodge and Sombrillo Nursing & Rehabilitation Center all participated in this exciting event. Fitness classes, aquatics classes, and health resources were just part of the fun had by all.



Ghost Ranch Field Trip, May 12th:

Many families enjoyed a field trips to Ghost Ranch with the Family Strengths Network Chit-Chat group.

**Earth Day Festival, April****22, 1500 participants:**

The Pajarito Environmental Education Center (PEEC) celebrated Earth Day with an annual festival. Everyone enjoyed booths, music, hands-on activities, art, food, and much more. Hundreds of people also picked up the Passport to the Pajarito II.

Bear Festival, May 13, 400 participants:

The Pajarito Environmental Education Center (PEEC) hosted the Bear Festival and Bear Dinner. This event is to bring awareness to the community about bear safety.



Earth Day Festival



Passport to the Pajarito Plateau II



Bear Festival

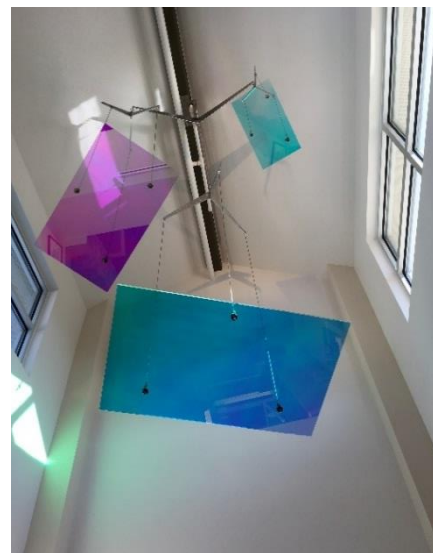
New Mexico Fiber Crawl – May 12-14, 251 attendees:



The Fuller Lodge Art Center attracted large crowds during Fiber Crawl. Local fiber artist, Valentina Devine demonstrated her knitting and crocheting techniques in the gallery on Saturday.

Suspended Sculpture Installation, June 6-7, 2017:

The Art in Public Places Board is pleased to announce the installation of a suspended dichroic glass sculpture (*"Carry Light"*) made by Doug Czor. The new sculpture is hanging in entry hallway of the Golf Course building. The APPB is excited to add this unique sculpture to the public collection.



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"World of Birds" by Artist Heather Ward

Heather Ward's show during the month of May was one of the most informative and well researched shows we have ever had in the Upstairs Art Gallery, as well as being beautiful and well-executed.

Among the more than 1000 visitors who attended the show were all of the fourth-graders from Aspen School. They particularly enjoyed the interactive parts of the show, such as the bird calls.



Anne Hillerman for May Authors Speak- May 25th, 75 people attended

Santa Fe author Anne Hillerman's talk was well attended as it is each time she comes. Her talk was funny and inspiring. Special thanks to the Los Alamos Historical Museum and gift shop manager Todd Nichols who sold books at the event.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC)/RECon Retail Convention Report

May 21-24, 2017 Los Alamos County Economic Development Division and Los Alamos Commerce and Development Corporation attended the RECON convention, in Las Vegas, NV. RECON is the single largest retail conference in the nation with 145,000 square feet of exhibits and 37,000 attendees. The group conducted more than 20 face-to-face meetings with both retail businesses and large commercial enterprises, including Hyatt, Marriott, Hilton, Jimmy John's, McAllister's Deli, Chipotle, Hibbett Sports, Dollar Tree, Jiffy Lube, Creamistry, Green Juice, Kroger, Viking Development, Verdad Developers, The Learning Center, and GameStop. Currently, the group is working to secure corporate site visits from Chipotle, Hyatt, Hilton, Viking and Verdad. There will be longer term follow-up required for some of the other companies listed above. Several of the national chains commented that they no longer open corporate stores and rely heavily on franchises. Based on feedback received from developers and retailers at the conference, County Economic Development and LACDC are exploring the possibility of hosting a "How to become a Franchisee 101" seminar.

2017 Visitor Guide Update

While keeping a close eye on 2015 visitor guide reserves, Economic Development Marketing is taking some extra time to incorporate into the new visitor guide elements of the new branding campaign, as well

as recommendations from the County's Wayfinding Plan and Tourism Strategic Plan process. The guide is now set to go to press the first week of July.

Brand Implementation

Branding consultants, Jim Glover and Marianne Tennenbaum from The Idea Group of Santa Fe, met with key stakeholders from the County and the business community during the month of May to determine priorities for recreation, local business, economic development and community ambassadorship. A branded pop-up exhibit space, information pieces and promotional giveaways are being designed, produced and ordered for use during the busy outdoor event season, beginning with Chamberfest on June 10. Economic Development Staff are handing out invitations to Chamberfest attendees, inviting them to a public meeting on Wednesday, July 19, 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. at Fuller Lodge. The meeting is the first step in defining and recruiting membership to the Discoveries Action Team and the Live, Work, Play and Stay subcommittees. The branding team will give a separate briefing to County Council at their work session at the White Rock Fire Station on Tuesday, July 18.



Visitor Journey A2D Training

Economic Development is working through the New Mexico Hospitality Association to negotiate a contract for tourism awareness training customized to Los Alamos offerings in terms of hotels, restaurants, services, attractions and other industry and community sectors. The A2D program is designed to teach workers in all sectors of the tourism industry how their actions and attitude can impact a visitor's entire trip, as well as how to positively engage with every visitor, guest and customer. Farmington, Las Cruces and Santa Fe are all in varying stages of training development and execution, and report positive community participation and customer satisfaction.



Enchanted 8

Economic Development Marketing is working with the County's tourism consultants and the New Mexico Tourism Department (NMTD) North Central Region 5 Board to promote the new New Mexico True campaign: the Enchanted 8 road trips around the state. Los Alamos is featured in two of these interest-based itineraries:

- Road Trip for True Adventure Seekers (Bandelier National Monument and Valles Caldera National Preserve)
- Road Trip for True Architecture Aficionados (Fuller Lodge)

Tourism Marketing Co-op Grants

Economic Development Marketing is partnering with Los Alamos Commerce and Development to pursue NMTD's FY18 Cooperative Marketing grant opportunity offering discount rate mixed print and digital opportunities, as well as a flex option for customized media buys. Los Alamos County is contributing \$15,000 of tourism marketing services contract budget and LACDC is contributing the same for the \$30,000 combined buy.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

June 15 – Farmers Market - Council Booth, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., Library Overflow Parking Lot

June 16 – “100 Days of Summer” Booth at Summer Concert, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Ashley Pond Park

June 20 – Contractor Monthly Meeting, Contact Michael Arellano, CDD, 662-8120

June 27 – Council Regular Session, 6:00 p.m., Council Chambers

June 29 – Farmers Market – Community Development Department Booth, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

KUDOS & FYI

Subject: A Note of Appreciation

Dear Mr. Arellano,

When I purchased a quad unit earlier this year, I thought I'd do a lot of the repair and improvement work myself. To make certain that I was meeting the safety and code requirements, I chose to follow the permitting process for all work that was performed.

My first effort was demolition work and although it took a while, I finally completed it and was ready for an inspection.

I had heard the horror stories about building inspectors and when I missed my first meeting with Lee Brammeier, earlier this week, I was almost certain that he would be more critical of my work and I would not pass the initial inspection.

Lee called in advance of his visit today and, much to my surprise, we had a tremendous visit. He took the time to go over the work that I had done under the permit, answered my questions about proposed work, explained the next steps and how the inspection process would work on future efforts. I came away from the encounter with a better understanding of what is expected of me and how the County's Building Safety Division is really a partner in my efforts and not an intolerant enforcement organization.

I just wanted to pass along that I appreciate Lee's professionalism, expertise and understanding in representing the County and helping this do-it-yourselfer get the job done.

Sincerely,

Brady

Brady Burke, MCSE, CC-ENT
Senior Datacenter Specialist
Los Alamos National Laboratory



From: Patrick Barela

Sent: Thursday, June 01, 2017 1:12 PM

To: Lovato, Adrienne <adrienne.lovato@lacnm.us>

Subject: RE: Email for 2 hour Inspection Window Request

Thank you so much. You are always so helpful.

Patrick.

May 18, 2017

Mr. Paul Andrus
Department Director
Los Alamos Community Development
1000 Central Avenue, Suite 150
Los Alamos, New Mexico 87544
Dear Mr. Andrus,

We are writing to tell you how incredibly helpful you staff were when we had to obtain a fence permit very suddenly.

We had spoken with two of you staff, Tamara Baer and Lee Brammeier last fall at the Homeowners and County forum in White Rock. Ms. Baer discussed fences with us at length providing measurements, distances, and helpful rationale for the requirements. Mr. Brammeier explained replacing bedroom windows and window dimensions in great detail. They both spent about half an hour with us answering our questions. We felt prepared for the future.

The future happened much faster than we expected when in February the huge, old pinon tree in front of the house insisted on dying despite our three years of trying to save it. The County Extension representative informed us that the tree had to be removed by the end of the month so as not to infect other trees. Suddenly we were faced with the need to put up a fence. Fortunately we were prepared because of the notes we took in our conversation with Ms. Baer.

We found someone to do build an attractive coyote fence and modest stone planters to hide our now very naked house. We arranged to have him do the project. He said he'd get the permit. In early March the contractor suddenly appeared at the front door with workmen and materials and no permit.

In a panic, while one of us "planned" the details of the fence and planters, the other went to the County with a rough drawing and distance measurements to see if we could even get a permit.

Your staff were quite simply the nicest, most understanding and helpful people. After a brief explanation of the situation, Michael Arellano immediately got the permitting process started, provided the appropriate forms and answering our questions that came up as we filled in the form. A phone was provided so that additional measurements, materials and depths of digging, could be provided to the County to complete the form. Adrienne Lovato, who was not at all well that day, was so insistent on helping us that she stayed beyond when she was going to leave and made sure everything as set up to be able to issue a permit and make it work that day as quickly as possible. Mark Lujan found our plat with the power, gas, water and sewer lines, checked our drawing and measurements against the plat and said it appeared there weren't any issues since the fence was relatively

small and close to the house, and then drove out to the house to verify the locations. He answered additional questions we had about gas meters and digging near them. He got us in touch with the Line Location people to have them verify and locate the lines. Mr. Arellano checked everything over with Ms. Lovato and within a surprisingly short time we had our permit.

This kind of service is extraordinary. Your staff went "above and beyond" to help us in the permitting process, and answering many questions additionally.

We are grateful for the courteous, caring service your staff provided.

Thank you.

Very Sincerely,

Gordon and Cary Dirlam
685 Totavi St.
Los Alamos, New Mexico 87544

From: George Price [mailto:gspricejr@icloud.com]
Sent: Monday, May 29, 2017 11:46 AM
To: LAC Rec <lacrec@lacnm.us>
Subject: Thank you for the privilege

Hi.

I have been using the therapy pool for almost a year now and wanted to let you know how much I appreciate the friendly and helpful lifeguards.

I recently had my second rotator cuff surgery on my left shoulder and I have found the platform in the therapy pool to be an invaluable resource for doing my physical therapy exercises.

I was recently at your pool on a Sunday at 1:00 pm to do my PT.

I was asked by a guard to not use the platform while there were small children present....to which I am happy to comply. The safety of children is very important to me.

Thank you for the attention of your guards.

PS. At other times I have asked the guards if I can use the platforms for my PT and I have been told that it is okay for me to do so.

Thank you.
George Price

From: Terry DuBois [mailto:dubois_terry@msn.com]

Sent: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 1:39 PM

To: LAC Rec <lacrec@lacnm.us>

Subject: Wonderful employees!

I wanted to give a special thanks to the 2 gentlemen that are taking care of the cemetery and Dinosaur park. I have never seen the cemetery looking as good as it looks now and I want you to please extend my appreciation to the 2 guys in charge of grounds. I stopped them today at the cemetery and thanked them, but wanted someone in a higher up position to please acknowledge how hard they work for all of us. They are the best! Thanks again, and please give them a pat on the back, if you can't give them a raise! I know the county gets plenty of bashing, and I wanted to make their day today!

Terry DuBois

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Your opinion counts! Please let us know what you think and we will route your comments to the proper department.

To: UTILITIES DIRECTOR

"KUDOS" to 2 EMPLOYEES

• STEVEN ABEYTA &

• JERRY MARTINEZ —

who came by my home
to assist me & answer my
questions/concerns re: my in-
house water shut off —
Appreciate them - as I am hoping
you also appreciate them!
Thank you!
PEGGY PENDERGAST.