

County Manager's Monthly Update

LOS ALAMOS COUNTY

AUGUST - 2017

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

COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC RELATIONS DIVISION

Staff in C&PR continued to be busy this month preparing for the County Fair and Council Fair Booth. Trail maps were completed by Vint Miller and sent to Eric Peterson (Open Space Specialist) for review prior to printing them this Fall. A new "Discover Los Alamos video" featuring Bandelier was produced by Leslie Bucklin and so far it has received nearly 2,300 views on Facebook, with 46 shares. Similar videos showcasing Los Alamos County are in the works and will be used in the buses, at the State Fair and Balloon Fiesta tourism booths. C&PR continues to support the branding program for guidance or use of the new logo, and will provide branding training later in August. C&PR continues to support Economic Development and the implementation of the Brand Action Plan, with focus on community outreach. The brand was part of the Fair booth on August 12 and work continues to try and recruit members for the community for the Discoveries Action Team.

Photography training is also being offered again to employees this fall; offering this kind of training helps employees take high quality photos in the field that the division can then use in publications. A variety of work orders were completed this past month – to list just a few examples: support for the next Art in Public Places art dedication; outreach about the CIP meeting on August 8, the upcoming Aug. 22 council work session on neighborhoods and affordable housing, and the upcoming Tourism Plan public meeting Sept. 6; support for the CSD 100 days of summer program and Friday Fan photos social media; outreach and planning for Russ Gordon Day Sept. 8; the History Museum visit to Japan (proclamation and photo op); outreach about recycling contamination for Environmental Services; planning for outreach for a variety of upcoming CSD projects; Fair and Rodeo outreach; Recreation programs booklet; photos of Bandelier and trails for a variety of outreach brochures or videos. Leslie Bucklin also assisted in the final review of the Los Alamos Visitor's Guide to support a request from Economic Development.

The PIO assisted DPU Public Affairs with outreach (social media) during the White Rock power outage that occurred and also assisted Public Works with posting about Traffic Alerts that impacted commuters in recent weeks. The PIO assisted LAFD and LAPD with press/media relations after the unexpected death of a local young man in Hell's Hole (White Rock Canyon). The PIO participated in the DPU Emergency Exercise on August 3.

C&PR continues to use a variety of traditional outreach (Monitor, Post, KRSN ads or press releases) as well as social media (Facebook, Instagram, Nextdoor) to reach residents with news and events about the County. The County Line newsletter has 850 subscribers. A survey about communication tools will be

offered at the County Fair booth – those who take the survey will be entered to win a picnic package with items featuring the new brand.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Stronger Economies Together Community Meeting Announcement:

Los Alamos Economic Development Division Director is representing Los Alamos as part of the mid-Central New Mexico Stronger Economies Together (SET), a joint initiative between the Western Regional Rural Development Center at Utah State University, New Mexico State University (NMSU) Cooperative Extension and USDA Rural Development (RD) to provide assistance in community and economic development planning. The Mid-Central Rural Corridor project includes the counties of Los Alamos, Sandoval and Bernalillo.

On August 19, the public is invited to the Jemez Pueblo Community Center to participate in a Community/Economic Development Training and Strategic Planning session. The session will start with breakfast at 8:30 a.m., followed by a 9:00 a.m. - Noon meeting. The purpose of the meeting is threefold:

- 1) To provide a forum for the public to give feedback on what is important to the community of Los Alamos and surrounding areas;
- 2) To determine ways Los Alamos can partner together with other communities in the mid-Central NM SET region to leverage assets and set goals; and
- 3) To determine how the SET proposal should be drafted.

Examples of ED goals set by other New Mexico SET regions include:

- Tourism by developing regional tourism opportunities
- Arts and entertainment by expanding opportunities for the movie industry
- Broadband and technology by upgrading the infrastructure to help grow solo employment, telehealth, and distance learning in rural areas.
- Renewable energy and forest products.
- Agriculture and agribusiness by building on what we have and grow more organic produce.
- Health care and social assistance services to attract retirees and take care of an aging population.
- Develop a skilled workforce/education, which is one of the biggest issues with many site selection experts.

For more information on the SET program contact Terry McDermott, USDA RD Community Development Coordinator at terrence.mcdermott@nm.usda.gov for more information regarding the Community Input Meeting contact Joanie Ahlers, Los Alamos County Economic Development Administrator, at Joanie.ahlers@lacnm.us

Brand Implementation

Branding consultants, Jim Glover and Marianne Tenenbaum from The Idea Group of Santa Fe, continued to meet with key stakeholders from the County and the business community during the month of July to determine priorities for recreation, local business, economic development and community ambassadorship. A Customer Service (CX) Audit was initiated with the Economic Development Division and Community Development Division to improve the business friendliness factor for new, prospective and existing businesses to start, grow and expand.

The branding consultants also hosted a Community Kick-off Gathering on July 19 to encourage members of the business and residential community to form a Discoveries Action Team to identify projects and initiatives to promote Los Alamos as a place to Live, Work, Play and Stay. While this “open house” approach has proven to be a successful way to recruit members in other communities, the mid-summer/mid-week/after work date delivered only a few members of the public. Economic Development Division and Communications and Public Relations office staff are meeting with the branding consultants to discuss a new approach to developing this volunteer citizen-based Discoveries Action Team.

The Economic Development Marketing Specialist served as a County Fair & Rodeo Parade judge at the County Fair & Rodeo weekend, August 11-13. The ED Marketing Specialist also worked with the County Communications and Public Relations group to staff branding booth during the fair on August 12. Engaging activities including distribution of branded items and providing information about the Discoveries Action Team and upcoming meetings.

The branding team will brief the County Council on progress made to date on the Brand Action Plan at the *October 17th* work session at the White Rock Fire Station.

2017 Visitor Guide Update

The new Los Alamos Visitor Guide is scheduled to be “on the street” by August 23.

Los Alamos ScienceFest 2017: Ranch School Days

The County’s signature event produced by the Los Alamos MainStreet program was held July 13-16, 2017. MainStreet staff are still collecting data, but visitation, Lodgers’ Tax revenues and GRT information collected thus far indicate that attendance matched the 10,000-plus measured at last year’s event.

New Mexico MainStreet Summer Quarterly Meeting in Los Alamos

Los Alamos MainStreet hosted the summer quarterly New Mexico MainStreet meeting including the other MainStreet program directors from around the state. State Representative Stephanie Garcia Richard, County Councilor David Izraelevitz, Economic Development Marketing Specialist Kelly Stewart, MainStreet Futures Chair David Jolly and Los Alamos Commerce and Development Executive Director Patrick Sullivan provided welcoming remarks and participated in activities. State Secretary of Economic Development Matt Geisel provided a state of the economy for the state and the Los Alamos region.

Programming for the meeting offered all available tours including the Historical Walking Tour, the Secret City Spy Tour, guided tours at the Bradbury Science Museum and Los Alamos History Museum, and the Atomic City van tour. Comments from participants, include the following:

- Surprised how beautiful it was here – will bring their families back
- Change from 10 years ago was impressive
- Loved flower pots that are watered by lines
- Surprised how busy it was a lunch...lines everywhere
- Felt very welcomed by community
- Amazed at how engaged the community is – for instance –
 - Tuesdays at Pond on Tues night
 - Wednesday was the reception at BrewTub – crazy busy
 - Thursday was farmer’s market and Art On Tap
 - Friday night concert
- Farmer’s market was impressive in participants and attendees
- Should have won the GAMSA award

- Our history is all encompassing
- Impressed with kids activity area at Bradbury
- Streetscape was beautiful
- Impressed with mid-century buildings, it all felt historic for time period and welcoming as a MainStreet
- Ashley Pond remodel was amazing
- Not just middle/upper class white people – engaged young people
- Father in war – this town saved his life
- Great branding everywhere
- Gave hope for in 10 years perhaps their community could be like ours

Creative District Report

- Tuesdays at the Pond are over, but there is a Science On Tap August 17th at 5:30 titled “What’s shocking about lightning” presented by Tess Light and Tim Hamlin
- History on Tap on September 7th at 5:30
- New installation of art on side of Metzger’s Hardware in Los Alamos.

New Mexico Tourism Department Grants

FY18 Cooperative Marketing Grant:

Tourism marketing services contractor Griffin and Associates have designed and submitted print ads featuring Los Alamos as the gateway to three national parks for placement in two issues of the New Mexico Magazine. The November monthly issue will be an advertorial including photos of Bandelier National Monument, the Valles Caldera National Preserve and the Manhattan Project National Historical Park, as well as the “Gateway to Three National Parks” logo. For the New Mexico Adventure Guide, a publication that is promoted year round, will feature a half page ad of a family climbing into a cave at Bandelier have been placed in the November issue of New Mexico Magazine and the New Mexico Adventure’s Guide.

FY18 Rural Pathways Grant:

The Economic Development Division is coordinating possible capital projects to submit for matching funds as part of the Rural Pathways Grant program administered by the New Mexico Tourism Department. Proposals will be accepted beginning September 1-20, 2017.

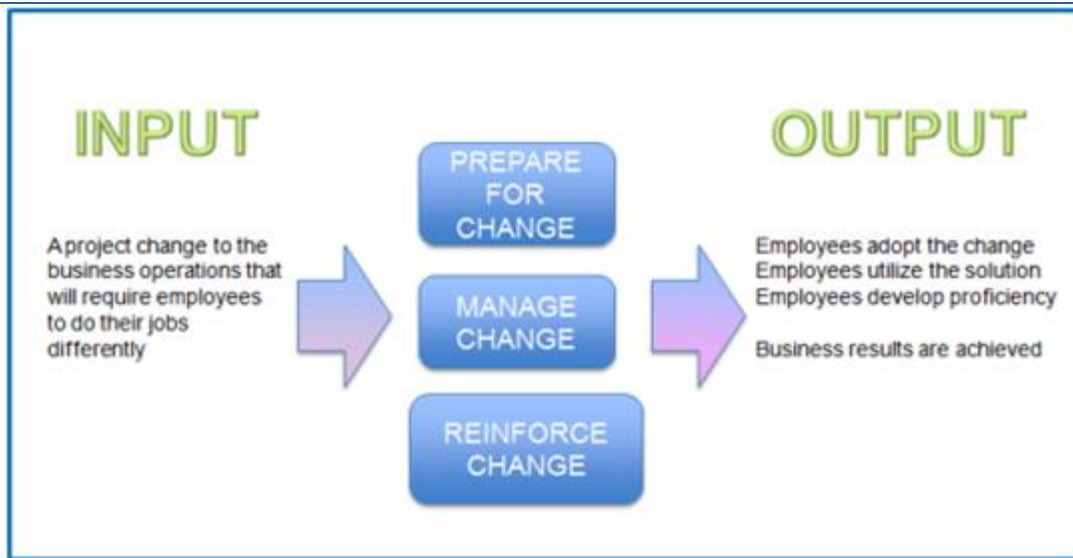
New Mexico Hospitality Association’s Tourism Economic Summit Series:

Los Alamos County Economic Development Division will be hosting one of 10 Regional Tourism Economics Summits in Los Alamos at Fuller Lodge on October 25.

PRISM

PLANNING RESOURCE INTEGRATION + SYSTEMS MANAGEMENT

The PRISM Change Management Team’s role is to maintain a strong link between PRISM Project members & employees and to minimize disruption to productivity and performance. This involves understanding and helping employees move from INPUT to OUTPUT with as little frustration and confusion as possible. As we move from one side to the other, it is normal to have fear about what is ahead and what we’re leaving behind. Don’t fret – we’re here to help!



As part of this work, the PRISM Change Management Team (CMT) has been focusing their efforts in a few areas:

- Process Changes
 - The CMT is working with the PRISM Project Team to identify the main process changes that will happen as part of the implementation of MUNIS. As each new process is defined, the group is determining how best to communicate to employees.
 - Workflow was covered during EMT in June. This presentation is available in the PRISM CMT intranet page: <http://lacport/prismforemps/Pages/default.aspx>
 - The MUNIS Dashboard overview and a preview of eLearning were presented at the August 15th EMT meeting.
- Communication!
 - The CMT is working to provide project transparency. As part of this effort, there are a few ways to get information:
 - PRISM CMT Intranet page: <http://lacport/prismforemps/Pages/default.aspx>
 - Email: ERPCMT-PRISM@lacnm.us – send us your questions!
 - Play a board game! Each department has a candy land-type board game in their break rooms. This is a great way to communicate where each department is on the path to our July 1, 2018 Go-Live date. Here's the latest update – check out who's in the "Swamp of Setbacks" or "Frustration Forest"



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Building Safety Division

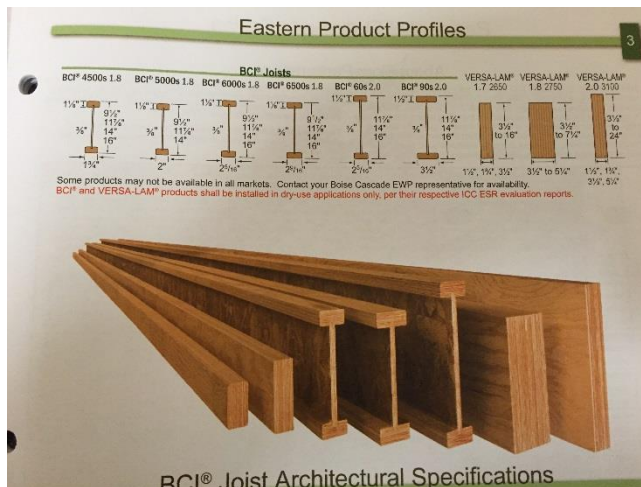
The total number of commercial permits issued in July was twelve (12), with a total valuation of \$143,965.00 as compared to twelve (12), with a total valuation of \$57,423.00 in July of 2016.

The total number of residential permits issued in July was fifty-three (53), with a total valuation of \$505,689.00 as compared to forty-four (44), with a total valuation of \$474,263.00 in July of 2016.



Contractors Meeting at the Council Chambers
Tuesday, July 18th

Community Development's monthly Contractors Meeting was held on Tuesday, July 18th at the Council Chambers. Mile Henry and Rick Nesner, EWP Product Managers from Boise Cascade, gave a presentation on manufactured lumber (BCIs, Versa-Lams, etc.).



BCI's and Versa-Lams



County Personal from Building Safety, Planning, Engineering, Utilities and Fire in Blue Beam Training.

Blue Beam is the software the County is using as we transition into electronic plan review.

Blue Beam Software Training

Code Enforcement Inspectors are currently monitoring the Los Alamos and White Rock areas simultaneously. In July, a total of two hundred twenty-three (223) Notice of Violations (NOV's) for Code Cases were issued; 118 were issued in Los Alamos and 105 were issued in White Rock. Of those, four (4) have been sent to Municipal Court for enforcement with the remainder having been resolved or are pending resolution.

Below are some before and after pictures with Code Enforcement involvement.

Of particular note, the County Department of Utilities addressed the exterior conditions of the pump house on the corner of Diamond Drive and North Road after receiving a Notice of Violation from Code Enforcement.



Before: Pump House on the Corner of Diamond Drive and North Road



After: Pump House Improvements on the Corner of Diamond Drive and North Road



Before and After Pictures of Violations Addressed

Active Construction Sites:



O'Reilly's Auto Parts Store



Residential Foundation on Aster

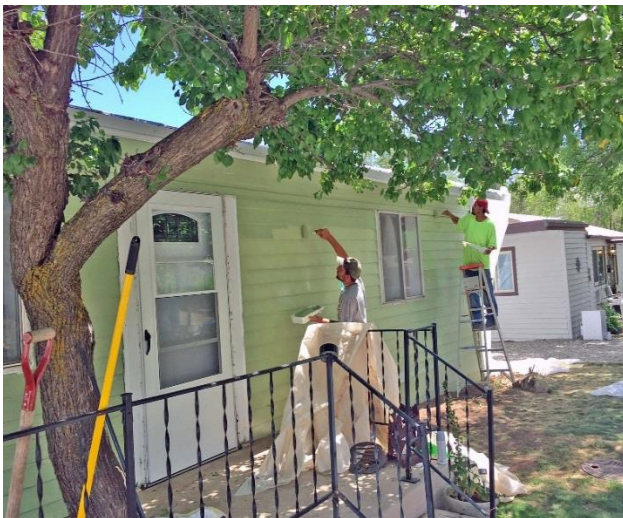


Bee Hive Senior Living Facility on Longview



Residential Construction on Grand Canyon

Housing and Special Projects Division



*Home Renewal Program
Exterior Paint for Los Alamos Residence*

Housing Rehabilitation Program (Home Renewal Program):

The 2016 program remaining projects are anticipated to be completed by September 2017. For the 2017 program, 9 homeowners have been approved for loans and 4 of these are seniors. Contractor bidding is expected to begin on these projects in August and work is anticipated to start in early October 2017.

Homebuyer Assistance Program:

A contract was approved by Council at the July 25, 2017 meeting for Los Alamos Housing Partnership Inc. (LAHP) a non-profit housing provider to implement the program. Program policies and procedures will be finalized and submitted to Council for review and approval at the August 29th County Council meeting. Anticipated implementation schedule includes program design September to mid-October, outreach mid-to late-October, and application period opening mid-November.

Lead Based Paint Mitigation Training for Renovating, Repairing or Painting



A 1-day training was provided July 28th by experienced Santa Fe Community College instructor Janet Kerley in the County main municipal building. Attendance included 6 Public Works staff, 1 Utilities staff, 2 private contractors, and Housing Division Manager who will each receive a completion certificate. Useful examples were illustrated for safely renovating, repairing or painting with LBP. CDD expresses thanks to Anthony Strain, Public Works and Steve Brugger, LAHP Director for assistance in organizing this event.

A-19

The County closed on the sale of the A-19-A-1 parcel on July 28. A pre-application meeting on the development of the site will be held in early August, with the closing on the A-19-A-2 parcel scheduled for September 12.

Planning Division

Planning & Zoning Commission Activities:

The Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z) met on July 12th and recommended approval of an Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map and Rezoning of five vacant county owned parcels. The rezoning would change all five parcels to the newly created Mixed Use (MU) zoning district. These cases will be heard and decided upon by County Council.

Two of the parcels to be rezoned, known as the LASO site and accessed from 35th Street, are just east of the Los Alamos Medical Center. They were conveyed to Los Alamos County by the Department of Energy

in September 2002. This site is the former location of the Department of Energy Building, which was demolished in 2005. These parcels are currently zoned Federal Land (F-L) and Public Land (P-L). Rezoning to Mixed Use (MU) will allow for light commercial uses as well as housing. The County recently issued an RFP for the purchase and development of the LASO site, and is currently in negotiation with one of the respondents for construction of a 150± unit market rate rental apartment complex.

The three other parcels slated for rezoning are located on DP Road and were conveyed to Los Alamos County by the Department of Energy in the early 2000s. Each parcel currently has a different zoning district designation. Rezoning to Mixed Use (MU) will provide greater flexibility for future development. It is anticipated that RFPs will be issued for these properties in the near future.

Board of Adjustment:

The Board of Adjustment (BOA) heard one case at a public hearing on July 17th. The application was a request for approval of a five (5) foot Waiver from a required five (5) foot side yard setback for the construction of a carport. Adhering to the recommendation of IDRC, the Board denied the request.

Business License and Building Permit Review:

Planning Division staff reviewed and acted on 17 Business License applications and 39 Building Permits in the month of July.

Other Staff Activities:

Division staff met with various property owners and potential owners to discuss possible development projects.

Staff met with neighbors of the Valle del Sol neighborhood in White Rock to discuss a lot split application that was scheduled to be heard by P&Z on July 12. The applicants withdrew their request prior to the hearing.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Aquatics

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

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



Shark Week – July 24-28th, 50+ participants:

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



Special Olympics – July 16th, 60+ participants:

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

Parks

Statewide Urban Forestry Analysis and Management Planning Project – July 24th:

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



The Green Team Helping Parks – July 25th:

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



Open Space

The International Mountain Biking Association (IMBA) Ride Center Evaluation – July 28th:

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

Camp May Improvements: 50% Complete:

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



Golf

ACI Golf Tournament / Atomic City Invitational – July 1st- 4th, 98 participants, 7 states represented:

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



Special Olympics Area Golf Tournament – July 13th, 32 Special Olympians, 32 adults:

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



Big Brothers Big Sisters Charity Golf Tournament – July 15th, 104 participants:

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



Los Alamos City Championship Golf Tournament – July 29th-30th, 54 participants:

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



Mid-Season Aerification of Greens – July 31st 100% complete:

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



Quick Coupler Irrigation Installation – July 25th, 100% Complete, Installed by all 18 Greens:

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



Recreation

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

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

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



Los Alamos County Horse Show: Saturday – July 22nd, 30 participants, 20 spectators:

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



Movies in the Park:

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

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

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



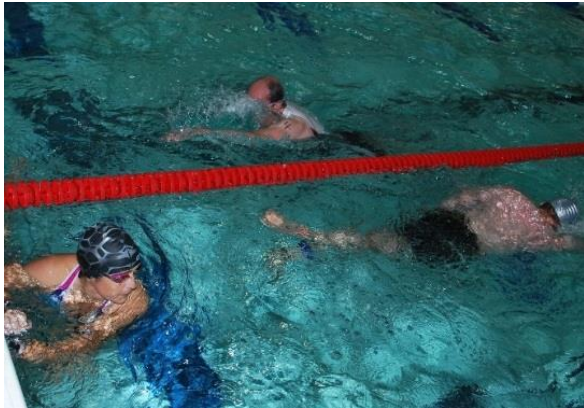
1st Annual Los Alamos Junior Triathlon – July 29th, 7 participants:

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



43rd Annual Los Alamos Triathlon – July 29th, 161 participants, individuals & teams, up 8% from 2016:

There were 111 individual participants and 19 relay teams.



24th Annual Los Alamos Kids Triathlon – July 29th, 47 participants:

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



Library

Welcome our new Library Manager – Eileen Sullivan!

Eileen started on the job July 3rd and came to us from Silver City, where she was Library Director for 7 years. 392 people attended a combined reception for Eileen Sullivan and an art opening for Richard Swenson's sculpture exhibit on July 10th, including Library Board members, Friends of the Library, community librarians, and library staff. During the month of July, more than 1500 people viewed Swenson's sculpture exhibit.



Adult Programs:

The Adult Summer Reading Program had 478 participants this summer, and most of them read several books each!

Other adult programs included a book talk by Stephen Ledoux (14 people) and a film showing of "Say Anything" (8 people).

Youth Summer Reading Programs:



- 4,093 total summer attendance (ages 0-18) for over 50 programs such as Trolls, Mo Willems Celebration, Superhero Day, Throwback Thursdays, and a Stuffed Animal Sleepover.
- 764 children visited the libraries to get their passports stamped for the Summer Library Club.
- 284 middle and high school students submitted book reviews.
- Over 300 middle and high school students participated in daily contests.
- Over 28,222 children's and youth titles were checked out of the library!

Art in Public Places

Golf Course Art Installation



The final cluster of dichroic Plexiglas panels was installed in the golf course building on July 24th by the artist and his contractors. The dedication ceremony for this sculpture ("Carry the Light") has been scheduled for Thursday, September 7th at 2:00.



Municipal Building Art Installation:



The Art in Public Places Board has been working with Facilities Division staff to design and arrange a new art display on the second floor of the Municipal Building to showcase artwork from the former NEDO Smart House.

Community Collaborations

ScienceFest – Ranch School Days – Wednesday, July 12th – Saturday, July 15th

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





DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Administration Division

Welcome Amy:

We are thrilled to officially welcome Amy Danforth to the Public Works Department. We are very pleased that she has joined our Team. Welcome aboard!

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. County Council appointed David Schiferl to the Transportation Board on July 25, 2017.

Airport Division

New Hangars:



The hangar manufacturer delivered the steel framework for the building on Thursday, July 20th. The sheet metal and the insulation for the building were delivered the next day. We are now in the process of completing the contracts for the design of the electrical system and the construction of the building itself. We are hoping to begin construction in August and have the entire building completed in early October.

Fence Project:

The required surveying for the design of the new wildlife/security fence has been completed and sent to the airport engineering consultants. The design should be completed within the next two months. The FAA grant for the design has been delayed due to the FAA receiving congressional authorization for the funds late in FY 2017.

We expect to receive the grant within the next month and expect the FAA to issue a grant for the construction of the fence sometime in FY 2018.

Custodial Division

The Custodial Division supported 253 events during the month of July. July is the busiest month for weddings at Fuller Lodge and sometimes it takes half of our crew to set up for these large events!

The Division hired 2 new custodians for maintaining the Pajarito Cliffs Site.

As part of our transition to green cleaning, a new window cleaning system was purchased which allows both exterior and interior cleaning without the use of chemicals. This is achieved through a 3-stage filtration system which rinses the windows with only “pure” water (free of minerals, etc.) and dries spot free.



The Division also purchased a rectangular buffer. This is basically a giant sander which will reduce the time needed to strip wax off floors and refinish wood floors.

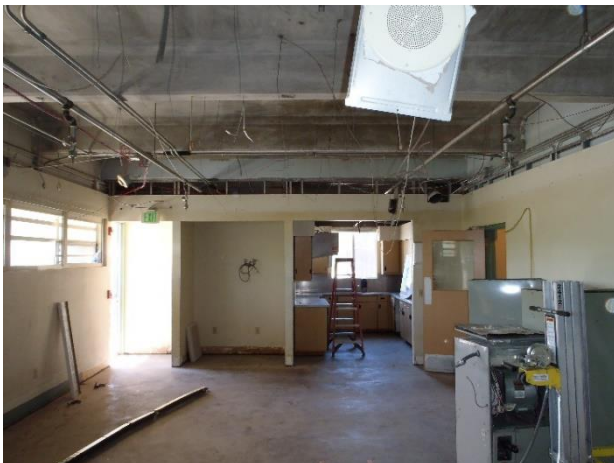
Engineering & Project Management Division

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. A review set of plans and specifications is scheduled to be received at the end of August. Once the design work is completed, the project will be advertised and awarded later in the year. This project is scheduled to be completed in FY2018.

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. This project was awarded at the May 2nd County Council meeting to CAC, Inc. Abatement work has been completed for the Day Room, Bunk Room and Kitchen area. The ceilings have been taken down, the old air handling units mostly removed and the boiler and some of the old heating piping has been removed.



FS4 Day Room – Demolition

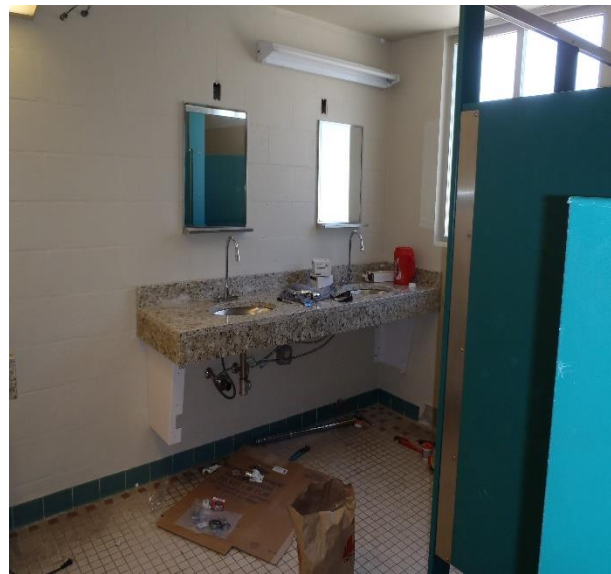


Basement Heating Piping Cut off for New Loop

A second project at Fire Station 4, the shower replacement project is currently in progress, by contractor Allied 360. Crews have one shower unit almost complete and new counter tops are being installed. This work is anticipated to be completed by the end of July.



Captain/Female Sink Completed



Crew Sink Almost Complete

North Mesa Improvements Project Phase 1

The Contractor is currently working on Camino Uva from the Cul-de-sac to San Ildefonso with curb & gutter, drive pads, sidewalk, fillets, ADA curb ramps and the placement of base course material. In addition, they have started removals of curb and gutter on Camino Durasinilla from Camino Uva to San Ildefonso. The contractor intends to pave both Camino Uva and Camino Durasinilla in mid-August.



20th Street Extension Project:

The 20th Street Extension Project was awarded at the June 6, 2017 County Council Meeting to Gandy Dancer, LLC. 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.

In addition to the construction work the County has contracted with Santa Fe Engineering, utilizing an on-call contract, to perform a warrants analysis at the intersection of 20th Street and Trinity Drive. The intention of the study is to determine at what point of development along 20th Street south of Trinity Drive a traffic signal will be warranted. Traffic count data was obtained by the Traffic and Streets division and was provided to the consultant. A draft of the report has been submitted to the County and is currently being reviewed. Once the final draft of the analysis has been completed a copy will be provided to NMDOT for their review.

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. The consultant has completed the survey work and submitted a preliminary alignment. A meeting will be held with DOE and County staff the last week of July to discuss this alignment. The Drainage study is underway, and determining easement needs for future acquisitions are in the beginning stages.

Canyon Rim Trail Underpass:

A kickoff meeting with NMDOT staff and all awarded municipalities was held in June to explain grant requirements and schedules, including when a cooperative agreement can be expected. The process to obtain a forthcoming cooperative agreement is underway. It is anticipated that an agreement will be available for County approval in late fall/early winter, which will bring an early 2018 design start date.

Historical Society Work:

The Survey crew is working with Judith Machen of the Historical Society to locate a couple of the Brooks Homestead's and cabin location within Los Alamos town site and within LANL property using a combination of Old surveys, pictures, field notes and landmarks.

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 \$3.5 million over budget.

Environmental Services Division

Science Fest:



Environmental Services staff and members of the Environmental Sustainability Board hosted a booth at Los Alamos Science Fest on July 15th to educate members of the public of the importance of recycling

and sustainability. The public was invited to play the recycle sorting game which has participants sort materials into trash or recycling.

The public also had the opportunity to vote on the new curbside brush bin color. The two colors up for vote are Kelly green and light beige/tan. The current winner is tan. The ESB will continue to seek public input at the County Fair in August.

Curbside Brush Bin Program Update:

Environmental Services plans to implement the brush bin in July 2018 for the purpose of collecting brush material to include, pine needles, grass clippings, pine cones, small branches and leaves. The brush collection truck has been ordered and is expected to arrive in December 2017. Environmental Services is in the process of collecting public input for the color of the brush bin.

Compost Facility Tour:

Environmental Services and staff from the Los Alamos Waste Water Treatment Plant hosted a tour of the compost facility on July 20th. Members of the Environmental Sustainability Board, County Council, and Los Alamos Citizens were given a close look at the composting operation and the process of turning waste into a usable material.



Summer 2017 Brush Collection Schedule:



Brush Collection Summer Schedule 2017

Area	Set out no sooner than	Collection starts
Barranca Mesa, Ponderosa Estates, Loma Linda & Hawks Landing	Aug. 4 th	Aug. 14 th
Quemazon, Sandia, Trinity, Orange & Nickel	Aug. 11 th	Aug. 21 st
North Mesa	Aug. 18 th	Aug. 28 th
Walnut, Yucca, Urban, Arizona, Town Site	Aug. 25 th	Sept. 4 th
Rover, Old Town, Meadow Lane, Aragon, Bryce Avenue	Sept. 1 st	Sept. 11 th
La Vista, Canada Way, Canada Circle, Barcelona, Canyon Vista, Sierra Vista, Monte Vista, La Paloma	Sept. 8 th	Sept. 18 th
La Senda & Piedra Loop	Sept. 15 th	Sept. 25 th
Pajarito Acres, Monte Rey, Rio Bravo, Potrillo, Estante Way	Sept. 22 nd	Oct. 2 nd

Please Remember:

- ✓ One pickup per household, piles no larger than 8 cubic yards or 6 feet x 12 feet x 3 feet.
- ✓ Set items close to curb – do not place items under power lines, trees, or next to cars or utility boxes.
- ✓ Available to residents with weekly curb side refuse collection.
- ✓ All leaves, pine needles and yard clippings must be placed in paper yard waste bags.
- ✓ Items that will be picked up: brush, pine needles, leaves and yard clippings
- ✓ Place trash in your trash roll cart.

Items that will NOT be collected: Mattresses, large appliances/large furniture, televisions, refrigerators/freezers, glass, trash bags, construction material, lumber, tires, concrete, railroad ties, fencing materials, or paints/chemicals

For more information call Environmental Services 662-8163.

****DO NOT set items out before listed date or Code Enforcement will be notified**

Residential Sustainability Report:



Residential Sustainability Report

Service Period: June 2017

Recyclables Collected: 112.48 tons

Trash Collected: 478.08 tons

Compostable Materials Collected: 3.68 tons

Total Material Collected: 594.24 tons



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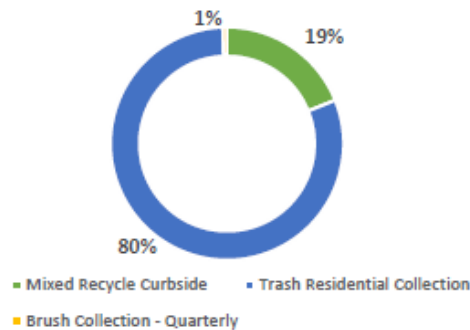
Monthly Collection Report

May Diversion Rate: 25%

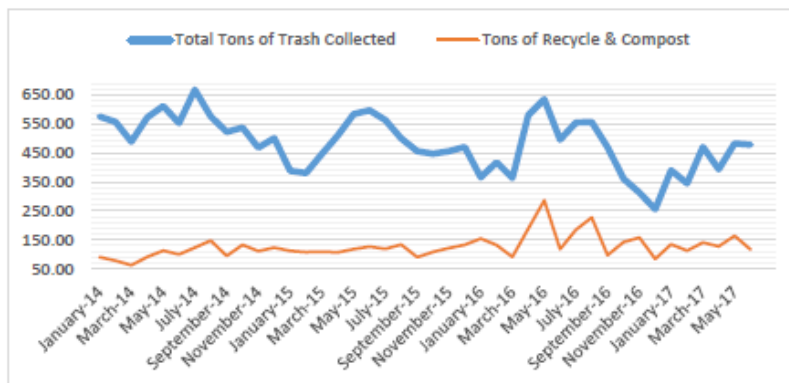
June Diversion Rate: 20%

A 20% Decrease in Diversion

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

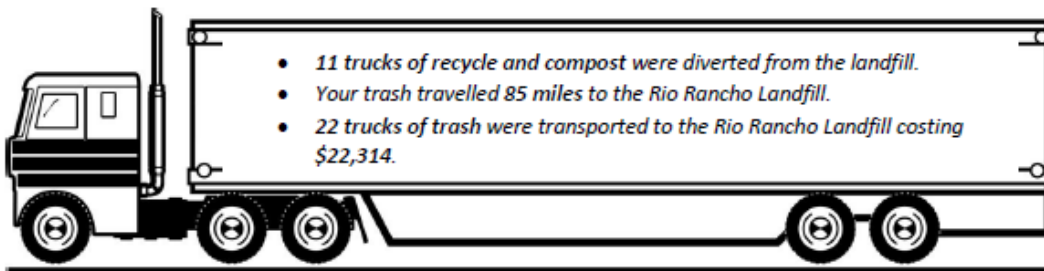


Month by Month Recycling Comparison



Recycling one ton of newsprint:

- Saves 601 kWh of energy
- Saves 1.7 barrels (71 gallons) of oil
- Saves 10.2 million Btu's of energy
- Saves 4.6 cubic yards of landfill space
- Saves 7,000 gallons of water
- Saves 15 trees



Facilities Division:

Crew members are completing the painting of the metal screens at the Municipal Building, working on HVAC issues at Pajarito Cliffs Site Building, and reconfiguring riser needs at Environmental Services.

Fleet Division



A new Atomic City Transit bus was received.

Traffic & Streets Division



Los Alamos Landfill Repair Project is substantially complete and a final walk thru was performed on July 21st.

Maintenance Operations:

Crew member's backfilled a sinkhole on a utility easement near the Knights of Columbus.





Crew members are seen clearing debris from vacant County land on DP Road.



Crew members assist Utilities GWS on Trinity Drive between DP Road and 4th Street where a sinkhole formed due to a leaking sewer main.



Crew members install the new school zone flasher sign that includes a digital speed display near Mountain Elementary School. This sign has been installed per Council request based upon community feedback.



Crew members have been painting curbs, parking, lots, and school zones county wide.



Tree removal at Pajarito Radio Tower – above are images of dead trees that were threatening the tower where the County's radio system antenna is located near the top of Pajarito Mountain Ski Area. Four large dead trees were fallen and cleared.

New Employees



Benjamin Gonzales has joined the Traffic & Streets Division as an equipment operator. He came to us from the Parks Division.



Nathaniel Salazar has joined the Traffic & Streets Division as an equipment operator. He came to us from Rio Arriba County.

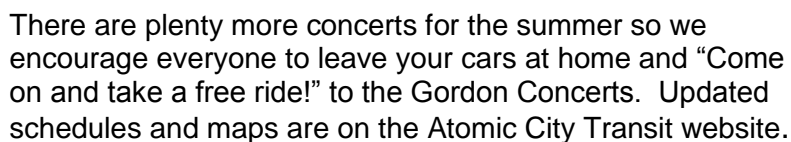
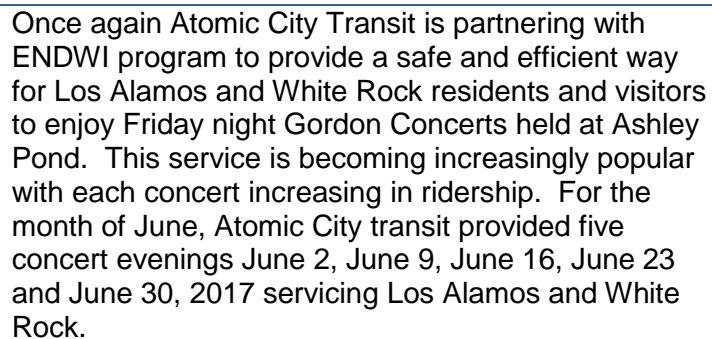
Transit Division

The Transit Division (Atomic City Transit - ACT) provided tour service for Sciencefest on July 15, 2017. Several customers took advantage of the free tour.

Bandelier Shuttle service continues to be a busy route with lots of visitors to the park and Los Alamos/White Rock area. The service will continue through October 15, 2017. For the month of June, a total of 21,444 riders made the trip to Bandelier. For the months of May and June a total of 35,023 customer trips were performed by Atomic City Transit.

On June 29, 2017 Jonathan Henley presented rider safety tips to the young members of our community. He described all the tips on how to ride the Atomic City Transit at Safety Town.





Fourth of July:



July 4th fireworks in White Rock was a fun event with Atomic City Transit providing a park-n-ride in Los Alamos Sullivan field as well as the Visitor Center in White Rock. This is a fun event for the community as well as many visitors. Atomic City Transit lite up the night before the fireworks show with the popular glow sticks and book markers.





On June 29, 2017 Dispatcher Armando attended the Senior Driving Forum held at the Betty Ehart Senior Center. Armando spoke to a group of residents and staff members regarding ACT Assist transportation program for persons with disabilities. Review of the application process and how to use the program. We are hopeful the Senior Center will continue the lunch time forums and ACT will be available for any information needed.



Jonathan Henley has been busy repairing the bus stop shelter around the White Rock and Los Alamos Community. One particular location was a problem with broken glass. Jonathan researched other options to avoid the glass and came up with a great design.

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Los Alamos Fire Department- Hazmat

Los Alamos Fire Department participated in the Los Alamos National Laboratory's 21st Annual Hazmat Challenge. Eight (8) teams competed in the challenge. Teams came from New Mexico, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Missouri. The Hazmat Challenge is a series of hazmat scenarios, in which teams compete on proper procedures for rescue and mitigation. LAFD has been competing in the Hazmat Challenge since 2004. Congratulations to this year's team for winning 2nd Place during the Annual New Mexico Hazmat Challenge! Driver Engineer Michael Montoya, Firefighter Shane Grano, Firefighter Chris Rondeau, and Firefighter Nate Sisneros did an excellent job working through scenarios which included a Clandestine Lab, Confined Space, Chemical Leak, Rail Yard including rail cars and a tanker truck, a terrorist act at an airport and multiple drum incidents. The final standings were 1st Place to Edmond Oklahoma, 2nd Place Los Alamos Fire Department Hazmat and 3rd Place to Los Alamos National Laboratory Hazmat. This is the first year that LAFD has place higher than 3rd place in this event.

Pictured Below: Firefighter Chris Rondeau, Firefighter Shane Grano, Driver Engineer Evan Pulliam, and Firefighter Nate Sisneros Display their 2nd Place Plaque.



Pictured Below: Firefighter Shane Grano, Firefighter Chris Rondeau, Driver Engineer Evan Pulliam and Firefighter Nate Sisneros prepare for their next challenge



LAFD Bike Team

The LAFD Bike Team was busy during the month of July and participated and provided aide for the Veterans run from the Santa Fe Veterans Memorial to White Rock, Fourth of July Parade and activities at Overlook Park, Tour De Los Alamos, The Los Alamos Triathlon, and the LANL Employee Picnic. Congratulations to Captain Raul Manzanares, Firefighter Zach Shriver and Firefighter Nick Bever for having the fastest time of the day for the Los Alamos Triathlon, their total time was 01:00:53.

Pictured Below: Members of the LAFD participate in the Veterans Run.



Pictured Below: Chief Troy Hughes, Deputy Chief Steve Dawald and Training Captain James Thwaites prepare for the Veteran's Run.



Pictured Below: Firefighter Matt Austin, Firefighter Eric Gallegos, Firefighter Nick Bever, Driver Engineer Adrian Martinez and Firefighter Kevin Kamplain take a break from activities at Overlook Park for the 4th of July.



Pictured Below: Firefighter Zach Shriver cheers on his team mate Captain Raul Manzanares for the Los Alamos Triathlon.



Los Alamos Fire Department and Los Alamos Police Department participated in their annual LAPD vs. LAFD July 4th Softball Game. LAFD took the trophy this year! Way to go LAFD!



LAFD participated in a silent auction for Barranca Mesa Elementary School. The lucky winner was “Firefighter for a Day”. The Los Alamos Fire Department is ready to help other schools with similar fundraising and community awareness programs. This year’s lucky winner was a young man named Liam. Liam got to tour Fire Station#2, he got to run through some drills and trainings.

Pictured Below: Captain Manny Pacheco and Liam, Junior Firefighter for a day.



Pictured Below (left to right): Firefighter Chuck Cummings, Firefighter Bobby Fuselier, Captain Manny Pacheco, Driver Engineer Daniel Archuleta, Firefighter Ernesto Polson, Junior Firefighter Liam, and Firefighter Geoffrey Godwin.



LAFD Moves and Promotions

Captain Kelly Grace-Meyer will be overseeing a special project in the Fire Administration Offices. Driver Engineer Luke Washburn promoted to Captain and Firefighter Evan Pulliam has promoted to Driver Engineer. Captain Kelly Sterna will be acting in the role of Acting Safety Division Chief, while Chief Wendy Servey spends some time on Shift as Battalion Chief of B-Shift.

LAFD Operations

LAFD responded to a total of 184 calls during the month of July. Of those calls, 121 were emergency responses. Some of these calls included a small 5 acre Wildland Fire that started on July 4th the fire was monitored and fully contained on July 6th. In addition LAFD responded to 2 different trail rescues.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Aug 22 – Council Work Session, 6:00 p.m., Fire Station No. 3 – White Rock

Aug 29 – Council Meeting, 6:00 p.m. Council Chambers

Sept 6 – Tourism Plan – Public Meeting # 1, *Time and Location to be announced later on*

Sept 7 – Art in Public Places, “Dichroic Glass” Art Dedication, 2:00 p.m., Golf Course Community Bldg.

Sept 8 – Russ Gordon Day, “Final Summer Concert”, 7:00 p.m., Ashley Pond Park

KUDOS & FYI

Hi Jon and Jim -



I wanted to let you know how much the Public Art Board and I appreciate the work of Tim Martinez. We are thrilled with the new display area for the artwork from the former Smart House! See the attached photos. It looks great -- all due to Tim's attention to detail, eye for color and strong work ethic.



Every time he's been asked to do something for our public art collection -- it ends up looking terrific! As you know, he's an incredibly talented craftsman and it definitely shows in his work!

As you can probably tell from the second photo -- he works well with the art board members and is wonderfully patient with all of us.

Thanks again for your support of this project. I really appreciate it -- and I know that the entire art board does as well.

Libby Carlsten
Senior Management Analyst

From: Clements family [mailto:1813clements@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2017 7:50 PM
To: Shelton, Philo <philo.shelton@lacnm.us>; Martinez, Eric <eric.martinez@lacnm.us>
Subject: Comments on Camino Uva Project

Dear Mr. Shelton and Mr. Martinez,

We just wanted to let you know that we are very pleased with the work being done on the Camino Uva road replacement project, and are looking forward to the completion of the project. We wanted to thank all the workers for doing such a great job and being so helpful.

We wanted you to know that we are impressed with the professionalism and courtesy of the people working on the project. Ernesto Gallegos has worked to minimize the impact of the project on our daily activities and has updated us frequently on the progress. This has really helped us adapt to the constant changes in access as the crews work on the curbs and road.

Two of the landscape contractors, Ricky and Zeke, have been very helpful working with us to restore the area that needed to be removed for the curb project. They are experts at their jobs, and have gone out of their way to accommodate our needs.

We appreciate everyone's efforts on this project, and thank you for the improvements.
Brad and Jane Clements

From: Sachdeva, Meena [mailto:sachdeva@lanl.gov]
Sent: Friday, July 28, 2017 2:36 PM
To: Gallegos, Ernesto <er.gallegos@lacnm.us>
Cc: Spencer, Khalil <khalil@losalamos.com>; Martinez, Eric <eric.martinez@lacnm.us>

I really appreciate how hard you and the crew are trying to cause us residents the least amount of disruption. You have been a fantastic group of people and Khal and I really appreciate your responsiveness.

THANK YOU! Kudos to you all.

Meena

Comment cards have been placed on all Atomic City Transit vehicles and we welcome your comments and concerns. We have already received feedback and we are excited. Shout out to Transit Operator Deborah and Kyle U. for a job well done.

Description:

Name: Andrew Ulanowski

Message:

"Routes 5 and 1, Deborah, excellent customer service, great driver"

Description:

Name: Theresa Duffy

Message:

"Kyle Uhlenbrock is a courteous, polite safe driver. Also helpful.

Description:

Name: Lilli M. Tafet

Message:

"Kyle - 1 PM - A very good driver, helpful, accommodating, very nice personality. We need more drivers like him."

70 Kachina
Los Alamos NM 87544
July 10, 2017

Manager Solid Waste
3701 E Jemez Rd
Los Alamos NM 87544

Dear Sir


I would like to bring to your attention and extend my thanks to Jose the driver of the garbage truck.

Let me expand on the reason for this letter. I am an elder man with Parkinson's. I had placed the county bin at the top of the driveway the night before. During the night, some animal had knocked over the bin and drug the bags down the driveway. Foolishly I had attempted to repack the bin and fell. I could not stand up again and crawled to my door. Still not able to stand, I called to help as the truck came to a stop. Jose heard my cry and came to my aid, got me standing, helped me into the house, called 911, cleaned up the bag mess.

This certainly showed the thoughtful and helpful person that he is.

Thanks again to Jose.

Sincerely

Forrest W. Brinkley 
70 Kachina
662-7500

P.S. We are so thankful for the help and care that Jose gave us.

Anne

cc Jose

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where discoveries are made

County of Los Alamos Public Comment Form

Please note: any information you give the County on this comment form becomes a "public record" and could be released under the Inspection of Public Records Act.

Comments:

Our county
is amazing! I love
our programs and
infrastructure. There
are always ways
to improve, but
I'm amazed at
the benefits we
enjoy in such a
small town.