

LOS ALAMOS

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Parks, Recreation, Open Space Division

October 2017

Aquatics

Pumpkin Splash, 115 tickets sold: On October 21st, the Aquatic Center hosted its annual Pumpkin Splash and carnival. The theme for this year was Dr. Seuss. Games included Green Egg Donuts, the Gack Ring Toss, Fishing a Wocket out of a Pocket, The Cat in the Hat Ball toss, Pin the Star on the Sneetch, One Fish, Two Fish, Hop on Pop Cornhole, Red Fish, Blue Fish Goldfish count, bowling, and Thing 1, 2, 3, 4 potato sack racing. Dr. Seuss movies played in the lobby and classroom with popcorn and smoking punch being served. The afternoon was finished off with bunches of floating pumpkins in the pool just waiting to be picked. It was a fun day for both kids and parents.



High School Swim Team, 59 swimmers: October 19th marked the first day of the High School swimming season, which goes until February 18th. From 3:30 to 5:30 pm, it is very busy in the pool with lap swimmers. Other High School teams (softball and cross country) have also been visiting the pool in the afternoons for cross training.

Parks

Art Installation – The Parks Division, working with the Arts in Public Places Board, installed 2 benches created by Colin Selig for the garden area in front of the Community Building.



Indoor Arena Footing Rehabilitation – The Parks Division removed the riding surface and repaired the subsurface of the Indoor Arena. The footing had given way and needed to be rebuilt in the areas of heavy use. Additional riding surface materials of sand and crumb rubber were added to the existing riding surface.



Continuing Education – The Parks Division, as well as crews from the Golf Course and Pavement, attended pesticides training to maintain our Public Applicators License as covered in the Counties Integrated Pest Management Plan.



Camp May Sign Installed – 100% Complete

Routed and installed a new Camp May Sign



Acid Canyon Fence Removal Project- 100% Complete – 30 volunteers

It was a great collaborative effort between Los Alamos Nature Center (PEEC), Los Alamos County Open Space and the dedicated volunteers who helped wrangle old fencing out of Acid Canyon. Around a half mile of fencing has finally been torn down and will be recycled! Photos Courtesy of Thomas Graves Photography



Camp Hamilton Trail Improvements – 5 volunteers

In collaboration with the Los Alamos Leadership volunteers, we were able to clear a large rock fall and restore the trail tread on Camp Hamilton Trail.



Golf

LAHS Class of 1986 – October 2nd : 24 Golfers participated life during a High School Reunion event.

House Ryder Cup / Hundra Cup – October 7th – 9th : 44 Players participated in the 13th Annual Ryder Cup / Hundra Cup matches. A Scottish bagpipe played to start off the event in style.



Los Alamos Public School – October 9th: 19 LAPS Employees enjoyed a free clinic to raise interest in Golf, put on by the Los Alamos PGA Staff.



Aspen School – October 12th: Aspen School practiced their emergency school evacuation plan by evacuating to the Golf Course.



Los Alamos Jr High School – October 18th: 30 participants and 5 different school districts participated.



The Closing Lunch Event – October 22nd: 42 players braved the cool morning on to play in the Inaugural Closing Lunch event signaling the end of the tournament season for 2017.



Los Alamos High School Cross Country District Match – October 20th: 400 participants from all over the state and over 1500 spectators.



Los Alamos High School – October 23rd – 40 participants and 6 schools were represented in the final event of the season.



Ice Rink

Welcome Aboard New and Transferring Staff!

New Ice Rink staff came on board October 23rd and have been attending evening trainings at the Rink to learn about operations, safety, customer service and the point of sale system. Staff has been busy cleaning inside and outside at the Rink as we prepare to start ice making on Monday, November 6th (weather permitting).

Eric Hill, FTE Recreation Leader, started on October 23rd and will divide his time between the Ice Rink and Recreation programs and events. Eric hails from Arizona where he received a Bachelors of Science in Parks and Recreation Management. He has several years of experience in the Parks and Recreation field and currently he is working at the Rink learning everything from skate sharpening to ice making.



Jason Tomko, Assistant Golf Course Superintendent, is transferring over to the Ice Rink from the Golf Course. Jason has an ice hockey background and is looking forward to learning about Rink operations from November – February.



PROS and Public Works staff continue working hard to prepare the Ice Rink for its November 15th opening day by replacing worn safety netting, cleaning the concrete slab, walk ways, and exteriors of the buildings.

Replaced Safety Netting

Before



After



Cleaning Walk Ways and the Concrete Slab

Before



After

