

Parks, Recreation, Open Space Division

December 2017

AQUATICS

Los Alamos High School Swim/Dive Meet, 200+ participants: The Los Alamos High School swim team hosted a swim and dive competition on December 1st and 2nd. Schools from Gallup, Albuquerque, Farmington, Belen, Los Lunas, Socorro, Taos and Santa Fe were in attendance. The Hilltoppers took first for both the men's and women's teams.

Lifeguard Recertification Class, 5 participants: On December 3rd, the Walkup Aquatic Center conducted a lifeguard recertification class. All of the students were getting ready for the upcoming summer, outdoor pool season.

Dive-In Movie, 50 participants: On Friday, December 8th, the movie, *Despicable Me 3*, was shown on the big screen at the Aquatic Center. Water temperatures were raised, inner tubes inflated, and popcorn, drinks and snacks were provided.



Certified Pool Operator Class, 11 participants: December 12th and 13th, the Aquatic Center hosted a CPO class for not only Walkup staff (4 were in attendance), but for other aquatic people from around New Mexico (Belen, Taos, Santa Fe). The class even included a tour around the facility (most were impressed with the Center's chlorine generator).

Lifeguard Certification Class, 7 participants: The week between Christmas and New Year's is busy with the training of new people to become American Red Cross certified lifeguards. Although most have plans for working at the outdoor pools around town, we hope to get a few to join the Walkup Aquatic staff during the non-summer months.

PARKS

36th and Arizona Median, 80% complete

The Parks Division was directed by County Council to landscape the median at the intersection of 36th and Arizona Streets. The Parks Crews removed the rocky soil, replaced it with an amended planter mix and then planted over 200 plants and trees. Metal edging was installed as well as a border of Santa Fe Brown gravel. The Utilities Division installed a water meter and the Parks crew will install a drip irrigation system and mulch the planter beds to minimize water use. The project should be complete by the first week of January.



The Parks Division is re-furbishing the benches in the Historic District. We started with the benches near the Ancestral Pueblo Ruins near Fuller Lodge. We will continue to re-furbish the remaining benches around Fuller Lodge and the Cultural Pathway, as time and budget allow.



GOLF

The Los Alamos Golf Course closed down for the season on Monday December 4. Since closing, the course has been winterized which includes draining the irrigation system to prevent frozen pipe lines and a heavy top dressing, of sand, to protect the greens from in-climate season weather conditions.

Due to higher than normal winter temperatures and nonexistent moisture (snow or rain), turf is extremely dry. Any play on the course, at this time, would likely result in significant turf damage. Matt Allen (LAGC Green Superintendent) has been hand watering to help sustain the turf, on the greens.

OPEN SPACE

Wayfinding Phase II –30% Complete

Around 50 wayfinding signs have been installed throughout Open Space, including Pueblo Canyon Rim, Graduation Canyon, Camp Hamilton and Tent Rocks, Bayo Canyon and Aquatic Center Trails. We will continue wayfinding phase III in Spring 2018.



ICE RINK

Pinon Elementary 6th Grade Classes: Wednesday, December 6th - 65 Participants

Students, teachers and parent chaperones enjoyed a morning of ice skating and refreshments.



LAHS High School PE Classes: Monday, December 11th – Thursday, December 14th - 160 participants daily

The Ice Rink hosted three LAHS PE classes daily from 8AM – 1:30pm. Each day two classes of 60 students and one class of 40 students and their coaches walked from LAHS to the Ice Rink.



Santa Fe U-16 Youth Hockey Team: Tuesday, December 19th – 25 participants

A U-16 youth hockey team from Santa Fe purchased ice time to experience pond hockey outside. Approximately 15 players, two coaches, and a handful of parents came up to Los Alamos to enjoy hockey at an outdoor rink.



Aspen Elementary 4th Grade Classes: Wednesday, December 20th - 78 participants

Students and teachers took a break before the holidays to enjoy a morning of ice skating at the Rink.



Christmas Eve Luminaria Skate: 170 participants

Christmas Eve saw staff set-up over 100 luminarias on the ice in anticipation of the annual Christmas Eve event.



Los Alamos Hockey Association Holiday Hockey Festival: December 27th – 30th -

This annual Holiday Hockey Festival drew teams from Taos, Albuquerque, Santa Fe and Los Alamos.



Photos courtesy of the LA Daily Post

Taos Bantam Youth Hockey Team: Saturday, December 30 - 15 participants

A travelling Bantams youth hockey team combined of players from Taos, Santa Fe, Los Alamos, and Albuquerque purchased some ice time to prepare for an upcoming hockey tournament.

Holiday Schedule and Public Skating:

From Friday, December 22nd through Friday, January 5th the Ice Rink is on Holiday Schedule as we accommodate winter events, more public skating and holiday hockey. These two weeks are usually some of the busiest as people are in town visiting family, friends, or one of several Los Alamos attractions and stop by the Rink to enjoy some ice skating. We've seen vehicles with plates from Tennessee, Florida, New York, California, Ohio, and of course our neighboring states, Colorado, Texas and Arizona.

