

# LOS ALAMOS

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## Parks, Recreation, Open Space Division

April 2018

### AQUATICS

#### **LAHS Freshmen PE, March 5<sup>th</sup> through March 22<sup>nd</sup> – 130 students daily**

The Aquatic Center became a classroom for LAHS Freshmen PE students for three weeks. Students learned hands-only CPR, reaching and throwing assists, stroke technique and development, as well as gutter ball (a modified form of water polo). Fridays were “Fun Day,” and the students entertained themselves on the floating island and diving boards during class time.



#### **Lifeguard Recertification Class, March 8<sup>th</sup> - 10 participants**

In preparation for summer, 10 lifeguards attended the Red Cross recertification class to keep their credentials current.



#### **Pi Day, March 14<sup>th</sup> - 32 participants**

March 14<sup>th</sup> was Pi Day at the Aquatic Center. Visitors were treated to mini Moon-Pies and math tattoos as they walked into the building, and enjoyed playing on floating pizza pie slices and watching the *Captain Underpants* movie in the classroom.



### **Lifeguard Certification Class, March 26<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> - 21 participants daily**

Spring Break is a busy week for youth to get their lifeguard certification before summer. The Red Cross course is conducted over five days, and covers a lot of material that students must become proficient at to pass the course. This class is one of the largest we have led in many years.

## **RECREATION**

### **National Plant a Flower Day, March 12<sup>th</sup> – Over 500 packets given out**

Seed packets were available at the Golf Course, Aquatic Center, Customer Care Center, and the White Rock Branch and Mesa Public Libraries.



### **Family Night at the Nature Center, March 20<sup>th</sup> – 110 participants**

It was a packed house for golfing through the Nature Center, enjoying S'mores, watching a movie in the Planetarium and enjoying the displays.





## **GOLF COURSE**

### **Golf Course Manager Sam Logan Elected to Sun County PGA Section Board of Directors**

Sam Logan and Michael Phillips attend the Sun Country PGA annual meeting in Las Cruces on Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. Sam Logan was elected as a Member at Large in charge of Mentoring.



### **Aeration of Fairways & Irrigation Audits**

The warm spring weather has allowed the golf staff to get an early start on aerating the fairways and the annual irrigation audits to repair damaged lines and heads. These early preparations allow staff to get the best possible turf conditions for the 2018 season.



### **Barranca Mesa Kindergarten, Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> – 17 students**

Golf Course Superintendent Matt Allen was the tour guide who took the Kindergarteners on a tour of Golf Course operations. The class also had the opportunity to try their skills with the SNAG golf equipment by lining up shots at the target placed on the Range Picker.



## OPEN SPACE

### **Camp May Kiosk: 25% Complete**

In collaboration with The Rotary Club, staff started designing and constructing a kiosk for Camp May.



### **Los Alamos High School Junior Class Hike, March 22<sup>nd</sup> - 15 participants**

Open Space Specialist Eric Peterson led a 2.5-mile hike along the North Pueblo Canyon Rim Trail and explained the forest mitigation projects and discussed the current fire danger.





## **PARKS**

### **Walnut Tot Lot, 80% complete**

Work continues at the Tot Lot as staff moved the slide and climbing structures from under the power lines to an expanded area near the swings. Accessible entry and trail construction are under way.



### **Overlook Park and North Mesa Ball Fields Seasonal Preparations**

Parks crews are preparing ballfield infields, turf, irrigation systems, backstops, dugouts, and fencing for play. Lighting maintenance including bulb and ballast replacement are being scheduled.



### **Overlook Park Playground Upgrades, 75 % complete**

A new swing set was installed and new trees and plants will be installed soon. An enlarged picnic area will be finished between the playground and the concession stand. Parks crews removed the existing ramp up to soccer field, repaired retaining walls, and replaced all fall zone surfacing with engineered wood fibers to comply with ADA standards.

