

County Manager's Monthly Update

LOS ALAMOS COUNTY

APRIL - 2018

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.

COMMUNITY SERVICE DEPARTMENT

Aquatics

Los Alamos High School Freshmen PE – March 5th - 22nd, 263 students:

Once again the Aquatic Center became a classroom for High School Freshmen PE. During these 3 weeks, students had an opportunity to learn hands-only CPR, reaching and throwing assists, stroke technique and development, as well as gutter ball (a modified form of water polo). Friday was always "Fun Day," and the kids entertained themselves on the floating island and diving boards during their class time.



Lifeguard Recertification Class – March 11th, 10 participants:

In preparation for summer, 10 lifeguards attended the Red Cross recertification class to keep their credentials current. 2 of these attendees were current Walkup Aquatic Center employees whose certifications expire before the upcoming Staff In-Service training in May.

Los Alamos Public Schools Staff Appreciation Swim – March 19th, 4 participants:

The Los Alamos Public Schools partnered with the Aquatic Center to host a Staff Appreciation Swim for their workers. This was done as part of their healthy living initiative that is being conducted throughout the schools.

Lifeguard Certification Class – March 26th - 30th, 21 participants:

Spring Break is a busy week for teens wanting to get their lifeguard certification before summer. The Red Cross course 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.

Pi Day – March 14th, 32 participants:

Visitors to the Aquatic Center were treated to mini Moon-Pies as they walked into the building and kids enjoyed playing on the floating pizza pie slices and watching the *Captain Underpants* movie in the classroom.

**Egg Splash – March 31st, 85 participants:**

Tons of fun was had by all at the Aquatic Center's Annual Egg Splash. Kids of all ages enjoyed collecting floating eggs in the pool. Once the eggs were gathered, the kids traded them in for Easter goodies.



Recreation

National Plant a Flower Day – March 12th, over 500 seed packets given out:

Seed packets were given out 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 20th, 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 attended the Sun Country PGA annual meeting in Las Cruces on Sunday, March 25th. 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.



Golf Course Tour – March 22nd, 17 students:

The Golf Course Superintendent, Matt Allen, gave the Barranca Mesa Kindergarteners 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.



Los Alamos High School Junior Class Hike – March 22nd, 15 participants:

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



Parks

Walnut Street Tot Lot, 80% complete:

Work continues as staff moved the slide and climbing structures from under the power lines to an expanded area near the swings.



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 the soccer field, repaired retaining walls, and replaced all fall zone materials with engineered wood fibers to comply with ADA standards.



Library

All Schools Art Show in March – over 2,100 visitors:

The All Schools Art Show is by far the most popular show of the year in the Upstairs Art Gallery at Mesa Public Library. The show is hung by the public schools' art team, led by Chamisa art teacher Renee Mitsunaga. It's no surprise that the show is well-attended, with more than 600 artists represented in the show. The reception was enhanced with the performance of a string quintet from the Middle School. LAPS Superintendent, Dr. Kurt Steinhaus, enjoyed visiting with the artists.



Authors Speak – March 29th, over 50 attendees:

The Kremlinologist is a brand new book from Johns Hopkins Press which follows the life and accomplishments of Ambassador Llewellyn E. Thompson. The Authors Speak lecture with the daughters of the Ambassador took place at Fuller Lodge. They talked about visiting Nikita Khrushchev at his dacha, taking ballet lessons at the Bolshoi Ballet, and being unimpressed with a stream of famous visitors from Bob Hope to Elizabeth Taylor and Leonard Bernstein.



“Make It” Program Launch Event – March 27th, 8 attendees:

Even though the Library’s new “Make it” program-started off on the day of spring snow, everyone who attended left satisfied with a completed project in hand. With this new program, the library has several goals in mind: to attract families with school-aged children; to create the perception that the Library is a place to make things; and to enhance the perception that the Libraries are places to gather in the evenings.



Pi Day – March 14th, over 100 attendees:



As part of Pi day festivities, an Einstein impersonator handed out 120 pieces of pie at the Library, Art Center, & Teen Center.

Performance by Singing Duo – March 6th, 50 attendees:

The duo *Hungrytown* specializes in library performances. They perform mostly original work and are accomplished musicians who sing exceptional harmonies.



Digital Bookmobile – March 19th & 20th, 108 participants:

OverDrive is one of the companies that supplies electronic books, audiobooks and other electronic formats to the library. The company brought its digital bookmobile loaded with lots of devices for people to try at both libraries. The service was especially popular with the after-school crowd at the White Rock Branch Library.



Social Services

St. Patrick's Day Lunch – March 16th, 137 attendees:

Both senior centers served a traditional corned beef & cabbage dish with potatoes, carrots, and for dessert green Jell-O. Guests at Betty Ehart Senior Center enjoyed music played by the Pajarito String Band.



Birthday Celebration at the White Rock Senior Center – March 16th, 42 guests:

Everyone was Irish for a few hours! WR Volunteers Romaine Betts & Jan Barber served birthday cake to everyone in celebration of March birthdays.



Dementia Lecture – March 20th, 33 seniors, family members, LARSO staff, & Advisory Council members attended:

Dr. Janice Knoefel, UNM Center for Memory & Aging, presented on screening, diagnosing and treating dementia as well as the research being done here in New Mexico to find a cure for dementia.

Youth Mobilizer Recognition Dinner – March 1st, 20 teens & their families:



The Teen Council hosted a Youth Mobilizers Recognition Dinner for teens that participated in the program over the previous semester. Teens received recognition certificates and stipends/gift cards to acknowledge their work. Judge Allen Kirk attended as a special guest and was made an honorary Youth Mobilizer.

Youth Mobilizers Pool Party – March 16th, 43 teen attendees:

The Youth Mobilizers hosted their 2nd Annual Pool Party at the Aquatic Center in partnership with Los Alamos County staff. Activities included a live DJ, inflatable obstacle course, inner tube water polo, and lots of pizza and root beer floats.



Flamenco Workshop and Performance – March 26th, 13 teen participants:



Los Alamos Teen Center and the National Institute of Flamenco partnered to present a special event to kick-off Teen Dating Violence Awareness Week. The goal of this event was to promote awareness and prevention and to provide education on the effects of intimate partner abuse by understanding the trauma, abuse and oppression experienced by the founders of flamenco. This event was designed to provide healing and hope, promote dignity and respect and inspire strength and resiliency through dance.

Pedal Cart and Impairment Goggles Activity – March 22nd, 25 teen attendees:

The Teen Council hosted the Los Alamos Police Department for the 2nd Annual “Pedal Carts and Impairment Goggles” DUI education activity, time to get youth thinking about safety before leaving on Spring Break. LAPD officers spoke with youth about the dangers of DUI as they waited for their turn to navigate a pedal cart through a winding racetrack, both with and without the impairment goggles on. Pizza for the event was provided by the Juvenile Justice Advisory Board.



Spring Celebration – March 23rd, 27 participants:

Families gathered at Family Strengths Network to share conversation and food. Kiddos made Chia Bunnies and enjoyed finger painting.



Cultural Services

“Outstanding Environmental Education Organization” Award for 2017:

This award was given to Pajarito Environmental Education Center (PEEC) by the Environmental Education Association of New Mexico. They were selected from a competing group of non-profit organizations, government agencies, tribal governments, and businesses who demonstrate the following: commitment to collaboration and partnerships; innovation and creativity in environmental education; ability to elevate environmental education in NM; meaningful evaluation of programs; promotes equity and inclusion for diverse audiences.



Rockhound Geology Outing, Harding Mine – March 24th, 33 attendees:

An outing for our Pebble Pups kids, their families, and anyone else who wanted to join. Participants collected interesting rock specimens, and geologist Patrick Rowe helped them to identify what they found.



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Administration Division

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.

Airport Division

Based aircraft update:



Angel Flight

The FAA requires airports update their list of based aircraft annually. The FAA uses this data to determine grant eligibility and track aircraft registrations. Based on the update, Los Alamos County Airport is home to 60 aircraft: 58 single-engine, 1 twin-engine and 1 helicopter. Two of the single-engine aircraft belong to the local Civil Air Patrol (CAP) Squadron – they provide aerial search and rescue, disaster relief, and flight and leadership training for local youth. The helicopter is operated by Classic Air – they provide rapid medical air transportation and search and rescue serves. The airport is also home to a chapter of the Experimental Aircraft Association – they provide free introductory flights to local youth through the Young Eagles program. And many of the aircraft owners are Angel Flight

volunteers – they provide free air transportation for people who need to travel to receive lifesaving



Classic Air



Civil Air Patrol



US Forest Service



Young Eagles

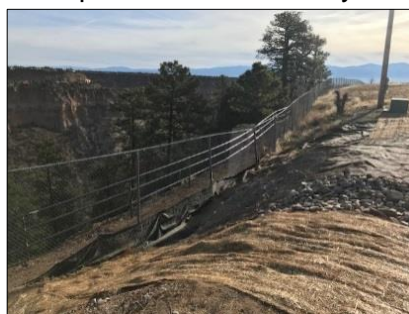
medical treatment, but lack the means. The airport also serves as an aerial firefighting support base for the US Forest Service and an emergency air transportation facility for LANL.

Airport Engineering, Architectural & Planning Services Request for Qualifications (RFQ)

The County issued a RFQ for Airport Engineering, Architectural and Planning Services as is required by the FAA. These services will be used for Capital Improvement Projects as contemplated in the Airport Master Plan with grant funding from the FAA, NMDOT and the County. The County is reviewing qualified responses and selection, contract negotiations and execution is expected in early April.

Storm Water Pollution Prevention Program (SWPPP) Improvement.

A local contractor completed erosion repairs on Pueblo Canyon Trail and made improvements to the storm water outflow from the airport to prevent future erosion. These improvements will help to mitigate silt transport to tributaries, streams and waterways from airport storm water runoff and ensure compliance with airport's SWPPP obligations.



Custodial Division

The Custodial Division supported 226 events during the month of March.

Installation of the Green Cleaning dispensers for chemicals and paper products continued this month with expected completion in April.

Fuller Lodge Sound System:



The new sound system for Fuller Lodge was installed this month and we have already received compliments on how much easier it is to hear lectures and concerts and how much the sound quality has improved. The previous speakers will still be available for anyone wanting to plug them into their receivers or amps.

Candyman Limited installed a new sound system in the Pajarito and Ante Rooms at Fuller Lodge to provide better sound quality for presentations.

The hearing loop was also extended to the Ante Room area. Tim Martinez from Facilities lent his artistic wood-working qualities to the project and built a beautiful wood cabinet to house all the equipment matching the rustic design of the lodge – Thanks Tim!

The golf course patio was refinished the week of March 26.



Brenda Sargent uses ATV/plow for snow removal

Engineering & Project Management Division

New Aircraft Hangar Construction:

Construction is set to move forward utilizing in-house personnel comprised of Facility and Traffic and Streets staff. Dan Erickson and Anthony Strain are providing oversight on the project. Currently Eric Edmonds of Risk is helping implement safety training to update all personnel involved in the project. A tentative start date has been set for April 9th and continue through the end of May 2018.

Server Room Cooling Improvements:

The improvements to the server room cooling saw the completion of the installation of the separation curtains last month. Changes to the controls, thermostats, and modifications to the condensing units are planned for late March.

Kiddie Pool Project:

The RFP for design was advertised on March 8th, proposals are due March 21st. The selection committee comprising of Community Services and Public Works staff will make their recommendation for a May 2018 Council award.

Mesa Library Fire Panel Replacement:

Acceptance testing took place February 23rd and passed. The installation of Exit signs is pending, and is on track to be complete before the late April Final Completion date.

Historic Museum Carpet:

Dominguez Carpet installed specialized carpet in the north gallery area. The floor in this area had cracked shortly after construction was completed and for aesthetics carpet was requested, prior to construction the area had carpet as well.

Fire Station 6 Restroom Remodels:

Chief Hughes requested that the restrooms at Fire Station 6 (Airport) be remodeled as it has been a little over 10 years since they were last re-done and are in need of work. A task order with an on-call architect is in process to begin design work. It is anticipated that construction could begin in July 2018.

Fire Station 3:

Architectural design plans are complete and bid advertisement is scheduled for late February with contract award May 2018. The project includes reroofing, as well as a new wall system, window replacement and HVAC system modifications to better insulate and control the temperature in the bunkrooms. Construction is anticipated from June 2018 through the fall.

Mesa Library HVAC Improvements:

The current system is an evaporative cool system. While a less expensive system to install and operate. It does not provide adequate cooling during times of high (30% plus) humidity. The system itself is limited in its cooling capacity due to its original design and half of the required air flow capacity for an evaporative system. The design consultant evaluated several system options which included an initial and life-cycle cost analysis. This evaluation resulted in a system that was selected for design.

An Invitation for Bids to install the new system is scheduled for a March advertisement, with an anticipated Council award May 1. This schedule will provide the contractor ample time for approval and ordering of equipment so that work can commence in August.

Since the building cannot be occupied during the work, the library is scheduled to be closed from August 20th through November 29th. Public Works and Community Services Department staff are working closely to plan improvements and provide alternative accommodations to the public so that library services are maintained during this time.

Landfill - Gas Extraction and Control System:

Engineering and Environmental Services staff have worked with Stearns, Conrad and Schmidt Consulting Engineers (SCS Engineers), an engineering consultant to develop design plans for a permanent gas extraction system for the landfill to comply with New Mexico Environment Department methane gas limits.

The Project consists of the installation and construction of a Landfill Gas Collection System at the closed landfill to prevent subsurface landfill gas migration off the landfill property in accordance with New Mexico Environmental Department regulations. The project will include the installation of two (2) systems, which will either destroy the gas in an open flare or vent it to the atmosphere. Both systems have been designed to disburse any emissions above ground level, whereas the open flare system will also combust any potential pollutants.

The permanent extraction system project was advertised for construction in December, Council awarded a bid on February 27th to American Environmental Group with SCS oversight for \$1,281,490.

Notice to Proceed was given to the contractor on March 14th, with an anticipated start of construction on April 16th. The Substantial Completion date is August 1, 2018 with a Completion date of August 22, 2018.

Canyon Rim Trail Phase 3:

The easements for DOE property along the preliminary alignment have been drafted and are in the process of being executed. The County will continue discussions with the adjacent land owners along the trail corridor for easements along the proposed alignment between Knecht Street and the 20th Street Extension.

Canyon Rim Trail Underpass:

The project was awarded federal FY2018 funding under the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) for project study and design in the amount of \$320,000 and FY2020 TAP funding for project construction in the amount of \$2,020,000 for a total award of \$2,340,000.

The NMDOT concurred with awarding the project to the County's selected consultant, Wilson and Company. A task order has been issued and a kick-off meeting has been scheduled for April to begin preliminary design work.

North Mesa Phase 2 Improvements (Cumbres del Sol Subdivision):

Staff is working on the contract and plans for improvements to Camino Manzana/Mora/Cereza. Estimated construction is to begin in mid-June. Scope of work is for the rehabilitation of Camino Manzana/Mora/Cereza. This includes the reconstruction of the asphalt surface and limited concrete replacement (sidewalks, curb and gutter, drive pads and ADA curb ramps at designated locations). The public meeting was held on March 1st during the presentation to the Transportation Board.

Future Projects:

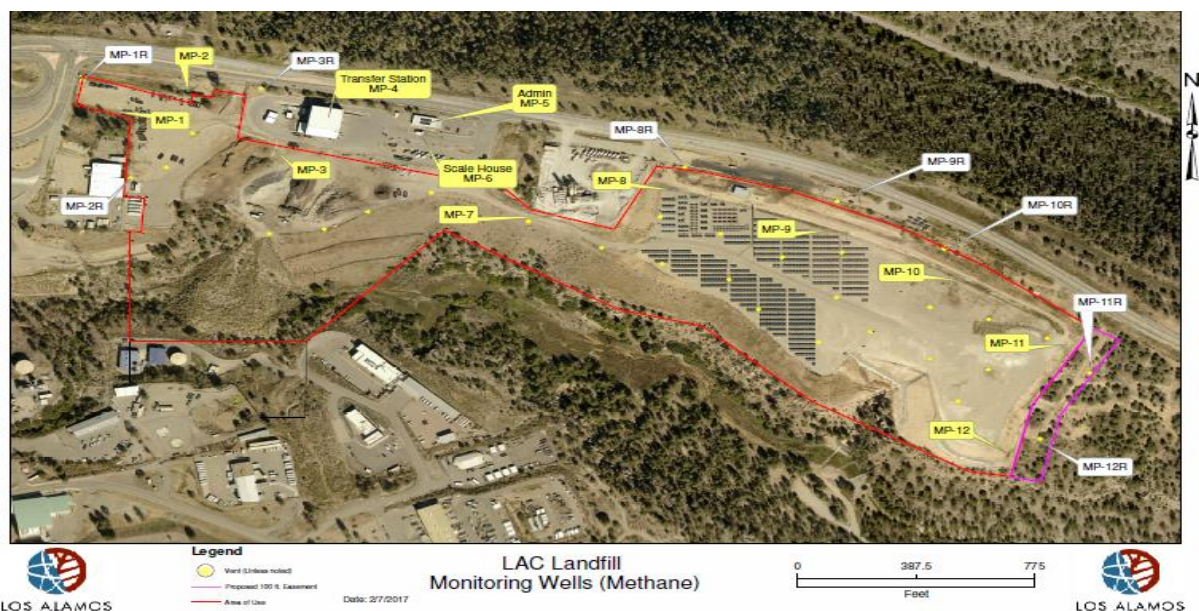
- NM 4/East Jemez Rd. (Truck Route) Intersection: Staff continues to work with DOE, NMDOT Bandelier, and Army Corps of Engineers to program, design and construct intersection upgrades to improve capacity and safety. A meeting to discuss the design of this project took place on March 21st.
- NM 502 Reconstruction, Knecht St. to Tewa Loop: Staff continues to coordinate with NMDOT on this state lead project. NMDOT bid the project for a third time on December 15th and received no bidders. The County awaits further information from NMDOT management on the future of the project. It is anticipated to rebid in the fall of 2018 for a January 2019 award date.

Environmental Services Division

Los Alamos County Landfill Gas (LFG) Update:

This is a summary of results for February 2018 methane monitoring for the Los Alamos County closed landfill.

1. The LFG Vents ranged in methane concentrations from 44.7 (LFG Vent – 7) to 59.4 (LFG Vent – 1) percent gas in air.
2. The gas probes near the toe of the landfill materials ranged in methane concentrations from 2.3 (MP-12) to 51.4 (MP-8) percent gas in air.
3. The gas probes near the boundary of the landfill ranged in methane concentrations from 2.4 (MP-8R) to 33.0 (MP-10R) percent gas in air.



Curbside Yard Trimmings Roll Cart:



Online registration is now open for the curbside yard trimmings roll cart program. The yard trimmings roll cart program will begin July 2018. To date Environmental Services has received over 1,500 registration entries for a roll cart, this is over 20% of the residential customer base. By implementing the yard trimming roll cart, Los Alamos residents have an opportunity to divert 14% of our waste stream from the landfill each year. The diversion efforts have the potential to divert 1,107 tons of yard trimmings annually and will reduce hauling and disposal costs, greenhouse gas emissions, extend the life of the landfill, and provide high-quality compost and landscaping materials for residents. Environmental services have received 1,872 roll carts and has begun to assemble these roll carts. We will begin to distribute the roll carts to residents in the coming months.

Landfill Cap Erosion Control



Maintenance of the closed landfill is an ongoing process for Environmental Services. Most recently in efforts to keep the erosion at a minimum Environmental Services staff has begun to construct measures to slow the flow of water on the south slope of the landfill cap.

Environmental Services Superintendent:



Environmental Services would like to welcome our new Superintendent, Armando Gabaldon. Armando comes to us with 15 years of waste collection experience from the City of Santa Fe.

Environmental Services currently has one vacancy; recruitment efforts are underway for a scale operator.

Outreach and Education:

Environmental Services staff and ESB Member Heather Ward recently visited second grade students and Aspen Elementary School to share the Zero Waste Lunch Video and teach them about recycling in Los Alamos County.

Residential Sustainability Report



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Service Period: February 2018

Recyclables Collected: 71.11 tons

Trash Collected: 345.25 tons

Compostable Materials Collected: 0.92 tons

Total Material Collected: 417.28 tons



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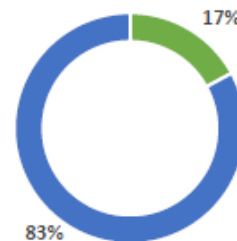
Monthly Collection Report

January Diversion Rate: 22%

February Diversion Rate: 17%

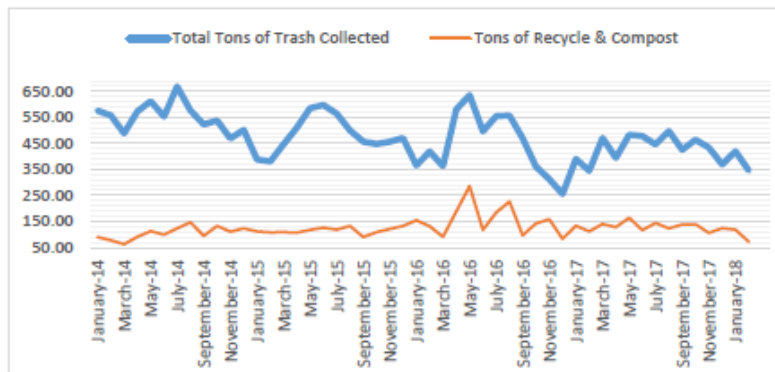
A 21% Decrease in Diversion

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



■ Mixed Recycle Curbside ■ Trash Residential Collection

Month by Month Recycling Comparison

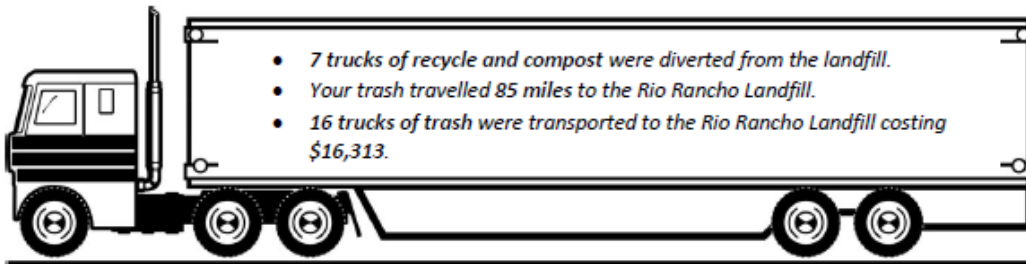


Benefits of Recycling

Office Paper

Recycling one ton of office paper saves 17 trees, 7,000 gallons of water, 483 gallons of oil, 3 cubic yards of landfill space, and enough energy to heat an average home for six months.

Further, manufacturing one ton of office paper using recycled paper stock can save 3,000 to 4,000 kilowatt hours versus making that amount using virgin materials.



Facilities Division

Pajarito Cliffs Site Security Enhancements:



In response to a rash of break-ins at the Pajarito Cliffs Site (PCS) in recent months, Los Alamos County Staff assigned to work at that site gathered with Chief Sgambellone, and other representatives of the Police Department, to discuss and select security enhancements designed to “harden the target” and deter further burglaries and property loss. Key to the discussion was limiting access to the yard during overnight and weekend hours. Installation of two new gates, on both the east and west ends of the property, was determined to be essential to limit site access. The perimeter fencing around the yard was also enhanced with barbed and razor wire discouraging after-hours access.



In addition, a new security system was installed in Building #5 with detectors placed in all the exterior doors that will sound an alarm to “on-call” staff (who reside in the building 24/7) alerting them to immediately call the police should a future intrusion occur after hours when the system is armed.

Fuller Lodge East Patio Light:

Rick Garcia and Henry Talachy installed a small bronze LED light fixture above the east patio steps to enhance the lighting and safety. –Thanks to Rick and Henry for working on the wiring and installation.

Smart House Repairs:



Tenants at the Smart House requested and received a full “re-keying” of the facility to ensure only authorized personnel have access to the building.

Animal Shelter Repairs:



Repair work was completed on multiple kennels doors at the animal shelter that permit staff to locate dogs in either the interior or exterior areas of the enclosures. Work will continue on additional kennels once it is determined that the repairs made remain operable and function as desired by animal center staff.

Fleet Division



New 2018 Ford Explorer for Police Department



New Kubota tractor for Golf Course



New trailer for Utilities

Trainings:

Norman Romero and John Roberts attended the Annual SWTA certification courses for Mid- Manager and Transit Maintenance.

James Quintana, Robert Romero, Raul Lujan and Matt Lengyel attended Cummins Insite/Quickserve diagnostic troubleshooting and Exhaust After-treatment course.

James Barela from Transit and James Quintana from Fleet passed CDL Certified Examiners course for the County.

Reyann Nastacio and Robert Clark attended AssetWorks Training Conference.

Traffic & Streets Division



Crews removed a tree on Tunyo Street.



Crews cleaned drains on Turquoise Avenue, on El Conejo, Chamisa and Zuni.



Old



New

Crews have been replacing old signs county wide.



Crews received their new road striping equipment. They will begin striping projects in April 2018. Streets crews swept a total of 531 miles during the months of February and March 2018.

All Traffic and Streets Crews attended a pipe line safety class in Santa Fe and Espanola.



Crews fabricated and installed new signs on the newly placed gates at the Pajarito Cliffs Site.

Traffic Electricians have been replacing poles on Canyon as part of a project where they have removed numerous poles, delivered them to a vendor in Albuquerque, to sandblast and powder coat the poles for reinstallation.

Traffic Electricians ran into an issue at the 'Y' in White Rock where they investigated and repaired faulty wiring feeding lighting at the intersection of NM-4 and NM-502.

Traffic and Streets staff have been working to prepare for the implementation of Munis.

Transit Division

Congratulations to Josh G. of Piñon Elementary for winning the poster contest displaying what "Atomic City Transit means to me and my community."



St. Patrick's Day:

The Transit Division partnered with DWI Council to sponsor St. Patrick's Day "BUZZ Bus" Saturday March 17, 2018. The program provided a safe ride home for 22 area residents. Reservations were not necessary the day of the event.

 DON'T BE UNLUCKY THIS
ST. PATRICK'S DAY 

ST. PATRICK'S DAY BUZZ BUS
Saturday, March 17th
6:00PM to 12:30AM

DON'T DRINK & DRIVE... DIAL-A-RIDE!

CALL 661-RIDE(7433)
TO REQUEST A FREE RIDE ON

♣ THURSDAY, MARCH 15TH 8AM - 9PM

♣ FRIDAY, MARCH 16TH 8AM - 9PM

NOTE THAT RESERVATIONS ARE NOT
REQUIRED TO BE MADE ON SATURDAY,
MARCH 17TH



Funding for this service provided by the Los Alamos County DWI Planning Council

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Skiesta 70th Anniversary:



The 2018 Skiesta event was held Saturday, March 17, 2018. Atomic City provided free shuttle service from Sullivan Field to the ski hill with the first bus departing at 10:00 am and the last bus returning 6:30 pm. Thirty (30) minute service was provided all day long. The program provided a safe ride home for 263 area residents.

A big congratulation to James Barela for successfully completing the New Mexico Department of Transportation Commercial Driver's License (CDL) Examiner certification. He will be available for any county employee needing to test for a CDL.

Charles Flowers attended the South West Transit Association conference on March 5th and 6th and obtained a National Transit Institute Maintenance certification.

The Transit Division has completed the Automatic Voice Annunciator project by Avail Technologies. When you're on the bus you may notice illuminated destination signs advising you of the next stop as well as an annunciator.

Atomic City Transit celebrated National Transit Operator Day on March 16, 2018.



FIRE

LAFD Operations

LAFD just updated all of its Los Alamos County and LANL maps. LAFD utilized Los Alamos County's GIS mapping system to do these updates. All maps are in color and show better detail of buildings, addresses, hydrant locations, trails, security fences, and roads. Maps were replaced at all stations and updated map books were placed in all LAFD Apparatus and Fleet.

LAFD Responded 190 calls in the Month of March. Of these calls 68% were EMS, 10% were service calls, 10% were False Alarms, remaining calls were made up of Fire, Hazardous Conditions, Good Intent, and Special Incidents.

LAFD Training Division

Incident Safety Officer and Fire Instructor-I trainings were conducted and completed during the month of March. Shift Training Team Interviews were conducted in March, Captain Jason Block is the newest member C-Shift's Shift Training Team.

In March five members of the Technical Rescue Team attended confined space training at the TEEX Training Facility in College Station, TX. While at this training LAFD personnel learned what is done by the industrial side prior to making any entry into a confined space. Such as creating a program, assuring that responders are not only qualified but are fully aware of all hazards in and around the confined space, PIP's, and always reassessing what is working or what improvements can be done to keep all operations as safe as possible for everyone. Multiple rescue scenarios were done during the week in many different props. The training at TEEX was good not only for the TRT team but also for the County and LANL, it allows the TRT team to bring valuable knowledge, and to help prepare for any incident that could take place.

LAFD Wildland Division

FEMA approved the draft of the Biological Assessment to move forward with the Los Alamos County Wildfire Mitigation and Public Education Project. The draft Biological Assessment has been released to the public for the 30- Day Public Scoping Period. After the 30-Day Public Scoping. After the Public Scoping we will wait for FEMA to Issue an "Findings of No Significant Impact (FONSI)". Once issued a FONSI LAFD

can move forward with the next phase of the Los Alamos County Wildfire Mitigation and Public Education Project.

The Fire Marshal Division and Wildland Division have worked together and have coordinated with NM State Forestry to have updated Los Alamos County Fire Restrictions posted to Firerestrictions.us, NMFireInfo.com as well as their social media accounts. As Los Alamos County Fire Restrictions are changed, notice will be sent to NM State Forestry to have this posted, in addition to the County website and social media accounts.

LAFD Wildland Division

On March 10th the LAFD Wildland Team Deployed a team of 3 in Brush I to assist with fire suppression efforts for the Stateline Fire. The Stateline Fire burned an estimated total of 28,105 acres, of which 17,662 acres were on state and private lands in New Mexico, 10,331 acres in Colorado and 112 acres in Oklahoma. The LAFD was deployed to the Stateline Fire for a total of 11 days. LAFD was part of a task-force that included Albuquerque, Rio Rancho, Bernalillo, and Tome Fire Departments.





LAFD Community Outreach/Public Education

March 31, 2018 LAFD held their Annual Wildfire Day event in conjunction with the Elk's Annual Easter Egg Hunt. This year's event included a bicycle safety obstacle course, and children's helmet give-away. The Los Alamos DWI Task Force was on sight with their drunk goggles and tipsy cart. LANL was on site with their Wildland Fire Simulation Table, LAPD was on site with their Bomb Truck. In addition the USFS and Careflight were in attendance at this year's event along with several other vendors who all helped in making this year's event successful.









The LAFD EMS Bicycle Team and members from the LAFD Wildland Team assisted with this year's annual pilgrimage to the Santuario Church in Chimayo, NM.



LAFD EMS Division

Personnel from LAFD and Santa Fe Fire Department trained on the Handtevy Pediatric Resuscitation System Software. Treating a critically ill or injured child is difficult and time sensitive for even the most advanced healthcare providers. Handtevy is a software solution that gives clinical team's rapid access to customized, lifesaving dosing and equipment information. Combined with Handtevy education and organizational tools, outcomes will improve.



COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC RELATIONS DIVISION

Work is ramping up as summer approaches, with updates to various graphic design items related to tourism, such as trail maps, brochures and rack cards for the vestibule and visitor centers. A significant amount of the PIO's time will be devoted in April and May to the upcoming launch of the MUNIS system, involving support to the Change Management Team, public outreach, support in house for the "go live" date and subsequent dates after launch for staff support, as well as time spent in training or in support of training efforts.

The Visual Information Specialist (VIS) is busy with upcoming events and activities such as planning for ScienceFest and the County Fair, in addition to a variety of work orders that support outreach and public education for several divisions. Work continues in support of the branding effort, and training was also accomplished by the VIS in the last month for branding, photography, and In Design basic training.

To mention just a few of the projects being supported by the PIO and VIS across the county include: Save as you throw, Restoration of Graduation Canyon, Zero Waste, Code Enforcement updates or changes, Earth Day, Discoveries Action Team, Budget and meetings about the budget, Regional Coalition, REDI Net, A-19 "Mirador" project, Tourism Plan and its new task force, and the new website for "where discoveries are made". The VIS also completed training in a three day workshop in Santa Fe for Adobe Premiere Pro Intensive training.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Economic Development Administration

Land Development:

Parcel A-9 • The federal Mortgage Financing Agency (MFA) has commissioned a market study for this 4.2 acre parcel on the north side of DP Road. This is an important step toward MFA-approval for an Affordable Housing project that will provide 70 income qualified apartment units close to the downtown area.

Parcel A-13/12 • The developer for The Hill Apartments project planned for the 12-acre site east of Los Alamos Medical Center hosted a community meeting at the Los Alamos Golf Course Community Building on March 21. Approximately 15 members of the public attended with inquiries about the site plan, trail system and floorplans for the 150 Class A, high-end apartments that will be the constructed, owned and operated by a Santa Fe developer, pending completion of the due diligence process in mid-2019.

Stronger Economies Together (SET):

The Mid-Central New Mexico SET Region's economic development plan was submitted to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) by the March 31, 2018 deadline. Prepared by the economic development representatives from Los Alamos, Sandoval and Bernalillo Counties, this strategic plan recommends target industry sectors and actions based on several community input sessions, and analysis and interpretation of the region's economic data. The region should hear feedback from USDA by the end of June.

**S.E.T., is a joint initiative between the Western Regional Rural Development Center at Utah State University, New Mexico State University (NMSU) Cooperative Extension and United States Department of Agriculture (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. The SET board is comprised of the economic development representatives from Los Alamos, Bernalillo and Sandoval counties, as well as representatives from the New Mexico Economic Development Department and the USDA.*

Economic Development Marketing

Film and Media Day at the Roundhouse:

February 12 was the official Film & Media Day at the Legislature. The Los Alamos Film office had the solo spot at the New Mexico Film Office's Film Liaison table, distributing *Film Los Alamos* brochures and demonstrating the pilot film app under "Scene It In the Movies," a hybrid format app that provides film trailers, clips, descriptions, photos, GPS coordinates and Google map links to guide film tourists to film locations in Los Alamos! The Film Liaison and interns also presented the film app and brochure to the Governor's Council on Film & Media.



Caption: Film interns Ryan Guenther and Victor Popa-Simil with *Scene It in the Movies*/Los Alamos film app developer Rod Sanchez at Film & Media Day at the Legislature, Feb 12, 2018.



Caption: Northern New Mexico University film crew interviews Rod Sanchez about the Los Alamos pilot version of his new film app *Scene It In the Movies* at the Feb 12 Film and Media Day at the Roundhouse.

Brag About Branding

The **Discoveries Action Team (DAT) meeting** was held Tuesday, April 10 at Fuller Lodge from 11AM-1PM, with lunch provided by branding enthusiasts and DAT supporters, Del Norte Credit Union. This meeting brought together the people who live and/or work in Los Alamos to figure out ways to put the brand essence—cultivate curiosity and create aha moments—into action to make Los Alamos a wonderful place to live, work, play and stay!

Whenever you realize you're having an "**aha moment**," share it!!! Send it to kelly.stewart@lacnm.us and I'll help you get it out there!

Remember, on any on-line or social media, please use any of the following hashtags that best apply to your message:

#LiveLosAlamos #WorkLosAlamos #PlayLosAlamos #StayLosAlamos
#LearnLosAlamos #SafeLosAlamos #GiveLosAlamos #lovelosalamos #100ahamoments

Then, always follow that action-oriented hashtag with: "#wherediscoveriesaremade and #NewMexicoTrue (This aligns your message with bigger efforts that will provide Los Alamos more positive exposure!)

Spread the Love! Go to Instagram and check out **@LoveLosAlamos**, the new account started by three members of the FY17-FY18 Leadership Los Alamos class! The concept is simple: post photos of the things you love about Los Alamos, then hashtag #lovelosalamos #wherediscoveriesaremade! Instagrammers—spread the love! And if you haven't got an Instagram account, this is a good reason to join!!

In The Works

Film • Robert Redford's Wildwood Films is scouting for a movie about the Manhattan Project, to shoot this summer.

Tourism • May 6-8 is the Governor's Conference on Hospitality and Tourism, sponsored by the New Mexico Hospitality Association. Los Alamos is moderating a panel on tourism development and participating in a Travel Tank 2.0 competition, pitching the Atomic City Spy Tour to national travel writers for a chance to win a place on the New Mexico True regional PR trip to Dallas.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Administration

Certified Local Government:

Work has started on developing a Public Information and Involvement Plan in coordination with a comprehensive public outreach program to inform and educate the residents on the merits of being named a Certified Local Government, as well as other Historic Preservation (HP) issues. The Historic Preservation Advisory Board members will be present at the Farmers' Market on May 3rd & 10th, and September 13th to explain the CLG, seek public input on the communities HP priorities. Staff will develop a short survey asking two or three questions.

Business License Training:

Continuing business license training in Energov. Developing written procedures for each of the following processes:

- Process an In-County Business License
- Process an Out-of-County Business License
- Process a Credit Card Payment
- Renew a Business License
- Close a Business License
- Cancel a Business License
- Open and Close the Cash Register
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Property Disposition Records:

Staff processed 10 requests for residential property records in cooperation with Records Information Management, CDD will begin a broader outreach campaign in June to let the general community know that these records are available for pickup by property owners.

Building Safety Division

Seven (7) commercial permits were issued in March, with a total valuation of \$109,570, compared with 5 commercial permits that were issued in March 2017 with a valuation of \$71,200.00.

Forty-five (45) residential permits issued in March, with a total valuation of \$651,634.45, compared with 64 residential permits issued in March 2017 with a valuation of \$1,686,611.38.



*Contractors Monthly Meeting
Tuesday, March 20th
Topic: Treated Lumber Requirements*

Various constructions projects continue throughout Los Alamos and White Rock.



*Bee Hive Homes
Final: Friday March 30th*

Code Compliance:

Some before and after pictures with code enforcement intervention:



Weeds continue to be a fire issues due to the lack of moisture

Housing and Special Projects Division



Housing Rehabilitation Project (LA)

Concrete Removal for Patio Replacement

Housing Rehabilitation Program (Home Renewal Program):

For the 2017 program, work has been completed on 3 homes and work has started on 5 other homes. Six of the 10 homeowners approved for loans are seniors. The application period for the 2018 program will open from April 17 to May 31, 2018.

Homebuyer Assistance Program:

The second home closing is anticipated to take place in late April, 2018. Three more household applications have been recommended for review by the Loan Review Committee in late March by Los Alamos Housing Partnership Inc. (LAHP), the administrator of the program. As of the end of March 2018, 31 interested households had met with LAHP to find out if they could be eligible. The program application period will remain open as funds are available.

Affordable Housing Multi-Family Development:

In June 2018, the County and Bethel Development, Inc., the developer for the proposed “Canyon Walk Apartments” for 70 affordable rental units at 120 DP Road, will hear from State Mortgage and Finance Authority (MFA) whether the project as received a Low Income Housing Tax Credit award. The project is conditional to receiving financing and County approval of the project. If these conditions are met the County will donate Tract A-9 to affordable housing developer Bethel.

Planning Division

Planning and Zoning Commission:

On March 28th, the Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z) said farewell to Chair Michael Redondo and Vice-Chair Larry Warner. Both Commissioners completed two full three-year terms.



The Board of Adjustment approved two waiver requests in the month of March. One was for encroachment into a front yard setback to construct a carport. The other was also for an encroachment into a front yard setback and a waiver to maximum height to construct a wall in the front yard.

Business License and Building Permit Review:

Planning Division staff reviewed and acted on 13 Business License applications and 48 Building Permits in the month of March.

Other:

Tamara Baer gave a presentation to the Los Alamos Chamber of Commerce on the forthcoming new Sign Code. The business community looks forward to a shorter, simpler, and easier to understand and administer code.



CALENDAR OF UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

April 16 – Council Special Session – Budget Hearings, 6:00 p.m., Council Chambers

April 17 – Council Special Session – Budget Hearings Continued, 6:00 p.m., Council Chambers

April 21 – Earth Day Celebration, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Nature Center

April 23 – Council Special Session – Budget Hearings Continued, 6:00 p.m., Council Chambers

April 24 – Council Special Session – Budget Hearings Continued, 6:00 p.m., Council Chambers

April 28 – Clean Up Los Alamos Day, Various Locations with volunteers cleaning areas around Los Alamos and White Rock

KUDOS & FYI

Sent: Saturday, March 24, 2018 2:15 PM

Dear Mr. Burgess

I am pleased to put down on paper the praise I have for the L.A. Library System and Staff. I am a MESA User but I know the entire county system is at work for me every time I enter the library or log on to the system. Last year at Christmas I wrote that the finest gift I received was the superb support and enjoyment I received from the Library throughout the entire year. The staff is so helpful and accommodating and I have never been less than “dazzled” by the help and response I have gotten with every request, and for that matter the courtesy, kindness and friendliness on each visit. I often feel like I am taking too much of a staff member's time but that feeling is quickly erased by the response I get and the customer oriented way the response is delivered. I will rave about an author I have enjoyed and the staff will find 2 other authors who are similar and keep me going. I know many of the staff members on a first name basis and to list all of them for recognition is something I would love to do but where would I stop. Whether I know the name or not the service is always SUPERB and beyond expectation. Many of my friends, when a book topic or the L.A. library or the county services come into the discussion, all have the same perception and offer it freely. We in Los Alamos County are so fortunate to have a Library of such excellence.

I could list the many services I have used but I think the word “ALL” fits so well. With my grandchildren and the youth area, or my love of local history and local writers, mysteries, westerns, even the interlibrary loan support and the requests for purchases, large print support, the art and craft presentations just scratch the surface. I am in the library at least 5 days a week since 2006 when I retired and it is not just part of my day, it is part of my LIFE!

So I offer **congratulations and thanks** to those who manage and run the library and especially to every member of the library staff who make this LA County “GEM” such a great resource for our county residents.

Sincerely,

Cam Campbell

Totally Satisfied Customer (can you tell?)



ATOMIC CITY TRANSIT

Passenger Name: Theresa A. Threadgill Date: 2/9/18
Address: 600 San Edelphon Rd #127 Phone: 505-500-8499
Los Alamos, NM
(In order for this to be a valid complaint, name and address must be completed)

COMPLAINT ☐

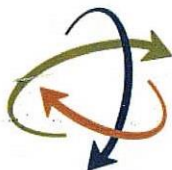
COMMENDATION ☒

SUGGESTION ☐

John who drove Bus #6 on 2/9/2018, 3:30pm
has always been courteous and has helped
in assisting me with tying down my
walker. Appreciate this very much.

Include specific information (e.g., route, driver's name, time of day). Thank you for helping us to improve our transportation services.

AtomicCityTransit.com (505) 661-Ride



ATOMIC CITY TRANSIT

Passenger Name: Theresa A. Threadgill Date: 2/19/2018
Address: 600 San Edelphon Rd #127 Phone: 505-500-8499
Los Alamos, NM 87544
(In order for this to be a valid complaint, name and address must be completed)

COMPLAINT ☐

COMMENDATION ☒

SUGGESTION ☐

Mic is one of the most courteous persons
I have ever known. He is the only bus
driver who took the time to tie my walker
down to where it was very tight. much appreciated.

Include specific information (e.g., route, driver's name, time of day). Thank you for helping us to improve our transportation services.

AtomicCityTransit.com (505) 661-Ride



ATOMIC CITY TRANSIT

Passenger Name: Jessica Provost Date: 2/15/18

Address: 703 Beardon Rd. Lake Orion 48362 Phone: 248-633-6538
(In order for this to be a valid complaint, name and address must be completed)

COMPLAINT ☐ COMMENDATION ☒ SUGGESTION ☐

Mr. Ramos was an excellent tour guide
and provided great info!

Include specific information (e.g., route, driver's name, time of day). Thank you for helping us to improve our transportation services.

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ATOMIC CITY TRANSIT

Passenger Name: Theresa A. Threadgill Date: 2/9/18

Address: 600 San Geronimo Rd #27 Phone: 505 500-8499
(In order for this to be a valid complaint, name and address must be completed)

COMPLAINT ☐ COMMENDATION ☒ SUGGESTION ☐

Cliff has been an admirable bus driver
every since I first started riding his
bus. I have never known his attitude
ever change. All bus drivers should learn
to leave their homes with good attitudes.

Include specific information (e.g., route, driver's name, time of day). Thank you for helping us to improve our transportation services.

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LAFD Kudo's

On Sunday March 25th a five-man team from LAFD participated in the Bataan Memorial Death March. Approximately 8,500 people participated in this year's Bataan Memorial Death March. The Bataan Memorial Death March course is located on the White Sands Missile Range in Southern New Mexico, and consists of 26.2 miles carrying a 35lb pack. The five-man team from LAFD included Captain Gerard Coriz, Captain Tim Johnson, Firefighter Rick Acedo, Firefighter Brian Palmer and Firefighter Michael Garcia. The team completed the Bataan Memorial Death March in memory of LAFD Captain and US Marine John Snyder. Great job guys! Photo's courtesy of Captain Gerard Coriz.



LAFD Senior Office Specialist's Marisha Griego and Marisol Padilla were recognized by the NM Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators on March 1, 2018 for their assistance with their Annual Training Conference which was held at the White Rock Fire Station February 26th through March 2nd, 2018.

LOS ALAMOS
Community Development

How Do You Like Us Now?

Over the past year, Community Development Department staff has worked hard to improve program delivery and customer service. Please let us know how we are doing. But, don't stop there, let us know what we can do better.

I came to Community Development for:

- ☐ Planning/Zoning ☐ Codes Compliance ☐ Building Safety ☐ Business License ☐ Housing
☒ Permits

How do you rate your experience today? On a scale of 1 to 4 with: 4-Excellent 3-Good 2-Fair 1-Poor

Customer service by CDD staff today is a: 10

The knowledge of the CDD staff is a: 10

My issue was resolved in a respectful and courteous manner: 10

If you would like to add comments or suggestions for improvement, please take a moment to do so:

Miso O'Brien is always so very nice and helpful. She always has a smile and is very pleasant to work with. Great customer service. Extremely knowledgeable and always friendly. Top notch gang lady.

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How do you rate your experience today? On a scale of 1 to 4 with: 4-Excellent 3-Good 2-Fair 1-Poor

Customer service by CDD staff today is a: 4

The knowledge of the CDD staff is a: 4

My issue was resolved in a respectful and courteous manner: 4

If you would like to add comments or suggestions for improvement, please take a moment to do so:

*Laura Mares was extremely helpful, informed us with what we needed and helped to proceed. Thank you so much!!
Harry Valdez was also extremely helpful.*

From: Valdez, Joaquin

Sent: Monday, April 02, 2018 10:58 AM

To: (Los Alamos County) Fresquez, Lucas <lucas.fresquez@lacnm.us>; Martinez, Marty <mj.martinez@lacnm.us>; (Los Alamos County) Martinez, Betty <betty.martinez@lacnm.us>; (Los Alamos County) Valencia, Curtis <curtis.valencia@lacnm.us>; Gurule, Neddie <neddie.gurule@lacnm.us>

Cc: 'Ken Milder' <ken@milder.us>; Milder, Kenneth <kenneth.milder@lacnm.us>

Subject: FW: 113 Bandelier Ave Estimated Tax Form

Good Morning,

Kudos to Betty Martinez and especially Nerio for Exceptional Customer Service! It's great to know our customers recognized and appreciate our follow up and great service. Keep it up!

Thank you for your hard work.

Joaquin Valdez

Chief Deputy Assessor | Assessor's Office

Los Alamos County

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