

Aquatics

4th Grade Swim Lessons (231 participants totaling 924 Visits for 4 Elementary schools):

From April 30th through May 24th, the Aquatic Center hosted swim lessons for Barranca Mesa, Chamisa, Mountain and Pinon Elementary 4th grade students. The kids enjoyed swimming with their friends, learning to dive off blocks, and fun time with the floats during each visit.



Staff In-Service – Saturday, May 12th, 20 participants:

This year's staff in-service included lifeguard recertification for all guards, a lifeguard agility test (500-yard swim, 25-yard sprint, water treading with a brick, and a dummy rescue from the bottom of the pool – 13 feet), bloodborne pathogens training and emergency oxygen administration training. It was a long, hard day, but everyone passed with flying colors.



Aspen Elementary 4th Grade Field Trip – Tuesday, May 29th, 76 participants:

Aspen Elementary celebrated their last few days of school with a field day that included a stop at the Aquatic Center. The fourth graders enjoyed playing on the floating island and showing off their skills on the diving boards during their visit.



National Senior Health & Fitness Day - Wednesday, May 12th, 12 participants:

On May 30th Seniors were treated to their choice of a free water aerobics class.



Splash-N-Dash - Wednesday, May 30th, 50 participants:

The first race had participants of all ages with the youngest at 4 and the oldest in their early 70s.



Recreation

May the Fourth Be with You, Star Wars Day – Friday, May 4th, 155 participants:

Star Wars Day was a big hit again this year. Four movie characters traveled around town taking photos, making crafts and interacting with people. There was a great turn out for the costume contest with a variety of costumes and different aged participants.



Bike to Work Week Community Party – Wednesday, May 16th, 65 participants:

The first annual Community Party was enjoyed by attendees who biked and walked to Ashley Pond to enjoy a free hot dog, learn how to rack a bike on the ACT busses, stickers and the bike rodeo. We appreciate the support provided by Atomic City Transit, Environmental Services, the Engineering and Project Management Division, Los Alamos Fire Department and Los Alamos Police Department



2nd Annual Bike to Work Day – Friday, May 18th, 75 participants:

Warm, snow-free weather made for a great event on the NW corner of Sullivan Field parking lot. Commuter cyclists were welcomed with fruit, water, coffee, stickers, bike pins and other prizes. The new County “Ride Share” bikes, assembled from recycled parts repurposed from the Eco Station, made their debut. We appreciate the support provided by Starbucks, Coca-Cola, Environmental Services, the Engineering and Project Management Division, Los Alamos Fire and Los Alamos Police Departments.



13th Annual Jemez Mountain Trail Runs – Saturday, May 19th, 615 participants, 150 volunteers:

“When I pop out, I am awarded with the best view of God’s County you will see anywhere,” are the words of one 50-miler as he ascended the ski hill to a clear view of the Caldera.



Rodeo Queen’s Court Competition – Sunday, May 20th, 3 participants:

Congratulations to the 2018 Fair & Rodeo Queens Royalty Court! These young ladies demonstrated great horsemanship and speaking skills while honoring their rodeo heritage. The 2018 Rodeo court consists of Queen Rebecca Newell, Princess Kelsey Decker, and Sweetheart Carley Hollander!



Summer Concert Series Kick-Off – Friday, May 25th, over 350 participants:

Reggae filled the air around Ashley Pond as Dre Z Melodi kicked off the 2018 summer concert series. Over 13 vendors were situated in the parking lot, kids and adults were playing with the giant Connect 4 game boards by the CSD tent, and everyone milled around the pond dancing, talking and enjoying the music.



Ice Rink

Los Alamos Derby Dames & Cherry Bombs Triple Header – Saturday, May 5th; 163 participants:

Junior Las Vegas Extraterrestrials, the Santos out of Crossroad City Derby in Las Cruces and a mash-up juniors match between Los Alamos, Las Vegas and the Duke City Marionettes of Albuquerque.



Golf

Cinco de Mayo Golf Tournament – May 5th, 38 participants:



LAHS Boys Golf Team wins State Championship - May 12th, 2018:



Los Alamos Golf Course Passes out Roses for Mother's Day – May 13th, 2018:



National Mini Golf Day - May 13th, 2018. Many enjoyed the Mini Golf set up:



Barranca Mesa 2nd Grade Class Visits Golf Course:



Young Life Charity – May 18th, 2018, 35 players helped to raise scholarship funds:



New Mexico Seniors (ABQ) came to enjoy Los Alamos – May 21st, 38 players:



New Mexico Special Olympics played to help raise funds – May 25th, 101 players:



Two-day Memorial Day Tournament – May 26th & 27th, 42 players:



Parks

Parks crews refinished the Arbors in the Rose Garden at Fuller Lodge. 100% complete:



Painting continues at Overlook Concession Stand. 90% complete:



North Mesa Soccer Field parking lot and turf renovations continue. 80% complete:



Guaje Pines Cemetery, 65% complete:

Parks received the new Columbarium from the manufacturer and placed on the footing. Parks crews have installed cement blocks to build up the exterior and are currently installing sandstone cap and dry-stack stone veneer on the exterior. Granite face should be received shortly and landscape will follow.



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Parks Division supported the Recreation Division with BBQ for the Bike to Work Day at Ashley Pond.



Open Space

Wayfinding Phase II –35% complete:

An additional 15 Wayfinding Signs have been installed throughout Walnut Canyon Rim, East Fork, and Upper Pueblo Trails.



Los Alamos County Stage III Fire Restrictions

Los Alamos County Fire Department issued Stage III Fire Restrictions at 8:00 am on Friday, June 1st, which will prohibit access to **unpaved trail** systems within the County. Fire Danger within the County remains very high to the extreme due to drought conditions. Stage III Restrictions will remain in effect until significant moisture and conditions have improved. The decision to move forward with Stage III Fire Restrictions has been coordinated with local agencies including LANL, SF National Forest, Bandelier National Park and the Northern Pueblos Association.

The closure order prohibits access to all **unpaved trails** within Los Alamos County. Camp May and all **unpaved trails** and trailheads will be closed to the public. The only exception to this will be the Canyon Rim Trail and La Mesa Trail in Los Alamos, and paved access to Overlook Point in White Rock. The indices that LAFD uses to predict fire danger are at historic levels well before any significant moisture from the seasonal monsoons. Under current conditions, any fire could cause a catastrophic event. With such a dangerously high fire risk, the County wishes to take every precaution to protect our natural and cultural resources and asks the public to cooperate with the new restrictions.

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Los Alamos County Fire Restrictions

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Los Alamos County Stage III Fire Restrictions.

The following acts are prohibited until further notice:

- Building or maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire, charcoal, or stove fire on public or private land. Propane grills can be used.
- Smoking. Smoking is allowed in vehicles, homes, and on paved/cleared surfaces only.
- Using fireworks, explosives or other incendiary devices in unapproved areas. Fireworks can only be used on paved/barren areas with adequate extinguishment capabilities.
- Operating a chainsaw in a forested area, or other equipment powered by an internal combustion engine, is prohibited.
- Operating or using any internal or external combustion engine in forested areas without a spark arresting device properly installed, maintained, and in effective working order.
- Welding or operating acetylene or other torch with open flame in forested areas. Permit for specific uses can be obtained.
- Discharging firearms except where permitted by the Los Alamos Fire Marshal.
- Use of unpaved trails within Los Alamos County.