

Parks, Recreation, Open Space Division
August 2018

Aquatics

Splash-N-Dash #4 – Wednesday, July 11th, 72 participants, 384 Visits:

Adults and youth enjoyed these mini contests to prepare triathletes for the annual Los Alamos Triathlons.



Rocket Fueled Family Fun Night – Friday, July 13th, 40 Participants:

This year's event included diving for treasure (coins), the bounce house, and a cannonball contest with great prize bags for the winners.



Special Olympics – Sunday, July 16th, 50 Participants & 75 Spectators:

The Walkup Aquatic Center played host to swimmers from across northern New Mexico who came together to compete at this meet which was the culmination of a year's worth of hard work and training. Each event was timed, competitive, and every race ended in big smiles from both the competitors and spectators.



Scuba Diving Certification – July 20th & 21st, 5 participants:

A PADI Open Water certification class was held at the Aquatic Center. This is an introductory course to scuba diving, and participants first get to try out their skills in the pool before heading out to open waters.



Recreation

4th of July Activities at Overlook Park – Wednesday, July 4th, 500+ participants:

Water balloons, a 7' Unicorn sprinkler and other sprinklers, giant games, hot dogs, popcorn and cold refreshments rounded out alternative 4th of July activities at Overlook Park.



Mud Volleyball Tournament – Saturday July 7th, 120 participants & 60 Spectators:

It was a beautiful day for 12 teams to compete for the title of Mud Volleyball Champion. “Team Spuds” went all the way to take this very tough tournament from some equally competitive teams.



Parks

Wind Sculptures at Mesa Public Library – 100% Complete

Parks Crews completed the installation of the Wind Sculptures created by Mark White Fine Art in Santa Fe, at Mesa Public Library near the Skate Park. These were acquired through the County's Art in Public Places Program.



Guaje Pines Columbarium & Landscaping – 100% Complete

Construction of the columbarium, a structure where urns will be stored, is complete. Soon niches, the compartments that hold the urns, will be available for purchase.



Open Space

Secondary Trailhead Kiosks Installation:

Two secondary trail kiosks were installed at Los Alamos Mesa and Kwage Mesa trailheads. Next steps are to install updated trailhead maps.



Los Alamos County Fire Restrictions – July 19th, Back to Stage 1 Baseline Restrictions :

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Los Alamos County Fire Restrictions

Los Alamos, New Mexico—

Baseline Restrictions:

- Fireworks and incendiary devices are never allowed on federal public lands.
- Outdoor burning on public land in Los Alamos County is only allowed in approved fire rings at Camp May Campground.
- National Parks, Monuments, Preserves and Wildlife Refuges host year-round fire restrictions. Contact Bandelier National Park and Valles Caldera if you plan to visit for specific restrictions.

Follow the USFS and NM State Forestry Restrictions when outside of the municipality of Los Alamos. Visit www.nmforestry.com or <https://firerestrictions.us/> for more information.