

Parks, Recreation, Open Space Division

September 2018

Aquatics

National Food Bank Day – 135 Pounds of Food Collected:

The first week of September the Aquatic Center championed National Food Bank Day, “Give What You Can”. The food drive was at several locations around the county including the Aquatic Center, Municipal Building, White Rock Library, and the Golf Course. Based on the collection at each of these sites, the LA Cares program received 135 pounds of food. Still interested in supporting the cause, look for the “Give What You Can” drum at the Aquatic Center for your donations.



Talk Like A Pirate Day – September 19th, 12 participants

The Aquatic Center hosted “Talk Like A Pirate Day,” which featured pirate floats in the water along with the floating island, the animated film “Pirates” in the classroom, and free popcorn.



National Women's Health & Fitness Day – September 26th, 65 participants

Women's Health & Fitness day at the Aquatic Center. Women around the community were invited to join the 3 different water aerobics classes offered throughout the day as well as to just come in and swim laps.



Golf

Girls Golf Program – September 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th, 40 participants and 4 volunteers

Open to all girls aged 7 – 17, the Girls Golf Program is held each Saturday from 11:00 AM – Noon at the Los Alamos Golf Course. The last day of this program will be Saturday, October 6th.



Ice Rink and Recreation

National Checkers Day – September 22nd, 10 participants

The Recreation Division collaborated with the White Rock Youth Activity Center to host the giant checkers and Connect 4 games at Pinon Park.

Ice Rink Opening Preparations – Tentative Opening date is November 16th

Ice Rink and Facilities staff have been working together to prepare the Rink for another winter season. Lights around the Rink are being replaced, dasher boards are having missing screws and shims replaced, the locker rooms and other areas of the facility have been painted, and the spray on lining in the buildings and outside has been touched up.

Parks

Randy Lucero, Assistant Superintendent is Retiring

After 26 years with Los Alamos County, Randy's last day will be Friday, October 5th.



White Rock Senior Center Herb Garden

Last year, one of the Summit Garden Club meeting programs was presented by the chef for our local senior center. The topic was on herbs. Discussions with Chef Michael after the program revealed that he desperately missed having his own herb garden at the senior center like he had at his last position. Summit GC wanted to help Chef Michael get his herb garden. Los Alamos County was contacted because they own the property the senior center sits on; they were thrilled to support the project. Summit Garden Club has designed the herb garden and Los Alamos County built and installed the raised beds. The plans call for 7 separate raised beds with a total volume of 228 square feet. To date, 4 of the 7 beds have been installed (see pictures)

The White Rock Senior Center serves the entire population (20,000) of Los Alamos County, but mainly provides meals for the senior community of White Rock. Chef Michael estimates he prepares 45 meals a day and around 1,000 meals per month for our seniors. This garden will provide Chef Michael fresh herbs with which to enhance the flavor and healthfulness of the meals he provides. The garden is located at the north side of the main building of the White Rock Senior Center.





Ashley Pond Concert Sound System Pad – 20% complete

Parks Division and Contractors are constructing a 12' x 12' concrete pad with railings. Parks will install a 4" conduit that will have a permanent audio cable connected to the stage for the sound system for events at the stage. When not in use for the sound crew the pad will double for handicap seating for events. The Parks Division will also place a picnic table for the public to enjoy daily.



37th Street Playground Improvements – 25% complete

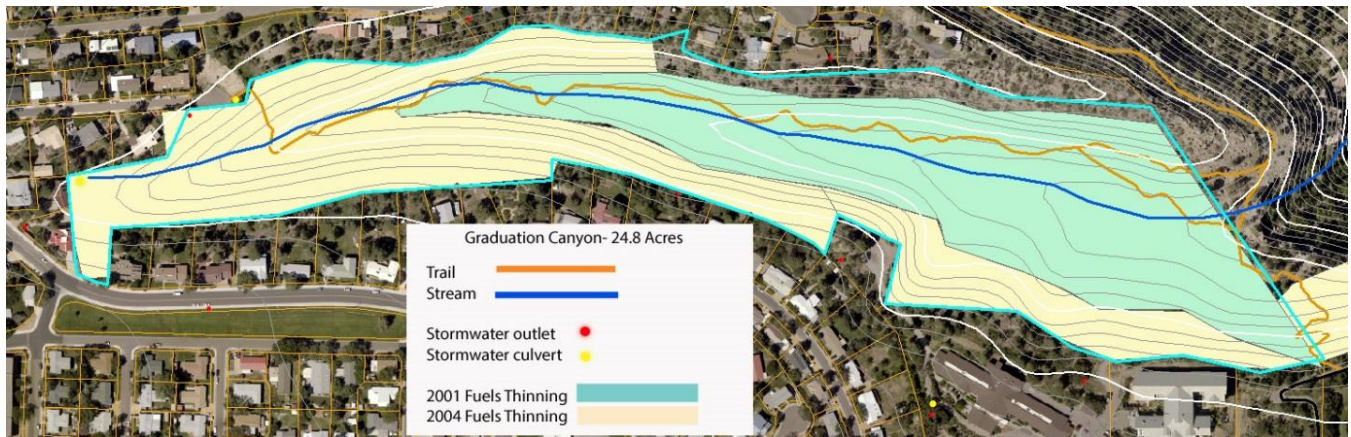
The parks division has started working on improvements on 37th street playground to replace some outdated play equipment and improve the borders, drainage and fall zones in the playground. Working with the neighborhood we have come up with ideas to improve the playground and make it safer and put off major improvement for another 10+ years.



Open Space

On Call Environmental Consulting Services – Graduation Canyon Restoration Project

The RFP closed on Tuesday, August 28, 2018. The evaluation team has reviewed Step 1 of the proposal and is currently evaluating proposals for Step 2. Anticipated start date if for late October.



Flow Trail Project

Task Order 3 of the flow trail is being executed and a presentation will be given on October 16, 2018, at the County Council work session. For up-to-date information on the project you can follow along at:

https://www.losalamosnm.us/government/departments/community_services/parks_recreation_and_open_spaces/openspaceandtrails (hold [ctrl] key down while selecting link).

Wayfinding Phase III

Wayfinding Signs are currently being installed along the Perimeter, Easy Fork and Walnut Canyon Trails.

