

# County Manager's Monthly Update

LOS ALAMOS COUNTY

FEBRUARY - 2019

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](http://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](mailto:lacmanager@lacnm.us).

## COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC RELATIONS DIVISION

This month, C&PR staff have been busy getting much-needed photos of the recent snowfall at various attractions and amenities. Since it has been many years where we have experienced much snow, especially for the Valles Caldera National Preserve, Bandelier National Monument, and Pajarito Mountain, we are trying to capture people and places, along with specific sports activities like cross country skiing, downhill skiing, and snowshoeing. The photos are being edited and will then be added into the Smug Mug (free, online and downloadable by the public) photo gallery. The division also helped promote the hashtag #lovelosalamos with a variety of posters that were launched during the Creative Crawl, sponsored by the Creative District, and partnered with local facilities to distribute the posters for public "selfies". Many photos have already been featured with the hashtag on Facebook and Instagram. The Visual Information Specialists have also been working on a variety of ads, flyers, tricolors, a t-shirt design, maps and other collateral for various requests from the departments.

Work will begin on Spring into Adventure this month (a CSD booklet promoting spring programming). Work is also underway on design of an interactive booklet (hosted on line with hyperlinks) for the LANL Summer Students who will begin arriving by June. The initiative came out of the Discoveries Action Team and we are partnering with the Main Street director – she provides content and links and we provide graphic design. Work also got underway to partner with the Schools on promoting their Healthy Community initiative, with logo design in progress. The goal is to co-brand some items that the County produces with the School logo, such as outdoor programming, to encourage school-aged children to become more active, especially during the summer when school is not in session. The PIO is working with counter parts for the projects that will soon convene and converge upon the DP Road entrance at NM502 and Central/Canyon/Trinity "Y" by the former Hilltop House hotel. A second planning meeting will be held Feb. 25 with those involved in all the various projects and a public meeting has been set up by NMDOT in early March (date to be announced by NM DOT at their discretion and with their ad funds, although the County will share it out through all of its channels.) The PIO is also working on budgets for C&PR for FY20, and the division will support production of the citizen guide to the budget booklet that gets printed through the Finance office by the end of March.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE DEPARTMENT

### Aquatics

#### **Lifeguard Certification Class – January 2 – 5, 6 participants:**

The Walkup Aquatic Center held another Lifeguard Certification class. Students must complete this course to become lifeguards for either the County or the other pools around Los Alamos and White Rock. It was a successful week and all the students passed.



#### **National Popcorn Day – January 18, 250 participants:**

The Aquatic Center celebrated National Popcorn Day by giving out free bags of popcorn to everyone that came in to swim. Both parents and kids were grateful for the buttery snack.



#### **Lifeguards Receive Their Community Asset Award January 26<sup>th</sup>**

The Walkup Aquatic Center's Lifeguards received their Community Asset Award in recognition for their hard work and dedication in making the Aquatic Center an asset to the community.



### **Aquatomics Swim Meet – January 26<sup>th</sup>, 200 participants:**

The Aquatomics team hosted a “B” League meet. This is a competition specifically for novice swimmers. Teams from Taos, Santa Fe, Albuquerque, and Los Lunas all came up to Los Alamos to compete.



### **Ice Rink**

### **White Rock Baptist Church Broomball Night – January 5<sup>th</sup>, 75 participants:**

The WRBC Youth Group hosted their annual broomball night at the Ice Rink.





**1<sup>st</sup> Annual Outdoor Nuclear Shootout – January 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>, 600 participants:**

The University of New Mexico hosted the tournament and in attendance were the University of Nebraska, Dallas Baptist University, and Northern Arizona University.



**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Atomic City Adult Hockey Tournament – January 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>, 400 participants:**

Players and fans from El Paso, Albuquerque, Santa Fe, Los Alamos and Colorado gathered to play hockey and enjoy fresh food from the Los Alamos Cooperative Market and refreshments from Bathtub Row Brewing.



## **Topper Friday Night Hockey – January 25<sup>th</sup>, 180 participants:**

Hilltoppers hosted the Cibola Cougars and won big on their home ice. (Photo courtesy John McHale)



## **Golf and Open Space**

### **Cross Country Ski Track:**

A 2.8 mile cross country ski track was groomed for enthusiasts on the front nine. The course has been utilized by both individual skiers and the youth Nordic ski team. The course has been extremely popular and we are looking to expand it next year.





## Parks

The Parks crew helped clear snow during and after the snow storms.



## Library

**Songs of Peace with Sagit Zilberman – 30 participants**



**International Hometown Map Project, 60 participants:**

We've been asking people to show us on the map where their families originate and have received great response.



### **International Storytelling with One Los Alamos – January 26<sup>th</sup>, 25 participants:**

The Library partnered with the group One Los Alamos to host a story telling hour in which people read or told stories that reflected their diverse cultures. The story telling was followed by a musical program with Israeli-born musician Sagit Zilberman, who told origin stories from many different countries, accompanied by music from those cultures, played on instruments from those cultures.



### **Art Show Reception for Jonah Boudreau – Jan. 26, 212 participants**

Emerging artist Jonah Boudreau opened his exhibit in the Upstairs Art Gallery.



### **Social Services**

### **Family Strengths Network / Family Resource Center – January, 310 participants:**



The Family Resource Center is a loved location for families with young children, especially during the winter. Families visited the resource center throughout January to learn and socialize with one another, and to utilize the Beth Ladino Family Resource and Toy Lending Library.



**Live Theater at LA Senior Centers – “The Night Before” by Robert F. Benjamin, January 16 & 24, 94 Participants:**

The 2019 season of “Live, Lunch-Time Theater at LA Senior Centers” opened with this romantic comedy, performed by Jody Shepard and Tomas Farish. It was performed at both the Betty Ehart Senior Center and White Rock Senior Center.





### **Canvas & Chamomile Event – “Paint the Sunflower” – January 28, 13 participants:**

Participants enjoyed a cup of tea while painting during this step-by-step guided event for both beginners and experienced painters.



### **Cultural Services**

#### **Backcountry Film Festival -January 24, 270 participants:**

The Backcountry Film Festival, hosted by PEEC, was a huge success. All three theaters were full and a great time was had by all.





### **Los Luceros Birding Outing, January 5, 10 participants:**

Our Los Luceros Birding Outing was enjoyed by many participants.



### **Climate Change 101 – January 29, 35 participants:**

Many attendees listened to Chick Keller talk about climate changes in our world.

## **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

### **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.

#### **Recruiting Transportation Board Members**



# GET ON BOARD!

## Recruiting NOW

**LOS ALAMOS COUNTY  
TRANSPORTATION BOARD  
IS ACTIVELY RECRUITING  
NEW MEMBERS**

The Board meets the first Thursday of the month at  
5:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

For more information and an application, see the  
Boards and Commission page of the Los Alamos County website

### **January 3, 2019 Transportation Board Meeting Highlights**

- Desirae Lujan, Senior Engineer gave a presentation on the updates for Public Work Designs & Construction Standards.
- Michael Gomez, Principal Engineer from Santa Fe Engineering Consultants, LLC gave a presentation on 35th Street and Trinity Drive Intersection Improvements.

### **Airport Division**

#### **Snow, Snow and More Snow**

Like the rest of Los Alamos County, the Airport received over 3 feet of snow in a single storm. The Airport used its purpose-built plow, purchased through an FAA and NMDOT grant, to clear the runways, taxiways and ramps. And clearing this amount of snow creates large snowbanks and windrows that must be moved away from the pavement edges, to avoid aircraft wingtip and propeller strikes, and away from runway and taxiway lights and signs. However, the Airport did not have the specialized equipment needed to move such large snowbanks and windrows and turned to the NMDOT for assistance. They responded by deploying large snowblowers that moved the snowbanks and windrows away from the pavement edges and around signs and lights.



### **Custodial Division**

- The Custodial Division supported 195 events during the month of January.
- Carpets were shampooed in the Utilities Suite at the Municipal Building.
- The Custodial Division assisted with snow removal on 10 different days in December and January and contributed 508 working hours to the snow removal effort.

Amie Valdez and Charlie Lopez get ready for snow removal at Fuller Lodge after the snow storm on New Year's Eve.





## **Engineering & Project Management Division**

### **Fire Station 3:**

The project which includes reroofing, as well as a new exterior wall system, window replacement and HVAC system modifications is well underway. The west wing bunkrooms have been completed. Work will commence on the east wing while roofing activities have approached 90% toward completion. Substantial completion is expected on February 1<sup>st</sup>. Completion will be accomplished by March 29, 2019.



### **Airport Hangar Project:**

Crews completed the hangar building Plumbing/Mechanical inspections have been obtained, electrical inspection was passed, Fire Marshall inspection was scheduled for the end of January. A final inspection was completed, and a Certification of Occupancy was received.



### **White Rock Senior Meals Center Kitchen Equipment Upgrade:**

This project utilizes a grant from the State Aging and Long-Term Services Department (ALTSD) to install additional kitchen equipment to improve the in house and delivered meals capacity. The Invitation for Bids was advertised on September 16th and closed on October 4<sup>th</sup>, and a contractor was selected. The contract is in the award process and is expected to be executed by the end of December. The grant will allow for the acquisition and installation of new commercial kitchen equipment such as; a grill, large cook and hold oven, large serving steam table, large chef work table, heavy duty garbage disposals, and a washer and dryer. Electrical, plumbing and gas lines are also being re-worked to connect to the new equipment. The

kitchen is expected to be shut down for one week in February to accomplish this work. During this time, the seniors will be served through the Los Alamos Senior Center kitchen.

### **Mesa Library HVAC Improvements:**

The project was awarded May 22nd to replace the entire HVAC system, change the fluorescent lighting to LED, clean the duct work and tint the large skylight. The project was awarded to Mick Rich Contractors, and a Notice to Proceed date was July 2. The main public area of the library was closed from August 20<sup>th</sup> and reopened on schedule December 4<sup>th</sup>. The project is scheduled to be substantially complete on January 25<sup>th</sup>, however a change order due to the lighting technology will be forthcoming to adjust this date. Completion is scheduled for March 29, 2019; however, chiller related work will progress through May for seasonal temperatures to test the equipment.

The elevator upgrades were expected to be completed by the re-opening date, instead the elevator was put back into service on January 11<sup>th</sup>. Two replacement valves are still planned to be installed in late January to correct an issue that does not affect regular operations of the elevator. Additional work on the elevator remains that will cause a two-day shutdown, this work is not yet scheduled.

Most of the major work is now complete, the following work will continue through March:

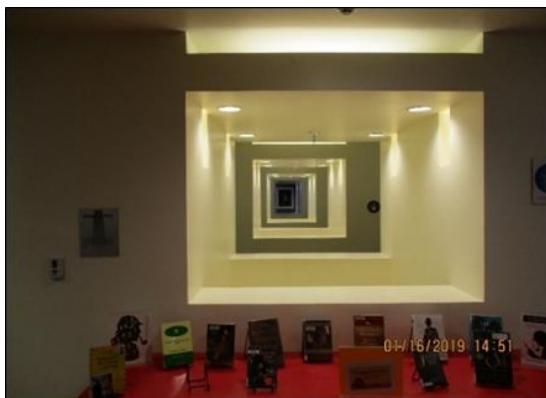
- Continued testing and balancing of the heating/HVAC system
- Connecting the chillers, which will be done in warmer weather at the end of the project.
- Installation of LED lighting and controls.
- Punchlist and final clean-up.



*New LED lighting comparison.*



*New (Left), Old (right).*



*Newly installed Wedge Lights.*



*Chiller Units and new piping*



### **LAPD Remodel for Sheriff's Office:**

A new office space for the County Sheriff's office has been under construction at the Justice Center to allow for better public access from the Trinity side of building. The new entrance will be on the Trinity side of the station and will consist of an office for the Sheriff and one office space for an Administrative position. Work is complete. The office is now signed from south side of building in use.



*New high ceiling in Police Department Weight Room*



*Police Department side of remodel.*

### **Canyon Rim Trail Phase 3**

The County has been working with the consultant to prepare to obtain easements with the private owners, by first obtaining property appraisals, within the project limits between Knecht Street and the 20th Street Extension. A presentation was made to the membership at the American Legion, one of the properties where an acquisition is needed. They will respond pending the appraised value. The appraisals were received on January 23, 2019 and a meeting with the County Attorney is scheduled to discuss next steps to acquire the easements.

### **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.

A design meeting was held on October 22<sup>nd</sup> for utility and ROW coordination. It is anticipated that various utility relocations are forthcoming and being that this project crosses through NMDOT Right-of-Way maintenance agreements will be required and have been requested by the County. Utility coordination with private utilities and Los Alamos County utility owners is ongoing as they work to complete relocation plans. A 90% plan submittal is expected in February 2019.

### **Tsikumu Village:**

Tsikumu Village is programmed in Fiscal year 2019 for roadway maintenance. This project will include pavement preservation, along with intermittent concrete work as needed on Sioux Street, Cheyenne, Iroquois, Seminole, Yuma, and Ute Street for approximately 1.9 miles. A public meeting was held on December 6, 2018, three options were presented with varying levels of improvements from a full reconstruction to a mill and overlay. Resident concerns discussed at the meeting will be evaluated in the final design. Based on resident comments and budget the preferred option of a mill and overlay was chosen, which will allow for every street within Tsikumu Village to receive a pavement preservation measure. A follow-up meeting was held with Public Works, Parks and Open Space, and a member of the Tsikumu Village homeowner's association concerning pedestrian access. The County agreed to consider

a bid alternative during bidding. Final design plans are in progress in anticipation of a February 2019 advertisement date with construction scheduled to begin in the Spring.

#### **Tracts A-13/A-12 LASO Offsite Improvements Project:**

Santa Fe Engineering met with County staff on December 14<sup>th</sup> to discuss the results of the traffic impact analysis and to evaluate design alternatives for the intersection improvements at NM 502 (Trinity Drive) and 35<sup>th</sup> Street. A submittal of the 30% design documents were delivered in January 2019. A presentation to the Transportation Board on January 3<sup>rd</sup> was given by Santa Fe Engineering. The board requested a road diet alternative be considered on Trinity Drive between Oppenheimer and Diamond Drive.

#### **DP Road and Utility Infrastructure Improvements Project:**

Since the County did not receive a BUILD grant this year the project schedule for DP Road is being evaluated based on funding availability and coordination with other construction projects in the vicinity. A meeting was held on December 10<sup>th</sup> with County staff and other agencies working along the DP Road corridor to discuss construction schedules and to develop strategies to assist area businesses. County staff also visited TA-21 in early December to look at potential routes for the sanitary sewer crossing and access easements.

#### **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. Bohannon Huston completed a traffic study documenting a preliminary estimate for the preferred alignment of \$3.6Million including NMGR. DOE will evaluate whether the remaining SEP funds available would be sufficient to construct the project. USACE and DOE have begun the design portion of the project with Bohannon Huston and is scheduled to be completed July 31, 2019.

#### **NM 502 Reconstruction, Knecht St. to Tewa Loop:**

Staff continues to coordinate with NMDOT on this state lead project. The contractor, Star Paving, has been granted a winter suspension and will begin work on March 18, 2019. Los Alamos County has negotiated and signed a contract with Star Paving for a staging yard location on DP Road.

#### **Environmental Services Division**

##### **Christmas Tree Collection:**

Environmental Services staff has been busy collecting Christmas trees from around town. To date staff has collected almost two tons of Christmas trees. The trees will be ground into mulch and used as landscaping material or composted

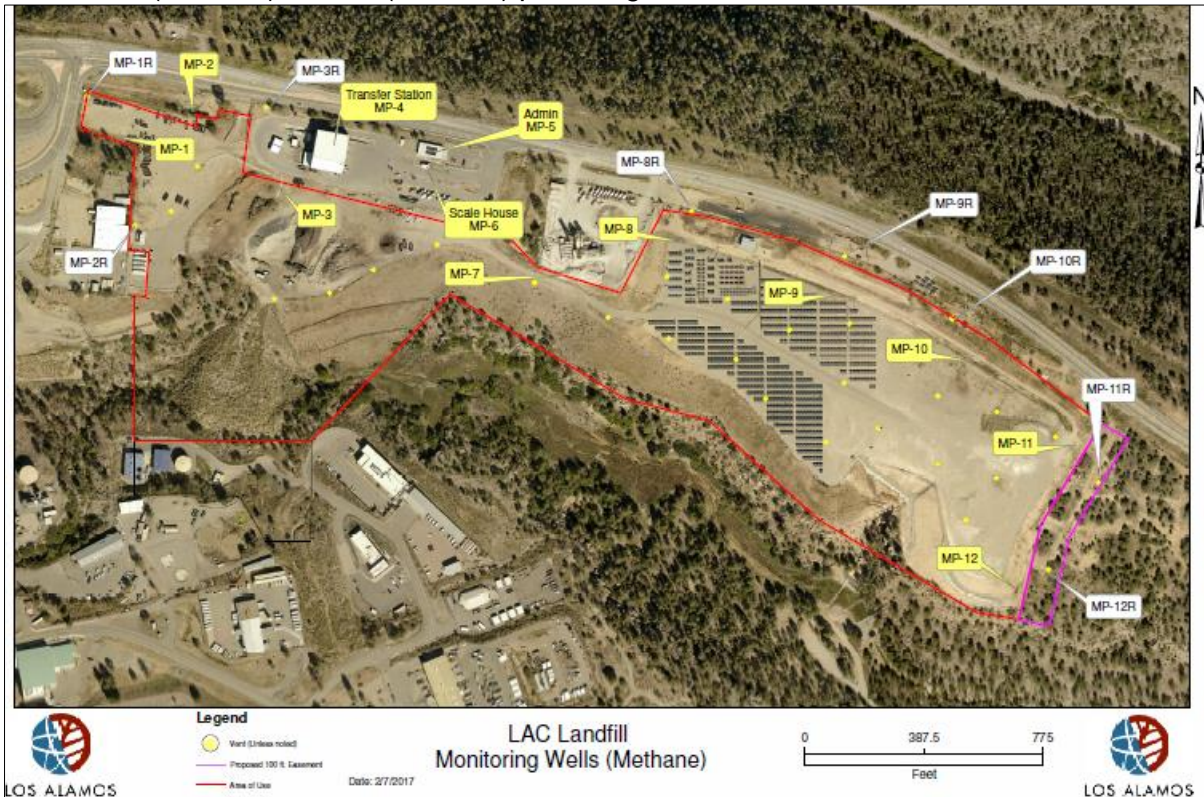
##### **Los Alamos Landfill Gas (LFG) Update:**

Environmental Services is in the process of seeking approval from New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) to reduce monitoring from weekly to quarterly as prescribed by NMAC Solid Waste Rules.

With the installation of the Landfill Gas Control and Collection system, the methane concentrations have begun to decrease and are in compliance with NMED Solid Waste Rules. This is a summary of results for December 2018 methane monitoring for the Los Alamos County closed landfill.

1. The LFG vents ranged in methane concentrations from 43.9 (LFG Vent – 7) to 58.6 (LFG Vent – 1) percent gas in air.

2. The gas probes near the toe of the landfill materials ranged in methane concentrations from 11.6 (MP-12) to 53.5 (MP-8) percent gas in air.
3. The gas probes near the boundary of the landfill ranged in methane concentrations from 1.5 (MP-12R) to 33.2 (MP-10R) percent gas in air.



### Recruitment:

The job of Equipment Operator has been filled by Dominic Sena. Dominic comes to Los Alamos County from the City of Santa Fe Solid Waste Division, where he served as an equipment operator for ~ 14 years. Environmental Services is excited to have Dominic on our team starting Monday, January 28, 2019.

### 2018 October Eco Challenge Award Ceremony



*Traveling Trophy*

Los Alamos County had 95 participants and 9 teams engaged in the 2018 Northwest Earth Institutes EcoChallenge. Participants were asked to do small things to help the environment like taking shorter showers or using reusable water bottles. Participants checked in each day and received points for each item completed. The Chamisa Elementary Green Team beat all the teams with 4,659 points. Environmental Services would like to thank all the participants.



## Participant Winners:



*Heather Ward  
1st Place*

*Angelica Gurule  
3rd Place*

*Susan Hettinga  
2nd Place*



*Team Winner – Chamisa  
Elementary Green Team*

## Snow Time!



After the second heavy snow storm our equipment operators put chains on their trucks and left the Eco Station picking up trash and recycle with smiles on their faces. They did a great job and stayed safe. Our winter mascot Frosty the “Tired” Snowman had only a smile on his face during the snow storms.



# Residential Sustainability Report



## Residential Sustainability Report

Service Period: December 2018

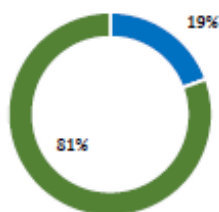


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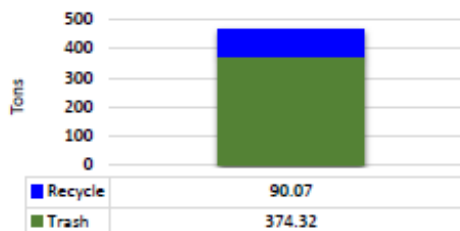
December Diversion Rate: 19%

The diversion rate is the percent of recyclable and compostable material diverted from the landfill.

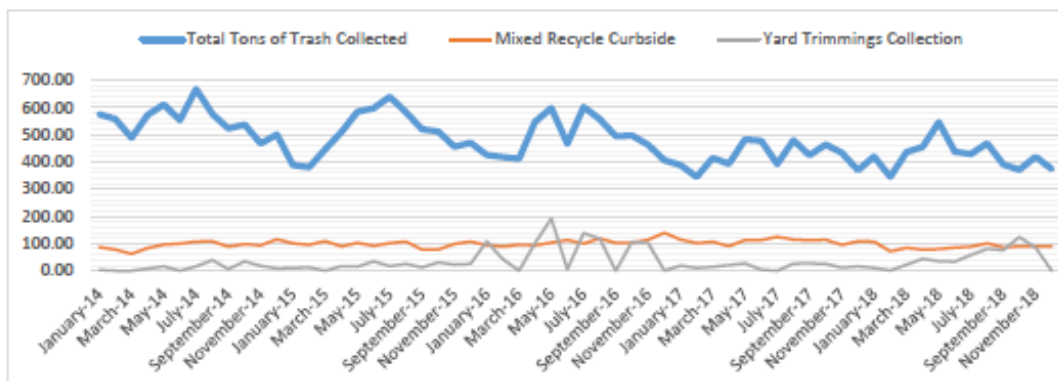
### Monthly Collection Report



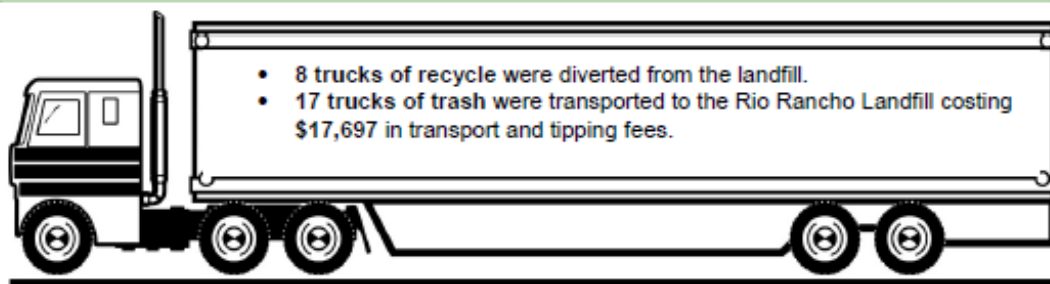
■ Mixed Recycle Curbside ■ Trash Residential Collection



In December by recycling and composting Los Alamos County reduced CO2 emissions by ~309.84 tons



In 2018 by recycling and composting Los Alamos County reduced CO2 emissions by ~4726.91 tons



- 8 trucks of recycle were diverted from the landfill.
- 17 trucks of trash were transported to the Rio Rancho Landfill costing \$17,697 in transport and tipping fees.

For more information contact Environmental Services Division at 505.662.8163 or email [solidwaste@lacnm.us](mailto:solidwaste@lacnm.us)

## **Facilities Division**

- Staff replaced the heating coils in the jail and got the heating back up and running.
- Staff is dealing with heat issues in several buildings.
- Staff is moving Art Council to second floor Fuller Lodge.
- Facilities is currently getting gutter quotes to replace and repair the damaged gutters from storm.
- Staff completed electrical wiring at new Airport hangar.

## **Fleet Division**



New unit for Utilities was received in December.



Fleet worked about 190 hours in overtime helping with snow removal operations and performing repairs on snow removal equipment. Fleet assisted Traffic and Streets with clearing of PCS parking lot.

## **Traffic & Streets Division**

The snow season came in with a bang on December 25<sup>th</sup> and didn't let up until January 24<sup>th</sup>. Los Alamos County received approximately 4 feet of accumulated snow in some locations.

Traffic and Streets received roughly 930 phone calls regarding snow removal during this period. Most of the calls were regarding concerns about snow removal on the streets. Several of the calls were about helping elderly and ill citizens remove snow from their driveways and sidewalks. Traffic and Streets administration staff assisted these citizens by working with local churches and non-profits to find volunteers willing to aid these citizens. Police Dispatch, 311, and the County Managers Office received additional calls. Kudos to those who assisted our office by responding to these calls.



Traffic and Streets crews worked along-side with crews from Parks, Utilities, Facilities and Custodial on snow removal. In addition to crews working snow removal, Officers from Police assisted in digging out citizens and helping people get out of their streets. Transit worked to clear bus stops countywide. Fleet worked to maintain the equipment around the clock, so crews could continue their snow removal efforts.

Traffic and Streets Crews logged in 1090.25 hours of overtime from December 16, 2018 through January 26, 2019. GWS is reporting 216 OT hours and Facilities is reporting 132.75 OT hours. This does not include overtime accounting from Parks, Fleet, Custodial or other participating divisions within the County.

To date (January 28, 2019) the county spent the following amounts on contract labor for emergency snow removal efforts:

**Contract Labor**

Parker Construction	\$21,428.55
JJ Excavation	\$161,192.28
Creative Earth Construction	\$28,137.34
Marcon Excavating	\$ 6,610.45
GM Emulsion	<u>\$ 39,319.30</u>
Total Contract Labor	\$256,687.92

**Images of the snow removal efforts countywide:**





The State briefly provided two snow blowers to aid in snow removal; one of these blowers is making more room to dump snow off North Road.



Crews had to create new signs to discourage parking in locations where snow dump operations were occurring.

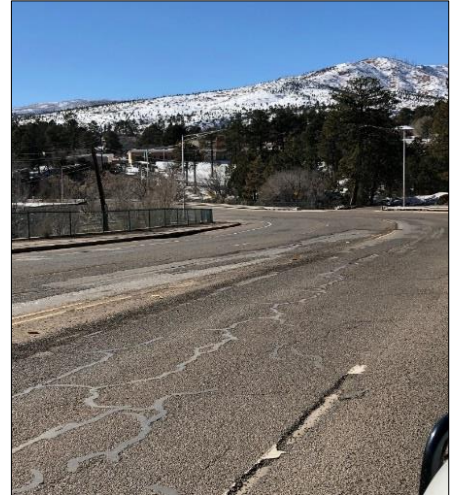


Crews have been fabricating specialty signs for the snow removal process and pothole signs to warn the public of potholes around Los Alamos County.



Crews have continued working on the Street Id upgrade in Los Alamos.

Diamond Drive asphalt substantially deteriorated with the last snow falls causing potholes and the striping to disappear in many locations. An attempt to place temporary reflective tabs to mark lanes failed because of the deteriorating asphalt.



#### Transit Division

## NEW YEAR'S BUZZ BUS

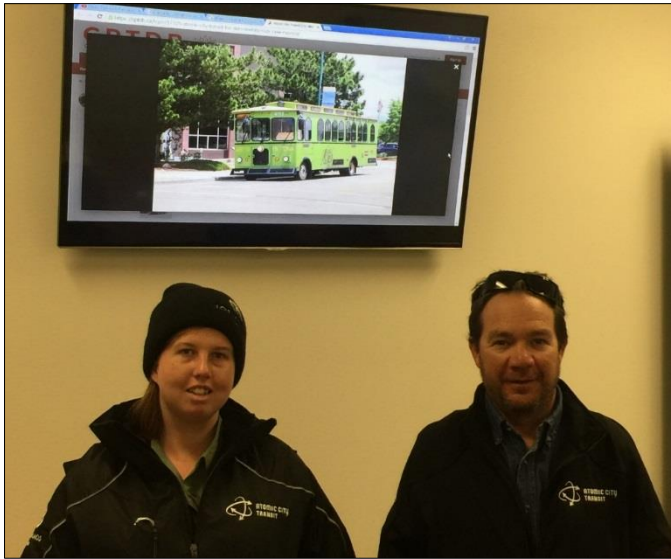
Atomic City Transit partnered with Los Alamos County DWI Council on New Year's Eve Buzz Bus Transportation on Monday, December 31, 2018.

Service was provided from 6:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. and several community members took advantage of the free transportation service.

Date	Service Name	Operator	Unit	Platform Start Miles	Platform End Miles	Adult
12/31/18	New Year's Eve Buzz Bus	Cliff	4141	132454	132540	23
12/31/18	New Year's Eve Buzz Bus	Fermin	4095	54996	55086	11
12/31/18	New Year's Eve Buzz Bus	Mick	4115	75990	76035	11

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Atomic City Transit Laura Dison and Thomas Kain have obtained their Commercial Driver's License and will be training on the daily routes.

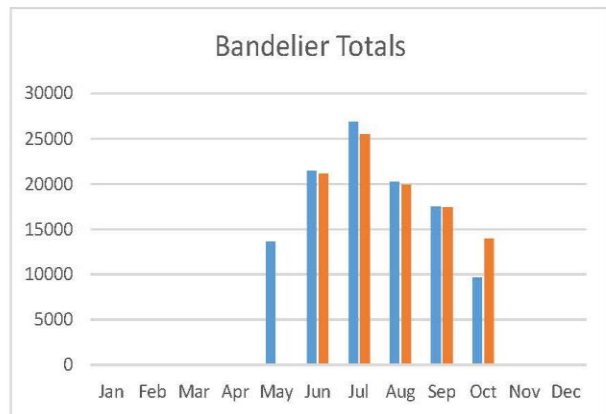
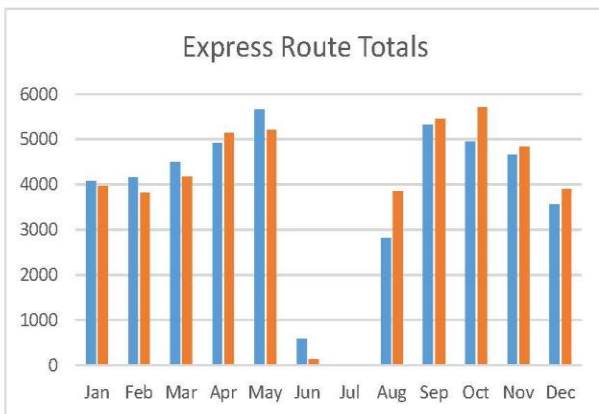
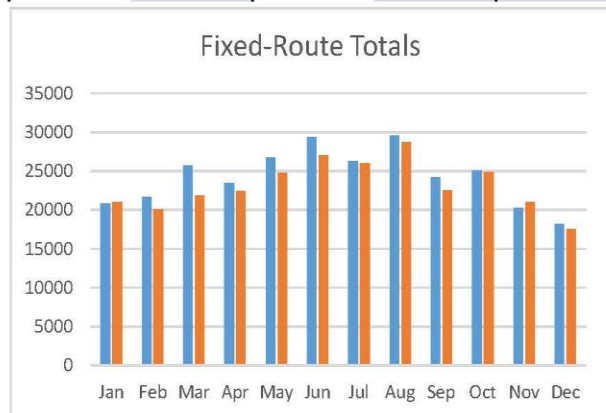
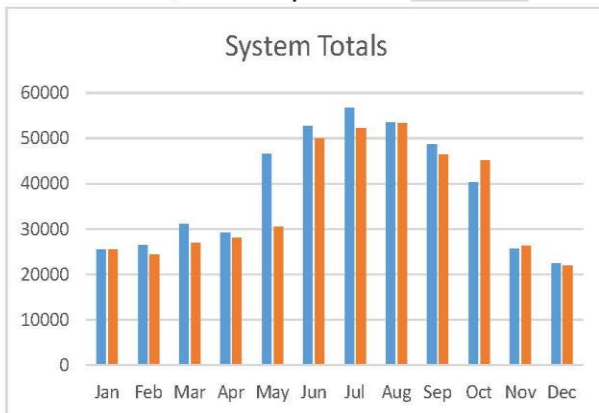
Atomic City Transit is very thankful for the winter storms that have come to visit and would like to thank our riders for their patience while we dig out of the snow left behind. In anticipation of the winter weather, the Transit Division did purchase a gas powered snow broom for shelter cleaning as well as a truck snow blade. Thank you to all the Transit Operator's that reported to work on January 2, 2019 to hand shovel all the bus stop shelters.



## December 2018 Ridership Report

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Route	December Trips			Dec. Rev. Miles		Dec. Rev. Hours		YTD Trips
	2017	2018	% Chg	2017	2018	2017	2018	2018
1 Downtown	4,284	3,834	-10.5%	3,424	3,436	283.7	284.8	67,099
2M White Rock - Main Hill	1,933	1,948	0.8%	6,819	6,962	257.1	262.5	30,484
2T White Rock - Truck Rt	1,166	1,184	1.5%	6,292	6,432	248.0	253.6	19,654
2P White Rock - Peak	-	373	0.0%	1,638	2,367	98.8	87.4	5,719
3 Central / Canyon	2,188	2,295	4.9%	4,829	4,928	241.3	246.3	34,384
4 North Community	2,277	2,312	1.5%	3,499	3,570	247.0	252.0	33,463
5 Barranca Mesa	1,400	1,175	-16.1%	3,844	3,923	244.8	249.9	18,662
6 North Mesa	4,598	4,420	-3.9%	5,446	5,334	368.3	361.3	68,177
<b>Fixed-route subtotal</b>	<b>17,846</b>	<b>17,541</b>	<b>-1.7%</b>	<b>35,790</b>	<b>36,953</b>	<b>1,989.0</b>	<b>1,997.8</b>	<b>277,642</b>
7 North Mesa Expr	1,089	1,099	0.9%	334	267	20.0	16.2	12,105
8 North Community Expr	571	626	9.6%	122	96	8.2	6.5	7,723
9 Aspen Expr	496	644	29.8%	94	74	6.6	5.2	7,880
10 Barranca Expr	852	890	4.5%	157	124	9.8	7.8	10,602
11 White Rock Expr	552	640	15.9%	320	252	12.7	10.0	7,822
<b>Express route subtotal</b>	<b>3,560</b>	<b>3,899</b>	<b>9.5%</b>	<b>1,026</b>	<b>814</b>	<b>57.4</b>	<b>45.7</b>	<b>46,132</b>
12 Bandelier	-	-	0.0%	-	-	-	-	110,034
Dial-a-Ride	82	88	7.3%	502	1,637	37.8	57.0	1,110
ACT Assist	415	399	-3.9%	3,560	3,323	209.3	187.2	5,164
Special Services	37	45	21.6%	-	180	-	13.8	2,629
<b>System total</b>	<b>21,940</b>	<b>21,972</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>40,878</b>	<b>42,907</b>	<b>2,293</b>	<b>2,301</b>	<b>442,711</b>



■ 2017 ■ 2018

**Total Passenger Trips to Date: 5,189,309**

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

### **Building Safety Division**

Four (4) commercial permits were issued in January 2019, with a total valuation of \$41,500.00 compared to three (3) permits issued in January 2018, with a total valuation of \$16,000.00.

Thirty-one (31) residential permits were issued in January 2019, with a total valuation of \$430,367.00 compared to forty (40) permits issued in January 2018, with a total valuation of \$1,002,536.00.



***Progress on the third story addition at 557 Oppenheimer***



## **Housing and Special Projects Division**

### **Housing Rehabilitation Program (Home Renewal Program):**

Work has been completed on six homes for the 2017 program and is expected to finish on two more homes before the end of February. Early this spring, work is expected to begin on the five projects which have been approved for the 2018 program. Work will involve repairs and improvements for energy efficiency, accessibility and general repair.

### **Homebuyer Assistance Program:**

Three home closings are anticipated for the first half of 2019. The program will continue to accept applications as long as funding is available.

### **Affordable Housing Multi-Family Development:**

There are two planned affordable rental housing projects for DP Road to be financed with State low-income housing tax credits and built by Bethel Developments. Building permit application submittal for the first project, "Canyon Walk Apartments" on Tract A-9, 120 DP Road is anticipated in spring 2019. The project will be 70 rental units focused on workforce housing and construction is anticipated to begin August 2019. For the second project, "The Bluffs" on 2.79 acres of Tract A-8-b at 135 DP Road, Bethel will submit an application to the State in mid-February 2019 for a tax credit financing award. The Bluffs will have 64 rental units for age 55 and over. CDD staff will be communicating regularly with County departments and other agencies that have construction projects planned on DP Road to ensure proper coordination and minimize disruption to local business owners.

## **Planning Division**

In addition to daily telephone and in-person consultations with members of the public and County staff, the Planning Division met with developers for several significant projects to be presented to the Planning & Zoning Commission in February. Planning staff held two Interdepartmental Review Committee (IDRC) meetings for these projects and reviewed IDRC comments with applicants.



***On Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup> the Planning Manager participated in the bi-annual "Do-It-Yourself" workshop at Fuller Lodge and was able to meet with and answer questions from several members of the public.***

### **Planning and Zoning Commission and Board of Adjustment:**

Rezoning – 1  
Site Plan – 3  
Summary Plat – 1  
Waiver - 1

### **Building Permit and Business License Review:**

During the month of January Planning Division staff reviewed and acted on 10 Building Permits and 8 new Business License applications.

### **CDD Administration and Special Projects**

#### **Community Development Advisory Board:**

The CDAB did not meeting January due to lack of quorum.

#### **Historic Preservation Advisory Board**

The HPAB reviewed suggested projects from the Fuller Lodge Interpretive Plan and provided recommendations for potential new services within and around the building.

#### **Boards and Commissions**

There are currently vacancies for the Transportation Board and the Art in Public Places Board. Vacancies have been advertised.

#### **Business Licenses**

91 business licenses were processed in January. This includes both new applications as well as renewals of existing business licenses.

## **CALENDAR OF UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

**Feb 18 – Presidents' Day - the Eco Station and Overlook Convenience Center are closed. No trash or recycle/yard trimming pick up – residents should put their carts at the curb after the holiday on Wed. Feb. 20, 2019 instead. County Administrative Offices are closed. Other County facilities may be closed or have reduced hours of operation**

**Feb 19 – Regular Council Session, 6:00 p.m., Council Chambers**

**Feb 21 – Discoveries Action Team Monthly Meeting – Work Groups Only, 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Pajarito Cliffs Site Conf. Rm Bldg 1**

## KUDOS & FYI

**From:** Romero, Louise B.

**Sent:** Friday, January 18, 2019 11:55 AM

**To:** Abeyta, Emmanuel <[emmanuel.abeyta@lacnm.us](mailto:emmanuel.abeyta@lacnm.us)>

**Cc:** Brogan, Brian <[brian.brogan@lacnm.us](mailto:brian.brogan@lacnm.us)>; Humpton, Jeff <[jeff.humpton@lacnm.us](mailto:jeff.humpton@lacnm.us)>

**Subject:** Kudos - Snow Removal

Good morning Emmanuel,

We spoke yesterday regarding the snow removal at the Animal Shelter/East Park parking area. I thought I would share the following post from Facebook. Thank you very much for the quick response.



KEEP IT LOCAL- Los Alamos



Julie Kent Bremser ► KEEP IT LOCAL- Los Alamos

...

1 hr · 🌐

I called the county yesterday morning to request a handicapped parking spot in front of the Los Alamos Dog Obedience Club be plowed before a 7pm class since one class member is unable to walk and uses an electric scooter. Parks & Recreation has someone on the job before 10:30 am and the person did a great job clearing the spot and the ramp up to the sidewalk. Thank you Parks & Rec employee for a job well done!



Sat 1/26/2019 3:02 PM

Cullen Hallmark <[rriorider@icloud.com](mailto:rriorider@icloud.com)>

XC ski course

To: 🌐 LAC Rec

I wanted to thank you for laying out the ski tracks and lanes at the golf course. The course was very well conceived. There are not many places where XC skiers in NM can find such good terrain and trails. I hope that you can continue to do this in the future.

Cullen Hallmark  
505-946-8945



Mon 1/28/2019 8:33 PM

Magdalena Dale <[magsydale@gmail.com](mailto:magsydale@gmail.com)>

Thank you for grooming the golf course!

To: 🌐 LAC Rec

Hi All,

Just wanted to thank you all for grooming the golf course for skate skiing!! It is so great to have close by nordic skiing. I ran into a few folks skiing this friday out there and everyone was really excited to have this happen in our town.

Thanks,  
Magdalena Dale





Fri 1/25/2019 11:14 PM

Karen M. Brown <[kmbrown@gmail.com](mailto:kmbrown@gmail.com)>

Thank you!!

To: LAC Rec; Brogan, Brian

We have been very excited to use the newly groomed cross country ski trails that recently appeared at the golf course. A very big thank you to everyone at the County level who helped that to happen and to the groomer. We love having cross country trails in town and we love the Southwest Nordic Ski Club!

Sincerely,  
Karen Brown and family

Thank you so much!

On Sat, Jan 5, 2019 at 9:51 PM Karla Sartor <[ksartor@gmail.com](mailto:ksartor@gmail.com)> wrote:

Let's work with the Southwest Nordic Ski club to get some cross country ski trails groomed in town! Groomed ski trails at the golf course and reservoir road would be a fabulous resource for our community and the region. Please work with the club by offering staff to assist with this for the next snowfall!

Thanks,

Karla Sartor



-----Original Message-----

From: Rachel Pearson <[rarichard@gmail.com](mailto:rarichard@gmail.com)>

Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2019 11:09 AM

To: Brogan, Brian <[brian.brogan@lacnm.us](mailto:brian.brogan@lacnm.us)>

Subject: golf course skiing

I wanted to thank the county for grooming a cross country ski trail at the golf course! Also I would like to encourage the county to consider renting cross country ski gear at the Aquatic center so all my friends who don't own skis can try it out.

thanks,  
Rachel Pearson

**From:** Roybal, Ronald

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 09, 2019 9:42 AM

**To:** LACPW <[lapcw@lacnm.us](mailto:lapcw@lacnm.us)>

**Subject:** Eastern Area

Just a quick note to say "thank you" to all the hard-working crew that cleared the snow and ice in the Eastern Area yesterday. I was home yesterday and was able to observe the operation and was impressed at the way your team handled themselves. So often, only negative comments are vocalized, so I just wanted to say "thanks" to all involved in making Los Alamos County one of the best in the state; if not the Country!!

Cheers,

Ron Roybal

981 Nambe Loop

Thank You for Your Support!



January 9, 2019  
Los Alamos County  
Utility Department

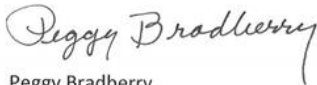
I would like to compliment the Los Alamos County on the quality of helpful personnel who are employed there. In the recent snowy past, I have personally received great assistance, gladly given on two occasions by three such people.

One helped me untangle my car from an unseen barrier I had unknowingly run over in Los Alamos.

This morning as I was shoveling out a pickup that had been imprisoned in a White Rock snow bank for several weeks, a County truck passed, slowed down, and finally backed up. Two young men, each wielding a shovel, exited and came to my assistance and finished the job. As a white-haired senior citizen, I was so very grateful. I didn't ask their names (I wouldn't have remembered them anyway), but the pickup was carrying a piece of equipment that evidently could "perform internal views."

I am so grateful to be living in a community where caring people work and are graciously helpful in assisting where they see need.

Sincerely

Handwritten signature of Peggy Bradberry.

Peggy Bradberry  
111 Sherwood Blvd

# LOS ALAMOS

where discoveries are made

Please note: any information you give the County on this comment form becomes a "public record" and could be released under the Inspection of Public Records Act.

- 1) Today's Date: 12/22/18
- 2) Name of the Facility or Division:  
County Bldg
- 3) Name of County Employee who helped you,  
if applicable: custodial staff
- 4) Please rate your overall experience:



- 5) What would you like us to know?  
On Wed. I was at the County Bldg. and saw the custodial staff squiggle-ing all the fall

You may continue your comments on the back of this form.

- 6) Would you like someone to contact you?

Yes please ☐ No need ☒

Name: Jody Benson

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## General Comments:

windows, + scrubbing  
not only the inside floor  
but the outer walkway.  
All the County facilities  
that I patronize are  
always clean, but I  
never knew to what  
extent the workers  
worked. The best  
thing to say about the  
staff is that we never  
notice how hard they  
work because there's  
never any dirt to  
compare it to. Thank  
them for us.

PLEASE LEAVE YOUR COMMENTS IN THE BOX

Or mail to 1000 Central Ave., STE 310, Los Alamos, NM 87544

## VALARIE PRESTWOOD

I would like to publicly thank the county employee who plowed Camino Uva yesterday.

He/she very carefully kept each driveway clear as the street was plowed. That is the first time that has ever happened, and I am extremely grateful.



Dear Friends at LA County,

We just wanted to share a quick note with you to say THANK YOU!

We wanted to express our thanks to the VERY MANY county workers who invested so much time and effort to make our life in White Rock so awesome. We would especially like to express our thanks to the people who have plowed our streets and paths. Not only were streets passable in exceptionally short order after both major snowfalls over the holidays, but the paths around White Rock were quickly plowed so that we could enjoy walks with our visiting family members. Not only did they do an outstanding job, but they worked so very hard during the holidays! We thank each and every one of you!

We were thankful to have a crew of young people visiting us to help shovel the driveway and street to make it a little easier for our garbage and recycling collection. We were especially impressed that the collection truck drivers were exceptionally effective and careful to reach every garbage and recycling bin that we saw in our neighborhood.

We wish we could send a thanks to specific individuals, but we never met any of the workers and hope you will share our appreciation with your staff and employees.

THANKS & Happy New Year!!

Bob Kraus & Louise Hanna

122 La Vista - White Rock.

**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

The professionalism of staff today is a: 4

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

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Lenora Maez did a really good job helping me with the roof permit



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*Linda and Joe were very helpful.*

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Very Comfortable Environment - Very helpful staff - KENORA MAES