

County Manager's Monthly Update

LOS ALAMOS COUNTY

JULY - 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 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.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Pebble Labs Press Conference:



Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham, along with the State Secretaries of Economic Development and Agriculture, joined Los Alamos County at Pebble Labs to celebrate the award of a \$4 million Local Economic Development Assistance (LEDA) grant from the state to expand Pebble Lab's Bioscience research and development facility at Entrada Business Park.

In addition to securing the grant the County Manager's Office worked with Council to approve issuance of \$60 million in Industrial Revenue Bonds (IRB), retaining ownership of a portion of the property with Pebble, who will lease the space back from the County until the bonds are paid.

Pebble Labs is managing research on food and crop safety, public health, and the reduction of the occurrence of vector-borne diseases including the Zika Virus. As part of the expansion announcement, Pebble said it has reached a breakthrough in substantially reducing disease in farm-raised fish and shrimp throughout the world without the use of antibiotics.

ED Marketing

National Senior Games:

The Economic Development Marketing Specialist, along with representatives from Aspen Ridge Lodge Senior Living, Nurses With Heart Home Card and the Discoveries Action Team, staffed a “Visit Los Alamos” booth at the 2019 National Senior Games on June 14, 15 and 17 at the Albuquerque Convention Center. Thanks to an initial tip from Councilor David Israelevitz in June 2018, Economic Development Marketing began working with tourism marketing services contractor Sunny505 (aka Griffin and Assoc.), who secured a contract to conduct media relations for this event, which hosted athletes, aged 50-90 from every U.S. state and territory, to compete in basketball, volleyball, softball, pickle ball, tennis, badminton, ping pong, swimming and track and field. The New Mexico event attracted nearly 14,000 athletes and their friends and fans, and Los Alamos was one of only two destinations exhibiting in the Athlete’s Village. (The other was Visit Albuquerque).

Over the course of three, eight to nine hour days, staff was able to engage approximately 50 people or groups for 5-10 minutes, during which customized, interest- and experience-based itineraries were created. Several couples returned to the booth after their visit to Los Alamos, delivering high praise. In summary, the minimal competition, the high visibility/access location and the high attendance and engagements made this event a successful tourism marketing initiative.

Branding:

On June 27, the County’s branding consultants, Jim Glover and Marianne Tennenbaum with Once a Day Marketing, conducted another workshop co-hosted by the projectY Los Alamos Co-Op Space (part of their *Business Basics* series) and the Los Alamos Chamber of Commerce. This half-day workshop, ***Branding Bold with New Mexico True***, was attended by representatives from the Los Alamos Historical Society and History Museum, as well as a local art gallery owner who were coached on how to enhance their presence on the New Mexico Tourism Department’s website, newmexico.org, specifically on the product and service directory that is promoted to NMTD’s international audiences. The Branding Bold workshops will be suspended during the busy summer months.

The ***Discoveries Action Team (DAT)*** met June 20th at Council Chambers to discuss the following new ideas:

- Making the Jemez Mountain Trail National Scenic byway an official new section of the Discoveries Trail (Project Champion: Dean Decker)
- Hosting or facilitating a discussion of childcare resources and demands in Los Alamos (Acting Champions: Anne Kain and Diana Martinez)
- Brainstorming DAT recruitment and format to attract and engage more members of the Los Alamos community (All)

Come to the next Discoveries Action Team meeting on Thursday, July 18 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Council Chambers, inside the Municipal Building. This month, the meeting will focus upon updates from the champions about various projects in progress within the Place-Making and Place-Marketing subgroups. New members interested in joining the team are invited to come to the meeting. Participants are asked to bring their own lunch. Some of the projects in progress are:

- Marketing a Discovery Trail for Los Alamos that highlights our assets and our connectivity to other attractions nearby such as Ghost Ranch
- An Indoor Mercado called "Little Shops" where residents and visitors can gather and vendors can set up small shops
- A large photo of an historic theater in Los Alamos for placement in the downtown area, similar to the "Big House" photo mounted on the wall of the office building near the Romero Cabin

These are just a few of the initiatives being driven by volunteers on either Place-Making (enhancing Los Alamos experiences) or Place-Marketing (promoting Los Alamos experiences) subgroups. The Discoveries Action Team is open to all County residents, businesses and organizations. Members are "champions" for the brand which incorporates the mindset that Los Alamos is a place that cultivates curiosity and creates aha moments and is represented by the brandline "where discoveries are made." They share a desire to improve Los Alamos amenities and offerings, and communicate these benefits to future residents, businesses and visitors.

BRAG ABOUT BRANDING

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!)

FIRE

LAFD Accreditation 2020

The members of the fire department continue to work on developing the Community Risk Assessment – Standard of Cover (CRA-SOC) in an attempt to achieve their fifth accreditation designation in 2020. The CRA-SOC document takes a global approach to recording the historical perspective of the department and its activities, as well as examining current emergency and non-emergency service performance against benchmark objectives. The process involves participation from all department programs and service areas. The study is very thorough and includes data mining and analysis of community risks, critical tasks, probability, consequence, and impact determination, GIS mapping, and other critical response considerations.

In July, members of the department will participate in a 2-day training on fire and emergency service self-assessment where they will prepare to describe and appraise the effectiveness of 295 performance indicators and 100 core competencies.

LAFD is currently among 266 accredited agencies in the world. 11% of the US population is protected by accredited agencies.

LAFD Wildland Division

LAFD was awarded Phase II funds of a Hazard Mitigation Grant. This grant is for mitigation of fuels in high hazard areas identified in the Community Wildfire Protection Plan. The total area of focus is approximately 114 acres, which include Ponderosa Estates Range Road, North Horse Stable Bench, Camino Uva, Camino Redondo, Lower Loma Linda, Villa Bench and Walnut Bench. LAFD Wildland Division has started to mark trees in the area of Camino Uva, to prepare for mitigation efforts in this area.

LAFD deployed a team of three (Captain Dan DeVall, Firefighter Randal Robles and Firefighter Michael Crockett) in Brush I to assist with the Pine Lodge Fire in the Lincoln National Forest (Alamogordo, NM). In addition, Captain Daniel Garcia deployed with Sandoval County as a Rapid Extrication Module (REM) team leader to assist with the Pine Lodge Fire. Captain Daniel Garcia is one of the subject matter experts (SME's) for LAFD's Technical Rescue Team. The Pine Lodge Fire started on June 19, 2019 and has burned approximately 15,000 acres. The cause is currently under investigation.



Hydrant Testing

Members of the LAFD have been conducting hydrant testing throughout the community. Hydrant testing is needed to ensure that there is adequate water supply for fire suppression, and to flush out sediments that have accumulated in the water distribution system over the past year. These tests are part of a regular hydrant maintenance program and are done in conjunction with the Los Alamos Department of Public Utilities.

Pre-Incident Plans

Pre-Incident Plans (PIP's) are 39% complete as of June 1, 2019. The goal is to have all PIP's completed by November 2019. A PIP is a method of gathering and recording information about structures and businesses. These facts include, but are not limited to, building construction, hazard identification, built-in-systems to help to reduce life and property loss, access issues, nearest fire hydrant(s), utilities, and information to aid in the speed of decision-making. Firefighters place themselves in hazardous environments, and sometimes with little or no visibility. Having completed a PIP increases the effectiveness of the service and reduces loss. Firefighters participate in the PIP process yearly to familiarize themselves with these structures and businesses and document the information for the benefit of response crews.

Firehouse Upgrade

Firehouse is the department's records management system. An upgrade to the software was completed on June 26, 2019. Firehouse is an integrated database that LAFD uses to record day-to-day operations, planning, field operations, communications, technical challenges and incident details.

Facilities

Fire station 2 Drill Tower had a required five-year inspection in June 2018 to verify that the standards in NFPA 1403 were being met. The drill tower was found to be structurally sound with minor items needing repair. To date, the cast-in-place concrete stairs have been stripped of epoxy and paint, the concrete patched and repainted and an epoxy coating installed. The steel doors were replaced, door jambs were concreted in place and some hinges and bolts were replaced. The windows at the station are being replaced by LAC Facilities personnel and touch-up paint has been applied to both the station and the drill tower. The station is just about ready for Recruit Academy 28 to begin on July 22, 2019

Training Division

LAFD Training Division has been busy preparing for Recruit Academy #28 scheduled to start on July 22, 2019. Academy #28 will start with 15 new recruits. Captain Tim Johnson, Firefighter Rick Acedo and Firefighter Brian Palmer are the Training Officers for Academy #28.

Promotions

Congratulations to the following on their recent promotions.

Battalion Chief C-Shift Micah Brittelle



LANL Training Division Chief Todd Forsythe



Captain Adam Martinez



Captain Adrian Carabajal



Captain Joseph DeFranco



Driver Engineer Brandon Torrey



COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC RELATIONS DIVISION

Some highlights for work completed in June include: taking photos at popular events to share out on Facebook and Instagram to promote quality of life and tourism; support to Council to be at the June 13 Farmer's Market meet/greet; setting up a boy scout & Councilor citizenship badge visit (postponed from June 20 to July 11); public outreach, Council support and photography for the Jim Billen Trail naming event on June 28; promoting, updating or providing new ACT bus materials; assistance with final installation of new displays for Fuller Lodge for tourism; wrapping up the first draft of historic trails maps; completion of the contract amendment for Farmers Market for a Saturday (trial period) market to start July 6; public outreach for the June Discoveries Action Team meeting and ongoing weekly support for initiatives coming from team members (ie. a Little Shops survey). C&PR staff also provided support for: on-going coordination of Road Construction projects; Fireworks Safety; Holiday closures/info for Independence Day events; Providing a studio in June for staff to have professional photos taken; offering Branding training to new employees; helping with ScienceFest and County Fair/Rodeo materials needed for photos, website

support or by attending their planning meetings; compiling video footage for Sancre for the May 31 first mega concert; ordering new or replenishing current Branded materials, including a new lapel pin with the logo; and providing assistance with various press releases or outreach for County events.

In July, the division will be busy taking photos during ScienceFEST, along with preparing plans, posters and ads for the upcoming Council Fair booth and other support needed for Fair/Rodeo events in August. The PIO continues to publish the weekly Cone Zone in continued support for Road Projects, and outreach for the Home Renewal program's next cycle, which opens in August, will get underway later in July to assist CDD. The PIO will also participate in a DPU tabletop drill testing emergency response capabilities on July 16.

Social media platform NextDoor saw a big leap in subscribers in June. It grew by nearly 1000 new subscribers in the last 30 days, bringing total subscriber households now to over 1900. C&PR staff meet weekly to discuss strategies for posting social media photos, sharing out others' events, etc. to keep interest high.

Finally, the division has been working with IT on a new Graphics Design and Photo/Video work order system, after technical issues arose the week of June 17 and customers internally could not file new work orders. The new system for Graphics Design work orders was re-set July 5, and the Photo/Video system should follow in a similar fashion and be up on the intranet shortly.

COMMUNITY SERVICE DEPARTMENT

Aquatics

Lifeguard Certification Class – June 3rd - June 7th, 12 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 in the County. It was a successful week and all the students passed.



Dive-In Movie – June 14th, 57 attendees:

Ralph Breaks the Internet was this month's dive in movie at the Aquatic Center. Kids were treated to a true movie theater experience...but on water.



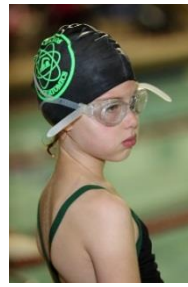
High Altitude Training Camps – June 19th - June 28th, 57 participants:

Youth swim teams from both California and Texas traveled to Los Alamos for high altitude training.



Nick Nogar Swim Meet – June 22nd - June 23rd, 177 participants:

The Los Alamos Aquatics hosted their annual Nick Nogar swim meet, which brought in teams in from Taos, Farmington, Santa Fe, Los Lunas, Albuquerque, and California.



Recreation

Senior Talk about Senior Appreciation Night – 150 participants:

Jeremy Smith from the YMCA, Jeff Favorite a community volunteer, and recreation staff entertained and informed the LAHS graduating class about Senior Appreciation Night 2019.



Senior Appreciation Night – June 1st & 2nd, 450 participants:

LAHS seniors enjoyed a safe night of celebration throughout Los County. Many volunteers & venues worked throughout the night to provide the many activities for the seniors, such as senior handprints, pedal carts with “drunk goggles”, rollerblading, racquetball, and more.



Movie in the Park – June 5th, 140 attendees:

The County Clerk's Office hosted this event as a "Voter Drive Night." The rain and wind stayed away to create a beautiful evening to watch "Ralph Breaks the Internet."



Summer Concert Series – June 7th, Liver Down the River, 1,800 attendees:

Moving Arts Española: Ballet Folklórico Mexicano Dance Group, wowed us with their talent. Escape On a Horse opened for Liver Down the River, a bluegrass band.



Safety Town – June 10 – 14, 2019, 93 participants:

Students learned strategies to keep themselves safe and had opportunities to practice basic safety procedures in new situations; such as fire, bicycle, animals, guns, and strangers.



Summer Concert Series: Shamarr Allen & The Underdawgs – June 14th, 1,350 attendees:

The Los Alamos Jazz Project is an amazingly talented group. The Hill Stompers were awesome and engaging with the kiddos. Shamarr Allen and The Underdawgs brought out Los Alamos' weekend dance!

Movie in the Park “Hotel Transylvania 3” – June 19th, 75 attendees:



Many families braved the wind to enjoy *Hotel Transylvania 3*, marking another successful movie in the park event.



Summer Concert Series: Manzanares – June 21st, 1,500 attendees:

The Los Alamos Jazz Project kicked off the evening with a youth Jazz performance. The Max Pack opened for Manzanares who delivered hot Spanish guitar, sizzling Latin percussion and soulful vocals.



Summer Concert Series: Katy P & the Business – June 28th, 2,100 attendee:



Moving Arts Espanola kicked the night off with their talented youth group. Bones of Romeo stated that they “have never performed for a crowd that large... and would very much like to perform for Los Alamos again”. Los Alamos rallied Katy P & the Business for 2 encores!

King of the Hill RC Race – June 28th – 30th, 170 attendees:

Racers, pit crew, and attendees crowded the RC Race Track at Overlook Park for the annual King of the Hill Race hosted by the Northern New Mexico Remote Control Car Club.



GOLF

Special Olympics – June 7th, 88 participants:

Special Olympics, a group that is changing the lives of people with disabilities, held its annual fund-raising tournament at the Los Alamos Golf Course.



Junior Golf Clinic, Levels 1-4 – June 10th - 13th, 37 participants:

Los Alamos Golf Course hosted the first round of junior summer golf camps. July holds another opportunity for young golfers to improve their skills in a second round of clinics.



YMCA Annual Golf Tournament – June 14th, 72 participants:

This annual event had a nice turnout with all kinds of fun contests during the day including a hole-in-one prize, which was a new Jeep.



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Knights of Columbus Golf Tournament – June 22nd, 48 participants:

LAHS scholarships were funded by a golf tournament hosted by the Knights of Columbus at the Los Alamos Golf Course.

N3B Golf Tournament – June 28th, 72 participants:

N3B raised funds for the food bank by hosting a tournament at the Los Alamos Golf Course.

Parks & Open Space

Family YMCA YCC Trail Crew:

The Trail Crew has spent the last month maintaining the Pueblo Canyon Rim Trail, Perimeter Trail and Cabra Trail. They have also spent some time building trail connectors on North Mesa and are currently building the last leg of the Los Alamos Canyon Trail. Once complete it will connect to the top of the Quemazon Trail.



Jim Billen Memorial Trail Dedication:

The section of trail built by Jim Billen in Pueblo Canyon was named in his honor and a memorial bench was installed at Graduation point.



Urban Park Tennis Courts:

Four heavily used tennis courts in North Community were improved in a recent resurfacing project.



Library

Summer Reading Kick-off with Clan Tynker - June 3rd, 357 attendees:

A festive performance by Clan Tynker kicked off the Kids Summer Reading Program at Ashley Pond. This year's theme is a Universe of Stories. Families had opportunities to learn about youth summer programs sponsored by CSD and its contractors.



Opening Reception "So Far From Heaven" - June 7th, 174 attendees:

"So Far from Heaven" was the title of an exhibition of photographs by Kirk Gittings, David Halpern, Tony O'Brien, Jan Paul Pietrzak, Don J. Usner and Wendy Young.



Smiles play by Bob Benjamin - June 11th, 25 attendees:

The library hosted a play by Bob Benjamin. This event for all ages was followed by books and board games.



Pride Fest Storytime - June 14th, 85 attendees:

Small groups of children and adults enjoyed an extra Storytime during Pride Fest. Library Staff read stories and shared bookmarks with the Pride booklist.



Solstice Celebration - June 21st, 94 attendees:

A celebration of the longest day of the year was held at the White Rock Branch Library.



White Rock Branch Library Family Campout - June 24th – 22 participants:

Families built blanket forts for reading and sang campfire songs during this indoor campout. The library raffled off the two campfire stuffies used in the program.



Ready, Set, READ! - June 24th, 50 attendees:

This Storytime was led by an adult volunteer and public-school teacher, Whitney Holland.



Gaming+ - June 19th, 15 participants:

Teens enjoy video games, board games and more every week throughout the summer.



Social Services

Senior Housing Forum – June 17th, 32 attendees:

Information was provided on low-income housing, non-profit help for fixing things and senior living in Santa Fe.



Bandelier Field Trip – June 25th, 8 participants:

Day trips to Bandelier National Monument are popular field trips offered by the Youth Activity Center. Recent participants went hiking and explored the caves/kivas.



Cultural Services

Summer Family Evenings: Wolves - June 5, 276 attendees:

Wild Spirit Wolf Sanctuary visited the Nature Center to provide a Family Evening aimed at educating people about Wolves.



Summer Camps each week in June, 86 participants per week:

Opportunities for young people to learn in nature's classroom ranging from the riverbeds and canyons of the Rio Grande Valley to the headwaters of the Jemez River are offered at the Nature Center during the summer.



MapMaker Exhibit Opening - June 17th, 106 attendees:

Quatro played at the Fuller Lodge Art Center's MapMaker exhibit opening. Margie Sarrao is shown holding one of her pieces, a necklace titled "The Mountains are Calling."



Rattlesnake Talk - June 18th, 68 attendees:

Los Alamos resident, Kyle Dickman spoke at the Nature Center about his rattlesnake encounter in Yosemite and what to do if you are ever bitten.

Summer Family Evenings: Bats - June 19th, 119 attendees:

Fightwings, a nature advocate group, visited the Nature Center to provide a family evening to learn about bats and see the animals up close.

COUNTY CLERK

County Council Appointed Probate Judge Sworn Into Office

Newly appointed Probate Judge Michael Redondo was sworn into office on Friday, May 31st, by Los Alamos County (LAC) Clerk Naomi D. Maestas, during a small ceremony at the LAC Municipal Building. Judge Redondo officially took office on Sunday, June 2nd. The County Clerk's Office is proud to welcome Judge Redondo!



Outreach and Education – Voter Drive Night at LAC Summer Movies in the Park

On Wednesday, June 5th, County Clerk Maestas and Deputy Clerk Victoria Martinez, in conjunction with the Recreation Division of the Community Services Department, held a voter registration drive event at Movies in the Park held at Ashley Pond. Clerk Maestas and staff manned a table, gathering voter registrations and providing information on the upcoming November 5, 2019 Regular Local Election, as well as other services provided by the Clerk's Office.



Elections Manager Graduates from Los Alamos County Leadership Academy Program

On Thursday, June 13th, Elections Manager Gloria Maestas along with many of her fellow employees, graduated from the LAC Academy, a leadership program designed to provide LAC employees with a myriad of skills to assist with handling not only the day-to-day demands of their job, but to help LAC employees contribute directly to the overall success of Los Alamos County. She joins County Clerk Maestas and Chief Deputy Clerk Adrianna Ortiz in completing this program.



Outreach and Education – Voter Registration & Outreach at Los Alamos Farmer's Market



County Clerk Maestas and staff held voter registration drives at Farmer's Market on Thursday, June 13th and Thursday, June 27th, giving folks the chance to register to vote, pick up "Forget Me Not" seeds as a reminder about the upcoming November 5, 2019 Regular Local Election.

Staff Development & Education – New Mexico Counties Annual Conference:

County Clerk Maestas, Chief Deputy Clerk Ortiz and Elections Manager Maestas attended the New Mexico Counties 83rd Annual Conference, held in Curry County (Clovis, NM) June 19th thru June 21st. County Clerks and staff, from all 33 counties, met to continue discussions on legislation passed during the 2019 NM Legislative session. In addition, counties were briefed on new or updated voting and election procedures and other general Clerk Affiliate business. The group, along with staff from the NM Secretary of State's Office discussed the implementation of House Bill 407 (election related legislation passed in 2019) and its impacts, in preparation for the upcoming November 2019 Local Election. As part of the conference festivities, the host county held a 50's Style Sock Hop event, and the Los Alamos County Clerk's office joined in the fun by dressing as Pink Ladies.



Recently Passed Legislation in House Bill 407 brings Election Code Changes:

June 2019 was certainly a busy time for the staff in the Clerk's Office as well as for the County Council. Recently passed legislation in House Bill 407 (HB 407) brought many changes to the Election Code, and as a result the following three resolutions were approved, as required by the Election Code.

Effective Immediately: Resolution 19-07 – Amendment to the Current Polling Places (Vote Centers)

In 2017, the County Council approved Resolution 17-19, designating polling places for the 2018-2019 election cycle. After careful consideration and in preparation for the November 5, 2019 Regular Local Election, County Clerk Naomi D. Maestas, with the support of the County Council, added the University

of New Mexico-Los Alamos Branch as an Election Day Vote Center. Adding this site, should make voting more accommodating not only for all voter of Los Alamos, but for eligible college and high school voters. Below is a list of the current/new polling places:

- White Rock Town Hall - 139 Longview Drive, White Rock, NM
- Betty Ehart Senior Center - 1101 Bathtub Row, Los Alamos, NM
- LAC Municipal Building - 1000 Central Avenue, Los Alamos, NM
- LAC Golf Course Community Building - 4244 Diamond Drive, Los Alamos, NM
- **NEW** - University of New Mexico-Los Alamos Branch - 4000 University Drive, Los Alamos, NM

Effective in 2020: Resolution No. 19-06 Precinct Boundaries Adjustment

Due to recently passed legislation (HB 407), the County Council is required to adjust a precinct if the precinct has had more than seven hundred fifty (750) votes cast by voters of that precinct at a general election based on the two most recent general elections. Within the two most recent general elections state precincts 6, 11, 15, and 16, have each had over seven hundred fifty (750) votes cast in their respective precincts. Consequently, the precincts have also been renumbered to better flow in sequential order. These precinct adjustments will not take effect until January 1, 2020.

Effective for the 2020 and 2021 Election Cycle: Resolution No. 19-08 Designated the Election Day Polling Places for all Statewide and Special Elections Conducted in 2020 and 2021; And Established the County Canvassing Board through the end of 2021

Resolution 19-08 designates the following polling places through December 31, 2021:

- White Rock Town Hall - 139 Longview Drive, White Rock, NM
- Betty Ehart Senior Center - 1101 Bathtub Row, Los Alamos, NM
- LAC Municipal Building - 1000 Central Avenue, Los Alamos, NM
- LAC Golf Course Community Building - 4244 Diamond Drive, Los Alamos, NM
- University of New Mexico-Los Alamos Branch – 4000 University Drive, Los Alamos, NM

In addition, the County Council has appointed the following individuals serve as the County Canvassing Board for all Elections through December 31, 2021: Laura Burrows (L); Cameron Counters (D); Chris Luchini (L); Terry Marzili (R); and Dave Schiferl (D).

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Administration Division

Transportation Board Recruiting One New Member:

The Transportation Board meets the first Thursday of the month at 5:30 p.m. Meetings are held at 1000 Central Avenue, Room #110.

June 6, 2019 Transportation Board Meeting Highlights:



Discussion regarding proposed changes to the Snow & Ice Control Plan.
Philo Shelton reviewed the 2020 Budgeted CIP Projects.

Thank you, Team! For all your hard work and dedication!

On June 12th the Public Works Department held their annual Employee Appreciation Picnic.



Congratulations on your promotion Philo!



Other bosses give orders, you gave us direction.
Other bosses give targets, you gave us a vision.
Other bosses lead by authority, you always led us by respect.

We wish you all the best!

Airport Division

Airport Perimeter Fence Project Completed:



The airport perimeter fence project has been completed. This project replaced the fence along Highway 502 and Airport Road with vinyl-coated eight-foot chain-link fence, replaced two powered vehicle gates and three pedestrian gates. Total project costs came in 5% under budget and 95% of the costs were covered by an FAA Airport Improvement Grant and NMDOT Aviation Grant.



Custodial Division

- ✚ The Custodial Division supported 222 events during the month of June.
- ✚ Staff toured Fuller Lodge in preparation for extended Fuller Lodge hours.
- ✚ Carpets in the Standby Room at PCS were shampooed.
- ✚ One custodial position has been advertised.
- ✚ New wooden planters were placed along the patio at Fuller Lodge and annuals were planted.



Engineering & Project Management Division

Canyon Rim Trail Phase 3:

The County has been working with the consultant to acquire parcels with private owners. Formal offers are being drafted and coordinated by the County Attorney's office.

NM 502 Reconstruction, Knecht St. to Tewa Loop:

Staff continues to coordinate with NMDOT on this state lead project. The contractor, Star Paving, began work on March 18, 2019. Agency coordination is ongoing for projects occurring on or near DP Road for public outreach. Trinity is currently detoured through Central Avenue at Knecht, and traffic east of Central was shifted to the north for utility and storm drain installation on the south side of Trinity Drive between Tewa Loop and DP Road. This detour is expected to remain in place through most of the summer months.

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 90% plan submittal was submitted on February 1st and a plan review was held on March 8th. A Cooperative Maintenance Agreement between NMDOT and the County was approved by Council on April 2nd and executed by NMDOT. A trail plat of easement, as requested by NMDOT, is under review by NMDOT. Final plans are anticipated in June 2019, pending plat of easement approval, and NMDOT certifications. Construction is anticipated to begin in March 2020.

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

Santa Fe Engineering, the County's design consultant, presented the design alternatives to the Transportation Board on January 3rd. The board requested a road diet be considered on Trinity Drive between Oppenheimer and Diamond Drive. The road diet scope was added and analyzed by SFE. The findings and a preferred alignment, based on the model's analysis, were presented and a recommendation to move forward with the Road Diet alternative from Diamond Drive to Oppenheimer Drive was made by the T-Board at the May 2, 2019 meeting. Following the meeting the traffic analysis is being completed and will be submitted to NMDOT for their review and approval, as Trinity Dr. is a State facility. The recommended alternative was presented to County Council on June 25th and comments were received to refer to NMDOT for their review. If NMDOT concurs with the recommended alternative, final design will begin and is anticipated to be complete late summer 2019.

Diamond Drive Pavement Rehabilitation Project:

Los Alamos County received a grant for emergency management funds to resurface Diamond Drive, among other things related to the heavy snow storms at the beginning of the year. Diamond Drive will be milled and over sprayed from the Omega Bridge through the Roundabout at San Ildefonso this summer. A geotechnical consultant was hired to conduct a study to determine the surfacing needs for this project. The project was advertised, and bids were accepted on June 19, 2019. The bid is being evaluated and is anticipated to be brought forth to Council for award on July 9th, with work beginning shortly thereafter. Work between Omega Bridge and Sandia/Orange St. intersection is slated to be complete prior to school beginning on August 15th, per the contract. Project completion is scheduled for late September of this year.

SR4 and Truck Route

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 estimated at \$3.6Million including NMGRt.

USACE and DOE have begun the design portion of the project with Bohannon Huston and final designs are anticipated late August of 2019. Bi-weekly project team meetings are being held with all stakeholders to keep this project on schedule. A 60% design review was held on May 15 with an updated estimate of \$4.7Million and the 90% review plan set is expected to be received early July for stakeholder review.

DOE evaluated the remaining SEP funds available and have approximately \$3Million for this project. Public Works staff have received a call for projects from the NMDOT for State funds with a 5% required match. A grant application was submitted requesting additional funding for this project.

Mesa Library HVAC Improvements – Mick Rich Construction

Work completed over the past month:

- HVAC
 - The system is running well. Staff, the engineers and the contractor are looking into some very minor control issues as the boilers still seem to be firing while the system is in cooling mode.
- Lighting
 - Original Lighting installations and programming is complete.
- Overall

- Work is now being considered as complete. Any further issues will be covered as Warranty work. The main subs (Mechanical and Electric) have been extremely responsive to issues so there is not a concern of them not coming back.
- The General contractor is compiling the remainder of the close-out documents and will finish this by the end of June.

Sub-Project – Library Elevator Upgrades – Otis Elevator

The final fire inspection occurred on June 19 and was approved. This project is now complete.

On Call Construction Services

An RFP is being developed to provide on-call facility work as needed for smaller projects that are small in scale to go out to bid individually or that need to be fast-tracked. Remodels, smaller mechanical, electrical and plumbing jobs would fall into this category, generally less than \$200,000 each, many being \$50,000 or less.

Fire Station 6 Restroom Remodels – Riskin and Associates (Design)

The restrooms at Fire Station 6 (Airport) will be refurbished as it has been a little over 10 years since they were last re-done and are looking worn. Project will advertise in July and work will start in September.

Ice Rink Improvements

An RFP for design was advertised and proposal received. Staff hopes to have a contract to the successful design team during the 1st week of June. The project is still on track to begin in July and continue thru the end of 2019, advertised after the holidays, with construction running from about March 1 thru October, with final completion slated for the end of the year (punch list, close-out documentation). A meeting with the Parks and Recreation Board will occur in the Fall (last month inadvertently said "Spring") once the "30%" drawings are reviewed by staff.

Kiddie Pool Project\:

A project kick-off meeting was held with the Architect and staff on June 10th. Preliminary concepts were presented in a follow up meeting on June 24th. Public meetings are being planned for the August/September time frame.

Public Health Office Remodel:

This project makes some minor remodel work to the Public Health Office for a new health care provider to operate in the space. The drawings for the construction work are completed by the architect. Quotes are now being solicited from contractors to perform the work.

White Rock Senior Meals Center Kitchen Equipment Upgrade:

Work started in the kitchen on March 16th and was completed on March 25th. Senior are be served through the Los Alamos Senior Center Kitchen during this period. The White Rock Kitchen will reopen on April 1st.

Piñon Park Splash Pad:

Since the Design Professional Surroundings held their price, the project was picked up from where it was mothballed last year. A kick off meeting was held on June 6th 2019. Thematic design is in the works with results expected before the August 8th Parks and Rec. Board meeting.

Golf Course Irrigation Project:

MRWM held a kick off meeting on June 13th 2019. A best solution/system will be presented at the Parks and Rec. Board meeting on August 8, 2019.

Mesa Library HVAC Improvements:

The project is substantially complete as of February 20th and final completion is pending minor work. The contractor is working on punch list items and making adjustments to the HVAC system as needed. Activation and testing of the chillers will occur in the Spring when cooling will be needed in the building, this is scheduled to be complete by June 1st and will not impact the occupancy of the building. Additional work on the elevator is being completed by March 29th, including a fire caulking, a damper, and a Shunt Trip breaker requested by the Fire Marshall as precautionary items.

Fire Station 2 Training Tower Work:

A consultant is being hired to verify the tie-offs and lowering structures on the tower meet OSHA safety requirements. If they are found not to meet, new installation will be completed before the July Fire Academy. County facilities crews will perform work to correct some door and wall panel issues and a concrete contractor will be hired to repair some minor concrete damages on the stairs.



Figure 1 – Attach Point (by Flag)



Figure 2 – Deteriorated Steps

Fire Station 3 Alternate Dispatch Area:

Plans to provide a secondary dispatch area at Fire Station 3 began two years ago to eliminate the need for an alternate dispatch location to reside at the Santa Fe Dispatch area. Planning and Design work to complete the infrastructure is needed before 911 lines are installed. This work is not yet scheduled.

Airport and Aquatic Re-roof and Structural Repairs:

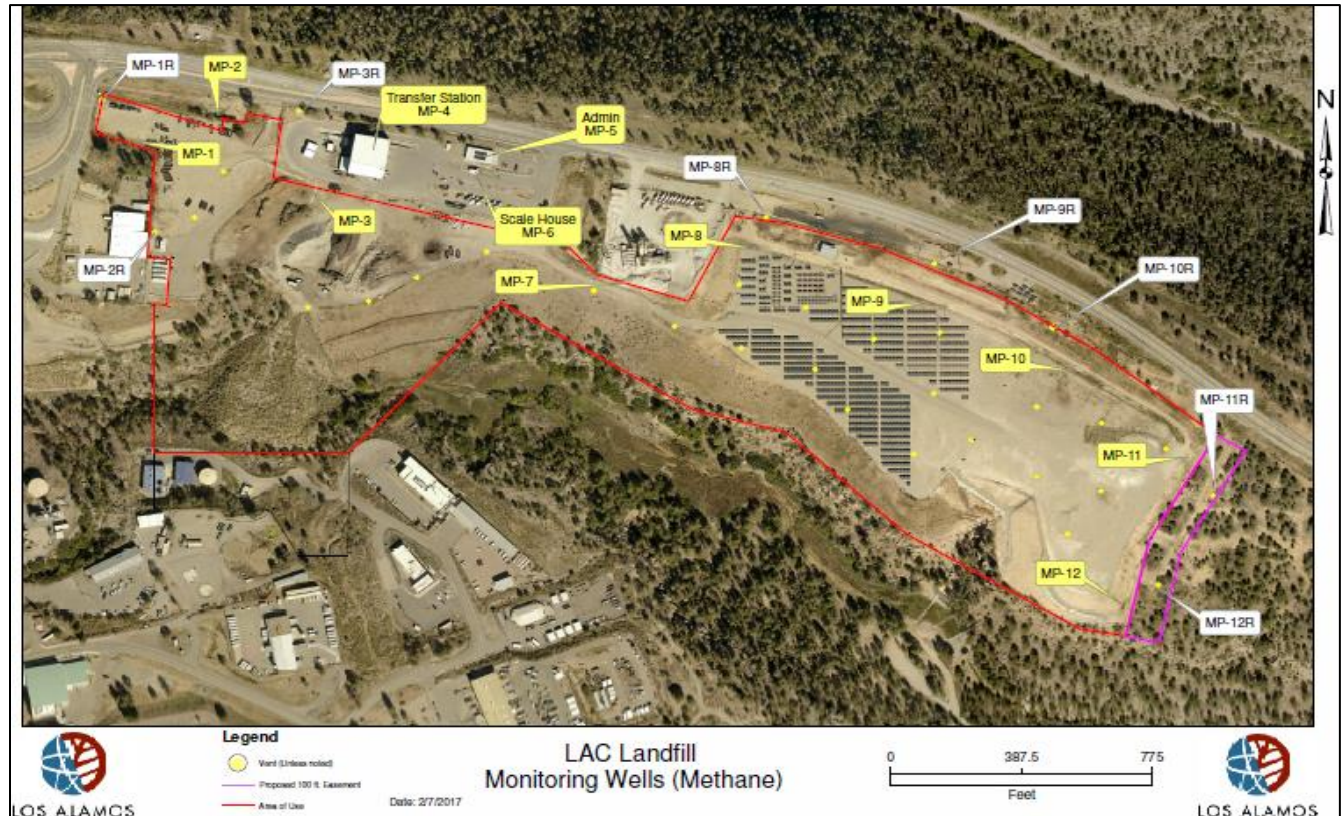
Staff is working to secure design services to re-roof the flat roof portion of the center's roof as well as correct some structural issues with a portion of the roof structure away from public areas which have been damaged by excessive humidity. An exhaust fan is anticipated to be installed in the electrical room to exhaust future humidity build-ups and create some air flow. This project is also considering a slanted roof to keep snow from sliding onto the adjacent flat roof and down spouts to deter icing damage on the canyon side of the building.

Environmental Services Division

Los Alamos County Landfill Gas (LFG) Update:

With the installation of the Landfill Gas Control and Collection system, the methane concentrations have decreased and are in compliance with NMED Solid Waste Rules. Environmental Services has received

approval from New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) to reduce monitoring from weekly to quarterly as prescribed by NMAC Solid Waste Rules.



Environmental Sustainability Board – Los Alamos Public Schools Team:



Environmental Services Senior Office Specialist, Joshua Levings, as well as Lisa Bakosi, ESB Chair and Jody Benson dedicated this past year to working with Los Alamos Public Schools (LAPS) on environmental sustainability issues. Students from across the district have a unified message, they want to recycle more at school and they want to stop using single-use items in their cafeterias. Joshua Levings, middle school Green Earth

Club member RJ Khalsa and Aven Heavner (4th grader from Barranca Elementary), presented to the school board and made their request to make LAPS more environmentally friendly starting with school cafeterias. The LAPS team pointed to Chamisa Elementary School, which has implemented reusable trays and cutlery as well as recycling and composting in their cafeteria. Chamisa Elementary School has been very successful at reducing waste, recycling and composting and educating students about the importance of being environmental stewards. In addition, 40 letters from students were presented to the school board.

Zero Waste-Palooza presentation at the League of Women Voters

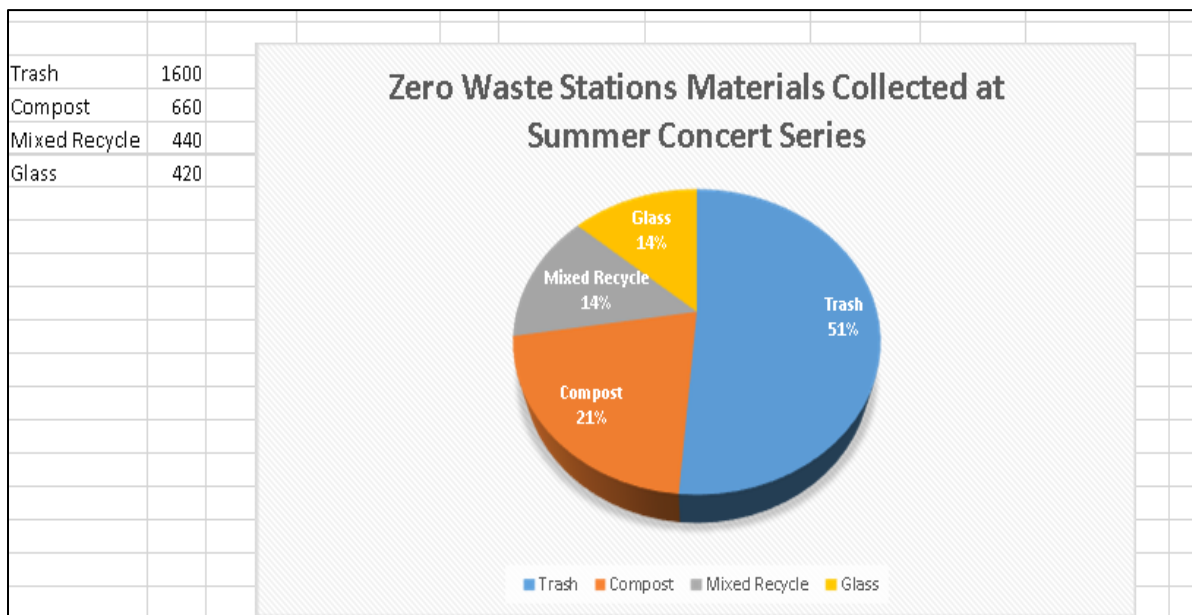


The Zero Waste team presented to the League of Women Voters. Sue Barns discussed food waste diversion, rescue and recovery. Angelica Gurule, Environmental Services Manager, discussed how to recycle right and answered various questions from the audience. Jody Benson discussed working with restaurants to reduce food waste and waste in general. Tiffany Pegoda and Elchin Jafarov discussed the

various types of composting. The Zero Waste team is available to give presentations to interested organizations.

Zero Waste Stations at the Los Alamos Summer Concert Series

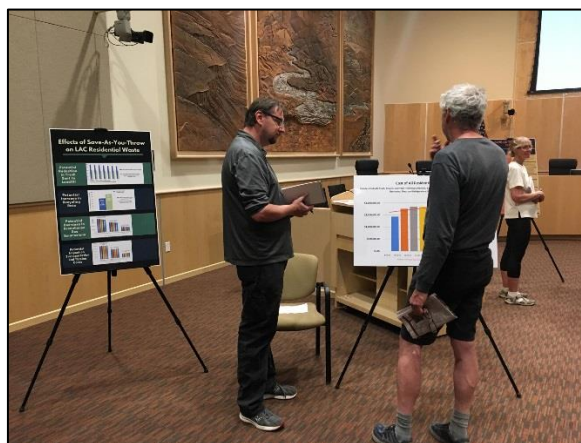
The Zero Waste Team, Environmental Services employees and Environmental Sustainability Board staff four Zero Waste Stations every Friday night at the Los Alamos Summer Concert Series in an effort to reduce waste by composting and recycling and to educate attendees about the importance of reducing waste. On average, curbside pickup in Los Alamos diverts 25% of waste. At the summer concerts with the help of volunteers and workers the diversion rate is up to 50%.



Save As You Throw (SAYT) Open House

The Environmental Sustainability Board held an open house in Council Chambers at the Municipal Building. All ESB members and SAYT Research subcommittee were present and available to answer questions and concerns. Over 20 residents attended, and some participated in the SAYT poll conducted

during the Open House. The ESB will also release an online Open Forum Survey at the end of July 2019 and will continue to engage the public throughout the research.



Los Alamos Public Schools Water Bottle Filling Stations Project:



Los Alamos County Environmental Services and Los Alamos Public Schools collaborated and received a \$15,000 grant from New Mexico Environment Department – Recycling and Illegal Dumping Grant Fund. The funds were used to purchase 16 water bottle filling stations, which were installed at each of the LAPS schools. The project is in effort to reduce single-use plastic water bottles at the schools. With this initiative thousands of water bottles will be eliminated from the waste stream each year.

Save As You Throw – Farmer’s Market



The ESB is diligently working to gather public input about the Save As You Throw program currently being evaluated. At Farmer’s Market, the ESB invited the public to attend the Open House as well as addressed the public’s comments and concerns about the program.

Chamber Fest



The Environmental Sustainability Board and Environmental Services staff hosted a booth at Los Alamos Chamber Fest. The public was educated about the food waste problem, over 40% of all food produced in the US is discarded. They were also equipped with tips and tools to prevent food waste through planning, storage and sharing. The ESB also informed residents about the Save As You Throw program currently being researched, while other members taught children how to recycle right.



2019 Zero Waste Champions of the Year:

Each year the Environmental Sustainability Board hosts a friendly competition amongst the business community in effort to motivate environmentally friendly business practices. Each organization is nominated and voted for by Los Alamos residents. These winning organizations have contributed greatly to environmental sustainability in the community and helped to support Zero Waste in Los Alamos.

Ecolutions is the “Business” Zero Waste Champion of the Year

Zia Waste is the “Small Business” Zero Waste Champion of the Year

Del Norte Credit Union is the “Non-Profit” Zero Waste Champion of the Year

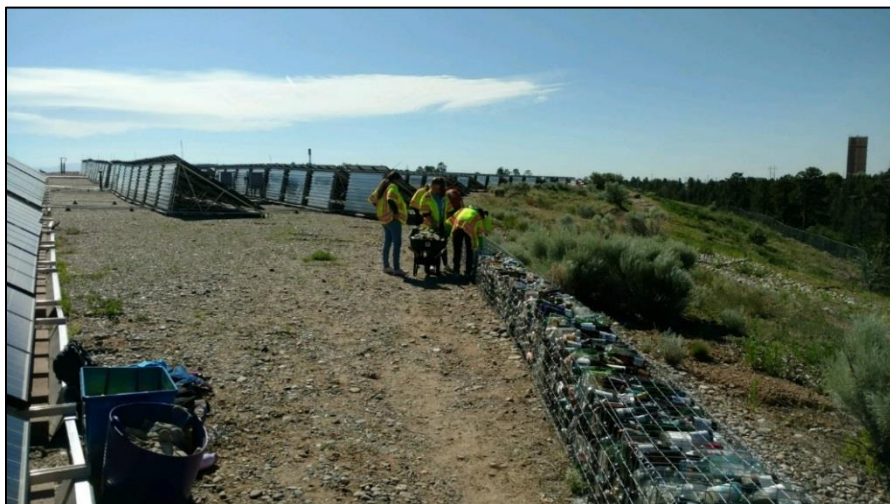
Chamisa Elementary is the “School” Waste Champion of the Year

Sirphey is the “Restaurant” Waste Champion of the Year



ESB Chair, Lisa Bakosi, and Angelica Gurule presented Del Norte Credit Union with the Non-Profit Zero Waste Champion award for their contributions to waste reduction, recycling, and energy conservation.

Y Corp – Upcycled Glass Gabion Basket Project



Y Corp students from the YMCA Los Alamos gained work experience in a field setting at the Los Alamos closed landfill. Students built gabion baskets and filled them with glass bottles to reduce erosion and stabilize the landfill slopes.

Residential Sustainability Report



Residential Sustainability Report

Service Period: May 2019

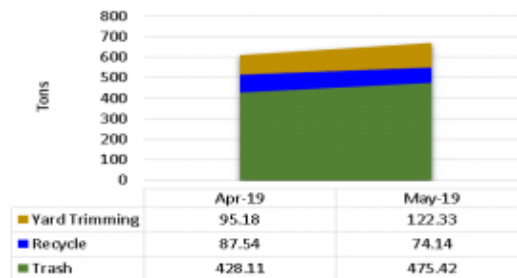
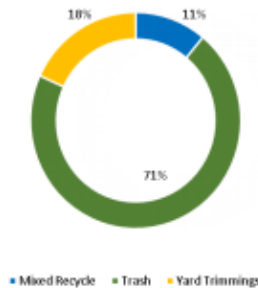
April Diversion Rate: 30%

May Diversion Rate: 29%

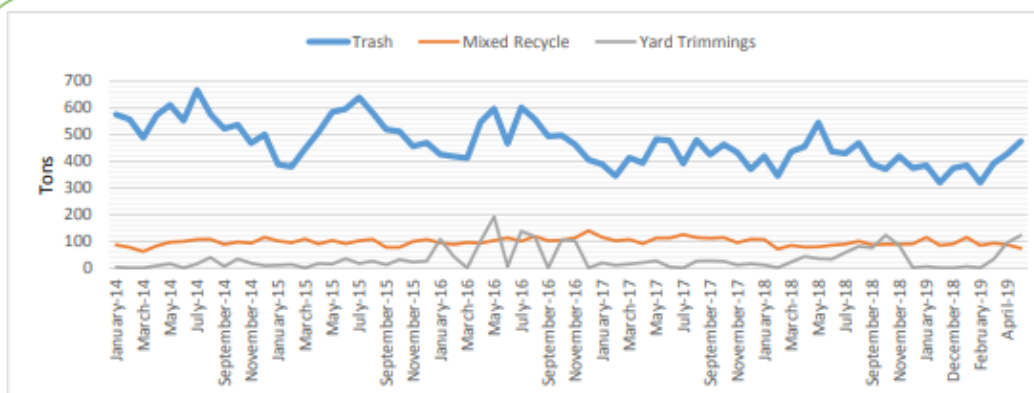


The diversion rate is the percent of recyclable and compostable material diverted from the landfill.

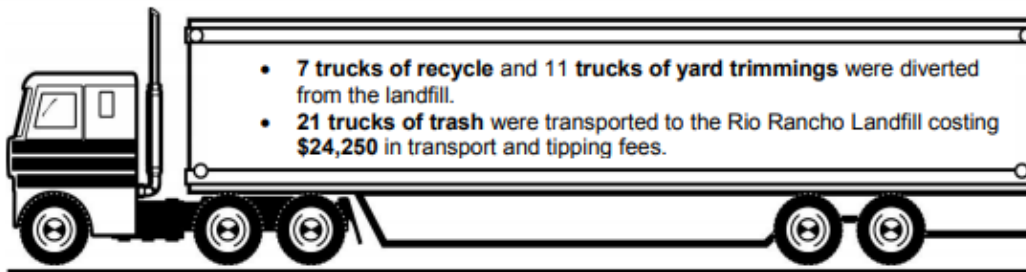
Monthly Collection Report



In May by recycling and composting Los Alamos County reduced GHG emissions by ~494 tons



In 2019 by recycling and composting Los Alamos County reduced GHG emissions by ~2062 tons



For more information contact Environmental Services Division at 505.662.8163 or email solidwaste@lacnm.us

Facilities Division

FS2 Training Tower – New Doors and Exterior Paint Work:



The Los Alamos Fire Department has a staff training facility located at Fire Station #2 on DP Road. In preparation for the upcoming class of cadets, who will begin the next academy on July 22nd, Facilities staff have worked to replace the doors in the tower structure such that they will be fully operational for future use. In addition, the tower has been painted and clearly marked as a training facility owned and utilized by the Los Alamos County Fire Department.



Nature Center – Exterior Wood Staining Project:

The Nature Center Building, currently occupied by PEEC, is a treasured organization/facility in the Los Alamos community that has been in place now for almost half a decade. Over that time, the New Mexico sun has taken its toll on the wood exterior as shown by these before and after photos. The recent staining work both improves appearance and will protect the structures exterior wood surfaces for years and years to come.

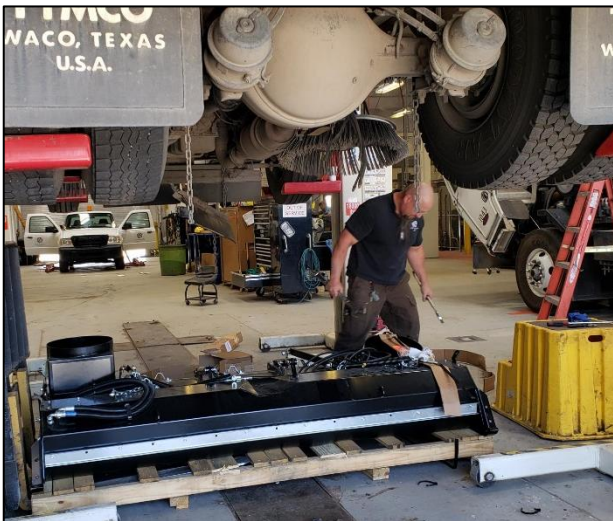


Fleet Division



Robert Romero started in 2004 as a Fleet Mechanic and this year has completed 15 years with Los Alamos County.

15
Years



Matt Lengyel is installing a new pick up head on a sweeper for Traffic and Streets.

Traffic and Streets Division



Two new equipment operators were hired. On the left is Steven Martinez who comes to us from the Parks Department. On the Right is Stephen Mares, who is a new County employee. Congratulations to both and welcome aboard!



Crews worked on preparing Overlook Park for 4th of July Fireworks show. Crews paved a new walkway, repaired potholes in the parking lots that were used for the bus service. Crews also placed electrical outlets in various locations along with clearing weeds and debris along the fencing to make for an enjoyable experience for the public.

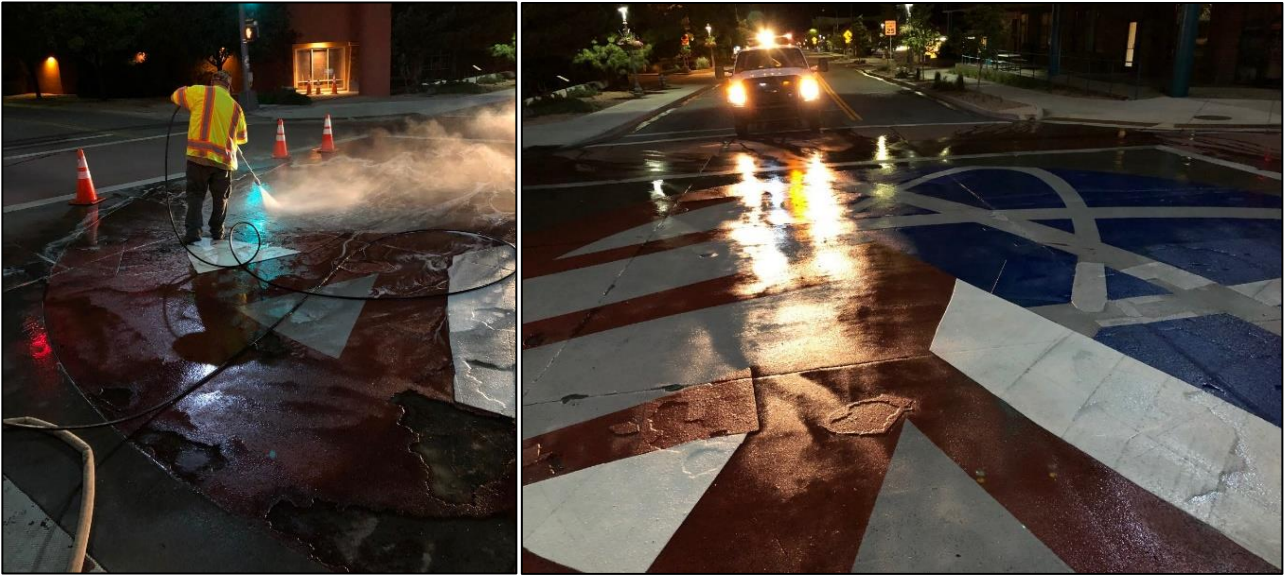


Approximately 200 ft. of new sidewalk was placed on Broadview Dr. adjacent to San Ildefonso Rd.

This new sidewalk along with two new ADA ramps, replaces an existing foot path and will provide a safe walkway for the residents on the North Mesa.



Crews removed a tree on Bryce Ave. in White Rock. This tree was causing interference with the operation of the street light.



Crews worked to clean the county logo at the intersection of 15th and Central Ave. This work was completed at night to not interfere with the traffic at this busy intersection.



Crews have been busy re-striping the lane lines in the county right-of-way in Los Alamos for the past several weeks. Crews have now moved to White Rock and anticipate continuing striping through July.

- ✚ Traffic Electricians continue working on the light pole replacement project on Canyon Rd. The existing green light poles are being taken down, maintenance is performed, and they are then cleaned and powder-coated grey, before re-installing them.
- ✚ Crews have swept 81 miles in the month of June and swept shoulders in Los Alamos.

- ✚ Crews have prepped and paved curb on Range Road to alleviate a drainage concern.
- ✚ Administration - Construction and Special Event season is in full swing. From January through June 25th there have been 65 traffic control permits issued related to construction and road closures and special events. There have been 33 excavation and or curb cut permits

Transit Division

It's Bandelier Shuttle Service time. Atomic City Transit began shuttle service to Bandelier National Monument on May 16, 2019. Shuttle service to Bandelier is provided seven days a week with 30-minute weekday service and 20-minute weekend service from White Rock Visitor Center to Bandelier. Shuttle service will be provided through October 16, 2019 with 20-minute service during holiday weeks.



Longtime employee **Mickey Fry** attended Los Alamos County Academy. The training is designed to supplement the County's Operational Excellence initiative and its graduates achieved an honor reserved for a select few. The knowledge learned is very valuable when dealing with both internal and external customers. Graduates understand why we need to operate as provide the best customer service to our community.



Ridership for May 2019 was very busy, with increased ridership Memorial Day Weekend.

Day	Date	Unlinked Trips	Passenger Outbound	Inbound
Th	5/16/19	523	279	244
F	5/17/19	622	308	314
Sa	5/18/19	712	342	370
Su	5/19/19	771	371	400
M	5/20/19	493	245	248
T	5/21/19	298	148	150
W	5/22/19	675	284	391
Th	5/23/19	568	275	293
F	5/24/19	693	359	334
Sa	5/25/19	1,287	643	644
Su	5/26/19	1,494	635	859
M	5/27/19	1,345	655	690
T	5/28/19	629	309	320
W	5/29/19	633	313	320
Th	5/30/19	533	251	282
F	5/31/19	615	262	353
Total		11,891	5,679	6,212

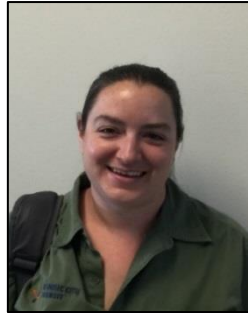
Seasonal employees are hired, trained and perform the service every year for Bandelier. 2019 Bandelier team are a great addition to Atomic City Transit. Meet the new team below.



Karl Moffatt



Jonathan Lujan



Leanne Arvila



John Walters



Lloyd Trujillo



Devin Sherwood



Melvin Ortiz



Mark Martinez

BANDELIER SHUTTLE

Weekend Service:

MAY 16 - OCTOBER 16

Regular Weekend Schedule and *Holiday Week Schedule

Departs White Rock Visitor Center	Departs Bandelier
9:00a	9:30a
9:20a	9:50a
9:40a	10:10a
10:00a	10:30a
10:20a	10:50a
10:40a	11:10a
11:00a	11:30a
11:20a	11:50a
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3:20p	3:50p
3:40p	4:10p
4:00p	4:30p
4:20p	4:50p
4:40p	5:00p

*Holiday weekends are Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day and Balloon Fiesta Week.
For specific dates please call our office at (505) 661-7433.

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where discoveries are made



BANDELIER CONNECTIONS

from White Rock

to Los Alamos Downtown:

MAY 16 - OCTOBER 16

Bandelier Shuttle		Transfer Options to Atomic City Transit Routes - WEEKDAYS ONLY			
White Rock Visitor Center		Route 2T		Route 2m	2 Peak
Departs Bandelier	Arrives WR Visitor Center	2T: White Rock Library	2T: Community Garden Center	2M: Rover & SR4	2 Peak: White Rock Library
9:30a	9:56a	9:58a	10:09a		
10:00a	10:26a			10:37a	
10:30a	10:56a	10:58a	11:09a		
11:00a	11:26a			11:37a	
11:30a	11:56a	11:58a	12:09p		
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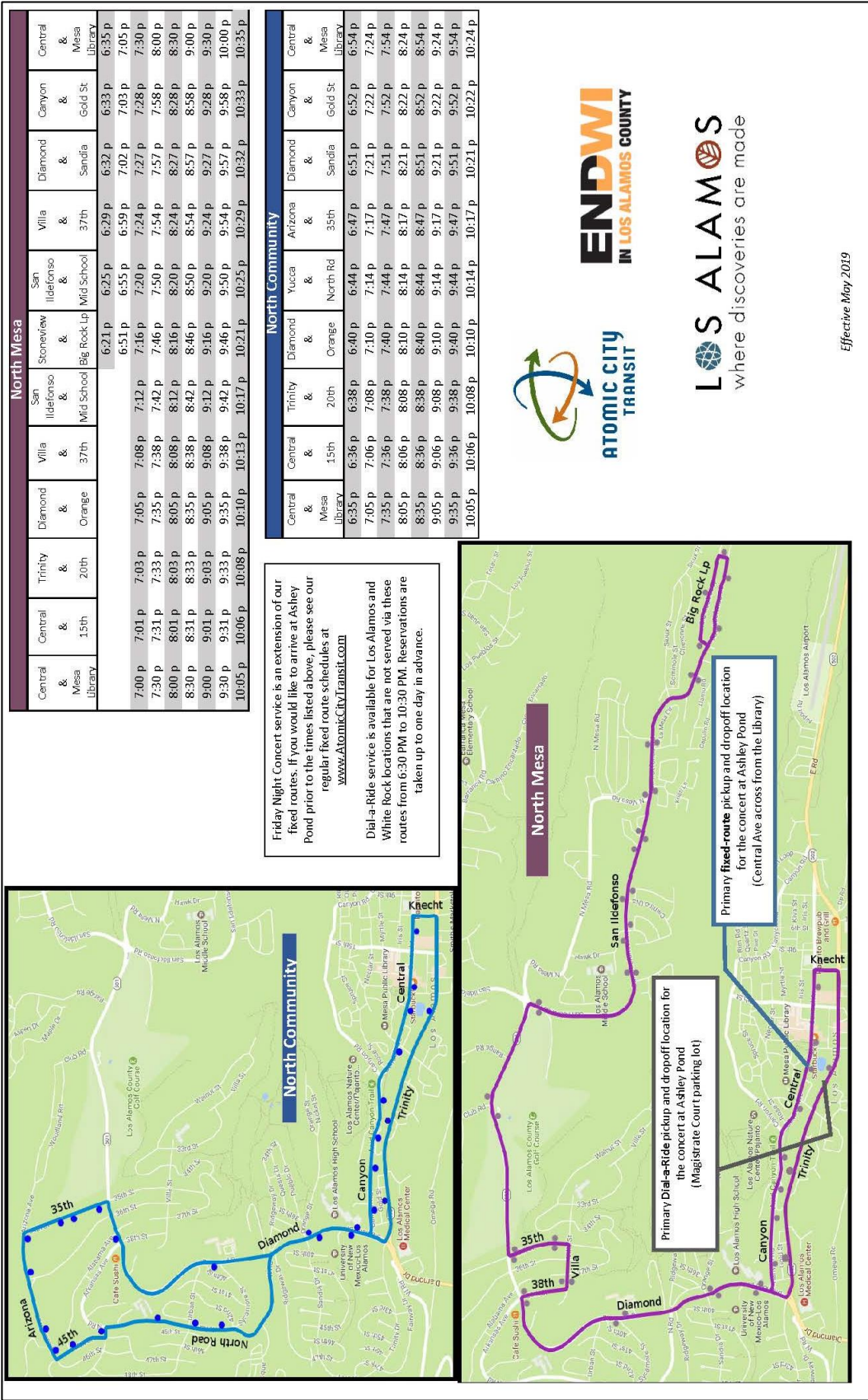


On June 8, 2019 Atomic City Transit provided shuttle service for SummerFest, thirty-minute service from Sullivan Field to Pajarito Mountain. Over 800 riders were provided from 10:00 am to 6:30 pm. Great weather contributed to the high attendance.



Atomic City Transit is once again, partnering with Los Alamos DWI Council to bring you a safe ride to your Friday Night Summer Concerts. Three routes will be service this years with maps and time schedules below. This years' summer concert line up is sure to please. The concerts and transportation are free. Forget the traffic and stress of finding a parking, hop on the bus and enjoy.

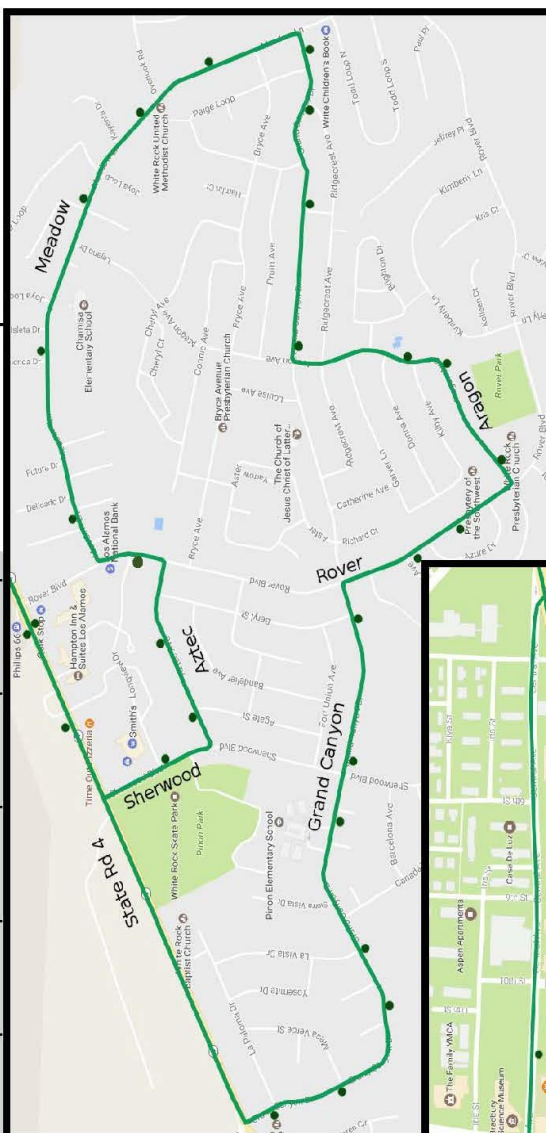
2019 Friday Night Summer Concert Bus Service



Effective May 2019

2019 White Rock Friday Night Summer Concert Bus Service

White Rock								
Central & Mesa Library	Central & 15th	SR 4 & Sherwood (Visitor Center)	Grand Canyon & Sherwood	Aragon & Rover	Grand Canyon & Meadow	Sherwood & Post Office	Trinity & 20th	Central & Mesa Library
		7:03 p	7:07 p	7:09 p	7:11 p	7:16 p	7:31 p	7:32 p
7:40 p	7:41 p	7:54 p	7:58 p	8:00 p	8:02 p	8:07 p	8:22 p	8:23 p
8:25 p	8:26 p	8:39 p	8:43 p	8:45 p	8:47 p	8:52 p	9:07 p	9:08 p
9:15 p	9:16 p	9:29 p	9:33 p	9:35 p	9:37 p	9:42 p	9:57 p	9:58 p
10:05 p	10:06 p	10:19 p	10:23 p	10:25 p	10:27 p	10:32 p		



**Atomic City Transit Partnering with
Los Alamos DWI Planning Council**



Atomic City Transit has provided shuttles for four Friday Night concerts. Below is a summary of the customer trips provided.

Route	Adult	Student	Senior	Bike	Lift	Unlinked Passenger Trips
White Rock	65	48	11	-	-	124
<i>North Mesa</i>	<i>108</i>	<i>76</i>	<i>8</i>	-	-	<i>192</i>
<i>North Community</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>5</i>	-	-	<i>47</i>
Los Alamos Routes	129	97	13	-	-	239
<i>Dial-a-Ride</i>	<i>23</i>	-	-	-	-	<i>23</i>
<i>Dial-a-Ride Extension</i>	<i>19</i>	-	-	-	-	<i>19</i>
Dial-a-Ride Total	42	-	-	-	-	42
Supervisor	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fixed Route Total	194	145	24	-	-	363
Demand Response Total	42	-	-	-	-	42
Concert Total	236	145	24	-	-	405



*Los Alamos
County's Child
Safety Program*

Atomic City Transit participated with the Los Alamos Public Schools in the 2019 Los Alamos County "Safety Town" on June 12, 2019. The Safety Program was

held June 10 through June 14.

Los Alamos County's Child Safety Program Safety Town is designed to provide the opportunity for students entering Kindergarten to learn about safety in their school, community, and neighborhood.

Students learned strategies to keep themselves safe and have opportunities to practice basic safety procedures in new situations. These include fire safety, bicycle safety, animal safety, gun safety, stranger safety, pedestrian safety, bus safety, and drug safety.

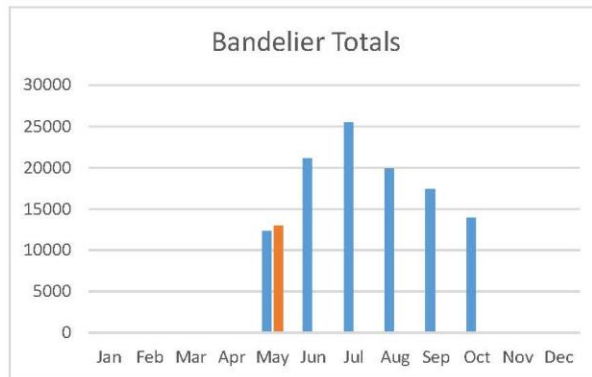
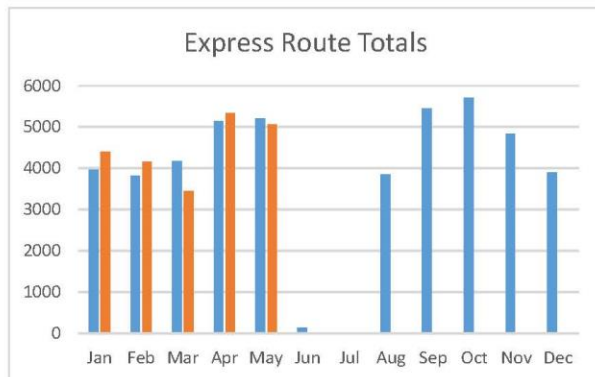
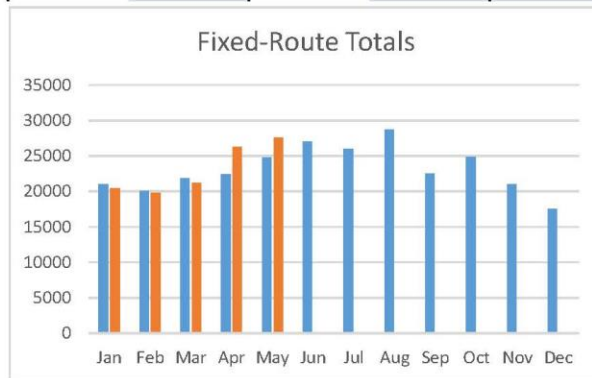
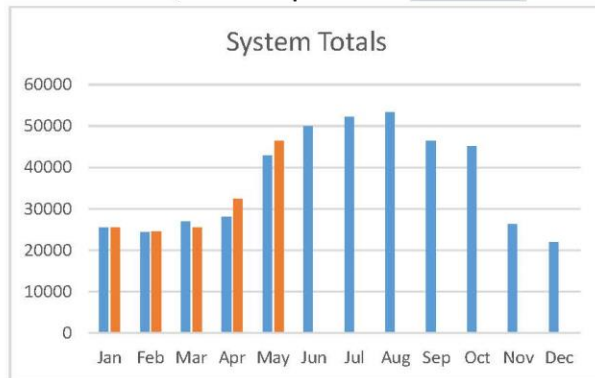




May 2019 Ridership Report

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Route	May Trips			May. Rev. Miles		May. Rev. Hours		YTD Trips
	2018	2019	% Chg	2018	2019	2018	2019	2019
1 Downtown	5,397	6,379	18.2%	3,965	3,965	328.5	328.5	25,766
2M White Rock - Main Hill	2,787	2,970	6.6%	7,895	7,895	297.7	297.7	13,308
2T White Rock - Truck Rt	1,745	1,995	14.3%	7,285	7,285	287.1	287.1	8,358
2P White Rock - Peak	338	321	-5.0%	1,896	3,098	114.4	114.4	1,945
3 Central / Canyon	3,294	3,259	-1.1%	5,591	5,591	279.4	279.4	13,089
4 North Community	2,708	3,780	39.6%	4,051	4,051	286.0	286.0	15,422
5 Barranca Mesa	1,882	2,039	8.3%	4,451	4,451	283.4	283.4	7,107
6 North Mesa	6,382	6,848	7.3%	6,306	6,306	426.4	426.4	30,375
Fixed-route subtotal	24,533	27,591	12.5%	41,441	42,643	2,303.0	2,303.0	115,370
7 North Mesa Expr	1,335	1,316	-1.4%	391	391	23.6	23.6	5,497
8 North Community Expr	938	922	-1.7%	141	141	9.5	9.5	3,865
9 Aspen Expr	966	918	-5.0%	109	109	7.7	7.7	4,124
10 Barranca Expr	1,082	1,041	-3.8%	182	182	11.4	11.4	4,901
11 White Rock Expr	889	865	-2.7%	370	370	14.7	14.7	4,006
Express route subtotal	5,210	5,062	-2.8%	1,192	1,192	66.8	66.8	22,393
12 Bandelier	12,279	12,953	5.5%	7,088	9,427	276.5	364.9	12,953
Dial-a-Ride	101	86	-14.9%	750	471	54.0	30.5	460
ACT Assist	366	453	23.8%	3,508	3,616	212.0	196.3	2,471
Special Services	64	209	226.6%	243	593	11.3	30.6	385
System total	42,553	46,354	8.9%	54,223	57,943	2,924	2,992	154,032



2018 2019

Total Passenger Trips to Date: 5,343,341

Atomic City Transit ridership has increased in the month of May by 8.9% from May 2018.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Building Safety Division

Five (5) commercial permits were issued in June 2019, with a total valuation of \$129,791.00 compared to five (5) permits issued in June 2018, with a total valuation of \$47,985.00.

Seventy-eight (78) residential permits were issued in June 2019, with a total valuation of \$1,108,824.00 compared to seventy-five (75) permits issued in June 2018, with a total valuation of \$659,730.00.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Larry Valdez for accepting the position of Building Inspector with the Building Safety Division. Larry was previously one of the Code Compliance Officers here with Community Development for the past three and a half years.

Around Town



New entrance to Bradbury Science Museum
Code Compliance:

Before and after pictures with code compliance intervention



Before



After



Before



After



Condos being painted

Housing and Special Projects Division

Housing Rehabilitation Program (Home Renewal Program):

Work has been completed on eight homes for the 2017 program. For the 2018 program work has begun on three of the five approved projects for repairs and improvements for energy efficiency, accessibility and general repair. In July, the updated application materials for the program will be available reflecting the new income limits for the program.

Homebuyer Assistance Program:

Two home closings are anticipated before the end of July 2019. Interested households are encouraged to apply. In July the updated applications materials will be available.

Affordable Housing Multi-Family Development:

For DP Road, two affordable rental housing projects are planned to be financed with State low-income housing tax credits. The developer for both projects is Bethel Development, Inc. The first project, "Canyon Walk Apartments" on Tract A-9, 120 DP Road is for 70 units focused on workforce housing. It is anticipated that by early July the developer will submit for building permit and in August 2019 that construction will start. The second project, "The Bluffs" is for 64 units for age 55 and over on 2.79 acres of Tract A-8-b at 135 DP Road. It is anticipated Bethel will submit for building permit for the Bluffs in spring 2020. Also on DP Road, several other construction projects are underway which are being overseen by County departments and other agencies. In order to ensure proper coordination and minimize disruption to local business owners and customers, Community Development staff will be meeting regularly with relevant County departments and agencies.

Housing Needs Study:

In early July the County intends to contract with a consultant to conduct a Housing Market Needs Analysis to provide the County with current information about the housing market and housing needs. This will include housing preferences and types needed for the different demographic segments of the population. The County anticipates that future housing development will include suitable vacant and/or other potential development sites, and the study findings will assist in guiding this development.

Seniors Housing Forum:

A Seniors Housing Forum was held the morning of June 17th at the Betty Ehart Senior Center to provide information on the County's housing initiatives and to discuss new ideas for seniors interested in moving, renovating, downsizing, or selling. Approximately 35 residents attended, and the forum panel consisted of Steve Brugger Director Los Alamos Housing Partnership Inc, Councilor Randall Rytty, and Andrew Harnden County Housing and Special Projects Manager. Seniors suitable housing development for ownership and rent received the most attention and questions. This included income limits, anticipated rent prices, and application timelines for the two affordable rental complexes planned for DP Road.

Planning Division

The Planning & Zoning Commission met on June 12, 2019 for a public hearing on a site plan application for the Canyon Walk Apartments at 120 DP Road. The Planning & Zoning Commission approved the site plan for 70 affordable housing units.

Staff received a site plan application on May 24, 2019 from developers of "The Hill", for 149 market rate apartments to be built on the former LASO site, east of the Medical Center on Trinity Drive. The Interdepartmental Review Committee (IDRC) meeting occurred on June 6, 2019. The case is scheduled for Planning & Zoning Commission hearing on July 10, 2019.

Planning Cases Applied for in the Month of June:

Subdivision - 0
Site Plans - 1
Temporary Use Permit - 1
Waiver – 3
Summary Plat - 1

Building Permit and Business License Review:

During the month of May, Planning Division staff reviewed and acted on 30 Building Permits and 10 new Business License applications.

CDD Administration and Special Projects

The Community Development Department held their annual department retreat on June 20th at Fuller Lodge. Howard Hall, Human Resources, conducted a successful training on communication/personality styles. A big **Thank You!** to Chief Hughes, Bev Purtymun and Fire Department staff filling in at the CDD permit counter while CDD was having their retreat.

The Department continues to work closely and successfully with the CDAB and HPAB, providing staff support.

Business Licenses

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

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

July 30 - Council Regular Session, 6:00 p.m., Council Chambers

KUDOS

Recognition/ Kudo's

Captain Ernest Agnew and the Station 6 B-Shift responded to a critical patient that was transported to the Los Alamos Medical Center. Captain Agnew's crew stayed on scene to help the medical staff stabilize the patient, resulting in her life being saved. As a result of their life-saving actions, the Los Alamos Medical Center along with the Los Alamos Heart Council donated two AED's in the names of this crew. Captain Agnew and his crew were recognized on Friday June 21, 2019 at the Summer Concert Series. The first of the two AED's was installed at Ashley Pond Park, near the public restrooms. This project would not have been possible without assistance from Los Alamos County departments, including Information Management, Facilities, and Parks & Recreation, Los Alamos Heart Council and LAMC.



Congratulations to Deputy Chief Steve Dawald and Division Chief Wendy Servey on their completion of the National Fire Academy's (NFA) Executive Fire Officer Program (EFO). Chief Dawald and Chief Servey graduated from the EFO program on Friday, June 28, 2019 in Emmitsburg, MD. Students in the EFO Program pursue a path of professional development spanning over four years, taking one course per year. Each course was two weeks in duration and is the equivalent of upper division baccalaureate or graduate level coursework. They will join Fire Chief Troy Hughes and other fire service professionals throughout the world who carry this elite designation.



Fuller Lodge. LAFD uses employee recognition department funds to thank LAFD employees for their work throughout the year.



Fire Marshal's Office

Fire Marshal's Office Dodge Ram Truck had logo and identification striping completed. In addition, new equipment was purchased for the Fire Investigation trailer to aid investigators in the field when conducting fire investigations.

LAFD has been working with Albuquerque Fire Rescue (AFR) on a Memorandum of Understanding between both agencies for fire investigation services. This MOU will allow LAFD fire investigators to respond to the City of Albuquerque to assist their fire investigation division, while providing valuable on-scene training to our LAFD fire investigators. LAFD recently assisted AFR with an investigation at an apartment complex that involved a fire death. This is the start of a new program that will allow LAFD Fire Investigators to gain additional training on major fire scenes.

Fire Marshal Wendy Servey, Driver Engineer Joseph Romero and Firefighter Lorenzo Chavez attended the International Association of Arson Investigators Fundamentals of Fire Investigation class in Colorado. The Fire Inspection and Investigation Team conducted a quarterly training that involved an overview of fire detection and suppression systems located at the Los Alamos County Golf Course clubhouse. Case studies were presented by Stephen Rinaldi on the Light Pole fire incident at TA-48 and by Xavier Anderson on the Omega and Aggie wildland fire investigations.

EMS Division

LAFD EMS Division held its annual Project Heartstart CPR event on Saturday June 15th. LAFD trained 30 community members in hands-only CPR.



LAFD also held a Heartsaver First Aid/CPR training for Senior Center staff on June 20th and 26th where, 16 staff members were certified.

EMS Division Chief Ben Stone held a training with the Barranca and East Park lifeguards on interfacing with EMS on 911 calls to the pools.

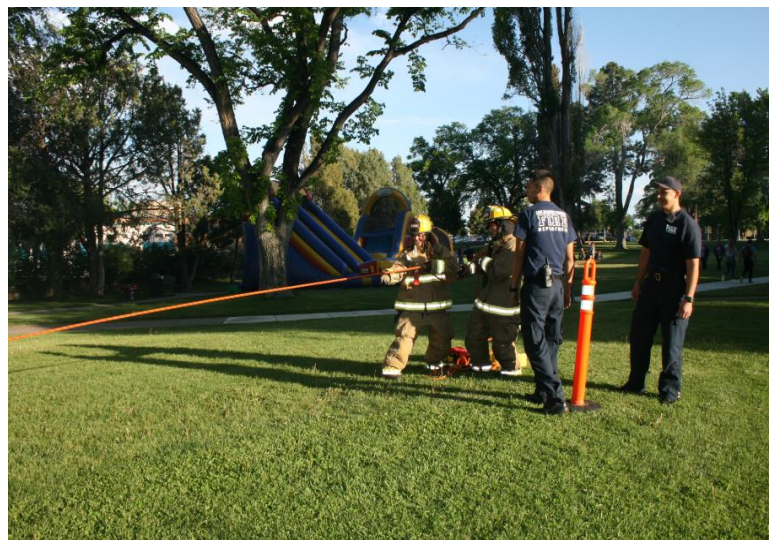
Community Outreach & Public Education

LAFD participated in the Annual Safety Town event and Senior Appreciation Night 2019.

Safety Town



Senior Appreciation Night



Senior Office Specialist Marisha Griego-Ballew and Technology Specialist Louisa Martinez are working on a 76th/30th Anniversary Book. LAFD will be celebrating its 76th Anniversary as a fire department, and its 30th Anniversary as a Department under Los Alamos County in September. Marisha and Louisa have been interviewing past and present members of the department to use in the Anniversary Book. LAFD was originally organized under the Manhattan Project in April of 1943. At that time, it consisted of 7 civilian firefighters and 25 volunteer firefighters. In September 1943, the firefighter functions were taken over by the military. The fire department was operated under the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission and the DOE who employed federal government employees for this service until 1988. At that time, the DOE awarded a contract to the County to hire personnel and provide fire and EMS services for LANL and the community.

In September 1989, the Fire Department was transferred from DOE to Los Alamos County. Completion of this Anniversary book is expected in September.

National Sunglasses Day- LAFD took a few minutes out of their day in observance of National Sunglasses Day!



Deni-

It was great to have you at the Los Alamos Pride Festival representing the Los Alamos County Social Services Division. Having a table at Pride was a great statement to the community about the ways in which the County is here to support all of its citizens, but especially those who are most vulnerable. Your efforts were very appreciated. On the subject of appreciation, I want to personally thank you for the generous gift of your time and hard work helping us to clean up after the Pride Festival. You went way above and beyond anything that could be expected. At the end of that joyful, but exhausting day I was feeling pretty overwhelmed by all the cleanup and packing up that was required

and the small number of people left to work on it. Having you cheerfully step in to help clean up and move supplies, especially you moving 3 pickup truck loads of borrowed supplies back to the Teen Center, absolutely saved the day. Your actions in that moment speak volumes about the person you are, the dedication you bring to your work, and your care for our community.

Thank you for all you do!

*Sincerely,
George Marsden
Director
Los Alamos Teen Center”*



*Jeff,
Early last week I delivered a marker for my husband's plot at Guaje Pines. I stopped by the cemetery at the end of the week and saw that it had already been set. It looks really, really nice. I wanted to thank your department for doing such a great job with the marker and for keeping the cemetery so well maintained! Our county is lucky to have such a beautiful place.*

*Thank you again,
Erica Baron”*

“Just taking a moment to say thank you for all of your help with the Chamber Business Awards Reception (Friday Concert Sponsor) and ChamberFest. Both were very successful. You probably get tired of hearing this, but Sal is an amazing representative for the county. He always goes the extra mile and is always incredibly helpful. His sidekick this year, Chris, is learning from the best!

Anyhow, I will also announce my thanks to all LAC tomorrow at the County Council mtg, but just wanted to specifically thank both of you and let you know what a great job your staff is doing!

Ryn Herrmann
Chamber of Commerce Director
Los Alamos Commerce & Development Corporation"

Questions	Planning/ Zoning	Codes Compliance	Building Safety	Business License	Housing	Customer Service Desk
Total ratings all cards	32	41				207
Count =	8	8				52
Total Rating	4	5				4

Customer Service Survey Results from June 1, 2019 – June 30, 2019

The table below summarizes the ratings on the Customer Service Cards.

The rating scale is: 1 to 4 with: 4-Excellent 3-Good 2-Fair 1-Poor

COMMENTS:

- Lenora Maes was an excellent source
- Just wanted to let you know your staff in the Permit Department are great to work with. Lenora and David and the 2 Michaels are very helpful with anything you need!
- It was joyfully easy! Thanks so much to Lenora and Michael Arellano.
- Fast and professional. Lenora is great!
- I was able to get in and out because of the excellent customer service Mike provided! Thank you.
- Lenora was amazing
- No issue. Lenora Maes took great care, very professional.
- Great
- Michael Marquez was very helpful and knowledgeable about his job! Thank you.
- Michael Marquez
- David Martinez makes an effort to help and advise

Road Striping – Tsikimu – Thank you Traffic & Streets Crews

Audoro-

I want to give a sincere "Thank You!!", echoed by my wife, for having the crews stripe the entrance to Tsikumu. I was very pleasantly surprised to see the crews laying down a yellow line on the first 50 feet or so of Sioux. Like I said, this won't stop everyone from cutting that turn dangerously close but at least

those that do so will now realize that it is their laziness causing others to have to brake hard or swerve onto the sidewalk.

Again, my thanks.
Bryan Bennett

Hi Angelica,

I am taking the time today to let you know that the staff at the Eco Station did an excellent job to get me the right mulch. Yesterday my truck got loaded with a mulch that was "hot" - somewhere between mulch and compost and too acidic for my plants. Today, I returned with the load of mulch and the young woman at the weigh station graciously directed me to unload and she would get one of the operators to reload my truck. While I was unloading, Antoine came over to discuss the mulch options. He was very knowledgeable about the materials, and furthermore, he had an excellent attitude about appropriate treatment of waste, the importance of recycling and conservation, and concern for the environment overall. He shepherded me over to the right pile, giving clear directions about where to drive so as to avoid tire damage, and in a non-reprimanding way, reminded me to cover my load. Also, the gentleman who loaded my truck on Sunday stopped by to make sure that everything was good, and he was understanding (and needlessly apologetic) about the mulch. So, in summary, your loading staff and weigh station staff, and Antoine in particular, should be commended for their excellent service.

Thank you,
Andrea Gerber

I have had the opportunity to work with Donald down at the White Rock Eco Station. He has been the upmost professional whether I am in uniform or not. I have seen him go out of his way to help citizens of the county as well as working with LAFD at the Eco Station. I want to give Donald an LAFD coin for his continued professionalism and courtesy to the community, but I wanted to talk with you before I did. Please let me know what you think.

Thanks,
James Thwaites



Amanda Tyler

Admin · 2 hrs

With the 4th coming up. Curious to hear from those who have taken the bus service down to WR. How was it? And how long did you have to wait to get back up to LA???

13 Comments



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Heather Burke when the show was over, we sat in the parking at overlook, utilizing a handicap placard, and saw the entire field emptied on buses before we were allowed to leave the parking lot. i think it would be a good idea.

Like · Reply · 2h



Sean Liming Dont drive your personal car. Even with a handicap placard it was over an hour getting out.

Like · Reply · 2h



Mark Martinez Buses is the fastest route out. We are not obligated to sit in line the officers and traffic let us out before people in their cars.

Like · Reply · 2h



Amanda Tyler I have always walked from my parents in WR and then gotten stuck in traffic trying to leave WR. With two littles I'm thinking we may try the busses this year.

Like · Reply · 1h



Jennifer Griffin Bus works great and is way easier than trying to park down there

Like · Reply · 1h



Linda Casias Bus is amazing. We used to live by Urban park and it took us 30minutes to get home using the bus.

Like · Reply · 1h



Lorraine Ro When are the fireworks going to be, right on the 4th?

Like · Reply · 1h



Lorraine Ro replied · 2 Replies · 1 hr



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Like · Reply · 1h



Lorraine Ro replied · 2 Replies · 1 hr



Mike Walters We parked at the visitors center took the bus from there. Very quick back to the visitors center.

Like · Reply · 1h



Marsha Parsons What link do I need to use to find out about the 4th festivities 🤔? New to the area and don't know all the sites to use. Thanks in advance for any and all help

Like · Reply · 1h



Sandy Christensen Walters It worked great for us... about 4 yrs ago.

Like · Reply · 27m



Terry Beryl Burge Buses have priority 🤔

Like · Reply · 24m



Write a comment...



Irene Powell <Irene_I_powell@msn.com>

Dear Julie,

The dedication for the Jim Billen Trail went well today. So glad you and Sara Scott were able to attend. And we enjoyed talking to Eric and hearing how they got the bench to the Graduation Pt. spot.

We appreciate all your help and thank you and the county for making this possible. Now Los Alamos has another nice trail and bench to enjoy our beautiful surrounding!

Have a great summer!

David and Irene Powell

Bulthuis, Jon

To: Ricci, Barb
Subject: RE: Facilities Kudos

From: Ricci, Barb
Sent: Wednesday, June 19, 2019 11:17 AM
To: Zerr, James <jm.zerr@lacnm.us>
Cc: Bulthuis, Jon <jon.bulthuis@lacnm.us>; Shelton, Philo <philo.shelton@lacnm.us>
Subject: Facilities Kudos

Hi James,

I would like to recognize the following Facilities staff: (Tim Martinez, Emiliano Martinez, Matt Valencia and Patrick (Tim) McGuire) who helped us out in RIM, yesterday. They assembled three large flat file cabinets complete, torn down old shelving and desks to make room for this additional storage, moved existing flat file cabinets and drawers filled with drawings in order to maintain our filing system. They were professional, organized, cleaned up the packaging materials and moved the old shelving/desks to the dock without hesitation. We could not have accomplished this task within this timeframe.

I am truly grateful and appreciative for the assistance they all provided. It is nice to see a effective team effort in action. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Barb Ricci

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Lauritzen: Life After 50 ... It Takes A Village

Submitted by Carol A. Clark on June 23, 2019 - 6:33am

By **BERNADETTE LAURITZEN**
Executive Director
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According to, www.sheknows.com, the saying, "It takes a village," is a portion of an old African proverb. They also say that may be up for debate, too. Many times it does take a village to get things accomplished and I am thankful for my village.

This week, I wanted to focus on one of our many project partners at the Los Alamos Retired and Senior Organization. The community partner I have selected is Los Alamos County. Now, I realize that thanking a funder publicly may come across as being grossly obsequious, according to Bing.com. Come on, you should at least look up one word, plus I would get a chuckle knowing that you did just that.

I will continue, because I along with 20+ employees, wouldn't get to do what we do, without them. Los Alamos County provides many services and buildings in the community that are run by local non-profits. Your local senior centers are just two of those locations. We service many people in the community with many programs, but I'll elaborate on another day.

Today, my focus is on the many cogs that help to keep this well-oiled machine running throughout the year. The sad part is, that I won't be able to name everyone because it would take so long to get the names. Plus, I haven't even met many of them, that's why, it takes a village.

I began May 1 and there has been some faced paced learning along the way. The first month, we did monthly fire drills, checked the AED machines weekly and many things not many people pay attention to, on a daily basis. These are now things that are my new routine and ones I feel like everyone needs to know about.

I had my first state audit and then first walk through with the Senior, Fire and Life Safety Coordinator, Stephen Rinaldi. Thanks to Rinaldi and Division Chief/Fire Marshal, Wendy Servey, we received our fire inspections upon request. It was an eye opening experience that sets the tone for an organization. We have a great guide and some education we can do for our members too.

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Prior to the three-day audit, there were a few things outside the building to handle too. The crew from the Pavement Division stopped by to fix two of our, "Parking Bumps." Did you know that's what they call the concrete blocks you park your car tires against? I couldn't get in, grab my camera, they were fixed and gone in a flash.

Then there's the gentleman that came to trim weeds near the sidewalks. I had even brought in a cooler of drinks, but he was done and gone before I even knew it.

Finally, there's Keith Yeske and Jim Zerr, that help me get everything else I need to check off the list, Bob Feagans and Yvonne Valencia, who keep me in line. Last, but not least are Donna Casados, Deni Fell and Eloisa Sanchez, who answer all of my questions and I am sure there are too many. They all make me look good when I don't deserve it, but they complete the village and I thank them, so forgive me for being obsequious.

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