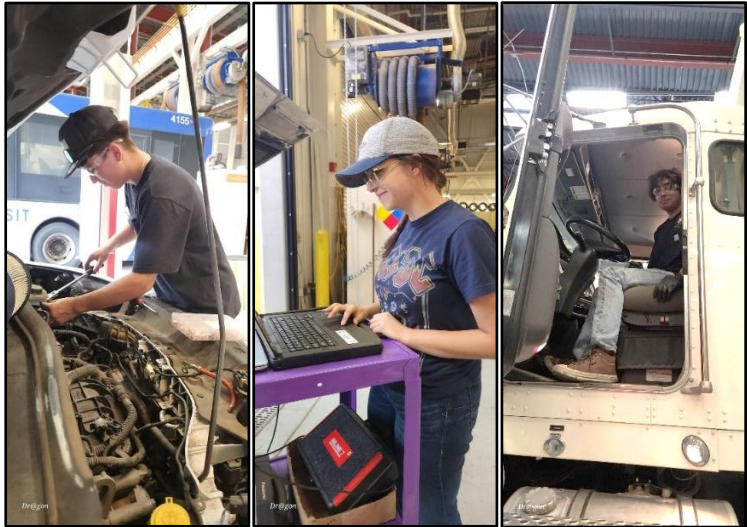


JULY 2025



Los Alamos County Fleet Department had the opportunity to host three summer students: Daniel Herrera, Sophia Martinez, Naveen Velappan



Summer Concert Series Outreach

COUNTY MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT

LOS ALAMOS

INTRODUCTION

The County Manager's Monthly Report provides updates on key programs and projects, County financials and metrics that help track how the staff are serving the community.

NOTE FROM THE COUNTY MANAGER

July kicked off with a fantastic 4th of July event at Ashley Pond and over ten-thousand people were in attendance. In general, July was a month of pushing forward this year's construction projects, supporting the community's summer activities, and starting the process to close out the 2025 fiscal year financials and preparations for the annual budget audit process.

July Council meetings included many updates about ongoing projects and initiatives to stay up to date on their status:

- Approved construction bid to renovate the 37th St and Pinon Park play lots
- Approved installation of new electric charging stations in the Municipal Building parking lot
- Heard briefing on the Airport Operations
- Heard annual update presentation from the Board of Public Utilities
- Heard briefing from the Utility Manager on the Elk Ridge gas line replacement project and the Jemez Mountain Fire Protection project
- Heard update on the Draft Pedestrian Master Plan
- Read proclamations declaring August Bear Month and Distracted Driving Awareness Month
- Approved the June 30, 2025 Quarterly Financial Report as required by the New Mexico Department of Finance'
- Approved relocating one of the large-scale replica pots along NM4 in White Rock to accommodate ADA trail alignment to a new pedestrian crossing
- Heard Probate Judge Klare's request for increased salary and health benefits
- Supported bringing back a wildlife feeding prohibition ordinance for approval consideration
- Heard update on the sale of County property on 20th street south of Trinity for the purpose of market rate housing and a limited amount of retail/commercial spaces
- Approval of amendment to County property sale agreement located at 110 Entrada to extend the due diligence period
- Heard a presentation on the Saturday transit service pilot program
- Received a quarterly update on environmental sustainability and intergovernmental initiatives
- Received an overview of the Council's strategic goal Operational Excellence

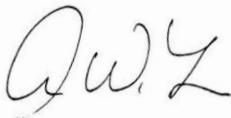
- Appointed two residents to the Los Alamos Commerce and Development Corporation Board

If you would like to see more about the council and their boards and commissions, please visit ([link](#)) to view meeting agendas, videos and minutes.

This month, I will also share some of my July activities as a County Manager.

- Met with a local attorney regarding their concerns about police operations
- Met with a local property owner about progress on Mari Mac Phase 1 redevelopment progress
- Attended working group meeting with NNSA Site Office and Triad staff regarding staffing levels
- Attended monthly meeting with NM federal delegation staff
- Met with NM Economic Development Department lead staff on LEDA for Retail
- Attended monthly tri-party meeting with NNSA Site Office and Triad staff regarding fire operations and cooperative agreement
- Attended Healthy Families cooperative event at the Nambe Pueblo with Social Services Manager Jessica Strong
- Met with residents about sewer back-up concerns
- Attended LACDC Board's strategic planning session
- Hosted NM Speaker of the House Javier Martinez visit to Los Alamos
- Attended White Rock Library's 10th anniversary celebration
- Met with a developer about redevelopment of CB Fox
- Attended the annual audit entrance conference
- Attended the fifth LA Local Business Coalition meeting

I will end this note, as always, with appreciation and gratitude for those who work tirelessly for the community - our staff, our community partners and volunteers. Thank you for all that you do and the many ways you make Los Alamos a special place.



Anne Laurent
County Manager

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COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT

General County

Social Media Engagement
(Facebook, Instagram, and Next Door):
Impressions: 369,821
Interactions: 5,536
Impressions/Interactions =
Engagement: 1.5% (Industry average is
between 1 – 3.5%)

Top LACO performing post: Overlook
Park Reel at Sunrise (posted July 24)

Post Impressions: 38k
Interactions: 1,187
Positive: 69%; Negative: 0%

County Line, Bottom Line, Sustainability, Off the Shelf Newsletter

Subscribers: 4,482
Open Rate: 55%

Record Management

Records requested: 94
Carryovers from previous month: 16
Records pulled for review: 799
Boxes intake for storage: 8
Internal requests: 7
Records provided: 18
Permit requests: 8

Clerk's Office

Records & Filings: 241
eRecordings: 64
Marriage Licenses: 13
Probate Cases: 3
Council County / Board Meetings: 3
Total Registered Voters: 16,163
Voter Record Transactions: 2,939
Social Media Posts: 6
Facebook Followers: 629
Instagram Followers: 378
Threads Followers: 78
X Followers: 139
Customer Visits: 89

Community Development Department

@LosAlamosCountyCommunityDevelop
mentDepartment Facebook
Followers to date: 795
Reached this month: 271
Content interaction this month: 47

Community Services Department

New Social Media Followers: 74
E-Activity Spring Guide Reads: 126
E-Activity Summer Guide Reads: 442
Alcohol Permits: 1

Environmental Services

Social Media Followers: 1.3k

Fire Department

Social Media Followers: 33 IG, 33 FB

Public Meetings

On July 22nd at 5:30 p.m., the County Manager, Community Development Director and Economic Development Manager held a Q&A session regarding the **Small LEDA Retail Initiative** ([meeting was recorded](#)). The purpose was to introduce and discuss the initiative with local business owners and interested individuals ahead of the presentation to the County Council meeting on Aug. 5th.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL, TRIBAL, AND REGIONAL RELATIONS

State

The New Mexico Municipal League Board affirmed the narrow parameters of their policy advocacy and voted not to add Los Alamos Council's issues this year at the July 1, 2025 policy committee meeting. Request for Proposal (RFP) for state lobbyist services closed in mid-July. The contract is in the County Attorney's office after with an expected date before the Council in early September.

The NM State Speaker of the House of Representatives, Javier Martinez, visited Los Alamos as part of his tour of the state. He spoke with representatives from Los Alamos County on multiple issues but focused on housing.

The State Interim Legislative Committee on Science, Technology, and Telecommunications (STTC) held their July meetings in the Los Alamos County Chambers. County Manager Laurent, along with senior staff, presented issues including the County budget, cybersecurity, broadband, electricity, and wildfire.

Federal

The RFP for federal lobbyist services closed in late July. It is anticipated that a final contract will be before Council sometime in October.

The Intergovernmental Affairs Manager (IAM) attended the NACo Annual Conference with Councilors Ryti and Reagor. Councilor Ryti's policy submissions to NACo were adopted by the organization as part of their policy agenda. Additionally, the IAM was elected to be the Vice President of the National Association of County Intergovernmental Relations Officers, an affiliate organization of NACo.

Tribal and Regional

The IAM arranged for various regional meetings regarding behavior health services, including with State Representative Susan Herrera. These meetings culminated in a regional discussion that included the Representative, the State Health Care Authority,

two counties (including LAC), one city, and two tribes. The outcome was very positive and the first of its kind to meet the new strategy by the State to authorize regional behavioral health coalitions.

The County Manager and Social Services director attended a meeting held by Nambe Pueblo on social services.

Issues brought forward by the San Ildefonso Administrator were referred to the Inclusivity Task Force.

FISCAL STEWARDSHIP

Financial Overview

Finance Division Earns National Recognition for Excellence

Los Alamos County's Finance Division, led by Chief Financial Officer Melissa Dadzie, has once again been awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). This prestigious recognition, received on July 15, 2025, honors the County's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024.

The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in government financial reporting, highlighting Finance's continued commitment to transparency, accuracy, and accountability. Los Alamos County has proudly earned this distinction for 34 consecutive years, reflecting the team's dedication to maintaining the highest standards of fiscal stewardship.

Procurement Stats

FY 26 YTD Stats:

217 Purchase Orders Issued

27 PO Change Orders

327 Inventory Pick Tickets

8 Agreements Completed

2 Amendments Completed

84 Solicitations/Amendments in Progress

Trends:

Purchase Orders increased from 204 (FY25) to 217 (FY26)

PO Change Orders decreased from 28 to 27

Inventory Pick Tickets Processed & Delivered decreased from 350 to 327

Agreements Completed increased from 5 to 8

Amendments Completed decreased from 4 to 2

Solicitations/Agreements/Amendments in Progress increased from 72 to 84

Anticipated Projects decreased from 49 to 32

Property Disposal Requests Received increased from 58 to 62

July 2025				July 2024	
Accounts		Number of	Variance	Number of	
Receivable		Transactions	Over Prior Year Increase (Decrease)	Transactions	Dollar Amount
	Gross Receipts Tax Received	4	\$ 8,127,999.38 -8.10%	4	\$ 8,786,724.60
	Electronic Payments Received (EPAY)	42	\$ 6,858,259.77 -80.47%	50	\$ 12,376,984.73
	Property Tax Received	53	\$ 55,953.33 -66%	44	\$ 92,607.47
	Lodgers Tax Received	5	\$ 44,316.63 1%	5	\$ 43,768.82
Accounts Payable					
	Number of Invoices Paid	600	\$ 22,906,252.59 -3%	523	\$ 23,678,260.91
	Wire Payments Processed	23	\$ 5,763,515.59 -102%	31	\$ 11,633,406.30
	Electronic Fund Transfers (EFT) Processed	160	\$ 9,708,966.29 23%	127	\$ 7,496,508.87
	Normal Print Checks Processed	157	\$ 7,433,770.71 39%	185	\$ 4,548,345.74
	Total Disbursements	340	\$ 22,906,252.59 -3%	343	\$ 23,678,260.91
	P-Card Transactions	1,243	\$ 462,525.28 -5%	1,332	\$ 484,143.95

EFFECTIVE, EFFICIENT, AND RELIABLE SERVICES

CLERK

Update

Several key staff members from the Los Alamos County Clerk's Office recently attended the Clerk's Affiliate Retreat, joining colleagues from across the state to discuss current initiatives, challenges, and best practices in elections, recording and public service.

Highlights included:

- **Elections**
 - Improvements for visually impaired ballot printing expected in the next Regular Local Elections.
 - Statewide Elections Registration and Voting Integrity System (SERVIS) Audit trail enhancements
 - Implementation of Automatic Voter Registration and the resolutions of issues associated.
- **Chain of Custody**
 - Strong educational session on maintaining clear documentation and secure handling of all election materials to protect integrity and accountability

- **IPRA Committee Accomplishments**
 - The committee reported continued improvements in response time, tracking, and consistency in fulfilling public records requests
- **Workplace Wellness**
- **Effective Communication**

These discussions support our continued commitment to transparency, service, and operational excellence.



Connecting with the Public

Fraud Guard: Re-Registration Recommended

The Los Alamos County Clerk's Office has identified some confusion around **Fraud Guard**, the free service that alerts property owners if a document with their name is recorded in county records. To ensure residents are properly enrolled, the Clerk's Office recommends that all users **re-register** using the step-by-step instructions available at: www.losalamosnm.us/County-Clerk/Fraud-Guard

"Re-registering ensures you'll receive alerts and stay protected," said County Clerk Michael Redondo.

Fraud Guard is free for all Los Alamos County property owners. For more information, visit the Clerk's webpage at www.losalamosnm.us/clerk, or contact the office at 505.662.8010. The office is located at 1000 Central Avenue, Suite 240, and staff are always happy to assist with any inquiries.

Upcoming Events / Project Milestones / Seasonal Changes / New Initiatives:

August 1-2, 2025	Los Alamos County Fair
August 5, 2025	County Council Meeting
August 11-12, 2025	NM Secretary of State Election School
August 19, 2025	County Council Meeting

August 21, 2025	Clerk's Office closed from 9am-11am for Staff Meeting
August 26, 2025	Regular Local Election Candidate Filing Day
August 27, 2025	Voting Machine Technician Training
September 2, 2025	Write-In Candidate Filing Day

HUMAN RESOURCES

Updates

In partnership with the County Manager's office, HR continues to work on finalizing reviewing, revising, and developing the Compensation Policy

Risk Management has been working on FY26 insurance renewals.

In partnership with the County Attorney's Office, Risk Management is coordinating with LAFD to offer Code of Conduct training to all fire department shifts.

The Compensation Team has completed the FY26 Annual Increase Process, including the Council-approved 3% structure increase, CBA structure updates, and merit-based increases.

Updates to the HRIS system were successfully implemented, streamlining internal processes and reducing redundancies to support future annual salary adjustments.

The Tuition Reimbursement Program is being updated, with revisions to forms and processes. The program continues to be fully utilized by County staff.

New professional development classes offered in partnership with Santa Fe Community College are now available through Los Alamos County University and are open for registration.

PLANNING

July Stats

Permits Reviewed: 34

Planning Inspections Conducted: 11

Business Licenses Reviewed: 12

Development Applications Processed: 7

Updates

In July, the necessary approvals were received from the Planning and Zoning Commission to move forward with the site plan for the Fire Station 4 replacement building and 137 new dwelling units in North Mesa.

The Planning Division participated in a “Home Business” meeting with the Economic Development Division and provided information to the public on how to start a home-based business, including applicable requirements and available resources.

Upcoming

August 6, 2025, Historic Preservation Advisory Board Meeting
August 13, 2025, Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting
August 27, 2025, Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting

INFRASTRUCTURE ASSET MANAGEMENT

INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

Infrastructure Update

The dot gov phase 2 rollout of the .gov email migrations for ASD and CMO was successfully completed on July 1. This marks the first group of users to be migrated following internal IM testing. The project remains on schedule.

Application Update

IM team assisted LAFD with the installation of the new Westnet station alerting system. The team also organized a 2-hour SharePoint Adoption and Training workshop for department representatives. Other application updates and assistance included the IM team helping HR in streamlining DocuSign usage for new hire paperwork delivery.

July Stats

519 New Service Desk Tickets
0 Open tickets
519 Closed Tickets

AIRPORT

Take-offs and Landings – This month-to-date has recorded a total of 315 take-offs and landings for the month, only a slight decrease from June. Classic Air Medical and other helicopters accounted for 77 of those operations, with other commercial and general aviation. Activity has remained consistent in recent months.

Operations for the Month of July

Emergency Landing Strip – Pueblo Canyon

On Wednesday, July 2nd, a group of approximately 8–10 local pilots accompanied the Airport Manager on a site visit to the emergency landing strip in Pueblo Canyon—colloquially referred to as “El Strip.” The visit was timed between afternoon thunderstorms and served as a practical inspection and familiarization exercise in the event the strip is ever needed for an off-airport landing.

During the walk-through, pilots observed overgrown grass, elevated ant hills, and scattered rocks that could present hazards. The Airport Manager returned to the site the following week to perform maintenance: mowing, flattening ant hills, and clearing debris. The strip is now maintained in a condition suitable for emergency use and potential short takeoff and landing (STOL) operations.



T- Hangar Construction Progress

Los Alamos County is in the final stages of securing a construction agreement with a selected contractor for the development of eight new T-hangars. These will be constructed between the existing fuel farm and the westernmost row of hangars.

Work is scheduled to begin in Fall 2025, with completion targeted for May 2026. This project marks the initial phase of the west-end development outlined in the Airport Master Plan, supporting increased hangar capacity and future growth.

Young Eagles Flight Rally – July 19th

The Young Eagles outreach event on July 19th was a resounding success. A total of 22 local youth participated, each taking a 45-minute flight with local volunteer pilots (including the airport manager) from the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA).

Despite forecasts for poor weather, conditions remained favorable throughout the morning, allowing all registered participants to complete their flights. Events like these continue to foster community engagement and aviation education for future generations.



Sky Crane N719HT Supporting Laguna Fire Suppression

KLAM recently served as a forward operating base in support of the Laguna Fire, hosting the Erickson SkyCrane N719HT—a specialized heavy-lift helicopter contracted by the U.S. Forest Service. The SkyCrane has since departed, but not before playing a vital role in initial suppression efforts, including large-volume water drops over active fire zones.

KLAM was proud to provide the operational space, fueling infrastructure, and logistical support needed to accommodate such a high-capacity firefighting aircraft. The airport's ability to host and support this type of mission demonstrates its importance not just as a transportation hub, but as a regional asset in emergency response operations.

FACILITIES

July Stats:

Current Work Orders in Queue: 131

New Work Orders Since Last Report: 61

Completed Work Orders: 51

After hours: 6

Emergency: 5

No additional updates to report for July 2025

CUSTODIAL

July Stats

Fuller Lodge – 55

White Rock Activity Center – 21

White Rock Fire Station #3 – 3

Betty Ehart Senior Center (BESC) – 27

White Rock Town Hall – 0

Municipal Building - 46

Updates

Reservations for the month of July continued at the same level from the previous month of June. Weddings and receptions continue to fill the weekends and Fridays.

The Division is currently in the process of filling one vacant position and will conduct interviews in August.

The Division is currently working on the mouse and squirrel problem at the Baker House.

FLEET

July Stats

Work Orders Entered – 295

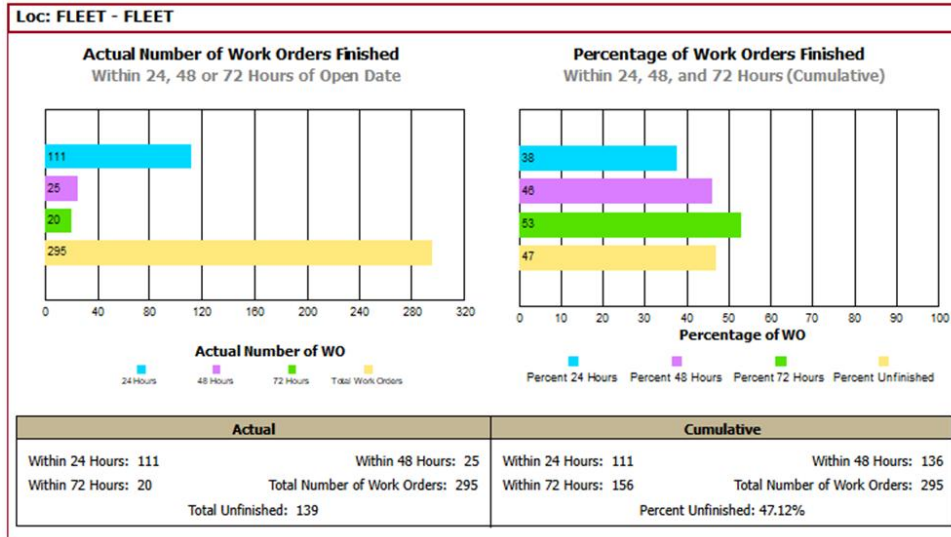
Work Orders Completed within 72 Hours - 156

Work Orders remain open – 32

Work Orders that are considered Preventive Maintenance – 48

Work Orders Repairs – 243

Work Orders for Accidents – 4



The Fleet and PW Engineering staff are working on upgrades to the County fueling system and will be wrapping up the project soon.

The Fleet staff had the opportunity to host 3 summer students.

TRAFFIC AND STREETS

July Stats

Customer Calls – 53
 Permits Processed – 17
 Permits Extended – 1
 Work orders received – 11
 Work orders completed – 4
 Locates – 134
 Asphalt used – 68 tons
 Per Patch used – 120 lbs
 Lights and Fixtures that were replaced – 2

Update

The traffic electrician crew have been working on several projects in the county including reinstalling runway lights that were knocked down due to mowing efforts. Removing and replacing runway lights. They performed testing and troubleshooting on streetlight feeds in White Rock, on Ridgecrest and Longview Drives, and determined the feeds were operational but the light bulbs were not. They tested streetlights at the intersection of Diamond Dr. and Orange St.; the westbound streetlight was replaced. Removed and replaced damaged streetlight J-box lid on 15th St. between Central Ave. and Trinity Dr. They trenched and installed conduit and relocated an exposed streetlight feed on Sioux St.

Crews have been testing school zone and fire station flashers in Los Alamos and White Rock and removed and replaced the radio transmitter at the intersection of Diamond Dr. and Trinity Dr. Removed and replaced overhead visors at Knecht St. and Trinity Dr. for the southbound overhead 5 section signal head. Removed and replaced pedestrian button at Diamond Dr. and Trinity Dr. in the northwest corner for southbound traffic.

The streets crews have recently completed several projects including cleaning drains in the Barranca Mesa area along Zuni, Taos, San Juan and Coyote and 925 Estates Dr. They performed right-of-way maintenance along Diamond Dr. and mowed the slope along Diamond Dr. at the golf course. Crews cleaned vegetation on trails in White Rock, backfilled erosion on Range Rd., and cleaned drop inlets on Quemazon Rd. with the Vactor. Crews mowed along NM 502 from the county line and picked up trash near the airport. They filled potholes on Rendija Rd, cleaned a clogged drain near the stables that was causing flooding. Crews installed new drive pads at 81 and 85 Granada, repaired sidewalks on Meadow Lane and 35th Street, swept sidewalks in Los Alamos, and will be repairing asphalt on 35th St.

The signs and markings crew have recently completed several projects through the county including striping school crosswalks and safe routes, painting curbs in Quemazon and striping the loading dock area at the Municipal Building to aid in preventing visitors from parking in this area.

Crews provided traffic control support for recent community events including the 4th of July Drone Show at Ashley Pond and the Los Alamos County Triathlon. They will be providing traffic control for the upcoming Fair and Rodeo Parade August 2nd, and the Bear Festival at The Nature Center.

EMPLOYEE RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION

July Highlights

In July, the County welcomed five new hires, including two Police Corporals. The Police Department currently has one vacancy and continues active recruitment.

There were eight promotions processed in July

Current Vacancies ([link](#))

12 job postings are currently listed on the LAC website:

Election Worker – Casual, Engineering Aide – Line Locator- GWS, Deputy Utility Manager/Elec Dist, Student – Golf, Arborist, Lifeguard Trainee, Lifeguard or Sr Lifeguard – Causal, Recreation Leader – Golf, Equipment Operator – T&S, Animal

Control Officer, Billing and Service Specialist – Utilities, Police Officer or Police Corporal – Certified or Non Certified, Traffic & Streets Manager,

HOUSING

WASHINGTON, DC – June 23, 2025

Mortgage rates are expected to end 2025 and 2026 at 6.4 percent and 6.0 percent, respectively, downward revisions compared with last month's forecast of 6.5 percent and 6.1 percent, according to the [July 2025 Economic and Housing Outlook](#) from the Fannie Mae (FNMA/OTCQB) Economic and Strategic Research (ESR) Group. The ESR Group also updated its home price growth forecast this month and now projects annual home price growth, on a Q4/Q4 basis, of 2.8 percent in 2025 and 1.1 percent in 2026. These are downward revisions compared with the previously projected 4.1 percent and 2.0 percent. Total home sales are forecast at 4.85 million units in 2025 and 5.35 million units in 2026. – Economic & Strategic Research Group

Updates

20th Street Development Solicitation: At the July 29, 2025, County Council meeting, County staff and RBMM development presented the conceptual design and proposed business terms for the redevelopment of the 3-acre, County owned, parcel. The proposal includes 285 market rate units comprised of 1-, 2-, and 3- bedroom units in addition to ~25,000 square feet of retail/commercial space targeted at small and local businesses. The final development agreement will be presented to Council in the coming weeks. [Goals: Downtown Revitalization, Local Business, Housing.]

Affordable Housing Service Providers: The Housing Trust and County staff closed the first Home Rehabilitation Program loan in the first week of June. A ribbon cutting was held on June 25th to officially open The Housing Trust office, located at 1910 Trinity Drive, in the First National 1870 branch office.

Los Alamos County Housing, Housing New Mexico, and their partner agency, Central New Mexico Housing Corporation, are rolling out the NM Energy\$mart Weatherization Program targeted at low-, and moderate-income households in the community. This program will increase weatherization and energy efficiency in participating homes. The staff hopes to roll this program out in mid-July.

North Mesa Update: Wilson and Company have completed the draft study with the exception of final analysis of the North Mesa sewer drops. The draft report sans sewer drop analysis will be provided to County staff on June 13th, for review and consideration.

The final deliverables are expected in late June or early July depending on the final sewer drop analysis.

The final report will determine system upgrades required to serve the site with utilities and how to mitigate impacts on the transportation system. In addition, the data will provide preliminary cost estimates for the work. [Goals: Housing, Intergovernmental Relations.]

A-8-A: Staff will update the Council at an upcoming closed session to discuss the opportunities and financial challenges to developing the A8A parcel. Staff are engaged in discussions with the development group on alternate financing models for the project. The selected proposal continues to focus on deed restricted 'missing middle' affordable housing and incorporates a variety of unit types.

LOCAL BUSINESS

Retail LEDA and White Rock MRA - Barela and Sasser continue meeting with the legal and financial department to pull together these new programs for the County.

Small Business Outreach - Barela met with 25 small businesses this month.

Home Business Workshop - Barela led a workshop titled “Home Business Basics: Permits, Planning, & Pathways to Growth (Los Alamos County)” on July 15, 2025. EDD was in attendance as well as other members of CDD. *[1.1 Communication and Engagement; 3.2 Local Business]*.

Small (Retail) LEDA Q&A - Economic Development hosted a question-and-answer session on Tuesday, July 22, in Council Chambers to introduce and discuss its proposed Small Retail Local Economic Development Act (LEDA) initiative. The event was open to local business owners and interested individuals. A hybrid option was available for remote participation via Zoom. *[1.1 Communication and Engagement; 3.2 Local Business]*

DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION

July Stats

LEDA and MRA Application Process - Barela and Sasser met several times while working to process a retail LEDA application and the MRA application process.

Vacant Building Project - Throughout July, Barela and Felton continued to work on a project to identify vacant buildings in downtown Los Alamos and White Rock. This effort is combined with GIS at the County to help identify the right businesses when someone calls 9-1-1. *[1.1 Communication and Engagement; 3.2 Local Business]*

Tourism Marketing Services RFP - Throughout July, Felton worked with procurement regarding solicitation and meetings regarding the open Tourism Marketing Services RFP. *[1.1 Communication and Engagement; 3.4 Tourism and Special Events]*

NCPA Planning Meetings - Felton, along with other members from the County, met with the National Parks Conservation Association. They are planning an August event together around protecting National Parks. *[1.1 Communication and Engagement; 3.4 Tourism and Special Events]*

Hotel/Inn Meetings - In the first half of July, Barela and Felton met with one hotel/inn general managers in Los Alamos County. They discussed how the County could help support their operations and endeavors. *[1.1 Communication and Engagement; 3.2 Local Business; 3.4 Tourism and Special Events]*

NMTrue Grant - Felton and EDD continues with advertising initiatives through the NMTrue Grant. In July, this included starting planning for a fall video shoot and influencers for each season as a part of the FY26 grant. *[3.4 Tourism]*

Doing Business with LANL – July 30th Isaacson and Barela attended a Regional Development Corporation event to meet regional partners and local businesses that LANL works with. It was an instructional as well as a networking event. *[1.1 Communication and Engagement; 3.4 Tourism and Special Events]*

EDUCATIONAL, ARTS, CULTURAL, & HISTORICAL AMENITIES

Upcoming Nature Center Programs

PEEC Events to Look Forward to in August 2025

One Sky – August 1, 2025

Explore – August 2, 2025

Bird Walk at Los Luceros – August 3, 2025

Night Sky in August– August 5, 2025

Fantastic Fractals– August 8, 2025

Unveiling the Invisible Universe– August 9, 2025

Stellar Lifecycles– August 12, 2025

Forward to the Moon– August 16, 2025

Wildflower Walk– August 18, 2025

Bear Dinner – August 22, 2025

Bear Fest– August 23, 2025

River of Bears– August 23, 2025

Tree Climbing for Science + Conservation– August 26, 2025

Fantastic Fractals – August 30, 2025

Library July Stats:

79 Public Programs and Events
2,587 Total Program Attendance
25,116 Physical Items Circulated
9,278 Digital Items Circulated
34,394 Total Items Circulated

Update

In July, the Library continued its strong commitment to meeting the County's quality of life goal with inclusive programming, accessible and welcoming spaces, and varied resources for all needs. During the busy summer season, the Library delivered a wide range of programs and services designed to engage patrons of all ages, backgrounds, and interests.

The programming in July focused on hands-on, workshop-style events with active participation from attendees. For adults, the new weekly open chess meetup at MPL, along with the puzzle competition and puzzle swap during the White Rock Street Fair, were particularly well-received. The youth programs *Creative Studio* and *Boxtown* also posted strong attendance numbers and generated a great deal of enthusiasm.

In late July, the Library celebrated the 10th anniversary of the White Rock Branch Library with several events, including a fully booked author talk by Hampton Sides and a Street Fair for kids of all ages. The Branch Library also gave away commemorative tote bags each day throughout the month of July.

The annual Summer Reading Program for all ages concluded at the end of July with the highest participation numbers and more community members finishing reading challenges than in recent years.

The Step Up took a break from art exhibits in late July to host the annual County Fair indoor exhibits, including fiber arts, Lego, photography, flower arrangements, and pie entries. The next art show, *Truth, Justice, and Freedom of Expression*, opens on August 16 and will thematically support the Comicon event, Atomicon.

The fourth annual local Comicon event, *Atomicon*, will be held on Saturday, August 31. The event will be smaller in scope, with several changes as staff work to create an event that meets the unique needs of Los Alamos.

In July, Library staff did outreach with a booth at the Summer concert on July 25. Staff spoke to 150 concertgoers of all ages, gave out book-themed stickers, and promoted library events and resources.



Summer concert series outreach



Puzzle competition



Stilt workshop and parade at the WRBL Steet Fair.



Hampton Sides WRBL Anniversary Author Talk.

TOURISM AND SPECIAL EVENTS

July Stats

@VisitLosAlamos Facebook:

15,571 followers to date

23,660 reached in July 2025

613 engagements in July 2025

@VisitLosAlamos Instagram:

1,499 followers to date

14,005 reached in July 2025

279 engagements in July 2025

Visitlosalamos.org Website:

24,137 Users

16,857 Engaged Sessions

25 seconds Average Engagement Time/Session

Visitor Center Visitation

Los Alamos: 1,992 in July 2025

White Rock: 964 in July 2025

Updates

Retail LEDA and White Rock MRA - Barela and Sasser continue meeting with the legal and financial department to pull together these new programs for the County.

Small Business Outreach - Barela met with 25 small businesses this month.

Home Business Workshop - Barela led a workshop titled "Home Business Basics: Permits, Planning, & Pathways to Growth (Los Alamos County)" on July 15, 2025. EDD was in attendance as well as other members of CDD. *[1.1 Communication and Engagement; 3.2 Local Business]*.

Small (Retail) LEDA Q&A - Economic Development hosted a question-and-answer session on Tuesday, July 22, in Council Chambers to introduce and discuss its proposed Small Retail Local Economic Development Act (LEDA) initiative. The event was open to local business owners and interested individuals. A hybrid option was available for remote participation via Zoom. *[1.1 Communication and Engagement; 3.2 Local Business]*

COMMUNITY BROADBAND

In this month's weekly status meetings for the Community Broadband Network (CBN) project, the Bonfire team shared interactive maps of the design plans they have at this point. "Low Level Design" work on the CBN continues the ramp up, including coordination with Public Works and Utilities.

Subcontractor Hexad for CBN-project vendor Bonfire began work of further documenting streets and power poles around town. Some homeowners will have visits from Hexad for the purpose of documenting power poles that are located in backyards. This work is part of the "Low Level Design" phase going on now. County staff have assisted in getting Bonfire and Hexad the information that they need for this part of the

project. In addition to door-hangers, targeted text messages and phone calls are being sent out weekly by the DPU team to let residents know that any backyard visit has been authorized by the county. This county-wide "fielding" work will continue through September.

Weekly meetings with the San Ildefonso Pueblo staff related to our collaborative middle mile fiber project continued this month. Pueblo staff communicated that the NMDOT permit process is wrapping up for the third and final section of the project, running east along NM502 from the river bridge to Pojoaque border. For the sections of the project where installation of conduit and handholes has been completed, the contractor is continuing the work of placing the fiber optic cable inside.

HEALTH, WELLBEING, AND SOCIAL SERVICES

July Stats

13 Contractor Public Programs and Events

221 People Attended Programs and Events

Updates

In July, Social Services staff achieved several key successes, including helping one individual apply for employment and assisting others in obtaining IDs and necessary documents. The staff continued to support clients with complex needs, connecting them to additional community resources while keeping an eye on potential changes to federal benefit programs.

At the end of June, the team helped host a two-day "Sequential Intercept Mapping" event, bringing together over 40 community members to address the challenges faced by individuals with mental health or substance use issues involved in the criminal justice system. This effort was a collaboration with the First Judicial District Court, the National Center for the Courts, Los Alamos Municipal and Magistrate Courts, the Los Alamos Police Department, and other local organizations. In July, the team held follow-up meetings to build on this momentum, focusing on enhancing regional collaborations related to safe emergency and transitional housing, crisis response models, and supporting individuals upon release from jail to prevent relapses.

In July, staff from Social Services, Community Services, and Public Works, along with volunteers from the Los Alamos County Health Council and LA Cares, visited several sites in Española. The staff gathered information and observed McCurdy Ministries and the Casita de Comida food pantry as part of research for a community health action center; a priority identified in the Comprehensive Health Plan.

Social Services Manager Jessica Strong and County Manager Anne Laurent attended a regional networking event at Nambe Pueblo to build connections with health and human service agencies. Additionally, Ms. Strong participated in a roundtable at Northern New Mexico Community College with other regional social service leaders to learn about SB3, the recently passed legislation aimed at improving behavioral health services in the region.

Other notable events included participation in Science Fest, a Family Resource Fair in Española, and a literacy empowerment event in Rio Arriba.

Several suicide prevention trainings will be held in August as part of outreach efforts, in collaboration with the New Mexico Suicide Prevention Initiative and the Los Alamos Community Foundation. More details about the trainings can be found here: [Suicide Prevention Training Information](#).

Additionally, the team will be co-presenting at the regional Unite Us Community Summit in August. The team looks forward to bringing the next cohort of community organizations onto the close-loop referral platform.

Social Services Contractors

Los Alamos Retired & Senior Organization (LARSO)

LARSO-Fuller Lodge Art Camp Lunch – July 11, 2025

LARSO and the Fuller Lodge Arts Camp collaborated on an intergenerational program where art camp kids joined LARSO members for lunch, serving Frito pie. Each table had three kids and three older adults with conversation cards. Everyone had a wonderful time.

Upcoming Event: Older Adult Summit, September 24, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM.

Los Alamos YMCA Teen Center (TC)

Summer Film Intensive – June 30 to July 18, 2025

Eight teens spent three weeks learning screenwriting, camera operation, directing, acting, and editing while creating original short films. The program was held in partnership with PAC 8, the Youth Activity Center, and the Fuller Lodge Art Center. Several films will be submitted to a statewide youth film contest.

Upcoming Event: Homecoming Tailgate, September 19, 2025, following the Homecoming parade.

Los Alamos Public Schools Prevention (LAPS)

Creating a Culture of Care: Implementing Restorative Practices at LAPS – July 29, 2025
LAPS District Administrators and Leaders participated in an interactive training designed to support the district's strategic plan goals of academic excellence, social-emotional wellbeing, and civic responsibility. Participants used an Appreciative Inquiry Model to build on strengths and develop action steps for creating a culture of care by implementing restorative principles and practices at all schools and work sites.

INCLUSION, ACCESS, AND BELONGING

The Inclusivity Task Force met twice in July. They had a presentation on Inclusivity in the Library by Gwen Kalavaza, Library Manager, and a Q&A session with Police Chief Dino Sgambellone

MOBILITY

Atomic City Transit June Stats

Unlinked Passenger Trips (UPT – 18,444

Fixed-Route UPT – 17,900

Demand-Response UPT – 544

Special UPT – 0

Service Days – 21

UPT per Service Day – 878

UPT per Service Mile – .49

Service Disruptions – 2

On-time Timepoint Departures – 81%

On-time Paratransit Trips – 96.7%

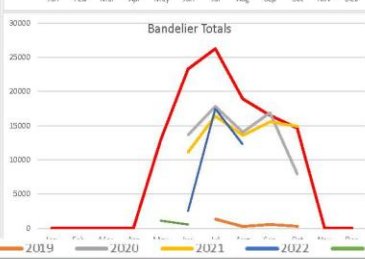
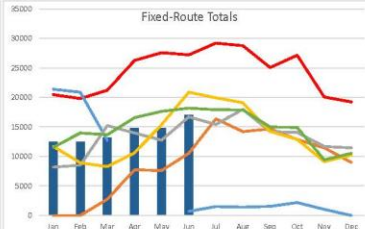
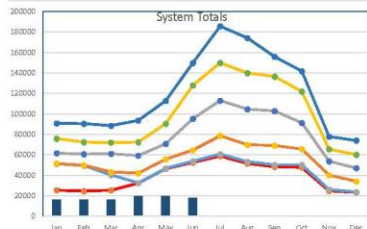
Buses with Defective ITS Systems – 10%

Customer Complaints – 5

Update

No Update for July 2025

Route	Trips							Jun Rev. Miles						Jun Rev. Hours		Jun YTD Trips		Month YOY % Chg (from 2024)		Sec Days		
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	% Chg (from 2019)	% Chg (from 2020)	% Chg (from 2021)	% Chg (from 2022)	% Chg (from 2023)	% Chg (from 2024)	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025			
1 Downtown	7,850	328	3,258	4,575	8,919	6,788	5,143	-34%	1468%	58%	12%	-42%	-24%	4,647	3,971	247	299	33,562	29,539	-12%	21	
2M White Rock - Main Hill	3,357	248	1,320	1,803	-	1,418	2,125	-37%	757%	61%	18%	-	-	4,287	7,146	162	271	3,471	9,689	179%	21	
2T White Rock - Truck Rt	2,198	124	976	2,078	3,174	2,541	2,571	17%	1973%	163%	24%	-19%	1%	6,340	6,809	248	264	11,766	7,913	-33%	21	
4 North Community	3,048	-	1,119	1,288	4,137	2,538	2,166	-29%	-	94%	68%	-48%	-15%	3,684	3,878	247	260	16,628	13,537	-19%	21	
5 Barranca Mesa	1,456	-	833	1,661	1,197	1,217	2,502	72%	-	200%	51%	109%	106%	3,449	3,630	245	258	6,814	6,922	2%	21	
6 North Mesa	5,648	-	1,886	3,265	3,462	3,709	2,553	-55%	-	35%	-22%	-26%	-31%	4,427	5,616	309	388	19,398	17,162	-12%	21	
Fixed-route subtotal	27,201	700	10,522	16,694	20,889	18,211	17,060	-37%	2337%	62%	2%	-18%	-6%	26,835	31,050	1,459	1,738	91,639	84,762	-8%	-	
7 North Mesa Expr	-	-	-	-	-	159	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	70	-	5	-	5,100	4,365	-14%	-	
8 North Community Expr	-	-	-	-	-	163	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	32	-	2	-	4,389	4,258	-3%	-	
9 Aspen Expr	-	-	-	-	-	161	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	49	-	2	-	1,764	3,202	82%	-	
10 Barranca Expr	-	-	-	-	-	102	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42	-	3	-	3,170	2,622	-17%	-	
11 White Rock Expr	-	-	-	-	-	151	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	85	-	3	-	3,405	3,175	-7%	-	
Express route subtotal	-	-	-	-	-	736	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	279	-	15	-	17,828	17,622	-1%	-	
12 Bandelier	23,291	-	-	13,608	11,129	2,535	543	-98%	-	20%	-	-96%	-95%	-79%	2,026	2,932	79	210	2,535	1,652	-35%	30
Diál-a-Ride	128	-	44	49	122	143	153	20%	-	248%	212%	25%	7%	954	983	62	51	922	624	-32%	21	
ACT Assist	386	85	199	245	242	240	391	1%	360%	96%	60%	62%	63%	2,383	3,309	155	205	1,658	718	-57%	22	
Special Services	1,593	374	-	227	629	496	407	-74%	9%	79%	-35%	-18%	-	1,208	969	64	50	673	934	39%	21	
System total	52,599	1,159	10,765	30,823	33,011	22,361	18,554	-65%	1501%	72%	-40%	-44%	-17%	33,685	39,243	1,834	2,255	115,255	106,312	-8%	21	



Significant Service Adjustments and Special Events
 • All Month: Due to staffing shortages, Rt 3 did not operate (Rt 1 provided service to Camino Entrada area).
 • Special Services: Summer Concert Service - for 4 concerts (2C: 53, AC: 89, and 6C: 155), June/July (6/19 6AM-5:30PM) - Diál-a-Ride 67 passengers. Summerfest (6/14): 110 passengers.

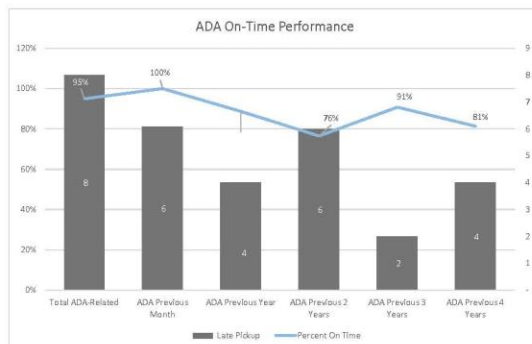
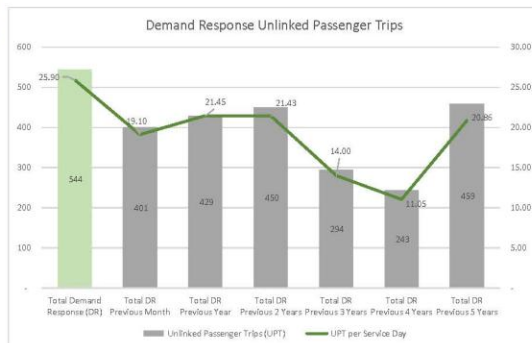
Atomic City Transit - Demand Response Ridership and Statistics

June 2025

NTD Service Information	Total Demand Response (DR)	Total DR Previous Month	Total DR Previous Year	Total ADA-Related	Total DAR	Total DAR-Special
Vehicles Operated in Max Service	2	2	3	2	2	-
Unlinked Passenger Trips (UPT)	544	401	429	391	153	-
UPT Ambulatory	319	232	390	193	126	-
UPT Non-Ambulatory	223	169	39	196	27	-
UPT Evening DAR	502	237	46	391	111	-
UPT Daytime DAR	42	164	109	30	12	-
UPT Regional-Linked	224	204	225	178	46	-
Companions	-	-	34	-	-	-
PCAs	-	-	38	-	-	-
Total Vehicle Miles (VM)	5,455	4,898	4,483	3,991	1,464	-
Total Vehicle Hours (VH)	557	379	355	431	127	-
Total Revenue Miles (RM)	4,282	3,756	3,532	3,299	983	-
Total Revenue Hours (RH)	259	227	231	208	51	-
Regional-linked Miles	2,159	2,106	2,126	1,744	415	-
Regional-linked Hours	74	73	77	60	14	-
Passenger Miles	4,282	3,756	3,251	3,299	983	-
Passenger Hours	259	227	137	208	51	-
Service Days	21	21	20	21	21	-
Weekdays	21	21	20	21	21	-
UPT per RM	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	-
UPT per RH	2.1	1.8	1.9	1.9	3.0	-
UPT per Service Day	25.9	19.1	21.5	18.6	7.3	-
UPT per Weekday	25.9	19.1	21.5	3.4	7.3	-

Scheduling Stats	Subscription	-	118	-	-	-
One Way Trips Requested	683	538	572	482	201	-
One Way Trips Performed	544	387	357	391	153	-
Advance Reservation	-	-	203	-	-	-
Same Day Reservation	-	-	154	-	-	-
Avg. Minutes to board	8	4	0	5	4	-
Avg. Minutes to Disembark	-	-	0	-	-	-

Capacity Metrics	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missed Trip (Due to Vehicle Late)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Trips On Time	520	393	311	373	147	-
Percent On Time	96%	102%	87%	95%	100%	-
Early Offer	-	-	10	-	-	-
Late Offer	-	-	2	-	-	-
Late Pickup	24	8	14	8	16	-
Excessively Late Pickup (>15m after window)	6	-	6	-	6	-
Late Dropoff (drop after 5m before Appt.)	5	-	3	-	5	-
Excessively Late Dropoff (>10m after Appt.)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Early Pickup	-	-	32	-	-	-
Excessively Early Pickup (>15m before window)	-	-	3	-	-	-
Early Dropoff (>30m before Appt.)	-	-	12	-	-	-
Excessively Early Dropoff (>45m before Appt.)	-	-	1	-	-	-
Trip Over 45 min	-	-	6	-	-	-
Trip Over 60 min	-	-	1	-	-	-
Over Fixed-Route Duration Est.	3	-	9	-	3	-
>15m Over Fixed-Route Duration Est.	-	-	2	-	-	-



OPEN SPACE, PARKS, AND RECREATION

ADMINISTRATION

The watercolor painting “Fuller Lodge” by local artist Fran Stovall was taken out of storage and hung in the Clerk’s front office.

A call for art/request for artist qualifications for a lion sculpture at the police station was made in July and sent out to contacts across the state. Due date for submissions is 8/18/25.

The CSD Director took part in the NMSU President’s Tour at Betty Ehart.

The CSD Director joined Bee City in distributing Pollinator Garden Kits.

North Mesa Recreation Plan Public Meeting – July 22, 2025

Community Services held a public open house at Fuller Lodge for residents to review and provide feedback on draft concepts for renovating the 26-acre North Mesa Recreation Area (also known as "FEMA-ville"). Project details: ([North Mesa Recreation Master Plan](#))

Culturally Significant Plants at Bandelier – July 14, 2025

An in-person and live-streamed presentation about culturally significant native plants from Bandelier and how it can inspire a deeper connection to the land. This program was presented in partnership with Bandelier National Monument.

Participants: 25

James Webb Space Telescope Unlocked – July 15, 2025

An in-person presentation about the new discoveries, mysteries, and stunning images from the James Webb Space Telescope, including an aurora on Jupiter, the most distant galaxies ever observed, and supermassive black holes.

Participants: 34

Summer Family Evening: Cuddle Baby Goats – July 23, 2025

An in-person presentation by Second Bloom Farm where families met adult and baby goats, learned about the uses of goat milk in body care products, and sampled goat milk.

Participants: 161

Butterfly Walk – July 26, 2025

An in-person outing focused on observing and learning about local butterfly species.

Participants: 12

OPEN SPACE, PARKS AND TRAILS

July Stats

248 Parks Acres maintained

6 Repairs due to Vandalism

0 Volunteer Hours Worked in Parks

26 Volunteer Hours Worked in Trails

6 Funeral Services

2 Headstone/ Niche Installations

0 Memorial Bench Installation

Updates

The Parks and Open Space team is working on the following items.

AGR24-950, OpenGov Asset Management Software for the Parks and Open Space Division will begin implementation in White Rock. The system is being used to track work task across the landscape. It is anticipated to implement the software in Los Alamos in August 2025.

RFP25-37, Guaje Pines Cemetery Master Plan process will begin March 2025. The contractor, Sloane Consulting Group, will be conducting a site visit on March 26-27, 2025, for data collection and staff discussions. A community survey closed on May 30 seeking community feedback. Three public engagement meetings were held with community members.

IFB28-18 - Athletic Field Renovations approved by County Council on 11/19/24. This is a three-year sports field renovation plan to address field leveling/laser grading, replacement of sod and irrigation adjustments will begin May 23, 2025. Contractor was issued a job order with the ability to proceed on May 19, 2025, for staging and field renovation to begin May 23, 2025. The project is underway at all locations with a substantial completion date of August 31, 2025.

AGR24-23, Site Southwest Open Space and Trails Management plan is in the final stages. The contractor has conducted multiple community engagement meetings and is working on final reviews and edits of the plan.

IFB25-36, Contractor LA Landscaping and More will lead the renovations at both sites, which include the demolition and construction of a new basketball court at East Park

and demolition and construction of tennis and pickleball courts at North Mesa Park with an estimated completion date of September 30, 2025. This project began on March 5, 2025, and is on target.

RECREATION

July Stats:

Program and Events – 1,025

People Attended Programs and Events – 3,359

Open Gym Program – 885

Vendors – 821

People Utilizing the Ice Rink – 1,265

Round of Gold: 664

Update

Gymkhana – July 1, 2025

The final Gymkhana for the spring season took place on July 1st. Events included Barrel Racing, Pole Bending, and Time Relays. There were three winners from different categories: Aspen in the Open Division, Peggy in the Novice Division, and Evelyn in the Lead Line Division. The fall Gymkhana season is set to begin on August 12, 2025.

Movies in the Park – July 9, 2025 (@Ashley), July 23, 2025 (@Urban)

On July 9, 2025, *Elemental* was screened at Ashley Pond. The grassy area near the old municipal building was filled with families excited to watch the movie. The Los Alamos Fire Department (LA. FD) and other local businesses were on-site, handing out cotton candy and other treats. Los Alamos County (LAC) provided the film and popcorn, making for a fun and enjoyable evening. The weather cooperated, allowing everyone to fully enjoy the experience.

Friday Summer Concerts – July 4, 11, 18, 25, 2025

The Summer Concert Series featured an average of 21-23 food vendors and 5-8 non-food vendors each week. Weather conditions were generally favorable, and 90% of vendors signed up for the full 2025 series. The July 18, 2025, concert was cut short due to adverse weather conditions.

Splash and Dash – July 16, 2025

The Recreation Division continued its bi-weekly Splash & Dash swim-run series at the Aquatic Center and Canyon Road. Due to the upcoming Triathlon later that week, this was the final Splash & Dash for the 2025 spring season. The event saw a higher turnout than usual, with 50-60 participants. Although the weather was challenging, the event was a success overall.

Los Alamos Annual Triathlon – July 19, 2025

This year's Triathlon attracted a large number of participants across various age groups. The event featured three categories with different running, cycling, and swimming distances: the adult series (longest course), juniors (intermediate), and kids (shortest course). Favorable weather contributed to a great turnout, 150 participants, making it an excellent way to engage and connect the community.

Saturday Roller Skate Nights – July 12 and 26, 2025

The Ice Rink's Saturday Skate Nights saw strong attendance, with approximately 30-50 participants at each event. However, the July 12 Skate Night was affected by rain and thunder, which significantly reduced participation. On July 26, the weather was much more favorable, allowing for greater community involvement and enjoyment.

White Rock Library Day – July 12, 2025

The Recreation Division partnered with the LAC Library to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the White Rock Library. The event featured games and an inflatable obstacle course. Over 300 participants attended, with the Bouncy House and game lines busy from 9:30 AM to noon. At least 200 kids were actively involved in the Bouncy House, making for a lively and successful event. The favorable weather contributed to a fantastic turnout.

Thursday Roller Skate Nights – July 17 and 31, 2025

July marked the third month of Thursday Roller Skate Nights organized by the Recreation Division. Weather conditions have been mixed, with rain and lightning sometimes preventing the events from running smoothly. However, when the weather is favorable, the community engages well, sparking interest in this activity. While attendance is lower than on Saturdays, there is still positive interaction from participants.

Connecting with the Public

The month kicked off with a successful Gymkhana, followed by a festive 4th of July celebration at Ashley Pond, featuring vendors and a spectacular drone show.

Movies in the Park events brought groups to different locations, while the bi-weekly Splash and Dash saw heightened participation, especially with the Triathlon coming up that same week. The Los Alamos Annual Triathlon on July 19th had 150 participants, making it a great community event with awards and goodie bags for everyone.

The White Rock Library Day catered to younger audiences with games and a large inflatable obstacle course, drawing about 300 participants, most of them kids. Overall, July was filled with engagement, excitement, and positive community involvement.

Looking Ahead:

Fair and Rodeo weekend – August 1-3, 2025

Gymkhana (Beginning of fall series) – August 12 and 26, 2025

Movie in the Park – August 6, 2025

Summer Concert Series – August 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29, 2025

Roller Skating Events – August 9, 2025



Butterfly Walk



Triathlon



Movie in the Park



Gymkhana



Summer Concert Series

PUBLIC SAFETY

BUILDING SAFETY

There were a total of 9 Commercial Building permits that were issued in July 2025 with a total valuation of \$6,058,701.00

There were a total of 71 Residential Building permits that were issued in July 2025 with a total valuation of \$1,502,727.18

0 Certificate of Occupancies was issued in July 2025.

207 Building Inspections took place in July 2025.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

84 Code Cases closed during July 2025

34 Code Cases were opened in July 2025

FIRE

LAFD Responded to 267 calls for service in July:

157 EMS Calls

38 False Alarm Calls

30 Good Intent Calls

19 Service Calls

10 Hazardous Condition Calls (No Fire)

8 Fire Calls

2 Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat (no fire)

2 Special Incident Type

1 Severe Weather & Natural Disaster

64 New Social Media Followers (33 IG, 33 FB)

21 Community Outreach/EMS/Education Events

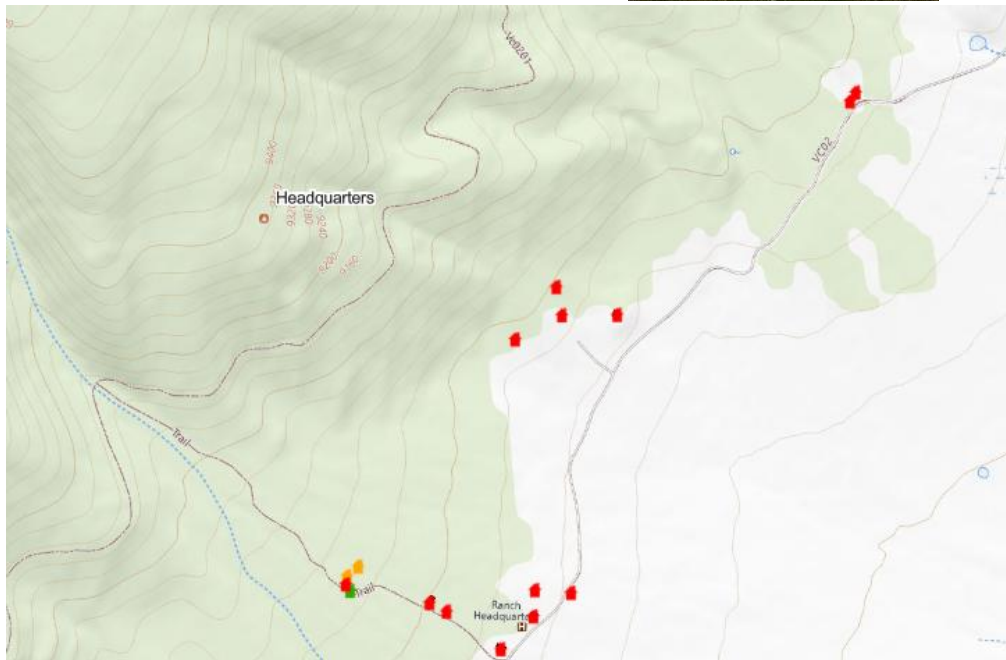
Updates

LAFD Assists Bandelier National Monument with Headquarters Fire Response

On July 21, 2025, Bandelier National Monument requested mutual aid from the Los Alamos Fire Department (LAFD) for support with the Headquarters Fire, located approximately half a mile west-northwest of the historic cabin district. The fire was initially reported at 0.1 acres and remained contained to that size throughout the response.

LAFD crews responded promptly to assist Bandelier fire personnel with suppression operations. LAFD's primary task was to support the consolidation and burnout of large-diameter burning materials—commonly referred to as "bone piling" to minimize potential for reignition and to ensure perimeter control. Once the perimeter and large materials were secured, LAFD was released and Bandelier resources continued to monitor the area over the following days.

This successful interagency cooperation highlights the strong partnership between Los Alamos Fire Department and the National Park Service in protecting natural and cultural resources, as well as ensuring public safety in and around Bandelier National Monument.



LAFD 2025 Promotional Ceremony

On Saturday, July 19th, the Los Alamos Fire Department hosted a promotional ceremony at Fire Station 3 in White Rock to honor several members of the department for their recent promotions. Family members, colleagues, and community leaders gathered to celebrate the accomplishments and dedication of these individuals who have taken on new leadership roles within LAFD.

The following personnel were recognized for their promotions:

- **Ray Gandara** was promoted to **Battalion Chief- May 2025**
- **Brandon Torrey** was promoted to **Captain – April 2025**
- **Zachary Shriver** was promoted to **Captain- May 2025**
- **Keith Henry** was promoted to **Captain- July 2025**
- **Brian Palmer** was promoted to **Driver Engineer- April 2025**
- **Keith Garcia** was promoted to **Driver Engineer/Paramedic- July 2025**

The ceremony acknowledged the hard work, training, and leadership demonstrated by each of these individuals throughout their careers. Fire Chief Wendy Servey and Deputy Chief Tim Johnson commended each of the promotees for their professionalism, commitment to excellence, and service to the community.

Promotions within the department not only reflect personal achievement but also strengthen the overall leadership and operational readiness of the Los Alamos Fire Department. The staff congratulates each of these members on their well-deserved success and look forward to their continued contributions in their new roles.



LAFD Training

LAFD Captains and Driver Engineers participated in Blue Card Incident Command training with the local Consolidated Dispatch Center. The Blue Card Incident Command training teaches fire officers how to safely and effectively manage emergency scenes using a standardized system. It includes online lessons and hands-on simulations to build real-world decision-making and communication skills. LAFD is extremely

appreciative of the dispatchers, especially when the dispatchers come to support the training. The Consolidated Dispatch Center always provides their expertise which adds a realistic element to scenario-based training.



ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

In July, Environmental Sustainability Board members continued researching the potential impact of a single-use plastic bag fee, as requested by the County Council. The County Council also heard a presentation from Heidi Rogers, former ESB member, regarding her work on planetary health and the impacts of climate change. In support of electrifying the County's vehicle fleet and planning community-wide EV charging infrastructure the County hosted two days of site visits with Stantec, the County's consultant, and reviewed electrical capacity and site layouts at County facilities to inform potential EV charging locations. The EV survey was open through July 31, the draft report will be presented to Council in October. Student intern, Eloise Schappert assisted with writing Sustainability Newsletters, sought information for in-vessel compost equipment, and spearheaded discussions with field crews to decrease plastic water bottle use. The County also issued an RFP for climate action marketing and engagement services and received 11 proposals that are currently being evaluated. Council appointed Kes Luchini and Kella Romero to serve on the Environmental Sustainability Board. Staff applied for the NMDOT EVSE DC Fast Charging Grant to purchase two DC Fast Charging equipment to be located at Mesa Public Library and have been selected to receive grant funding.

WASTE MANAGEMENT

Environmental Services June Stats

Customer Service Emails – 61

Roll Cart Requests – 176

Household Hazardous Waste Customers - 187

Recycle Coach App Users – 2,756

Recycle Coach App Interactions – 13,303
Overlook Visitors – 174
Transfer Station Visitors – 2,772
Yard Trimming Participants – 5,381

Update

As part of the "Operation Save the Bears" initiative, Environmental Services delivered 260 dumpsters to the business community and 1,000 roll carts to residential customers during the first wave of the program. In December 2024, Environmental Services received an additional 1,154 Kodiak Bear-Resistant Carts and has since distributed more than 900 to residents that requested one. Another order has been placed to ensure availability for residents requesting one.

Bear sightings are on the rise, and the team has received an increasing number of reports about trash carts being raided. To help prevent wildlife encounters and keep the neighborhoods safe, residents are encouraged to consider using bear-resistant trash carts. If you're interested in requesting one, please visit www.losalamosnm.us/gogreen to submit a request.

Environmental Services conducts one full-day training and certification session each quarter to ensure that all employees remain compliant with required safety and operational standards. During these scheduled closures, the department also performs critical maintenance on the transfer station.

By consolidating these activities into quarterly closures, there may be minimal disruption to the public and ensure that services remain fully staffed and operational on all other days.

Upcoming Closure Date for 2025:

- Wednesday, October 29, 2025

Upcoming Events

Environmental Services is thrilled to be part of the annual Bear Fest, hosted by PEEC, on Saturday, August 23, 2025. This family-friendly event celebrates local black bears and offers a great opportunity to learn how all live in harmony with wildlife.

At the booth, the team will be showcasing bear-resistant roll carts and dumpsters and demonstrating how these tools help keep neighborhoods and wildlife safe. The staff will

be on hand to answer questions, share tips for preventing bear encounters, and help you feel confident about using these carts effectively.

The team will also be bringing along the popular Recycle Game—a fun and interactive way to test your recycling knowledge. Play the game, learn a few new tricks, and take home some cool giveaways as a thank-you for participating.

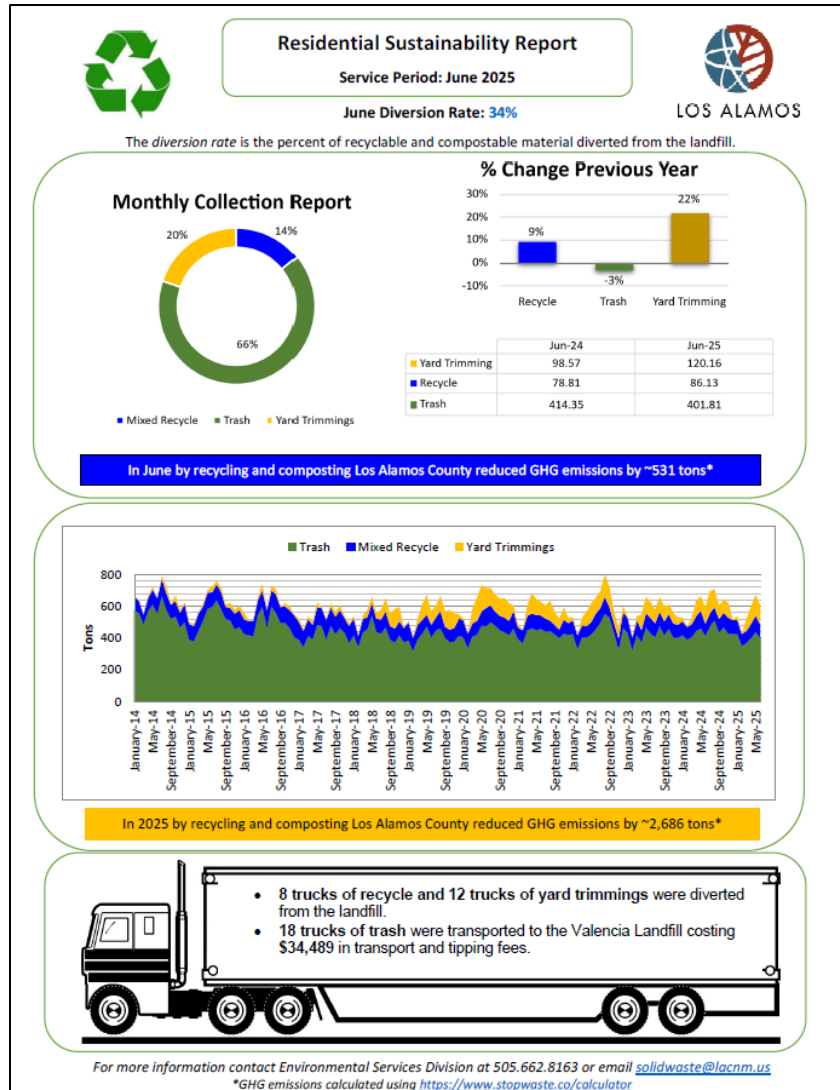
Clean Up Los Alamos Day – September 20, 2025

Environmental Services will be coordinating Clean Up Los Alamos Day on Saturday, September 20, 2025, in alignment with National CleanUp Day. This annual event brings together residents, families, and community organizations to remove litter from public spaces across Los Alamos County.

This event promotes community pride, reduces litter in neighborhoods, and encourages stewardship of public spaces and trails. Volunteers register in advance, pick up cleanup supplies from the ECO Station during the week prior, and choose their own cleanup area and schedule for the day. Collected litter can be disposed of free of charge at the ECO Station and White Rock Overlook Collection Center on event day.



Eco Station drainage before and after – Maintenance during closure



PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

BUILDING FACILITIES

Update

Los Alamos County is working on a variety of projects that support quality of life, infrastructure, and economic development initiatives.

The front nine holes at the Golf Course opened to the public for weekends only on July 18, 2025. The project to install charging infrastructure for the electric golf cart fleet was completed well ahead of the opening of the Golf Course. Patrons are already using the new electric golf carts.

The abatement of the ceilings at the Los Alamos Little Theatre has been completed. The flooring contractor is preparing floors to receive new flooring in the Green Room. The Manhattan Project Dormitory project architect is finalizing the 60% design packet to be reviewed by the State Historical Preservation Office. Design team in collaboration with LA Fire Department established guidelines for the implementation of applicable Wildland-Urban Interface ordinance to the project.

The condenser for the Ice Rink replacement chiller landed on site on July 2, 2025. The mechanical and electrical contractors continue building the piping and raceways needed to connect the condenser and the chiller.

Entitlements process for the new Fire Station 4 is on its way to completion. The planning and Zoning Commission approved Summary Plat and Minor Zone Amendment on July 9. Site Plan application has been submitted to CDD Planning Division for review.

Capital Improvement Projects Updates – Engineering

Los Alamos County is working on a variety of projects that support quality of life, infrastructure, and economic development initiatives. A summary of the project and additional information can be found on the website– <https://lacnm.com/PW-Projects>.

Project Name	Dept(s)	Update
DP Road Phase II	PW	The project reached substantial completion in June and final completion in July with punch list items complete. Project closeout is underway.
NM-4 Crossing and Multi-Use Trail	PW	This project will create an at-grade crossing of NM State Road 4 in White Rock at the Mirador Subdivision and provide both new multi-use trail infrastructure and reconstructed trail infrastructure in the Pinon Park area. The county received grant funding from NMDOT for this project with design being finalized by Bohannon Huston Inc. The project will be advertised for construction later this year with construction anticipated to begin in late 2025 and continue through 2026.

Trinity Drive Safety and ADA	PW	This project is the result of a 2016 road safety audit and has been awarded grant funding from the Federal Highway Safety Improvement Program by NMDOT. A resolution of support was made by Council on September 10 approving a Hybrid Road Diet, one of the alternatives presented by the engineer. The design is being finalized with construction anticipated to begin in late 2025 and continue through 2026.
Finch Street	PW	This project design was completed by an on-call engineering firm. The project is anticipated to be advertised for bids in late 2025. Council approved an agreement with the Los Alamos Medical Center for the transfer of land for the construction of the Finch Street project in August 2023. Construction is anticipated to begin in late 2025 and continue through 2026.
Canyon Rim Trail Phase III	PW	The project design and right-of-way (ROW) acquisitions are underway from Knecht Street to 15 th Street. The design is being completed by an on-call engineering firm. The project is anticipated to be advertised for bids in Fall 2025 with construction occurring in 2026. Completion of the trail design from 15 th Street to 20 th Street is pending ROW acquisitions.
Bathtub Row-Peach Nectar	PW	Construction continues by TLC Plumbing and Utility after a winter suspension and is anticipated for completion in late Summer 2025. This is a joint project with the Department of Public Utilities and includes full road reconstruction along with utility upgrades.
Denver Steels Phase II	PW	This project has been advertised for construction. This is a joint project with the Department of Public Utilities and includes full road reconstruction along with utility upgrades. The project is anticipated to begin construction in late 2025 and continue through 2026.

Capital Improvement Projects Updates - Facilities

A summary of the project and additional information can be found at the County website – <https://www.losalamosnm.us/Government/Departments-and-Divisions/Public-Works/Capital-Projects-Facilities-Division-Projects>.

Project Name	Dept	Update
Golf Course Electric Cart Conversion	PW, CSD	Construction completed. Electric golf carts started operations last Friday. Project is closeout phase.
Asset Management Software for Facilities	PW	Staff continue the verification of asset naming and locations on the floor plans. Staff will discuss verification findings with vendor in early August.
Benchmarking Building Utility Consumption	PW	No activities to report in July
Emergency Dispatch CRAC Unit	PD	Design professional finalizing 100% drawings. A design review is expected in early August.
Women's Dormitory Building Renovation	PW	Architect is finishing 60% design packet for SHPO review. Discussions with LAFD and Building official resulted in guidelines on how to apply WUI to the project.
Capital Outlay Grant Application for Betty Ehart Senior Center	PW, CSD, AS-FIN	Project team waiting for results from ALTSD related to the evaluation of applications for funding.
Golf Course Site Improvements	PW, CSD	Front 9 holes opened to the public on July 18, 2025. Design team conducts course condition evaluations every two weeks of use.
Ice Rink Temporary Chiller	PW, CSD	The project is in closeout phase.
Ice Rink Permanent Chiller Replacement	PW, CSD	The condenser for the Ice Rink replacement chiller landed on site on July 2, 2025. The mechanical and electrical contractors continue building the piping and raceways needed to connect the condenser and the chiller.
Ice Rink Floor Replacement and Shade Structure	PW, CSD	On June 10, County Council approved moving forward with design development of the mono-sloped pre-engineered structure.
Fire Station 3 Snow Melt System Replacement	PW, FD	Project team met with on-call contractor to review scope of work and construction drawings.

Emergency Operations Center (EOC)	PW, PD, FD	Grant funding was suspended by Department of Homeland Security. County Emergency Management will seek alternative funding and grants for this project.
Fire Station 4 Replacement	PW, FD	Entitlements process is on its way to completion. The planning and Zoning Commission approved Summary Plat and Minor Zone Amendment on July 9. Site Plan application has been submitted to CDD Planning Division for review.
Mesa Public Library Siding Replacement	PW	Contractor has completed the replacing panels that showed cracking. Warranty period begins.
Aquatic Center Olympic Pool Restoration	PW, CSD	Contractor sent out submittals for architect review.
Betty Ehart Senior Center Renovation	PW, CSD	Designer is finalizing the schematic design documents.
Los Alamos Little Theatre Fire Suppression and Asbestos Abatement.	PW, CSD	The abatement of the ceilings at the Los Alamos Little Theatre has been completed. The flooring contractor is preparing floors to receive new flooring in the Green Room.
Betty Ehart Senior Center HVAC Replacement	PW, CSD	Project team waiting for fee proposal from designer to develop construction documents.
Installation of EV chargers	Sustai nabilit y, PW	Task order routed for signature. County is reviewing submittals for main electric panel.
Fire Station 3 Showers Renovation	PW, FD	Submittals for tile, water proofing, and pans under review. Contractor is finalizing the construction schedule.
Aquatic Center Pool Replacement Pumps Design	PW, CSD	Retro-commissioning report has been submitted for County's review.
PCS Fuel Farm Upgrades	PW	Construction completed. PCS fuel farm is back to normal operation. Project is in closeout phase.
Justice Center Parking Lot Lights Replacement	PW	Staff is evaluating alternatives to procure electrical contractor services for this project.
PCS Salt Bins Rust Correction	PW	Project team is reviewing the 90% drawings.
PCS Bus Canopy Snowmelt System	PW	Project team is reviewing the 90% drawings.

Brewer Arena Grandstand	PW/ CSD	Design consultant is addressing comments to the 90% design drawings.
Social Services Action Center	PW/ CSD	CPF staff is collaborating with Social Services Division to document the Action Center space needs.
Justice Center Rainwater Drain Correction	PD/ PW	Project team is reviewing cost proposal for this project.

ROADS

The DP Road Phase II project reached substantial completion in June 18 with punch list items including roadway striping being completed in July.

The Denver Steels Phase II project was advertised for construction in July with bids due in August. Construction is anticipated to begin this year and continue into Summer 2026.

Staff have been involved in inspecting work involved in reconstruction of the Piñon Elementary School access road, a county-owned facility.

An update on the Pedestrian Master Plan was presented to County Council on July 17 with adoption anticipated in August.

Ongoing construction projects like Bathtub Row and DP Road require consistent outreach to the public including impacted residents, businesses, Los Alamos Public Schools, and LANL/DOE. This coordination is critical to successful project execution.

Looking Ahead

Multiple projects are being prepared for the upcoming construction year: Canyon Rim Trail from Knecht to 15th Street, Finch Street, Trinity Drive Safety and ADA, and NM-4 Multi-Use Trail and Crossing are all anticipated to be advertised for bids in Fall 2025 with construction continuing through the 2026 calendar year.

Staff are also actively involved in reviewing developer applications, conducting inspections, approval of construction permits, and design reviews. Some recent project reviews include the Guesthouse Hotel at the old Hilltop House site, Women's Dormitory Building, Hills Apartments/35th Street Realignment project, Cañada Bonita, Century Bank, Sherwood Rounds off Longview Drive, Arboleda and the redevelopment of the Motel 6 building.

NEW STAFF & PROMOTIONS



Breanna Lovato, RIM Specialist

RIM is pleased to welcome new employee, Breanna Lovato. A Santa Fe native, she brings a background in public service and administrative support. She joins us from the New Mexico Department of Transportation, where she most recently contributed her skills and experience. The staff looks forward to the knowledge and professionalism she brings to RIM.



Matthew Munoz

Matthew Munoz has been promoted to Battalion Chief effective July 2025



Keith Henry

Keith Henry has been promoted to Captain effective July 2025



Keith Garcia

Keith Garcia has been promoted to Driver/Engineer effective July 2025

Welcome to the TEAM **Austin Kuykendall, Ronald Martinez, and Andy Romero**

Traffic and Streets have three new equipment operators.



ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to the following individuals on their service anniversaries with Los Alamos County:

5 years

- Lucas Montoya
- Donald Wichers

10 years

- Eric Peterson
- Desiree Miranda-Mendonca
- Dacotah Hofer
- Elias Martinez
- Melissa Nystrom

20 years

- Louisa Martinez



Monique Archbold, White Rock Branch Librarian

Celebrated her 10th anniversary as a Los Alamos County employee and was presented with a certificate and pin by CSD manager, Cory Styron.



Elias Martinez, Parks Maintenance and Construction Specialist

Celebrated his 10th anniversary as a Los Alamos County employee and was presented with a certificate and pin by CSD manager, Cory Styron.



Eric Peterson, Trails and Open Space Specialist

Celebrated his 10th anniversary as a Los Alamos County employee and was presented with a certificate and pin by CSD manager, Cory Styron.

Atomic City Transit would like to congratulate the following employees on their employment anniversaries.

July 2025

- **Daniel Gutierrez** – 11 years of service
- **Elias Vigil** – 1 year of service
- **Andrew Norwood** – 1 year of service



Louisa Martinez, Application Analyst/Developer

Congratulations to Louisa Martinez on 20 years of service at the County! Kudos to her valuable contributions as the Fire & Life Safety Technology Specialist for 18 years and now as the Application Analyst for SharePoint Intranet and the public website. Thank you for your dedication, Louisa!

RETIREMENT



Daniel Blea, Traffic and Streets Manager

The team is deeply saddened to see Daniel Blea retire, but are also incredibly grateful for his 22 years of dedicated service. His commitment, professionalism, and positive spirit have left a lasting impact on the team and community. While it's hard to say goodbye, the team is excited for Daniel as he begins this new chapter in life. The team wishes him all the best in retirement and hope it brings him much joy, relaxation, and new adventures.



C-Shift Operations Battalion Chief Micah Brittelle

The Los Alamos Fire Department proudly congratulates C-Shift Operations Battalion Chief Micah Brittelle on his retirement. Chief Brittelle completed his final shift July 15th and was honored with an escort home by his crew, marking the end of more than 22 years of dedicated service to the Los Alamos Fire Department and the community of Los Alamos. Chief Brittelle began his career with LAFD in 2003. He was promoted to Driver Engineer in 2011, Captain in 2012, and Battalion Chief in 2019. Throughout his career, he held key leadership roles including Training Captain and served as a Team Lead and Subject Matter Expert (SME) for the LAFD Technical Rescue Team. He was also an active member of multiple specialty teams, including Hazmat, Wildland, Shift Training, and the Bike Team. Chief Brittelle's commitment to the department extended across all divisions and programs. He consistently made himself available as a resource to others, always prioritizing the safety and well-being of his fellow firefighters and crew. His passion for service, mentorship, and excellence will be deeply missed.

Thank you Chief Brittelle for your years of distinguished service and the team wishes you the very best in your retirement.





Sara Martinez, Program Specialist

The DWI Planning Committee proudly congratulates Sara Martinez on earning her certification as a New Mexico Certified DWI Coordinator—a distinguished recognition of her extensive expertise in program development, program evaluation, budget management, and her deep knowledge of DWI-related issues. This accomplishment reflects Sara’s commitment to strengthening the community’s efforts to address impaired driving and promote public safety. The certification program was designed to provide a comprehensive course of study in public service for New Mexico DWI Coordinators and other public officials, while also fostering valuable networking opportunities. Developed by DWI experts from across the state, the program consists of six core competency classes and an additional twenty classes built on curriculum guidelines established by the National Certified Public Manager® Consortium. In total, participants completed 26 classes—each lasting approximately three hours—for a total of 78 hours of instruction, plus the development of a mini portfolio. Sara achieved a perfect score on her portfolio, demonstrating both her mastery of the material and her dedication to excellence in the field.



Jaime Kephart, Procurement Contract Manager

EMS Division Chief Manuel Pacheco and EMS Training Captain Kevin Kamplain presented Procurement Contract Manager Jaime Kephart with an EMS Challenge Coin and flowers as a token of appreciation for her support and guidance on several recent large and complex contracts for the EMS Division.



Monica Rivera, Admin Division

Congratulations to Monica Rivera on earning her ICC Permit Technician Certification! The team is pleased to share that **Monica Rivera** has successfully passed the **International Code Council (ICC) Permit Technician Certification** exam. Monica began her career with Los Alamos County in the **Customer Care Center**, where she provided excellent front-line service to the public. In **March 2025**, she transferred to the **Community Development Department**, joining the **Admin Division**. Since then, she has quickly gained knowledge of permitting processes and code standards.

Earning the ICC Permit Technician Certification is a significant professional achievement. This credential demonstrates Monica's technical understanding of building codes, permit procedures, and her readiness to support the team in delivering efficient, code-compliant services to the community. Please join us in congratulating Monica on this accomplishment and in recognizing her continued dedication to growth and service excellence.



Los Alamos County Finance Division Receives Excellence Award

Los Alamos County's Finance Division, led by Chief Financial Officer Melissa Dadzie, received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) on July 15, 2025. The award recognizes their outstanding annual comprehensive financial report for fiscal year 2024.

This certificate represents the highest form of recognition in government financial reporting. Los Alamos County has now earned this distinction for 34 consecutive years, demonstrating their ongoing commitment to superior fiscal stewardship and exceeding minimum accounting standards.

A Big Thank You to Brenda Seargeant and Jason Romero

The team would like to extend sincere thanks to Brenda Sargent and Jason Romero for stepping up when the lock on the Clerk's warehouse door malfunctioned due to a power outage. Their quick action and teamwork helped secure the facility and ensure the safety of materials. The team appreciates your responsiveness and dedication—thank you both!

HR Staff continue to grow in expertise. The staff is proud to recognize and congratulate **Tara Polaco** (HR Analyst 3), **Matthew Martinez** (HR Analyst 3), and **Victoria Pacheco** (Benefits & Pension Manager) for successfully earning their SHRM certifications (Society of Human Resources Management).

Congratulations to **Sonya Ortiz**, Compensation Manager, for receiving a Recognition Coin this month! Sonya consistently goes above and beyond, making it her personal goal to ensure that all employees are paid accurately and on time. Her commitment and exceptional efforts continue to enhance the quality of service provided. Thank you Sonya, for being an inspiring part of the HR team.

Thank You and Good Luck to Summer Interns



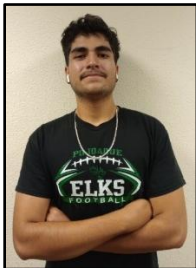
Serafin Mendez, Traffic and Streets Summer Intern.

The team was happy to have him join us. He is a very friendly, respectful and hard-working young man. He is a senior at Pojoaque High School. There he plays basketball, and he has mentioned a few colleges have approached him with potential basketball scholarships. Besides school, Serafin enjoys the outdoors and enjoys fishing. He has been a great asset to the Traffic and Streets crew.



Jason Rodgers, Airport Summer Intern

Jason Rodgers has been the Airport intern this year and helped a lot by cleaning the incinerator building, helping visitors with crafts at the Open House, and general administrative and maintenance tasks around the airport. It has been a pleasure to work with him for the last couple of months.



Michael Marquez, Engineering and Capital Projects

The Engineering and Capital Projects and Facilities Division mentored summer student Michael Marquez. A senior and a football tackle/defensive end at Pojoaque High School (Go Elks!), Michael is exploring project management as a possible career path. Micheal is eager to learn, and it has been a pleasure to mentor him. During his internship, Micheal learned project management basics from outstanding mentors Karen Henderson (Senior Engineer) and Henry Roybal (Project Manager). He also attended daily inspections at the Bathtub Row Reconstruction and the Pinon School Access Road projects. Micheal helped take progress photos of ongoing work and field inspections including roadway grading and concrete pours. Micheal assisted the verification of cross slopes for ADA complaint of sidewalk and ramps, and the depth of the Pinon School Access Road utilizing string ling checks. Micheal also assisted the review of certified payroll to verify contractors are paying the minimum wages that are required for public works projects. Michael was also introduced to the systems that make skating ice at the Ice Rink and assisted the programming of cypher locks for the new restrooms at the Golf Course.

Library Kudos

The Library received many kudos from participants in the Adult Summer Reading Program, with one patron saying: "This reading challenge was the best one yet. It was more doable on a busy schedule and with many opportunities to discover library offerings that I didn't know about".

Another participant in the Summer Reading program was pleased that all finishers received a prize instead of entering a drawing. She also liked the new Bingo format.

The winner of a branded White Rock commemorative Anniversary tote bag was impressed with the design and quality of the bag. Programming staff had produced the logo and decal in-house.

Many participants in the WRBL Street fair expressed gratitude for having a larger, special event hosted in White Rock. One patron asked if this would become an annual event.

The Library received lots of positive verbal feedback from patrons for youth summer programs, especially the *WR Read with a _____* program and the *MPL Creative Studio programs*.

One patron said about the *Read with a _____* "We try to come every week, we just love it!"

And a *Creative Studio* participant said, "What a great way to spend a summer afternoon!"

From: Whelan, Leila
Sent: Thursday, July 24, 2025
Hi Daniel, Hi Ben!

Thanks galore to you and your crew for treating the children in our community to stories, trucks, and snow cones! As you can see from the photos, fabulous fun was had by all. **Also, your program broke our attendance record by a long shot - 89 people!!!** Our previous record was 72.

It was a joy to work with you—from beginning to end—and to watch the kids respond to you. Ben's choice for a final story, **"Someone Builds the Dream"** was such a great conclusion to the entire 8-week program. This is exactly what we wanted kids to get from this program - an awareness and appreciation of all the workers who make our community such a great place to live. **We saved the best for the last!**

Thanks for being prompt, for being gracious, for being willing, and for being such wonderful teachers. You were amazing! Daniel, we wish you the best in your retirement and we appreciate the referral to Keith Wilson. Also, please give our heartfelt thanks to all of the members of your team who assisted with snow cones, with moving equipment, with chatting with kids, with ordering supplies and all of the other little things that made this program such a brilliant success.

Hope you enjoy the rest of your summer! We simply can't thank you enough.

Leila Whelan
White Rock Branch Library

From: Archbold, Jacqueline (Monique)
Subject: Re: Bike Repair Station Location

Thanks, Jon and Chris. You two went above and beyond today! The bike repair station looks wonderful AND the cart works SOOOO much better. I appreciate having you both on our team!

Monique

From: Archbold, Jacqueline (Monique)
Subject: WRBL AC

Hi Jim!

Many thanks to Joseph and Aaron for repairing the AC in WRBL. They were helpful, communicative, thoughtful, and efficient. Kudos to them!

Monique Archbold

From: Styron, Cory
Sent: Wednesday, July 30, 2025 7:41 AM
Subject: Main Pool Open

All-

Thanks to the Facilities team we are opening the Main Pool at the Aquatic Center at noon today. Staff appreciate the effort of the electricians and plumbers to resolve this situation and repair the pipe that flooded the pumps.

Cory

From: Will Fox

Sent: Sunday, July 27, 2025 11:24:17 AM

Subject: Great Job on the Airport Open House

Dear Ann Laurent,

I thought the County did an excellent job this past month hosting the Los Alamos Airport Open house. There was an excellent turnout, and it gave the public a chance to see the value of the airport to the community. It was also a chance for folks to learn more about aviation and the opportunities it presents.

In particular I would like to put in a good word for Gary Goddard the new airport manager. Gary did an excellent job of organizing the Open House and pulling together the various organizations that participated. He is already thinking about how the next one could be better. Gary is a go-getter and get things done and does it in a manner that engages and energizes the people around him. The County made an excellent choice when they hired him.

Speaking of that I think Eric Martinez deserves some kudos as well for his support of Gary and for the job he did running the airport along with all his other duties before Gary was hired.

You and Juan have some good folks working for you.

Will Fox

EAA Chapter 691, President

From: Jody Benson <anteaterjb@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 29, 2025 6:11 PM
To: ~County Council <~CountyCouncil@lacnm.us>
Subject: Thanks for the 4th and a report on the new ABQ vacancy crackdown

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NOTE: Please forward this email to the County Managers.

Dear County Council, Manager Ann Laurent, and Deputy Managers Matteson and Rael,

I've neglected to contact you about two issues.

First: Thank you for that glorious Fourth of July celebration at the Pond. I really loved the CCR Revival Band's snap-back to the 60s. For someone of my generation who was Berkeley, '69, then stationed in Korea '71/72, the CCR music was, even two generations later, relevant as a soundtrack to the past and current chaos.

And the choreographed drone show! I love fireworks, but this show showed me the precision of a drone that could draw a family in the sky as well as take one out on a street in Teheran. I am impressed.

Second: Please thank all the County workers who prepared the park then cleaned if afterwards, controlled the traffic, drove the busses, protected the ducks and drone launching pad, put up the Jersey Barriers, ensured kids didn't do crazy stuff, dealt with health emergencies—all those jobs that we who just party there have no idea about. Please convey our awe and appreciation to the County.

Third: I'm thinking that you have already read Albuquerque's plans to get landlords with vacant properties to clean them up, sell them, or face fines. This has been considered in Los Alamos, but it's time to identify these properties—even the vacant houses—and work with the owners to “urge them to be responsible” thereby helping to meet our retail and housing space. Or else pay to support the vacancies.

Once again, thanks for the Fourth. It was a lovely (dare I say, historic?) party!

Jody Benson
3547 Pueblo Dr
Los Alamos
505-662-4782 (landline, no caller ID, if you leave a message, please leave a number)
Attachment: Article on ABQ's efforts to crack down on downtown vacancies
Photo: Drone family in the sky

