

## STATS Update

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As of September 19, 2023:

Facebook:

**Rating: 4.3 out of 5**

**(42 reviews)**

**Followers: 7,615**

**Reach: 11,138**

**Clicks: 175**

**Shares: 53**

Top performing post: [LAPD responds to gunshots \(Sep. 6, 2023\)](#)

**Post Impression: 5,712**

**Post Reach: 5,542**

**Post Engagement: 1,763**

Instagram

**Followers: 1,940**

NextDoor

**Community Members: 4,407**

County Line Newsletter

**Subscribers: 2,234**

**Open Rate: 54%**

Cone Zone Newsletter  
(seasonal)

**Subscribers: 1,547**

**Open Rate: 47%**

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## Meeting Our Goals

This past August, county councilors and county official engaged with the public at the County Fair and Rodeo, held a town hall regarding human-wildlife interactions in partnership with the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish and Pajarito Environmental Education Center (PEEC), and hosted the Energy Communities Alliance (ECA) in Los Alamos.

## News & Updates

**Intergovernmental Affairs:** The ICIP list was prioritized and submitted to DFA. Los Alamos County hosted peer exchanges with Savannah River Site communities and DOE/NNSA on topics relating to the ramp up toward pit production, Hanford and Oak Ridge on topics relating to the Manhattan Project National Historic Park, and a DOE/NNSA/N3B discussion on workforce development – all of which included an evening event at Ashley Pond and one at SALA for a viewing of *Oppenheimer*. DOE, NNSA N3B, and our peer communities continue to laud the meetings and events. Discussions with the Pueblo de San Ildefonso on various potential projects continued to gain momentum. The New Mexico Municipal League Annual Conference in Farmington included topics such as Outdoor Recreation, Housing, Crisis Response, etc.

**Sustainability:** Cascadia Consulting Group and the sustainability manager presented an overview to council and the public on August 22<sup>nd</sup> of their process to develop a greenhouse gas emission study and climate action plan. They also launched an employee commuter survey (seeking the commuting habits of county employees in 2022). More than 300 employees responded, providing significant data to apply to the GHG study. The Environmental Sustainability Board (ESB) and Los Alamos Sustainability Alliance (LASA) continue engaging with the public at various events to ascertain what Los Alamos citizens envision a climate action plan would look like. ESB and LASA hosted an environmental film screening of 2040 at PEEC in August.

**Broadband:** The solicitation for the Community Broadband Network "last mile" fiber-to-the-premise project is published, with vendor responses for Phase 1 being due September 21st. Conversations continued with San Ildefonso Pueblo to explore potential opportunities to collaborate on their project to install new conduit and "middle mile" fiber from White Rock to Pojoaque along NM4 and NM502. This meeting occurred in mid-August.

## Connecting with the Public

Councilors and county officials answered citizen questions related to county projects and initiatives at the Los Alamos County Fair on August 12th. Additionally, Councilors Theresa Cull and Randall Ryti held an educational session on August 21<sup>st</sup>, on the do's and don'ts of human-wildlife interactions in partnership with the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish and hosted by the Pajarito Environmental Education Center (PEEC). To view the power point presentation visit <https://lacnm.com/Council-TownHall>.

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## STATS

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### Info Management:

**645** service desk requests processed  
**341** DocuSign Envelopes completed  
**615** records requested  
**4205** records pulled  
**7** internal requests with  
**8** incoming record boxes for processing and storage

### Finance:

**330** Disbursements  
**1331** P-Card transactions  
**37** Electronic payments received (\$4.9M)  
**GRT** received (\$8.3M)  
**Property Tax** received (\$58K)  
**Lodgers Tax** received (\$42K)

### Procurement:

**FY23 YTD**  
**326** purchase orders  
**231** change orders  
**28** agreements  
**5** amendments  
**68** solicitations/AGRs in process + 57 anticipated  
**675** inventory pick tickets processed & delivered

## News & Updates

### Finance

Accounts Payable closed FY23 invoice processing on August 2nd. During the month of August, the Accounts Payable and Procurement Team worked closely to review and validate all remaining encumbrance balances. Approximately 280 Purchase Orders were reviewed, totaling \$31.4 million. Next steps include completion of the final encumbrance budget carryover report, which will be available in early September.

### Budget

Budget has received the approval letter from New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration that the FY2024 Council adopted budget has been approved. By state statute the approval letter must be included in the minutes and is part of the September 5, 2023, Council agenda. The adopted budget books are available on the County's [website](#). Budget is currently working with the Assessor's office to assist with the property tax rate approval which will also go to Council on September 5<sup>th</sup>. All Carryover requests have been received and the budget office is currently working to consolidate and review with the County Manager's office to take to Council on September 26<sup>th</sup>.

### Munis

The testing for the Munis (Enterprise ERP) upgrade to version 2021.9 is progressing very well. Based on the status of testing, we have moved forward with getting Tyler resources assigned to assist in the deploy of Munis 2021. Currently, the deploy is scheduled for September 25. Testing staff will have another meeting to decide on a go/no-go status in the week before then. Staff is also testing ExecuTime version 2023. There are workflow enhancements that will streamline the review and approval processes.

### Information Management Applications

*DocuSign* subscription was successfully renewed to include 6500 envelopes for the period from 8/23 to 8/24.  
*CAD Server Migration:* Test instance of new CAD was set up in Dispatch station 6 for user testing purposes. No major issues were identified. Work in progress to complete remaining application configuration and server backup setup. Targeting last week of September for cutover to the new environment.  
*Munis / EnerGov 2021 Upgrade:* Production deployment is planned for September 25<sup>th</sup>.  
*Eagle Assessor and Recorder* applications were successfully upgraded to 2023 version of the software.  
*SharePoint Migration:* Successfully migrated the PD's shared drive folders to the SharePoint department site.  
*Attorney's LegalTrack application:* Demonstrated a trial version of the legacy application functionality in SharePoint and obtained approval from users to decommission legacy LegalTrack application upon successful conversion of data to SharePoint.  
*In-Place OS upgrade* was successfully conducted on the Litmos API virtual server to upgrade from Windows 2012R2 to 2019 without impacting the API functionality. Kudos to Marlena Sanchez for successfully executing this in-place upgrade!  
*County Website Implementation* team is working with individual departments on the page setup and content cleanup. Core team is also working with the vendor on finalizing pages for council presentation.

### Information Management Projects

*Cohesity Enterprise Backup Solution*, which is the new enterprise backup solution for the county. Equipment was received and installation for Phase 1- Municipal Building, took place on 8/29/23. Installation of the DR site equipment in ABQ to follow later this fall.  
*Rainbird Golf Course CirrusPro* software is now online and available to Golf Course maintenance staff to be able to securely adjust their irrigation settings from any smart device.

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## Staffing Report August 2023



*Teo Ortega*

## New Staff

### Teo Ortega

At the beginning of August Teo Ortega accepted the Systems Administrator position in the Information Management Division. He comes to us from Isleta Casino and is studying for his Cisco CCNA certification and a bachelor's degree in Cybersecurity from Southern New Hampshire University. He brings a wide breadth of experience to his new role here at the county and is grateful for this opportunity.

## Staff Highlight of the Month

Melissa Dadzie, Deputy CFO, led her revenue team in Finance including Accounting Operations Manager, Beatrice Odezulu and Financial & Budget Analyst, Zhengyan (Zhen) Liu on an extensive and collaborative effort with all County Divisions on a DFA-mandated Credit Card policy over the last 15 months to finalize.

The County has never had an official policy for accepting these payments, and last year DFA announced that all local governing bodies need to have a policy in place (among other requirements) and especially to receive budget approval. Beatrice and Zhen received kudos for their assistance and hard work on the new Credit/Debit Card and Electronic Payments Policy and did much of the groundwork with stakeholders to understand the unique needs of each business within the County who interface with the public. Melissa showed excellent leadership in drafting, and implementing the policy and the team continues to look for ways to help customers continue the convenience of electronic payments with use of credit cards under stricter mandates. Great job, and great customer service from this team!



*Melissa Dadzie*



*Beatrice Odezulu*



*Zhen Liu*



Finance Statistics

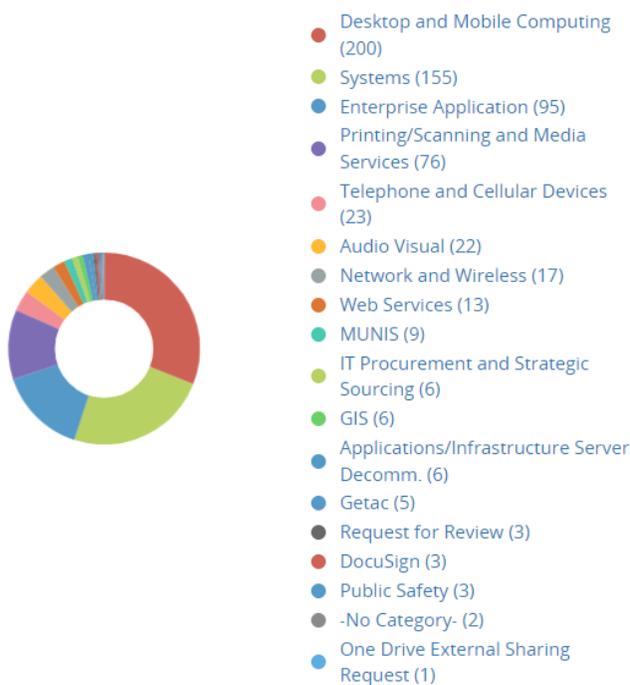
August 2023					
Accounts Receivable		Number of Transactions	% of total	Dollar Amount	% of total
	Gross Receipts Tax Received	4		\$ 8,303,697.61	
	Electronic Payments Received (EPAY)	37		\$ 4,925,256.19	
	Property Tax Received			\$ 58,267.94	100.00%
	Property Tax Distributed to LA Public School			\$ 27,560.48	47.30%
	Property Tax Distributed to LA County			\$ 22,838.44	39.20%
	Property Tax Distributed to UNM-LA			\$ 4,221.84	7.25%
	Property Tax Distributed to State of New Mexico			\$ 3,064.52	5.26%
	Property Tax Distributed to Mirador PID			\$ -	0.00%
	Property Tax Admin Fee			\$ 582.66	1.00%
	Lodgers Tax Received			\$ 42,240.47	
Accounts Payable					
	Number of Invoices Paid	608		\$ 17,465,041.23	
	Wire Payments Processed	55	16.7%	\$ 10,938,532.23	62.6%
	Electronic Fund Transfers (EFT) Processed	100	30.3%	\$ 2,468,659.83	14.1%
	Normal Print Checks Processed	175	53.0%	\$ 4,057,849.20	23.2%
	<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>330</b>		<b>\$ 17,465,041.26</b>	
	P-Card Transactions	1,331		\$ 510,287.62	

Service Desk Tickets Closed by Type

Ticket summary

645      0      645  
 Number of Tickets    Open Tickets    Closed Tickets

Category distribution



# Envelope Status Report

Totals based on envelope status for this account.

**Filtered by:** Date (Custom), Envelope Date Type (Sent Date), Envelope Status (Any), and Sent By (Any)

**Time Zone:** (UTC-07:00) Mountain Time (US & Canada)

Date Range      From      To

Custom      08/01/2023      08/31/2023       Current Date

[Run report](#)    [Save As](#)

Total Results: 6

Status ▲	Total Envelopes	Unique Senders	Total Recipients
Voided	28	15	138
Sent	36	13	144
Delivered	1	1	2
Completed	341	62	954
Declined	2	2	9
Corrected	1	1	2

## STATS Update

*13 Commercial Building permits were issued in August with a total valuation of \$318,131.00.*

*70 Residential Building permits were issued in August with a total valuation of \$2,801,602.00.*

*5 Certificates of Occupancy were issued in August 2023.*

*204 Building Inspections took place in August 2023.*

## News & Updates

The State of New Mexico Construction Industries Division, as well as all jurisdictions throughout New Mexico, have now adopted the 2021 International Building Codes. The 2021 IRC and IBC have been in effect as of July 14, 2023, however there is a “grace period” of six months which allows plans to be submitted either under the new 2021 International Codes or the 2015 International Codes which are still in effect until January 1, 2024. Plans cannot be submitted under a combination of the two codes, it is one or the other. Come January 1, 2024, the 2015 International Codes will be rescinded, and the 2021 International Codes will come into full effect. Staff will be working diligently to provide training on the significant changes to the new codes. We are hoping to get NM Construction Industries Division or the International Code Council to come and conduct the training. Announcements will be made when a date has been set.

A grading and excavation permit was issued for the Arbolada subdivision at 659 San Ildefonso. This subdivision will consist of 85 single family units. Building permits will be applied for as soon as all site preparations have been finalized. The Building Safety Division will be working closely with the developer, contractor and architect to ensure that the permitting process runs smoothly.

Exterior demolition and asbestos remediation have been completed on four buildings at 3500 Trinity Drive. The Bilingual Montessori School in White Rock is heading this project to bring much needed daycare to the community. The daycare will provide care for children ranging in age from infants to four years of age. The maximum capacity for this daycare will be anywhere from 100 to 120 children. Project completion is projected for Spring 2024.

## Connecting with the Public

The Building Safety Division continues to provide support to contractors, homeowners, and design professionals throughout the permitting process by being available for pre-app meetings before they apply for a permit and offering to meet with them throughout the project stages if they have questions or concerns.

## STATS Update

**Visit Los Alamos @ Facebook:**  
15,390 followers to date  
4,299 reached this month.  
732 engagements this month

**@VisitLosAlamos Instagram:**  
1,038 followers to date  
743 reached this month.  
113 engagements this month

**Welcome Center Visitation Los Alamos:** 2,153 this month  
**White Rock:** 9,624 this month

**Home Renovation Assistance Program:**  
0 App Received this month.  
0 Applications Approved  
1 Applications Pending  
0 Projects Closed  
1 Application Withdrawn

**Homebuyers Assistance Program:**  
1 Applications Received  
2 Applications Pending  
1 Applications Approved  
0 Projects Closed

**Event Permits**  
10 Event Permits issued this month.

## Meeting Our Goals

The Community Development Department Economic Development Division (CDD-ED) continues to support local businesses while also focusing on enhancing the economic vitality and increasing housing in Los Alamos County following the council-adopted 2023 Strategic Leadership Plan and 2019 Economic Vitality Strategic Plan. References to these planning initiatives are noted with each of the activities reported below.

## News & Updates

**Kelly Stewart.** On August 9, after 19 years of service, Marketing Analyst Kelly Stewart celebrated her retirement at the Long Pour with friends, peers, and county partners. She positively impacted her community, its volunteers, and many who've visited the County over the past 19 + years. We wish her the best.

**Anita Barela.** In August, we welcomed, with excitement, Anita Barela to the ED team.

**Energy Communities Alliance Conference.** On August 18, EDD participated in the Energy Communities Alliance discussions regarding workforce needs in the County. Discussion included hiring and recruitment practices, regional education opportunities, and the impacts of the local housing crisis on our local business community [*Goals: Housing; Local Business; Employee Retention; and Intergovernmental and Regional Relations.*]

**Economic Development Regional Collaboration.** In August, EDD continued to pursue entering memos of understanding with our regional neighbors: Rio Arriba County, Santa Fe County, and the City of Santa Fe. These MOUs establish our joint commitment to collaborate on regional economic initiatives. Topics may include joint pursuit for funding, workforce development, and addressing transit and housing needs for the region [*Goals: Intergovernmental and Regional Relations.*]

**Housing Website Resources.** In August, Housing Program Coordinator Dan Osborn began revising the County's website housing resource page in preparation for the County's new website later this fall. The updated housing pages will include information about local market rates, section 8 and LIHTC (low-income) housing resources, and proposed and upcoming housing opportunities [*Goals: Housing; and Communication and Engagement.*]

**Affordable Housing Plan Update.** In August, Housing Program Coordinator Dan Osborn began preparations for a request for proposals seeking consultant services to update the County's Affordable Housing Plan. This timely update will address updated New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority requirements and expand the definition of affordable housing to include "missing-middle" housing. The revised Plan, when completed, will be an additional tool supporting county efforts to attract housing developers specializing in attainable workforce housing [*Goals: Housing.*]

## Connecting with the Public

**2023 Community Vitality Update (CVU).** On August 10th, the annual CVU was distributed to the community in the Los Alamos Daily Post. This year's CVU featured the County's efforts in planning for smart growth, expanding and diversifying housing, and collaborating with local partners. The CVU is posted on its website on the County's economic development page at [www.lacnm.com/ed](http://www.lacnm.com/ed) [*Goals: Communications and Engagement.*]

## **Looking Ahead**

Lodgers' Tax Advisory Board – September 19, 2023

## STATS Update

*Planning staff reviewed and acted on 52 Building permits, and 11 Business License applications.*

Code Compliance Officers opened 92 new code cases and closed 20 cases

## Meeting Our Goals

The Community Development Planning Division has been focused on the Chapter 16 cleanup & updates, Short Term Rental Program, and 20<sup>th</sup> Street Concept Plans. Division Staff continue to maintain a high level of customer service with ongoing planning and code compliance cases.

## News & Updates

Planning Division staff continue to work with the County Consultant Wilson & Company to create Short Term Rental Program. Staff is compiling information from public input process and guidance from the Steering Committee in formulating a draft STR Ordinance.

Planning Division staff began work with the County Consultant Wilson & Company to create 20<sup>th</sup> Street Concept Plans. Staff presented scope of work to the Council during their scheduled Work Session on May 16, 2023. Staff presented scope of work to the public during a public open house on June 21, 2023. Staff continue to work on evaluating public input and finalizing the concept plans.

Planning Division staff began work with the County Consultant D.P.S. to evaluate possible easements or setbacks along the Los Alamos Canyon edge in DTLA. Staff plans on presenting scope of work to the Council in September 2023.

Planning Division staff began work with the County Consultant DPS to review various Code Clean-up items and formulate a plan to work on these items at the end of this year.

The Planning & Zoning Commission had a meeting where training for Commissioners regarding Planning related items was provided by staff.

The Historic Preservation Advisory Board had a public hearing in the month of August to bring forward an application to establish Historic Overlay District in Los Alamos County.

## Connecting with the Public

CDD staff will follow directions from Short Term Rental Program Steering Committee in review of public input received May 17 through June 18, 2023. A draft of the STR Program will be presented to the County Council on September 5, 2023.

## Looking Ahead

September 6, 2023 – Historic Preservation Advisory Board meeting.

September 13, 2023 – Planning & Zoning Commission meeting.

## STATS Update

*265 Recordings & Filings*

*77 eRecordings*

*10 Marriage Licenses*

*5 Probate Cases*

*3 County Council / Board Meetings*

*65 New Voters Registered*

*15,710 Total Registered Voters*

*321 Voter Record Transactions*

*32 Social Media Posts*

*588 Facebook Followers*

*321 Instagram Followers*

*131 X/Twitter Followers*

*42 Customer Visits*

## Meeting Our Goals



### Operational Excellence:

Senior Deputy Clerk Victoria Montoya, Elections Manager Victoria Martinez, and Deputy Clerk Allison Collins continue to work on the Clerk's portion of the new Los Alamos County website to make it more user-friendly and accessible.

The new site is currently anticipated to release in October 2023.

Election season doesn't mean that the work of the Office doesn't continue. County Clerk Naomi Maestas and Senior Deputy Clerk Montoya met with our partners at US Imaging to continue our work converting microfiche images into searchable records accessible to the public. Scanning thousands of documents — then indexing them to be useful in searches — is a monumental task that contributes to the Clerk's Office goal of providing excellent customer service to our constituents.

On August 17<sup>th</sup>, Elections Manager Martinez, Senior Deputy Clerk Montoya, and Deputy Clerk Ubaldo Barela attended Tabletop the Vote, an event presented by the New Mexico Secretary of State's Office and SafeElections.org. During this event, participants considered various security scenarios that might affect elections, including threats to officials and voter intimidation. Elections Manager Martinez reported that this exercise provided Staff with time to consider how they can create contingency plans to ensure that elections run smoothly.

To complement our other work in Election operational excellence, Clerk Maestas met with some members of the County Council to discuss Ranked Choice Voting and whether it might work well for us.

Let the races begin! On August 29<sup>th</sup>, local prospective officials started the process of partaking in the most patriotic of all activities – running for office. Nine total candidates filed to become candidates in five total seats in the Los Alamos Public Schools' Board and UNM-LA's Advisory Board. For a complete listing of candidates, visit our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/LACClerk>.



### Intergovernmental Relations:

During the August 2-4 New Mexico Counties Board of Directors Meeting, Clerk Maestas worked with the Board to approve recent minutes, discuss action items, and review Board and Committee reports. The Board also heard a presentation on the future of nuclear power.

On August 16<sup>th</sup> the Directors of the iGo Delegation held a leadership meeting during which they approved minutes and prepared for iGo's upcoming projects.

The New Mexico Clerk's Affiliate met on August 24<sup>th</sup> and addressed legislative priorities for the coming session.



**Education:**

From August 14 - 16, the County Clerk’s Office attended the 2023 Regular Local Election School to learn about the upcoming election, voting machine certification, and how to best execute this year’s elections. This year, the state focused on improving the safety and security of elections, from maintaining safety during the election to increasing security around election results. The office is ready and committed to making Los Alamos’ elections as seamless and safe as possible!



**Communication:**

On August 17<sup>th</sup>, Clerk Maestas spoke about the upcoming Regular Local Election to the League of Women Voters. Her talk included the seats up for election, the election timeline, and other information that LWV uses for the preparation of its Voter Guide. The League’s guide has long been a trusted, non-partisan source of candidate information given in the candidates’ own words.

September is Voter Registration Month in Los Alamos! On August 1<sup>st</sup>, Clerk Maestas attended a meeting with the National Voter Registration Day (NVRD) organization to learn best practices for holding events and outreach on NVRD September 19<sup>th</sup>. During the August 29<sup>th</sup> Council meeting, Clerk Maestas and Elections Manager Martinez received a formal proclamation presented by Councilor Susie Havemann and signed by Council Chair Denise Derkacs.

During the 2023 Regular Local Election (RLE), voters will choose members of the Los Alamos Public School Board and the UNM-LA Advisory Board. The ballot will also contain a bond question submitted by the Los Alamos Public Schools. Sample ballots will be available on the Clerk’s site in mid-September. Don’t know your school board district? You can also find a current district map on our site.

Reminder: The County’s new fraud detection system has arrived! Fraud Notify sends an automated email alert any time a document is recorded using your name or your property’s parcel number. Property owners in Los Alamos County are urged to sign up\* for alerts on the Clerk’s site at losalamoscountynm.us/clerk.



**ONLINE SERVICES:**

- [Apply for a Marriage License Online](#)
- [Schedule an Appointment to Obtain a Marriage License](#)
- [Register to Vote or Update Voter Registration info](#)
- [Register for Fraud Notify](#)

\*If you were formerly signed up for Fraud Sleuth, please re-enroll. This program is provided via a different vendor.

## Upcoming Project Updates

*Tyler's Fraud Notify module is live and replaces the decommissioned FraudSleuth component included with the CountyFusion system. It allows constituents to track potential property fraud.*

*The new credit card processing system that will allow constituents to not only search for documents online but also to purchase and download directly from the County website is in the procurement phase.*

*The Clerk's Office microfiche project with US Imaging has completed phase 1 and now moves into a full-scale conversion of microfiche cards into electronic records.*

## Connecting with the Public

On August 12<sup>th</sup>, the Clerk's Office enjoyed a day of meeting constituents at the Los Alamos County Fair. Residents registered as voters in Los Alamos County, and Voters learned about this year's Regular Local Election and how to become Election Workers. Best of all, visitors got to challenge each other to a game of cornhole!

On September 19<sup>th</sup>, the Clerk's Office will hold meet-and-greet sessions across town to recognize National Voter Registration Day. If you miss us on NVRD, stop by the Farmer's Market on September 21<sup>st</sup>. We hope to see you and answer your questions about voting, absentee ballots, the election process, and document recording. As always, we welcome your calls and visits to our office: 505.662.8010 | 1000 Central Avenue, Suite 240.

## Looking Ahead

### Upcoming Important 2023 Regular Local Election Dates:

September 12, 2023	Election Worker Training
October 3, 2023	Tabulator Certification
October 10, 2023	Last day to change Voter Registration online. Same-Day Voter Registration Begins
October 10, 2023	Early Voting opens at the Municipal Building
October 18, 2023	Election Worker Training (make-up)
October 21, 2023	Early Voting opens at White Rock Town Hall
October 24, 2023	Last Day to Request an Absentee Ballot
November 7, 2023	Election Day
November 14, 2023	Canvass of Election Results (tentative)

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

September 2023	National Voter Registration Month
September 19, 2023	National Voter Registration Day
Thursdays, Sept – Oct 2023	Los Alamos Farmers' Markets
October 2023	Revised external-facing Los Alamos County website launch
TBD 2023	Implementation of self-service module for public record purchases





**Naomi D. Maestas**  
County Clerk



**Victoria Martinez**  
Elections Manager



**Tori Montoya**  
Senior Deputy Clerk



**Ubaldo Barela**  
Deputy Clerk



**Allison Collins,**  
Deputy Clerk



**Anna Archuleta**  
Deputy Clerk



**Marie Pruitt**  
Deputy Clerk



**Katelyn Alarid**  
Student Clerk



**Olivia Koo**  
Student Clerk

## Staff Highlight

Marie Pruitt has accepted a regular part-time Deputy Clerk position with our office starting at the beginning of September. We're delighted to get to keep her on board in a more permanent manner.

## Kudos

It's onward and upward for Ashley Atencio, formerly a casual Deputy Clerk with our office. Ashley has accepted a full-time position as a Senior Office Specialist with the Assessor's office. We're proud of Ashley (and not surprised they snapped her up) but will miss her contributions to both the work and energy of the Clerk's Office. Congratulations, Ashley!

# Los Alamos County Fair



*At the County Fair, Clerk Maestas greets voters and provides information about the upcoming election.*



*Clerk Maestas welcomes a new County resident who registers to vote.*



*There's a wealth of information available at the Clerk's booth.*



*Kids find stickers, airplanes, frisbees, and more at the Future Voters' table.*



*A future voter shows her skills with the Clerk's Office's new cornhole game.*



*It's a Clerk's Office wedding! On August 24<sup>th</sup>, Katherine Nicole Saliba and Ring Emery Blake celebrated the official beginning of their lives together. Judge Michael Redondo officiated. Not pictured: witnesses Student Clerk Olivia Koo and Deputy Clerk Collins.*

## 2023 Regular Local Election School



*Clerk Maestas with NM Secretary of State Maggie Toulouse-Oliver and other New Mexico Clerks at Election School*



*Mandy Vigil, State Elections Director, instructs attendees on the Administration of the 2023 Local Regular Election.*



*Los Alamos County Clerk's Office staff soak up the knowledge needed to run a smooth election.*

## Election Assistance Commission Local Leadership Council



*Clerk Naomi Maestas recently attended the Election Assistance Commission (EAC) Local Leadership Council's annual meeting as one of two appointed representatives from New Mexico. During the meeting, members discussed EAC updates and upcoming programs, such as election technology and security. This included moderated discussion on topics such as training and workforce development, looking ahead to 2024, and making the Local Leadership Council an effective Advisory Board.*

# Candidate Filing Day

**2023 Regular Local Election CANDIDATE**

**Christine Ann Bernstein**  
Running for:  
**LAPS School Board District 3**  
2023 Regular Local Election  
Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2023



Christine filed today for the position.

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**2023 Regular Local Election CANDIDATE**

**Lauren R. Coupland**  
Filed for:  
**LAPS School Board District 3**  
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**2023 Regular Local Election CANDIDATE**

**Chris Luchini**  
Filed for:  
**UNM-LA Advisory Board**  
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Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2023



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**2023 Regular Local Election CANDIDATE**

**Sondra L. Wyman**  
Filed for:  
**LAPS School Board District 5**  
2023 Regular Local Election  
Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2023



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**2023 Regular Local Election CANDIDATE**

**Sean B. Stanfield**  
Filed for:  
**LAPS School Board District 3**  
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**2023 Regular Local Election CANDIDATE**

**Melanie A. Colgan**  
Filed for:  
**LAPS School Board District 4**  
2023 Regular Local Election  
Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2023



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**2023 Regular Local Election CANDIDATE**

**Jose Luis Carreno**  
Filed for:  
**UNM-LA Advisory Board**  
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Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2023



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**2023 Regular Local Election CANDIDATE**

**Kristin M. Henderson**  
Filed for:  
**UNM-LA Advisory Board**  
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Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2023



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**2023 Regular Local Election CANDIDATE**

**John R. Pawlak**  
Filed for:  
**UNM-LA Advisory Board**  
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Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2023



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# Voter Registration Month/Day Proclamation



Councilor Susie Havemann presented the proclamation of Voter Registration Month/Day. Pictured (left to right): League of Women Voters (LWV) President Felicia Orth, Elections Manager Martinez, Clerk Maestas, Councilor Havemann, and LWV representative Jodi Benson



September 2023 is Voter Registration Month, and the 19<sup>th</sup> is Voter Registration Day. Clerk Maestas and Staff will be available at locations across town to assist with registration and answer questions about the upcoming election.

## STATS Update

*5 Press Releases*

*13 New Social Media  
Followers*

*52 Social Media Posts*

*5 Alcohol Permits Processed*

*1,055 Total Summer  
E-Activity Guide Views*

*105 Total Fall  
E-Activity Guide Views*

*4 Contract Public Programs &  
Events*

*1,341 People Attended  
Contracted Programs &  
Events*

## Meeting Our Goals

### Quality Governance

**Communication and Engagement** The Community Services Department continues with community outreach through videos, and social media posts for Facebook and Instagram, and submitting press releases to local news outlets, to keep the public informed.

### Connecting with the Public

**Community Services Corner** was published in the Los Alamos Daily Post this month's focus was on the Parks Division.

## News & Updates

### August 4 – Mushrooms of Northern New Mexico

In-person program about the different varieties of mushrooms found in our region and basic mushroom identification from members of the New Mexico Mycological Society.

### August 8 – Oppenheimer and Black Holes

In-person astronomy presentation about Oppenheimer's pre-Los Alamos work on black holes and common misconceptions about energetic astrophysical objects.

### August 25 – Bear Dinner

In-person annual dinner party and presentation about black bears. Wildlife rehabilitation expert, Dr. Kathleen Ramsay, began the evening with a presentation about black bears. Then, the buffet-style dinner was catered by Secret City Kitchen. This included foods that make up a black bear's diet, herbal tea, and a cash bar provided by Bathtub Row Brewing Co Op. The Bear Dinner is presented in partnership with Land of Enchantment Wildlife Foundation.

### August 26 – Bear Festival, sponsored by Century Bank

In-person annual festival where participants learn about the amazing black bears and other wildlife with which we share our home. The festival featured informational booths from local, regional, and state-wide organizations, as well as crafts, games, food truck, a scavenger hunt, and more.

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## Looking Ahead

### Some PEEC events to look forward to, past late September:

- ❖ 10/01/2023, 7AM Bird Walk (In-person at Los Luceros)
- ❖ 10/05/2023, 7 PM "Before the Flood" Film Screening and Discussion (in-person)
- ❖ 10/21/2023, 7 AM Nambe Badlands Hike (in-person)
- ❖ Geology Field Trip to Plaza Blanca and Ghost Ranch (In-person)
- ❖ 10/21/2023, 1 PM PEECnic (In-person)
- ❖ 10/24/2023 7 PM Rail Diaries: Snowdonia (In-person and Live-streamed)
- ❖ 10/27/2023 4 PM Halloweekend Fun with PEEC (In-person)
- ❖ 10/28/2023 time TBD October Full Moon Walk (In-person)



## STATS for August

40 Public Programs & Events

1536 Total Program  
Attendance

26041 Physical Items  
Circulated

7257 Digital Items Circulated

33298 Total Items Circulated

## Meeting Our Goals

The library continues to offer varied programming and services for all ages in support of the County's Quality-of-Life goal.

The Library hosted the second annual *Atomicon* on Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup>. The event is a Comic-Con inspired event for all ages. This year, the event expanded its footprint and was hosted at Mesa Public Library, Betty Ehart Senior Center, Fuller Lodge and at several outdoor locations. Some highlights included a costume contest, a life drawing session with costumed models, caricature drawing, and a full vendor floor with comic inspired art, books, games, jewelry and more.

The Library presented a living history portrayal of Aldo Leopold on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>. 52 participants enjoyed a beautiful evening at Ashley Pond in the company of the actor, in and out of character as the famed conservationist. The event was sponsored by the New Mexico Humanities Council and the Friends of the Library.

The Youth Services Team took a partial programming break to recharge and plan after a busy summer of programming and the annual summer reading programming.

## News & Updates

The Library is celebrating National Hispanic Heritage Month from Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> to Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>. The month pays tribute to generations of Hispanic Americans and Hispanic culture. The Library celebrates at both library locations with displays, scavenger hunts and two book clubs. The first book club, a discussion of *Signs Preceding the End of the World* by Yuri Herrera is held on September 21<sup>st</sup>. The second book club is on October 5<sup>th</sup>. The second book club will be held in Spanish and is an open topic discussion of any book participants have read.

Currently, *Step Up Gallery* has the gallery show *Guns in America* by artist Jeff Corwin on exhibit. The show runs through October 5<sup>th</sup>.

The Library has announced changes to the popular digital content platform, Hoopla. The changes are made to ensure that content is accessible to the widest cross-section of patrons possible. Patron borrows will return to their pre-COVID number of six per month (during COVID, this had been increased to eight); and funding to our Hoopla budget will be increased. Together, these changes should help prevent the library from "using up" its daily borrow limit so early each day.

## Looking Ahead

The Library has announced a free 6-week business incubator program for all patrons with a business idea. The class is the result of a collaboration with projectY and Santa Fe based non-profit *Creative Startups*. Registration is open now and with a program start date of October 11<sup>th</sup>. The class is intended for people who are interested in taking the very first steps from the business idea stage to doing market research and thinking about how a product or service would appeal to potential customers.

The Library is one of many collaborators for the big community wide solar eclipse event at the Highschool on October 14<sup>th</sup>. The library received a grant of 2000 eclipse glasses from the STAR Library Network. The glasses that will be handed out during the event.

## **Kudos**

A local, full-time science teacher who is pursuing a masters in science, wanted to thank the whole staff for making it easy for her to take a proctored exam. She is also grateful for the air conditioning and study rooms.

A patron said she really enjoyed the picture book display with staff's favorite childhood books.

A patron said they are "thrilled" that the library is open on Sundays again.

A patron said that the book cartridge refill station from the State Library has been a "miracle" for her mother. She was very appreciative of the service and anyone who assisted with getting new accessible options into the library.

Patron said that they had visited all areas of Atomicon and that the event was very well organized. She wanted staff to know.

## STATS Update

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*17 Programs and Events*

*~20,300 People Attended  
Programs and Events*

*3,331 Rounds of Golf*

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## Meeting Our Goals

### Quality of Life

**Recreation:** The Recreation Division continues to offer a variety of programs for community engagement and family entertainment.

## News & Updates

### New Full-time Lifeguards

Three of our Lifeguard Trainees have received certifications in Lifeguard with Professional Rescuers First Aid/CPR/AED this month. Welcome to the crew Gabriella, Mike, and Julian.

### August 3 – Los Alamos County Adult Pool Party

CSD held an adult pool party night at the Leisure Lagoon with non-alcoholic adult beverages, snacks, and fun.

### August 4 – Lagoon Closure for Concrete Repour

The Leisure Lagoon closed to add trench drains and concrete resurfacing.

### August 4 – JJ & the Hooligans Concert (estimated attendance 7,000)

The band JJ & the Hooligans traveled to Los Alamos to perform in the Los Alamos Summer Concert Series.

### August 5 – Roller Skate Night

The Ice Rink hosted another open roller-skating night.

### August 5 & 6 – 76th City Championship Golf Tournament

The 76th Los Alamos City Championship was played on August 5 and 6. Local golfers enjoyed nice weather and solid competition over the weekend. Henry Poston took top honors in the men's championship flight, while Anna Swertfeger earned first place in the women's championship flight. Other flight winners were: Pat Metzger, Gabe Cole, Dave Apel and Eddie Sanchez. The shootout winners were, in order 1st to 4th place, Eddie Sanchez, Henry Poston, Cale Jones and Anna Swertfeger.

Congratulations to all our winners of the 76th City Championship.

### August 11 – Brandon Saiz Concert (estimated attendance 5,000)

Brandon Saiz, a New Mexican country artist, was brought in to kick off Rodeo weekend with a performance. Eighteen (18) vendors set up for the night serving customers.

### August 11 – YMCA Golf Classic

The Los Alamos YMCA held their annual benefit tournament on August 11. The event saw a huge turn-out with 100 participants in the event. The weather was very accommodating, and much fun was had by all. The event held its post tourney dinner and awards ceremony at Bathtub Row Brewing.

## News & Updates, continued...

### **August 12 – Los Alamos Derby Dames Bout**

The Los Alamos Derby Dames used the Ice Rink to host El Paso for a Bout (game.)

### **August 12 & 13 – Los Alamos County Fair & Rodeo/Parade**

Recreation staff walked in the parade with the Grand Marshall Dr. Kurt Steinhaus. The Northern New Mexico Rodeo Court Queen and Princess, Aspen Jaramillo and Jewel Jaramillo, also participated in the parade alongside the very first woman who held the title of Los Alamos Rodeo Queen, Barbara Jean Wilson.

At the Fair, along with 36 other vendors, staff worked a booth providing information about future events taking place within the county and giving out free items to members of the public. Grandstands were packed at Brewer Arena for the Rodeo; spectators began to occupy the space between the grandstands and the arena gates.

The watermelon eating contest drew so much attention spectators began crowding the contestants' tables. Older participants were not allowed to use their hands during their contest.

### **August 17 – Hawk Hangout**

The Los Alamos Middle School came down to the Ice Rink for Hawk Hangout, where they had the opportunity to roller skate, build birdhouses, and go on a little birdwatching hike led by some employees of PEEC, and feast on varying snacks.

### **August 18 – Dusty Low Concert** (estimated attendance 4,000)

The band Dusty Low traveled to Los Alamos to perform. Fifteen (15) vendors set up for the event and had a constant flow of customers.

### **August 25 – ZIA Credit Union “Chip In For Kids” Tournament**

ZIA Credit union held its annual “Chip in for Kids” tourney on August 25. The tourney saw excellent participation. A thunderstorm jumped into the mix delaying the event for an hour, but the tournament had nice weather after the storm, and was able to finish. ZIA tourney participants enjoyed and after dinner meal, and awards, at Bathtub Row Brewing.

### **August 25 – Those Crazy Nights Concert** (estimated attendance 4,000)

The band Those Crazy Nights (a Journey Tribute band) traveled to Los Alamos for a performance. Twenty-one (21) vendors were set up and ready to go for an expectedly very large crowd attendance, unfortunately the weather ultimately caused the cancellation of the show.

### **August 26 – Los Alamos County Horse Show**

The Los Alamos County Horse Exhibition had participants of all ages, demonstrating their abilities of horse control in multiple events. Many spectators were in attendance supporting contestants as they traversed through obstacle courses.

### **Aug. 28 – Annual Aquatic Center Maintenance and Lifeguard Staff Team Building**

This year's Annual Maintenance month was filled with first-time staff learning the ins and outs of what keeps the Walkup Aquatic Center operational. Senior staff walked the rookies through the process to ensure that they understood all the hard work that this facility requires. During this time, Aquatic Staff take a ½ day to do a team-building activity. This year, the lifeguard staff relaxed with a game of golf on Aug. 28th.

## News & Updates, continued...

### **August 28 – 31: Training**

Recreation staff attended a US Ice Rinks sponsored training regarding ice making and painting for an ice arena. Attendees were also given the opportunity to tour the US Olympic Training Site.

### **Northern New Mexico Senior Men's Golf Association**

The NNMSGGA is one of 4 state association tournaments held at LAGC each year. NNMSGGA members playing tournaments all over New Mexico throughout the year, raising funds for scholarships that are awarded state-wide annually.

### **Maintenance News**

#### **Los Alamos Golf Course Improvement Project**

The golf course improvements project team reposted the RFI on September 4, 2023, due to the first post being non-responsive. There is no pre-bid meeting for the repost. September 15 is the deadline for bids to be submitted.

#### **Los Alamos Golf Car Fleet RFP**

Los Alamos Golf Course is in its 5th year of the current golf car fleet lease, with the lease coming to an end early next spring. The golf car RFP review panel is currently going through a demo process with golf cars from the respective companies who successfully responded to the RFP. A decision on a new lease agreement is expected to be made in the new future.

The golf course continues to flourish this season with Jason Tomko and his team working hard to keep the course well-manicured. With our late summer fertilization application, and a few subsequent rains, the grass is growing faster than staff can keep it mowed...almost.

## Looking Ahead

### **Golf Course**

LAHS Alumni Event

October 2, 2023, 9:00 a.m. shotgun start

## STATS Update

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*248 Park acres maintained*

*4 Repairs due to vandalism*

*7 Funeral services*

*31 Volunteer hours worked in parks*

*8 Headstone/Niche installations*

*98 Customer Calls*

*2 Memorial Bench Installation*

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## Meeting Our Goals

### Quality of Life - Parks and Open Space

The Parks and Open Space Division provides services to the community in Los Alamos and White Rock through the maintenance of parks, facilities, open space, trails, and the support of special events throughout the county.

## News & Updates

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

- Request for Proposal (RFP) for Asset Management Software.
- Revising the Guaje Pines Cemetery Ordinance
- White Rock Skate Park – Procurement is working on creating a contract.
- Request for bid on Sport Field Renovations – FY24

## Connecting with the Public

Open Space staff Jessica Morgan alongside five volunteers installed cleaned up Rendija Canyon on Saturday, August 19.

Committee meeting with ELAS and OSAC.

## Looking Ahead

Public Lands Day / September 23 / 9am-1pm – Volunteer groups will work together to repair trails and remove debris.

### Volunteer Opportunities

Staff is looking for volunteers to assist with trail maintenance this summer and fall. A complete list of volunteer opportunities may be found here: <https://www.volunteerlosalamos.org>

## Kudos

## STATS Update

*3 Contractor Public Programs  
& Events*

*742 People Attended Programs  
and Events*

## Meeting Our Goals

### Quality of Life Health, Wellbeing, and Social Services

Staff at the Social Services Division office continue to meet with clients in need, both in the office and through outreach at the Farmers Market. We were recently awarded a grant from the New Mexico Department of Health and the Coalition to End Homelessness totaling \$165,000 to allow us to more proactively help people who are experiencing homelessness in our community, or those who may be at-risk of eviction. We are in the process of setting up the program and will have more details to share soon.

Social Services staff have led two additional opioid prevention training courses in August, for Parks and Recreation employees. Boxes of naloxone (brand name: Narcan) are available at the Social Services table at the Thursday's Farmers Markets, as well as at the Mesa and White Rock libraries. Narcan will also be available in the "Stop the Bleed" first aid kits that are being installed around the county.

## News & Updates

### Los Alamos Retired & Senior Organization (LARSO)

This month the Senior Activity Centers celebrated National Senior Day (August 21) with a "Senior Week," with well over 100 participants throughout the week. Activities included:

- Free Luau Hawaiian Burger lunch with a serenade from the LARSO Ukelele Players and Hula Dancing by Emma Sanchez. We had over 75 people in attendance all wearing leis and Hawaiian garb.
- Tuesday the Director hosted a Chair Yoga class with 12 participants and the Day Out Program folks came to play as well.
- Wednesday members had "Dessert with the Director" with 9 people in attendance. We all enjoyed the Chef's famous apple crisp with ice cream.
- Friday LARSO celebrated White Rock Senior Center's Birthday with cake and the members.

### Los Alamos Public Schools Prevention Program (LAPS)

#### **August 28 – LAMS Social Emotional Learning Activities Wheel**

Middle School Students rotated through a series of topics including digital citizenship, bullying prevention, being an upstander, the anonymous reporting app, and the effects of technology on anxiety, stress and depression, relationships, sleep, and overall wellbeing. Sessions were facilitated by the school librarian, school counseling staff, and the district Prevention Support Specialist and included engaging videos and clips from the film Screenagers NEXT CHAPTER.

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## News & Updates continued...

### YMCA Teen Center

#### **August 8 – Welcome Back to School Event**

The Los Alamos Teen Center held its annual Welcome Back to School event the day before the official first day of school. Giant lawn games were set up along with karaoke and virtual reality games for the teens to enjoy. The main draw, as is always the case with teenagers, is food - the hotdogs and hamburgers we grilled up all afternoon.

## Connecting with the Public

The Social Services Case Coordination Specialist continues to meet with the public at the weekly Farmers Markets on Thursdays at Ashley Pond. She has helped connect people to various resources in our community like JJAB and Las Clinicas del Norte.

Social Services staff attended the “Building a Statewide Model for Housing Stability Services Summit” hosted by Governor Michele Lujan Grisham at the Santa Fe Convention Center. More than 100 social services-related staff from agencies and County departments around the state were in attendance.

Emily Piltch volunteered at the August Hawk Hangout, helping launch the first Hangout of the 2023-24 school year. With more than 100 middle schoolers in attendance, it was a huge success.

## Looking Ahead

Social Services is collaborating with community partners to host a series of events highlighting “Mental Health Matters” throughout September. These events will place at SALA and will focus on overcoming mental health challenges, understanding stress and anxiety, learning about substance use disorders, and more. For more information about dates, times, and specifics for each event, please go [here](#).

# Community Services



## New Staff

### Larissa Aguilar

In August, Larissa Aguilar accepted the position of Library Specialist at Mesa Public Library. Larissa Aguilar is from Santa Clara and San Ildefonso Pueblo. She has a 16-year-old daughter and an 8-year-old son. She enjoys going camping, fishing, hunting with her family, and participating in her Pueblos traditions. She brings with her 7 years of experience in librarianship and 6 years in elementary education.



### Ying Meng

In August, Ying started in her new position as Senior Office Specialist. Previously, Ying worked as a Library Associate in the White Rock Branch Library team for 3 years and most recently as a Library Specialist in Technical Services for four years.



## Retirement

### Johneva Martinez

In August, Library staff congratulated Johneva Martinez on her retirement and acknowledged her hard work and many achievements. Johneva has served the County with integrity and kindness for 24 years. She held the job as Senior Office Specialist for 22 years. Library staff will miss Johneva's expertise and support.

Johneva is looking forward to spending time with family, including her young grandson. Happy retirement, Johneva!



*Aldo Leopold event*



*Summer Reading program winner, Elizabeth Allen*



*Atomicon jam panel*



*Atomicon life drawing*



*Atomicon workshop*



*National Senior Day*



*New Full-time Lifeguards*



*Los Alamos County Adult Pool Party*



*New Dasher Board*



*Lagoon Closure for Concrete Repour*



*Concrete Repour*



*Team Building*



*Bear Festival*



*Roller Skate Night*

*Los Alamos Derby Dames Bout*

*Hawk Hangout*



*Los Alamos County Fair & Rodeo*



*Los Alamos County Horse Show*



## Meeting Our Goals

Our mission: To provide responsive, professional, and courteous service to the public.

## News & Updates

Staff manages customer feedback, addresses customer inquiries, and concerns and provides information to stakeholders and the media on all Public Works Projects.

## Connecting with the Public

Staff continues to provide project updates for the Cone Zone newsletter for ongoing projects.

The Transportation Board held a regular meeting on August 3, 2023. The Board discussed and evaluated the Road Diet.

## Looking Ahead

The next Transportation Board meeting will be held on September 7, 2023.

## Meeting Our Goals

The airport assists in supporting the Council's strategic goals of Operational Excellence and Quality of Life by maintaining airport infrastructure and conducting operations safely and efficiently. Staff is committed to the future growth of the airport by supporting the economic, environmental, and recreational needs of the community as well as providing the highest service level to travelers coming into and out of LAM.

## News & Updates

Delta Consultants, along with airport staff, presented the Taxiway F relocation and West Area Development layout options to City Council at the work session meeting on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. The 5-year CIP plan was submitted to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), as well as New Mexico Department of Transportation Aviation Division for future funding consideration. Airport staff will be notified by the end of September how much funding will be given towards the project. Typically, FAA funds up to 90%, with State Aviation chipping in 5% and local government matching with 5%.

## Connecting with the Public

Earlier this month, LAM had a full week of daily visits of medical fixed wing aircraft; LAM hosted a few firefighting aircraft and their support personnel. On August 6<sup>th</sup>, a Chinook helicopter came in; while on August 11<sup>th</sup>, a Blackhawk helicopter was positioned here as well. After both units were pulled back from Black Feather Fire, they departed for Northern California/Oregon area for fires that erupted in that area. The crews were gracious to allow people to learn and see their aircraft up close by giving tours to anyone who stopped by.

## STATS Update

*Preventive maintenance  
workorders – 58*

*Maintenance/Repair  
workorders – 170*

*New workorders – 144*

*Completed workorders – 145*

*Immediate response during  
normal hour – 27*

*Emergency callouts – 8*

## Meeting Our Goals

Capital Projects & Facilities (CPF) four Project Managers continue to work on 40 of 55 projects in Fiscal Year 24. CPF Facilities Crews continue to exhibit their skills throughout County facilities for maintenance, repairs, and response to emergencies. Together, CPF staff work to meet the goals of Operational Excellence to protect, maintain, and enhance infrastructure, Quality of Life by managing and supporting recreational and public safety projects, and Environmental Stewardship by working to establish a baseline for utility consumption by County buildings.

## News & Updates

In the last month, CPF Facilities Crews responded to an electrical issue at Pajarito Cliff Sites 3 where Procurement and Fleet are housed, replaced fluorescent bulbs for LED bulbs for greater energy efficiency in the bay at Fire Station 3, repaired a water line leak at Mesa Public Library, employed new innovative tools to fix a persistent water leak at Fire Station 3, respond to a sprinkler head accidentally broken at the Betty Ehart Senior Center, and secure windows at the Women’s Dormitory building where many of the windows were broken by rocks thrown.

CPF had the privilege of welcoming Ethan Mondragon as their 2023 summer intern. Ethan is a Junior at Los Alamos High School. During his internship, Ethan worked with Miguel Jimenez, CPF Project Manager, to prepare for the study of utility consumption for County buildings using the EPA Star Portfolio Manager tool. Utility data must be formatted in a particular manner to use the EPA tool. Ethan and Miguel developed an automation tool by programming in Visual Basic for Applications (VBA) to format utility data for input into EPA Star. EPA Star will be used to establish baseline utility usage for County buildings and compare building performance against other similar buildings across the U.S.

New Project Manager, Russell Naranjo, kicked off the Emergency Operation Center (EOC) project with County stakeholders from the Police Department and Fire Department. The EOC is planned to be co-located at Fire Station 3 in White Rock. The project is funded with County Fiscal Year (FY24) Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) funds issued to the Police Department for planning and design phases of the project. The immediate project goal is to complete project planning by developing and selecting the layout for the EOC with budgetary cost estimates to support FY25 budget requests for final design and construction funds.

## Connecting with the Public

Bids for the Golf Course renovations of holes 1-6 and 9-18 project and the netting project are due on August 31, 2023. A Pre-Bid meeting, held on August 15, 2023, for the netting project was well attended. The projects are being bid separately due to the differing requirements of each effort and the specialized structural requirements of the netting project. Staff anticipate contractors will submit bids in response to one or both Invitation for Bids (IFBs). Bids will be reviewed for responsiveness to ensure all requirements of the IFB solicitation are met. Possible consideration of award of construction contracts is tentatively scheduled for Council consideration September 22, 2023.

# Capital Projects & Facilities

## Capital Improvement Project Updates

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 our website – <https://lacnm.com/PW-Projects>.

Project Name	Dept	Update
<b>Betty Ehart Senior Center: Kitchen Equipment Upgrade</b>	PW	The new kitchen hood was delivered and is being installed. Construction is proceeding according to schedule with completion anticipated in September 2023.
<b>Golf Course Site Improvements</b>	PW, CSD	Solicitation for Invitation for Bids (IBF) for the Golf Course renovations of holes 1-6, and 9-18 is open. The IFB is also open for the Pole / Netting project with a pre-bid held on August 15 that was well-attended. Bids for both projects are due August 31, 2023.
<b>Leisure Lagoon</b>	PW, CSD	Work to improve drainage and safety for all users around the Leisure Lagoon started in August. The work was scheduled during the annual maintenance to minimize impacts to facility use.
<b>Ice Rink Temporary Chiller</b>	PW	Council approved entering into a service agreement with American Arena LLC for the temporary use of a chiller for ice production. This temporary arrangement will allow ice skating for 2023-2024 season. A more permanent solution for the next 30 years is under evaluation.
<b>White Rock Visitors Center Complex: Restrooms and Food Truck Pad: Design</b>	PW, CDD	A draft Invitation for Bids (IBF) is under review for the project to construct standalone restrooms by the bus shelter pickup area with a covered pavilion. Staff anticipate advertising the IFB in September.
<b>Women's Dormitory Building Renovations</b>	PW	The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) suggested conducting an archeological study of the location outside the building for a new standalone restroom. Staff are reviewing the project budget to determine if the study can be accommodated. The building was vandalized with several windows broken. Windows have since been boarded and additional security measures implemented.
<b>LAC/LAPS White Rock Recreation Space: Design</b>	PW	A State grant along with County funds are being used to support expanded spaces to be constructed at the replacement project for the White Rock Elementary to allow for shared-use between the schools and community. Construction started in June 2023 at the Piñon Elementary school.
<b>Emergency Operations Center (EOC)</b>	PD, FD	Staff kicked off the EOC project with internal stakeholders of the Police and Fire Departments. Project planning and budgeting efforts will be undertaken to support funding requests for construction.

## STATS Update

*Supported events: 138*

## Meeting Our Goals

The Custodial Division continues to promote innovative approaches, conscientious stewardship and outstanding customer service while delivering clean and safe results to the County.

## News & Updates

The month of August saw a decrease in reservations from the previous month, but bookings continue to be up compared to this time last year.

## Connecting with the Public

Custodial staff supported the following public events:

Fuller Lodge – 25

White Rock Activity Center – 41

WR Fire Station #3 – 2

BESC – 22

WR Town Hall – 0

Municipal Building – 43

## Looking Ahead

The Green Seal Certification process was restarted after a year and a half delay due to Covid. The goal is to have this “green cleaning” certification by the fourth quarter of 2023.

We have one vacant position and will conduct interviews in September.

## Meeting Our Goals

Consistent with the Council strategic priority to invest in infrastructure, improve mobility, and support economic vitality, the Engineering Division has been actively managing multiple design and construction projects, providing county-wide support for existing infrastructure, and providing engineering reviews and inspections of new developments.

## News & Updates

Construction of the Loma Linda Improvements project began mobilization on August 15<sup>th</sup>. Construction continues on La Tierra Road with concrete demolition and replacement. The project will be placed on a winter suspension later in the year and will be scheduled to be fully completed in June 2024.

The Barranca Mill and Overlay project was completed on August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The 33<sup>rd</sup>/34<sup>th</sup> Street and Arkansas project was completed on August 7<sup>th</sup>. Approval to enter into an agreement with the Los Alamos Medical Center for the transfer of land for the construction of the Finch Street project was made at a County Council meeting on August 8<sup>th</sup>.

The Rose Street Reconstruction project design was completed and was advertised for construction on August 25<sup>th</sup> with bids due on September 12<sup>th</sup>. The Wayfinding Pole procurement Invitation for Bids was advertised on August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## Connecting with the Public

Construction projects such as the Barranca Mill and Overlay, and the 33<sup>rd</sup>/34<sup>th</sup> Street and Arkansas projects provided outreach to the public, local residents and coordination with Los Alamos Public Schools. This coordination is critical to a successful project and helps minimize impacts to the public.

## Looking Ahead

The Engineering Division is coordinating with Department of Public Utilities and an engineering consultant to revise the DP Road Phase II design for re-advertisement. The project was bid earlier in the year with no award made due to the single bid received being over available budget. The scope of work for this re-advertisement will help reduce the price of bids received. The Canyon Rim Trail Phase III project is preparing to begin final design with easement and land acquisitions moving forward. Staff continues to be involved with multiple development inspections, permit reviews, and design reviews. Some recent project reviews include Buena Caza (Mirador Mix-Use development) in White Rock, Arbolada Subdivision on North Mesa, Arkansas Townhomes, Hills Apartments/35<sup>th</sup> Street Realignment project, Cañada Bonita, Century Bank, and the development at Meri Mac.

# Engineering

## Capital Improvement Project Updates

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Project Name	Dept	Update
<b>Barranca Mill and Overlay Project</b>	PW	This project was advertised in April with award recommended at Council on May 23 <sup>rd</sup> . The scope of work included a partial depth asphalt removal followed by an overlay of new asphalt on Barranca Mesa beginning on San Ildefonso Road just north of the roundabout, continuing to Navajo Road. Construction was completed on August 2 <sup>nd</sup> .
<b>33rd/34th Street and Arkansas Project</b>	PW	The project scope included new water lines and storm drain, upgrading existing sewer lines, isolated concrete replacement, and full reconstruction of roadway. Construction was completed on August 7 <sup>th</sup> .
<b>Urban Trail Phase I and II</b>	PW	Scope of work includes construction of a 10-ft wide concrete multi-use trail from Trinity Drive northwards to Canyon Road and ending near the Aquatic Center. The design package was advertised on July 6 <sup>th</sup> with no bids received. It was re-advertised on August 15 <sup>th</sup> with bids due on September 7 <sup>th</sup> .
<b>DP Road Phase II</b>	PW	A single bid received on January 25 <sup>th</sup> which was over available budget. The project will be readvertised later in the year with some modifications to the design underway. The current project scope includes new sewer and gas lines, electric conduit, storm drain, concrete replacement, and full reconstruction of roadway.
<b>Loma Linda Road Improvements</b>	PW	The scope of work involves full reconstruction of the Loma Linda subdivision roadway and installation of new lighting. Construction began on August 15 <sup>th</sup> on La Tierra Road. The project will be placed on a winter suspension later in the year and will be scheduled to be fully completed in June 2024.
<b>Rose Street</b>	PW	The scope of work for this project involves full reconstruction of Rose Street from Central to Peach. This is a joint project with the Department of Public Utilities and includes full road reconstruction along with utility upgrades. The design was completed and was advertised for construction on August 25 <sup>th</sup> with bids due on September 12 <sup>th</sup> .
<b>Trinity Safety and ADA</b>	PW	The study phase design alternatives are nearing completion by Wilson & Company, with a public input meeting anticipated in August 2023. The scope of work for this includes a study phase followed by design and construction. This project is the result of a 2016 road safety audit and has been awarded Federal Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) by NMDOT. Construction is anticipated in 2025.
<b>Finch Street</b>	PW	This project design is nearing completion by an engineering on-call. Approval to enter into an agreement with the Los Alamos Medical Center for the transfer of land for the construction of the Finch Street project was made at a County Council meeting on August 8 <sup>th</sup> .
<b>Canyon Rim Trail Phase III</b>	PW	This final project design is underway by an engineering on-call with right-of-way acquisitions in progress.

## STATS Update

*Customer Service Emails - 53*

*Roll Cart Requests – 153*

*Household Hazardous Waste  
Customers - 93*

*Recycle Coach App Users –  
2,978*

*Recycle Coach App Interactions  
– 19,182*

*Overlook Visitors - 205*

*Transfer Station Visitors –2,266*

*Yard Trimming Participants –  
5,206*

*Social Media Followers – 1.3K*

## Meeting Our Goals

SCS Engineers has provided two initial site plans for the area where the food waste composting windrow system is proposed to be operated in Bayo Canyon near the existing biosolids facility. Environmental Services continues to look at other locations and technologies for composting systems. The program is estimated to divert 4,500 tons of food and yard trimming materials from the landfill and transform it into valuable compost material.

Operation Save the Bears - 260 dumpsters have been delivered to the business community; 480 bear resistant roll carts were delivered to North Community 3 (NC3) in August 2022. A bear cart survey of NC3 was conducted to understand the effectiveness of the carts and overall customer satisfaction. This data was presented to County Council on February 28, 2023, and staff were directed to offer bear carts upon request only. An additional 360 bear resistant roll carts have been received and staff have delivered 50% of the carts to residents that have requested one. The remainder will be delivered in the coming weeks.

## News & Updates

On February 3, 2023, Environmental Services transitioned from a weekly Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) drop off schedule to a monthly schedule. A collection was held on August 4, 2023. Los Alamos County's contractor ACT Enviro had trained personnel on site to characterize and properly sort the material from 93 residents that was then transported to the proper disposal facilities. The next event will be held on Friday September 1, 2023.

On August 2, 2023, Environmental Services had an all-staff training day. Operations at the Eco Station were suspended for the day to provide staff with everyday safety and equipment training.

## Looking Ahead

Environmental Services and the Zero Waste Los Alamos Team have a Zero Waste Party Kit available that you may reserve for your next event! The kit includes approximately fifteen (15) table settings, including: large plate, cup, fork, spoon, butter knife and napkin.



# Residential Sustainability Report

Service Period: July 2023

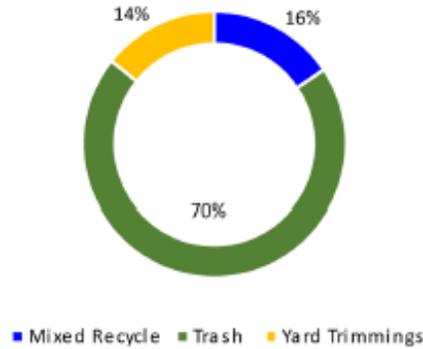


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July Diversion Rate: 30%

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

## Monthly Collection Report

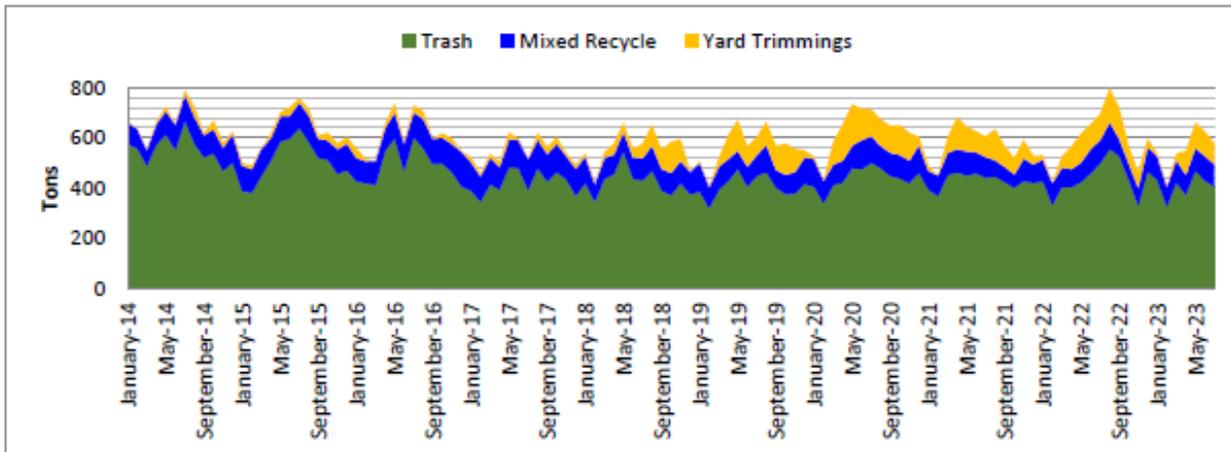


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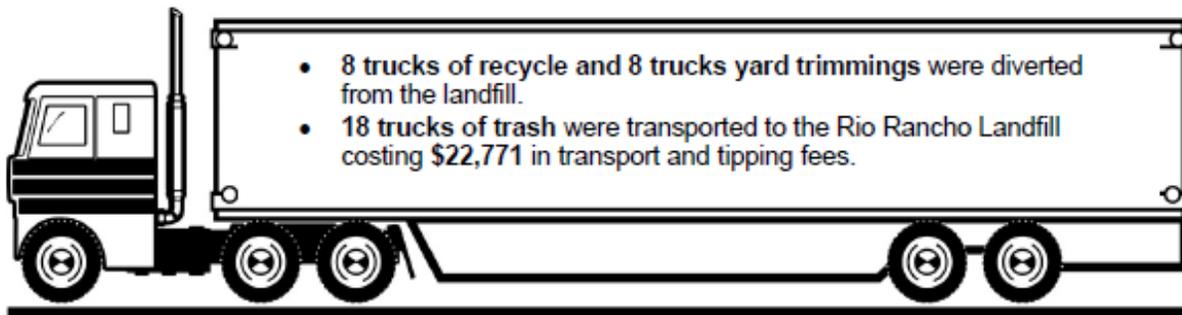


	Jul-22	Jul-23
Yard Trimming	102.84	82.45
Recycle	93.83	90.07
Trash	497.50	405.19

In June by recycling and composting Los Alamos County reduced GHG emissions by ~471 tons\*



In 2023 by recycling and composting Los Alamos County reduced GHG emissions by ~2,953 tons\*



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

\*GHG emissions calculated using <https://www.stopwaste.co/calculator>

## STATS Update

Work orders entered -279

Work orders completed within 72 hours -197

Work orders remain open -25

Work orders are preventive maintenance – 88

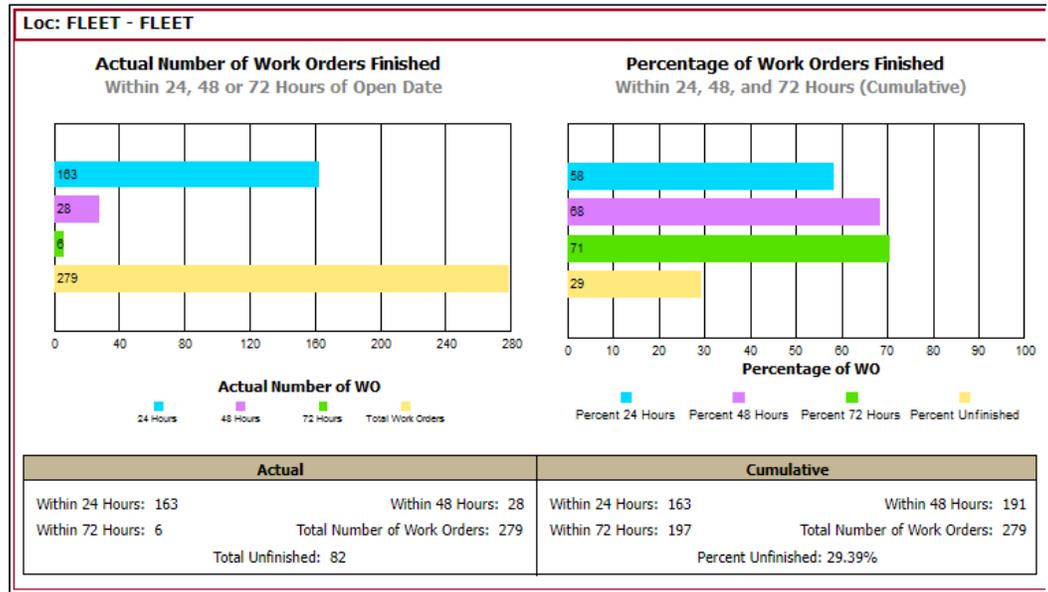
Work orders are repairs –181

Work orders for recalls -10

## Meeting Our Goals

Fleet is focused on keeping vehicles and equipment in top shape so internal customers can provide quality services to the residents of Los Alamos and White Rock. Fleet also provides a Motor Pool service that is located at the Municipal building available to County staff.

## News & Updates



## STATS Update

*Customer Calls – 87*

*Permits Processed - 24*

*Asphalt for repairs – 145 tons*

*Miles swept – 829*

*Locates - 176*

*Signs installed - 13*

*Miles striped – 12.5*

## Meeting Our Goals

We met county council goals by providing service to the community during the month of August by continuing vegetation control, streetlight bulb replacement, and pothole & concrete repairs, as well as countywide curb, parking lot and road striping.

## News & Updates

Traffic and Streets worked with Albuquerque Asphalt Inc., Franco's Builders, and EMCO of Santa Fe to repave and repair sidewalks, curb and gutter, and patch sections of asphalt on Barranca Rd, San Ildefonso Rd (North and South) in the month of July. The signs and markings crew are beginning to layout the markings to paint stripes and curbs in this location.

## Connecting with the Public

Crews have been patching sections of asphalt county wide.

GM Emulsion crack sealed Grand Canyon Rd. west of Sherwood Blvd. to NM4 while Traffic and Streets Crews patched sections of asphalt. They will return to fog seal the same location.

Crews cleaned roadways and assisted with traffic control for the County Fair and Rodeo. They also assisted with the 2023 Annual Triathlon.

Traffic electricians replaced old LED fixtures with new fixtures South San Ildefonso and turned down light spectrum to ordinance level and configured the schoolzone flashers for the new school year.

Crews bladed and compacted millings at Flint Soccer Field, North Mesa Dog Park, Parking area across Sheriffs Posse, North Mesa Ballfields, and North Mesa Picnic Grounds.

Streets crews repaired a driveway utility cut on North Road, milled asphalt at the airport, responded to an open trench and abandoned traffic control left by a utility contractor, and they cleaned and repaired a drainage ditch at 925 Estates Drive.

Employees attended Fall Protection Training where they assembled 2 Sky Orb anchor systems.

## STATS Update

*Unlinked Passenger Trips (UPT): 17,794*

*Fixed-Route UPT: 17,487*

*Demand-Response UPT: 307*

*Service Days:23*

*UPT per Service Day:774*

*UPT per Service Mile: 0.39*

*Service Disruptions: 0*

*On-time Timepoint Departures: 89.0%*

*On-time Paratransit Trips: 85.0%*

*Buses with Defective ITS Systems: 68%*

*Customer Complaints: 0*

## Meeting Our Goals

Atomic City Transit (ACT) Staff is in the planning stages on implementing recommendations of their five-year service plan. The Final Plan was presented to and approved by the County Council on June 13, 2023.

## News & Updates

Purchase of the two electric buses and charging stations continue to undergo contract negotiations. As these contract negotiations are completed and the order gets placed, we can expect the new buses in about 12 to 18 months from the date of order. With the increase interest of electric powered buses throughout the United States, work production has been delayed.

## Connecting with the Public

**Final July 4 event numbers. Demand-response adds 13 UPT for a total of 2163.**

Route	Inbound	Outbound	Post-event	Total
Los Alamos	551	19	672	1,242
White Rock	438	85	385	908
<b>Total</b>	<b>989</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>1,057</b>	<b>2,150</b>



### August 2023 Ridership Report



Route	August Trips					% Chg				Aug Rev. Miles					Aug Rev. Hours					YTD Trips
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	(from 2019)	(from 2020)	(from 2021)	(from 2022)	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
1 Downtown	6,819	594	3,851	5,363	7,501	10.0%	1162.8%	94.8%	39.9%	3,965	2,814	3,847	4,096	5,626	328.5	213.5	286.0	307.0	299.0	43,573
2M White Rock - Main Hill	3,324	504	1,608	2,225	-	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	7,895	5,849	7,870	8,210	-	297.7	221.2	297.7	311.3	-	5,281
2T White Rock - Truck Rt	1,778	286	1,029	1,479	2,409	35.5%	742.3%	134.1%	62.9%	7,285	5,374	7,356	7,655	7,678	287.1	205.1	287.1	300.5	300.2	13,921
2P White Rock - Peak	669	-	-	-	-	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3,098	-	-	-	-	114.4	-	-	-	-	-
3 Central / Canyon	3,260	-	1,790	1,947	-	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	5,591	-	5,550	5,790	-	279.4	-	279.4	292.1	-	-
4 North Community	3,755	-	1,919	1,691	3,977	5.9%	0.0%	107.2%	135.2%	4,051	-	4,273	4,457	4,460	286.0	-	286.0	299.0	299.0	23,123
5 Barranca Mesa	1,986	-	1,004	909	1,524	-23.3%	0.0%	51.8%	67.7%	4,451	-	4,452	4,640	4,662	283.4	-	283.4	296.3	296.3	8,324
6 North Mesa	7,171	-	2,989	4,397	3,655	-48.5%	0.0%	23.6%	-16.0%	6,306	-	4,103	4,637	4,259	426.4	-	286.4	324.9	299.4	20,666
<b>Fixed-route subtotal</b>	<b>28,762</b>	<b>1,384</b>	<b>14,190</b>	<b>18,011</b>	<b>19,106</b>	<b>-33.6%</b>	<b>1280.5%</b>	<b>34.6%</b>	<b>6.1%</b>	<b>42,643</b>	<b>14,036</b>	<b>37,451</b>	<b>39,484</b>	<b>26,684</b>	<b>2,303.0</b>	<b>639.8</b>	<b>2,006.0</b>	<b>2,131.0</b>	<b>1,499.9</b>	<b>114,888</b>
7 North Mesa Expr	870	-	740	558	767	-11.8%	0.0%	3.6%	37.5%	215	-	243	233	234	13.0	-	24.8	15.6	15.8	4,441
8 North Community Expr	472	-	161	383	588	24.6%	0.0%	265.2%	53.5%	77	-	90	110	109	5.2	-	5.4	6.5	7.4	4,043
9 Aspen Expr	551	-	233	220	255	-53.7%	0.0%	9.4%	15.9%	59	-	72	167	166	4.2	-	4.2	7.7	19.1	1,290
10 Barranca Expr	691	-	319	385	425	-38.5%	0.0%	33.2%	10.4%	99	-	118	144	143	6.2	-	6.5	7.9	8.8	3,090
11 White Rock Expr	461	-	367	422	330	-28.4%	0.0%	-10.1%	-21.8%	202	-	238	285	289	8.0	-	9.3	11.3	11.3	2,432
<b>Express route subtotal</b>	<b>3,045</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,820</b>	<b>1,968</b>	<b>2,365</b>	<b>-22.3%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>29.9%</b>	<b>20.2%</b>	<b>662</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>762</b>	<b>997</b>	<b>943</b>	<b>36.6</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>50.3</b>	<b>49.0</b>	<b>62.3</b>	<b>15,296</b>
12 Bandelier	18,928	-	251	14,042	13,577	-28.3%	0.0%	5309.2%	-3.3%	14,551	-	3,852	12,967	14,160	563.3	-	150.7	555.3	555.3	41,148
Dial-a-Ride	205	-	79	76	129	-37.1%	0.0%	63.3%	69.7%	1,160	-	319	203	708	61.7	-	16.2	11.1	43.9	959
ACT Assiat	350	73	176	298	279	-20.3%	282.2%	58.5%	-6.4%	2,411	603	3,442	2,552	2,195	164.2	24.9	168.9	175.3	175.5	2,064
Special Services	362	289	-	238	395	9.1%	36.7%	0.0%	66.0%	1,248	2,287	-	1,039	1,081	56.3	224.6	-	45.1	48.4	3,844
<b>System total</b>	<b>51,652</b>	<b>1,746</b>	<b>16,516</b>	<b>34,693</b>	<b>35,851</b>	<b>-30.6%</b>	<b>1953.3%</b>	<b>117.1%</b>	<b>3.5%</b>	<b>62,665</b>	<b>16,926</b>	<b>45,826</b>	<b>57,182</b>	<b>45,770</b>	<b>3,185</b>	<b>889</b>	<b>2,392</b>	<b>2,967</b>	<b>2,379</b>	<b>178,199</b>



#### Significant Service Adjustments and Special Events

- **All Month:** Due to staffing shortages, **Route 2P** did not operate
- **All Month:** Due to staffing shortages, **Rt 3** did not operate. **Rt 1** provided service to Camino Entrada area.
- **All Month:** Due to staffing shortages, **Rt 2M** did not operate.
- **Friday Nights:** Extended service for Summer Concert Series. 181 passenger trips provided.
- **August 24:** Leadership NM Shuttles (not grant funded). 214 passenger trips provided.

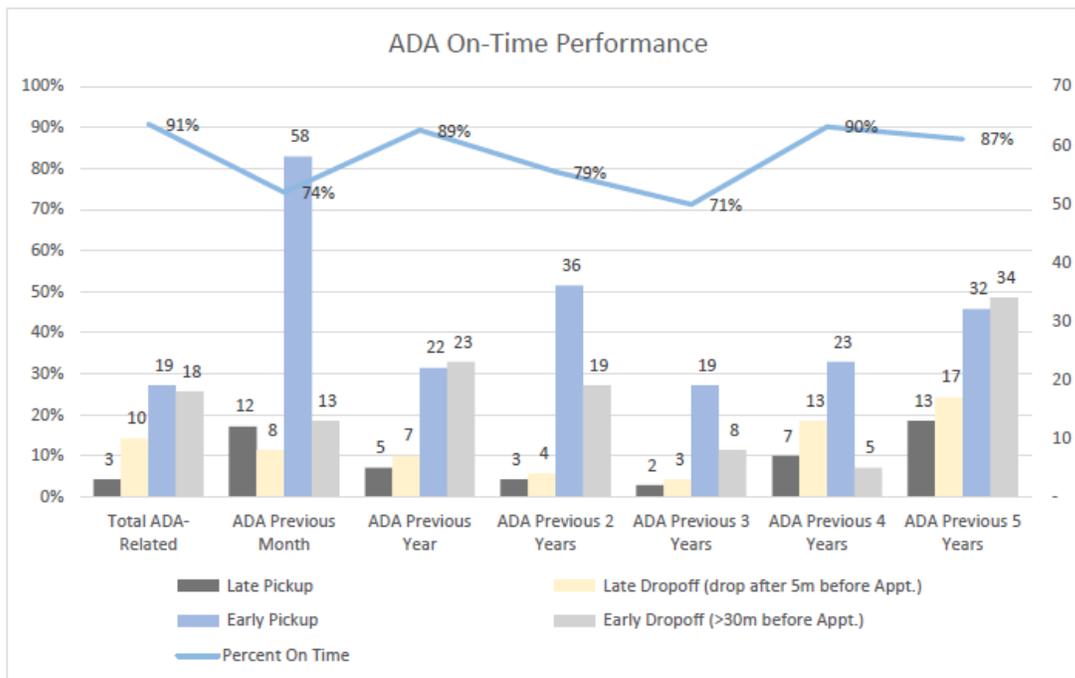
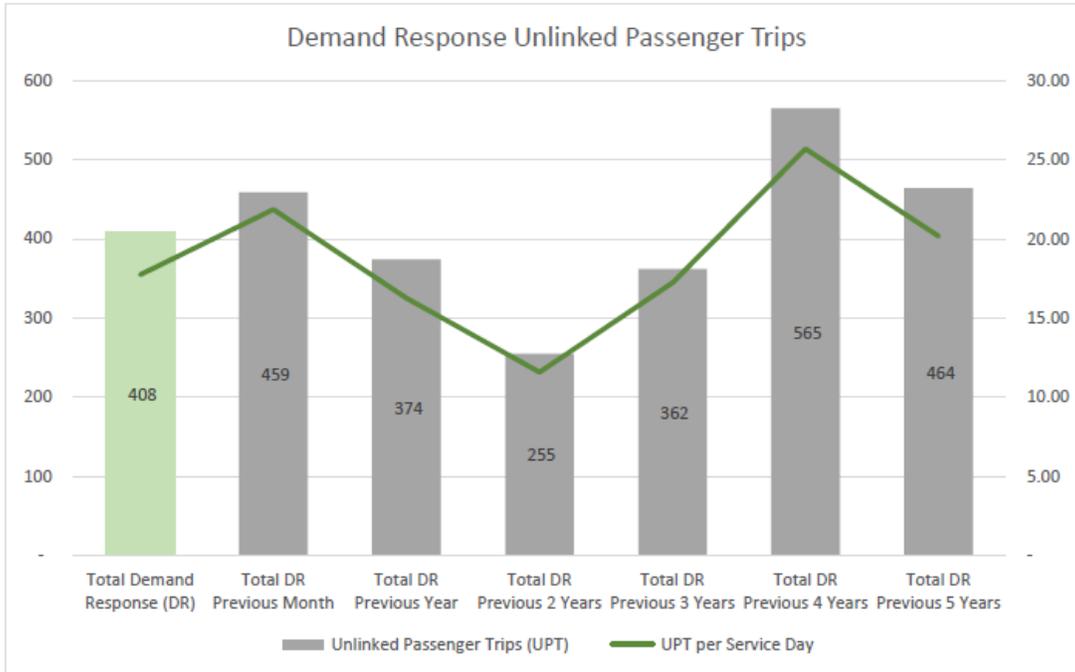
### Atomic City Transit - Demand Response Ridership and Statistics

**August 2023**

	Total Demand Response (DR)	Total DR Previous Month	Total DR Previous Year	Total ADA-Related	Total DAR	Total DAR-Special
<b>NTD Service Information</b>						
Vehicles Operated in Max Service	2	3	2	2	1	-
Unlinked Passenger Trips (UPT)	408	459	374	279	129	-
UPT Ambulatory	363	397	353	238	125	-
UPT Non-Ambulatory	45	62	21	41	4	-
UPT Evening DAR	79	72	26	1	78	-
UPT Daytime DAR	45	36	27	-	45	-
UPT Regional-Linked	144	216	189	117	27	-
Companions	8	38	39	3	5	-
PCAs	37	36	29	37	-	-
Total Vehicle Miles (VM)	4,065	4,447	3,799	3,124	941	-
Total Vehicle Hours (VH)	375	340	260	298	77	-
Total Revenue Miles (RM)	2,903	3,264	2,755	2,195	708	-
Total Revenue Hours (RH)	219	200	186	176	44	-
Regional-linked Miles	1,574	1,899	1,695	1,262	311	-
Regional-linked Hours	65	77	63	55	10	-
Passenger Miles	2,399	3,344	2,674	1,762	637	-
Passenger Hours	121	159	123	91	30	-
Service Days	23	21	23	23	23	-
Weekdays	23	21	23	23	23	-
UPT per RM	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	-
UPT per RH	1.9	2.3	2.0	1.6	2.9	-
UPT per Service Day	17.7	21.9	16.3	12.1	5.6	-
UPT per Weekday	17.7	21.9	16.3	12.1	5.6	-

Scheduling Stats						
Subscription	128	153	160	128	-	-
One Way Trips Requested	572	566	447	408	164	-
One Way Trips Performed	363	385	306	239	124	-
Advance Reservation	239	274	253	239	-	-
Same Day Reservation	123	107	53	-	123	-
Avg. Minutes to board	3	47	4	2	1	-
Avg. Minutes to Disembark	1	45	3	1	0	-

Capacity Metrics						
Missed Trip (Due to Vehicle Late)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Trips On Time	313	271	265	217	96	-
Percent On Time	86%	70%	87%	91%	77%	-
Early Offer	14	9	13	14	-	-
Late Offer	7	9	6	7	-	-
Late Pickup	4	17	6	3	1	-
Excessively Late Pickup (>15m after window)	-	3	-	-	-	-
Late Dropoff (drop after 5m before Appt.)	10	9	7	10	-	-
Excessively Late Dropoff (>10m after Appt.)	1	-	3	1	-	-
Early Pickup	46	97	35	19	27	-
Excessively Early Pickup (>15m before window)	6	7	1	4	2	-
Early Dropoff (>30m before Appt.)	18	13	23	18	-	-
Excessively Early Dropoff (>45m before Appt.)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Trip Over 45 min	13	11	4	12	1	-
Trip Over 60 min	3	3	2	3	-	-
Over Fixed-Route Duration Est.	17	18	11	13	4	-
>15m Over Fixed-Route Duration Est.	3	4	1	3	-	-



## Staff Member Highlight of the Month



Atomic City Transit would like to acknowledge Mekelis Talachy, Transit Operator I. Mekelis started with Atomic City Transit in May of 2022 and is currently assigned to perform evening fixed route driving which includes Bandelier Service for Atomic City Transit.

## Welcome to Public Works



Capital Project & Facilities is pleased to welcome Russell Naranjo as a new Project Manager. Russell brings 10 years of project management experience to the County. Holding a bachelor's degree in planning from New Mexico State University, Russell has served many New Mexico communities from North to South and back working as a planner as well as managing projects such as roof replacement for a jail, and new construction for Santa Fe County Administration building. Ask Russell sometime about his garden.



Atomic City Transit would like to welcome Julian Padilla, Transit Operator II. Julian is a resident of Velarde and will be working fulltime for Atomic City Transit. He's completed all his training and you find on route providing service to the community. Help us welcome Julian on your next bus ride.

# News



*Blackhawk and Chinook helicopters positioned at the airport.*



*Classic Air and UNMU fixed wing aircraft.*

# Projects

## Municipal Building Remodel



Supplies were delivered to the Municipal Building on August 23rd for the CMO and Finance remodel.



**33<sup>rd</sup>/34<sup>th</sup> Streets Improvements Project has been completed.**



North Mesa crosswalk painting.

The signs and markings crew continued striping roads, curbs, crosswalks, and county owned parking lots, including the PEEC Nature Center parking lot.



Crushed Concrete at Eco Station

GM Emulsion has been busy crushing the asphalt and concrete that is located at the Eco Station. Once the pile is reduced to a more manageable size Environmental Services will again start accepting material. The anticipated date to start accepting asphalt and concrete is October 1, 2023.

# Training



Fleet and Eco Station participated in operator and maintenance training on the new loader.



Fleet and Traffic and Streets Divisions attended fall protection training.



Atomic City Staff participated in the first of two First Aid/CPR trainings required by NM Department of Transportation and Los Alamos County designed for Atomic City Transit staff. Drivers received instructions on common procedures to assist passengers as well as creative ways to work with customer concerns.



## Kudos

Greetings Chris Sanchez

I live at 2360 33rd Street (I've meet you quite a bit.....I'm the on always on my bike) I just wanted to say that I think you guys did a fantastic job! Yes, it was a lot of hassle at times, loud, dusty, inconvenient, but the final product is just awesome. You and Johnathon (man in the blue hat, as we fondly called him!) were always so pleasant, answered any questions, concerns, etc. The crews were absolutely as friendly as can be, and they did a wonderful job. I was especially thrilled to see that you came through and raked a lot of the bigger rocks out of the fill dirt you put in the yards. TLC rocked it, as did you as the project manager. Please pass on my kudos to all.

Debbi Miller (and Reba, who got a lot of treats from the man in the blue hat!)

From: Lisa Reader

Sent: Monday, August 28, 2023 3:00 PM

To: LACPW <lacpw@lacnm.us>

Subject: Stable Assistance

Dear Mr Rael,

Today Mr Gabaldon went above and beyond his job description in handling a difficult situation at the North Mesa Stables today. His professionalism and compassion in dealing with this particular situation were very much appreciated. Our small community out there is very grateful.

Sincerely,  
Lisa Reader

