

Parks & Recreation Report

Aquatics

The Aquatic Center August Reservations 2,534:

Lane reservation numbers up by 168 this month. To date 12,295 lap swimmers, October 16th was our busiest attendance of 166. The most active session time is at 10am with 23 swimmers on October 16. Our slowest day due to inclement weather was 53 lap swimmers. Photos below are of Aquatic Center maintaining safety and sanitation and



the swim team lap swimmers practicing Social Distancing.

Therapy Pool and Swim Lessons Began on October 19th – 6 Students enrolled with Parent

It may be cold outside but the water is warm! The Therapy pool total reservations was 69 out of a possibility of accommodating 640 swimmers in the first 2 weeks.

Get the word out we are teaching swim lessons again. The next session begins November 2nd. Come and learn to swim with our favorite instructors!!

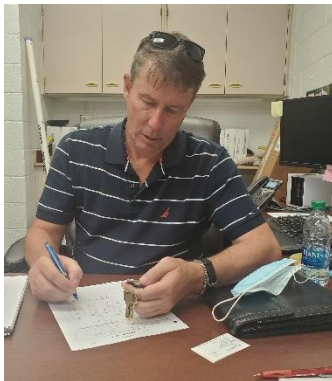


Age Group Lap Swimmers – USA Swimming Local Club Practice

Our local kids joined with their coaches in AP social distancing program, they've got it down to a science!



Our New Aquatics Coordinator – Meet Mike



Mike Thomas has joined the team on Monday October 19th. He brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to his new position. Mike has a B.S. degree in Recreation and a M.S. in Physical Education from Louisiana Tech University. He is experienced in both Aquatic and Recreation Management; a Fitness Trainer, a Higher Education Teacher, and a Middle and High School Physical Education/Health Teacher. Additionally, Mike is a Certified Pool Operator, Water Safety Instructor, Red Cross Lifeguard Instructor Trainer (since 1995), and a Jeff Ellis and Associates Lifeguard.

Recreation

October 24th and 28th

Recreation staff offered Halloween DJ Dance Parties to Los Alamos and White Rock residents. With a decorated DJ Van and staff in costumes we danced and celebrated Halloween and even a birthday.



Open Space

Bridge Update

Over the past month we were able to repair five bridges throughout the trail system.

East Fork Bridge

Before



After



Woodland Trail Bridges



South Pueblo Bench Trail Bridge

Before



After



Trail Maintenance and restoration

Trail improvements were made along North Mesa trails to improve equestrian access and sustainability. Trails were widened and reinforcement to prevent erosion. A large area along Woodland trail was restored after a water line break. Native seed and straw were administered, area was water to encourage growth.



Golf/Ice

Golf Course:

Jason Tomko Takes over the reigns as Los Alamos County Head Golf/Ice Superintendent

Jason Tomko was offered, and accepted, the position of Head Golf/Ice Superintendent for LAC. Jason has been the Assistant Superintendent for the past 3 years, and most recently was “acting” Head Superintendent for the 2020 season. Following the interviewing process of which there three very qualified individuals, Jason was selected by the interview panel. Jason did a wonderful job as the “acting” Superintendent, and brings incredible skills, knowledge and professionalism to the lead position. We are all very excited to have Jason on board in this capacity and extend our sincere congratulations to him!!!!



October 10, 11 & 12, 2020, Men's and Women's annual Ryder Cup Tournament

Indigenous people's day weekend saw the annual Ryder Cup tournament being played. 24 men and 12 women participated in the 3-day event, which is patterned after the format of the PGA Ryder Cup, and LPGA Solheim Cup. It was one of only three events that were held at the golf course this year. Although no social activities were included, and there was no scoreboard to hang around and tell lies about how you played much better than you scored, the event was a lot of fun, successfully completed and kept another age old tradition going at LAGC. Each year the tournament begins with bagpipes playing as seen in the picture below.



Los Alamos Golf Course has a new friend

The maintenance and shop staff at LAGC have been frequently meeting up with a new visitor of the feline persuasion of late. It appears this bobcat has found happy hunting grounds at the golf course, targeting gophers of which there are plenty. It has been really fun to see this beautiful cat around the course, and we certainly can use the help in mitigating our gopher infestation.



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right
of #18
green***



Between #16 green and #17 tee box

Thawing out after an early winter blast

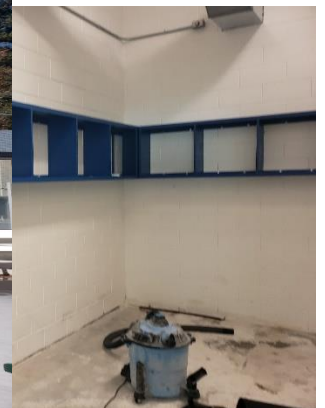
The winter storm that hit October 26th and 27th, left us with nearly 12 inches of snow. It took the golf course through Friday to melt off enough to reopen the course on Halloween day. The below picture was taken on October 29th. As the snow melted, it revealed a very green golf course. Although we have a brand new irrigation system that is amazing, nothing waters quite like mother nature.



Ice Rink

Ice Rink construction reaches substantial completion phase.

The Ice Rink has officially been certified as substantially complete as of October 31, 2020. There is a punch list, some final clean up and outside flooring to wrap up, but everything is looking good and the construction crew moved swiftly in the last couple weeks of October to get to this phase.



Parks Division

The Parks crew has been working on the WAC Building removing overgrown junipers.



Parks crews started demolition at Pine Street Tot lot removing the old play structures and grading for new structures.



Removing dead wood from elm trees at Ashely Pond.



Parks crews patched asphalt on North Mesa Tennis Courts.



Annual recertification for Parks' pesticide applicators licenses.



New Parks employee David Halder started October 5, 2020

