

# JUNE 2026



*Torch Run Group Photo, May 2026*



*Visitors from Kirtland Airforce Base, May 2026*

## COUNTY MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT

LOS ALAMOS

## INTRODUCTION

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

## NOTE FROM THE COUNTY MANAGER

May was the month when managers had to complete performance appraisals for all their staff. We had a new electronic platform, using our existing financial software, Munis, to navigate, and overall, the feedback I received was positive. We also collected helpful suggestions to improve the format for next year. We had excellent compliance with mandatory training and a special thank you to the HR team for all their extra efforts and for coming together as a cohesive group.

There were three Council meetings held in May, landing on back-to-back weeks on the 5th, 12th, and 19th, and they included the following summary of items:

- Proclaimed May 2026 as "Building Safety Month", "Historic Preservation Month", "Motorcycle Awareness Month", "Bike Month", and "Mental Health Awareness Month"
- Proclaimed May 17-23 "Emergency Medical Services Week" and "National Public Works Week"
- Heard a presentation from Mark Davis, Deputy Lab Director for Operations at LANL
- Appointed members to the Los Alamos County Health Council and Board of Public Utilities
- Update on revising the temporary sign code to better define location, duration and size that are allowed
- Received an update from the Transportation Board Chair David Hampton
- Received an update from the Planning and Zoning Chair Karen Easton
- Received an update on traffic safety initiatives – road design and enforcement
- Recognized Atomic City Transit for earning the 2025 New Mexico Association and New Mexico Department of Transportation Rural Transit System of the Year award and the Avail Transit Vanguard award
- Recognized student winners of the "I Voted" sticker contest
- Received an overview of the Council Strategic Focus Area Quality of Life progress
- Approved a new Cable Franchise agreement with Comcast
- Approved construction contract to demolish three buildings the County purchased to re-align Longview Drive in White Rock
- Approved construction contract for the Jemez Mountain Fire Protection Phase III work
- Approved a contract for ADA and safety improvements on Trinity Drive between Oppenheimer and Knecht streets
- Supported the drafting of an ordinance to form a new Inclusivity Board

If you would like to see more about the council and their boards and commissions

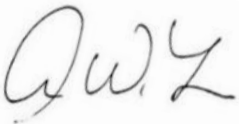
please visit ([link](#)) to view meeting agendas, videos and minutes.

Some of my May activities as County Manager, coordinating and supporting partners and residents, included:

- May 1<sup>st</sup>, attended Thomas Wyman's retirement celebration
- May 4<sup>th</sup>, participated in a Board of Public Utility applicant interview
- May 6<sup>th</sup>, met with the owner and development team of the Mari Mac site to discuss their MRA application
- May 7<sup>th</sup>, met with the owner and development team of the former CB Fox building about their LEDA application
- May 7<sup>th</sup>, participated in a Board of Public Utility applicant interview
- May 8<sup>th</sup>, attended Leadership Los Alamos Class of 2026 graduation at the Ski Hill
- May 12<sup>th</sup>, attended the Atomic Fiber groundbreaking ceremony
- May 13<sup>th</sup>, met virtually with the Pueblo de San Ildefonso Governor and Lieutenant Governor to discuss Chromium Plume concerns and alignment
- May 13<sup>th</sup>, participated virtually in the Comprehensive Plan progress meeting
- May 18<sup>th</sup>, attended the LACDC Borad meeting to give a county update on economic development related topics
- May 20<sup>th</sup>, listened to an anti-donation webinar hosted by State of New Mexico Representative Chandler
- May 25<sup>th</sup>, attended the Memorial Day celebration and Guaje Pines cemetery
- May 26<sup>th</sup>, met with the developer of the former Time Out Pizza building in White Rock to discuss her LEDA application
- May 27<sup>th</sup>, participated in the State and Regional Working Group of Council meeting to discuss ICIP priorities

May was a challenging month for me personally, because I lost my dad on April 25th. I mention this because, as many of you know, loss creates unexpected moments of reflection and pause about the purpose of life and questioning of our priorities. In times of stress and uncertainty, it is more important than ever to take care of ourselves, so we can be healthy and present for those around us.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Anne Laurent'.

Anne Laurent  
County Manager

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## COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT

### General County

The County website officially transitioned from .us to .gov, with public awareness campaign occurring throughout the month of April. The team needed to reconfigure the Google Analytics web tags, so analytic data will resume in May.

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

The average open rate across all County e-newsletters in May was 58%.

Individual newsletter performance is as follows:

- County Line: 48% of 2,314 subscribers
- Bottom Line: 64% of 698 subscribers
- Off the Shelf: 58% of 843 subscribers
- Sustainability: 62% of 147 subscribers

### Record Management

3 Internal requests  
11 Records provided  
10 Permit requests  
20 Records released  
2 RDLs Trained on Tab FusionRMS

### IPRA

220 Records requested  
35 Carryovers from previous month  
4696 Records pulled for review/release

### Clerk's Office

259 Recordings & Filings  
52 eRecordings  
6 Marriage Licenses  
3 Probate Case  
3 County Council/Board Mtgs  
16,373 Total Registered Voters  
1000 Voter Record Transactions  
5 Social Media Posts  
682 Facebook Followers  
382 Instagram Followers  
78 Threads Followers  
51 Customer Visits

### Community Development Department

@LosAlamosCountyCommunityDevelopmentDepartment  
385 Reached this month  
9 Content interactions this month

### Community Services Department

New Social Media Followers: 42  
E-Activity Guide Reads:  
Spring: 156  
Alcohol Permits: 0

### Environmental Services

Social Media Followers: 1.3k

### Fire Department

Social Media Followers: 17 IG, 45 FB

## **Website**

The County website officially got its analytics tracking back on track in early May.

The County's website had 27,908 total users with 77,489 pageviews for the month of May (starting from May 6). The top pages for May were the home page, CDD self service kiosk, search results, summer concert series event page, and the ACT routes and schedules page.

The Rep'd addition to the website answered 234 questions from 698 total engagements with the platform in May, which is an estimated saving of 19 hours of staff time answering those questions.

## **Social Media Report**

The County's main Facebook page reached 9,851 followers and the County's main Instagram account had 2,447 followers by the end of May.

Facebook: 302,972 views with 2,313 interactions

Instagram: 12,224 views with 238 interactions

The social media policy is complete. The team is currently working to get all County public communicators comfortable with posting on the main County accounts through ZenCity. Next, the team will be working to secure all accounts under official Los Alamos County business accounts. August is when accounts will start to be retired.

## **INTERGOVERNMENTAL, TRIBAL, AND REGIONAL RELATIONS**

This time frame is one where Federal budget numbers and appropriations are slowly being decided, while State Interim Legislative Committees begin to meet.

### **Federal**

Senator Luján has submitted the County's new water producing well plan and design for Congressionally Directed Spending.

### **State**

The County's ICIP list was prioritized and will be presented to the Council in early June.

The Regional and State Working Group met to consider the ICIP priorities and policy issues that have already surfaced at the Interim Committees to discuss future State Policy Agenda.

### **Tribal and Regional**

Initial discussions with Pojoaque Pueblo Government on mutual interests.

First meeting with the new Mayor and City Manager of Espanola included a review of

current partnerships and possible future areas of mutual interest.

The Landfill Feasibility study report has been completed with future action to be considered.

## FISCAL STEWARDSHIP

**Finance:** Finance staff has contracted with Hinkle and Landers, PC to conduct the Fiscal Year 2026 external audit. This engagement will begin in July and includes the full scope of required annual audit services, such as, assessing compliance with state and federal regulations and preparing all mandated audit deliverables for submission to the New Mexico Office of the State Auditor.

**Budget:** On April 28, 2026, the Council approved and adopted the FY2027 budget totaling \$350.2 million with a 6-1 vote. The interim budget was successfully prepared and submitted to the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) on May 21, 2026, well before the June 1 deadline. This submission includes all required budget schedules, revenue projections, expenditure summaries, and supporting documentation in accordance with DFA's interim reporting requirements.

### **Procurement Stats FY 26 YTD Stats:**

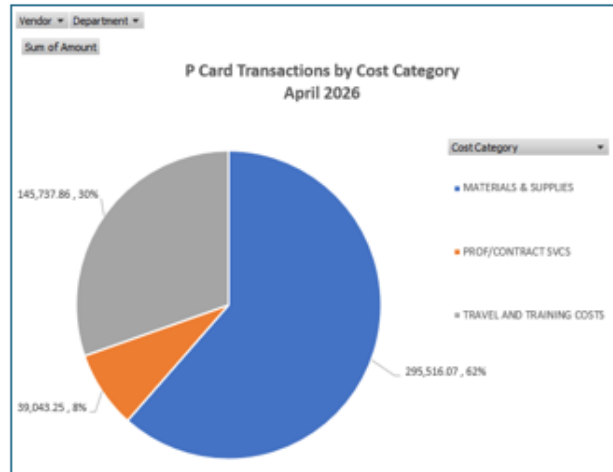
1597 Purchase Orders Issued  
541 PO Change Orders  
303 Inventory Pick Tickets  
93 Agreements Completed  
50 Amendments Completed  
85 Solicitations/Amendments in Progress

### **Trends:**

Purchase Orders increased from 1446 (FY25) to 1597 (FY26)  
PO Change Orders decreased from 587 to 541  
Inventory Pick Tickets Processed & Delivered increased from 3289 to 3303  
Agreements Completed increased from 85 to 93  
Amendments Completed increased from 31 to 50  
Solicitations/Agreements/Amendments in Progress decreased from 89 to 85  
Anticipated Projects decreased from 44 to 35  
Property Disposal Requests Received decreased from 59 to 47

May 2026				May 2025		
Accounts Receivable		Number of Transactions	Dollar Amount	Variance Over Prior Year Increase (Decrease)	Number of	
					Transactions	Dollar Amount
	Gross Receipts Tax Received	4	\$ 6,720,232.25	-1%	4	\$ 6,817,689.04
	Electronic Payments Received (EPAY)	39	\$ 6,034,859.84	-10%	29	\$ 6,719,066.44
	Property Tax Received	4,220	\$ 7,664,957.00	10%	4,593	\$ 6,944,189.09
	Lodgers Tax Received	5	\$ 35,745.07	18%	4	\$ 30,375.25
Accounts Payable						
	Number of Invoices Paid	593	\$ 35,450,194.30	90%	691	\$ 18,620,007.83
	Wire Payments Processed	31	\$ 21,708,405.02	117%	87	\$ 10,017,847.44
	Electronic Fund Transfers (EFT) Processed	179	\$ 10,151,751.13	124%	147	\$ 4,526,055.16
	Normal Print Checks Processed	228	\$ 3,590,038.15	-12%	259	\$ 4,076,105.23
	<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>438</b>	<b>\$ 35,450,194.30</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>493</b>	<b>\$ 18,620,007.83</b>
	P-Card Transactions	1,208	\$ 440,518.10	-18%	1,305	\$ 536,204.30

Local & Regional Pcard Spend for May 2026		
Local Area	Total Spend	Percentage of Total P Card Spend
Española	\$ 4,674.13	1%
Los Alamos	\$ 41,997.49	10%
Santa Fe	\$ 23,833.00	5%
Taos	\$ 90.00	0%
<b>Total Local Spend</b>	<b>\$ 70,594.62</b>	
<b>Total Pcard Spend</b>	<b>\$ 440,518.10</b>	



## EFFECTIVE, EFFICIENT, AND RELIABLE SERVICES

### CLERK

#### Update

If you've swung by the Los Alamos County Municipal Building lately, you've probably noticed an extra spark of energy in the air. Early voting was underway, and while voters appreciated the short lines, familiar faces, and seamless convenience, things were anything but quiet behind the scenes. Up on the second floor, the County Clerk's team, along with a dedicated crew of temporary election workers, was operating at an absolute sprint.

The visible part of an election is just the tip of the iceberg. Long before the first ballot box is secured, the Clerk's office is a whirlwind of strict statutory deadlines and logistical puzzles. The team spends weeks assembling polling location supply kits and running intensive training sessions for the poll workers who keep the voting sites friendly and efficient.

Once voting begins, the workload multiplies exponentially. On any given day, staff are processing a steady stream of absentee ballot requests, securely tracking returned mail-in envelopes, and managing Same-Day Voter Registrations. When early voting expands from the Council Chambers to the White Rock Town Hall training rooms, the logistics double. Staff must meticulously coordinate secure chain-of-custody protocols, balance daily roster numbers, and handle public inquiries.

However, election season doesn't pause the office's everyday responsibilities. The team continues to carry their full, regular workload, ensuring that vital county recording, public records requests, and probate duties are processed without missing a beat.

### **Connecting with the Public**

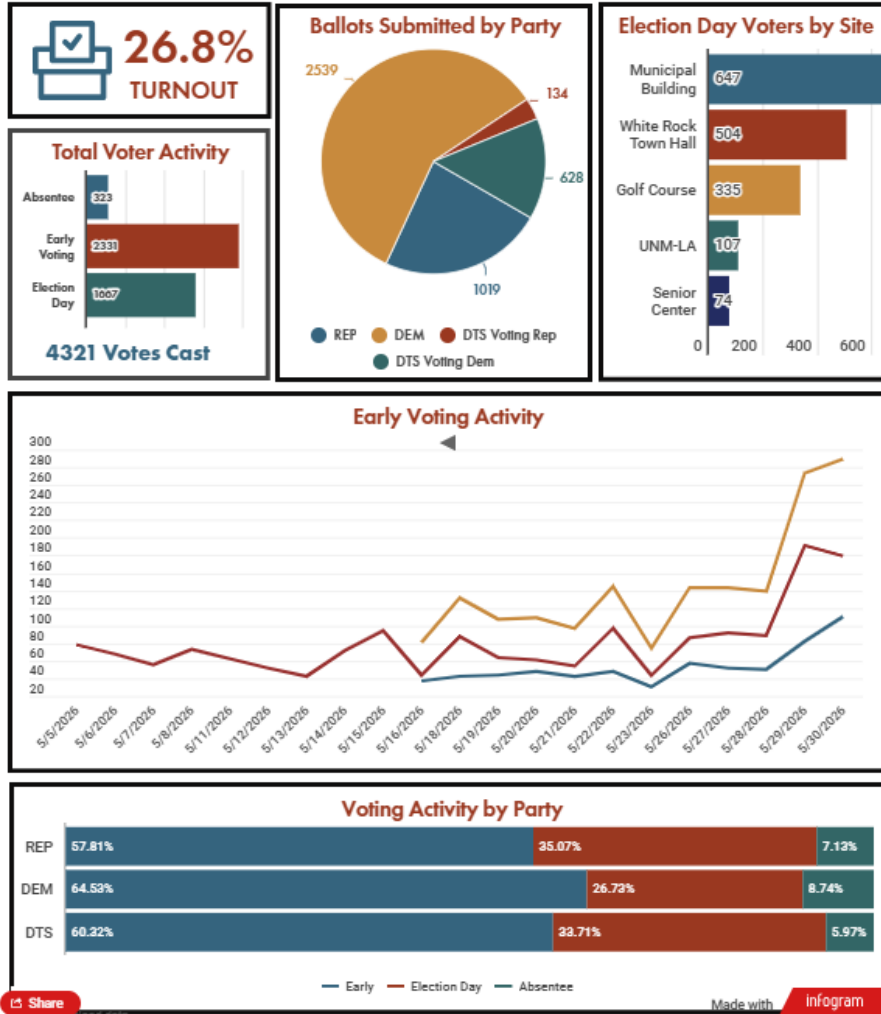
The Results Are In: Unofficial Los Alamos Primary Turnout

Following weeks of early voting and a busy Election Day on June 2nd, the unofficial results for the Los Alamos County Primary Election have been released. Local voters turned out to select their party nominees for several key positions moving on to the General Election on November 3rd.

Voter Turnout statistics are provided on the following page. Want to see the precinct-by-precinct breakdown and the final numbers for statewide races? You can view the full, updated results directly on the New Mexico Secretary of State's election portal at <https://electionresults.sos.nm.gov>



# 2026 Primary Election FACTS & FIGURES



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

<b>June 8, 2026</b>	Voter Registration Re-Opens Following Primary Election
<b>June 9, 2026</b>	County Council Meeting
<b>June 11, 2026</b>	County Canvassing Board Meeting
<b>June 15 – 18, 2026</b>	NMC Annual Conference
<b>June 23, 2026</b>	County Council Work Session State Canvassing Board Meeting
<b>June 30, 2026</b>	County Council Meeting

## HUMAN RESOURCES

### Administration

- The Personnel Board has one (1) vacant position that is currently being recruited for.
- Recognized six members of the HR staff for their individual accomplishment, professional development, leadership, and collaboration and cooperation.

### Safety & Risk Management

#### Training Stats

- Safety training is at 94% compliance.
- Risk Management held 2 Heavy Equipment Academy trainings.
- 25 employees from DPU, Traffic & Streets, Parks and Golf participated on May 7
- 21 employees from Parks, Traffic & Streets, DPU, and Golf participated on June 3
- Many thanks to Traffic & Streets, Parks, Golf, DPU/ED, DPU/GWS for providing staff and equipment for the evaluations, providing a porta potty and hand wash station and for helping prepare lunch.
- The NM Self Insurer's Fund Loss Control Department was on site to conduct facility safety walk throughs. They visited Traffic & Streets, Facilities and the Waste Water Treatment Plant.
- They were very impressed with the County's safety program and would like to use it as a model for other municipalities.
- They also asked if the team would be willing to share some in-house safety training programs with other municipalities.
- The NM Self Insurer's Fund, Aon Insurance, and Starr Insurance conducted a safety inspection of the Abiquiu and El Vado Hydro Plants.

### Compensation & HRIS/Munis

- The Compensation team continues to partner with the Training division to ensure timely completion of all employee evaluations.
- Preparations are underway for annual pay increases which include a 1% structure along with applicable merit increases for General County employees.
- The single – rate salary tables for Casual and Temporary employees, introduced in the updated Compensation Policy, have been implemented within Munis in advance of the scheduled pay increase effective the first full pay period of June.

### HR Training/Staff Development

- The Training and Compensation teams are wrapping up the annual PPA cycle, ensuring timely completion of all outstanding PPAs.

- Training has been working on rolling out two new trainings, which will be available in June: Manager Need to Know and Antiharassment Training. Employees required to take these trainings will see the assignments in LAC University.
- The team is wrapping up tuition reimbursements for FY26 and are currently accepting applications for tuition reimbursement for the fall 2026 semester.

**Benefits:**

- The Benefits team is currently soliciting responses to four RFPs for Dental, Vision, and Long-Term Disability Insurance, as well as an Employee Benefits Consultant. These items expire at the end of 2026.
- Additionally, the Benefits team conducted 5 retirement planning meetings in May, along with 7 exit interviews

**Employee & Labor Relations:**

- Negotiation with UAPP is complete. The contract has been ratified. It will go to BPU on June 3rd.

**PLANNING**

**May Stats**

Planning staff reviewed and acted on the following:

- 16 New Business License Reviews
- 27 Permit Reviews
- 7 Planning Inspections
- 13 Development Applications

Planning continues to advance the Development Code update process. On June 24, the Planning and Zoning Commission is scheduled to review Article V and vote on a recommendation to Council, marking an important step toward final consideration and adoption.

On May 22, 2026, Danyelle Valdez coordinated and participated in the ribbon cutting for the new fence at the Fuller Lodge Rose Garden.



### **Upcoming**

June 17–19, 2026, the Comprehensive Plan consultants will conduct a public engagement session to present the vision scenarios developed through the Steering Committee, Technical Advisory Committee, and prior public input.

- June 10, Historic Preservation Advisory Board Meeting
- June 24, Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting

## **INFRASTRUCTURE ASSET MANAGEMENT**

### **INFORMATION MANAGEMENT**

#### **May Stats**

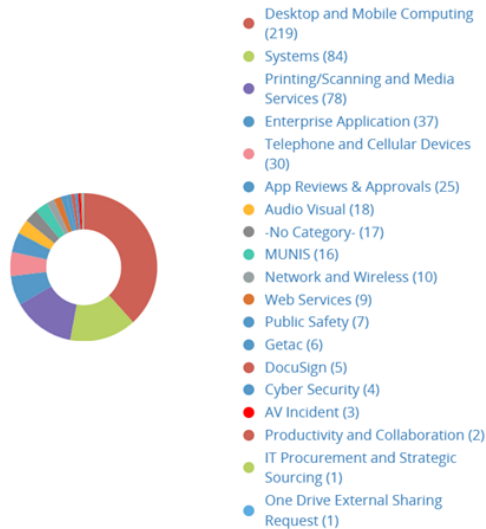
572 Tickets

572 Closed Tickets

### Ticket summary

572      0      572  
Number of Tickets    Open Tickets    Closed Tickets

### Category distribution



### Infrastructure Updates:

- IM has finished moving the network virtual computer system (VxRail) to a new, modern platform, which will improve performance and reliability for everyone who depends on county technology services.
- IM is currently cleaning up the Active Directory system by removing old, unused accounts and devices. If you received an email earlier this month about the inactive device policy, please review and follow those instructions.
- Los Alamos County's security awareness program with Arctic Wolf is ongoing. Each month, you can expect two short interactive training sessions and one test phishing email (a fake suspicious email used for training purposes). If you receive any suspicious emails — whether part of the simulation or not — please report the email and delete it. It's important to avoid clicking on any links you don't recognize.

### Application Team Highlights

- Supported the Finance department with the RFP evaluation for Property Tax Billing and Payment Processing Services and assisted the Assessors department with the RFP evaluation for Property Assessment, Mass Appraisal, and Tax Software Solution.
- Assisted the Police department with RFP evaluations for Redaction Services for Video and Audio Recordings, as well as for Dispatch CAD, Mobile, Records, and

Jail Management Software. Completed the Axon Fleet deployment, including configuration of Cradlepoint network devices. Facilitated technical discussions between Axon and Infor (Dispatch CAD system vendor) to determine an integration solution compliant with CJIS security policy. Implemented Priority Dispatch Police Module software components and installed the client on all dispatch machines.

- Updated the Municourt Case Management software to address a vendor reported security vulnerability.
- Supported HR in identifying and resolving issues with PPA workflow testing to ensure a successful go live. Created reports to help HR track pending PPAs and monitor changes to system generated PPA ratings.

## AIRPORT

### Updates

Airport activity during May included several notable visiting aircraft operations, continued progress on the new T-Hangar development, and advancement of long-term airfield improvement planning associated with the Taxiway-F project.

The airport hosted a Bombardier Global Express XRS, Tempus Fugit (N82EM), in support of a NASA-related visit connected to Los Alamos National Laboratory activities. The aircraft is operated by commercial astronaut and pilot Jared Isaacman, whose recent work has become closely associated with the growing partnership between NASA, private industry, and national laboratories in advanced space systems development. While details of the visit were not publicly released, the stop highlighted the continuing relationship between Los Alamos National Laboratory and the broader aerospace and space science community.



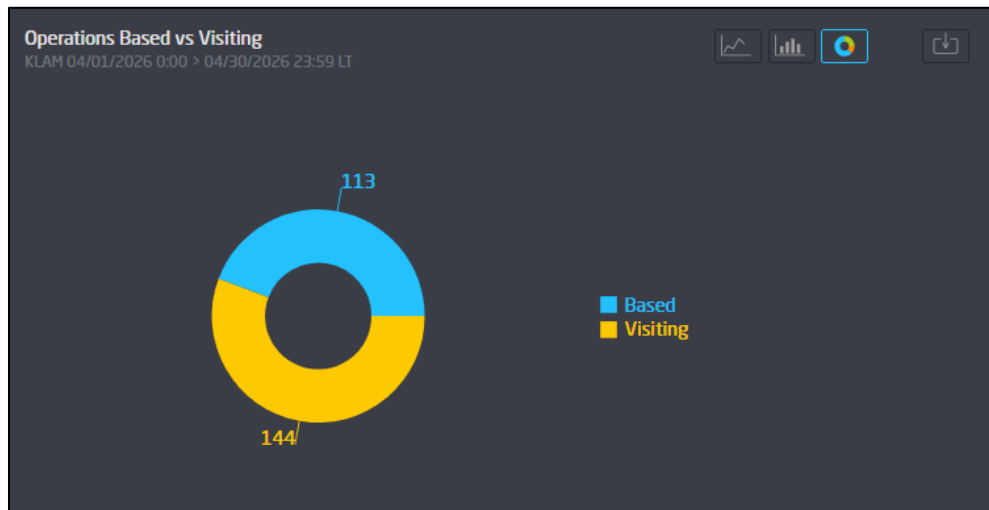
In addition to the NASA visit, the airport also hosted two UH-1 “Huey” helicopters from Kirtland Air Force Base during the month. Combined operations from Classic Air Medical and the visiting military helicopters resulted in approximately 93 helicopter operations during April, reflecting continued rotorcraft activity at the airport.



Construction activity also progressed on the 8-unit T-Hangar project. During May, excavation and concrete work for the foundations were completed, and installation work began on the trench drain system, including excavation and concrete forming. Completion of this work marks the end of the initial construction phase. Project activity is expected to pause temporarily and resume in August following delivery of the prefabricated hangar kit components.



The Airport also continued coordination efforts associated with the future Taxiway-F rehabilitation and realignment project. To support FAA-required taxiway separation standards and future sitework needs, the County has now completed the purchase of two of the west-end hangars identified for relocation or removal. Four additional hangars remain to be acquired as part of the long-term project development effort.



Airport operational statistics for April showed 113 based aircraft and 144 visiting aircraft recorded through Virtower activity tracking systems, reflecting continued strong transient traffic and regional aviation activity at KLAM.

## FACILITIES

### May Stats:

- New work orders since last report – 71
- Current work orders in queue – 128
- Completed work orders – 190
- Service Requests – 29
- After hour call outs – 6

## Emergency call outs – 3

### Updates:

The Public Works capital project team continues to advance a broad portfolio of facility and infrastructure projects supporting County operations, public safety, and community services. Major efforts include ongoing planning and design for the Emergency Operations Center, electric bus charging infrastructure, and multiple EV charging installations at County facilities, along with continued development of countywide facility and lighting improvements. Several projects are now in active construction or early site work: the Fire Station 4 Replacement project has mobilized with surveying, site clearing, dirt work, and soil testing underway, the Airport T-Hangars project is progressing with concrete removals and installation of new piers and trench drains, and construction has begun on the Mesa Public Library EV charging stations.



*Mesa Public Library EV charging station project: crews trench and remove asphalt to run new electrical conduit from the existing transformer to the future transformer location in the reconfigured parking area.*

Design and construction documentation for key community and senior facilities also continue to move forward, including the Aquatic Center Olympic pool restoration—where demolition is complete, tile installation is nearing completion, and paint proposals are under review—as well as the Betty Ehart Senior Center renovation and HVAC replacement, both of which have reached major design milestones and are now in the cost-proposal phase with on-call contractors.

Ongoing maintenance and system upgrades remain a priority, with work proceeding on Justice Center mechanical and electrical systems, Fire Station 3 RTU replacement (equipment ordered and interim cooling planned), and a comprehensive HVAC maintenance program and facilities operations SOPs to strengthen long-term asset management. Several projects have recently reached completion, including the BESC Heritage Gate, Golf Course Finish Upgrades, and the Justice Center Emergency Boiler Replacement, while golf course site improvements have moved into the warranty phase.



*Golf Course Community Room, Patio, Dining Room Re-finish and Granite Countertops*

Additional projects—including the WR Visitor Center food truck pads, Longview Drive development, Social Services Action Center, Animal Shelter dog run, and various Public Works system and lighting upgrades—remain in planning, design, rebid, or cost-estimating phases, with some seasonally or permit-dependent work (such as Ashley Pond electrical pedestals) intentionally paused until conditions are favorable. Across the portfolio, staff continue to emphasize coordination, cost control, and timely delivery as they balance new construction, major renovations, and critical maintenance to support County services.

## CUSTODIAL

### May Stats

Fuller Lodge – 67  
White Rock Activity Center – 12  
White Rock Fire Station – 1  
Betty Ehart Senior Center – 23  
White Rock Town Hall – 0  
Municipal Building – 30

### Updates

Reservations for the month of May remain steady from the previous month with upcoming graduations and weddings. The team removed all tables, chairs, and furniture

etc. from the Golf Course restaurant area to make room for the flooring replacement. The flooring installation has been completed, and all furniture has been returned to their original placement.

New tables are being purchased to replace the current tables at Fuller Lodge and the Golf Course Community Room. The wood flooring at Fuller Lodge is scheduled to be refinished prior to July 1.

## FLEET

### May Stats

Work orders entered – 228

Work orders completed within 72 hours – 166

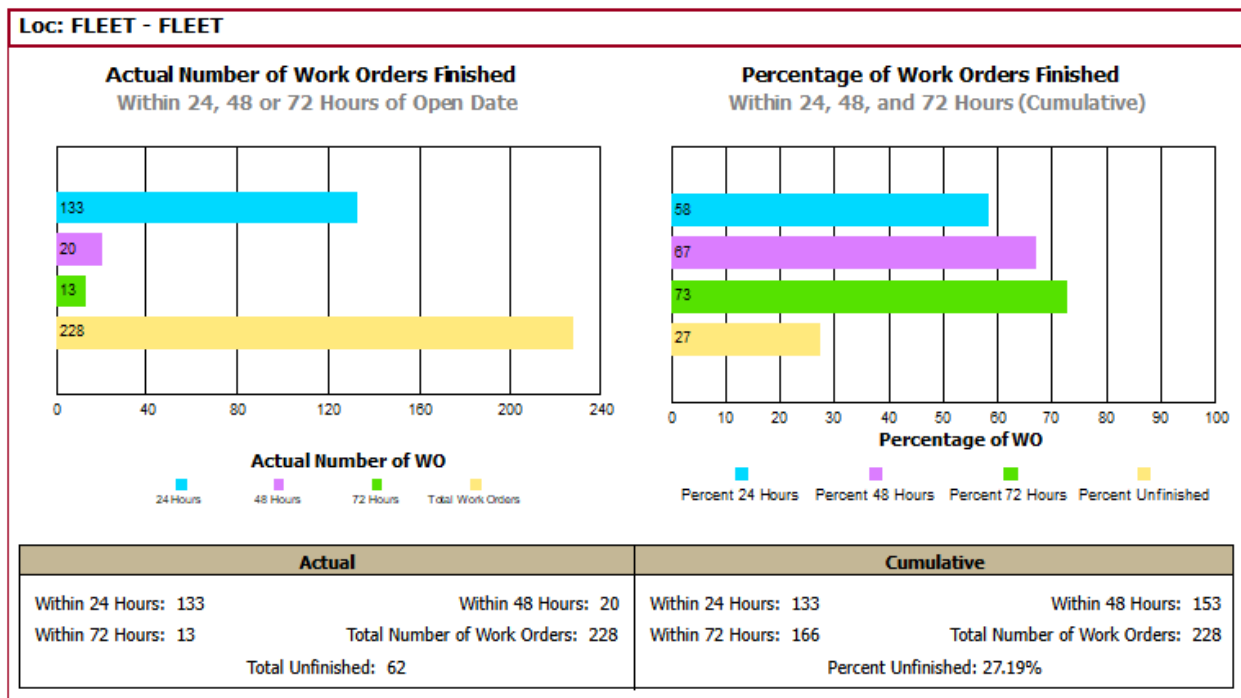
Work orders that remain open – 23

Work orders that are considered preventive maintenance – 57

Work orders that are considered repairs – 166

Work orders due to accidents – 3

Work Orders for recalls – 2



This month, Fleet focused on preparing all summer equipment and completing annual DOT inspections. The team is close to finalizing all vehicle orders and are currently auctioning replaced units. In addition, the team successfully completed and passed all fuel tank inspections. Fleet has also begun encouraging drivers to use EV charging cards for all electric and hybrid vehicles to support efficient fleet operations.

## TRAFFIC AND STREETS

### May Stats

Customer calls – 61  
Traffic Control & Excavation Permits processed – 36  
Permits extended – 6  
Locates preformed – 50  
Perma Patch used – 0  
Asphalt – 12 tons  
Concrete – 36 yards  
Sweeping miles - 319.30  
Striped linear ft – 120,224  
Signs fabricated and installed – 25  
Way-finding signs installed -16  
Work orders received – 2  
Work orders completed – 8

### Traffic and Streets Division Weekly Activity Report

During the reporting period, Streets Division crews completed a variety of infrastructure maintenance, roadway improvement, safety enhancement, and operational support activities throughout Los Alamos and White Rock. Work efforts focused on roadway repairs, concrete improvements, vegetation management, traffic control support, signage installation, and preparation for upcoming public events and inspections.

### Streets Maintenance and Repair Operations

Street crews completed repairs to drive pads, sidewalks, curb, and gutter infrastructure at the following locations Manhattan Loop, Kiva Lane, 5th Street, and Myrtle Lane.

Additional asphalt repair work was completed at the intersection of 9th Street and Iris Street to improve roadway conditions and maintain safe driving surfaces. Crews also poured concrete improvements at Sage Loop and South Sage Loop. Lastly, damaged curb sections inside the Aquatic Center parking lot were replaced to improve safety and accessibility.

### Roadway Maintenance and Drainage Improvements

Crews placed milling material along Camp May Road to improve roadway conditions and performed cleaning of drainage inlets and outlets along the roadway to maintain proper stormwater flow and reduce debris accumulation.

## **Public Safety and Event Support**

Traffic and Street crews installed and painted a concrete traffic barrier at Ashley Pond to serve as a protective deterrent against oncoming vehicle traffic during special events. The installation enhances safety for residents and visitors attending community gatherings in the pond area.



Crews also cleaned the White Rock Visitor Center parking lot in preparation for the Atomic Broadband ceremony. The crews also supported by hauling in several tons of sand for the groundbreaking ceremony. Equipment was staged and used to hang the project's banner.

Staff are additionally preparing to assist with traffic control operations for several upcoming summer events, including Chamber Fest scheduled for June.

## **Vegetation Management and Debris Removal**

Crews cut and removed overgrown vegetation along a pathway on Bonnie View Drive to improve pedestrian accessibility and visibility. Additional support work included the pickup and hauling of stumps and branches from the training center following tree removal operations conducted by the Fire Department.

## **Equipment Maintenance and Training Support**

Personnel completed equipment cleaning and shop maintenance activities in preparation for an upcoming OSHA inspection. Crews also assisted Risk Management with the Heavy Equipment Academy, supporting operational training and safety initiatives. This event was held between several county entities including DPU, Public Works and Parks.

## Signs and Pavement Marking Operations

The Signs and Markings Crew continued progress on multiple infrastructure improvement projects throughout Los Alamos and White Rock.

Completed activities included:

- Fabrication and replacement of multiple damaged or sun-faded street signs
- Replacement of signs that had been knocked down in White Rock and other locations
- Installation of 16 new downtown pedestrian wayfinding signs
- Continued pavement striping operations in White Rock and Los Alamos

To date, crews have completed approximately 120,224 linear feet of roadway striping.



## Administrative and Permit Operations

Administrative staff processed, approved, issued, and extended a total of 36 traffic control, excavation, and curb cut permits during the reporting period. As the 2026 construction season continues to accelerate, staff encourage the public to obey traffic signage and reduce speeds in active work zones to ensure the safety of both workers and motorists.

## EMPLOYEE RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION

### May Highlights

- 13 Jobs posted in May, 70 YTD (Calendar Year)
- 192 Applications received in May, 993 YTD (Calendar Year)
- Average applications per posting for May is 15 and 14 YTD
- 19 new hires in May and 64 YTD
- 6 promotions in May and 63 YTD
- Vacancy Rate is 5.98% (Excluding Temps, Casuals and Limited Terms)

## HOUSING

### Updates

**20th Street Development Solicitation:** The due diligence phase of development has been extended by request of the development partner. The developer provided additional earnest money to extend the due diligence period as required by the development agreement. The due diligence extends through July 2026. [Goals: Downtown Revitalization, Local Business, Housing.]

**9th Street Apartments:** Unit renovations and the major electrical infrastructure upgrades across all three buildings have wrapped up. The installation of mini splits is taking place. [Goals: Housing.]

**Affordable Housing Service Providers:** In the coming weeks, the Housing Trust will launch a new round of marketing for the various programs. The DPU billing insert will go out this month. The Housing Trust will attend the Health Fair (June 4), Chamber Fest (June 6), and the Farmers Market June 18 & July 12). They currently have multiple applications in process for both the Home Rehabilitation and Homebuyers Assistance programs. [Goals: Housing.]

**North Mesa Update:** Staff from the County and Wilson and Company presented finding of the North Mesa Transportation and Utilities Study at a joint LAPS Board and County Council work session on February 26, 2026. The final report was well received. The study provides preliminary designs and cost estimates for system upgrades needed to serve the site with utilities and to mitigate the project's impact on the transportation system. [Goals: Housing, Intergovernmental Relations.]

**A-8-A:** On March 11, 2026, the County and development partner, Servitas, closed on the transfer of the A8A property. The Site Plan was approved on March 26, by the Planning and Zoning Commission. These two milestones indicate strong movement in

the development process and kick-off the next steps which include finalizing the construction plans and project pricing. Contractors for Servitas are on site locating and removing old water, sewer, and other miscellaneous debris in preparation for site grading. [Goals: Housing.]

## LOCAL BUSINESS AND DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION

### Updates

**Tri Chamber Networking Event** - Isaacson, Barela, and Felton attended the Tri Chamber Networking Event on May 7, 2026, at Cities of Gold in Pojoaque. Local businesses and startups were able to connect with other members in the region and explore resources and potential growth opportunities. The event was held by the Los Alamos Chamber of Commerce, Santa Fe Chamber of Commerce, and Espanola Chamber of Commerce. [1.1 Communication and Engagement; 3.2 Local Business; 3.4 Tourism and Special Events]

**Chamber Business Breakfast** - Barela and Felton attended the event on May 14 to hear a session on Marketing from the Regional Development Corporation. In addition, they were able to speak with various community members in attendance. [1.1 Communication and Engagement; 3.2 Local Business; 3.4 Tourism and Special Events]

**State of New Mexico's Creative Industries Creative Con** – Barela attended the event in Pojoaque on May 30 to volunteer at the first annual celebration of New Mexico's creative economy. The event brought together entrepreneurs, community partners, and business support organizations from across Northern New Mexico. Participants from Los Alamos, Rio Arriba, Santa Fe, and Taos had the opportunity to connect, exchange ideas, and learn about resources available to help grow the region's creative economy. [1.1 Communication and Engagement; 3.2 Local Business]

**Visitlosalamos.org Refresh** - In May, Felton led a refresh of the Visit Los Alamos website navigation to improve the user experience for both visitors and residents. The previous menu organized content by broad topics such as "History" and "Science," which often overlapped. The updated navigation is now structured around visitor needs, with sections such as "Plan Your Visit," "Things to Do," and "Places to Stay," making it easier for users to find information and plan their experience in Los Alamos. [1.1 Communication and Engagement; 3.4 Tourism and Special Events]



## EDUCATIONAL, ARTS, CULTURAL, & HISTORICAL AMENITIES

### Upcoming Nature Center Programs

PEEC events to look forward to in July 2026:

Nature @ Night: Library (In-person) - 07/01/2026

Los Luceros Bird Walk (In-person) - 07/05/2026

Night Sky in July (In-person) - 07/07/2026

Mayan Archeoastronomy (In-person) - 07/11/2026

Wildflower Walk (In-person) - 07/13/2026

IMAP Updates - 07/14/2026

Nature @ Night: Worms & Wildflowers (In-person) - 07/15/2026

One Sky (In-person) - 07/17/2026

Butterfly Walk (In-person) - 07/18/2026

From Earth to the Universe (In-person) - 07/18/2026

Science of Project Hail Mary (In-person) - 07/21/2026

Nature @ Night: IMAP (In-person) - 07/22/2026

Forward to the Moon (In-person) - 07/24/2026

Mars: The Ultimate Voyage (In-person) - 07/25/2026

Trekking in Western China (In-person & Live-streamed) - 07/28/2026

Distant Worlds: Alien Life? (In-person) - 07/31/2026

### Library May Stats:

Public Events: 60

Total Program Attendance: 1,457

Physical Items Circulated: 22,721

Digital Items Circulated: 9,109

Total Items Circulate: 31,830

## **Updates**

The Library expanded its adult programming offerings, with more events at the White Rock Branch. Highlights included a live pastel demonstration sponsored by the New Mexico Pastel Society and a comprehensive class on White Rock gardening basics presented by Los Alamos County Extension Agent Angela Prada. At Mesa Public Library, adult programming featured a forest bathing experience in support of the county-funded nature therapy initiative, as well as a seed library panel addressing invasive species and pest management in local gardens.

The Library also advanced its commitment to heritage and diversity through a display celebrating Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, as well as a special program featuring internationally renowned scholar Dr. Florvil in recognition of Jewish Heritage Month.

The event highlight of the month was the annual High School Senior Appreciation Night. As in previous years, the Library's Youth Services staff created a memorable and inviting atmosphere behind Mesa Public Library, featuring twinkling lights and engaging activities. Graduates enjoyed a nostalgic selection of beloved picture books from their early childhood, contributing to a warm and celebratory send-off.

The Step Up Gallery experienced strong attendance. The 30th Annual Los Alamos Photographers' Show concluded on May 7, paving the way for the next exhibition, A Lifetime of Color: Batiks by Gloria Sharp, which opened on May 13. Combined attendance for both shows in May totaled 867.

Throughout May, Library staff also dedicated significant effort to finalizing preparations for the annual Summer Reading Program. This year's program, running from June 1 through July 26, offers engaging activities, challenges, and prizes for participants of all ages.

## **TOURISM AND SPECIAL EVENTS**

### **May Stats**

#### **Visit Los Alamos Facebook**

15,844 Followers to date

249,368 Reached this month

11,114 Content interactions this Month

### **@VisitLosAlamosNM Instagram**

1,673 Followers to Date

10,075 Reached this month

204 Content interactions this Month

### **Visit Los Alamos Email Newsletter**

4,031 Subscribers

### **Visitlosalamos.org Website**

16,883 Users

8,940 Engaged Sessions

38 seconds Average Engagement Time/Active User

### **Visitor Center Visitation**

Los Alamos: 1,656 people this month

White Rock: 1,223 people this month

## **COMMUNITY BROADBAND**

Final stages of construction preparations and mobilization are wrapping up this month. More project materials have been delivered. Construction for Phase 1 did not begin in May as expected, but it will begin soon.

The groundbreaking event on 5/12 for the beginning of CBN construction was a huge success and well attended by the public. The broadband manager wishes to express appreciation for council and staff support for this milestone celebration.

The atomicfiber.net web site continues to receive registrations from residents interested in being a subscriber. Those registering will also receive project construction updates. County residents will soon see a new feature on the web site where they can input their address and see when construction is planned for their neighborhood.

DPU continues pole "make ready" work, which is part of the prep for fiber optic cable installation.

The San Ildefonso middle mile fiber project is nearing completion of fiber strand splicing and testing. The project is getting closer to being ready for first use. The broadband manager attended the Fiber Connect annual conference, where many were sharing about how difficult getting fiber optic products has become due to the building out of AI

data centers creating excessively high demand and fierce competition for products. The market result is very high pricing and low to no availability. The county is fortunate to have had council approve of securing earlier the materials that Atomic Fiber community broadband network project requires.

## HEALTH, WELLBEING, AND SOCIAL SERVICES

### **May Stats**

465 People Attended Programs and Events

### **Updates**

Social Services continued to assist clients in May, including those who have come from “outside the office” events like the Library hours and Family Strengths Network hours. The majority of new and recurring clients sought assistance with food, navigating state benefits programs, utilities assistance, and other emergency basic needs.

Social Services continues building new partnerships with leaders of faith-based communities, as well as community leaders, including the new Executive Director at JJAB. As a result, Social Services has successfully added several organizations to Unite Us closed-loop referral platform.

It’s that time of year again, and as a reminder to readers that Social Services has returned to the weekly Farmers’ Markets for additional outreach and connection in the community.

In recognition of May as Mental Health Awareness Month, ABC suicide prevention trainings were offered, a Mental Health First Aid training, and 25 community members have been certified across two cohorts in nature-based forest guiding! Lastly, a proclamation from the County Council was heard at the May 19th meeting for all of the amazing mental health-related work taking place across the county!

### **Contractors:**

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

Title: Hydration Station

Date: May 27, 2026

Participants: 100

Event Summary: During finals week, a hydration station was set up during passing periods to provide students with Kool-Aid and candy as a simple way to promote hydration, connection, and stress relief. The station created positive touchpoints for

students and supported overall wellness during a high-stress time. It was also a good opportunity to pass out prevention materials for 988 & livevapefree.

Upcoming Events & Announcements: LAPS Prevention Team will be off contract until August.

### **Family Strengths Network (FSN)**

Build It Fridays

May 1 & 8, 2026

Participants: 40

Families get the opportunity for some after-school fun with engaging engineering activities at Family Strengths Network, two Fridays a month. This month, for Build It Fridays FSN did food construction. Kids built with noodles, pretzels, marshmallows, and more!

Upcoming Events & Announcements: Summer Splash and the Family Resource Center's birthday party will be a combined celebration on June 26th and 27<sup>th</sup>

### **YMCA Los Alamos Teen Center (LATC)**

Title: De-Stress Week

Dates: May 26 – 29, 2026

Participants: 300

During this week's End of Semester De-Stress activities, the Teen Center provided teens with daily opportunities to relax, socialize, and decompress during finals week. Each day featured comfort food, including tacos, pancakes, mac and cheese, and Frito pies, along with a variety of supportive activities and open recreation. Arts & Resiliency crafting supplies were available on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, with henna art offered on Tuesday and Thursday. Teens also had opportunities to interact with visiting pets, including dogs on Wednesday and Thursday, with kittens and baby pygmy goats on Thursday! The week concluded with VR and other games on Friday, helping create a fun and welcoming environment for students during a stressful time of year.

Upcoming Events & Announcements: On July 9th, the YMCA will hold the first "Adulting 101" classes for teens. This session will focus on learning to cook easy and healthy meals.

## **INCLUSION, ACCESS, AND BELONGING**

Staff have worked with the County Attorney to draft the language for an ordinance that would create the Inclusivity Board. This draft ordinance was presented to Council and

discussed at May 19, 2026 Regular Session. At that meeting, Council took the following action:

**“A motion was made by Councilor Havemann, seconded by Councilor Hand, that Council direct the County Manager to move forward with development of a code ordinance to form the Inclusivity Board as shown in Attachment A with the removal of “Advisory” from the board name. The motion passed 7-0.”**

To that end, the resulting Code Ordinance No. 02-383 will be introduced on June 9, 2026. The proposed Public Hearing is scheduled for June 30, 2026. If adopted, staff would begin to advertise to recruit members of the Inclusivity Board.

## MOBILITY

### **Atomic City Transit Stats**

Unlinked Passenger Trips (UPT) - 20,822

Fixed-Route UPT - 20,110

Demand-Response UPT- 685

Special UPT - 27

Service Days - 22

UPT per Service Day - 946

UPT per Service Mile - .52

Service Disruptions - 1

On-time Timepoint Departures – 85%

On-time Paratransit Trips – 99.5%

Buses with Defective ITS Systems – 14%

Customer Complaints – 1

### **Updates**

Atomic City Transit (ACT), in coordination with the Los Alamos Police Department (LAPD), recently conducted a mock-trial training focused on handling real-life emergency response situations. The training provided ACT staff and LAPD personnel an opportunity to strengthen coordination, communication, and response procedures during critical incidents.

ACT is proud to participate in this type of cross-training partnership with LAPD, which helps enhance preparedness, improve public safety collaboration, and ensure staff are equipped to respond effectively in emergency situations while continuing to serve the community safely and professionally.



### **Saturday Transit Service**

Atomic City Transit's (ACT) On-Demand (Microtransit) Service Study continues to evaluate the current rider experience, operational performance, and future service needs. The proposed approach focuses on practical, data-driven analysis and clearly defined service scenarios to help determine the most effective path forward for the system.

The study is designed to identify realistic opportunities to improve efficiency, free up operator capacity, assess operational and staffing impacts, and provide ACT with actionable recommendations and an implementation roadmap. The goal is to balance service performance, cost effectiveness, and community benefit while ensuring ACT can continue providing reliable and accessible transportation options for Los Alamos County residents and regional riders.

# Fixed Route Monthly Performance Metrics

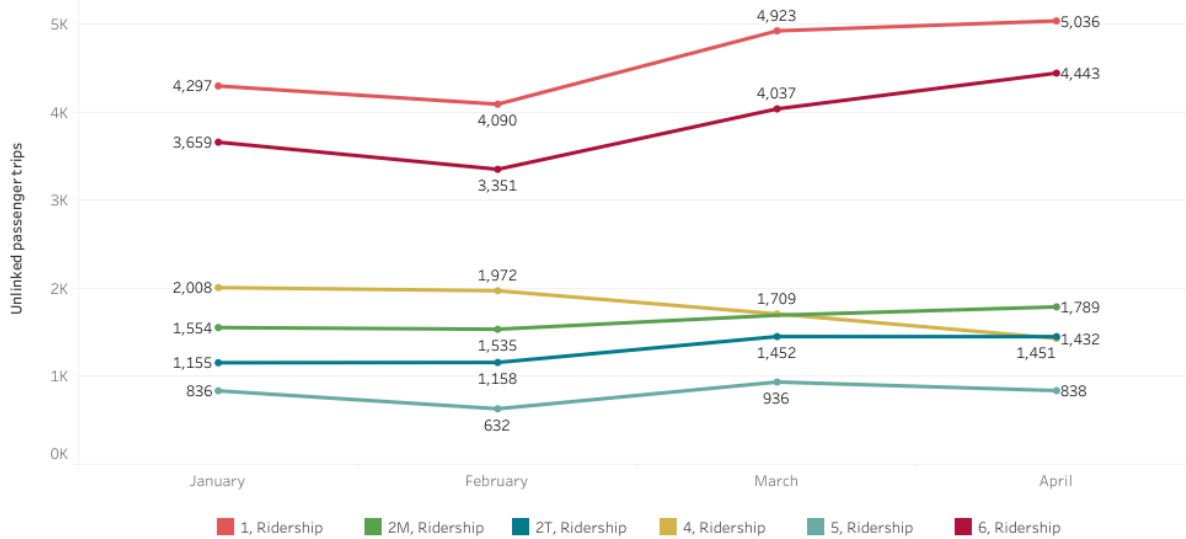
## Atomic City Transit Ridership Report

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### Fixed Route Monthly Performance Metrics 2026

#### Monthly Ridership 2025

Routes 1-6 run year round with peak services on 1 and 6 in high ridership times for commutes and the lunch hour.



#### Monthly Ridership Comparison by Year

		1	2M	2T	4	5	6	Grand Total
April	2019	5,568	3,202	1,859	3,675	1,444	7,352	23,100
	2025	5,177	1,909	1,314	2,380	957	3,096	14,833
	2026	5,036	1,789	1,451	1,432	838	4,443	14,989

#### Monthly On Time Performance

		1	2M	2T	4	5	6	SYSTEM
April	2026	94%	82%	77%	81%	93%	85%	85%

# ACT MyRide Services Monthly Performance Metrics

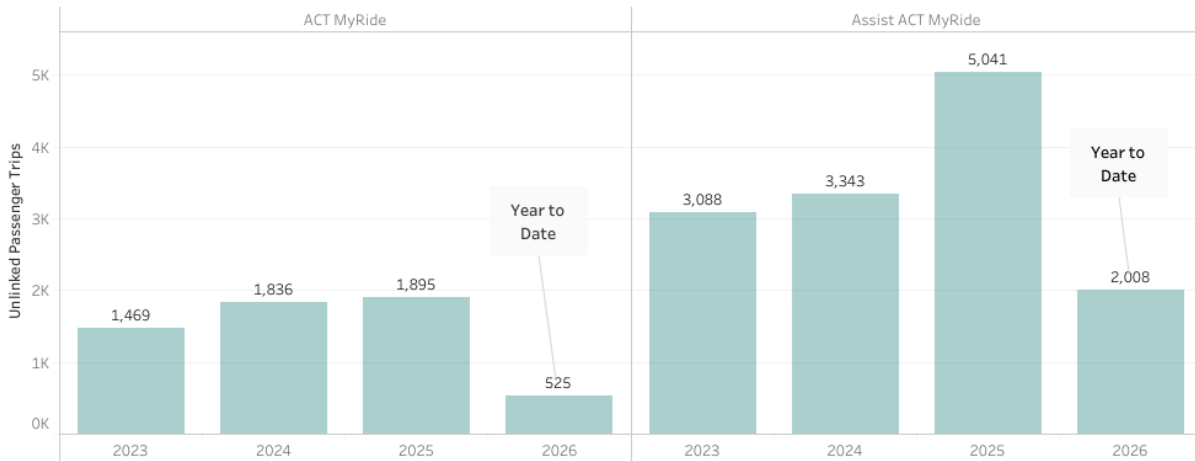
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## ACT MyRide Services Monthly Performance Metrics 2026

### On Demand: ACT MyRide and ACT MyRide Assist Programs Ridership

While both serves are free, ACT MyRide is a same day rideshare service open to the public while Assist ACT MyRide is by application only and part of the American Disabilities Act Program. Both services run Monday through Friday. ACT MyRide operates from 5:15 AM to 6:00 AM and 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM and Assist from 6:00 AM to 6:30 PM. An ACT MyRide Saturday Pilot Program ran from August 2, 2025 to October 25, 2025 to determine need and capacity for long term implementation.



### Monthly Ridership Comparison by Year

		ACT MyRide	Assist ACT MyRide	Grand Total
April	2019	97	565	662
	2025	75	404	479
	2026	139	546	685

### Monthly On Time Performance

		ACT MyRide	Assist ACT MyRide
April	2026	100%	99%

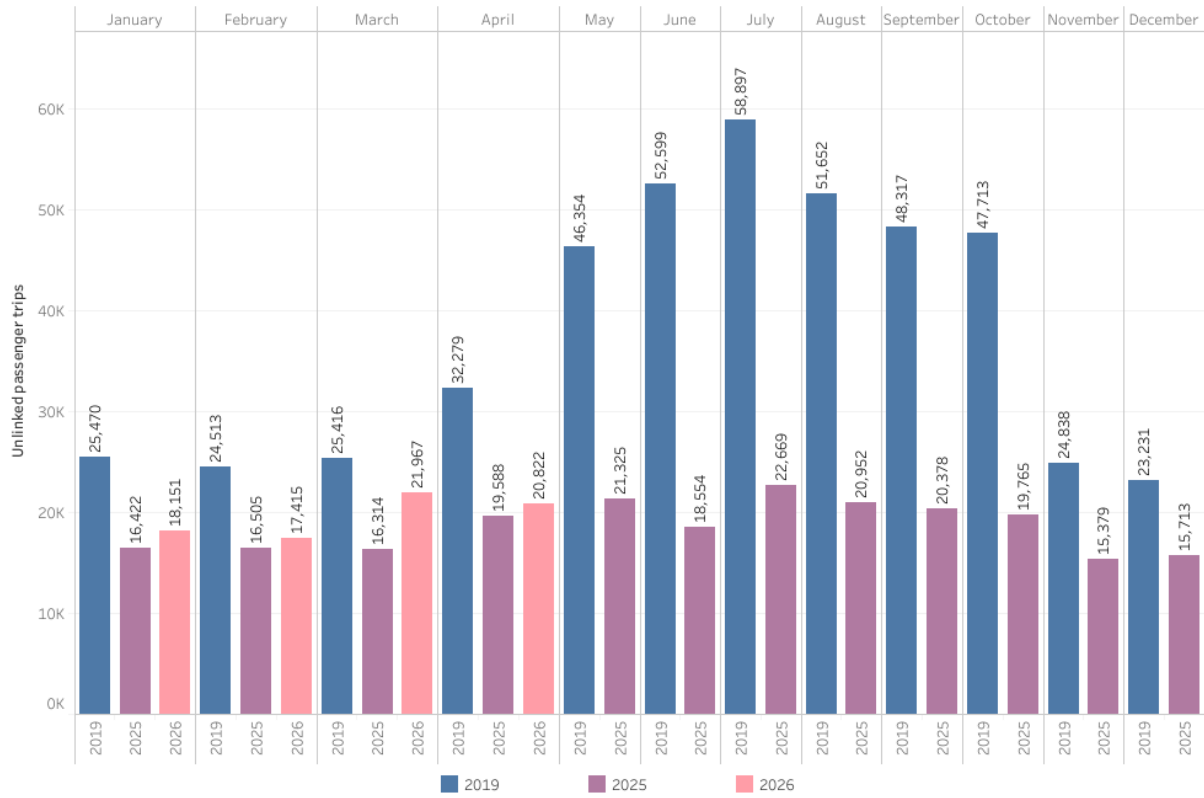
# System Total Ridership Analysis Over Time

## Atomic City Transit Ridership Report

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## System Total Ridership Analysis Over Time

**How to Read this Graph:** The year 2019 (blue column) is an industry baseline for ridership trends before pandemic times while the 2025 (purple column) and the 2026 (pink column) ridership numbers provide recovery comparisons year over year against the 2019 baseline. Significant ridership loss was seen in summer months due to Bandelier service changes and access since 2024.



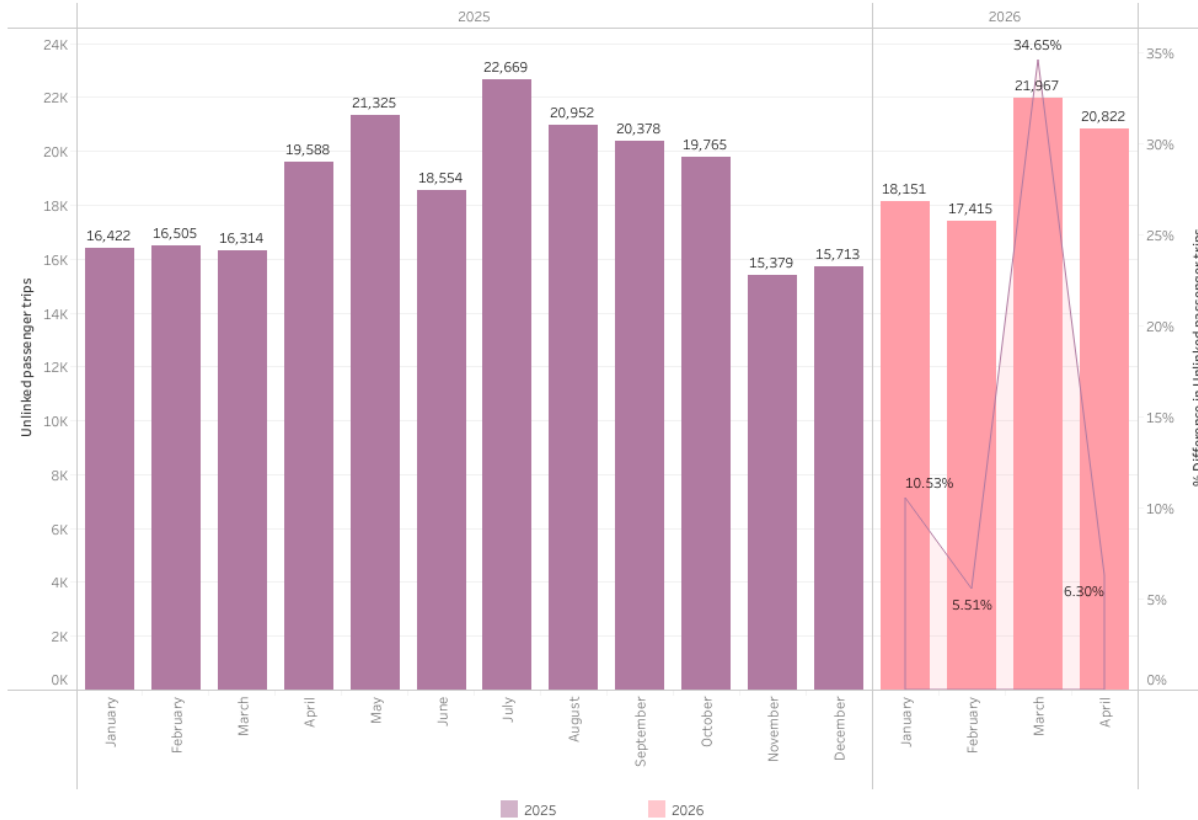
# System Total Ridership Yearly Comparison

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## System Total Ridership Yearly Comparison

**How to Read this Graph:** The columns show total ridership numbers including fixed route, seasonal services, and on demand ridership. The shaded areas (January is just a line for one month) show percent difference in ridership compared to the prior year so 2025 shows comparatively to 2026.



## Seasonal Services Monthly Performance Metrics 2025

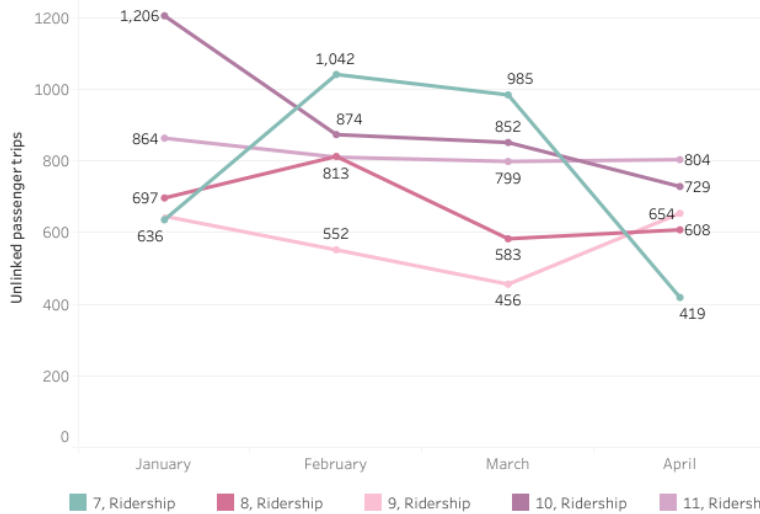
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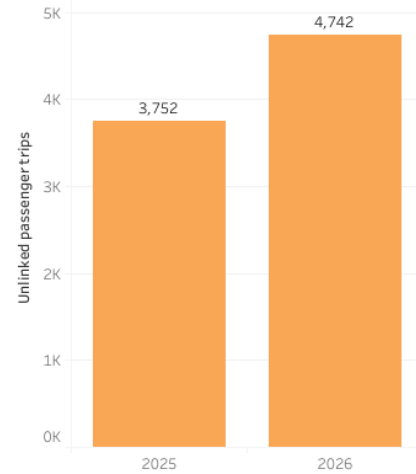
### Express Routes 7-11, 2025

Express Routes run one outbound trip from bus stops near schools into the Downtown Area between 2:00 - 3:45pm August through May.



### Bandelier Route 12

Bandelier contracted service runs between Juniper Parking Lot and the Visitor Center seasonally.



Note: The 2026 column reflects year to date service while the 2025 column reflects the full 2025 year.

### Monthly Ridership Comparison by Year

	7	8	9	10	11	Bandelier 12	Grand Total
April 2019		988	923	1,201	964	0	4,076
April 2025	1,075	1,047	720	688	674		4,204
April 2026	419	608	654	729	804	1,887	5,101

Saturday April 18th ACT served 27 riders providing Earth Day special service to the community.

April 2026 had 20 unassigned riders on board. Unassigned riders are riders on board during non-revenue service periods or can happen when disconnected from the live tracking technology where the software cannot determine which route to assign the passengers.

## TRANSPORTATION BOARD

The Transportation Board meeting focused on a comprehensive traffic safety presentation by Deputy Public Works Director, Keith Wilson and Chief of Police, Chief Sgambellone, The presentation covered multiple ongoing safety projects including the Trinity Drive Safety and ADA Improvement Project, Ashley Pond crowd control measures, NM4 crossing improvements, and wildlife crash studies, along with enforcement efforts including a new traffic unit and speed camera program. Board members provided feedback on various initiatives including Central Avenue crosswalk visibility, bike lane improvements using green pavement markings, and concerns about intersection safety in White Rock, while Councilor Suzie Havemann

provided updates on the county budget and upcoming council matters including Lab-related employment impacts and various proclamations.

## OPEN SPACE, PARKS, AND RECREATION

### ADMINISTRATION

19th Hole Sports Pub has been granted a temporary license agreement, allowing them to begin occupancy and set up the restaurant on May 1.

#### **Connecting with the Public**

##### **Artemis and the Moon – May 8, 2026**

In-person presentation about the progress of the Artemis mission to return to the moon, and what has changed about space travel over the past 5 decades.

29 participants

##### **Bee City Los Alamos Native Plant Sale – May 16, 2026**

In-person fundraiser for Bee City Los Alamos, featuring native plants for sale and information about how to promote and protect local pollinators. This program was presented in partnership with Bee City Los Alamos.

60 participants

##### **Summitting Four of Ecuador’s Iconic Volcanoes – May 26, 2026**

In-person and live-streamed presentation about one couple’s experiences summiting four of Ecuador’s iconic (and highest) volcanoes across two trips in 2025. This program was presented in partnership with the Los Alamos Mountaineers.

81 participants

### OPEN SPACE, PARKS AND TRAILS

#### **May Stats**

Parks Acres Maintained: 1,017

Press Releases: 3

Number of Repairs due to Vandalism: 12

Number of Volunteer Hours: 62

Number of Headstone Installations: 3

Number of Funeral Services: 6

## Updates

- The 37th Street and Pinon Playground renovations were complete on April 30, 2026. An official ribbon-cutting was held on May 5, 2026.
- The Rose Garden fence installation project was completed with a ribbon-cutting ceremony held on May 22, 2026.
- White Rock Splash Pad opened on May 22, 2026, for another summer full of fun and adventure. The Splash Pad will remain open until Labor Day Weekend.

## RECREATION

### April Stats:

Programs and Events: 83

Participation:

- Recreation: 7,295

Open Gym Programs: 64

People Utilizing the Ice Rink: 2,675

### Updates:

Pinon Park Pool was able to open to the public on Saturday, May 23, 2026. Visiting patrons voiced how nice the facility looked and the good temperature of the water.

The Los Alamos Public School System utilized the Ice Rink for PE classes during the last week of school.

The Recreation Division partnered to help host the Jemez Mountain Trail Run, provide water coolers, and utilized the Ice Rink as a ½ way point, restroom, and first aid stop.

The Recreation Division helped host the 2026 Senior Appreciation Night.

June brings us the beginning of movies in the park and MudFest, the Mud Volleyball tournament.



*Rose Garden Ribbon Cutting*

2026 Pinon Park ribbon-cutting



*Pinon Park Ribbon Cutting*

2026 37th Street playground ribbon-cutting



*37th Street Ribbon Cutting*



*LAPS Hydration Station*



*FSN Build it Fridays*



*Teen Center De-Stress Week*



*Plant Sale*



*Mental Health Awareness Month*

## PUBLIC SAFETY

### BUILDING SAFETY

11 Commercial Building permits were issued in May 2026 with a total valuation of \$4,880,875.00.

57 Residential Building permits were issued in May 2026 with a total valuation of \$1,486,124.00.

1 Certificates of Occupancy were issued in May 2026.

183 Building Inspections took place in May 2026.

**Update**

May was recognized as Building Safety Month, and on May 5th, Los Alamos County Council officially proclaimed May 2026 as Building Safety Month in Los Alamos County. The annual campaign, led by the International Code Council (ICC), highlights the importance of safe, resilient, and sustainable construction. This year's theme, "Built to Last," emphasizes how modern building codes, skilled construction professionals, and effective code enforcement contribute to stronger, safer communities.

The 46th annual Building Safety Month campaign focused on four key areas: residential safety and preparedness, the role of building safety professionals, disaster resilience, and accessibility in the built environment. Throughout the month, the Building Safety Division promoted public awareness of the critical role building codes and inspections play in protecting lives and property.

On May 11th, Robert Franks was named Interim Building Official following the retirement of Chief Building Official David Martinez.

**Looking Ahead**

A Homeowner Education Event will be held in White Rock on July 18th. The event will provide residents with information on permitting processes, common code requirements, and best practices for residential construction and home improvement projects.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT**

No updates for May 2026

**POLICE**

**Update**

**2026 Law Enforcement Torch Run**

The Los Alamos Police Department is proud to announce that the community raised \$2,310 through Special Olympics merchandise sales. These funds directly support the 2026 Law Enforcement Torch Run. The department extends a sincere thank you to

everyone who purchased a commemorative shirt or coin, and to the employees from multiple County departments who participated in this year's run.

A special thank you goes to Detective Cindy Garcia, the Police Department's Special Olympics liaison, for her outstanding leadership in organizing these efforts. Building on this momentum, Detective Garcia has already scheduled a charity Golf Tournament for September 11th to continue supporting the cause.

Special Olympics tournaments raise vital funds to empower individuals with intellectual disabilities. The proceeds provide free, year-round sports training, athletic competitions, health services, and leadership opportunities that help athletes build confidence and achieve their personal goals.

This exciting tournament is expected to draw athletes, businesses, and supporters from all across New Mexico. Local community members and regional visitors will gather alongside early sponsors like Bathtub Brewery to support this great cause. The event offers a wonderful opportunity for the community to unite and ensure Special Olympics athletes continue to receive the resources they deserve. Residents and businesses are invited to join in making a difference and creating new opportunities for these inspiring athletes.



## Los Alamos Police Department Retirements

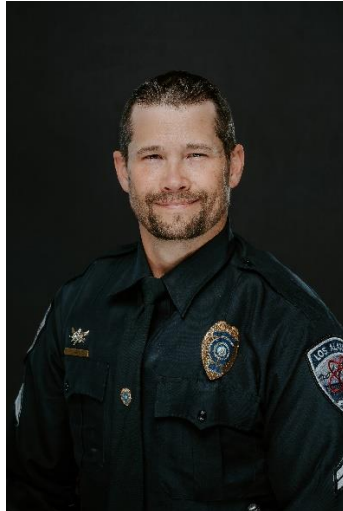
The Los Alamos Police Department is honoring the careers and service of three respected veteran officers whose retirements mark the end of decades of dedicated law enforcement service to the citizens of Los Alamos and communities across New Mexico.

Sergeant Eric Wilhoit, Corporal Robert Larsen, and Corporal Gilbert Padilla each retired during the month of May, with all three departures occurring within approximately one week of one another. While retirements represent a significant transition for the department, recent recruitment and hiring efforts have helped the agency to continue delivering uninterrupted public safety services to the community.

“These officers each brought unique talents, leadership, and professionalism to our department,” Deputy Chief James Rodriguez said. “Their impact on this agency and this community will continue long after their retirements. The Los Alamos Police Department is grateful for their years of service and wishes them and their families the very best in the next chapter of their lives.”



*Sergeant Eric Wilhoit*



*Corporal Robert Larsen*



*Corporal Gilbert Padilla*

## FIRE

### LAFD Responded to 239 Calls for Service in May

144 EMS Calls

33 Public Service Calls

29 False Alarm/Good Condition Calls

18 Hazardous Condition Calls (No Fire)

10 Fire Calls

5 Rescue Calls

## Updates

### EMS Week 2026

During May 2026, the Los Alamos Fire Department EMS Division remained actively engaged in training, professional development, and regional collaboration efforts while continuing to provide high-quality emergency medical care to the community. In recognition of EMS Week (May 17–24), the EMS Division conducted a series of hands-on training exercises involving personnel from all shifts and stations. These exercises focused on enhancing critical patient care skills, strengthening teamwork, and ensuring personnel remain prepared to deliver advanced emergency medical services in a variety of challenging situations. As part of the EMS Week celebration, Firefighter Paramedic Randall Robles was recognized as the 2026 EMS Provider of the Year for his outstanding commitment to patient care, clinical excellence, professionalism, and dedication to the department's mission.

The EMS Division also participated in the 2026 Active Assailant Response Workshop (AAWR) in Moyock, North Carolina, alongside Los Alamos National Laboratory Protective Force partners and teams from across the Department of Energy complex. The workshop provided advanced active assailant response training through highly realistic, large-scale scenarios designed to test responder capabilities in complex, high-stress environments. Prior to the event, EMS Division Chief Manuel Pacheco, Training Division Chief Aaron McNiff and EMS Training Captain Paramedic Kevin Kamplain were selected as subject matter experts by NNSA/DOE and assisted with the development and execution of training scenarios. During the competition, LAFD personnel demonstrated exceptional teamwork and operational readiness, earning 2nd Place overall among participating fire department teams. LAFD Team consisted of Captain Raymond Barela, Captain Paramedic Andres Madueno, Acting Captain Aron Williams, Driver Engineer Paramedic Eric Gonzales, Driver Engineer Paramedic Ryan Wolf, Firefighter Paramedic Randal Robles, Firefighter Paramedic Chad Drummond, Firefighter Paramedic Cory Miller and Firefighter Britt Parrish.

Additionally, Captain Paramedic Andres Madueno was awarded the Fire Department Warrior of the Week award in recognition of his positive attitude, outstanding performance, and tactical proficiency throughout the event.

The division's participation and success at AAWR reflect LAFD's ongoing commitment to excellence in emergency response, interagency collaboration, and preparedness for complex incidents.



*Captain Paramedic Andres Madueno Warrior of the Week*



*Active Assailant Response Workshop 2nd Place Winners LAFD*



*2026 EMS Provider of the Year Firefighter Paramedic Randal Robles*



*2026 EMS Week Los Alamos County Council*

**2026  
EMS Week  
Trainings  
&  
Activities**



*Proper Handwashing Techniques Activity*



*Save-a-Life Challenge Stop the Bleed*



*Save-a-Life Challenge- Stop the Bleed*



*Proper Handwashing Techniques Activity- Did they pass?*



*Save-a-Life Challenge- Stop the Bleed*



*Winners Proper Handwashing Techniques Activity*

## Groundbreaking Ceremony Held for New Fire Station #4

On May 20, Los Alamos County officials, community members, and representatives from the Los Alamos Fire Department gathered to celebrate the groundbreaking of the new Fire Station #4. This milestone marks the beginning of a significant investment in the County's public safety infrastructure and the future of emergency response services. The replacement station will provide a modern, LEED Gold Certified facility designed to meet the evolving needs of emergency responders and the community they serve. The new station will accommodate up to 10 personnel and include dedicated space for Emergency Medical Services (EMS), Public Education, Honor Guard operations, and Wildland Fire resources.

In addition to enhancing operational capabilities, the new Fire Station #4 will support Los Alamos County's sustainability goals. As the County's first fully electric facility, the station will incorporate energy-efficient technologies and solar power generation, contributing to the Climate Action Plan objective of achieving carbon neutrality by 2050. To ensure uninterrupted emergency response services during construction, the new facility is being built adjacent to the existing station. This approach allows Fire Station #4 to remain fully operational throughout the project while minimizing impacts to surrounding land and resources.

The groundbreaking ceremony represents an important step forward in strengthening public safety services and ensuring that firefighters, paramedics, and emergency personnel have the facilities necessary to serve the Los Alamos community for decades to come.



## Los Alamos Moves to Stage 2 Fire Restrictions

In May, Los Alamos County elevated fire restrictions from Stage 1 to Stage 2 due to persistent high winds, critically dry vegetation, and increased wildfire danger throughout the region. The change was implemented by Fire Marshal Colorado Cordova following ongoing monitoring of local weather conditions, fuel moisture levels, and fire risk indicators.

The decision was made to help reduce the potential for human-caused wildfires during a period of heightened fire danger. Strong winds combined with exceptionally dry conditions created an environment where even a small spark could quickly develop into a rapidly spreading wildfire.

Under the Stage 2 Fire Restrictions Order 2026-02, stringent restrictions and conditions are imposed. Violations of any fire restrictions enacted by the order may result in a written notice violation (citation) and criminal penalties. Fire Marshal Cordova urges all community members to remain vigilant and immediately report any signs of smoke or fire by calling 9-1-1.



**2026 Fittest Crew Challenge Winners  
Station #4 B-Shift**

**For the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row Station #4 B-Shift won the Fittest Crew Challenge  
Congratulations!**

Captain Gerard Coriz, Driver Engineer/Paramedic Kenneth Martinez, Firefighter Joshua Urban, Firefighter/Paramedic Zachary Klose, Firefighter Johnny Gonzales, Firefighter Thomas Norton



## ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

### Environmental Stewardship

During May 2026, the Sustainability Office continued advancing implementation of the Climate Action Plan through community engagement, climate education, policy development, environmental stewardship initiatives, and regional collaboration efforts. Staff continued implementation of the County's Give A Shift Climate Action Campaign, developing outreach and engagement materials designed to encourage community members to adopt sustainable behaviors that support Climate Action Plan goals. Staff also continued participating in statewide discussions related to Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR), exploring policies that shift responsibility for end-of-life product management from local governments and taxpayers to product manufacturers. These discussions support broader waste reduction, recycling, and circular economy efforts throughout New Mexico.

As temperatures begin to rise heading into the summer months, staff partnered with County Department of Public Utilities, Emergency Management and Social Services Department to promote community cooling stations and extreme heat preparedness resources. Cooling stations provide air-conditioned spaces and access to drinking water where residents and visitors can seek relief during periods of extreme heat, helping reduce the risk of heat-related illnesses and supporting community resilience. Information regarding cooling station locations, transportation options, and heat safety resources was shared through County communication channels.

Additional information is available at the County's Cooling Stations webpage: <https://www.losalamosnm.gov/Community/Community-health/Cooling-Stations>



*County staff adorned the Community Tree with Cooling Station brochures, towels and fans.*

### **Climate Education**

The Sustainability Office supported the Department of Public Utilities and the PEEC Nature Center at the annual Water Festival by hosting an interactive educational activity focused on water conservation. Approximately 200 fourth-grade students from across the school district participated in the event.

Students learned about the importance of protecting water resources and explored practical actions they can take to conserve water at home and in their daily lives. The activity also introduced students to the County's new Give A Shift Climate Action Campaign, encouraging them to make small behavior changes that support environmental stewardship and sustainability goals.



*Fourth grade students at PEEC/DPU Water Festival*

### **Environmental Sustainability Board (ESB)**

At the May Environmental Sustainability Board meeting, members received a presentation from Ridwell, a recycling company that specializes in collecting hard-to-recycle materials that are not typically accepted through traditional curbside recycling programs. The presentation provided an overview of Ridwell's collection model, material recovery efforts, and opportunities to increase diversion of items such as plastic film, batteries, textiles, and other specialty recyclables.

The Board also received an overview of the proposed On-Bill Financing (OBF) program designed to help utility customers finance eligible energy efficiency and electrification improvements through their monthly utility bill. Potential eligible improvements include heat pumps, heat pump water heaters, electrical panel upgrades, insulation, and other energy-saving technologies.

Board members expressed overall support for the program concept and its alignment with energy efficiency. The Board also raised a number of questions regarding program structure, eligibility requirements, financing mechanisms, risk management, and implementation considerations. Staff will continue refining the proposal and incorporating feedback received during the discussion. The next step is a presentation of the proposed program to the Board of Public Utilities for consideration.

Staff also provided an update on the proposed single-use plastic bag ordinance currently under development in response to County Council direction.

Staff and ESB members also volunteered at the Jemez Mountain Trail Run to support waste diversion and composting efforts. This was the first year the event utilized compostable serving ware and compost collection stations at six aid stations throughout the course.

As a result of these efforts, 326 pounds of compostable material were collected and delivered to Reunity Resources for composting. An additional 167 pounds of recyclable materials were diverted from the landfill, including aluminum, glass, cardboard, and plastics. Volunteers also recovered and cleaned aluminum food service pans for reuse. Only 71 pounds of material were disposed of as trash, demonstrating the effectiveness of the event's waste diversion program.

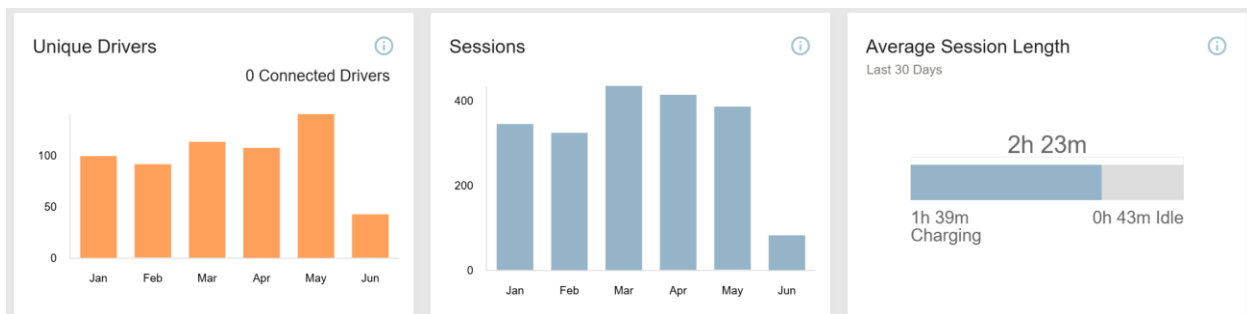


*Jemez Mountain Trail Run Composting and Recycling Efforts*

## **EV Planning**

Staff continued monitoring public EV charger utilization to support future infrastructure planning and operational decision-making. Public EV charger utilization remained strong throughout May, with approximately 138 unique drivers using the County's charging network—the highest monthly total recorded this year. Approximately 385 charging sessions were completed during the month, demonstrating continued community use of

the infrastructure. Average session length over the last 30 days was 2 hours and 23 minutes, including 1 hour and 39 minutes of active charging time.



*EV Chargers Utilization*

Installation of new direct current fast charging (DCFC) infrastructure at Mesa Public Library is scheduled to begin on June 8, 2026. The project is funded through the New Mexico Department of Transportation grant program and will expand publicly available fast-charging options within the community. Construction activities will include installation of charging equipment, electrical infrastructure, site improvements, and associated safety features.

## WASTE MANAGEMENT

### Environmental Services May Stats

Customer Service Emails – 64

Roll Cart Requests – 71

Total bear carts deployed are 2,369. LA townsite has 2,284 and WR has 85

Household Hazardous Waste Customers – 86

Recycle Coach App Users – 3,680

Recycle Coach App Interactions – 8,818

Overlook Visitors – 98

Transfer Station Visitors – 2,148

Yard Trimming Participants – 5,440

Social Media Followers – 1.3K

### Update

Environmental Services partnered with the Environmental Sustainability Board, the Los Alamos Sustainability Alliance, and Jemez Mountain Trail Runs organizers to provide a Zero Waste Station at the finish line during this year's race event. Volunteers helped runners and spectators properly sort compostable materials, recyclables, and trash while also providing education on waste diversion and sustainability practices.

The effort resulted in 326 pounds of compostable waste being diverted to Reunity Resources and 167 pounds of recyclables collected, including aluminum, glass, cardboard, and plastics. Only 71 pounds of material ultimately went to the landfill. The event also marked the first year JMTR utilized compostable serving ware and compost collection buckets at multiple aid stations.

Yard trimming collection for calendar year 2026 began on Monday, March 23, and Environmental Services has already collected more than 252 tons of yard waste from residents across Los Alamos County. Collected material is processed into mulch and incorporated into biosolids composting operations at the wastewater treatment facility, with some material also made available for residential landscaping use. The Yard Trimmings Program helps divert organic material from the landfill while supporting sustainable reuse efforts within the community. Residents are allowed one yard trimming cart per household and can register online at [www.losalamosnm.us/gogreen](http://www.losalamosnm.us/gogreen).



*Zero Waste Station at Jemez Mountain Trail Run, Staff Weighing Recyclables Collected.*

# Residential Sustainability Report



## Residential Sustainability Report

Service Period: April 2026

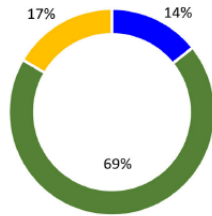


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April Diversion Rate: **31%**

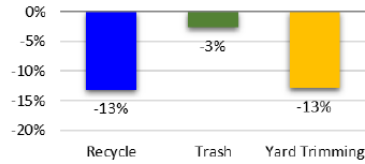
The *diversion rate* is the percent of recyclable and compostable material diverted from the landfill.

### Monthly Collection Report



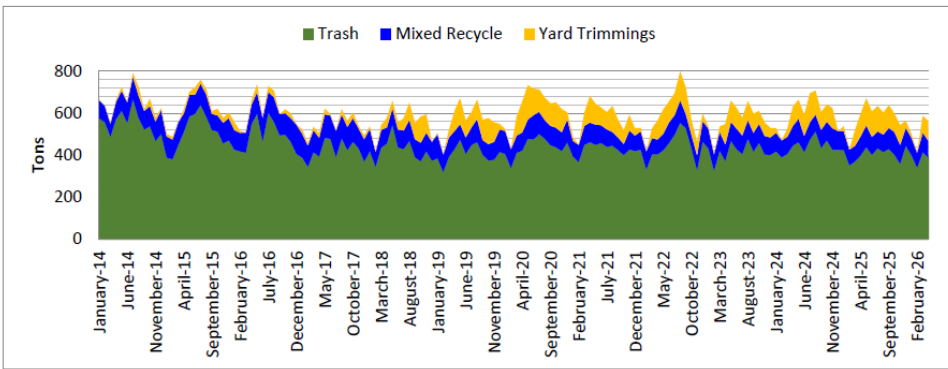
■ Mixed Recycle ■ Trash ■ Yard Trimmings

### % Change Previous Year



	Apr-25	Apr-26
Yard Trimming	106.91	93.11
Recycle	92.36	80.21
Trash	399.04	388.49

**In April by recycling and composting Los Alamos County reduced GHG emissions by ~457 tons\***



**In 2026 by recycling and composting Los Alamos County reduced GHG emissions by ~1,509 tons\***

- 8 trucks of recycle and 9 trucks of yard trimmings were diverted from the landfill.
- 18 trucks of trash were transported to the Valencia Landfill costing \$34,489.44 in transport and tipping fees.

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

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

**BUILDING FACILITIES**

**Capital Improvement Projects – Engineering**

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

Project Name	Dept	Update
<b>NM-4 Crossing and Multi-Use Trail and Pinon Elementary School Trail Extension</b>	PW	This project will create an at-grade crossing of NM State Road 4 in White Rock at the Mirador Subdivision and provide both new multi-use trail infrastructure and reconstructed trail infrastructure in the Pinon Park area. The county received design and construction grant funding from NMDOT for this project. A separate grant was also received to extend the trail network through the Pinon Elementary School to Grand Canyon Drive. The designs are being completed by Bohannon Huston and will be advertised for construction in Spring 2026 with construction continuing through 2027.
<b>Trinity Drive Safety and ADA</b>	PW	This project is the result of a 2016 road safety audit and has been awarded grant funding from the Federal Highway Safety Improvement Program by NMDOT. A resolution of support was made by Council in September 2024 approving a Hybrid Road Diet, one of the alternatives presented by the engineer Wilson and Co. The Trinity Drive Safety and ADA project was awarded to Hasse Construction on May 19 <sup>th</sup> . The project will begin this summer and is anticipated to be completed by the end of this year.
<b>Finch Street</b>	PW	This project design was completed by an on-call engineering firm. Construction Bids have been received, and the contract is anticipated to be awarded in June. Council approved an agreement with the Los Alamos Medical Center for the transfer of land for the construction of the Finch Street project in August 2023. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2026.
<b>Canyon Rim Trail Phase III</b>	PW	The project design and right-of-way (ROW) acquisitions are underway from Knecht Street to 15 <sup>th</sup> Street. The design is being completed by an on-call engineering firm, Wilson and Co. The project is anticipated to be advertised for bids in Fall 2026 with construction occurring in late 2026/2027. Completion of the trail design from 15 <sup>th</sup> Street to 20 <sup>th</sup> Street is pending ROW acquisitions.

<b>Denver Steels Phase II</b>	PW, DPU	This project was awarded to TLC Plumbing and Utility (Spear D) with construction ongoing. The joint project with the Department of Public Utilities includes full road reconstruction along with utility upgrades. Asphalt paving work paving is wrapping up. Project is nearing completion.
<b>Fairway Dr. – Trinity Dr. to LANL Gate</b>	PW, DPU	This project is a joint-utility project with DPU and is anticipated for construction in late 2026 through 2027. The design is being completed in-house and is underway.
<b>Denver Steels Phase III</b>	PW, DPU	This project is a joint-utility project with DPU and is anticipated for construction in late 2026 through 2027. The design is being completed in-house and is underway.
<b>Longview Drive Realignment</b>	PW	The conceptual design is nearing completion. Next steps include public/business engagement and final design.

### Capital Improvement Projects Updates - Facilities

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

Project Name	Dept	Update
<b>Benchmarking Building Utility Consumption</b>	PW	No activities to report in May
<b>Justice Center Emergency Dispatch CRAC Unit</b>	PD	Architectural drawings required revisions. Pending revised drawings from vendor.
<b>Manhattan Project Era Dormitory Renovation</b>	PW	No update for May
<b>Golf Course Site Improvements</b>	PW, CSD	Mid-America completed warranty work.
<b>Golf Course Clubhouse HVAC replacement</b>	PW, CSD	Test and Balance completed; awaiting final T&B report.
<b>Ice Rink Floor Replacement and Shade Structure</b>	PW, CSD	No updates for May
<b>Fire Station 3 Snow Melt System Replacement</b>	PW, FD	Project Manager working on finalizing Task Order revision #1.
<b>Emergency Operations Center (EOC)</b>	PW, PD, FD	Project team is starting discussions about sustainable building features.

<b>Fire Station 4 Replacement</b>	PW, FD	Spartan Construction began mobilization, surveying, and site clearing in early May. Dirt work and soil testing is ongoing. Groundbreaking ceremony held on May 20 <sup>th</sup> was well attended.
<b>Aquatic Center Olympic Pool Restoration</b>	PW, CSD	Demolition is completed. Tile installation shall be completed by May 29 <sup>th</sup> . Project Manager is currently reviewing paint proposals.
<b>Betty Ehart Senior Center Renovation</b>	PW, CSD	50% Construction Documents received, currently obtaining cost proposals from on-call contractors.
<b>Betty Ehart Senior Center HVAC Replacement</b>	PW, CSD	Final Construction Documents received, currently obtaining cost proposals from on-call contractors.
<b>Mesa Public Library EV charging Stations</b>	CMO, PW, DPU	R&M Construction started project mobilization on May 18 <sup>th</sup> . Traffic barricades installed and layout for charger location completed. Asphalt removed and trenching started on May 20 <sup>th</sup> .
<b>Aquatic Center Pool Replacement Pumps Design</b>	PW, CSD	Farnsworth is currently working on a new design to improve the functionality of the existing mechanical pool equipment.
<b>County Facilities Interior and Exterior Lighting Upgrades</b>	PW	Miguel is reviewing scope of work for this project.
<b>PCS Salt Bins Rust Correction</b>	PW	Review of 90% of drawings in progress
<b>PCS Bus Canopy Snowmelt System</b>	PW	Construction drawings finalization in progress.
<b>Electric Bus Charging Infrastructure</b>	PW	Revisions to electrical drawings are in progress. Project team is compiling the bid documents.
<b>Brewer Arena Improvements</b>	PW, CSD	Council approved a Task Order with All-Rite Construction LLC, to begin construction in May 2026.
<b>Social Services Action Center</b>	PW, CSD	No updates for May
<b>Airport T-Hangars</b>	PW	Concrete removal for the new trench drain location. Concrete piers completed for new steel columns. Trench drain to be formed for concrete pour.
<b>WR Visitor Center Food Truck Pads</b>	PW, CDD	Due to high price proposals. Project is out for re-bid.
<b>BESC Heritage Gate</b>	PW, CSD	Project Completed.

<b>Ashley Pond Electrical Pedestals Phase II</b>	PW, CSD	Project on hold due to permits that need to be submitted to DOT. Project will continue after the concert series end and after Labor Day.
<b>White Rock Complex EV Chargers</b>	PW	Project is in design phase
<b>Longview Dr. Development</b>	PW	Council Approved on May 19 <sup>th</sup> a Task Order to begin demolition.
<b>Animal Shelter Dog Run/Exercise Area</b>	PD, PW	No updates for May
<b>Golf Course Finish Upgrades</b>	CSD, PW	Project Completed
<b>Justice Center Emergency Boiler Replacement</b>	PD, PW	Project Completed
<b>Justice Center ATS Issue</b>	PD, PW	Project Team is coordinating with contractor and customers to schedule a utility drop to further troubleshoot.
<b>Mesa Library PRV Issue</b>	CSD, PW	Scheduling with contractor to run new wire to the PRV.
<b>Fire 3 RTU Replacement</b>	FD, PW	A task order has been issued to Trane. The unit has been ordered, with an estimated lead time of 14–16 weeks. Will be ordering a large temp A/C unit for summer months
<b>PCS Ice Machines and Bottle Fillers</b>	PW	The quote is being finalized, working with Angelica will provide the funding string so Facilities can issue a purchase order (PO).
<b>Bonfire</b>	PW	Working with Jerry Smith, Broadband Manager to add additional items to Scope of Work (SOW).
<b>Crane and Lift Inspection</b>	PW	Inspection Complete, waiting for contractor to provide quote for repairs
<b>Fire 3 Parking lot lights and Wall Packs</b>	FD, PW	Parking lot lights are now working, and we are working on the wall packs
<b>Justice Detention</b>	PD, PW	Concrete polishing to start the week of May 26 <sup>th</sup> .
<b>HVAC Comprehensive Maintenance Program Draft</b>	PW	Draft is 75%
<b>Facilities Division Operations SOP's</b>	PW	Working on Life Safety Systems SOP's, 10% complete
<b>White Rock Library Front Door Replacement</b>	CSD, PW	PO will be issued the week of May 26 <sup>th</sup>
<b>PCS 1 Window Replacement in Transit Suite</b>	PW	PO will be issued in the week of May 26 <sup>th</sup>

## ROADS

### **Updates**

The Finch Street project was advertised for construction in April. The scope of work for the Finch St. project includes an extension of Finch St. from the end of 35th St. through the LAMC parking lot to Trinity Dr. (NM 502). The project is being coordinated with LAMC to reconfigure their existing parking lot and relocate their driveway east to the new Finch St. connection with Trinity Dr.

### **Connecting with the Public**

Public outreach for the Trinity Drive Safety and ADA project is ongoing. The county has contracted with CWA Strategic Communications, an experienced public relations agency, to provide this service.

The Denver Steels Phase II public outreach process consists of coordination with affected residents, businesses, and LAPS. This coordination is critical to successful project execution while minimizing negative impacts.

Planning is underway for public outreach for the multiple projects being overseen by Public Works including construction of NM-Crossing and Multi-Use Trail; and design of Denver Steels Phase III and Fairway Drive projects.

### **Looking Ahead**

Preparation continues in preparing solicitation of bids for NM-4 Multi-Use Trail and Crossing projects.

Design development continues for Denver Steels Phase III and Fairway Drive. These projects are joint-utility projects and are anticipated to be advertised for bids in late 2026 for 2026/2027 construction.

The Division continues to play an active role in reviewing developer applications, conducting inspections, and approving construction permits and design reviews. Recent reviews have covered a diverse range of projects, such as the Christus Development, A-8-A Coyote Mesa, 20th Street Development, the Guesthouse Hotel (old Hilltop House site), the Women's Dormitory Building, and the Hills Apartments/35th Street Realignment. Other reviews include the Century Bank, Sherwood Rounds off Longview Drive, Arbolada, and the redevelopment of the Motel 6 building.

## NEW STAFF & PROMOTIONS



**Bryan Romero, Engineering Project Manager**

The team is excited to welcome Bryan Romero to the team as the new Engineering Project Manager. Bryan brings a knowledgeable and extensive background that will be an asset to the department



**Matthew Salazar, Assistant Streets Superintendent**

Matthew Salazar recently accepted the Assistant Streets Superintendent position with Traffic and Streets. Congratulations Matt!

### **Brandon Kaye, Recreation Leader**

Brandon Kaye joined the Recreation Division as the Full-Time New Recreation Leader.

### **Staff Member Highlight of the Month – May 2026**



**David Jackson, Atomic City Transit**

Atomic City Transit is proud to recognize David Jackson for his outstanding contributions to the team. David joined ACT in February 2025 and has become a key

part of evening dispatch operations, helping customers while assisting with both fixed-route and Dial-a-Ride services. He consistently supports his supervisor and coworkers with a wide range of responsibilities.

David stands out for his initiative, dependability, and strong work ethic—he's someone who steps up and gets things done. Whether working in the office or out driving routes, his positive attitude and commitment to teamwork make him a valued member of the ACT team.

Great job, David! If you see him driving on your next trip with Atomic City Transit, be sure to say hello!



**Sonia Parsons, RIM**

Welcome, Sonia Parsons! Before starting at the county, Sonia worked at LANL and Family Strengths Network. She lives in Los Alamos with her 4-year-old daughter and husband and can be found at one of the many kid friendly events or playgrounds on the weekend. Sonia is excited to be at the county working in RIM and looks forward to making a positive contribution to the county and community of Los Alamos. The team is excited to have Sonia and look forward to the impact she will make.



**Marisha Ballew, Management Analyst**

Information Management (IM) Division recently welcomed Marisha Ballew as the new Management Analyst. Marisha has been a part of Los Alamos County for approximately 16 years, coming to us from the Golf Course, as the Customer Service Supervisor, and prior to that she spent 13 years in the Los Alamos Fire Department. Marisha's varied

skills will benefit IM greatly given her organizational skills, knowledge of the EERP, countywide relationships, knowledge and understanding of County policies, as well, as her contagious smile and enthusiasm.



**Zach Parliman and Jed Beddo**

Congratulations to two members of the IT Team! Please congratulate Zach Parliman and Jed Beddo on their well-deserved promotions, effective April 26th, 2026.

Zach Parliman has been promoted from Technical Support Specialist to Senior Technical Support Specialist. Zach's continued dedication and technical expertise have been invaluable to the team, and this promotion reflects his outstanding contributions to the division.

Jed Beddo has been promoted from Technical Support Specialist Trainee to Technical Support Specialist. In addition to his promotion, Jed was recognized with a Coin for Cooperation — an honor that speaks to his collaborative spirit and commitment to the team and the county.

We are proud to celebrate these milestones and look forward to seeing Zach and Jed continue to grow in their roles. Please take a moment to congratulate them both.



**Chief Aaron McNiff, Training Division Chief**

Aaron McNiff was promoted to Training Division Chief. Chief McNiff has been with LAFD for over 19 years and has spent more than 8 years serving in the Training Division as Training Captain. His dedication to developing our personnel and strengthening the department continues to make a lasting impact. We look forward to his leadership in this new role as he continues serving our community



**Robert Sanchez, Captain Paramedic**

Robert Sanchez was promoted to Captain. Captain Sanchez has been with LAFD for over 14 years and is currently serving as the Academy Training Captain for Academy #34. He is a Paramedic, a lead member of the Technical Rescue Team, and the IAFF Local #3279 Union President. His experience, commitment, and leadership have prepared him well for this role, and we look forward to seeing him continue to guide and support our crews.



**Ryan Wolf, Driver Engineer Paramedic**

Ryan Wolf was promoted to Driver Engineer. Ryan has been with LAFD for over 9 years and serves as a Paramedic, a member of the Technical Rescue Team, a Union Steward, and assists with academy instruction. Known for his willingness to help, along

with his positive attitude and upbeat spirit, Ryan is a valued member of our department. We look forward to his continued impact as he steps into this new role.



**Ruben Martinez, Driver Engineer**

Ruben Martinez was promoted to Driver Engineer. Ruben has been with LAFD for over 9 years and serves as a member of both our Technical Rescue Team and Fire Investigation/Inspection Team. Known around the stations as the “hype man,” Ruben brings unmatched energy, compassion for his crew, and a genuine passion for the fire service. His positivity, motivation, and commitment to those around him make him a strong leader and an asset to our department.



**Dylan Mahoney, Special Assigned Fire Inspector**

Driver Engineer/Paramedic Dylan Mahoney was assigned to the Fire Marshal’s Office as a Fire Inspector, bringing with him 16 years of experience in Operations. Prior to and during his assignment, Dylan demonstrated exceptional initiative and commitment to the Fire Marshal’s Office, dedicating additional time to training and professional development while continuing to perform his regular duties.

Since beginning his assignment, Dylan completed a two-week Fire Inspector course and obtained IFSAC Fire Inspector certification. He also received training in Fire Alarm Plan Development, Submittal and Review, attended the National Fire Academy’s Plans Review for Fire and Life Safety course, completed Fireworks and Pyrotechnics Display Safety training, and worked toward additional certifications, including ICC Fire Plans Examiner and International Association of Arson Investigators Fire Investigation Technician credentials.

In addition to his extensive training efforts, Dylan completed 137 fire inspections during his first month in the Fire Marshal's Office, playing a significant role in reducing overdue inspections and supporting the division's mission. His dedication, professionalism, and strong work ethic quickly made him a valuable asset to the Fire Marshal's Office.

## ANNIVERSARIES

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

#### **10 years**

Carlos Martinez

#### **15 years**

Timoteo Martinez

#### **20 years**

Catherine D'Anna

#### **25 years:**

Gwen Kalavaza

In May, Library Manager Gwen Kalavaza reached a significant professional milestone, receiving a certificate and commemorative pin from Community Services Director Cory Styron in recognition of her 25 years of service as a County employee.

#### **30 years**

Jeannette Aldaz



**Jeanette Aldaz, 30 years of Service**

Jeannette Aldaz celebrated 30 years of service with the County on May 13th, 2026, honored with a certificate and service pins at the June 2nd IM staff meeting. She joined the IT department on May 13, 1996, as a Senior Technical Support Specialist and quickly became known for her reliability, technical skill, and customer-focused support.

For over eight years, she worked in desktop and systems support, mentoring technicians and becoming the primary IT support for PD and Dispatch operations. Her prompt responses, deep system knowledge, and meticulous planning earned her recognition from the Police Chief in 2008 for outstanding service in resolving major software issues that affected timely submission of critical case information to other agencies.

From 2008 onward, Jeannette served as the Senior IT Business Analyst (later titled Senior Application Analyst/Developer) and the lead IT resource for Public Safety's Intergraph systems, managing critical upgrades, supporting FBI audit requirements, and contributing to major initiatives including dispatch moves, RMS and CAD enhancements, mobile deployments, PROQA/AQUA improvements, and Fire/EMS system upgrades. She regularly filled multiple roles—technical support, trainer, system administrator, designer, and liaison between IT and Police/Fire departments.

As the Intergraph system aged, Jeannette ensured its stability while also supporting the transition to new systems. She later joined the ERP/PRISM project team in 2016 and played a key role in the County's Tyler Munis implementation. By 2019, she had become the lead IT support for ERP systems, assisting Finance, Procurement, HR, Utilities, and Payroll users.

Throughout her career, Jeannette has been recognized for her customer service, professionalism, dependability, initiative, and growth mindset. Her positive attitude,

thoroughness, and commitment to learning have made her a valued and trusted member of the IT department.

## RETIREMENT

**The team would like to congratulate the following individuals on their retirement from the County:**

- Gilbert L. Padilla: Police after 3 Years
- John Fesser: DPU Water Production after 27 Years
- Mary Tapia: CM Human Resources after 7 Years

## ACCOLADES

**Congratulations to the following team members who earned Recognition coins this month:**

Matthew Martinez – Leadership and Personal Development

Victoria DeVargas – Personal Development

Mia Casados – Personal Development

Jennifer Rodgers - Cooperation

Jason Trujillo- Leadership

Sonya Ortiz – Cooperation

Your hard work directly demonstrates the County's values, and we congratulate you on striving to meet the mission and vision of the County. Thank you for your exceptional efforts and for being an inspiring part of the team.

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We're part of Los Alamos broadband history now!!! Congratulations and kudos to all! Anne

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**Subject:** Thank you!!

Good morning everyone,

I just wanted to send a quick note thanking you for your efforts yesterday for the groundbreaking. It was such a nice event and the planning and coordination you all put in, really showcased Los Alamos County in a great light. I heard so many positive comments from the attendees that I wanted to pass on.

With the exception of one gust of wind and the intense sun, it was a perfect day 😊.

### **Parks:**

Friday night concerts have officially kicked off, and the Parks Team continues to provide a beautiful landscape for the series through ongoing maintenance of Ashley Pond Park.

### **Library:**

A patron thanked staff for the spice giveaway offered in conjunction with Arab American Heritage Month. She shared that the challenge helped her discover a new spice, and she was “thrilled.”

Another patron expressed her appreciation for the bike repair station, noting that she has used it twice and that “the ability to hang up the bike really works!”

A third patron reported that he has read or listened to 67 books since staff helped him sign up for Libby and Hoopla in February, stating that the experience has “changed my life.”