

To: City Council

From: Nathan Cherpeski,
City Manager

Subject: Friday Update

Date: October 7, 2011



Calendar

Date	Time	Event	Location	Additional Information
October 19, 2011	6:00 p.m.	Development Resources Group Update	Council Chambers	*
CITY HALL IS LOCATED AT 300 HUNT FOR ALL THE FOLLOWING:				
November 2, 2011	4:00 - 7:00 p.m.	City Hall/Library Open House	300 Hunt	Citizens are encouraged to attend this community event
November 16, 2011	6:00 p.m.	Training on Council Chambers Voting System	Council Chambers	*
November 18, 2011	5:30 start of procession 6:15 concert	Celebration of Lights and Firehouse Concert	Starts at County Courthouse, concert in Fire Station	Citizens are encouraged to attend this community event
December 14, 2011	6:00 p.m.	Employee Holiday Party	Recreation Center	This is a social event and is not open to the public. No City business will be discussed
January 14, 2012	TBD	Alamosa Ice Fest	Downtown Alamosa	Citizens are encouraged to attend this community event
February 4, 2012	8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Winter Retreat	Large Conference Room, City Hall	*
June 19-22, 2012	Various	CML Annual Conference	Breckenridge	**
* Work sessions are informal Council meetings for the purpose of discussion among Council members. No action is taken. The public is invited to attend, but public comment is generally not received unless otherwise noted.				
**Training Opportunity, sponsored by outside entity. Council members have been invited to attend. Please check with originating entity for registration information				

City Manager

Construction Update – Final cleaning of the City Hall side of the new building will begin this weekend. We anticipate the furniture install starting next week. The library is about a week behind the City Hall. The built in furniture and case work should be completed Sunday. The home to pave next week the remaining parts of the parking lot. Testing and balancing of the HVAC system will occur on October 17. The system is already on and producing heat nicely. They are still working on the IT server room cooler and economizer. If you recall, the system allows the server room to be cooled by the outside air instead of paying for an A/C unit during our winters. The A/C units will cover the summer but we will take advantage of our cooler temperatures.

Police Department

1. Bear sighting. As reported in the news media there has been a large bear sighted in the City Limits in recent days. Residents are asked to keep all of their trash containers, barbeque grills, and all food inside. If you spot a bear; don't approach it and notify authorities immediately.
2. October 29th from 10a to 2p, APD will be participating in National Prescription Take-Back day at City Market; a press release will be sent out soon with additional information.
3. There were thirty-five (35) accidents reported during the month of September, 2011. 28.6% of accidents occurred on Friday's, followed by Thursdays at 25.7%. 34.2% of accident occurrence times were evenly distributed in three time periods of; (0700 - 0800), (0800 - 0900), (1600 – 1700) at 11.4% for each time period. 37% of accidents were reported on private property. 28.6% of accidents were Hit and Runs. Of the thirty-five reported accidents, "Unsafe Backing" accounted for 25.7% of the accidents. "Careless Driving" and "Following too close" each accounted for 17.1%.
4. There were 20 DUI arrests made in September, 7 domestic violence arrests, 14 alcohol violations cited, and a total of 33 summons issued for code enforcement and/or animal violations. Burglary reports (17) increased significantly this month; however multiple suspects have been identified and arrested as a result of follow-up investigation conducted by APD officers and detectives.
5. The Alamosa Police Department Command Staff participated in the "Justice in the Valley" event held on the campus of Adams State College this week. This event included an excellent address from Attorney General John Suthers.
6. The Alamosa Police Department participated in the Alamosa School District "walk to school" day on Tuesday.

Parks/Recreation/Library

Upcoming Special Events:

- 4th Annual Celebration of Lights and Firehouse Concert (November 18)
- 3rd Annual Alamosa Ice Fest (January 14, 2012)

Boy Scout Troop #307 Conservation Project:

The troop spent one Saturday morning installing protective chicken wire around 33 saplings on the front nine of the disc golf course as their conservation project. This should increase the survival rate of these trees protecting them from wildlife (particularly deer), people, and discs.



Disc Golf:

Parks staff has installed signage for all 18 holes including updated rules and maps at the entrance. “1st Annual Grizzly Parks and Rec Shootout” tournament is scheduled for Saturday, October 8. Important information:

- \$5 entry fee, registration includes t-shirt
- Individual Divisions: Adult Male & Female (16+)
- Team Divisions: 2 Person Adult Best Shot “Scramble” & Parent/Child 2 Person Best Shot “Scramble”
- First flight begins at 10:00 AM with practice rounds available at 9:15 AM
- DIRECTIONS: North on State Ave. past Cattails Golf course entrance. Turn left onto North River Rd. and go 1/2 mile and turn left at Disc Golf Course signage.

The Rec Center website (www.alamosarec.org) has been updated with information about the disc golf course and a map showing its location. Parks staff have installed a short exit bridge between hole number 1 and 9 to better facilitate player flow off of the course. In addition, staff installed updated signage at the start of the course to reflect the addition of the back nine.



Adult Team Sports & Programs:

- Men's Basketball – opens October 19
- Volleyball coming in 2012!
- Zumba Fitness & Zumba Toning

Youth Team Sports & Programs:

- Basketball – open
- Ice Hockey – open
- Volleyball – open
- High Altitude Challenge – Oct 11 (last race)
- Swimming Lessons

Swimming

The last session for youth swimming lessons at Adams State College Plachy Hall Swimming Pool will begin October 10. A session consists of eight 30 minute lessons Monday through Thursday with a low pupil to instructor ratio no greater than 5 to 1. Again, all levels will be accommodated during each time slot so families are free to choose which time works best for them.

- Format: (one session is 8, 30 min. lessons)
- Session IV: October 10 – 20 (final session)
- All classes accommodate all abilities
- Times: 6:15 & 6:50PM; Mon. - Thurs. Evenings
- Cost: \$35.00/Session

Library Move

Parks staff has been busy constructing “book movers” to help transfer the books from the current facility to the new City Hall complex. These movers will negate the need to box up the material and will allow personnel to immediately shelve the items.



Rec Center/Library Closure Dates

- Library Moving (October 20 – November 2)
- November 11 (Veterans Day)
- November 24-25 (Thanksgiving)