

To: City Council

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City Manager

Subject: Friday Update

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## Calendar

<b>CITY HALL IS LOCATED AT 300 HUNT</b>				
<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Additional Information</b>
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
December 16, 2011	6:30 p.m.	Parade of Lights	Downtown Alamosa	Citizens are encouraged to attend this community event
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 – Asbestos abatement will be finalized this week in the old city hall portion of the public safety building. The necessary concrete cuts for new utilities have been completed and the contractor has filled back in the walls that had been removed with the abatement work last week. Additional exterior work is continuing with stucco work to begin week after next. Depending upon the weather the contractor may need to do some tenting of the building.

Some punch list items remain and are being worked on at City Hall. At least two windows need to be replaced (one is cracked and the other is the wrong color) as part of the warranty and punch list effort. The HVAC is working with the control system better, with one unit still having problems. The contractor continues to work on that unit located in the library administration area.

## **Police Department**

1. Below is information provided to the Valley Courier concerning an article they will be publishing next week.

“The Alamosa Police Department through a grant from the Colorado Department of Transportation will be stepping up efforts throughout the remainder of the year searching for and arresting drivers who are under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Additional officers will be assigned to patrols with the specific mission of DUI identification and enforcement.” “Our goal is community safety!”

“Officers are only one part of the DUI equation and we can’t be everywhere so we are asking for the communities help in keeping our roadways safe. First, make a commitment to yourself, your families, and your friends that you will not get behind the wheel if you have been drinking or doing drugs. Second, designate sober drivers when you know you will be in social drinking and drug use settings. Lastly, if you know or see someone who you believe is under the influence and driving, report them immediately by simply calling 911 or \*277. The following clues can be indicative of a drunk driver:”

- Weaving in and out of a traffic lane
- Weaving noticeably within a traffic lane

- Traveling at speeds much slower than the flow of traffic
  - Braking erratically or stopping in a lane for no reason
  - Sudden stops for signal lights and slow start once they change
  - Remaining at the signal lights once they turn green – asleep at the wheel
  - Making wide turns and/or cutting the corner, striking the curb
  - Headlights off at night or on high beams
  - Driving with the turn signals on
  - The Driver looks intoxicated – staring straight ahead, face close to the windshield, and appears to be quite sleepy
  - Aggressive Driving – speed, tailgating and multiple lane changes or unsafe passing may also be the tell-tale signs of intoxication
2. As discussed at City Council, a meeting has been scheduled to address concerns raised by council and community members regarding community corrections clients' involvement in recent criminal activity and ongoing nuisance complaints.
  3. Although our burglary trend has slowed in recent weeks, we did have an early morning attempted burglary at JBC liquors this week. Video footage of the suspects was captured and will be broadcast via the media with the hopes of developing leads. Residents will be encouraged to report suspicious persons and circumstances immediately to police and we will be stepping up our presence and patrols throughout the city.

## **Public Works**

The new water system for irrigation of the back nine of the golf course was finished in August of this year and we pumped more than four million gallons in September and October from the wetland ponds to the back nine. This represents a treatment cost savings of over \$2,000 just for this short period of time of non-peak watering months. Annual treatment cost savings should exceed \$20,000 using our surface water for golf course irrigation rather than treated potable water. The untreated surface water should also be better for the grass while allowing us to make better use of the City's surface water rights. We are winterizing the system now and will put it back in service in early spring.

Work has begun on design of the re-construction of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street in front of the Post Office, Hunt Avenue from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> Street, and all of Cascade Avenue. We will also be doing a mill and overlay on 4<sup>th</sup> Street from Denver to State next year. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Street project will probably involve some night work to minimize impact on the Post Office operations which will be a new experience for many of us. We will also be doing some work on State Avenue which will include replacing water and sewer lines from 14<sup>th</sup> Street to Airport road and resurfacing State from 14<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> Streets. We will come back the following year to complete the re-surfacing from 17<sup>th</sup> to Airport Road.

Once Daylight Savings Time went into effect it quickly became apparent that our hours at the re-cycling facility needed to be adjusted. Our new winter hours are now Monday through Friday from 7:30 am to 5:00 pm and weekends and holidays from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. The new facility appears to have been very well received and we will continue to improve the physical layout and operational procedures as we gain more experience at this new location with all of the additional room available to us.

## **Parks/Recreation/Library**

### **Upcoming Special Events**

- 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration of Lights and Firehouse Concert (November 18)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Alamosa Ice Fest (January 13-14, 2012)

### **2011 Alamosa Celebration of Lights**

The Celebration of Lights event starts at 5:30 PM with the lighting of the Alamosa County Courthouse, followed by Historic Engine #169 and the new City Hall/Library Complex. After the procession, there will be a complimentary concert at the new Alamosa Fire House. 68 West, an Adams State Choral Group, will be performing. Hot cocoa and cookies will be provided.

### **Skatepark Update**

The next and last public forum for users and interested citizens to provide their input on this design will be Thursday, December 8 starting at 7:00 PM at the Rec Center.

### **Youth Rocketry**

Due to the success of our recently completed beginning youth rocketry class; two new sessions have been added and time is winding down to get signed up. Parents are encouraged to attend and take part in a fun, educational experience with their child. A large private donation has allowed us to significantly reduce the price of the class (\$15 for beginners and \$25 for intermediates). The intermediate class is open to anyone with model rocketry experience; one does not have to have taken the beginning class to sign up for this new offering. Here are some specifics:

### **BEGINNING YOUTH MODEL ROCKETRY**

(Monday, Nov. 28 – Wednesday, Nov. 30; 6:30 – 7:30PM at the AFRC)

Build a real rocket from the bottom up and launch it!

This class is an entry level model rocket program for parents and kids. As beginning

Rocketeers, the participants will:

- Learn the model rocketry safety code
- Learn how a rocket launches, operates and flies
- Construct a model rocket including sanding, gluing and painting
- Learn to measure altitude
- Launch and recover your own rocket!

### **INTERMEDIATE MODEL ROCKETRY**

(Monday, Dec. 12 – Thursday, Dec. 15; 6:30 – 7:30PM at the AFRC)

Build a more advanced model rocket from the bottom up and launch it!

This class is an intermediate level model rocket program for adults and kids.

We suggest that prospective entrants should have completed the Beginning Rocketry class, or have prior experience in model rocketry, or be 12+ years old. Participants will:

- Learn the model rocketry safety code
- Learn how a rocket launches, operates and flies
- Construct a more advanced model rocket including sanding, gluing and painting
- Learn to measure and calculate altitude
- Construct their own launcher (day 5 - optional)
- Launch and recover their own rocket.

Most materials are included in the class fee. Participants will need to bring a small collection of supplies such as tape, scissors, glue, etc.

Launch day is typically the Saturday following the class at the AFRC.

### **New Swimming Fall Sessions Added**

Youth swimmers will be happy to hear the opportunity to improve their skills will continue into November and December. Dates, times, and registration have been confirmed: Session VI is scheduled to begin after Thanksgiving on Monday, November 28 and finish up Thursday, December 8. Session times will be 6:15 – 6:45pm Monday through Thursday evenings.

Ability assessments will be conducted within the time frame of the classes.

### **Pre School Play Gym (NEW PROGRAM!)**

Around 20 kids showed up for the first session of our new program! Pre-school play gym will continue on Mondays from 9:30AM – 12PM through March 26. The fee for this program will be \$1.00/child and a parent or guardian must sign a waiver and remain on-site. One does not have to be an Alamosa Family Rec Center member to participate. As the outdoor activities wind down; avoid the winter blues, let your children come out and play and meet some other families.

### **Challenger Sports 2012 Summer Soccer Camp Dates Set**

June 4 – 8, 2012: We are pleased to announce Challenger sports will again be providing a variety of options for kids looking to improve their soccer skills. The following link provides detailed information and registration for the 2012 camp. Makes a great Christmas present.....

<https://registration.challengersports.com/FindACamp/FindACamp.asp?IdS=0000A1-885C1A0&Method=CampSession&Key=0|1|18833&~=>

### **Rec Center/Library Closure Dates**

- November 24-25 (Thanksgiving)

**WE'RE LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS!**

Lend your expertise by volunteering to serve on the Recreation Advisory Board. The board meets monthly on the second Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m. This board is charged with providing advice on administrative functions relating to the operation of city parks, recreational facilities, and programs. Applicants must be City residents, verified through voter registration. For more information and application form, go to [www.cityofalamosa.org](http://www.cityofalamosa.org) or call the City Clerk's office at 589-2593 ext. 8.