

To: City Council

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City Manager

Subject: Friday Update

Date: August 19, 2011



Calendar

Date	Time	Event	Location	Additional Information
August 24, 2011	7:00 p.m.	Budget - session with Department Heads	Council Chambers	*
August 25, 2011	3:30 p.m.	Reception with ASC Board of Trustees	Vistas Restaurant, ASC	****
August 26, 2011	9:00 a.m.	Elementary School Grand Opening	1707 10th Street	**
August 31, 2011	6:00 p.m.	Budget - continued discussion as needed	Council Chambers	*
September 14, 2011	6:00 p.m.	Budget - continued discussion as needed	Council Chambers	* Come learn more about the services the City offers.
September 14, 2011	4:30 p.m. 4:00 p.m. Pre-meeting	City Services Fair	Cole Park	
September 20, 2011	6:00 p.m. Social Hour 7:00 p.m. Meeting	CML District 8 Meeting	Wagon Wheel Sports Bar & Grill, 20245 US Hwy. 285, La Jara	***
October 19, 2011	6:00 p.m.	Development Resources Group Update	Council Chambers	*
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.

**This is a public event to which Council members have been invited.

***Training Opportunity sponsored by outside entity. Council members have been invited to attend. Please check with originating entity for registration information

****This is an event to which Council members have been invited. No City business will be discussed.

City Manager

Construction continues to progress at the city complex. Painting and texturing are nearly complete on the City Hall wing. The main entry way is scheduled to be textured next week with paint following the beginning of the week after.



The staff bathrooms are completely tiled and the public restrooms will be tiled early next week.



The brick arches have also been completed this week. Stucco prep work is currently underway.



Data wiring is also underway. The amount of wire is amazing. This represents only a portion of the City Hall wire.

Significant work continues on water line replacement along 4th street and street work continues as the City attempts to get everything done in our short construction season. During part of the water line replacement it was discovered that one block of the cast iron line had been replaced in the early 1980's with PVC. Staff is looking at possibly doing some replacement work on 8th or 9th since less has to be done on 4th street.

Municipal Court

Staff from the Court and Police Department has been collaborating on ways to address multiple issues surrounding court scheduling. One challenge is that often every on-shift officer, as well as some on overtime, is in court at one time. This causes not only congestion in the facility, but limits the officers' ability to be effective in other aspects of their jobs. Defendants are similarly inconvenienced because those called at the end of the docket have waited as long as 2 or 3 hours for their case to be called. The third challenge is the lack of courtroom security in general.

With input from officers, court staff, the Judge, and Prosecutor, these are changes that will be implemented November 1.

- Existing Monday court dates (first and fourth Mondays) will be sentencing/hearings only. Officers do not need to be present for these hearings.
- The existing third Wednesday each month will be traffic trials and pre-trials. Pre-trials may be for cases of any nature (not limited to traffic).
- The existing second Wednesday each month will be ordinance trials, with a new date added on the fourth Wednesday.
- Cases will be scheduled in two segments. While this runs the risk of having some time in between segments if the early cases move quickly, the expectation is that the benefit will outweigh this most of the time.
- The potential for a Bailiff is being explored. During court sessions where officers are present, one of them will be designated to serve in this role. We are considering options for the hearing dates where no officers are present.

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Liquor Licensing

- I administratively accepted a new Tavern license application from the Knights of Columbus. A needs and desires hearing has been set for September 21, 2011.
- The State conducted its own round of compliance checks on April 9, 2011 resulting in one violation by Pizza Hut. A Stipulation Agreement has been reached, with the penalty imposed of 15 total days suspension, 5 served and 10 in abeyance for one year. The business requested and was approved to pay a fine in lieu of suspension in the amount of \$200. It is noteworthy that this penalty is similar to that imposed by Council for our local compliance checks.

Police Department

1. APD staff has met with Staff of the Alamosa School District the past few weeks to finalize preparations related to the School Resource Program. Beginning Monday August 22, 2011, Officer Jason Wilfong will once again be assigned to the schools. In addition, and when

available, other officers will be patrolling near the schools and adjacent neighborhoods to monitor traffic flow and to evaluate the traffic pattern/safety near the new elementary school.

2. APD officers will also be patrolling near ASC campus to address annual parking complaint areas.
3. APD requested and received two free (\$2,200 value) Child Forensic Interview training slots from the Colorado Children's Alliance. As a result of this training, the valley will have two trained law enforcement officers capable of conducting child interviews in high-profile abuse cases. This specialized training will enable us to more successfully prosecute crimes against children. Currently, children are being sent out-of-valley for these types of interviews; these new resources provide a more convenient service to our victim children and families.

Parks/Recreation/Library

Upcoming Special Events:

- Early Iron Festival - September 2-4, Cole Park
- City Services Fair – September 14, Cole Park (4:30 – 7:00 PM)
- 4th Annual Celebration of Lights and Firehouse Concert (November 18)

Temporary Library Parking and Entrance:

As part of the construction for the new city hall complex, the parking lot on the east side of the current library will be narrowed and the access road moved to the west. Earthwork will be beginning next week and this area will be off-limits to the public. As a temporary measure, library patrons will be able to park directly behind the library per the diagram below. Community members wishing to park behind the library should be aware of the **NO PARKING** zones for the fire fighters and the fire station driveway. Also, the public should take care when parking due to the concrete piers located in south part of the lot.



Cole Park Playground Relocation:

Parks staff is in the process of moving the playground equipment in Cole Park to its new location next to the west pavilion. All equipment and safety tiling will be moved by the end of the month.



Rec Center Reception Desk:

Staff has relocated to the new ADA-compliant reception desk at the Rec Center. Wiring for power and data was recently completed allowing the front staff and administrative assistant to man the desk. Since no other department was interested in taking the old desk, we have moved and modified the desk to be used as a display area, sign-up desk for third parties, and a public barrier.



Hwy 160 East Entryway:

Parks staff has completed the landscape project for the east entryway into Alamosa. Travelers entering and leaving town will be presented with Cole Park, the new City Hall complex, the train pavilion, entry way sign, and the new landscaping – a lot to take in!



Fall/Winter Recreation Season:

The 2011 Fall/Winter activities flyer and guide are now online at www.AlamosaRec.org. The activities flyer was also distributed through the August water/trash bills. Copies of the flyer are available at the Rec Center, library, and City Hall. As before, the online flyer contains “interactive links” that will take you to the appropriate program for more information or to register online.

Adult Team Sports & Programs:

- Co-ed Recreational Soccer 6 v 6 – closes September 2
- Women’s Basketball – closes September 9
- Men’s Basketball – opens October 19
- Volleyball coming in 2012!
- Aikido
- Painting
- Taekwondo
- Zumba Fitness & Zumba Toning

Youth Team Sports & Programs:

- Basketball – open
- Flag Football – closes August 24

- Ice Hockey – open
- Soccer – closes August 22
- Volleyball – open
- Aikido
- High Altitude Challenge
- Rocketry – closes September 20
- Taekwondo
- Swimming Lessons
- Zumbatomic Kids

Swimming

Adams State College Swimming and the City of Alamosa Parks and Recreation Department are pleased to announce youth swimming lessons will continue this fall at the Adams State Plachy Hall Swimming Pool. Four, two week evening sessions have been scheduled with a choice of two times: 6:15 PM or 6:50 PM. 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.

- Registration: Aug. 1 - Oct. 7
- Format: (one session is 8, 30 min. lessons)
- Session I: August 29 - Sept. 9
- Session II: September 12 - 22
- Session III: September 26 - October 6
- Session IV: October 10 - 20.
- All classes accommodate all abilities
- Times: 6:15 & 6:50PM; Mon. - Thurs. Evenings
- Cost: \$35.00/Session