

To: City Council

From: Nathan Cherpeski,  
City Manager

Subject: Friday Update

Date: September 23, 2011



## Calendar

Date	Time	Event	Location	Additional Information
October 19, 2011	6:00 p.m.	Development Resources Group Update	Council Chambers	*
February 4, 2012	8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Winter Retreat	Large Conference Room	
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

The construction on the city hall/library continues to make good progress. Carpet has been installed in much of the City Hall side and casework/millwork (built-in cabinets) is being installed throughout the building. The site concrete is nearly complete and base work for the parking areas should continue next week.

Streets- Market Street is scheduled to be repaved this Sunday. Notices have gone out to those impacted. They will work on the southern portion of the street first to get City Market access back as soon as possible.

I participated in my first training on the Buxton Scout product. The retail matching model should be available in about a month.

## **Police Department**

- At the suggestion of a community member, the Alamosa Police Department will be implementing the “Ask the Chief” column that is intended to be an educational tool for citizens to learn more about municipal ordinances, state and federal laws, police department procedure and programs, and topics related to the services we provide. Later this year, we will begin publishing an article on the police webpage [www.cityofalamosa.org](http://www.cityofalamosa.org). If you have an idea you would like for us to consider, please send an email to [cdodd@ci.alamosa.co.us](mailto:cdodd@ci.alamosa.co.us). At the least, we will answer questions directly, and if there is enough interest we may publish it.
- In recent weeks we have received information from various sources about the increased availability and use of heroin in the San Luis Valley. This increase is not unique to Alamosa or the San Luis Valley, rather it appears to be a statewide trend that has resulted in several overdose cases. In addition, we are receiving information that property stolen in local burglaries are being traded for drugs. As the eyes and ears in our community, we request that anyone with information relating to heroin distribution and/or use, or the trading of stolen property for drugs report it to the Alamosa Police Department or information can be reported anonymously to crime-stoppers at (719) 589-4111.
- The Alamosa Police Department will again be partnering with our colleagues at DEA and other local law enforcement in the National Drug Take Back Program on October 29<sup>th</sup>. Further details (location/times) of this event are still being worked with more information coming in the near future. “National Prescription Drug Take Back Day addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. More than seven million Americans currently abuse prescription drugs, according to the 2009 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration’s National Survey on Drug Use and Health. Each day, approximately, 2,500 teens use prescription drugs to get high for the first time according to the Partnership for a Drug Free America. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including the home medicine cabinet. DEA in conjunction with state and local law enforcement agencies throughout the United States conducted National Prescription Drug Take Back Days on Saturday, September 25, 2010 and April 25, 2011. Nearly, 4,000 state and local law enforcement agencies throughout the nation participated in these events, collecting more than 309 tons of pills” Source: [http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug\\_disposal/takeback/index.html](http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback/index.html)
- The Alamosa Police Department tactical team recently completed two days of assessment and training in Alamosa that was provided at no charge by a colleague police department and a nationally known tactical instructor. The information shared/learned is already being put into practice and will help us to

further develop our team preparedness and prioritize future training and equipment needs.

- The Alamosa Police Department will be hosting a meeting of local professionals to discuss the Child Advocacy Center concept. Colleagues from the Front Range will be on-hand to share with us their knowledge and experience with Child Advocacy Centers, as well as “best practices” as it relates to child abuse investigations and victim/family resources.
- Captain Robert Jackson has been selected to sit on the Community Corrections Board of Directors for the 12<sup>th</sup> Judicial District; Congratulations Robert.

## **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 14, 2012)

### **Eagle Scout Project:**

Parks & Rec is supporting an Eagle Scout Project for Trason Jackson. His project consists of a rustic message center at the wildlife viewing area and a pathway from the parking lot to and around the memorial boulder. The message center will incorporate the name for the new park as park of its feature. From a staff viewpoint, these improvements will greatly enhance the appearance and use of this area for the public.

### **Naming Opportunities:**

The future of Alamosa is in your hands!

The City of Alamosa is asking for public input on naming three new city facilities:

- City park incorporating the Ranch ponds and wildlife viewing area
- Library special collections room
- Cole Park skatepark

Entries should include the suggested name, what inspired it, and the entrant’s full contact information, including name, mailing address, phone number and email address if available. The naming process includes a contest with prizes good at local merchants.

For more information, go to [www.cityofalamosa.org](http://www.cityofalamosa.org) and click on “Naming Opportunities” or pick up a paper entry at the Alamosa Family Recreation Center, City Hall, or the Alamosa Public Library. Entry deadline is October 3.

### **NFL 50<sup>th</sup> Year Punt, Pass, & Kick Competition**

AFRC will be hosting a NFL Punt, Pass, & Kick competition at Cole Park, September 26 @ 5:30 PM. The competition is free and open to all boys and girls ages 6-15. Entry form

is available online at [www.AlamosaRec.org](http://www.AlamosaRec.org) or stop by the Rec Center for a paper copy. Need more information? Call Jessica at 589-2105.

### **Disc Golf:**

Parks staff has installed signage for all 18 holes including updated rules and maps at the entrance. A grand opening and “1st Annual Grizzly Parks and Rec Shootout” tournament is scheduled for October 8. Registration deadline is Thursday, October 6 at 9:00PM. Contestants can register at the Alamosa Family Rec Center (589-2105) or at the ASC Rex Activity Center (587-7989). 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](http://www.alamosarec.org)) has been updated with information about the disc golf course and a map showing its location. Parks staff will be constructing a short exit bridge prior to the tournament in order to better facilitate player flow off of the course.

### **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 – Sept 27/Oct 4/Oct 11
- Rocketry – closes September 20
- Swimming Lessons

### **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 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

**Rec Center/Library Closure Dates**

- November 11 (Veterans Day)
- November 24-25 (Thanksgiving)