

To: City Council

From: Nathan Cherpeski,  
City Manager

Subject: Friday Update

Date: September 9, 2011



## Calendar

| Date  | Time  | Event  | Location   | Additional Information                              |
|---|---|--|--|---|
| September 14, 2011  | 4:30 p.m.   | City Services Fair   | Cole Park  | Come learn more about the services the City offers. |
| September 20, 2011  | 4:00 p.m. Pre-meeting<br>6:00 p.m. Social Hour<br>7:00 p.m. Meeting | CML District 8 Meeting                                       | Wagon Sheel Sports Bar & Grill, 20245 US Hwy. 285, La Jara | **  |
| September 21, 2011  | 5:30 p.m.   | Community Resources and Housing Development Corporation tour | Meet at City Hall  |   |
| October 19, 2011  | 6:00 p.m.   | Development Resources Group Update                           | Council Chambers   | *   |
| June 19-22, 2012  | Various   | CML Annual Conference  | Breckenridge   | **  |
| <p>* 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.</p> <p>**Training Opportunity sponsored by outside entity. Council members have been invited to attend. Please check with originating entity for registration information</p> |   |  |  |   |

## City Manager

Construction is continuing with exterior and interior work both occurring simultaneously. The entry way tile is nearly complete and should be installed and grouted by Saturday. Carpet is scheduled to begin next week along with

installation of the built-in cabinetry. Curbs and gutters are going in with a hope to begin paving late in the week of the 19<sup>th</sup>. Gobins will begin installation of furniture late next week or early the week after according to the current schedule.

We met yesterday with the LEED agent who is scheduling the commissioning of the new building. You will also have a contract in front of you soon for the testing and balancing of the HVAC system. All in all we are moving forward and hope to occupy in mid-October.

## **Police Department**

1. In response to community concerns and independent observations, the Alamosa Police Department will be stepping-up visibility and traffic enforcement in our downtown corridor along Main Street. This area has the highest concentration of daily traffic and includes three modes (pedestrians, bicycles, and vehicles) of transportation which create issues concerning safe travel. Although presence and enforcement are two strategies we will employ, the most effective strategy is the awareness of our community members and voluntary compliance of traffic rules and regulations. We ask that everyone to pay closer attention and abide by all traffic rules and regulations. Specifically, watch your speed, concentrate on driving (no texting/emailing/phone usage), pay attention to your surrounding (pedestrians and bicycles) and in just in general, be courteous of each other. All traffic laws are designed to protect each of us, so let's all do our part.
2. Being a law enforcement officer can be difficult at times as we must balance community interest and safety priorities with personnel resource availability and maintaining a positive working relationship with our community members and visitors. This is accomplished through awareness, education, and enforcement. At times, we are criticized for not taking enough action (not making enough arrests or writing enough tickets), or conversely, taking too much action (writing too many tickets or making too many arrests). There is a healthy balance we strive for and this is accomplished through problem evaluation, strategy selection and officer discretion. Here are a few statistics that provide a snapshot (not all inclusive) of officer activity in August 2011.
  - a. In August/2011, officers wrote 318 citations for a variety of traffic and criminal violations; 27 alone for liquor violations and/or DUI.
  - b. In August/2011, officers made 123 arrests.
  - c. In August/2011, 27 citations were written for municipal code (weeds/animal) violations; during the same time in August 2010 there were 17.

- d. In August 2011, there were 27 motor vehicle accidents occurring in the City reported to police, during the same time in August 2010 there were 38.
3. Alamosa Police Officers continue working with the School District and Public Works department regarding the traffic patterns, flow, and signage around the new elementary. In recent days, officers have noted a marked improvement in traffic flow/safety as parents/children/school officials are have adapted to these traffic patterns and new school. We will continue working with all involved and make further improvements as necessary.
4. The Alamosa community enjoyed an uneventful (by police officer standards) Early Iron Festival weekend. The event was well attended with no significant public safety issues arising. As many know, this was the first year Main Street was shut down for the “Slow Cruise” and there was a live band on San Juan; neither caused any additional issues or problems. The Police Department will be working with other City Departments to address the length of time and traffic pattern breakdown along Main Street for next year’s event. In addition, participants in the Saturday activities at Cole Park will be provided information prior to the next event as to the impermissibility of bringing alcohol into Cole Park.

## **Parks/Recreation/Library**

### **Upcoming Special Events:**

- City Services Fair – September 14, Cole Park (4:30 – 7:00 PM)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration of Lights and Firehouse Concert (November 18)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Alamosa Ice Fest (January 14, 2012)

### **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 is very near to completing the back nine of the disc golf course which was made possible by Adams State College's purchase of nine baskets. 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.

### **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 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

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

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

### **Public Works**

Street and utility construction will be winding up over the next few weeks. We will start the mill and overlay work on 4<sup>th</sup> and on State Thursday or Friday of next week and should have those two streets paved back no later than the end of the following week (Sept 23). Within that same time period I expect to be able to jump over to do a plant mix seal coat on Market Street.

The cast iron water lines on 4<sup>th</sup> and on State and Cascade are complete and we hope to be able to replace the lines on 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Streets from State to Ross in late September/early October. We will be able to complete this within the original STAG grant budget it looks like. As long as we can get the lines in by mid-October we should still be able to get a good patch on the streets pending their future overlay in the next couple of years. This will complete the most problematic of our remaining cast iron water lines. We still have a few in the system but they are not giving us any problems to date and will replace them as we schedule rehabilitation of the street pavements.

### **Fire Department**

Sept 11<sup>th</sup> Memorial Timeline and information

For additional information contact:

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Chief Don Chapman  
719-580-2201  
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## **TIMEFRAME FOR EVENTS**

**9:30 am Silent Apparatus Procession will be begin Starting from AFD Station 1, 425 4<sup>th</sup> Street**

**ANYONE WANTING TO WATCH THE SILENT PROCESSION CAN DO SO ANYWHERE ALONG THE ROUTE**

1. Path will be the following:
  - a. West on 4<sup>th</sup> Street to State St.
  - b. Turn Right on State and proceed to 1<sup>st</sup> St.
  - c. Turn left on 1<sup>st</sup> Street and travel to ASC College
  - d. Stopping point will be in front of Rex Gymnasium

**10:00 am Ceremony (approximately) In Front of New ASC Stadium**

1. Procession of firemen and police personnel
2. Alamosa Police Color Guard will lead us into Ceremony area
3. Opening Statement
4. 21 gun salute by Alamosa Police
5. Dueling taps by ASC Trumpet Players
6. Moment of Silence
7. Amazing Grace by ASC
8. Conclusion and start of stair climb

**10:30-10:45 am Start of Stair Climb (Finish time will depend the amount of participants)**

The stair climb will be open to all fire and police personnel, valley citizens, ASC students that are willing to participate in the climb.

1. Location will be Rex Field
2. Stairs will be in the stadium
2. There will be information there for how many steps will be needed in order to complete a climb of one of the towers.
3. COMPLETELY OPTIONAL TO DO ALL THE STAIRS OR WHAT THE PERSON FEELS COMFORTABLE DOING.
4. Water will be available

**Fundraiser for National Fallen Firefighters Association and Policeman's Memorial Fund**

\$15.00 will get a custom designed 2 color front and 2 color back design on a black t-shirt remembering the 10 years after September 11<sup>th</sup>.

You can pick up your shirts at the event and pay at that time as well by cash or check

To order your shirt email: Fundraiser for NFFA with shirt sizes and quantities to [firedept@ci.alamosa.co.us](mailto:firedept@ci.alamosa.co.us) or mail to

Alamosa Fire Department  
9-11 Memorial Fundraiser  
PO BOX 419  
Alamosa, CO 81101

\*\*\*\*make checks payable to Alamosa Fire Department and include shirt size and quantities

Please include name, address and phone number in case you need to be contacted or have questions.

If you have any questions please contact Chris Rodgers or Don Chapman.