

To: City Council

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City Manager

Subject: Friday Update

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## Work Sessions

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.

Date	Time	Location	Event
05/12	6:00 p.m.	Chambers	Board Applicant Interviews
05/14-15	10:00 a.m.	Antlers Inn, Creede	Council Retreat

## Special Meetings

Special Meetings are formal Council meetings which occur outside the Regular Meeting schedule. The Public is invited to attend.

Date	Time	Location	Event
03/11	4:00 p.m.	Chambers	City Complex Financing Ordinance Public Hearing

## Training Opportunities

These are events sponsored by other entities, to which Council members have been invited. No City business will be discussed at these events. Please check with the originating entity for registration information.

Date	Time	Location	Event
06/22-25	TBD	Breckenridge	CML Annual Conference

### **City Manager**

Staff has been working with both the architects and finance professionals for the City Complex project. Bloomberg reported today that municipal interest rates hit a 3 month low. Over the last six months rates have been at historic lows. The City also continues to get significant interest from contractors on the building project.

Staff is working to set up a meeting with several of Council's advisory boards to get a better handle on their perceived roles and how that impacts day to day operations. I will let you know how that goes.

### **City Clerk**

In the last Friday Update, I reported on three liquor legislative bills that could impact municipalities. This is an update on those bills.

HB 10-1150 Caterer License. This is the bill that would have created a new class of license that authorizes caterers to sell and serve alcohol where food is catered. This bill was Postponed Indefinitely on February 19.

HB 10-1186. This is the bill that would have allowed convenience stores to obtain a license to sell full strength beer. This bill was Postponed Indefinitely on February 24.

HB 10-1279 Allows grocery stores with a pharmacy to purchase a Retail Liquor Store license within 1000 feet of their door, if the seller is willing. This has been in committee since February 5, with no signs of recent action.

### **Parks, Recreation & Library**

#### **2010 Spring-Summer Activities Guide**

- The latest guide is online at [www.AlamosaRec.org](http://www.AlamosaRec.org). Printed copies will be distributed next week.
- The following youth sports are now open for registration in person or online:
  - Youth Soccer registration March 1<sup>st</sup> – March 29<sup>th</sup>
    1. Bear Cubs season is (4) weeks and begins May 1<sup>st</sup>. Must be 3 yrs old by May 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - Youth baseball/Softball & T-ball registration March 1<sup>st</sup> – May 17<sup>th</sup>
    1. 10-12 Boys Fast Pitch Baseball & 10-13 Girls Modified Pitch. Online registration not available for these programs. Proof of age must be provided at registration.

#### **Hershey Track Meet scheduled for May 5<sup>th</sup> 9:15 AM at ASC Rex Stadium**

- Open to all 9-14 year old athletes. Age as of December 31<sup>st</sup> 2010.
- Registration for this event due by April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 PM. Copy of birth record required. NO SAME DAY REGISTRATION.
- Volunteers Needed. Inquire by email to [bbenke@ci.alamosa.co.us](mailto:bbenke@ci.alamosa.co.us)

### **Monday Night Adult Drop-in Basketball**

- March 8<sup>th</sup> – May 3<sup>rd</sup> (8:00 PM – 10:00 PM)
- Main Gym - \$4 non-members

### **Wednesday Night Adult Drop-in Volleyball**

- March 10<sup>th</sup> – May 5<sup>th</sup> (8:00 PM – 10:00 PM)
- Main Gym - \$4 non-members

### **Ride the Rockies comes to Alamosa and the AFRC**

- June 18<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>
- Volunteers Needed. Inquire by email to [bbenke@ci.alamosa.co.us](mailto:bbenke@ci.alamosa.co.us)

### **Early Literacy**

- Storybox Special is expanding! Storybox Special is Southern Peaks Library's early literacy program for home childcare providers. Each month a box of books and is exchanged, delivered to their home to enjoy (and in the process develop early literacy skills). The only requirement is taking an initial (free) class about early literacy. The entire program is free.
- Friends of the Library received a \$3,000 grant from the El Pomar Foundation to grow the program further here in the San Luis Valley! We are adding more boxcars (boxes of books) and more delivery locations.

### **Library Grant Opportunity**

- Under the LSTA grant, we are continuing Special Spanish classes for the BOCES Migrant Education Program parents. They come to the library via transportation provided by BOCES when needed. An employee of the Migrant Ed. Program who is bilingual comes to help our Technology Trainer with Basic computer classes. We will be having a class on Friday nights, every other week (6-8 pm) to accommodate working parents.
- Other Basic Computer classes are being offered to the general public on a regular basis. The series of classes now includes: "I've Never Touched a Computer", "Introduction to the Internet", "Introduction to Email", Microsoft Word 2007, Microsoft Excel 2007, Digital Camera, Virus Prevention and Removal, Advanced Internet Techniques and a special class on 'Mango Languages'.
- We have had 307 computer class attendees in January and February 2010. Our mid-year report for the LSTA grant project will be submitted March 5.

### **Movie Night at the Library**

- 20 parents with their children came to our last Movie Night on Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup> showing "Monster vs. Aliens". The movie for March 5 will be "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs", showing at 7:00 pm at the Library.

**Friends of Southern Peaks Public Library**

- Friends of the Library will be publishing a second edition of “Message from the Hidden Lake” in 2010. Deadline for submissions is May 15, 2010.