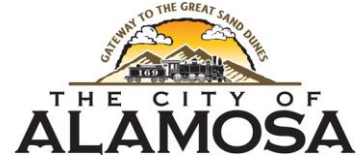


To: City Council and City Staff

From: Heather Brooks,
City Manager



Subject: Friday Update

Date: December 1, 2014

Calendar

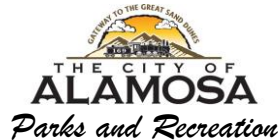
CITY HALL IS LOCATED AT 300 HUNT				
Date	Time	Event	Location	Additional Information
December 17, 2014	6:15 p.m.	Work Session - Policy Review	Council Chambers	***
December 19, 2014	6:30 p.m.	Christmas Light Parade	Main Street	***
January 30 and 31, 2015	All Day	Alamosa Ice Fest	Downtown	***
* Work sessions 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.				
**Sponsored by outside entity. Council members have been invited to attend. Please check with originating entity for registration information				
*** Citizens are encouraged to attend this community event				
**** This is a purely social event and not open to the public				

City Manager

- Weekly meetings with Mayor and City Clerk
- Meeting to discuss water needs
- Attended monthly Justice Center Task Force meeting
- Attended Library Board meeting
- Weekly Management Team meetings
- Attended TSJC Donors, Supporters, and Scholars Lunch
- Attended weekly ACEDC Board Meeting
- Attended monthly Golf Board Meeting
- Attended ribbon cutting for Tu Casa
- Attended monthly Senior Board Meeting

Parks & Rec

“ CREATING COMMUNITY THROUGH PEOPLE, PARKS, AND PROGRAMS



Welcome to our Parks and Recreation Department Update! As always; more information is available at www.alamosarec.org or call the Alamosa Family Recreation Center at (719) 589-2105. Happy Recreating!

Childcare

Select Rec Center staff has been trained and is ready for parents looking to get in a late afternoon workout! Preliminary plans **are to offer childcare from 4:30-7:30pm on Monday through Thursday beginning December 1st!** Patrons must remain in the building, children must be potty trained, and ages accepted will be 2 – 10. A two hour limit will apply and service will be first-come first-serve with a limit of eight children at any one time. The cost will be \$2/hour with half hour increments available. **Staff would like your feedback on the available hours. For example, would daytime hours be preferred or some combination of day and evening hours considering around ten total available hours/week? Please contact Community Activities Manager Andy Rice @ arice@ci.alamosa.co.us with your feedback.**

Fitness Update

Zumba with Jessica Castillo will take a Holiday Break after December 11 with classes resuming Tuesday and Thursday at 5:30pm on January 6th. Remember; diverse classes from Mommy and Me Bootcamp to Step Aerobics are available **at no charge to Rec Center Members; a new membership makes a great holiday gift.** Thank you to all our instructors for continuing to provide fun and challenging classes for all fitness levels!

Youth Sports

Denver Nuggets Skills Challenge – Wednesday, December 10 5:30pm at the AFRC
Cost: Free! Ages: 7-14. Pre-registration is available via a registration form at the AFRC.

The deadline to register for Coed Youth Hockey is December 8! As always, beginners are welcome. Ages: 5-13 Cost: \$45 + \$25 Equipment Deposit

Dog Park

The new **Lee Field Dog Park is open!** Remember to keep a leash with you and pick up after your furry friends. Also, current vaccination tags are required. Staff would like to thank **Patricia Reynolds** of Houston, TX for her \$100 donation to the Park received this month.

Dog owners are requested to please use the south entrance of the fairgrounds to get to the dog park. Staff has included a map on the Dog Park webpage showing how to get to the park. Street directional signs are on order and will be installed in the near future.

General Programs

New Youth and Adult January Pottery Classes Have Been Scheduled!

We've had several inquiries for more of Suzanne Greenwood's Pottery Classes so we've obliged; prices are reasonable so come try something new; check out www.alamosarec.org for all the details.

Upcoming City Events

A Train to Christmas Town (Weekends starting November 28)

- Get your family in the holiday spirit aboard the Rio Grande Scenic Railroad's "A Train to Christmas Town"! Elves will be serving hot cocoa and cookies, they'll be singing Christmas carols & reading the Train to Christmas Town book, and all kids will get to visit with characters from the book aboard the train! Once all passengers arrive at Christmas Town, they'll get a special visit from Santa Claus, who will be giving each child a surprise gift! Book your tickets today at <http://www.coloradotrain.com>

4th Annual Alamosa Parade of Lights (December 19 @ 6:30pm) (flyer)

- Celebrate the holidays with Alamosa's festive light parade down Main Street sponsored by Alamosa Round-Up! See cars, bicycles, and floats all lit up for the celebration of Christmas! Lots of fun for the whole family. Go to [Christmas Lights Parade](#) for an entry form or download it [here](#).

6th Annual Alamosa "Rio Frio" Ice Fest (January 30-31, 2015) and the Rio Frio 5k on Ice Race on the frozen Rio Grande

- Staff has begun the planning process for the Ice Festival. Preliminary points of interest include a change to the end of January for the festival (Jan. 30-31.) and an important new festival event: the Rio Frio 5k. This race will be conducted entirely on the frozen Rio Grande River and Runner's World magazine has agreed to cover the race. A hint on the festival theme – look for "Olaf" the snowman and other characters/aspects from a popular Disney movie...
- Register for this unique race @ <http://www.runningguru.com/EventInformation.asp?eid=12498>
- More details on the Festival will be announced in December!

Upcoming Rec Center Closures

- **Christmas Eve** (The Rec Center will close at Noon, Wednesday, December 24)
- **Christmas Day** (Thursday, December 25)
- **New Year's Eve** (The Rec Center will close at 6PM, Wednesday, December 31)
- **New Year's Day** (Thursday, January 1)