

# MAY 2025



*Summer Concert Series, May 2025*



*Christine Chandler (NM House of Representatives) with Ryn Herrmann (County Councilor) and Anthony T. Pacheco (U.S House of Representatives Service & Field Rep) participated in the Memorial Day proclamation at the Guaje Pines Cemetery ceremony*

## COUNTY MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT

LOS ALAMOS

## INTRODUCTION

The County Manager's Monthly Report provides updates on key programs and projects, County financials and metrics that help track how the staff are serving our community.

## NOTE FROM THE COUNTY MANAGER

Twenty-five years ago, on May 4<sup>th</sup>, the Cerro Grande Fire started. This year, community leaders, emergency responders and members of the community came to reflect on the loss and the recovery of our community. The challenge is not to forget what we learned, and how loss can lead to greater community resilience and human connection – reminding everyone that what creates community is the people.

On May 9<sup>th</sup>, the County Council hosted members of the Pueblo de San Ildefonso Council at the UNM-LA campus. They talked about issues of shared interest including traffic safety and speeding enforcement, community celebrations and gatherings related to arts and culture, and signage and management of trails and trespass.

May also brought many proclamations including Building Safety Month, Motorcycle Awareness Month, Bike Month, Emergency Medical Services Week, Historic Preservation Month, LGBTQ+ Pride Week, National Public Works Week and Older Americans Month. Memorial Day was Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup>. Councilor Herrmann participated along with Representative Chandler and read Memorial Day proclamations at the Guaje Pines Cemetery ceremony.

May council meeting highlights:

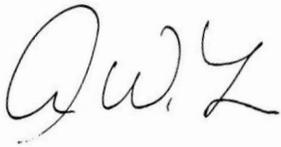
- Approval of the Los Alamos Performing Arts Center (aka Little Theatre) Fire Suppression System project
- Appointment of Wendy Servey as Interim Fire Chief
- Lease of land to the Los Alamos Dog Obedience Club
- Approval of an updated Distracted Driving ordinance related to prohibiting use of handheld communication devices while driving (allows for hand free use of such devices)
- Approval of a Wild Land-Urban Interface ordinance for increased hardening of building structures and management of defensible space buffer areas
- Representative Chandler provided an overview of the 2025 Legislative Session

- Overview of Council's Strategic Goal – Quality of Life
- Award of contract to resurface the Olympic and therapy pool at the Aquatic Center

Lastly, summer fun started with the kick-off the Summer Concerts at Ashley Pond on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, which was well attended. If anyone asks you, the concrete jersey barriers along Trinity Drive are temporary. Public Works and Community Services are working on a more aesthetically pleasing permanent solution for the future – but safety first!

If you would like to see more about the council and their boards and commissions, please visit [\(link\)](#) to view meeting agendas, videos and minutes.

I will end this note, as always, with appreciation and gratitude for those who work tirelessly for the community - our staff, our community partners and volunteers. Thank you for all that you do and the many ways you make Los Alamos a special place and have a safe summer season.

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Anne Laurent  
County Manager

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## COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT

### General County

#### Facebook:

Followers: 8,745  
Views: 111,545  
Reach: 15,286  
Content Interaction: 1,287  
Clicks: 392

Top LACO performing post: Council unanimously affirmed the appointment of Servey as Fire Chief (posted 5/14)

Post Impressions: 12,641  
Post Reach: 8,666  
Interactions: 254

#### Instagram

Followers: 2,221  
Views: 3,718  
Reach: 864  
Content Interaction: 39

#### NextDoor

Community Members: 5,674

### County Line Newsletter

Subscribers: 2,400  
Open Rate: 53%

### Record Management

Records requested: 94  
Carryovers from previous month: 24  
Records pulled for review: 798  
Boxed pulled for final disposition: 516  
Boxes intake for storage: 15  
Internal requests: 7  
Records provided: 25  
Permit requests: 14

### Clerk's Office

Records & Filings: 321  
eRecordings: 94  
Marriage Licenses: 9  
Probate Cases: 2  
Council County / Board Meetings: 3  
Total Registered Voters: 16,075  
Voter Record Transactions: 1,117  
Social Media Posts: 0  
Facebook Followers: 624  
Instagram Followers: 378  
Threads Followers: 75  
X Followers: 145  
Customer Visits: 77

### Community Development Department

@LosAlamosCountyCommunityDevelopmentDepartment Facebook  
Followers to date: 783  
Reached this month: 271  
Content interaction this month: 15

### Community Services Department

New Social Media Followers: 64  
E-Activity Spring Guide Reads: 330  
E-Activity Summer Guide Reads: 498  
Alcohol Permits: 1

### Environmental Services

Social Media Followers: 1.3k

### Fire Department

New Social Media Followers: 25 IG, 32 FB)

## **Public Meetings**

In May, Los Alamos County focused on the Council's public safety priority under the Quality-of-Life strategic goal.

To commemorate the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Cerro Grande Fire, Los Alamos County hosted a gathering at the Municipal Building, to reflect on the 2000 Cerro Grande Fire, sharing memories now available [on the County website](#). Fire Chief Wendy Servey, Acting Deputy Fire Chief Tim Johnson and Wildland Division Chief Kelly Sterna highlighted the shift from past recovery efforts to today's emphasis on fire resistance and public education. The fire's legacy prompted major improvements in forest management, emergency preparedness, and infrastructure protection. This anniversary not only honors the past but reaffirms the County's ongoing commitment to community safety and resilience.

On Thursday May 8, CPF staff presented the results of a second online public survey regarding options for a cover structure at the Los Alamos Ice Rink to the Parks and Recreation Board (PRB). After a discussion of the survey results, the PRB decided to support a cover structure at the Ice Rink and recommended a pre-engineered full cover steel structure. CPF staff are scheduled to present this recommendation to County Council on June 10, 2025. A recording of the meeting and the presentation slides are uploaded at the project website at <https://www.losalamosnm.us/County-Projects/Conceptual-Shade-Structure-for-the-Ice-Rink>

On Tuesday May 20, Public Works and Community Services staff presented County Council the scope, budget, and schedule for the Aquatic Center Pool Resurfacing and Restoration project. The construction phase of this project is scheduled for March to October 2026 to help minimize disruption to the High School swim team season and other pool patrons. CSD provided an update on the progress on a plan to provide pool patrons and the swim team alternative pool locations while this pool resurfacing, and restoration project takes place. The County Council unanimously approved the project.

In a proactive effort to ensure community awareness and participation, Los Alamos County Clerk Michael D. Redondo recently addressed the Los Alamos Public Schools (LAPS) School Board regarding the upcoming 2025 Regular Local Election. During the presentation, Clerk Redondo emphasized the importance of voter engagement in local elections, particularly those affecting educational governance. He highlighted key dates, including the August Candidate Filing Day and the election period from October through early November, and encouraged board members to share this information with the broader community.

## INTERGOVERNMENTAL, TRIBAL, AND REGIONAL RELATIONS

### **State**

The regional Energy Policy Conference provided numerous opportunities to engage with policy makers from the state along with business and academia on the issue of nuclear energy, which has been identified as an area for advocacy by the County Council.

### **Federal**

No updates for May 2025

### **Tribal and Regional**

Furthering the goal of strengthening the relationship with the Pueblo de San Ildefonso a Joint Session between LAC and San Ildefonso Councils was planned and held. The prioritization of the Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP) began in May and will be completed in early June.

## FISCAL STEWARDSHIP

### **Financial Overview**

Finance staff presented the 3rd Quarter Financial Overview to the Council, which covered several key financial areas including cash and investments, gross receipts tax (GRT) revenues, budget performance, capital improvement projects (CIP), and grants. As of March 31, 2025, the County held \$335M in cash and investments, primarily in safe, liquid assets such as U.S. Treasuries and agencies. GRT revenue in the General Fund was at 70% of the revised budget, falling short of the 75% target, and projections indicate an additional \$4M shortfall by year-end. General Fund expenditures were at 56% of the budget due to unspent allocations, particularly in capital and economic development. CIP spending stood at 45% of the life-to-date budget, with major projects like Broadband and Fire Station 4 underway, while others are nearly complete. Several grants are secure, but concerns exist regarding cuts to Emergency Management and Utility funding. The presentation concluded with a preview of the County's new Financial Transparency Web Portal, called "Open Books" which provides real-time budget and spending data. The Web Portal will be accessible and open to the public through the County's website in early June

May 2025				May 2024	
Accounts Receivable	Number of Transactions	Dollar Amount	Variance Over Prior Year Increase (Decrease)	Number of Transactions	Dollar Amount
Gross Receipts Tax Received	4	\$ 6,817,689.04	-29.55%	4	\$ 8,832,065.34
Electronic Payments Received (EPAY)	29	\$ 6,719,066.44	-14.29%	35	\$ 7,678,951.98
Property Tax Received	450	\$ 6,044,189.09	8%	4,100	\$ 6,369,361.55
Lodgers Tax Received	5	\$ 39,790.66	-31%	5	\$ 39,790.66
<b>Accounts Payable</b>					
Number of Invoices Paid	691	\$ 18,620,007.83	-15%	685	\$ 21,350,738.73
Wire Payments Processed	87	\$ 10,017,847.44	18%	46	\$ 8,194,147.65
Electronic Fund Transfers (EFT) Processed	147	\$ 4,526,055.16	-87%	146	\$ 8,459,208.97
Normal Print Checks Processed	259	\$ 4,076,105.23	-15%	254	\$ 4,697,382.11
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>493</b>	<b>\$ 18,620,007.83</b>	<b>-15%</b>	<b>446</b>	<b>\$ 21,350,738.73</b>
P-Card Transactions	1,305	\$ 536,204.30	4%	1,457	\$ 515,419.02

### Procurement Stats

FY 25 YTD Stats:

- 1446 Purchase Orders Issued
- 587 PO Change Orders
- 3289 Inventory Pick Tickets
- 85 Agreements Completed
- 31 Amendments Completed
- 89 Solicitations/Amendments in Progress

### Trends:

- Purchase Orders decreased from 1588 (FY24) to 1446 (FY25)
- PO Change Orders decreased from 697 to 597
- Inventory Pick Tickets Processed & Delivered decreased from 3538 to 3289
- Agreements Completed decreased 103 to 85
- Amendments Completed decreased from 43 to 31
- Solicitations/Agreements/Amendments in Progress increased from 71 to 89
- Anticipated Projects decreased from 59 to 44
- Property Disposal Requests Received increased from 56 to 59

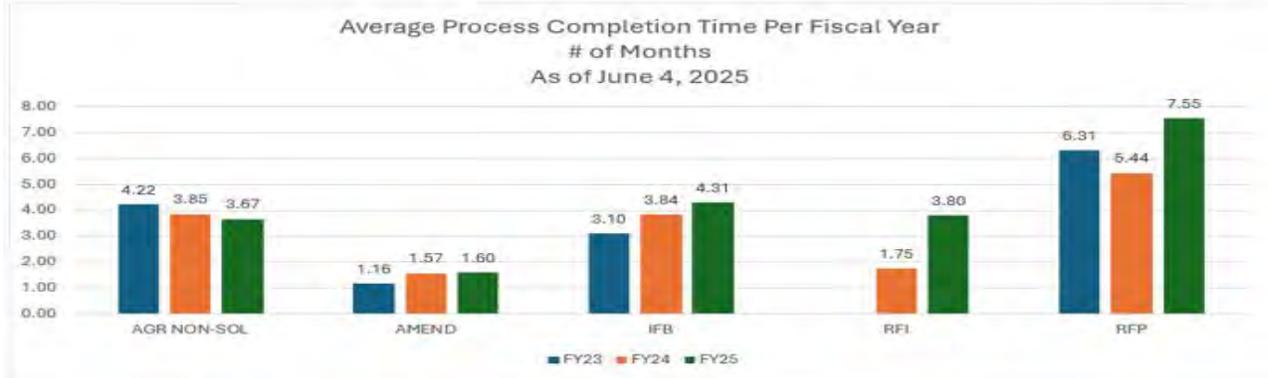
This data does not reflect all different types of formal solicitations, procurements, and agreement activities tracked on the Procurement Dashboard. The data has been filtered to only show the more common types of formal solicitations and agreements.

#### AVERAGE PROCESS COMPLETION TIME

Average of PROCESS TIME - MONTHS			
Row Labels	FY23	FY24	FY25
AGR NON-SOL	4.22	3.85	3.67
AMEND	1.16	1.57	1.60
IFB	3.10	3.84	4.31
RFI		1.75	3.80
RFP	6.31	5.44	7.55

#### # OF PROJECTS COMPLETE BY FISCAL YEAR

PROJECTS COMPLETE				
Row Labels	FY23	FY24	FY25	Total
AGR NON-SOL	31	50	41	122
AMEND	55	54	31	140
IFB	15	18	9	42
RFI		1	2	3
RFP	37	24	32	93
<b>Total</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>400</b>



The longest and shortest outliers in each FY have been removed to provide more accurate averages. This chart reflects only those projects that were completed from start to finish. It does not reflect projects that were cancelled midway or where there were no proposals or bids submitted.



## EFFECTIVE, EFFICIENT, AND RELIABLE SERVICES

### CLERK

#### Update

While 2025 may not be a major federal election year, Los Alamos County remains active in its democratic duties with the Regular Local Election (RLE). This year's election focuses on key positions that impact local education and community development, including seats on the Los Alamos Public Schools (LAPS) School Board and the University of New Mexico-Los Alamos (UNM-LA) College Board.

The official election cycle begins with Candidate Filing Day, which is scheduled for August 26<sup>th</sup>. However, long before candidates step forward, extensive behind-the-scenes preparation is already underway. The Clerk's Office team has been diligently laying the groundwork to ensure a smooth and transparent process.

Preparations include developing and updating election worker training guides, preparing oaths of office, organizing Presiding Judge documentation, and assembling essential election supplies. Over the coming months, the entire County Clerk staff will coordinate logistics, test voting equipment, and engage in voter education efforts- all critical steps that lead up to the election period spanning August through early December.

Additional update, the Los Alamos County Clerk's Office is continuing the difficult process of indexing and redacting of historical recorded documents in electronic format. This shift boosts efficiency, improves accuracy, and enhances data security-allowing staff to better serve the community and safeguard public records.

### **Connecting with the Public**

Beginning June 20, 2025, the fee for obtaining a marriage license in New Mexico will increase from \$25 to \$55, as mandated by the New Mexico State Legislature under Senate Bill 290 (SB 290). This change applies statewide.

SB 290, sponsored by State Senator Linda Trujillo and signed into law by Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham on April 8, 2025, outlines the new distribution of funds collected through the marriage license fee. Of the new \$55 total:

- \$15 will go to the County General Fund,
- \$20 to the County Clerk's Office, and
- \$20 to the Children's Trust Fund, which supports programs for at-risk youth and families in New Mexico.

The County Clerk's Office would like to remind couples that marriage licenses issued before June 20 will remain valid with the current \$25 fee, regardless of the date of the ceremony. Marriage licenses in New Mexico do not expire, and after the wedding, couples must return the signed certificate to the Clerk's Office within 90 days for official recording. The Clerk's Office will then provide a certified copy of the Certificate at no additional cost.

The Clerk's Office is committed to providing accessible resources and support to ensure a smooth and efficient marriage license process, reinforcing the importance of celebrating life's milestones with clarity, care, and compliance. For more information, visit the Clerk's webpage at [www.losalamosnm.us/clerk](http://www.losalamosnm.us/clerk), or contact the office at 505.662.8010. The office is located at 1000 Central Avenue, Suite 240, and staff are always happy to assist with any inquiries.

## Upcoming Events

June 10, 2025	County Council Meeting
June 17, 2025	County Council Meeting
June 19, 2025	County Clerk's Office closed in observance of Juneteenth
June 24, 2025	County Council Meeting
June 25, 2025	County Clerk's Office closed from 1pm - 3pm for Staff Meeting

## HUMAN RESOURCES

### Updates

Recruitment efforts continue for an HR Analyst to support Benefits – announcement coming soon.

Collective Bargaining with the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) is ongoing. The current collective bargaining agreement (CBA) expires June 30, 2025. If a new agreement is not reached by that date, operations will continue under the existing CBA.

The County Manager signed the Alternative Work Schedule Pilot Policy and departments have begun implementation.

In partnership with the County Manager's office, HR is reviewing and revising the following policies: Compensation Policy and Employee Recognition Policy

The Risk Management team has submitted its response to the NMDOT Federal Transit Administration (FTA) review of the County's Drug and Alcohol Program.

The Compensation Team is wrapping up the 2024-2025 Performance Evaluation (PPA) Process as most departments have completed and submitted their PPAs to Human Resources.

The Compensation Team is currently working on improving the efficiency of the Annual Increase process within Munis. This involves automating and simplifying some steps within the process which will increase efficiency and reduce errors.

The Benefits Team is currently working on improving the efficiency of the Benefits Enrollment process within Munis. This will involve automating the process which will increase efficiency and reduce errors, especially during open enrollment.

## PLANNING

### May Stats

Permits Reviewed: 56

Planning Inspections Conducted: 20

Business Licenses Reviewed: 11

Development Applications Processed: 10

### Updates

The Planning Division has completed revisions to Chapter 16, Articles III, IV, and VI of the Development Code, and the ordinance has been drafted. Planning is actively coordinating with the County Attorney's Office to finalize the draft. Staff are planning to take the proposed text amendment to the Planning & Zoning Commission for recommendation in August, with final Council adoption targeted for September. The code "clean-up" effort will continue in parallel with the Comprehensive Plan update through 2025.

### Connecting with the Public

Throughout May, Planning staff continued engaging directly with applicants and community members during permit reviews and application submittals. These one-on-one conversations have offered valuable insight into how to improve services.

In response, there will be a revision on the application forms and guidance materials to be more user-friendly and easier to navigate. The staff is continuing cross-training efforts within the department to strengthen customer service and improve internal coordination.

Excitingly, the team is nearing the launch of the interactive development map, which will provide real-time updates on development projects across Los Alamos County—from initial application to final approval—making project information more transparent and accessible to the public.

### Upcoming

June 4, 2025, Historic Preservation Advisory Board Meeting

June 11, 2025, Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting

June 25, 2025, Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting

July 2, 2025, Historic Preservation Advisory Board Meeting

## INFRASTRUCTURE ASSET MANAGEMENT

### INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

#### Updates

There was an Infrastructure Update that involved restoring the AV connection between the Municipal Building and PAC 8 to broadcast Council meetings to the public.

Additional updates are related to Application Updates that included implemented programmatic changes to enable managers to view direct report training in the Learning Management System (LACU), assisting the County Manager's Office (CMO) with implementing Employee Directory search functionality on the public website and assisting with testing and resolving Single Sign On issues related to .gov domain changes with the pilot group.

#### May Stats

463 New Service Desk Tickets

0 Open tickets

463 Closed Tickets

### AIRPORT

The airport recorded a total of 233 take-offs and landings for the month. Classic Air Medical accounted for 71 of those operations, with other commercial and general aviation activities remaining consistent with recent months.

The T-Hangar project was released for a third Invitation to Bid (IFB), and this round saw increased interest from contractors compared to previous efforts. Bid openings are scheduled for the end of May. If a qualified bid is received and awarded, construction is anticipated to begin in the fall or early winter of this year.

In coordination with the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA), the airport hosted a full-day youth workshop at the airport, offering a series of rotating hands-on learning modules. Middle school participants engaged in a range of aviation-themed activities, including paper airplane design and competitions, navigation challenges, composite fabrication demonstrations, and practice on four different flight simulators. The event was well organized and enthusiastically received by attendees.

## FACILITIES

### May Stats:

Current Work Orders in Queue: 184

New Work Orders Since Last Report: 50

Completed Work Orders: 140

After hours: 3

Emergency: 1

Facilities have been working diligently to prepare the Ice Rink for the installation of the replacement chiller. The photos below illustrate the facilities crew removing the glass and dasher boards in front of the mechanical room. With these obstacles cleared, the crane operators and riggers could easily place the replacement chiller inside the mechanical room.



## CUSTODIAL

### May Stats

Fuller Lodge – 53

White Rock Activity Center – 18

White Rock Fire Station #3 – 3

Betty Ehart Senior Center (BESC) – 27

White Rock Town Hall – 0

Municipal Building - 47

### Updates

Reservations for the month of May increased from the previous month, mainly due to graduation parties and weddings.

## FLEET

### May Stats

Work Orders Entered – 271

Work Orders Completed within 72 Hours - 152

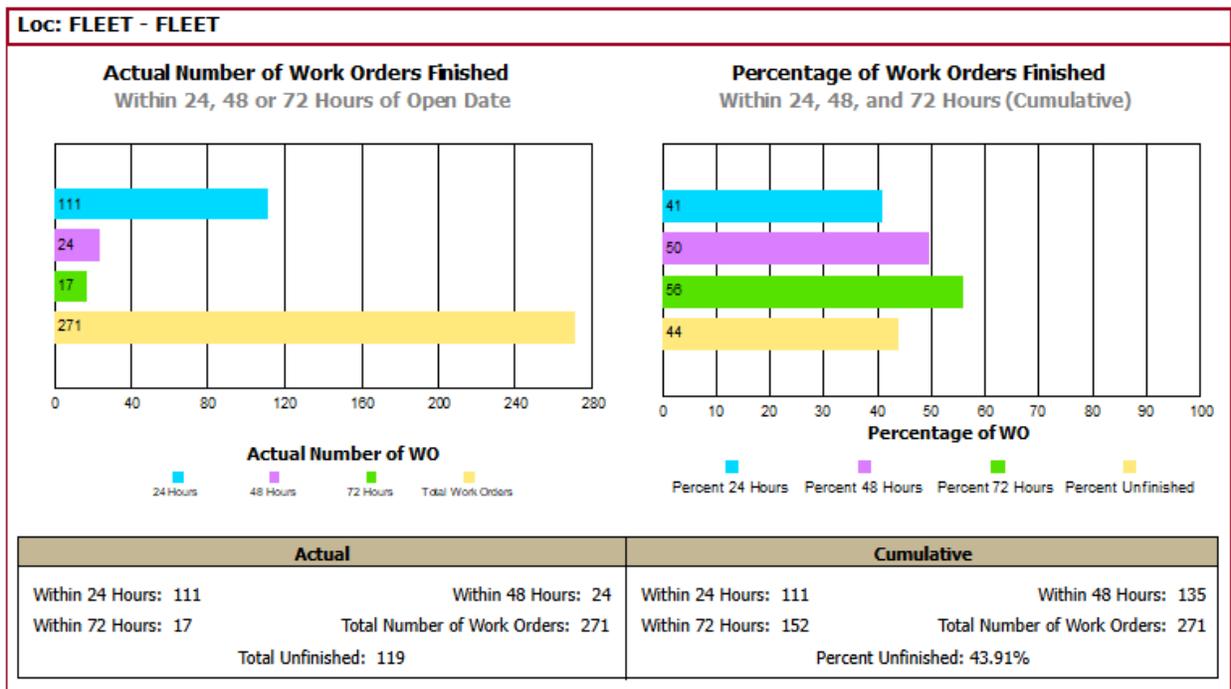
Work Orders remain open – 26

Work Orders that are considered Preventive Maintenance – 66

Work Orders Repairs – 200

Work Orders that are Recall/Warranty – 2

Work Orders for Accidents – 3



Fleet and Capital Projects have established a service agreement with the contractor to complete upgrades to the PCS fuel farm. Once the necessary parts are received, the contractor will provide a detailed schedule for the work. As part of the upgrade, trenching will be required to relocate the emergency stop buttons further away from the fuel tanks. Additionally, the staff will be moving the overfill alarms and the fuel monitoring device to Building 6.

## TRAFFIC AND STREETS

### **May Stats**

Customer Calls – 72

Permits Processed – 14

Permits Extended – 1

Miles Swept – 156

Locates – 141

Asphalt used – 65 tons

Per Patch used – 1,020 pounds

Linear Miles Striped – 221,000

Lights and Fixtures that were replaced – 12

Special Events Support – 1 – Nature Center's Annual Earth Day

### **Update**

Recently, the street crews have undertaken several maintenance projects aimed at enhancing local trails and roadways. The street crews applied crack seal on the Canyon Rim Trail and the trail starting at Nambe Loop, using mastic to address larger cracks on both the Canyon Rim Trail and Graduation Trail.

Crews focused on tree management by removing trees from drainage ditches on 46th Street, Oakwood Loop, and Yucca Street, as well as dead trees from South San Ildefonso Road.

In another series of repairs, crews addressed sinkholes on Mendius Lane, repaired asphalt on Oppenheimer Drive, and paved the Ice Rink parking lot and lower Ridgeway, utilizing a total of 65 tons of asphalt for these projects.

To enhance safety during events at Ashley Pond, jersey barriers were placed along the sidewalk on Trinity Drive. Crews have also been actively repairing potholes across the county. In response to urgent needs, teams were deployed to the emergency exit in Rendija Canyon to repair washout crossings. Crews also installed a diamond plate on the sidewalk near Alpine Dental.

The signs and markings crew kicked off their striping season across the county, successfully extending the double yellow lines on NM 502 and Camino Entrada, having striped approximately 221,000 linear feet to date. The crew also laid out and striped the new trail parking lot at the Ice Rink, improving accessibility for ice rink patrons.

### Ice Rink Parking Lot



Traffic & Streets crews completed the parking lot, at the Ice Rink, which included building the parking lot, paving it and installing the markings. This parking lot will accommodate parking for hikers to the reservoir.

### Wayfinding Pole Installation



Crews installed the first wayfinding poles along NM 502 near Project Main Gate. They have approximately 65 poles remaining to install. This is a county project to improve tourism by replacing the standard directional information signs with quality wayfinding.

### Terry Lane Asphalt Repairs



Crews are re-paving Terry Lane. Old asphalt and clay have been removed, and the area is prepped with base course. Paving will take place in the week of May 26. This project is anticipated to be completed by May 30.

## ECO- Station



ECO-Station is currently undergoing fire suppression system repairs and upgrades to address the aging infrastructure of the facility. These enhancements are vital to ensure the ongoing safety of the site, particularly due to the presence of hazardous and stored materials within the transfer station.

## Barrier Placement on Trinity Drive



Crews assisted Los Alamos Police Department by placing concrete barriers along Trinity Drive next to Ashley Pond. This temporary safety measure aims to protect concert attendees and visitors to Ashley Pond Park. Across the country, large

gatherings have occasionally been targeted by reckless or impaired drivers, as well as individuals experiencing medical episodes or distraction behind the wheel. Such incidents have resulted in serious injuries and even fatalities. Los Alamos Police Departments goal is to proactively try to prevent such incidents and ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for all event attendees.

## EMPLOYEE RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION

### May Highlights

There was 7 new Job postings created in May. There was a total of 170 Applications that were reviewed and qualified.

In May HR processed: 22 New Hires and 15 Promotions/Transfers

The Recruitment Team conducted interviews for the Summer Student 8-week program on May 19-23, 2025. 27 Students will be hired on June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Recruitment created a syllabus for the summer Student 8-week program to include the following: Digital Literacy Training, Financial Literacy Training, and Career Exploration Activities

### **Current Vacancies ([link](#))**

17 job postings are currently listed on the LAC website:

Lifeguard, Election Worker, Equipment Operator, Engineering Associate, Arborist, Transit Operator Trainee/Operator 1 and 2, Golf/Ice Maintenance Assistant Superintendent, Fleet Mechanic 1, Recreation Program Manager, Management Analyst – Procurement, Apprentice Appraiser or Appraiser, Finance & Budget Analyst/Sr., Traffic Electrician 1, 2, 3, Senior Librarian, Custodian Trainee or Custodian, Librarian

## HOUSING

WASHINGTON, DC – May 21, 2025

Total single-family home sales are expected to close 2025 at 4.92 million units, with existing home sales accounting for 4.24 million of those units, according to the [May 2025 Economic and Housing Outlook](#) from the Fannie Mae (FNMA/OTCQB) Economic and Strategic Research (ESR) Group. Revisions to the home sales forecast were driven in part by the ESR Group's lower expectations for mortgage rates, which it now forecasts to end 2025 and 2026 at 6.1% and 5.8%, respectively. The latest outlook also projects real gross domestic product growing at 0.7% in 2025 and 2.0% in 2026 on a Q4/Q4 basis. – Fannie Mae – Economic & Strategic Research Group.

### **Update**

**20th Street Development Solicitation:** County staff and RBMM development are finalizing the cost estimates for on-site and off-site improvements. The development team anticipates having the final development agreement in mid-June. *[Goals: Downtown Revitalization, Local Business, Housing.]*

**Affordable Housing Service Providers:** The Housing Trust and County staff closed the first Home Rehabilitation Program loan in the first week of June.

County staff have engaged with Housing New Mexico, and their partner agencies, on the NM EnergySmart Weatherization Program targeted at low-, and moderate-income households to increase weatherization and energy efficiency for their homes. The plan is to roll this program out in mid-July.

**9<sup>th</sup> Street Deed Restriction Acquisition:** The County Council approved the acquisition of 87 deed restrictions to preserve units for residents making at or below 45% AMI. Final closing is scheduled for June 30, 2025.

**North Mesa Update:** Wilson and Company have completed the draft study apart from final analysis of the North Mesa sewer drops. The draft report sans sewer drop analysis will be provided to County staff on June 13<sup>th</sup>, for review and consideration. Final deliverables are expected in late June or early July depending on the final sewer drop analysis.

The final report will determine system upgrades required to serve the site with utilities and how to mitigate impacts on the transportation system. In addition, the data will provide preliminary cost estimates for the work. *[Goals: Housing, Intergovernmental Relations.]*

**A-8-A:** Staff will update the Council at an upcoming closed session to discuss the opportunities and financial challenges to developing the A8A parcel. Staff are engaged in discussions with the development group on alternate financing models for the project. The selected proposal continues to focus on deed restricted 'missing middle' affordable housing and incorporates a variety of unit types.

## LOCAL BUSINESS

### May Stats

**Chamber Coffee & Connections** – On May 6, Barela attended the Chamber Coffee & Connections events in Los Alamos County. The event helps Chamber members connect with others in the community to discuss concerns, ideas, upcoming events, etc. *[1.1 Communication and Engagement; 3.2 Local Business]*

**Competitiveness Conversation: Securing Innovation in NM** - On May 6th, Dr. Sasser attended a meeting in Santa Fe hosted by the NM Competitiveness Committee and attended by LANL, Sandia, and local governments to discuss what measures could be taken to level-up workforce and technology innovations for New Mexico. *[1.1 Communication and Engagement; 3.2 Local Business, 1.2b Intergovernmental, Tribal, and Regional Relations]*

**Women in Business Project Y** – On May 19th Barela spoke with local business owners and entrepreneurs who gathered at their monthly meeting to discuss the how Los Alamos County and Community Development can support small businesses. *[1.1 Communication and Engagement; 3.2 Local Business]*

**Santa Clara Economic Development Meeting**- On May 28th Dr. Sasser and Dan Osborn met with the Economic Development Team from the Santa Clara Pueblo to discuss development partnership opportunities. *[1.1 Communication and Engagement; 3.2 Local Business, 1.2b Intergovernmental, Tribal, and Regional Relations]*

**NMexus-** On May 19th, Dr. Sasser attended the ribbon cutting at Mesa de Sol for the international business incubator center for New Mexico. The center currently has seven international companies from India and Ghana that will be relocating and hiring employees from New Mexico. Dr. Sasser met with each individual company CEO and the Developer for Mesa Del Sol.

**New Mexico Creative Industries** – April 28th, Barela spoke to local creatives who were considering starting their own businesses. She demonstrated how to navigate the County Website. *[1.1 Communication and Engagement; 3.2 Local Business]*

**Makers' Space Ribbon Cutting** – April 30th, Dr. Sasser attended the ribbon cutting for the new location of the Los Alamos Makers' Space. *[1.1 Communication and Engagement; 3.2 Local Business]*

**New Mexico Film Liaison Meeting** – On May 30, Felton attended the meetup for film liaisons throughout the state. The meeting gave all an opportunity to meet and discuss any current filming going on, training, etc. *[1.1 Communication and Engagement]*

**Small Business Outreach-** Barela met with twenty small businesses this month and provided resources for grant funding opportunities. *[1.1 Communication and Engagement; 3.2 Local Business]*

## DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION

### May Stats

**Council of Government Board Meeting-** Dr. Sasser attended the meeting and presented the opportunity for the group to work together on creating a commercial vacant property inventory and regional outdoor marketing. The group voted to move forward on both ideas. *[1.1 Communication and Engagement; 3.2 Local Business, 1.2b Intergovernmental, Tribal, and Regional Relations]*

**Regional Economic Development Meeting-** Dr. Sasser met with Pat Vanderpool and Deborah Breitfeld from the Regional Development Corporation to discuss creating a regional vacant building inventory and expanding outdoor recreation marketing opportunities. *[1.1 Communication and Engagement; 3.2 Local Business, 1.2b Intergovernmental, Tribal, and Regional Relations]*

**Retail LEDA and White Rock MRA-** Barela, Felton, and Dr. Sasser continue meeting with the legal and financial department to pull together these new programs for the County. *[3.2 Local Business]*

## EDUCATIONAL, ARTS, CULTURAL, & HISTORICAL AMENITIES

### Upcoming Nature Center Programs

Valley Voyagers, June 2–6, 2025  
Night Sky in June, June 3, 2025  
Bird Walk at Los Luceros, June 4, 2025  
Summer Family Evening: Step into the Future! June 4, 2025  
Two Small Pieces of Glass, June 7, 2025  
Pathfinders: PEECachu! June 9–13, 2025  
Living Earth Adventure Program, June 9–13, 2025  
Summer Family Evening: Build Backyard Games! June 11, 2025  
Supermassive Black Holes, June 14, 2025  
Nature Odyssey: The Art of Exploration, June 16–20, 2025  
Los Luceros Day Camp, June 16–20, 2025  
Wildflower Walk, June 16, 2025  
Summer Family Evening: Befriending Bugs! June 18, 2025  
Electric Vehicle Show at ScienceFest's Discovery Day, June 21, 2025  
Big Astronomy, June 21, 2025  
My Garden of a Thousand Bees, June 23, 2025  
Searching for David Roberts in Navajo Country, June 24, 2025  
Summer Family Evening: Robot Dog!, June 25, 2025  
Suds & Shows: *Treasure Planet*, June 26, 2025  
One Sky Project, June 28, 2025

### Library May Stats:

66 Public Programs and Events  
1,741 Total Program Attendance  
23,526 Physical Items Circulated  
8,983 Digital Items Circulated  
32,509 Total Items Circulated

### Update

In May, the Library hosted two popular adult programs. The first was a workshop focused on teaching participants how to serve as Dungeon Masters (DMs) for Dungeons & Dragons campaigns. The second was a conversation with author, Christina Vo and filmmaker, Terry Ngo, held in recognition of Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month.

Additionally, the White Rock Branch Library hosted an intergenerational drumming workshop, focused on storytelling through music.

On May 24, the library participated in the annual Senior Appreciation Night event. 200 graduating seniors visited the library during the evening's festivities. Attendees enjoyed a playful glimpse into the future—through games featuring Magic 8 Balls, tarot card readings, and a humorous "snarky pickle"—as well as a nostalgic journey into the past, revisiting beloved childhood picture books. The event provided a memorable sendoff for the Class of 2025.

Library staff from all teams have collaborated for months to develop content for the annual Summer Reading Program. The program runs from June 2. through the end of July. The program offers tailored experiences for three distinct age groups: youth, teens, and adults. The 2025 theme, "**Level Up**," is borrowed from the world of gaming where it means growth, skill development, and exploration.

The Step Up gallery hosted the show, "The Quilt as Art" in May. 841 guests visited the gallery to view the quilt art.

Library staff will be working with Stantec to complete a sound study at Mesa Public Library. The final report will provide options to improve acoustics in the library.

Work begins in June on the front garden at Mesa Public Library to freshen and update the landscaping. New benches and plants will also be installed.

## TOURISM AND SPECIAL EVENTS

### May Stats

#### **@VisitLosAlamos Facebook:**

15,544 followers to date

16,924 reached in May 2025

452 engagements in May 2025

#### **@VisitLosAlamos Instagram:**

1,453 followers to date

9,160 reached in May 2025

243 engagements in May 2025

#### **Visitlosalamos.org Website:**

23,663 Users

14,126 Engaged Sessions

24 seconds Average Engagement Time/Session

#### **@LosAlamosCountyCommunityDevelopmentDepartment Facebook:**

783 followers to date

271 reached in May 2025  
15 content interaction in May 2025

### **Visitor Center Visitation**

**Los Alamos:** 2,293 in May 2025

**White Rock:** 1,199 in May 2025

### **Updates**

**Jemez Mountain Trail Runs** – On May 1,2, and 3, Felton booth for Los Alamos County tourism during check in times, as well as on the day of the race. Attending the event spread awareness of all that visitors could do throughout the weekend while in Los Alamos, as many bring families with them who do not run the race. The event had 600+ attendees. *[1.1 Communication and Engagement; 3.2 Local Business; 3.4 Tourism and Special Events]*

**Sandoval County Tourism Alliance** - On May 13, Felton attended the monthly meeting in Bernalillo. During the event she heard a presentation from Jemez Pueblo about an upcoming recreation project. She also shared summer events happening in Los Alamos County that might be of interest to neighboring communities. In addition, she also met with Sandoval County Tourism to discuss how they could partner on future events. *[1.1 Communication and Engagement; 3.4 Tourism and Special Events]*

**Tourism Marketing Services Request for Proposals (RFP)** - On May 6, Felton led a discussion with the Lodgers' Tax Advisory Board about what they might like to see in the next Tourism Marketing Services RFP. Following the conversation, she filed the paperwork with procurement and met with other members of CDD to get the next RFP started. *[1.1 Communication and Engagement; 3.4 Tourism and Special Events]*

**New Mexico Energy Policy Symposium-** On May 6th and 7th, Dr. Sasser attended the NM Energy Symposium at Ohkay Owingeh. *[1.1 Communication and Engagement; 3.2 Local Business, 1.2b Intergovernmental, Tribal, and Regional Relations]*

**Boards & Commissions Luncheon** - On May 8, Barela, Felton, and Dr. Sasser attended the B&C Luncheon to hear and give updates on boards in the County. *[1.1 Communication and Engagement; 3.4 Tourism and Special Events]*

**Behind the Fence** – On May 14 and 15, Felton and Dr. Sasser were able to attend the MAPR “Behind the Fence” Tour. This gave them insight on all the park has to offer. In

addition, the three days of tours this May utilized the White Rock Visitor Center as the beginning and end of the tour to help cut down on commute time to the sites. *[1.1 Communication and Engagement; 3.4 Tourism and Special Events]*

**New Mexico Hospitality Association Governor’s Conference** - On May 21 & 22, Felton and Dr. Sasser attended the New Mexico Hospitality Association Governor’s Conference in Albuquerque. Sponsored by NMHA, the event brought together New Mexico’s tourism and hospitality professionals for networking and resource sharing. Dr. Sasser also gave a presentation on niche marketing. *[1.1 Communication and Engagement; 3.4 Tourism and Special Events]*

**NMTrue:** The Department continues with advertising initiatives through the NMTrue Grant rewarded earlier this year. This included digital advertisements on social media, causing an increase in page views to the website in May. *[3.4 Tourism]*

## COMMUNITY BROADBAND

The Broadband Manager briefed the County Council on the Community Broadband Network project in May. Presently, the County is reviewing the “High Level Design” submitted by vendor Bonfire, who will next develop the more detailed “Low Level Design,” expected to go before Council in April or May 2026.

If approved, construction could begin as early as June 2026. Coordination with Public Works and Utilities is ongoing to address shared infrastructure needs. Meanwhile, the Pueblo of San Ildefonso continues trenching and installing conduit along NM502, and a long-term services agreement with the County for the use and operation of the new 11-mile middle mile fiber line is in progress.

## HEALTH, WELLBEING, AND SOCIAL SERVICES

### May Stats

6 Contractor Public Programs and Events  
580 People Attended Programs and Events

### Updates

Social Services Manager Jessica Strong attended the National Council for Mental Wellbeing conference in Philadelphia from May 4–7. The event included a full-day session focused on establishing effective crisis response systems.

Social Services staff participated in a series of trainings and professional development opportunities, covering topics such as avoiding burnout and the importance of self-care. To support staff well-being, the division hosted a de-stress session featuring seven baby Nigerian Dwarf goats from a local White Rock farm—an engaging and educational experience.

Staff also engaged in valuable training with the Esperanza Shelter for domestic violence, emphasizing the message: “Healing begins with Hope.”

On May 19, the Social Services Division joined the Los Alamos Community Foundation and JJAB to host the kickoff event for LAUNCH – Los Alamos United for Community Health. With an initial focus on suicide prevention, the event at SALA drew over 60 attendees and marked a strong start to this important community initiative.

In March, Social Services announced the launch of a new “train-the-trainer” initiative in collaboration with the Association of Nature and Forest Therapy Guides (ANFT), a global leader in Forest Therapy Guide Training. This practice focuses on fostering connections with nature and creating mindfulness-centered experiences to support physical and mental well-being.

The initial cohort kicked off in late April, with 11 organizations applying. We are excited to share that 19 participants were selected to take part. Stay tuned for updates about a potential second cohort of train-the-trainer opportunities.

## **Social Services Contractors**

### **Los Alamos YMCA Teen Center (TC)**

#### **De-Stress Week – May 27–30, 2025**

This year’s De-Stress Week offered teens a comforting mix of food, fun, and relaxation. Each day featured a themed lunch—tortilla burgers, waffles, tacos, and Frito pies. Community volunteers, including therapy pets, helped teens unwind on Tuesday and Thursday. A cozy tea party was hosted on Wednesday, while Friday wrapped up the week with karaoke, VR gaming, and group activities. The Teen Center also hosted an Ice Cream Social for incoming high school freshmen to ease their transition and introduce them to the space.

***Upcoming Event: Back to School Party – August 8, 2025***

### **Los Alamos Public Schools Prevention (LAPS)**

#### **LAHS Student Volunteer Appreciation Event – May 6, 2025**

The LAHS Sources of Strength peer leader group partnered with the Los Alamos

Community Foundation and Los Alamos Schools Credit Union to host an event recognizing student volunteers. Attendees enjoyed ice cream bars, shared their experiences, and played games in celebration of their service.

***Upcoming Event: To be announced***

### **Family Strengths Network (FSN)**

#### **Family Yoga – May 10 & 14, 2025**

Family Yoga is a twice-monthly class designed to strengthen both body and mind for children and caregivers. Sessions include yoga poses, music, and games, all aligned with FSN's monthly themes. The activities help build self-regulation, emotional intelligence, and physical coordination in a fun, engaging environment.

***Upcoming Event: Big Summer Splash – June 20–21, 2025***

### **Las Cumbres Community Services (LC)**

#### **Drop-in Developmental Playgroup – May 5, 12, 19 & 29, 2025**

Weekly playgroups supported by developmental specialists, speech therapists, and occupational therapists offered children a variety of development-focused activities. Sessions included indoor snowball fights, sensory play, water activities, and skill-building games.

***Upcoming Event: Sensory-Friendly Fourth of July Celebration – July 4, 2025***

## **INCLUSION, ACCESS, AND BELONGING**

For the month of May, the Inclusivity Task Force met twice. The meetings included presentations on the Central NM Veteran Affairs Center and Understanding Homelessness. The Task Force continued to meet in their assigned working groups. They are also preparing their interim report which will be presented to Council on June 24, 2025.

## **MOBILITY**

### **Atomic City Transit May Stats**

Unlinked Passenger Trips (UPT – 19,588

Fixed-Route UPT – 19,109

Demand-Response UPT – 479

Special UPT – 0

Service Days – 22

UPT per Service Day – 890

UPT per Service Mile – 50

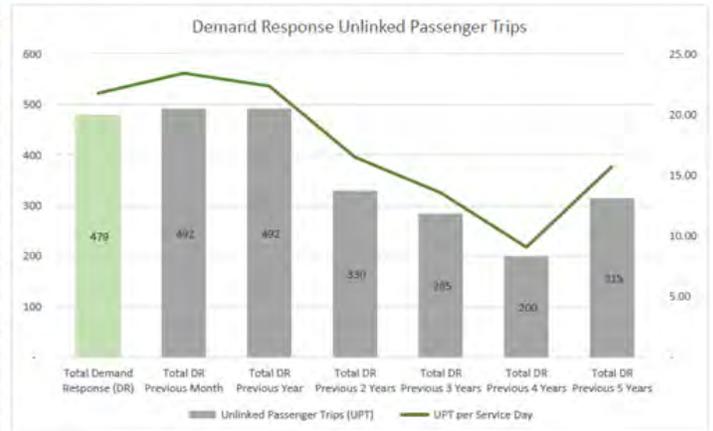
Service Disruptions – 2

On-time Timepoint Departures – 84.0%  
 On-time Paratransit Trips – 95.7%  
 Buses with Defective ITS Systems – 21%  
 Customer Complaints – 0

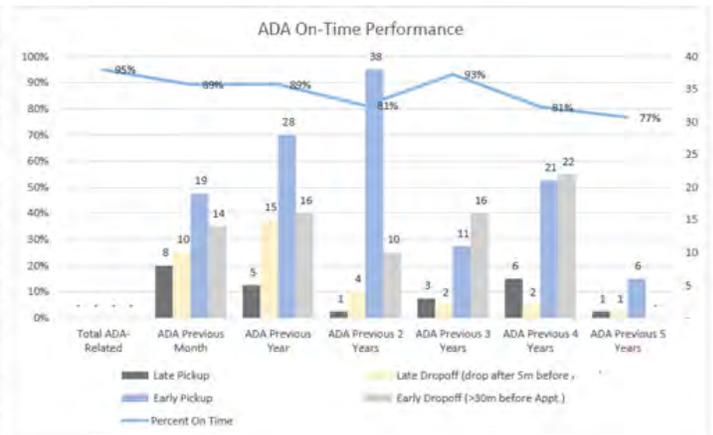
Atomic City Transit - Demand Response Ridership and Statistics

April 2025

NTD Service Information	Total Demand Response (DR)	Total DR Previous Month	Total DR Previous Year	Total ADA-Related	Total DAR	Total DAR-Special
Vehicles Operated in Max Service	2	2	2	2	2	-
Unlinked Passenger Trips (UPT)	479	492	492	404	75	-
UPT Ambulatory	466	449	458	397	69	-
UPT Non-Ambulatory	13	23	34	7	6	-
UPT Evening DAR	53	18	64	-	53	-
UPT Daytime DAR	-	61	87	-	-	-
UPT Regional-Linked	153	178	264	116	37	-
Companions	-	28	2	-	-	-
PCAs	-	18	31	-	-	-
Total Vehicle Miles (VM)	4,764	4,335	4,992	4,231	533	-
Total Vehicle Hours (VH)	403	411	390	346	57	-
Total Revenue Miles (RM)	3,836	3,414	4,103	3,519	317	-
Total Revenue Hours (RH)	274	260	266	254	20	-
Regional-linked Miles	436	2,786	3,224	221	215	-
Regional-linked Hours	15	85	116	8	7	-
Passenger Miles (PM)	2,329	2,785	4,094	2,127	201	-
Passenger Hours (PH)	132	127	165	102	30	-
Service Days	22	21	22	22	22	-
Weekdays	22	17	22	22	22	-
UPT per RM	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	-
UPT per RH	1.7	1.9	1.9	1.6	3.8	-
UPT per Service Day	21.8	23.4	22.4	18.3	3.4	-
UPT per Weekday	21.8	28.9	22.4	3.4	3.4	-

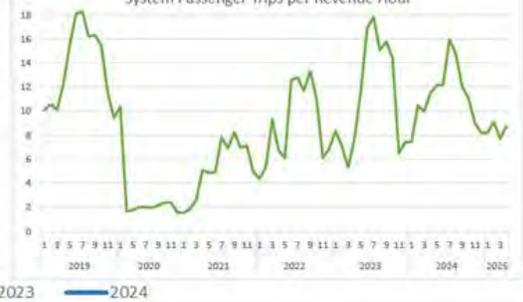
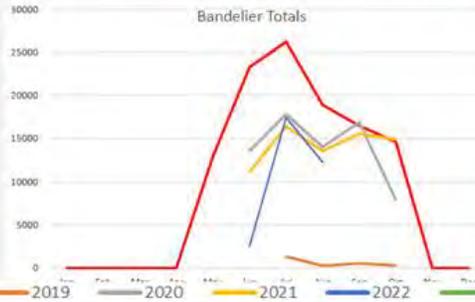
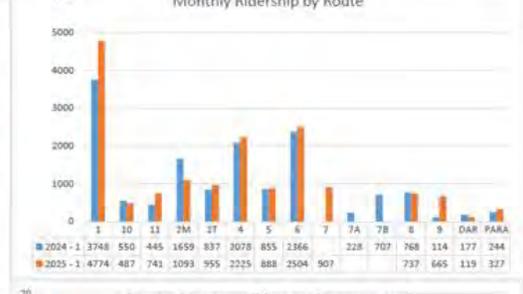
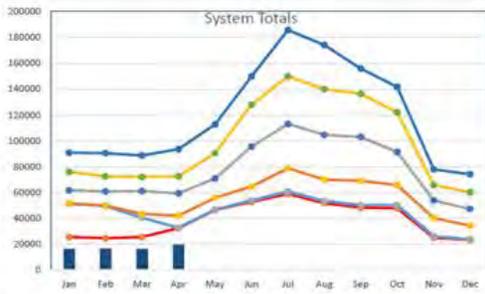


Scheduling Stats					
Subscription	-	191	173	-	-
One Way Trips Requested	674	532	578	608	66
One Way Trips Performed	-	327	459	-	-
Advance Reservation	-	250	308	-	-
Same Day Reservation	-	77	151	-	-
Avg. Minutes to board	2	1	0	1	1
Avg. Minutes to Disembark	1	1	0	0	0



Capacity Metrics					
Missed Trip (Due to Vehicle Late)	-	-	-	-	-
Trips On Time	479	289	403	404	75
Percent On Time	96%	88%	88%	95%	100%
Early Offer	-	10	12	-	-
Late Offer	-	11	15	-	-
Late Pickup	-	12	11	-	-
Excessively Late Pickup (>15m after window)	-	6	-	-	-
Late Dropoff (drop after 5m before Appt.)	-	12	15	-	-
Excessively Late Dropoff (>10m after Appt.)	-	3	1	-	-
Early Pickup	-	26	45	-	-
Excessively Early Pickup (>15m before window)	-	-	2	-	-
Early Dropoff (>30m before Appt.)	-	14	18	-	-
Excessively Early Dropoff (>45m before Appt.)	-	-	1	-	-
Trip Over 45 min	-	17	15	-	-
Trip Over 60 min	-	6	-	-	-
Over Fixed-Route Duration Est.	-	18	15	-	-
>15m Over Fixed-Route Duration Est.	-	5	-	-	-

Route	Trips							% Chg						Apr Rev. Miles		Apr Rev. Hours		Apr YTD Trips		Month YOY % Chg (from 2024)	Svc Days
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	(from 2019)	(from 2020)	(from 2021)	(from 2022)	(from 2023)	(from 2024)	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025		
1 Downtown	5,568	-	1,965	3,680	4,107	6,158	5,177	-7%		163%	41%	26%	-16%	5,381	4,369	286	329	20,247	19,106	-6%	22
2M White Rock - Main Hill	3,202	-	1,223	1,681	1,111	-	1,909	-40%		56%	14%	72%		-	7,860	-	298	2,053	5,900	187%	22
2T White Rock - Truck Rt	1,859	-	398	858	999	2,158	1,314	-29%		230%	53%	32%	-39%	7,341	7,341	287	287	6,904	4,172	-40%	22
3 Central / Canyon	2,791	-	802	1,968	-	-	-							-	-	-	-	-	-	0%	-
4 North Community	3,675	-	1,126	1,219	2,215	3,493	2,380	-35%		111%	95%	7%	-32%	4,266	4,266	286	286	10,641	9,121	-14%	22
5 Barranca Mesa	1,444	-	580	824	634	1,261	957	-34%		65%	16%	51%	-24%	3,993	3,993	283	283	4,205	3,336	-21%	22
6 North Mesa	7,352	-	1,645	3,731	1,549	3,505	3,096	-58%		88%	-17%	100%	-12%	5,126	6,178	358	426	11,718	11,277	-4%	22
<b>Fixed-route subtotal</b>	<b>26,278</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,739</b>	<b>13,961</b>	<b>10,615</b>	<b>16,575</b>	<b>14,833</b>	<b>-44%</b>	<b>92%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>-11%</b>	<b>26,107</b>	<b>34,008</b>	<b>1,501</b>	<b>1,909</b>	<b>55,768</b>	<b>52,912</b>	<b>-5%</b>		
7 North Mesa Expr	1,263	-	613	841	593	1,172	1,075	-15%		75%	28%	81%	-8%	311	134	21	6	4,019	3,459	-14%	16
8 North Community Expr	988	-	229	601	640	1,063	1,047	6%		357%	74%	64%	-2%	141	135	10	9	3,332	3,296	-1%	21
9 Aspen Expr	923	-	244	430	191	423	720	-22%		195%	67%	277%	70%	215	206	10	9	931	2,638	183%	21
10 Barranca Expr	1,201	-	370	364	431	653	688	-43%		86%	89%	60%	5%	185	154	11	9	2,254	2,029	-10%	21
11 White Rock Expr	964	-	58	669	345	755	674	-30%		1062%	1%	95%	-11%	374	357	15	14	2,402	2,588	8%	21
<b>Express route subtotal</b>	<b>5,339</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,514</b>	<b>2,905</b>	<b>2,200</b>	<b>4,066</b>	<b>4,204</b>	<b>-21%</b>	<b>178%</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>91%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>1,227</b>	<b>987</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>12,938</b>	<b>14,010</b>	<b>8%</b>		
12 Bandelier	-	-	-	-	-	-	-							-	-	-	-	-	-	0%	-
Dial-a-Ride	97	-	53	78	104	156	75	-23%		42%	-4%	-28%	-52%	1,269	317	77	20	647	403	-38%	22
ACT Assist	565	44	132	207	226	336	404	-28%	818%	206%	95%	79%	20%	2,834	3,519	189	254	1,111	327	-71%	22
Special Services	-	271	15	33	24	36	72		-73%	380%	118%	200%	100%	23	29	5	4	36	72	100%	1
<b>System total</b>	<b>32,279</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>9,453</b>	<b>17,184</b>	<b>13,169</b>	<b>21,169</b>	<b>19,588</b>	<b>-39%</b>	<b>6118%</b>	<b>107%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>-7%</b>	<b>31,461</b>	<b>38,859</b>	<b>1,838</b>	<b>2,235</b>	<b>70,500</b>	<b>67,724</b>	<b>-4%</b>	<b>22</b>



Total Passenger Trips to Date: 6,701,532

**Significant Service Adjustments and Special Events**

- All Month: Due to staffing shortages, Rt 3 did not operate (Rt 1 provided service to Camino Entrada area).
- April 18: Express routes did not operate during school closure
- April 26: Earth Day Special Service

**Update**

On May 1, 2025, the Transportation Board held a public meeting alongside its regular monthly meeting to discuss the Canyon Rim Trail Phase III Project. Conrad Ley, an engineer with Wilson & Company, presented the 60% design plans to the board, staff, and stakeholders. The project extends Phase II (near Smith's) westward to 20th Street. The project is currently being divided into subphases to facilitate progress and completion. Phase IIIA will establish a connection to 15<sup>th</sup> Street, covering approximately 0.25 miles, while Phase IIIB will extend the connection to 20<sup>th</sup> Street, with the final alignment still pending.

The Board also heard a presentation from Analy Castillo of Stantec on the Atomic City Transit Zero Emission Fleet Transition Plan.

Karen Henderson, Senior Engineer, presented the Los Alamos County Mid-Block Crossing Policy. A mid-block crossing is a pedestrian crossing point where sidewalks or designated walkways intersect a roadway without traditional traffic control measures, such as stop signs or traffic signals. The policy aims to establish a consistent process for evaluating and determining appropriate locations for mid-block pedestrian crossings within the County. The next Transportation Board meeting is scheduled for June 5, 2025.

## OPEN SPACE, PARKS, AND RECREATION

### ADMINISTRATION

#### **Guaje Pines Cemetery Master Plan Public Meeting**

The Community Services Department (CSD) hosted a virtual public meeting to present the Guaje Pines Cemetery Master Plan and collect community feedback. Key discussion topics included preserving burial space, exploring alternative interment options, and identifying valued features of the cemetery.

#### **Artificial Turf Study Public Engagement Session**

CSD, in partnership with NV5, held a public engagement session to gather input from the community regarding the ongoing Artificial Turf Study. This session provided an opportunity for residents to voice their perspectives and contribute to the planning process.

#### **Cory Styron Elected to EndeavOR NM Board**

Community Services Director Cory Styron has been elected to the Board of EndeavOR NM, the state's first outdoor recreation business alliance. This organization is dedicated to supporting and advancing outdoor recreation businesses and organizations across New Mexico.

#### **Robotic Mower Demonstration at North Mesa**

CSD facilitated a demonstration of autonomous, electrically powered robotic mowers at the North Mesa Athletic Fields. These innovative machines operate without manual control and offer a sustainable solution for field maintenance.

#### **Emergency Event Tabletop Exercise at Ashley Pond**

CSD conducted an emergency preparedness tabletop exercise at Ashley Pond, involving multiple departments, divisions, and partner organizations. This exercise provided a valuable opportunity to review emergency planning, event coordination, crisis management, and recovery procedures across County services.

## Effluent Water Use Featured in NRPA Podcast

Community Services Director Cory Styron and Assistant Parks Superintendent Emmanuel Abeyta were featured on the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) podcast, *Guardians of the Green Spaces*. The discussion focused on the use of effluent water in park systems. [\[Video Link\]](#)

## OPEN SPACE, PARKS AND TRAILS

### May Stats

248 Parks Acres maintained  
10 Repairs due to Vandalism  
0 Volunteer Hours Worked in Parks  
32 Volunteer Hours Worked in Trails  
8 Funeral Services  
5 Headstone/ Niche Installations  
0 Memorial Bench Installation

### Updates

The Parks and Open Space team are currently working on the following projects:

**AGR24-950:** Implementation of OpenGov Asset Management Software for the Parks and Open Space Division will begin in White Rock. This system will be used to track work tasks across the landscape. Implementation in Los Alamos is anticipated for July–August 2025.

**RFP25-37:** The Guaje Pines Cemetery Master Plan process will begin in March 2025. The contractor, Sloane Consulting Group, will conduct a site visit on March 26–27, 2025, for data collection and staff discussions. A community survey opened in May and will close on May 30 to gather public feedback.

**IFB28-18:** Athletic Field Renovations, approved by County Council on November 19, 2024, will begin May 23, 2025. This three-year plan includes field leveling/laser grading, sod replacement, and irrigation adjustments. The contractor received a job order on May 19, 2025, allowing staging and renovation to commence on May 23.

**AGR24-23:** The Site Southwest Open Space and Trails Management Plan is in its final stages. The contractor has conducted multiple community engagement meetings and is currently finalizing reviews and edits of the plan.

**IFB25-36:** Contractor LA Landscaping and More are leading renovations at two sites. This includes demolition and construction of a new basketball court at East Park and demolition and construction of tennis and pickleball courts at North Mesa Park. The

project began on March 5, 2025, with demolition, and construction is on schedule for completion by September 30, 2025.

## RECREATION

### **May Stats:**

Program and Events – 1,688

People Attended Programs and Events – 3,554

Open Gym Program – 1,010

People Utilizing the Ice Rink – 808

People Utilizing the Gold Course – 0 (closed)

Practice Area Users – 3,152

### **Update**

#### **Ice Rink Updates, May 2025**

The Ice Rink received a new permanent chiller/refrigeration unit. A large crane was used to remove the temporary rental system and install the new unit. Installation work will continue over the next few months to connect the system to the existing infrastructure and ensure the building meets current codes. The upper parking lot at the Ice Rink has been repaved and striped. The project is nearing completion and will be reopened to the public soon.

#### **Private Roller-Skating Event, May 3, 2025**

Recreation staff kicked off a summer series of private roller-skating events at the Ice Rink. The first event was a birthday party with 30 excited kids enjoying the rink during its non-ice season.

#### **Cherry Bombs Youth Roller Derby Practices, May 7, 2025**

The Cherry Bombs returned to the Ice Rink for spring practices. They'll train throughout May before taking a summer break and returning in early fall to finish the season before the rink transitions back to ice.

#### **Jemez Mountain Trail Run (JMTR), May 10, 2025**

Recreation staff supported this annual event by managing road closures and opening the Ice Rink as a shelter and rest stop for runners. The rink also served as a checkpoint and first aid station, a new improvement following last year's severe weather.

#### **Gymkhana Horse Games, May 13 & 27, 2025**

The second Gymkhana event featured six participants competing in barrel racing, pole bending, and other timed events. Despite high winds and blowing sand, all events were completed.

### **Splash & Dash Series, May 14 & 28, 2025**

Recreation hosted the second annual Splash & Dash Series, a five-event swim-run challenge held every other Wednesday. The first event had 20 participants of all ages, swimming at the Aquatic Center and running along Canyon Road.

### **Northern NM Fair & Rodeo Queen's Court, May 17, 2025**

The annual Queen's Court competition, open to girls ages 6–25, included horsemanship, interviews, speeches, modeling, and a western knowledge test. Judges included 2025 State Fair Queen Kaitlin Maria, Sandoval County Queen Aspen Jaramillo, and Mrs. Sandoval County Courtney Gurule. Winners:

- Queen: Johni Gallegos
- Princess: Bonnie Gallegos
- Sweetheart: Jennifer Miera

### **Senior Talk, May 21, 2025**

Recreation staff attended Los Alamos High School's Senior Talk to promote Senior Appreciation Night (SAN). Graduating seniors were invited to a night of celebration with games, movies, food, and prizes.

### **Summer Concert Series, May 23, 2025**

The first of 15 summer concerts kicked off with headliner Dzaki Sukarno. The event featured 25 vendors, including food booths, information tables, and bounce houses for kids.

### **41st Senior Appreciation Night (SAN), May 24, 2025**

Recreation and YMCA co-hosted this annual drug- and alcohol-free graduation celebration. Events began with a BBQ at Fuller Lodge and continued throughout downtown with games, movies, and activities, ending with breakfast and prize giveaways at 2 AM. The event included 108 volunteers and support from 15 community partners.

### **Hawk Hang Out, May 29, 2025**

Recreation staff co-hosted this monthly event for middle schoolers, offering snacks, obstacle courses, games, and laser tag. The May event welcomed incoming 6th graders and drew 385 participants.

### **Hawk to Hilltopper, May 30, 2025**

An annual celebration for graduating 8th graders transitioning to high school. Students

enjoyed a BBQ, games, and a classic shaving cream fight, followed by a hose-down from LAFD's ladder truck.

### **Summer Concert Series, May 30, 2025**

The second concert of the season drew a smaller but enthusiastic crowd. Weather looked questionable early on but turned into a pleasant evening. The event featured 23 vendors and family-friendly activities near the Justice Center.

### **Golf Course Update:**

The LAGC maintenance and golf shop teams are following the turf grow-in and maintenance plans for renovated areas. Greens are fertilized every 10 days, tee boxes have been aerified, top-dressed, and fertilized, and all greens had deep-tine aerification on May 13–14. Staff are removing netting from seeded areas to prevent mower damage; these areas are now ready for mowing. The course uses 300,000–350,000 gallons of water nightly.

New restrooms are installed and ready. The practice range and main putting green are open with range balls available; the golf course and short game area remain closed. Golf lessons continue, and the US Kids Spring/Summer program is underway with June full and July registration opening June 9, 2025. Management will reassess turf health the week of June 9 to plan reopening.

### **Aquatic update:**

The Walkup Aquatic Center is the place to be this month, hosting end-of-school-year parties, Scouts preparing for summer camp, seasonal lifeguards getting in shape, and athletes training for their summer activities. Sound System Installation

Recreation management has installed a fixed sound system at the aquatic center. This new system enhances programming by supporting various recreational activities and swim meets.

### **Connecting with the Public**

In May, Recreation and Aquatics hosted a variety of successful events including the start of the Summer Concert Series, Gymkhana horse games, Splash & Dash swim-run races, and popular roller skate nights. The Senior Appreciation Night celebrated local graduates with a fun-filled drug- and alcohol-free evening. The Hawk Hang Out drew hundreds of middle schoolers, while the Teen Center continued to engage youth with special pool and skate nights. Maintenance projects also progressed smoothly, keeping facilities ready for summer activities. Overall, May was a busy month full of community fun and preparation for the season ahead.

**Looking Ahead:**

Recreation is gearing up for an active June with events like the Summer Concert Series, Movies in the Park, Mud Fest Volleyball, and Splash & Dash swim-run races. Roller skating and Hawk Hang, while Discovery Day offers family fun.

Movies in the Park: June 4, June 18

Summer Concert Series: June 6, June 13, June 20, June 27, June 30

Mud Fest Volleyball Tournament: June 7

Gymkhana (Horse Games): June 10 (end of series)

Splash & Dash (Swim-Run Series): June 11, June 25

Roller Skating Events: June 14, June 28

Hawk Hang Out (Middle School Event): June 19

Discovery Day: June 21

Teen Center Events:

- Pool Takeover: June 6
- Roller Skate Night: June 23



*Dungeon Master workshop*



*Author, Christine Vo and filmmaker, Terry Ngo.*



*Senior appreciation night*



*Step Up Gallery show, "The quilt as art".*



*Drop-in Developmental playgroup*



*Drop-in Developmental playgroup*



*LAHS Student Volunteer Appreciation Event*



*Ice Rink Upper Parking Lot Project*



*Jemez Trail Run*



*Gymkhana*



*Queens Court*



*Ice Rink Chiller Project*



*Senior Talk*



*Senior Appreciation Night*



*Summer Concert Series*

## PUBLIC SAFETY

### BUILDING SAFETY

There were a total of 7 Commercial Building permits that were issued in May 2025 with a total valuation of \$356,502.00

There were a total of 76 Residential Building permits that were issued in May 2025 with a total valuation of \$1,728,654.89

1 Certificate of Occupancies was issued in May 2025.

188 Building Inspections took place in May 2025.

### CODE ENFORCEMENT

34 Code Cases closed during May 2025

38 Code Cases were opened in May 2025

### FIRE

#### May Stats

171 EMS Calls

22 False Alarm Calls

15 Service Calls

9 Good Intent Calls

7 Hazardous Condition Calls (No Fire)

2 Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat (no fire)

2 Fire Calls

2 Special Incident Type

8 Community Outreach/Education Events

#### Updates

The Emergency Management team conducted and coordinated a concert-related emergency response exercise with multiple county departments, and the Fire Marshal issued Stage I fire restrictions due to dry, windy conditions. Lastly, Fire Adapted Communities New Mexico and Northern Arizona University researchers held local focus groups in Los Alamos to explore concerns about human-caused wildfires.

## EMS

The Los Alamos County Fire Department proudly celebrated National EMS Week 2025 from May 18–25, honoring the dedication and impact of the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) personnel. This year’s theme, “Honoring Our Past. Forging Our Future,” highlighted the essential role EMS has played in the community—both historically and today—and underscored our department’s ongoing commitment to excellence, education, and service.

Administrative support team members joined EMS Division Chief Pacheco and EMS Captain Kamplain in delivering food to all fire stations across all three shifts in recognition of EMS Week.

Each day featured a unique theme and departmental activity to reinforce vital skills, build camaraderie, and celebrate the contributions of the EMS personnel.



## LAFD Training

The Los Alamos Fire Department recently conducted Driver Relief Training with Academy Class #32. This training is required for personnel who may operate vehicles over 26,001 lbs. and is conducted and required as part of successful completion of their Firefighter 2 task book.

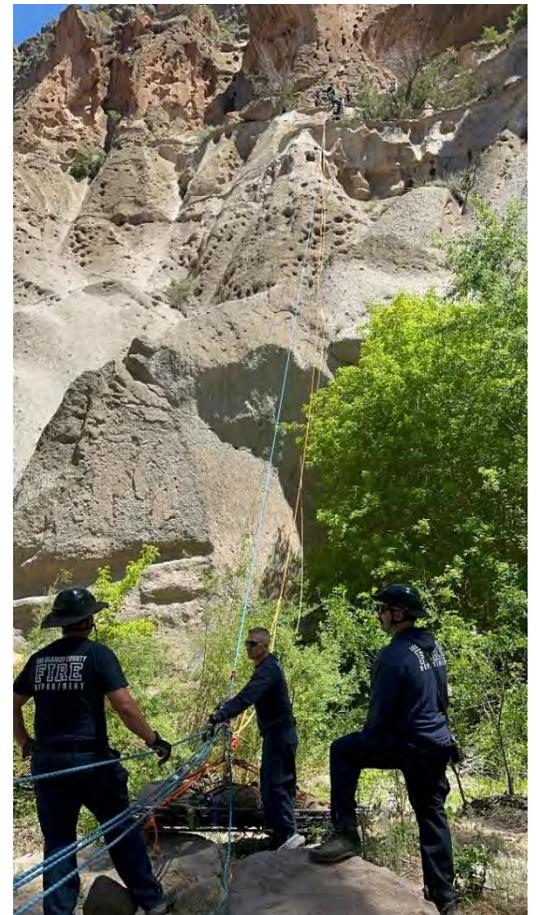
- Driver Relief Training includes some of the following:
- Vehicle Operations: Safe operation of various LAFD fire apparatus
- Pump Operations: Managing the pump panel, water flow, and pressure
- Navigation & Response Procedures: District layout, map reading, and emergency driving protocols
- Apparatus Checks: Daily and shift inspections to ensure readiness

This training prepares firefighters to assume vehicle operation responsibilities and supports development toward the rank of Driver Engineer. Academy #32 successfully completed this training.



## Technical Rescue Training

Members of the LAFD Technical Rescue Specialty Team recently partnered with Bandelier National Monument staff to conduct training at the Outcove House, focusing on rescue techniques for a known high-hazard area. The joint exercise led to the development of a coordinated response plan involving both agencies, enhancing response times, patient care, and minimizing disruption to park operations.



## Community Outreach

LAFD Participated in several Community Outreach events throughout the Month of May these included the Teddy Bear Clinic, Senior Appreciation Night, Hawk to Hilltopper and several end of year school activities. LAFD also assisted the Los Alamos Police Department in their Annual Torch Run.



## ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

In May, Environmental Sustainability Board members continued researching the potential impact of a single-use plastic bag fee, as requested by County Council. They also heard an amazing presentation from Gary Goddard regarding his work using building automation systems to optimize heating and cooling systems resulting in energy efficiency and heard about vision for a net-zero airport. In support of electrifying the County's vehicle fleet and planning community-wide EV charging infrastructure the County hosted a public visioning meeting to gather public feedback about the project, future EV charging locations and to answer general questions or concerns. The County also issued an RFP for climate action marketing and engagement services and received 11 proposals that are currently being evaluated. Staff, ESB members, and the Los Alamos Sustainability Alliance shared local initiatives at Farmer's Market and the DPU Water Festival.

## WASTE MANAGEMENT

### **Environmental Services May Stats**

Customer Service Emails – 49

Roll Cart Requests – 107

Household Hazardous Waste Customers - 87

Recycle Coach App Users – 2,270

Recycle Coach App Interactions – 13,460

Overlook Visitors – 77

Transfer Station Visitors – 2,516

Yard Trimming Participants – 5,365

### **Update**

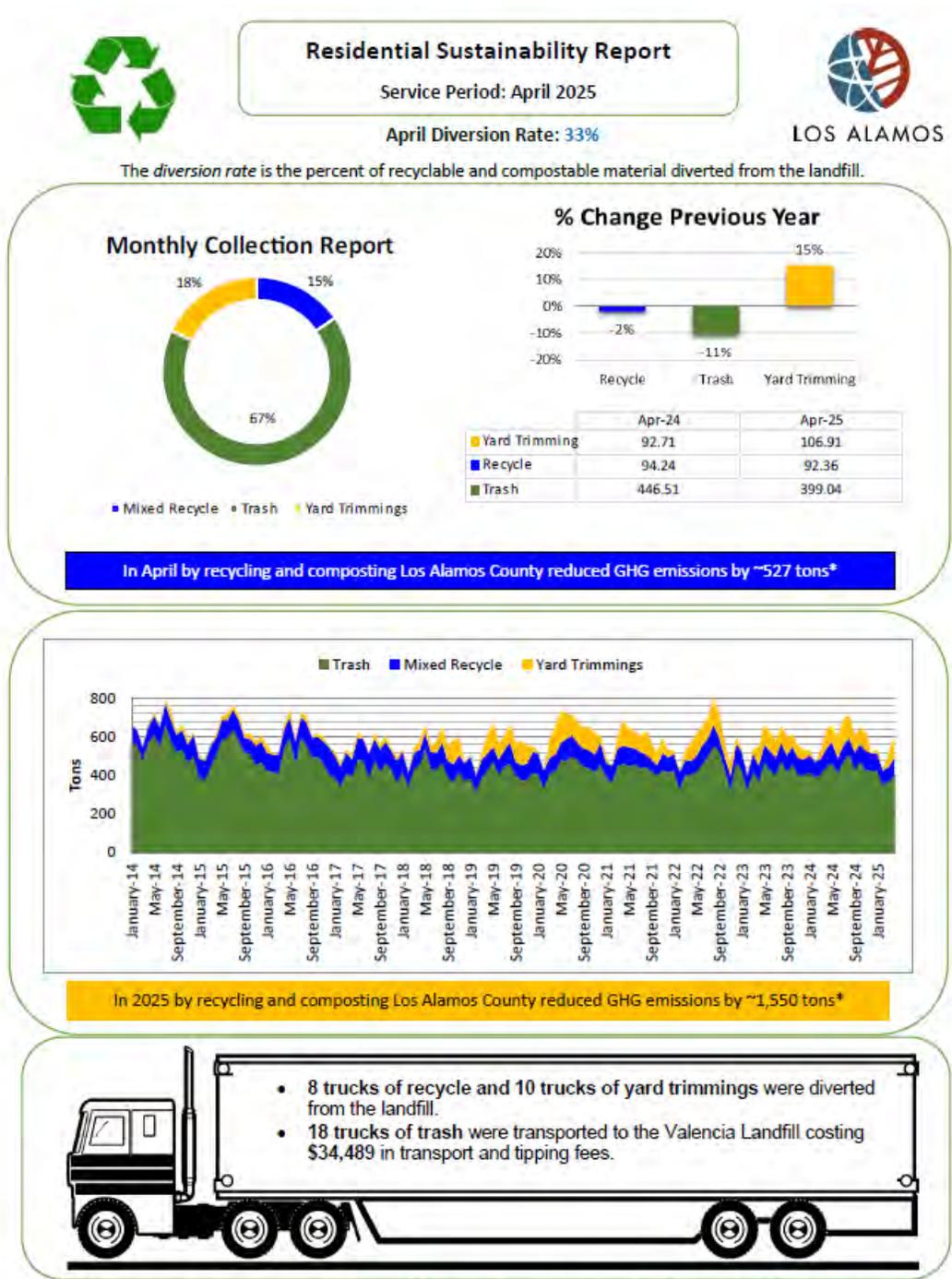
As part of the "Operation Save the Bears" initiative, Environmental Services delivered 260 dumpsters to the business community and 1,000 roll carts to residential customers during the first wave of the program. In December 2024, Environmental Services received an additional 1,154 Kodiak Bear-Resistant Carts and has since distributed more than 800 to residents that requested one.

Residents interested in obtaining a bear-resistant cart can submit a request at [www.losalamosnm.us/gogreen](http://www.losalamosnm.us/gogreen).

In response to a drier-than-average winter and elevated fire risk, Environmental Services implemented expanded brush collection services to assist residents in mitigating fire hazards. These services included the collection of large brush piles,

bagged yard debris, and additional yard trimming cart pickups. The enhanced offerings were available through May 9, 2025.

During this period, Environmental Services collected a total of 83.38 tons of vegetation debris. This included 35.43 tons from yard trimming carts and 47.95 tons from bulk brush pickups.



## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

### BUILDING FACILITIES

The County Council approved Task Order No. 9 under Services Agreement No. AGR 22-18e with R and M Construction, LLC to install a Fire Suppression System for the Performing Arts Center (Little Theatre). Construction is scheduled to begin on June 9, 2025.

Four project managers received recognition from the Community Services Director for the collaboration and support they provided in the renovation and improvement of facilities operated by the Community Services Department.

The Golf Course remains closed to patrons currently. However, soil temperatures have been favorable for turf grass root growth, and the turf has fully entered its growing season. Staff continue to conduct bi-weekly evaluations to closely monitor course conditions and turf growth.

The permanent chiller for the Los Alamos Ice Rink has been successfully installed in its designated location. This project involved a collaboration between contractors, County staff, and a 275-ton crane along with riggers to safely lift and position the 20,000 lb., 9-foot-wide, and 20-foot-long chiller inside the mechanical room. The staff is grateful to the Los Alamos Police Department and the Traffic and Streets Division for providing escort services to ensure the crane's safe arrival and departure from town.



*Crane maneuvers to pick and place the permanent chiller at the Los Alamos Ice Rink. A 275-ton crane picked the permanent chiller from the delivery truck, lifted it over the Zamboni building, and placed it in front of the mechanical room roll-up door. Thereafter, a forklift and riggers assisted the crane fitting the chiller inside the mechanical room.*

## Capital Improvement Projects Updates - Transportation

Los Alamos County is working on a variety of projects that support quality of life, infrastructure, and economic development initiatives. A summary of the project and additional information can be found on the website – <https://lacnm.com/PW-Projects>.

Project Name	Dept(s)	Update
DP Road Phase II	PW	Construction continues by TLC Plumbing and Utility after a winter suspension. The project scope includes new sewer and gas lines, electric conduit, storm drain, concrete replacement, and full reconstruction of roadway.
NM-4 Crossing and Multi-Use Trail	PW	This project will provide an at-grade crossing of NM State Road 4 in White Rock at the Mirador Subdivision and provide both new multi-use trail infrastructure and reconstructed trail infrastructure in the Pinon Park area. The county was awarded grant funding from NMDOT for this project with design underway by Bohannon Huston Inc. Construction is anticipated to begin in late 2025.
Trinity Drive Safety and ADA	PW	This project is the result of a 2016 road safety audit and has been awarded grant funding from the Federal Highway Safety Improvement Program by NMDOT/ <a href="#">Council</a> was presented by <a href="#">design</a> team lead by Wilson & Company to <a href="#">Council</a> . A resolution of support from <a href="#">Council</a> on September 10 was approved for this alternative. Construction is anticipated in late 2025.
Finch Street	PW	The project is anticipated to be advertised for bids in 2025. Construction is anticipated in 2025.
Canyon Rim Trail Phase III	PW	The project design and ROW acquisitions are underway from Knecht Street to 15 <sup>th</sup> Street. Design is being completed by an engineering on-call. The project is anticipated to be advertised for bids in Summer 2025.
Bathtub Row-Peach Nectar	PW	Construction continues by TLC Plumbing and Utility after a winter suspension and is anticipated for completion in Summer 2025. This is a joint project with the Department of Public Utilities and includes full road reconstruction along with utility upgrades.
Denver Steels Phase II	PW	This project is being designed by staff. This is a joint project with the Department of Public Utilities and includes full road reconstruction along with utility upgrades. The project is anticipated to begin construction in late 2025.

## Capital Improvement Projects Updates - Facilities

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<https://www.losalamosnm.us/Government/Departments-and-Divisions/Public-Works/Capital-Projects-Facilities-Division-Projects>

	Project Name	Dept	Update
1	<b>Golf Course Electric Cart Conversion</b>	PW, CSD	Construction progresses on schedule. Contractor is expecting to receive the electrical rough-in inspection by the end of May.
2	<b>Asset Management Software for Facilities</b>	PW	Staff continue the verification of asset naming and locations on the floor plans.
3	<b>Benchmarking Building Utility Consumption</b>	PW	No activities to report in May.
4	<b>Emergency Dispatch CRAC Unit</b>	PD	Staff and design professional are discussing weight and placement considerations for the CRAC unit.
5	<b>Manhattan Project Era Dormitory Renovation</b>	PW	Site plan approved. Review of 60% design documents is underway.
6	<b>Capital Outlay Grant Application for Betty Ehart Senior Center</b>	PW, CSD, AS-FIN	Results from application review expected after April 2025.
7	<b>Customer Care Service Electrical Connection to Emergency Power</b>	PW, DPU	Tentative date for installation of electrical breaker in MDP and testing of systems re-scheduled for June 13.
8	<b>Golf Course Site Improvements</b>	PW, CSD	Desing/Construction teams in collaboration with staff are monitoring grass growth and overall course conditions.
9	<b>Ice Rink Temporary Chiller</b>	PW, CSD	The temp. chiller and auxiliary equipment/piping were removed from the ice rink on May 21 2025. The project is in closeout phase.
10	<b>Ice Rink Permanent Chiller Replacement</b>	PW, CSD	The permanent chiller arrived on site and was placed on May 21. Contractor will provide a schedule for the connection to the ice rink within the following two weeks.
11	<b>Ice Rink Floor Replacement and Shade Structure</b>	PW, CSD	The third public meeting was held on May 8 at the Park and Recreation Board. Staff is

			scheduled to present the public outreach process and PRB recommendation to Council on June 10.
12	<b>Fire Station 3 Snow Melt System Replacement</b>	PW, FD	Task Order is approved. Design consultant is initiating design.
13	<b>Emergency Operations Center (EOC)</b>	PW, PD, FD	Grant application results are expected after April 2025.
14	<b>Fire Station 4 Replacement</b>	PW, FD	The Planning and Zoning Commission supported the Comprehensive Plan Amendment as presented on May 14, 2025. The County Attorney's Office is drafting the Final Order. P&Z recommendation is scheduled to be presented for County Council approval on June 10.
15	<b>Mesa Public Library Siding Replacement</b>	PW	The installation of the new siding is complete. Contractor and staff are monitoring the siding panels for any cracking and warranty repair items.
16	<b>Aquatic Center Olympic Pool Restoration</b>	PW, CSD	The service agreement with Lee-Sure Pools Inc. and project budget were approved by County Council on May 20.
17	<b>Betty Ehart Senior Center Renovation</b>	PW, CSD	Schematic design is in progress.
18	<b>Los Alamos Little Theatre Fire Suppression and Asbestos Abatement.</b>	PW, CSD	Task Order has been executed. Asbestos abatement is scheduled to start on June 9.
19	<b>Betty Ehart Senior Center HVAC Replacement</b>	PW, CSD	The consultant is preparing a cost proposal to develop construction documents and construction administration.
20	<b>Installation of EV chargers</b>	Sustainability , PW	Construction drawings sent to on-call contractors for pricing. A walkthrough site meeting with contractors is scheduled for the second week of June.
21	<b>Fire Station 3 Showers Renovation</b>	PW, FD	Staff are drafting a Task Order for this renovation.
22	<b>Aquatic Center Pool Pump Evaluation/Design</b>	PW, CSD	Staff are working with procurement for design services. A task order for retro-commissioning services has been executed.
23	<b>PCS Fuel Farm Upgrades</b>	PW	Services agreement have been executed. Contractor will provide construction schedule once all of the upgrade components are received.

24	<b>Justice Center Parking Lot Lights Replacement</b>	PW	CPF staff are evaluating the procurement path for electrical contractor services to install lights.
25	<b>PCS Salt Bins Rust Correction</b>	PW	Design consultant anticipates turning in the first design deliverable within 60 days.
26	<b>PCS Bus Canopy Snowmelt System</b>	PW	Design consultant anticipates turning in the first design deliverable within 60 days.
27	<b>Brewer Arena Grandstand</b>	PW/ CSD	Design consultant is preparing a project cost estimate and finalizing 90% drawings.
28	<b>Social Services Action Center</b>	PW/ CSD	CPF staff is collaborating with Social Services Division to document the Action Center space needs.
29	<b>Justice Center Rainwater Drain Correction</b>	PD/ PW	CPF staff are awaiting cost proposals from contractors.

**ROADS**

An update was presented to the Transportation Board on May 1 for the revisions of the Los Alamos County Mid-Block Crossing Policy. Staff will move forward with the adoption of this document.

A public meeting was conducted at the Transportation Board meeting on May 1 for the Canyon Rim Trail Phase IIIA project.

Active construction projects such as Bathtub Row and DP Road require consistent outreach to the public including affected residents, businesses, Los Alamos Public Schools, and LANL/DOE. This coordination is critical to successful project execution while minimizing negative impacts.

Staff have submitted multiple grant applications to help fund CIP and pavement preservation projects in FY26. Staff presented the Trinity Drive Safety project to New Mexico DOT safety committee and was awarded an additional \$3.5M in grant funding for construction. Design plans are being finalized for a fall advertisement.

Staff are also actively involved in reviewing developer applications, conducting inspections, approval of construction permits, and design reviews. Some recent project reviews include the Guesthouse Hotel at the old Hilltop House site, Women’s Dormitory Building, Hills Apartments/35<sup>th</sup> Street Realignment project, Cañada Bonita, Century

Bank, Sherwood Rounds off Longview Drive, Arbolada and the redevelopment of the Motel 6 building.

## NEW STAFF & PROMOTIONS

### **Jennifer Rodgers, Training and Development Manager**

Jennifer Rodgers joined the HR Team as the Training and Development Manager at the end of May. The staff looks forward to her collaboration and oversight of the County's training and development programs. She will be working closely with Victoria DeVargas and Krista Montoya on training across the County.



### **Atomic City Transit**

Atomic City Transit would like to welcome Anna Brunson, Management Analyst, Jaden Flowers and Joshua Trujillo, Transit Operators. Both Anna and Joshua come in with a background in transportation and will be working full-time for Atomic City Transit. Jaden comes in as a trainee and is training in all aspects of Transit. They are working on all the new hire training, and soon you will find them on route or in the office providing service to the community. Welcome Anna, Jaden and Josh.



### **Daniel Gutierrez, Lead Operator**

Atomic City Transit has recently promoted Daniel Gutierrez to Lead Operator. Daniel is a dedicated team member who has and will continue to provide exceptional transit service.



**Elias “Eli” Isaacson**

The Community Development Department is delighted to welcome Elias Isaacson to the team as the new Community Development Director. Elias joins the County from Santa Barbara, CA and has a diverse background that will bring a much-needed perspective to CDD. Staff are thrilled to have Eli lead the department in the direction of professional growth and look forward to what the future will bring. Please congratulate Elias on this exciting new chapter of Community Development!

### Los Alamos Fire Department Promotions



**Battalion Chief Ray Gandara**



**Captain Zach Shriver**



**Driver Engineer Michael Crockett**

## ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to the following individuals on their service anniversaries with Los Alamos County:

**5 years**

Aaron Park

**10 years**

Qi Lui

Javier Archuleta

Atomic City Transit would like to extend heartfelt congratulations to the following employees on their employment anniversaries in April:

- **Dwight Moss** – 15 years of service
- **Rolando Villareal** – 14 years of service

## RETIREMENT

### B-Shift Operations Battalion Chief Steve Saiz



Chief Steve Saiz completed his final tour with the Los Alamos Fire Department.

After over 22 years of dedicated service, Steve is retiring from the department he helped shape and support, through his leadership, compassion, and steady presence. Chief Saiz promoted through the ranks, always leading with a calm demeanor and a deep commitment to the crews he served alongside. His consistent and thoughtful care, advocacy and support earned him the nickname “Mama,” a true reflection of the trust and respect he built within the department. Chief Saiz’s legacy is one of professionalism, mentorship, and heart. He has made a lasting impact on this

department, and his presence will be truly missed.





**Jed Beddo & Zachary Parliman, Technical Support Specialists**

A big shoutout to Jed Beddo and Zach Parliman for their outstanding AV support during the May 13th Council Work Session at Fire Station 3. Their excellent teamwork and technical expertise ensured a seamless experience from start to finish. Jed and Zach demonstrated professionalism, reliability, and a strong collaborative spirit. Thank you both for your dedication and for going above and beyond to make the event a success!



**Andrea Alarid, Student Clerk**

The Clerk's Office staff would like to congratulate Andrea Alarid on her recent graduation from Los Alamos High School. Andrea is a Student Clerk and will be continuing her academic journey this fall at Northern New Mexico Community College, where she plans to pursue a degree in Business Project Management. She is very excited to take this next step toward a future in leadership and project coordination.

Andrea has seen a lot of personal growth and success over her last four years of high school. In addition to her academic achievements, she has gained valuable experience working as a Student Clerk, where she has developed strong organizational and communication skills. Her role in the office has helped her to build a solid foundation for a future in business.

One of Andrea's favorite quotes is by Winston Churchill: *"Success is not final, failure is not fatal: It is the courage to continue that counts."* She will carry this mindset with her as she moves forward, embracing both the victories and the challenges that lie ahead. The staff would like to thank her for her continued efforts in the office and can't wait to see all of the wonderful things that she accomplishes!

### **Chelsea Ashcraft Achieves Professional Certification**

Congratulations to Chelsea Ashcraft on her graduation from Leadership Los Alamos. Her participation in this program reflects her ongoing commitment to professional growth and community leadership. Chelsea has successfully passed her certification exam and is now recognized as a Certified Parks and Recreation Professional (CPRP). This nationally recognized designation represents the standard of excellence for parks and recreation professionals. Earning the CPRP designation demonstrates that Chelsea has met rigorous educational and professional experience requirements, reflecting her dedication to the field and her comprehensive understanding of key principles in parks and recreation. With her achievement, the department now includes five certified CPRPs.

### **EMS Provider of the Year, Firefighter Marco Orozco**

The Los Alamos Fire Department is proud to recognize Firefighter Marco Orozco as the 2025 EMS Provider of the Year. Marco's dedication to patient care, professionalism, and continuous improvement has made a lasting impact on the department and the community. Known for his compassionate approach, positive attitude, and exceptional work ethic, Marco consistently delivers the highest standard of EMS service. He is a trusted mentor to his peers, an effective educator, and a respected contributor to protocol development. Whether on scene, in training, or behind the scenes, Marco leads by example and exemplifies what it means to serve with excellence. Congratulations, Marco, on this well-deserved recognition!



## **Pete Mondragon, Sara Canfield, and Rachel Barela**

The staff would like to extend heartfelt thanks to Pete Mondragon, Sara Canfield, Rachel Barela, and Daniel Blea for their outstanding efforts and dedication to the Adopt-A-Road Program, coordination of community cleanup events, and assistance with the production of the safety video. Thank you for your continued service and for setting an inspiring example for others to follow.

**Library:** A patron was very complimentary of the Jewish History Month display at MPL. They particularly appreciated the slideshow with information and the variety of titles that were selected.

A patron walked back into the library after exiting to tell staff that they really loved the signage in the women's restrooms, referring to the revolving informational and inspirational pieces put in by Adult Services staff.

From the Storytelling Through Drumming Workshop:

"Thank you so much for this program. We enjoy so many programs about the arts in the community and we just had to come drumming!"

"This was so special and unique! I never before would've guessed the library does fun stuff like this. And the presenter was amazingly cool." --

"Thanks for hosting the fun and family-friendly event."

And from the presenter: "There was such excellent participation in this group! And everyone worked together to help each other along. I'm so happy to see people come as a couple and participate together!"