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## ***Calendar***

July 17	Lunch with a Leader, Unitarian Church, Elizabeth Martineau, noon
July 24	Board Meeting, Unitarian Church, noon
August 2	Rodeo Parade

## ***Join the Annual Rodeo Parade***

The League of Women Voters will be marching in the Los Alamos County Rodeo Parade on August 2. If you would like to join the group, please contact Ellen Mills ([efmillsnm\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:efmillsnm(at)gmail.com)). We wear white or light-colored clothing in honor of the Suffragist Movement. More details to follow as the date approaches.

## ***Welcome, New Member***

Mary Ann Stroud writes:

My husband, Phil, and I have lived in Los Alamos for over 40 years. I came as a newlywed and grad student thinking we would stay a couple years while I finished my degree. We fell in love with Los Alamos and raised our four children here. I retired from the lab after more than 30 years. I enjoy pickle ball, volunteering as a tour guide for the historical museum and volunteering at the Catholic Church.

## ***July Lunch with a Leader: Elizabeth Martineau***

Lunch with a Leader will take place on July 17 from noon to 1 p.m. at the Unitarian Church on Sage Loop. The speaker will be Elizabeth Martineau, the Executive Director of the Los Alamos Community Foundation. She will speak about the work of the Foundation and the new Los Alamos Uniting for Community Health (LAUNCH) initiative, focusing on current and potential partnerships and how one may become involved. She feels strongly that together we can create a community and work together to ensure that Los Alamos remains a healthy place to live.

Martineau also serves on the Historic Preservation Advisory Board and the J. Robert Oppenheimer Memorial Committee. Previously she was the Executive Director of the Historical Society. She has served on many nonprofit boards and taught school for 15 years. In her free time, she is a fiber and book artist and enjoys camping, hiking, and teaching.

More information can be found in a [Los Alamos Reporter article](#), as well in her [guest essay in Boomtown](#).



*Elizabeth Martineau. Photo by Gordon McDonough*

*Karyl Ann Armbruster*



# ***We Love Our Public Lands Rally***

In 2019 the League of Women Voters of New Mexico adopted the Transfer of Federal Public Lands position following a two-year study. The study was undertaken in response to legislation in several western states demanding the transfer of selected public lands to the states. In 2022 the position was adopted by concurrence at the LWVUS National Convention. In May 2025 Jessica Jones Capparell, Director of Government Affairs for LWVUS, sent a letter to Congress citing the position and urging the members “to prioritize maintaining federal ownership of federal public lands” and to remove the Natural Resources section from the Budget Reconciliation bill.



*NM Wilderness Alliance. (Courtesy Photo)*

That section was removed before the bill passed the House, but a far more extreme version was introduced in the Senate, where an amendment mandating the disposal of 258 million acres of Forest Service and BLM lands was added to the bill.



*Addie Jacobson. Photo by Jody Benson*



*Photo by Jody Benson*

On Monday, June 24, in response to a call from a coalition of environmental organizations in New Mexico, approximately 2,000 people, including many League members, assembled in De Vargas Park in Santa Fe and marched to the Eldorado Hotel, where Interior Secretary Doug Burgum was scheduled to speak at the annual meeting of the Western Governors' Association. The immediate incentive for the rally was the amendment to the budget reconciliation bill, but the larger issue was the lack of appreciation for the importance of our heritage by leaders who view Forest Service and BLM lands as financial assets to be sold to the highest bidder.

The rally was peaceful and respectful of downtown traffic. The participants chanted “Not for Sale” loudly enough to be heard inside the hotel for over an hour, but Mr. Burgum did not make an appearance.

*Barbara Calef*

# Community Health and Wellbeing Report

There has been much discussion recently about the role of the Health Council in our County. The Los Alamos County Health Council is a state-mandated entity and because of that has specific deliverables that must be met each year.

In 2019 the State of New Mexico established 33 health councils and 10 tribal councils. Each receives a small amount of state funding. We now have a very active and vibrant New Mexico Alliance of Health Councils (NMAHC) that facilitates collaboration as well as health advocacy at state and even federal levels.

The Alliance recently hosted an all-day community forum in Albuquerque that had over 300 attendees (in-person and virtual), including the NM state directors of the departments of Early Childhood Education and Care, Indian Affairs, and Aging and Long-Term Services. In addition, Behavioral Health Services Division management, Indian Affairs Division management, many State Representatives, and Lt. Governor Howie Morales attended and spoke. It was quite impressive.

Here are some links if you are interested in finding out more about the NMAHC:

<https://www.nmhealthcouncils.org/healthcouncils>; <https://www.nmhealthcouncils.org/ccf>.

Also, our County Health Council, along with the help of the Social Services Division (SSD), conducted stakeholder interviews in 2023 and a countywide survey in 2024. We researched many health initiatives to come up with the Los Alamos County Comprehensive Health Plan (CHP) based upon the social determinants of health and an Action Plan with Recommendations. This was approved by County Council in December 2024. Here is the link:

<https://www.losalamosnm.us/Health-and-Public-Safety/1CommunityHealth/Comprehensive-Health-Plan>

We began implementing our Action Plan (on pp. 24-28 of the CHP) in January 2025. In the spirit of communication and collaboration with SSD and other County entities, we have many recommendations that are already being implemented to help improve the quality of health within the community. The LA County Health Council is a key entity within this community and is involved in several initiatives. At our December meeting we will develop the CY 2026 Work Plan, which is required by the County, and review our progress on the Action Plan recommendations. This and all of our meetings are open to the public.

Current members of the LA County Health Council are: Lisa Hampton, Chair; Jyl DeHaven, Vice-Chair; Leticia Luketich-Martinez; Gisel Martinez; Celeste Raffin; Rollin Jones; Heather Muck; Leah Blackwell; and Joyce Richins. These members are volunteers who work full time or are retired from full-time professions and serve the County because they care. There are currently several additional vacancies for the Health Council. To apply, click here:

<https://www.losalamosnm.us/Government/Leadership/Boards-Commissions>.



*From the left: Leslie Wallstrom and Lisa Hampton speaking to a participant at the June 5 Health Fair. Photo by Kiah McConnell*

*Lisa Hampton*



# **Observer Corps Report – County Council – June 10**

## *Economic Initiatives and Main Street Program; Funding for Rio Arriba Nursing Center; Ice Rink Cover; Utility Rate Increase*

The regular session was attended by Chair Theresa Cull, Councilors Melanee Hand, Suzie Havemann, Ryn Herrmann, Beverly Neal-Clinton, David Reagor, and Randall Rytli.

### **Progress of the Main Street Program**

Jacquelyn Connolly, Los Alamos MainStreet and Creative District Executive Director reported on the Los Alamos MainStreet Program, which is a central component of the community's broader economic development strategy for capacity building, business support, and community revitalization. Los Alamos received its annual accreditation, enabling continued access to resources from the state, such as resource specialists to aid local businesses at no cost. As a 501(c)(6) umbrella organization, the program connects entrepreneurs with utilities, funding, and expert guidance.

Support includes:

- Project Y Retail Accelerator, a retail incubator offering space for emerging businesses, allowing them to grow while seeking permanent locations or grant funding.
- "MainStreet Market" initiative supporting pop-up shops selling locally made items, while seasonal markets like the Friday Night Concert Market offer residents and tourists a space to engage with the local economy.
- Events such as Chamber Fest, ScienceFest (including ScienceFest After Dark), and concerts in Central Park Square to boost foot traffic and promote cultural and economic engagement. Local organizations like Zia Credit Union, sponsor these efforts.

- Assistance for SALA and other venues statewide to enable these venues to get beer and wine licenses.
- Assistance with business signage, walking guides for tourists, and the proposed development of informational videos to support prospective business owners.
- Helping entrepreneurs to navigate grant opportunities and connect nonprofits and artists with healthcare benefits not otherwise available through small organizations.

A pressing issue is the need for more physical space. The business accelerator has reached capacity, highlighting a growing demand among aspiring entrepreneurs. The lack of commercial storefronts limits growth opportunities, even as interest in pop-up retail and incubator programs rises.

### **Funding for the Rio Arriba County Projects through the Regional Strategic Fund**

Los Alamos will use its Regional Strategic Fund to assist in the completion of the skilled nursing and rehabilitation center for Rio Arriba County. The building is progressing after setbacks due to COVID-19 and rising costs. Originally budgeted at \$12 million, the project now requires \$30 million. Excavation is underway for a 60-bed facility, and Los Alamos County has pledged \$2.7 million to the effort. The facility will help address the shortage caused by the 2019 closure of a nursing home that left residents from Española, Santa Fe, and Taos without local care options.

Funding comes from the regional strategic partnership initiated in 2019, with a Memorandum of Understanding finalized in 2022. Each year, Rio Arriba and Los Alamos collaborate to identify and prioritize impactful regional projects.

The Los Alamos County Council voted unanimously to allocate \$2.7 million to the skilled nursing center, leaving \$1 million in the regional fund for future initiatives.

## Ice Rink Cover

A multi-year discussion about installing a roof over the rink reached a significant milestone. The structure, which faces severe sun exposure and annual damage, requires costly repairs due to thermal expansion and slab spalling. With support from a large segment of the community—76% of survey respondents support a cover—the Council unanimously approved the next steps for installing a pre-engineered steel structure, estimated to cost between \$900,000 and \$1.5 million, not including site work.

## Utility Rate Increase

The Council adopted time-of-use rate adjustments, aiming to shift consumer behavior away from peak hours. While largely revenue-neutral, the approach seeks to lower infrastructure costs by reducing the need for larger transformers and power lines. Equity considerations were discussed, acknowledging that not all residents can easily shift their usage patterns.

A 9% utility rate increase will take effect on July 1, 2025, followed by an 8% increase on July 1, 2026. Sewer rates will also rise by 7% on each of those dates. Though these increases come at a challenging economic time, they are necessary to repay loans, maintain infrastructure, and support new housing.

The motion to amend electric rate schedules, electric customer service charges and electric energy charges passed 6-1 with Councilor Reagor dissenting.

*Jody Benson*

## Observer Corps Report – Planning & Zoning Commission – June 11

Commissioners present: Karen Easton (Chair), Rachel Adler, Marlon Brown, Stephanie Nakhleh, Rebecca White, Benjamin Hill, Ronald Nelson

Commissioner absent: Katherine Bruell

### Arbolada Subdivision Zoning Change

The primary case in front of the June 11 Planning and Zoning Commission was approval for a zoning change for the property on North Mesa between Broadview and the Camino Uva developments owned by Sonja Donaldson and Sande Cremer. Consensus Planning and Titan Development presented on behalf of the property owners. The Arbolada Subdivision with 85-single family units on 17.07 acres had been approved in August 2023.

The requested change was to replat

Arbolada Subdivision into two new developments. The first will use 7.54 acres on the western side to create 23 single-family residential lots with lot sizes ranging from 5,783 sq. ft. to an average of 6,057 sq. ft. The second development on the east will be 9.5 acres, and support a “cottage development” with 114 leased dwelling units. A “cottage development” is a low-density residential development in which multiple attached or detached single-family dwellings share access, parking, common spaces, and sometimes community buildings such as a larger community kitchen and dining room. It will, according to the developers, who have been looking for opportunities in Los Alamos for many years, be “state of the art” with a clubhouse, possibly pool, gathering spaces, and walking spaces.

Affected parties from Camino Uva, Camino Cereza, and Mountain View voiced concerns about utilities and traffic including: North Mesa is one of the highest-density areas in Los Alamos and traffic is dangerous; if there’s a fire requiring evacuation, residents will be stranded

as they were in 2000; water pressure is already too low; it will be too crowded and too noisy.

Chair Easton reminded the Board and affected parties that the P&Z is a legal entity, and as such, if the request meets all required criteria, it should be approved. This request for replat is preliminary and only the first of four stages (the final hearing will be on August 27). The development at this stage meets all required criteria:

- It conforms to the Comprehensive Plan and County policies.
- It's not detrimental to public health, safety, and welfare.
- It conforms with County regulations.
- It can be served by current County utilities and the County infrastructure is adequate.
- The plat retains natural features (e.g., water courses, archeological sites, quality of life)
- County staff reviewed the application and confirmed that it met all criteria.

The Commission voted 6 - 2 to approve the request: Marlon Brown and Ron Nelson voted no.

*Jody Benson*

## **Observer Corps Report – County Council – June 17**

### *Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan Priorities; Economic Vitality and Quarterly Economic Development Update*

The work session was attended in person by Chair Theresa Cull, Councilors Suzie Havemann and Ryn Herrmann. Councilors Beverly Neal-Clinton, David Reagor, and Randall Ryti were online.

No votes were taken at the work session, held at Fire Station #3 in White Rock.

## **Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP) Priorities**

Danielle Duran, the County's Intergovernmental Affairs Manager, said that the list of requests for capital improvement funds must be submitted on July 11. She explained that the NM Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) does not require that projects for which the County seeks state funding be prioritized. However, state legislators and the governor look to the ranking in this list as indications of support from the County. The federal delegation also takes the ranking into consideration. Duran noted that utilities projects must be in the top five to be considered.

The top five projects and the requested amounts are:

1. Housing Infrastructure \$12M  
This refers to the need for sewers, replacing old pipes, etc. It is not for a specific housing project.
2. Emergency Operations Center (EOC) \$5M  
There was much discussion about the need for an EOC since there is one at LANL. Councilor Hand requested that there be discussion with LANL about granting access to the facility if there is a County emergency that does not concern the Lab.
3. Social Services Colocation Facilities \$2M  
It was suggested that this item should be called "Community Action Center." It was a recommendation in the Comprehensive Health Plan.
4. EA-4 Electric Power Line Replacement \$7.5M  
This is an overhead electric distribution line that runs from the Pajarito Cliffs Site to the base of Guaje Canyon. It is the primary power source for the Los Alamos County water well system in the canyon and the Los Alamos Wastewater Treatment Plant.
5. White Rock Town Center and Longview Drive Improvements \$2.5M

## **Presentation on Council Strategic Goal: Economic Vitality and Quarterly Economic Development Update**

Progress in stimulating economic vitality involves many departments and programs. Housing and Special Projects Manager Dan Osborn reported on the County's achievements in the effort to provide additional housing, both affordable and market rate.

The County now has a contract with Santa Fe Community Housing Trust to assume the role that was formerly filled by the Housing Partnership. Assistance for weatherization and loans for home rehabilitation are also available.

Osborn presented a list of pending development agreements, noting that the County has also discussed housing projects with Española and Santa Clara Pueblo. He explained a much longer list of projects in the pipeline. The two affordable housing projects on DP Rd., Canyon Walk Apartments (fully occupied) and The Bluffs, have been completed, for a total of 134 units.

Another 310 units are under construction: The Hills Apartments and Mirador (106 completed).

Another 676 units have been approved by the P&Z, including Ponderosa Estates Phase III, Arbolada Subdivision, and, Mirador mixed-use, which will be affordable. (The Arbolada Subdivision was re-platted at the June 11 P&Z meeting and is now planned to include 137 units rather than 83.)

It was noted that the completed projects were all built on land provided by the County. Councilor Ryti asked what is stopping projects on private property from being successful? Osborn responded that inadequate infrastructure and pricing were some of the factors.

He mentioned that no applications had been requested for accessory dwelling units (ADUs). Councilor Havemann asked why that was and suggested that the County should make information more readily available. The Council may put the issue on the agenda for further discussion.

Shanna Sasser, LAC Economic Development Administrator, reported on business retention and expansion. She said she and Anita Barela had reached out to the local businesses to ask about their needs, consulted on a signage program, and investigated getting businesses to relocate to Los Alamos. She has engaged in "fruitful" regional collaboration regarding economic development and housing. She is compiling a list of vacant commercial properties and planning many workshops. For instance, at 5:30 p.m., July 15 at the Fire Station in White Rock, there will be a workshop about home-based businesses. She also said they were working on a new retail LEDA (Local Economic Development Act) application process to be introduced in late July.

Councilor Hand commented that she had received complaints from small business owners that there had been no engagement with them regarding the impact on parking due to roadwork on DP Rd. During public comment, Allan Saenz complained that the local small businesses were not in communication with Sasser. He said the LA Business Coalition has asked many questions, but they have not been answered. The Coalition asked for a monthly meeting, but it hasn't happened.

Juan Rael, Director of Public Works, reported briefly on recent progress for community broadband. The high-level design has been approved. San Ildefonso is currently installing 11 miles of fiber.

*Barbara Calef*



# **Observer Corps Report – County Council – June 24**

## *Rezoning for Fire Station; Inclusivity Task Force*

### **Of interest to the League on the Consent Agenda (passed unanimously):**

Approval of Letter to the New Mexico Department of Transportation requesting funding to procure and install two Direct Current Fast Charging (DCFC) units at the Mesa Public Library.

#### **Rezoning Parcels for Fire Station #4**

The Council unanimously approved rezoning 0.43 acres of “Passive Open Space” to “Institutional” in order to accommodate the new and expanded Fire Station No. 4 on Diamond Drive.

After three public meetings and a survey, County residents overwhelmingly selected the current Fire Station No. 4 location as optimal for the new fire station. Because the new station will be constructed while the old station is in operation, it was necessary to rezone the adjacent “Passive Open Space” to “Institutional.” For this, the Future Land Use Map in the Comprehensive Plan needed to be amended.

### **Inclusivity Task Force**

The Council created the Inclusivity Task Force (ITF) on August 6, 2024, and revised the charter in February 2025 to form an interim advisory body to determine “the need for an ongoing advisory body to study inclusivity issues in Los Alamos and recommend to the County Council ways to address those issues....” According to the charter, “Inclusivity should include race, culture, sexual orientation/gender identity, income, physical/mental ability, gender, age, and other traits as appropriate.” This task force has begun their work and is currently meeting approximately every three weeks.

Lisabeth Lueninghoener presented the Interim Report and requested an extension to the ITF charter from November 30, 2025, to February 28, 2026, so that it could complete its goals.

Although a task force is not a Board, and as such may be less structured than Boards, the Inclusivity Task Force began its efforts by developing a work plan to identify the goals.

ITF’s community engagement identified five overarching issues from which it created five working groups:

- LGBTQ+ (Xeph Ivankovich)
- Justice System (Lisabeth Lueninghoener)
- Accessibility (KokHeong McNaughton)
- BIPOC and Cultural (Jovita Mowrer)
- Economic Equity (James Wernicke)

Members of these groups are conducting interviews, both formal and informal, looking at raw data from the County, and taking tours of public spaces, including the libraries, parks, senior centers, business areas, neighborhoods, and trails.

Each interview inspires new questions: What about our homeless? How do veterans and seniors who aren’t LANL retirees access resources? How can we make the justice system less intimidating? What physical obstacles hinder less-abled people from negotiating public spaces?

Lueninghoener stated that the working groups are just getting started. ITF needs to bring on more staff; they want to know what they need to do versus what the County is already doing.

How can the County be inclusive? ITF is reaching out to the community to understand the definition and needs in order to improve awareness and knowledge. For example, Craig Martin is working on inclusivity on trails. He said that his own aging made him see that more access is needed for different abilities.

The main challenge ITF faces is “bandwidth.” ITF needs more people to join and participate in the working groups. This big job requires a huge commitment. They ask for volunteers. Please contact Randall Rytty, the

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with the goal of being climate neutral by 2050 except for natural gas. The County is not mandating anything; rather, they are facilitating change in part by providing carbon free electricity.

A simple change will be the switch to electric vehicles. Gibson remarked that, "People like to drive them." Of course, chargers need to be available, so currently the County is conducting a study to look at the charging and distribution system.

The most difficult barrier to achieving climate neutrality is natural gas, which is mostly methane. When burned, it produces CO<sub>2</sub>. However, when it escapes unburned into the atmosphere, it's a very powerful greenhouse gas. It doesn't stay in the atmosphere as long as CO<sub>2</sub> but it traps much more heat than CO<sub>2</sub> (28 times as much over 100 years, 80 times as much over 20 years). The Permian Basin, the source of our natural gas, is "the leakiest oilfield in the country" and the fugitive emissions are a major factor in climate change. Nearly every building in the County uses natural gas, so conversion will take an effort by all of us. The County will not mandate the change; but it is crucial that we do so.

Currently the best alternative to burning natural gas is the heat pump, which can be used both to heat and cool a building. Heat pumps extract the energy from the air to raise or lower the temperature in a building. They are three to five times more efficient than an ordinary heater.

At present the County cannot produce enough electricity to operate heat pumps in every building. Therefore, the amount of artificial heat required for the County must be reduced.

To achieve that reduction, it is necessary to focus on existing homes, adding insulation, sealing leaks in windows and doors, and replacing pilot lights with electronic ignition. Speaking of water heaters, Gibson said that heat pump water heaters are expensive and "not ready for prime time in all applications." Solar water heaters do work well. Heat pump clothes dryers are available and seem to work well, he said.

For cooking, the induction cooktop heats quickly and is more energy efficient than electric or gas. The microwave oven is also very energy efficient. Our goal should be an energy-efficient, all-electric home. To achieve that, we need to plan ahead so that when an appliance dies, we know how we are going to replace it.

The Department of Public Utility's (DPU) service challenge is to be able to provide 170 GWH of electricity, 40-50% more than they provide now. To do that, they are conducting a study of how to update the distribution system. The project will take many years and involve new substations, upgrading transformers, and more.

The DPU must develop sufficient carbon-free sources. Currently they have only intermittent hydroelectric power. Geothermal energy is promising, Gibson said, but not available yet. Battery storage is available for homes, and utility scale storage is being developed.

Gibson commented on the transmission grid limits, which prevent wind power generated in the eastern part of the state from reaching us. However, we do have transmission lines to the Farmington area and the County is investing in Foxtail Flats, a large solar and battery plant to be built there. When completed, the project will produce over half the energy needed by both LANL and the County. Unfortunately, it has been delayed by "Washington problems."

Why not just put solar installations on the rooftops? We have more than 500 in the County. But, Gibson said, they do not match our loads. The peak demand is in the early winter mornings. Furthermore, not all roofs have the optimal orientation. Rooftop solar can be a piece of the solution, but a battery might be a better investment.

"To summarize," Gibson said, "we really can be greenhouse-gas free, but it will take everybody's involvement and that of the Utilities Department."

*Barbara Calef*





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**Dues:** The recommended dues amount is \$75, but members can pay any amount from \$20 up. **All checks for membership dues should be payable to LWVUS.** 20% of dues will go to LWVLA, 47% will go to LWVNM, and 33% will go to LWVUS. (Only the 20% for LWVLA is tax-deductible. A tax-deduction statement will be supplied on request.)

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- \_\_\_\_ Advocate for League positions: communicate with local, state, and federal leaders.
- \_\_\_\_ Serve on the LWV-Los Alamos Board
- \_\_\_\_ Observer Corps: Watch Council, DPU, P&Z meetings etc. and write a summary to publish in our newsletter. (All meetings are recorded, so you can watch them later.)
- \_\_\_\_ Fundraising – Assist in raising money for LWVLA.
- \_\_\_\_ Voter Guide – Assist in developing the Guide – edit, develop questions, work with news publications, etc
- \_\_\_\_ Lunch with a Leader – order/deliver lunches when we meet in person; help set up tables.
- \_\_\_\_ Newsletter – Write newsletter articles on a local issue or League activity for the *Update*.
- \_\_\_\_ Organize/provide refreshments for forums and other in-person meetings.
- \_\_\_\_ Publicity – Submit press releases to local media.
- \_\_\_\_ Voter registration – Register voters at events such as the Farmers Market (with training by the County Clerk's office).
- \_\_\_\_ Website / Social Media – Provide technical assistance and develop content.
- \_\_\_\_ Another area (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

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