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Calendar

October 6	Early Voting Begins; absentee ballots are mailed
October 15	Lunch with a Leader, Maggie Meier, Unitarian Church, 11:45 a.m.
October 17	Expanded Early Voting begins
October 20	Last day to request an absentee ballot
October 22	Board meeting, Unitarian Church, noon
October 31	Last day of Early Voting
November 3	ELECTION DAY Polls are open 7am - 7pm

Lunch with a Leader: Maggie Meier

This month's Lunch with a Leader will feature Maggie Meier as our Leader. It will begin at 11:45 a.m. on October 15 in the Unitarian Fellowship Hall. Please note that it would be wonderful for members to invite friends to come to this meeting. They do not have to be members...but who knows, perhaps they will see how terrific we are and join!

Meier grew up in Los Alamos and was good friends with many of the kids who attended Los Alamos Public Schools in the 80's and 90's. After graduating from UC San Diego with degrees in genetics and comparative religion, she taught adult literacy in inner-city Chicago, went to graduate school at Fordham University in New York, and returned to Chicago to teach theology to high schoolers. She met her husband at their 20th high school reunion and joined him in South Carolina where her son was born. In late 2018, they moved back to Los Alamos, drawn by the proximity to family, a good school system, and the stark beauty of New Mexico.

Throughout her wanderings across the U.S., Meier has reflected on poverty, prejudice, and what amazing things happen when people work together. These musings spurred her most recent venture, acting as an educator for the Interfaith Coalition on Homelessness. She is grateful for the opportunity to share her journey of learning about homelessness today.

Karyl Ann Armbruster



President's Message: Voting Is Crucial

Happy fall and happy election season! Early Voting begins in Los Alamos County on October 6th and continues until Oct. 31st, so I hope you and all your family members have a plan to vote. Please encourage everyone you know to register, engage in the issues, and cast their ballots to ensure all our voices are heard in shaping the future.

The **LWV Voter Guide** was published on October 1st and is included in the paper version of the *Los Alamos Daily Post*. Check it for information about candidates, Constitutional Amendments, Charter Amendments, and Bond Questions.

In other crucial election news, the Supreme Court rejected the Federal administration's bid to restrict mail ballots for the midterm elections, capping a flurry of last-minute legal action with voting already underway in some states. This decision allows states to continue sending out mail ballots the same way they have been doing for years. Mailed ballots account for nearly a third of votes cast.

The League of Women Voters, a plaintiff in the case, called the proposed restrictions “an extraordinary attempt to interfere with voting” and said it would have thrown elections into chaos.

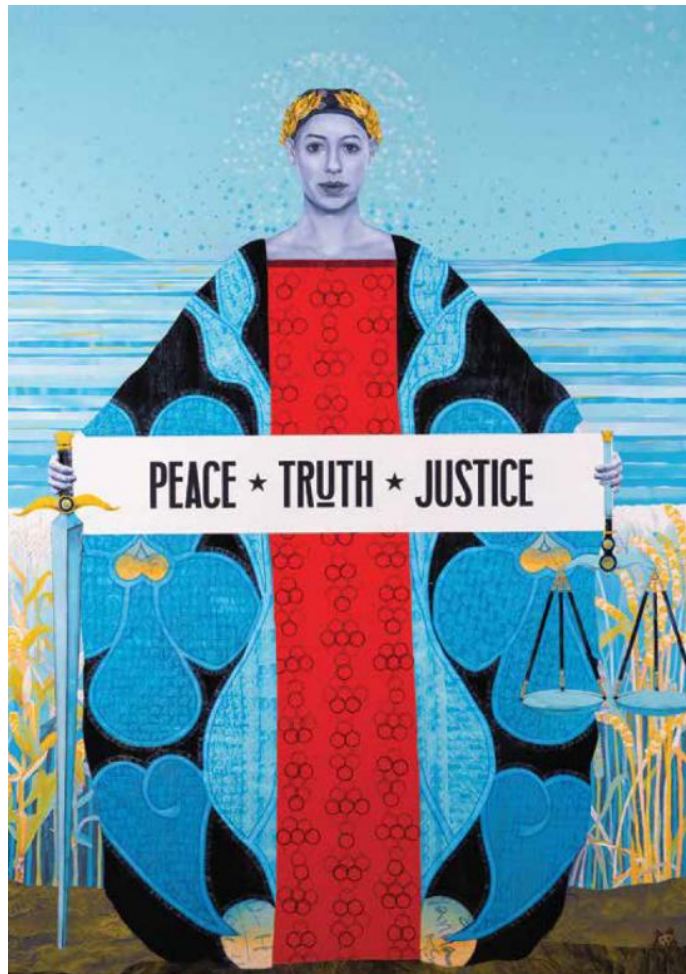
Hear these words from the CEO of the national LWV, Celina Stewart, “Voting is an act of power and in this moment, it is an act of resistance. When people try to divide us, silence us, or make us believe our voices don’t matter, we come together and use the power that belongs to all of us. We will not be intimidated or discouraged from participating in our democracy. We are America. We are voters. And together, we will make our voices heard.”

Thanks for **your** participation!

Leslie Wallstrom

Justice Speaks Out

A Poetry Anthology by Members of The League of Women Voters



Earlier this year, we published our first poetry anthology, *Democracy's Urgent Call*, which has over 1100 copies in circulation. Our 2027 volume, *Justice Speaks Out*, is again inspired by artist/activist Niki Johnson's four-part series, *Pillars of Democracy* ([click here to view.](#))

As poets and members of the League of Women Voters, we recognize the power of language to connect people, to stir hearts and minds, and to reaffirm the enduring promise of this nation. Together, we lift our voices in solidarity for due process, truth, fair treatment, and justice for all. These are more than ideals; they are the bedrock principles that shape our democracy and guide how we treat one another. When these principles are disregarded, we stand together, speak out and defend our better nature.

We hope LWV members from all 50 states will contribute to this anthology. Please pass this letter on to all LWV members who might be interested in submitting.

Timeline

Submission Deadline	November 15, 2026
Selections Finalized	January 15, 2026
Advance Orders Begin	March 1, 2027
Design, Layout & Production Completed	April 30, 2027
Release Date	June 1, 2027

Submission Guidelines

We invite original, unpublished poems and welcome a wide range of voices, styles, and perspectives. Surprise us with something fresh—insightful, musical, memorable. We're looking for poems that move us: make us laugh, cry, reflect, or see the world in a new way. Both free verse and traditional forms are welcome, as well as bilingual poems, though we are unable to accept entire non-English poetry due to space limitations and editors' language capacity.

Please submit **one original, unpublished poem of no more than 30 lines, including stanza breaks**, formatted to fit on a single page using 12 pt Times New Roman font. Submissions with special formatting, visual elements, or artwork cannot be considered.

A panel including a former Poet Laureate will review submissions and make final selections. Chosen poems will reflect the League of Women Voters' commitment to **diversity, equity, and inclusion**. Please avoid references to specific elected officials or political parties, as we are committed to maintaining a **nonpartisan** focus.

There is no submission fee nor is monetary payment possible at this time. Selected contributors will receive one complimentary printed copy of the book. All rights revert to authors upon publication. If your poem is later reprinted in a collection or anthology, we kindly request acknowledgment of its original appearance.

The publication will be produced via print-on-demand. Once available, local and/or state Leagues will have the option to purchase copies in bulk at cost + shipping for gifts, direct sale, and/or local fundraising. Additional details will be shared upon publication.

Please submit your poem through this link: <https://forms.gle/8MwrqE2UaN8RqigcA>

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Updates from the Los Alamos County Health Council

The Los Alamos County Health Council (LACHC) has appointed 5 new members since early May and has received one new application. We are hoping to have a full board of 15 County Health Councilors soon!

MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES — JUNE-SEPTEMBER

Mary Bloser, Teen and Parent Mental Health Coach, spoke to the Health Council about Twice Exceptional Students, children who have high intellectual, creative, or artistic gifts while also living with a learning disability, neurodivergence, or developmental challenge. We identified projects and additional opportunities to collaborate with other County Boards and Commissions.

The Health Council partnered with Social Services to sponsor a table at Del Norte Credit Union's Back to School event in Española. We helped to provide free school supplies to students in Rio Arriba County. Our Social Services student intern, Evelyn Drake, published an article on Teen Mental Health entitled "Our Teens Matter!"

In August we hosted a meeting where State Behavioral Health Services Division Director Nick Boukas addressed issues related to suicides, drug overdoses, and other mental health crises. Also in August the Health Council Chair and Vice Chair attended the Alliance of Health Councils' Virtual Community Collaborative Forum. There were breakout groups addressing such issues as social determinants of health, behavioral health, civic engagement, and universal child care. If you would like a copy of the slides from this meeting, please contact Lisa Hampton at:

[eightsenough\(at\)comcast.net](mailto:eightsenough(at)comcast.net), phone 505-500-7154. Barbara Phelps also published an article entitled "New Mexico Universal Child Care, What Is It?"

September was National Suicide Prevention Month. Members and guests were trained in the Statewide Suicide Prevention Class, which trains participants to recognize and respond to a mental health crisis. Participants learn skills to support those at risk. The Health Council, in collaboration with Social Services Division and local non-profits, published an article on training related to suicide education and prevention.

Lisa Hampton, County Health Council Chair

Observer Corps Report — County Council – September 8

Automated License Plate Readers

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

Automated License Plate Readers (ALPRs)

Police Chief Dino Sgambellone briefed Council on community feedback received at the Town Hall held on August 27 about the use of ALPRs in the County.

Sgambellone reported that the event drew a strong turnout of approximately 100 community members. He added, "We heard diverse perspectives from individuals both supportive of and concerned about law enforcement's use of this technology." Major topics of community concerns and questions fell into four categories:

- Cyber security: protections against hacking and unauthorized access, including access by entities outside the County.
- 4th Amendment/privacy: safeguards against unlawful or overly broad surveillance.
- Data governance: retention periods, who can access ALPR data, and rules governing its use.
- Independent oversight: 3rd-party audits of Police Department use of ALPR data.

Sgambellone elaborated on each issue, how it was currently addressed, and recommended improvements in police policy. The latter included more frequent audits, strengthening officer accountability, reducing ALPR data retention times from 120 to 90 days, and engaging external auditor services. He said additional improvements will be

considered as technology, legal requirements, and best practices evolve.

Sgambellone said that, "dismantling this program would not eliminate the sophisticated challenges our community faces. It would only remove a vital tool that helps us meet them." He concluded that, "the responsible path forward is not to abandon this tool but to strengthen the safeguards around it."

Sgambellone requested Council's input on the recommended changes to operational policy.

Public comments

Nine community members spoke out, all voicing strong objections to the use of ALPR technology for several reasons:

- Cyberdata is not secure, especially with increasingly sophisticated AI.
- Those with system access may be vulnerable to bribery to misuse the technology.
- Successors to the current police administration may not be as trustworthy.
- ALPRs provide the capability to track people who hold positions involving handling national security secrets.
- The Police Department has not been able to provide data to show that this technology has been effective in reducing local crime rates.

The most commonly voiced concern focused on invasion of privacy. Heike Wilcox warned that, "Some citizens say they have nothing to hide and they have done nothing wrong. However, the definition of 'wrong' can be changed. ... People who are being watched start policing themselves. They think twice about going to the gun store, the clinic, the protest, the mosque. Surveillance itself is a blow to freedom."

Council discussion

Council discussion identified several questions that would need answers before they could decide how to proceed:

- Is ALPR deployment warranted given the community's very low crime rate? What specific public-safety problems would this high-surveillance technology address?
- What data demonstrate that ALPRs lead to a meaningful reduction in crime? What are the system's documented error or misidentification rates?
- What would be the contractual cost if the County were to cancel its use of the ALPR system? What would be the costs of implementing external/third-party audits or other proposed safeguards and administrative changes?
- Has Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) or the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) been consulted? Does either organization have concerns about ALPR data collection, access, retention, or security?

Councilors seemed receptive to a suggestion to codify ALPR policies in an ordinance, rather than leaving the safeguards solely within Police Department administrative policy. The purpose would be to make changes to retention, access, auditing, accountability, and related controls more difficult to make without Council involvement. Sgambellone was also supportive of consideration of this approach.

Next steps

Council reached a consensus to bring ALPR deployment back for further consideration and possible action at a future meeting.

June Fabryka-Martin and Craig Martin

Observer Corps Report — County Council – September 22

Homeowner Insurance and Wildfire, County Fiscal Participation in Local Commercial Projects: Pig and Fig Bakery and Café, Nambe Drugs Los Alamos, and 1735 Central Avenue (former CB Fox Building)

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

Homeowner Insurance and Wildfire

Council heard presentations about wildfire preparedness and the growing challenge of obtaining homeowners insurance in high-risk wildfire areas such as Los Alamos County.

Wildfire Preparedness

Wildland Fire Battalion Chief Van Leimer said Los Alamos has been classified as a high-risk community for about 20 years, sometimes making it increasingly difficult to obtain fire insurance. He listed initiatives taken by the County to increase the community's resilience to future wildfires.

- Wildland Urban Interface Code. The County adopted a Wildland Urban Interface Code focused on defensible space and home hardening.
- Home inspections. The Los Alamos Fire Department (LAFD) conducts free home assessments to guide residents in making their properties more fire-resistant and thus improve the insurability of their homes. Recommended measures include Class A roofs, ember-resistant eaves and soffits, double-pane windows, and fire-resistant exterior materials.
- Clearing vegetation on private property. LAFD has run an extensive outreach campaign to educate and encourage homeowners to eliminate combustible vegetation within five feet of their home

and to maintain well-spaced vegetation out to about 100 feet. Leimer said, "It makes it more defensible for us as firefighters to be able to go in and defend your home."

- Reducing wildfire risk on public land. LAFD continues to reduce fire risk on County property along NM 502 opposite the airport and below the stables on North Mesa. Work is planned in White Rock and in Los Alamos Canyon below Fairway Drive.

Insurance challenges

Melissa Robertson of the New Mexico Property and Casualty Bureau said inflation and the increasing number of catastrophic losses are driving insurance costs higher. She said that in high-risk communities, insurance companies often refuse to renew home-owner policies. Robertson noted that, "Last year, Los Alamos had 41 non-renewals, with a 1.7 percent non-renewal rate."

Robertson said that homeowners and business owners who are unable to secure insurance coverage in the private market can apply for coverage under New Mexico's Fair Access to Insurance Requirements (FAIR) Plan. Under the FAIR Plan, property companies licensed in the State can provide coverage of up to \$750,000 on residential properties, based on fire department protection, and up to \$2M on commercial policies.

Robertson said that the State also promotes the Wildfire Prepared Home certification program, which is run by the Insurance Institute for Business and Home Safety. She said that property owners can apply for the program on the Wildfire Prepared website, work through a checklist, and then request a home inspection. She said that if the property gets certified, it may help the owner to maintain insurance coverage or to qualify for potential insurance discounts.

Community workshop

Robertson and representatives from insurance companies will participate in a

community workshop on October 27 to provide information on the certification program, share the checklists, and answer questions from community members.

County Fiscal Participation in Local Commercial Projects

- Pig and Fig Bakery and Café redevelopment project. Council introduced a motion to adopt an MRA (Metropolitan Redevelopment Area) Project Agreement for Pig and Fig Bakery. The White Rock business proposes to renovate and improve access to an underutilized portion of its existing commercial space, allowing it to expand its services. Pig and Fig is requesting \$106,000 from the Economic Development Fund in the form of an MRA grant and development agreement. A public hearing on the motion is scheduled for October.
- Redevelopment of former CB Fox building. Council introduced a motion to provide 1735 Central Development LLC with \$6M through the County's LEDA (Local Area Development Act) program, in the form of a \$4M grant and \$2M ten-year, zero-interest loan. The developers propose to renovate and convert the building to create small retail spaces, a commercial kitchen and food court, and a 20-room boutique hotel with a rooftop bar.
- Nambe Drugs Los Alamos redevelopment project. Nambe Drugs submitted a LEDA Retail application to support its expansion. The pharmacy proposes to relocate to the space vacated by Finishing Touch within Central Park Square, where it plans to expand the pharmacy and the services it offers. It is requesting County participation through the LEDA program as a grant that is subject to four-year performance terms.

June Fabryka-Martin and Craig Martin

Observer Corps Report — County Council – September 29

Water Service Rate Schedule

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

Water Service Rate Schedule

Voting 5–2, Council adopted an ordinance amending the Department of Public Utilities Water Service Rate Schedules. Councilors Hand and Reagor voted in opposition.

Service Rate Schedules

The revised water rate schedules establish consecutive 8% adjustments for FY 2027 and FY 2028 for residential, multifamily, commercial, County, and school customers. The schedules also add a new monthly service charge for non-potable users; an additional energy charge for water sold to Pajarito Mountain Service Area to account for pumping costs; and incorporation of debt service and contingency cash reserves to the rates for bulk water deliveries to LANL. These additions reflect the number of capital loans the County has issued to fund construction of a new well and replacement of water production lines.

Council previously approved a version of the ordinance at its meeting on June 30. However, that approval was subsequently voided because the ordinance approved by Council contained material differences from the version introduced at the Board of Public Utilities meeting. The differences, which were corrected in the version considered tonight, concerned the effective dates of the service charge changes.

Council discussion

Chair Ryti said that convincing arguments for his support of the ordinance were that it establishes a more equitable service rate for

the Pajarito Mountain Service Area, reflecting the higher cost of servicing the high-elevation site, and that it addresses the fact that LANL has long been undercharged for its bulk water deliveries.

Councilor Reagor did not support the rate increases. He felt that the Public Utilities Department should place greater emphasis on controlling costs within the system, whether for water, natural gas, or any other public utility.

June Fabryka-Martin and Craig Martin

Observer Corps Report - Planning and Zoning Commission – September 23

The session was attended by Commissioners Karen Easton (Chair), Marlon Brown, Katherine Bruell, Robert Chrien, Rebecca Grimm, David Hampton, Ronald Nelson, and Rebecca White.

Draft Los Alamos County Comprehensive Plan Update

Peter Lombardi of CZB LLC provided a quick overview of the planning process and a preliminary summary of the comments received to date. The plan includes trends and conditions, planning guidance, and an implementation framework.

Lombardi said that the yearlong timeline for the plan update targets its adoption by the end of 2026. The draft was released August 19 after community surveys, workshops, focus groups, and steering committee participation. Comments were accepted through September 18, with 121 individuals submitting feedback.

Proposed "Conservation Residential" Land-Use Designation

Public comments about the draft plan received on the website focused heavily on concerns about the proposed "conservation residential" land-use designation, which would permit clustered housing on specific parcels of County open space. During the meeting, members of the public argued that putting housing on land zoned as Open Space conflicts with the concept of conservation and that the term "conservation residential" sounds like an oxymoron.

Several people pointed out the absence of community consensus for developing these areas and urged the County to remove the designation from the plan. The areas around the golf course/Walnut Canyon were repeatedly mentioned as particularly important to protect.

It was suggested that the focus of development should be on infill and the renovation of deteriorating and vacant homes.

Outdated Supporting Data

Multiple public speakers stressed that the plan needs more current data before assuming substantial additional housing is required.

The point was made that the plan contains many assertions without adequate supporting numbers. The speakers requested current figures on housing vacancy rates, building permits, undeveloped parcels and their zoning, and credible population estimates. Noting that some recently built apartments appeared to have vacancies, speakers suggested waiting to see how existing and currently planned housing is absorbed.

Several speakers questioned whether future LANL employment growth can be reliably predicted, particularly given possible changes in technology and the laboratory's mission. Historical LANL projections did not always match subsequent development; they urged the county to scrutinize assumptions about future laboratory growth.

One speaker felt that LANL should take greater responsibility for housing workers,

potentially through dormitories and other facilities near the laboratory.

Specific Land-Use and Zoning Concerns

Concerns were also raised that promised corrections had not occurred about long-requested rezoning of open-space areas such as Piñon Park in White Rock and along the eastern edge of the golf course overlooking Walnut Canyon.

An objection was made that the future land-use map designated the parcel south of NM502, across from the airport, as Mixed Use when it is currently zoned Industrial. They felt that rezoning of this parcel should be addressed through a public process, rather by fiat.

Infrastructure and Capital Improvements

A speaker suggested that addressing housing needs should acknowledge the key role of neighborhood renovation and infrastructure improvements. They argued that capital-improvement spending should prioritize maintaining existing infrastructure—such as sewer lines, utility lines, and older neighborhoods—rather than expanding the range of projects.

Scope of the Draft Comprehensive Plan

The complaint was made that the plan seemed overly focused on economic development and housing, and that it failed to address transportation and social services, among other community needs.

Feedback from Commissioners

The commissioners generally supported finding ways to accommodate more housing, but the discussion favored infill and redevelopment over opening up existing natural areas, while calling for a more specific, data-driven, and adaptable Comprehensive Plan.

- Open space: There was substantial concern about converting open space to residential use. Commissioners generally supported protecting existing open space and questioned the

proposed “conservation residential” designation.

- Housing: Commissioners generally agreed that Los Alamos has a significant housing need, particularly because many people who work locally commute from elsewhere.
- Development regulations: Several commissioners wanted the plan to contain more specific policies that can actually be incorporated into the County's Development Code, including reduced parking requirements, accessory dwelling units (ADUs), by-right development, and increased density.
- LANL: Commissioners disagreed somewhat about how much future LANL growth should drive County planning. Some emphasized the current housing and commuting problem, while others stressed uncertainty about future federal funding, LANL employment, artificial intelligence (AI), and changes in the laboratory's mission.
- Data: There was strong criticism of outdated or insufficiently documented population and housing data. Chair Easton said the plan needs current, accurate, independently verifiable numbers.
- Transportation: The discussion highlighted the effects of commuting on roads and safety and supported walking, biking, public transit, and connected trails.
- Existing zoning/open-space errors: County Manager Anne Laurent explained that some previously disputed parcels could potentially be corrected through lot splits and subsequent rezoning, and consultants said they were incorporating the discussion into revisions.
- Broader planning: Commissioner Grimm argued that residential areas, commercial centers, transportation,

recreation, and open space need to be treated as an interconnected system, rather than as separate land-use categories.

Next Steps

The next plan review is scheduled for the commission's meeting on October 7 at the White Rock Fire Station. The consultant is charged with revising the draft plan to incorporate the comments from the commission and the public as well as open-space designation corrections and the requested regulatory specificity. The P&Z Commission is scheduled to make its recommendation about plan adoption at its meeting on November 18.

June Fabryka-Martin and Craig Martin

September Lunch with a Leader: Erik Litzenberg

Fire Chief Erik Litzenberg started his talk by remarking that his mother is very involved in the League in Santa Fe, so he grew up knowing how important the organization is to democracy. He moved back to NM intending to go to medical school, but he volunteered to work on an ambulance and fell in love with firefighting. He retired from the Santa Fe Fire Department in 2021, then ran a business to develop leaders across the county.

Litzenberg began working in Los Alamos in January 2026, interested in serving in a wildland-urban interface community. He participated in the 9/11 memorial hike on Pajarito on September 12 and was impressed by the optimistic attitude of the community. He commented, “it’s an outdoorsy, cool, proactive approach to memorializing September 11.”

The County has five fire stations, two of which are at LANL. The Los Alamos Fire Department is unique in that it serves both the community and the Lab, so it is much more robust than it would be otherwise, with as many firefighters as the much larger community of Santa Fe.

Los Alamos has a training facility on DP Road where all new hires attend a 26-week academy to learn about fire, emergency medical services, all kinds of rescue, and how to protect the Lab. There are 165 uniformed firefighters aged 18-33 working in three shifts: two days straight, then four days off. They sleep in the station, recreate, plan their meals, and purchase the supplies.

Six divisions have managers who work a traditional 40-hour week and are responsible for the necessary operations: Training, Wildland Fire, EMS, Safety, Fire Marshal, and LANL Training. The Fire Marshal teaches the public how to be safe around the structural environment. Eleven staff members work in the administration building across from the Municipal Building.

In firefighting there is a voluntary accreditation process; about a quarter of the fire departments in the country are accredited, having received an outside evaluation. Los Alamos is one of only four communities in the world where the department has been accredited for 30 years. There is a second, mandatory accreditation process conducted by the Insurance Services Organization (ISO). The department is evaluated and rated every 5-10 years by ISO. This rating, from 1 to 10, informs insurance companies about the capabilities of the department. Los Alamos is in Class 1.

The LA Fire Department is an “all hazards department.” For all emergencies except firearms, the Fire Department is called. About 75% of the calls they receive are for emergency medical services.

Litzenberg presented a quick history of fires in the United States. He explained that the era of “mega” fires in the late 19th and early 20th century led to the decree by the Forest Service in 1935 that every fire must be extinguished by 10 a.m. the following day. They did not realize the role of fire in the landscape until the 1980s.

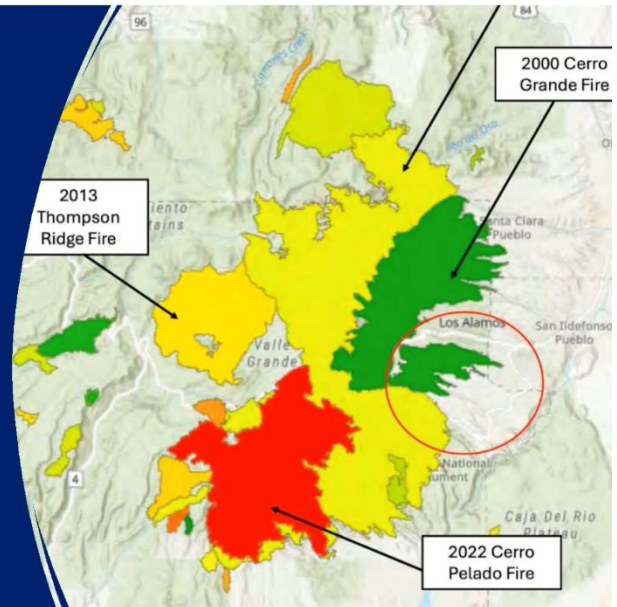


*Fire Chief Erik Litzenberg and Karyl Ann Armbruster.
Photo by Leslie Wallstrom*

Litzenberg focused on the increase in the number and size of the fires since the 1980s, when two million acres burned, to the 2020s when ten million acres burned. In recent decades Los Alamos has been affected due to the rise in temperatures. The La Mesa Fire in 1977 burned 15,000 acres. In 1996 the Dome Fire burned 17,000 acres. Cerro Grande Fire in 2000 burned about 45,000 acres.

Los Alamos County Burn History

- 2000 Cerro Grande Fire – 43,000 acres
- 2011 Los Conchas Fire – 148,000 acres
- 2013 Thompson Ridge Fire – 23,968 acres
- 2022 Cerro Pelado Fire – 45,604 acres



2000 burned about 45,000 acres. Las Conchas burned the same acreage in just eight hours!

The response of the federal government was the National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy of 2009, which directed stakeholders across all landscapes to work collaboratively to achieve: Resilient Landscapes, Fire Adapted Communities, and a Safe and Effective Wildfire Response.

Litzenberg said that the Los Alamos Fire Department works to achieve the latter two goals. They are educating us to be prepared for wildfire and are engaged in mitigation projects around the county to reduce fuel loads. He detailed how to harden our structures: Install mesh over the eaves, clear gutters; clear all combustible material within 5 feet of the structure.

Finally, he reviewed the Ready Set Go program: Ready!: Prepare a go kit, have an evacuation plan; Set: Move flammable items away from windows and doors, close windows and doors, connect garden hoses; Go: Leave if you feel unsafe, follow instructions, follow evacuation routes. See the Emergency Management website for more information.

<https://www.losalamosnm.gov/Community/Community-health/Emergency-Management>

Barbara Calef

Tickler Report – Upcoming Council Agenda Items

Tickler Report

Tentative Council Agenda Items, as of September 25, 2026

A partial list of tentative Council agenda items from the County tickler distributed on September 29. All items are subject to change.

- **Intergovernmental and Regional Activities**
 - 10/06/26 meeting. Quarterly update. No action requested.
- **Local Economic Development Act (LEDA) grant and loan, and Metropolitan Redevelopment Area (MRA) grant and redevelopment agreement, for The Guest House**
 - 10/06/26 meeting. Introduction of Ordinance.
 - 10/27/26 meeting. Public Hearing. Action requested.
- **LEDA grant for Nambe Drugs Los Alamos**
 - 10/06/26 meeting. Introduction of Ordinance.
 - 10/27/26 meeting. Public Hearing. Action requested.
 - **MRA Grant and Development Agreement for Pig and Fig Bakery and Café**
 - 10/06/26 meeting. Public Hearing. Action requested.
- **Using Data to Drive Decision-Making at Social Services Division**
 - 10/20/26 meeting. Presentation. No action requested.
- **Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability Initiatives**
 - 10/20/26 meeting. Update. No action requested.
- **Local Economic Development Act (LEDA) grant and loan for the 1735 Central Avenue Redevelopment Project in Downtown Los Alamos (former CB Fox Building)**
 - 10/20/26 meeting. Public Hearing. Action requested.
- **Acceptance of Land Tracts C-2 and C-4 from the Department of Energy**
 - 10/27/26 meeting. Action requested.
- **Michael H. Covert, Los Alamos Medical Center CEO**
 - 10/27/26 meeting. Presentation. No action requested.

eComment Tool for Council meetings:

You can submit public comments for selected upcoming meetings. See:

<https://losalamos.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

Select List View and This Year. Locate the meeting and look for -the “eComment” column in the far-right, indicating that the meeting is open for public comment.

See details at:

<https://ladailypost.com/county-launches-ecomment-tool-for-council-meetings/>



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(Each individual must complete a separate application.)

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Address: _____ Date: _____

_____ ZIP: _____

Phone 1: _____
(cellular phone)

Phone 2: _____
(other phone)

E-mail (required): _____

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.)

Newsletter: How do you want to receive the *Update* newsletter:

_____ email it as a PDF file _____ mail a hard copy _____ no newsletter

_____ Check here to receive occasional Friendly Reminders of upcoming events by e-mail.

Ways to help the League if you wish to be an active member (check as many as apply)

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): _____

* Optional – another LWVLA member in the same household.

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The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

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