

National Night Out 2008

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Neighborhood News

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Avalon neighborhood residents find cover.....

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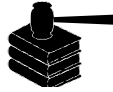
“Dedicated to Providing Information About City Government and
Increasing Communication Between Neighborhood and/or Homeowner Associations .”



Across The City

Metro Court

Submitted By Janet Blair



Metropolitan Court Recognized Nationally for DWI First Offender Program

The National Association for Court Management (NACM) has presented Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court with a Justice Achievement Award, Honorable Mention for its DWI First Offender Enhanced Supervision Program. The Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court award was one of only two presented this year.

“We are extremely proud that such a respected national organization recognized the fine work being done by the Metropolitan Court,” said Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court Chief Judge Judith Nakamura. “The DWI First Offender Enhanced Supervision Program, a unique program created by the Court’s judges and staff, is working to make our community safer,” Nakamura said. The judge said the preliminary results indicate the program will reduce the expected number of re-offenses by half. “We are clearly on the right track, in addressing the continuing risk posed by first offenders.”

Justice Achievement Awards recognize outstanding achievement and meritorious projects that enhance the administration of justice. The Court was recognized during NACM’S recent annual conference held in Anaheim, CA, attended by more than 500 representatives from 40 states, the District of Columbia, Guam, Nigeria, the Bahamas and Canada.

Some Metropolitan Court program highlights:

- 50% reduction in re-arrests for DWI true first offenders, compared to previous year.
- 17% reduction in arrests for Driving on a Revoked License, compared to previous year.
- 92% of those potentially eligible were ordered into the program, demonstrating the commitment of the court’s judges.

Under this new program, when DWI first offenders are referred to the program, they are screened in-house to determine their risk of re-offending, based on criminal history, drug use and other background information. Those determined to be high-risk (approximately half) go into the Enhanced Supervision program.

They must complete the regular first offender program (DWI school, Victims’ Impact Panel, community service, ignition interlock for a year) along with face-to-face and telephone contact with probation officers, drug screenings and counseling as indicated.

The court has obtained federal grants and state funding

through the Department of Transportation’s Traffic Safety Bureau to staff and operate the program. In the last session, the 2008 legislature approved ongoing funding for the program which was authorized by Governor Richardson.

“This began as the court’s effort to ensure defendants were complying with Court orders to install ignition interlocks. We have found the additional aspects of the enhanced supervision to be very effective in reducing re-offenses and we look forward to improving the program even further,” said Judge Nakamura.



Bernalillo County Chief Judge Judith Nakamura accepts a Justice Achievement Award from the National Association for Court Management. To her right is BCMC Chief Executive Officer Brian Gilmore and Probation Division Manager Jill Ingraham.

Bernalillo County Bureau of Elections

Submitted By Channon A. Dishman-Flores

Poll Officials Needed

The Bernalillo County Clerk’s Office, Bureau of Elections, is actively recruiting **Poll Officials for the General Election** to be held on **Tuesday, November 4, 2008**.

Training classes will be provided and are mandatory. There will be a selection of training times from which to choose, and each will last approximately two (2) to three (3) hours. Poll Officials are compensated for their Election Day work as well as Training time.

The Election Day work schedule is 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Please be prepared to attend the entire day. Please mention this ad if you are interested.

Poll Official Requirements:

- Must be a Registered Voter in Bernalillo County.
- Must have no Felony Convictions.
- Cannot be a relative of a candidate.
- Cannot be an active Law Enforcement Officer.

Contact Information: Channon Dishman-Flores at **505-468-1221**, e-mail to <cdishman-flores@bernco.gov> or Amber Garley at **505-468-1253**, e-mail to <garley@bernco.gov>.

Bernalillo County Clerk’s Office - General Information at **505-468-1291**, e-mail to <clerk@bernco.gov>.

Legal

Submitted By Naomi Parada

Community Mediation Program

The City of Albuquerque has two programs available to citizens to encourage exchange of information and problem solving. The Community Mediation Program is available for neighbor-to-neighbor issues. The Land Use Facilitation Program is available for citizens to communicate with developers regarding proposed projects in their neighborhood. But what is the difference between mediation and facilitation?

A facilitation meeting seeks to improve communication and understanding by clarifying issues and establishing facts. It identifies or lists concerns and/or options to better define problems or issues. It also helps to identify relevant stakeholders. Its main objective is not seen as one of resolving dispute, however this may occur in the course of exploring issues.

Mediation is assisted negotiation in which a neutral third party “a mediator” helps the parties to negotiate their own solutions and reach a formal agreement. Mediations are confidential. Mediation agreements are recorded and if signed by all parties, are legally binding.

For more information about our program please contact the ADR office at **505-768-4500** or visit <www.cabq.gov/legal/adr>.

NM Museum of Natural History and Science

Submitted By Roxanne Witt Celeskey

Education Programs August 2008 Onward

Hike with a Sandia Mountain Natural History Center (SMNHC) instructor and learn about the diverse ecology of the Sandia Mountains. Please call ahead to reserve a spot - space is limited.

First Saturday Programs

September 6, 2008 First Saturday at the SMNHC
9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Guided Hikes begin at 10 a.m.

The Sandia Mountain Natural History Center is open and free to the public the first Saturday of every month from March to September. From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., you can explore the bird/wildlife observation deck, geocaching, self-guided hikes, nature exhibits, and an orienteering course. Education sessions on specific themes are from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. For more information or directions please contact the SMNHC staff at **505-281-5259** or e-mail <chris.modelski@state.nm.us>, or visit <www.nmnaturalhistory.org/smnhc>.



Department of Municipal Development

Submitted By Kathy Verhage



Do You Live In A Dumping Zone?

Ever see someone pour motor oil or paint into a storm sewer? Use the nearest storm drain to dispose of grass clippings with the leaf blower? Did you ever wonder where it all ends up? The Rio Grande. Substances that make their way into the storm drain system flow directly into our arroyos, channels, pump stations, and ultimately into the Rio Grande. If storm water is contaminated by pollutants, then that’s how it stays. **Storm water receives NO treatment.**

Illicit discharges are releases of pollutants or wastes to the storm drain system. These include dumping of motor vehicle fluids, sewage, grass clippings, leaves, and animal waste. Levels of contamination from these illicit discharges have been shown to be high enough to significantly degrade water quality and threaten aquatic, wildlife and human health.

Citizen reporting can be a highly effective tool for finding illicit discharges. Because illicit discharges occur at unpredictable times, citizens are often able to observe problems that City staff aren’t aware of. When you see someone dumping into a storm drain, educate that person about the hazards of contaminating storm water if you’re comfortable doing that. Talk with your neighbors about what you’ve learned and encourage others to reduce, reuse and recycle whenever they can. Otherwise, call the City of Albuquerque’s **311** Complaint Hotline to report the illegal dumping .

Also call the hotline if you notice the following:

- A strong odor coming from a storm drain
- Sedimentation from construction sites
- Overflowing manhole
- Dumping of pet waste

Be prepared to give the following information:

- Location of complaint
- Source of pollution, if known
- Responsible party, if known
- Any other relevant information

You can remain anonymous if you desire.



NEIGHBORHOOD SCOOP

ACROSS THE FENCE

NNO Events Before The Rain



Submitted By Susan Vigil and Dalaina Carmona





Patrick Montoya

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From The Manager's Desk

Hearings.....

The basic assumption about participation is that one takes part or participates in order to share or even gain any form of benefit. The Office of Neighborhood Coordination was founded on insuring the act of participation for the community by insuring (by ordinance) that the City of Albuquerque's Recognized Neighborhood Associations are given proper notification of land use developments or changes.

We continually encourage neighborhoods to participate in all the land use cases, whether they are for or against projects. Typically, neighborhood representatives attend and speak if they oppose a project. Rarely, do they attend to speak if they are in favor of a project. Maybe that is just human nature.

Our office provides neighborhood information for all cases going before the Environmental Planning Commission, the Development Review Board, the Film Commission, the Special Events Committee and all Liquor Hearings.

Below are some hints offered to increase your effectiveness when participating in any of the hearings.

1. Know the 0-92 Ordinance so as to be sure about all legal aspects of the process.
2. Discuss the potential project with your neighborhood association or Board of Directors. Note the position taken, the vote and any minority opinions by your

neighborhood association. It is best to have this in writing, to insure the viability of your position.

3. Do not try to misrepresent yourself or the position of your neighborhood by taking a stance that has not been voted upon by your association.

Remember your opinion counts and the opinion of your neighborhood association counts even more. You must also consider the ethics of misrepresenting your opinion or position or that of the Neighborhood Association.

The entire staff is available to meet with you, one on one or with the Board of Directors to further explain our role during the entire process and the benefits to you and the Neighborhood Association.



APD Crime Prevention

Submitted By Steve Sink

Vehicle Identification Number Window Etching Event

Window etching of your Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) is an excellent deterrent to auto theft. In a matter of minutes the VIN can be permanently fixed in a corner of each window. Placing the VIN on each window can discourage thieves from dismantling your automobile and reselling the parts, which is one of the primary reasons our vehicles are stolen.

The next VIN Etching Event, which is sponsored by the Albuquerque Police Department, is scheduled for the following date and location.

Date: Saturday, August 30, 2008
 Time: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 Location: Wal-Mart Store
 2550 Coors Boulevard NW
 (Coors and I-40 Freeway)

The window etching is **FREE**. Citizens must provide current vehicle registration.



APD Crime Prevention

Submitted By Steve Sink

Child Safety

HOME ALONE: Being home alone can be a scary proposition for kids and parents. Many parents who work all day are faced with the daunting task of making sure their children are safe and protected before and after school. By following the tips listed below, parents can ease some of the anxiety associated with leaving their children home alone as well as general child safety advise.

- City of Albuquerque Ordinance states that children ten years or less can not be left home alone. Children eleven years or older can legally be left alone. However, regardless of age make sure your child is mature enough and can comprehend rules to your satisfaction before leaving them alone.
- Can your child be trusted to go straight home after school, easily use the telephone, locks, follow rules and instructions and stay alone without being afraid?
- Parents should teach kids basic safety rules and house rules. They should also know where their children are at all times, what they're doing and who they're with.
- Instruct your child to check in with a trusted neighbor or call you as soon as they get home.
- Make sure they know how to call **911** in case of an emergency and post important numbers.
- Do they know their telephone number, address and directions to the home?
- Establish a pre-arranged code word in case someone has to pick them up for you.
- Do they know how to operate all doors and window locks as well as an alarm system?
- Install eye viewers at a level comparable to your children's height.

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A Message From The Mayor

Martin J. Chávez
Mayor of Albuquerque

“Q-Initiative”

It is nearing the end of the summer and the sizzling New Mexico heat will soon calm to that enjoyable temperature which invokes a sense of guilt when you find yourself inside on such a day; so take the time to get out and enjoy what Albuquerque has to offer. Take up the “Q-Initiative”, starting with the newly introduced “Q-Card” to enjoy the many attractions that the city has to offer, and the up-and-coming Q-Bike, bike-sharing program, to help deal with rising gas costs.

It’s finally here, the easy way to give the gift of Albuquerque in the form of a gift card; the Q-Card. It works just like any gift card; you load the desired amount onto a card at any of the designated locations or on-line at <www.cabq.gov/giftcard> and use it like cash at different city venues such as the Rio Grande Zoo, Bio Park, Albuquerque Museum of Art and History. And coming soon, use your Q-Card at parking garages, golf courses, concessions and gift shops, swimming pools and for bus passes. The Q-Card enables Albuquerqueans to enjoy the different venues which contribute to Albuquerque’s uniqueness and desirability.

On July 16, 2008, I recently announced that Clear Channel Outdoor has been awarded the RFP (Request for Proposal) to provide a public bicycle fleet for rent to increase our public transportation system. Rising gas costs have more and more Americans parking their cars and trucks and searching for alternative modes of transportation and here in Albuquerque it is no different; but help is on the way. The “Q-Bike” services will provide bikes free of charge at kiosks located conveniently throughout the

city. Similar bike-sharing programs, such as these, have been pioneered by Clear Channel Outdoor and used throughout Europe and in Washington DC with much success. I believe it will be a great way to both improve the health of the city and cut down carbon emissions. The Q-Bike Service will be in full fleet by June of 2009.

The Nob Hill area is alive and flourishing with shopping, dining, and some after hour social settings. This past August 3, 2008, on Central from Girard to Washington, streets were closed off for Shop and Stroll. It was a great afternoon to check out the ever-advancing Nob Hill area. The City along with myself, will be hosting another Nob Hill Shop and Stroll on Sunday, August 24, 2008 from 12 noon to 7 p.m. Streets will be closed off to traffic during these hours to increase pedestrian safety and allow for street vendors and performers. To take advantage of the free park and ride service that will be available check out <www.cabq.gov> or dial 311. I hope to see you there.

With September just around the corner it is time to remember those who fell victim to the horrifying acts of terrorism at the Twin Towers seven years ago and honor those who stepped up to protect our country in a time of need. The City will be hosting a remembrance ceremony held at 12 noon on the Civic Plaza on Thursday, September 11, 2008.

As always log on to <www.cabq.gov> or dial 311 to find information on what is going on in the city. Have a safe summer and good luck on a new school year.

Sincerely,

Mayor Martin J. Chávez



Mayor’s Office of Volunteerism and Engagement

Submitted By Debra Saine

Make a Difference Day in Albuquerque

Friday and Saturday, October 24 & 25, 2008, have been officially proclaimed as Make A Difference Day in Albuquerque. Your neighborhood association is invited to “Make A Difference” by participating in this day of service observed nationwide on either of these dates. This event provides opportunities for Albuquerque citizens to come together and improve our community while teambuilding with friends and neighbors. Volunteers can perform work for local nonprofit organizations and charities, completing such projects as sprucing up a playground, painting a home for a senior citizen, or packaging food boxes at a local food bank. Still yet, you can help Restore the Beauty by picking up weeds and litter along the public rights-of-way or parks in your neighborhood.

Last year, some Albuquerque neighborhood associations sponsored neighborhood clean-ups resulting in the collection of thousands of pounds of debris. If your association would like to hold a neighborhood clean-up on Friday or Saturday, October 24 or 25, please contact Debra Saine by e-mail at <dsaine@cabq.gov> or call 505-767-5815, prior to October 3. Arrangements will be made for a dumpster and/or pick up of the debris.

Local nonprofit agencies have submitted a list of projects in which you might be interested. These projects will be posted on the Mayor’s Office of Volunteerism and Engagement (MOVE) website at <<http://www.cabq.gov/move>> on September 1. I encourage you and your neighbors to review these volunteer opportunities, call the nonprofit agency contact for particulars and then register on-line for your association to complete the project for the agency on Make A Difference Day.





**A Message From
Your City Council**

Submitted By Diana Trujeque

**8th Annual New Partners for Smart
Growth Conference:
Building Safe, Healthy and Livable
Communities**

Thursday - Saturday,
January 22-24, 2009 –
Albuquerque, NM

Meeting the Challenges of the 21st Century: global warming, water and air pollution, droughts, floods, high gas prices, housing foreclosures, obesity, food scarcity — properly implemented, smart growth has a role to play in meeting each of these current and future challenges.

The strength of this “premier smart growth” conference comes from the experience of participants and speakers who cross disciplines to share insights, valuable tools and strategies that encourage smart growth implementation and “get it done.”

The *New Partners for Smart Growth* program will span **three full days**. The schedule includes a dynamic mix of plenaries, breakouts, interactive implementation workshops, specialized trainings, peer-to-peer learning opportunities and coordinated networking activities. It will also feature exciting tours of local projects in the Albuquerque, Santa Fe and Taos areas and many other interesting case studies from throughout the region. There will be something for everybody from veteran experts to smart-growth novices, with over 100 sessions and workshops.

The multi-disciplinary program will include a multitude of timely and dynamic topics such as:

- Smart Schools and Smart Growth.
- Accommodating Growth While Protecting Water Resources.
- Sustainable Local Food Systems.

City Council

Council staff may be reached at **505-768-3100**. The agenda for an upcoming council meeting may be checked by calling **505-768-3100** after 1 p.m. on the Friday immediately prior to the council meeting. The City Council’s fax number is **505-768-3227**. Agendas, Action Items and Summaries are available on the Council’s webpage at www.cabq.gov/council/counsched.html.

Your City 2007-08 Councilors: (L to R, back row) Isaac Benton, District 3; Michael Cadigan, District 5; Rey Garduño, District 6; (L to R, middle row) Sally Mayer, District 7; Trudy Jones, District 8; Ken Sanchez, District 1; (L to R, seated) Don Harris, District 9; Brad Winter, President, District 4.; Debbie O’Malley, District 2

- Smart Growth Strategies for Addressing Climate Change.
- Complete Streets.
- Transit-oriented Development Tools.
- Green Infrastructure Planning.
- Sustainability for the Suburbs.
- Smart Stormwater: The Future of State and Municipal Stormwater Management.
- Densifying Historic Centers.
- Form-Based Codes.
- Public Health’s Role in City Planning.
- Housing Affordability, Diversity and Accessibility.
- Smart and Equitable Development.
- Maintaining the Rural Character in Communities and the Landscape.
- Baby Boomers Get Smart: Local Strategies to Prepare for the Aging Boom.
- Where is the Money? Trends in Funding Smart Growth.
- Reaching Smart Growth Goals Through Urban Forestry.
- Safe Growth: Leveraging Resources and Alliances to Prevent Crime.
- Reclaiming Vacant Properties.
- Sustainable Reuse of Brownfields.
- Developing Housing Options for All.
- Economic Development Incentives: Reforming Them to Promote Smart Growth.

Plan to join us and others for an inspiring, informative conference that addresses the challenges of our time. Visit www.NewPartners.org to get more conference details and to register for the conference!

City Council

Submitted By Jon Zaman

**Proposed Events Center and
Hotel Complex**

On July 28, 2008, the City of Albuquerque signed a Viability Assessment Agreement to begin the process of evaluating

the proposed Events Center and Hotel Complex project’s potential benefits to the City’s overall economy. The Agreement calls for a team of technical consultants to work on the City’s behalf to conduct parking and traffic studies, an economic impact evaluation, a detailed market analysis for both the proposed events center and headquarters hotel and studies on engineering and financing for the project.

The technical consultants who will conduct the study are:



- **PKF Consulting** – hotel market demand analysis.
- **Carl Walker, Inc.** – parking analysis.
- **HOK Sport, Inc. and HOK Dallas** – architectural scoping services.
- **SMG** – event center pro forma analysis.
- **Bohannon Huston** – traffic impact analysis.
- **Convention Sports and Leisure International** – event center market demand analysis.
- **Economics Research Associates** – economic impact analysis.
- **Turner Construction Company** – construction estimating services.

The process will be overseen by City staff, as well as a separate group of firms that will provide additional oversight and an independent review of the analysis for City leaders. This oversight group includes:

- **Barrett Sports Group, LLC** – market analysis oversight.
- **RBC Capital Markets** – financial advisor services and oversight.
- **Financial First Southwest** – financial advisor services and oversight.
- **Rick Tavelli** – construction estimating services.

The Assessment is expected to be completed over the next four months with regular updates for City policy makers and the public.

Neighborhood News August/September 2008

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Wednesday, August 20 •DRB – 9 a.m. •ADC – 3 p.m. •District 4 Coalition – 7 p.m.	Tuesday, September 2 •SWAN – 6 p.m.	Wednesday, September 10 •DRB – 9 a.m. •SEPC – 9 a.m. •LUCC – 3 p.m. •AQCB – 5:15 p.m.	Wednesday, September 17 •DRB – 9 a.m. •ADC – 3 p.m. •District 4 Coalition – 7 p.m.
Thursday, August 21 •EPC Public Hearing – 8:30 a.m.	Wednesday, September 3 •DRB – 9 a.m. •PAB – 10 a.m. •City Council – 5 p.m. •Westside Coalition – 7 p.m. •District 7 Coalition – 7 p.m.	Thursday, September 11 •GWPAB – 8:30 a.m. •TAB – 9 a.m. •Feedback Forum – 11:45 a.m. •EPC Study Session – 3 p.m. •POC – 4 p.m. •South Valley Coalition – 7 p.m.	Thursday, September 18 •EPC Public Hearing – 8:30 a.m.
Tuesday, August 26 •BOA – 9 a.m.	Thursday, September 4 •AAB – 9 a.m. •North Valley Coalition – 7 p.m.	Monday, September 15 •City Council – 5 p.m.	Tuesday, September 23 •BOA – 9 a.m.
Wednesday, August 27 •DRB – 9 a.m. •LEPC – 9 a.m. •SEPC – 9 a.m. •EPC Pre-Hearing – 1:30 p.m.	Monday, September 8 •GABAC – 4:30 p.m.	Tuesday, September 16 •ZHE – 9 a.m. •GARTC – 4:30 p.m.	Wednesday, September 24 •DRB – 9 a.m. •LEPC – 9 a.m. •SEPC – 9 a.m. •EPC Pre-Hearing – 1:30 p.m.
			Thursday, September 25 •District 8 Coalition – 7 p.m.

2008 CALENDAR/LEGEND

AAB - Airport Advisory Board, Aviation Department Executive Conference Room
ACTMI - Advisory Committee on Transit for the Mobility Impaired - Sun Van Conference Room, 601 Yale SE
ADC - Albuquerque Development Commission - Hearing Room (Basement Level), Plaza del Sol, 600 Second Street NW
AQCB - Air Quality Control Board, Council Commission Chambers, Basement Level, City Hall
BOA - Board of Appeals, Plaza del Sol Hearing Room, Basement Level, 600 Second Street NW
City Council - Council/Commission Chambers, Basement Level, City Hall
District 4 Coalition - Fire Station 20, 7520 Corona NE
District 6 Coalition - Cesar Chavez Community Center, 7505 Kathryn SE
District 7 Coalition - Sandia High School, Teacher's Lounge, 7801 Candelaria NE
District 8 Coalition - James Joseph Dwyer Memorial Substation, 12700 Montgomery NE
DRB - Development Review Board, Plaza del Sol Hearing Room (Basement Level), 600 Second Street NW
East Gateway Coalition - Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center, 501 Elizabeth SE
EPC - Environmental Planning Commission, Plaza del Sol Hearing Room, 600 Second Street NW, Basement Level
EPC Pre-Hearing - Environmental Planning Commission, Plaza del Sol, 600 Second Street NW, Third Fl. Conference Room
EPC Study Session - Environmental Planning Commission, Plaza del Sol, 600 Second Street NW, Third Floor Conference Room
FF - Feedback Forum, Planning Department, Plaza del Sol, Hearing Room, (Basement Level), 600 Second Street NW
GABAC - Greater Albuquerque Bicycling Advisory Committee, City Hall, Room 302
GARTC - Greater Albuquerque Recreational Trails Committee - Locations vary, call **505-768-5308** for information
GWPAB - Ground Water Protection Advisory Board - Room 302 City/County Building, 400 Marquette NW
LEPC - Local Emergency Planning Committee - 11510 Sunset Gardens SW, **505-833-7300** or <www.lepcbqbernco.org> for more info.
LUCC - Landmarks and Urban Conservation Commission, Plaza del Sol, Hearing Room (Basement Level), 600 Second Street NW
North Valley Coalition - Los Griegos Multi-Service Center, 1231 Candelaria NW
PAB - ParaTransit Advisory Board - Alvarado Transportation Center, 100 First Street SW
POC - Police Oversight Commission, City/County Building, Lower Level, 1 Civic Plaza, Fifth and Marquette
SEPC - Special Events Permitting Committee - 6th floor, Cultural Services Department Conference Room, City Hall, Fifth and Marquette
SVCNA - South Valley Coalition of Neighborhoods Associations, Rio Bravo Senior Center, 3910 Isleta Boulevard SW
SWAN - South West Alliance of Neighborhoods, Alamosa Multi-Service Center, 6900 Gonzales SW
TAB - Transit Advisory Board - Sun Van Conference Room, 601 Yale SE
Westside Coalition - Don Newton/Taylor Ranch Community Center, 4900 Kachina NW
ZHE - Zoning Hearing Examiner Offices- 200 Third Street NW, Suite 735, **505-924-3918**; ZHE Hearings are held in the Plaza del Sol Hearing Room, basement level, 600 Second Street NW

EPC Hearing Notice

Publication of EPC hearing notices in the *Albuquerque Journal* will now occur on the **Wednesday - 22 days prior** to the public hearing on the **3rd Thursday of the month**. The hearing notice includes the time, place and date of the hearing along with a brief description of each application on the agenda. Previously, hearing notices were published 15 days before the public hearing. The reason for this change is to meet the advertising requirements for EPC study sessions which occur on the 2nd Thursday of each month. Rather than advertising the hearing and study session separately, a single notice will be prepared to advertise both. Contact the Planning Department at **505-924-3860** if you have questions.

Neighborhood Alert – Be aware that public comments at EPC Meetings have a time limitation due to the length of the EPC Hearings. The **48-Hour Rule of the EPC**: All written materials and other documents shall be submitted to the Planning Dept. no later than **9 a.m.** on the **Tuesday** of the Public Hearing week. For an Appeal Hearing – no communication with EPC is allowed within five days of the Public Hearing.

In order to make maximum use of the following information please note:

- Scan the entire list to see if your neighborhood association has a case this month.
- The name and phone number of the developer/agent is listed so that you can easily contact them should you have any questions.
- The assigned staff planner is identified with each agenda item should you need additional information (i.e., check on the actual placement of your case on the agenda). All staff may be reached at **505-924-3860**.
- On the day of the Hearing, call Planning at **505-924-3860** and the receptionist will give you the status of the Hearing.
- Staff reports are available at the Planning Office beginning at **3 p.m.** on the **Thursday** prior to the EPC Hearing.

On the 2nd Thursday of each month, the EPC has a Study Session to review the applications scheduled for the all-day Public Hearing which occurs on the **3rd Thursday of each month**. As with the Public Hearing, **the public is invited** to attend the Study Sessions; however, Study Sessions do not provide an open forum. Discussion is limited to staff and the EPC. Study Sessions regularly begin at **3 p.m.** in the Plaza del Sol Hearing Room. Please call the Planning Department at **505-924-3860** to confirm the Study Session schedule as adjustments are made occasionally.

Please note that the **Pre-Hearing Meeting** will be held on **August 27, 2008 at 1:30 p.m.** in the Planning Conference Room, Third Floor. The **EPC Public Hearing** will be held on **September 18, 2008 at 8:30 a.m.** in the **Plaza del Sol Hearing Room (basement level), 600 Second Street NW** for the following cases:

Northeast

Supper Rock (neighborhood/homeowner association); 08EPC-40083, Project #1004496 (case #'s); Approximately 3.07 acre(s) located on the east side of Tramway Boulevard NE between Skyline Road NE and Encantado Road NE (**location of request**); K-L-23 (**zone atlas page #**); Garcia/Kraemer and Associates at **505-242-5566**, agent for Tramway Associates, Inc. (**applicant or agency and phone #**); Requests an Amendment to the Site Development Plan for Subdivision for a proposed seven (7) duplexes decreasing the dwelling size from 2,000 square feet to 1,600 square feet of each townhouse on this site (**action requested**); Randall Falkner at **505-924-3933**, e-mail: <rfalkner@cabq.gov>. (**city staff planner**)

Stronghurst Improvement, North Edith; 08EPC-40084, 40085 and 40086, Project #1007008; Approximately .56 acre(s) located on the north side of Candelaria Road NE between Arno Street NE and Commercial Street NE; G-15; DAC Enterprises, Inc. at **505-294-5243**, agent for Randy Kaufman; Requests an Zone Map Amendment from R-1 to SU-1/C-2 with Limited Uses and Site Development Plan for Subdivision and Building Permit for a proposed car sales lot at this location; Carol Toffaleti at **505-924-3345**, e-mail: <cgtoffaleti@cabq.gov>.

Cherry Hills Civic, Tanoan Community; 08EPC-40088, 40089, 40090, Project #1007412; Approximately 60.62 acre(s) located on the south side of Harper Road NE between Ventura Road NE and Red Sky Road NE; E-20; Consensus Planning, Inc. at **505-764-9801**, agent for Total Lifestyle Communities and McFarlin Group; Requests a Zone Map Amendment from SU-1 for Church and Related Facilities to SU-1 for Continuing Care Retirement Community for a proposed one to four story Continuing Care Retirement Community called "*Esperanza*" consisting of 157 independent living apartments, 48 assisted living suites, 20 memory support assisted living suites and 42 skilled nursing beds; Catalina Lehner at **505-924-3935**, e-mail: <clehner@cabq.gov>.

Bel-Air, Quigley Park; 08EPC-40093 and 40094, Project #1003565; Approximately 2.5 acre(s) located on the east side of San Mateo Boulevard NE between Claremont Avenue NE and Phoenix Avenue NE; H-18; Josh Skarsgard at **505-262-2323**, agent for Art Gardenschwartz; Requests a Zone Map Amendment from C-1 and C-2 to SU-1/C-2 and a Site Plan for Subdivision for Warehouse uses; Randall Falkner at **505-924-3933**, e-mail: <rfalkner@cabq.gov>.

Northwest

Quaker Heights, Taylor Ranch; 08EPC-40087, Project #1001209; Approximately 4.99 acre(s) located on the east side Unser Boulevard NW between Western Trail NW and Atrisco Drive NW; F-10; Western Trail Self Storage, LLC at **505-780-2555**; Requests a Zone Map Amendment from SU-1 for Neighborhood Commercial to SU-1 for Neighborhood Commercial to include Self-Storage for self-storage units with direct access and outside storage of cars, recreational vehicles and boats; Carol Toffaleti at **505-924-3345**, e-mail: <cgtoffaleti@cabq.gov>.

Southwest

No neighborhood and/or homeowner association(s); 08EPC-40091 and 40092, Project #1000976; Approximately 40.9 acre(s) located on the north side of Ervien Lane SW between Coors Boulevard SW and the Amole Del Norte Diversion Facility; M-10; Consensus Planning, Inc. at **505-764-9801**, agent for Riverside, LLC; Requests a Zone Map Amendment from SU-1 for Planned Residential Development (PRD) to SU-1 for Mobile Home Uses and a Site Development Plan for Subdivision for a proposed 240 Mobile Home dwelling units on this site; Randall Falkner at **505-924-3933**, e-mail: <rfalkner@cabq.gov>.

Assessment of Appeal of Impact Fees at 3880 Osuna Road NE; **08EPC-40082, Project #1007076**, Oso Del Osuna, LLC at **505-883-5030**; E-17; Appeal to EPC – Determination of Action; Jack Cloud at **505-924-3880**, e-mail: <jcloud@cabq.gov>.

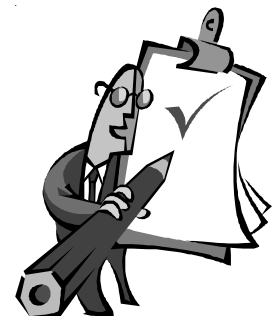
Planning Department

Submitted By Dalaina Carmona

Annual Reports Due to ONC

Just a reminder: As of this publication date, all recognized and unrecognized neighborhood/homeowners associations and coalitions need to submit an **“Neighborhood Association Annual Report for Recognized, Coalition and Homeowners Report Form”** in order to maintain their “R” recognized and/or “active” status on our list. We will need the original Annual Report and a copy of the announcement of your Annual Meeting submitted to our office **before** your Annual Report will be approved for the year. Please make sure that you have the correct contact information (i.e., addresses, name, phone numbers and e-mail address) listed for your officers on your Annual Report. Please call me at **505-924-3906** if you have any questions.

Please mail to: Office of Neighborhood Coordination
 Attn: Dalaina Carmona
 600 Second Street NW, Room 120 (Basement Level)
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<u>Annual Meeting Month</u>	<u>Due to ONC</u>
January	April 1
February	May 1
March	June 1
April	July 1
May	August 1
June	September 1
July	October 1
August	November 1
September	December 1
October	January 1
November	February 1
December	March 1

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If you have a disability and will need special assistance to benefit from any of the meetings, hearings or workshops, etc., appearing in this newsletter, contact the office sponsoring the event two weeks prior to the date of the meeting you plan to attend. When ever possible, TTY phone numbers will be listed. TTY users may call any phone number listed in this publication via Relay New Mexico at 1-800-659-8331.

CITY SCOOP

News From City Departments

Greater Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce

Submitted By Nena Perkin

Albuquerque Reads Needs Volunteers

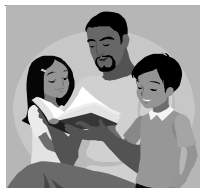
Incoming kindergarteners at three Title I schools in the city need your help this year. Studies show that if a child is not able to read by third grade, he/she will most likely drop out of high school. Children in high poverty areas are at greater risk. By volunteering just one hour per week, you can make a difference in a child's ability to read and contribute to their success in their school career. Help them kick start their learning now to get them on their way to high school graduation with the Class of 2021.

Over the last five years, the Albuquerque Reads Program has demonstrated success in preparing students to enter first grade reading at or above grade level. Recent program evaluation done by the Albuquerque Public Schools Research Department indicates that students enrolled in the three Albuquerque Reads schools "gained nearly five points or 22% more than their peers in other district schools from the Fall to the Spring Kindergarten Developmental Progress Report." The program continues to work to improve documented reading success.

Albuquerque Reads is a partnership between APS and the Greater Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce. This is how it works: Albuquerque Reads volunteer tutors work one-on-one with the same two students throughout the school year. One three hour training session is required in September for new tutors. Tutoring runs from the last week of September through the last week of April. Volunteers can commit to a regular time slot one time per week, or work in teams of up to four people to lessen the time commitment. The three schools, Bel-Air Elementary, Atrisco Elementary, and Wherry Elementary will have a combined kindergarten enrollment of just over 200 students. This necessitates over 300 tutoring slots, as the children are tutored three (3) times per week.

Recruiting volunteers for full coverage is the program's greatest challenge. Please help us meet this need by volunteering! We see better results every year, thanks to the commitment from our volunteer tutors. Help us continue this trend in our sixth year.

Please contact Nena Perkin at **505-764-3736** or by e-mail at nperkin@abqchamber.com for information and enrollment forms.



Parks and Recreation

Open Space Division

Submitted By Jodi Hedderig



Friction Fire Workshop

Saturday, August 23, 2008

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

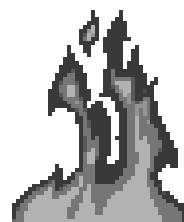


Limit to 20. If under 18 must be with parent. **\$20 FEE.** All participants must have their own locking blade knife or sheath knife. No exceptions! All other materials provided. Call **505-897-8831** to register.

Is it possible to live comfortably in the wilderness and for how long? A day, a week, a month, a year? If you are curious about such information there is a man who can answer your questions and elaborate on not only how to do it, but how to do it with comfort! Turn the wilderness into your "Living Room" using basic skills such as orienteering, finding water, building shelter, discovering a source of food and developing a sense of peace in untamed environments with naturalist and tracker, Mike Bochnia. Mike has dedicated his life to communicating these skills. His simple desire to transform our perspective of wilderness as an entity to be tamed and conquered, into a resource that is as vital as coal or oil has guided him to teach. He will be teaching two different workshops at the Open Space Visitor Center in August. If you have never seen someone build a *friction fire* then you are in for a real treat! Come enjoy this beneficial program.

For more information please contact Joshua Willis, Parks and Recreation Department, Open Space Division, **505-897-8831**, e-mail to jrwillis@cabq.gov or visit www.cabq.gov/openspace.

The Open Space Visitor Center is located at 6500 Coors Boulevard NW between Montañó Road NW and Paseo del Norte NW at the end of Bosque Meadows Road NW. The Center is open Tuesday through Sunday from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. and closed Mondays.



YDI

Submitted By
Marcos Baca

Congratulations to YDI!!!

On Monday, July 14, 2008 YDI was honored at the annual National Council of La Raza Conference in San Diego. The NCLR is a huge agency that has been bringing attention to Latino issues for 40 years now. YDI received the Regional Affiliate of the Year Award for its outstanding work with Latino youth in the Southwestern states of America.



Our President/CEO accepted the award on YDI's behalf, but recognizes that it is an agency-wide award. "This could not be possible without the good work that our employees do," Mr. Baca said. "This award is for all the direct service workers, administrative staff and support staff that have been busting their butts for the 38 years YDI has been in existence."

Being recognized by a nationwide agency with as much prestige as the NCLR has is a giant honor. Congratulations to everyone that made it happen.



**Albuquerque Bernalillo County
Water Utility Authority**

Submitted By John Stomp

**Water Authority Reminds Residents to
"Ramp Down" Watering in Coming Months**

Now that August is here, bringing with it somewhat cooler evenings and a little moisture courtesy of the "monsoon season," the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Authority wants residents to begin ramping down their watering of outdoor landscapes.

"It is still hot during the day but the cooler nights mean less evaporation, which means your yard or landscape needs less water," said Katherine Yuhas, water conservation officer for the Water Authority.

She suggested that August is an ideal time to install a rain sensor on an automatic sprinkler system and earn a \$25 credit on a water bill.

As fall approaches, Yuhas wants to remind everyone that they need to reduce their outdoor watering to two times a week in September and October and once a week in November until the first hard freeze. The Water Authority requires all residents to



water between 7 p.m. and 11 a.m. to minimize the chance of evaporation or water waste due to winds.

Fall is also a good time to plant, Yuhas said. She noted that homeowners can earn rebates on their water bills by removing turf and replacing it with low-water-use xeriscaping.

For more water-saving tips and rebate information, visit <www.abcwua.org> or call 505-768-3655. TTY users can call 1-800-659-8331 Relay NM.

Child Safety (continued from page 5)

- Explain to your children to never let anyone into the home or let them know that they are alone.
- Establish set rules about having friends over or going somewhere without your permission.
- Children should never carry their house/apartment key in full view. Place the key in a shirt pocket, sock, or other secure place.
- Teach them never to go into the home if signs of intrusion are noticed (broken windows, ripped screen, open doors).
- Establish a fixed route to and from school and walk that route with your children. Point out designated locations they can go for help including neighbors.
- Encourage them to walk with friends at all times.
- Avoid danger spots like alleys, wooded areas, construction zones, public restrooms, empty buildings and remain in well lit active locations. Avoid locations where strangers are present.
- If a stranger (anyone they do not know) attempts to follow or grab them, teach them to scream, "Stay away from me" or "This person is trying to hurt me," and run to an established safe place.
- Regularly communicate with your child about unusual incidents, contact with other people, or any event that makes them uncomfortable.

GENERAISAFETY:

- Children should practice making an emergency call. Rehearse their full name, address and phone number including area code.
- Teach your child to contact a store clerk or security officer if they are separated from you.
- Teach your child that no one, not even a friend or relative, has the right to touch them in a way that makes them uncomfortable.
- Teach them to never accept a gift or ride from people they do not know.





**Albuquerque Bernalillo County
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Submitted By John Stomp

San Juan-Chama Drinking Water Project

The Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority's San Juan-Chama Drinking Water Project recently marked an important milestone with completion of the final segment of 38 miles of underground pipeline.

The pipeline was installed as part of the final of 12 transmission pipelines which crisscross all segments of the Albuquerque Metropolitan Area. The pipelines will deliver purified surface water to seven reservoirs throughout the city when the project comes on-line later this year. Also included in the project are six miles of steel raw-water pipeline that will transport San Juan-Chama water diverted from the Rio Grande River into the Raw Water Pump Station (expected to be completed this fall) to the Water Treatment Plant (expected to be completed this winter) near Montano Road NE and I-25 Freeway. Water delivery to homes and businesses is slated to begin in early 2009.

To minimize disruption to traffic, the pipeline was inserted in tunnels under major streets and freeways, including Interstate Highway 25 (I-25), Interstate Highway 40 (I-40 – twice), Jefferson Street NE, Central Avenue NE and SE, Montgomery Boulevard NE, Menaul Boulevard NE and Coors Boulevard NW. Major roads such as Rio Grande Boulevard NW, Carlisle Boulevard NE, Candelaria Road NE, and San Pedro Drive NE were also impacted. The pipelines traverse several arroyos as well as the Rio Grande River. Five locally-based engineering companies and seven local and regionally-based contractors were involved in designing and installing the pipelines.

The Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority coordinated construction with the City of Albuquerque, State of New Mexico, Bernalillo County, Village of Los Ranchos, and many neighborhood associations, civic groups, schools, churches, private businesses and affected residents. Also cooperating in the effort were the Federal Bureau of Reclamation, the Army Corps of Engineers, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District, and the Albuquerque Metropolitan Area Flood Control Authority.

Soon the San Juan Chama Drinking Water Project will provide a sustainable supply of drinking water that will allow our underground aquifer to rest and recharge. We are moving quickly to begin using the San Juan-Chama water now because our current system, which relies entirely on pumping groundwater from the underground aquifer, is being seriously depleted. Right now only about 50 percent of the water pumped from that aquifer is returned. The rest is lost forever.

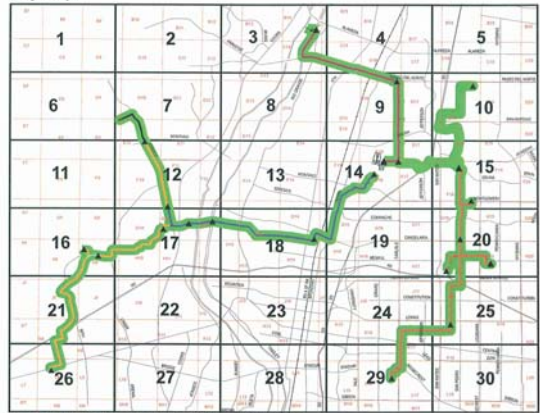
If you would like more information on the San Juan-Chama

Drinking Water Project, please call Patti Watson or Shannon Zamarrón at **505-293-2000** or visit www.abcwua.org and click on the San Juan-Chama Drinking Water Project button.



**SAN JUAN CHAMA DRINKING WATER PROJECT
WATER TRANSMISSION PIPELINES**

Key Map



Major streets shown with pipeline projects colored to indicate consultant



Construction Status

Construction Complete



Pipeline Being Installed



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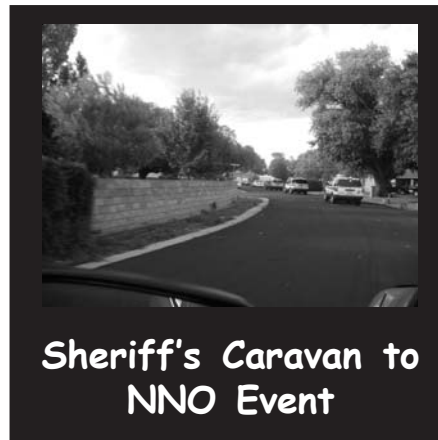
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Related ONC Links

- URL for neighborhood association maps:
 <www.cabq.gov/planning/agis/nbrmaps.html>
- URL for "Neighborhood News" ONC newsletter:
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