

Vista Del Norte - "Checkmate"

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A Once and Future Landing Site?

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NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS/NEW OFFICERS
The Office of Neighborhood Coordination “welcomes” new presidents of neighborhood associations and says a “special thank you” to outgoing presidents. Thank you for your hard work, dedication and commitment to improving the quality of life in your neighborhood.

Neighborhood Association	“Welcome” to Incoming President	“Thanks” to Outgoing President
Enchanted Park	Robert A. Trudo	Eugenia Stettler
Fair West	Tim Newell	Rich Wood
Huning Castle	Ab Potter	Todd Hunter
Los Alamos	LaDonna Harris	Debby Kenny
Los Griegos	Ida Kelly	Pauline Sargent
Los Poblanos	Chris Catechis	Anna Marie Sekula
Near North Valley	Claude Morelli	George Hutton
South San Pedro	John Ames	Johanna Tighe
West La Cueva	Peggy Neff	Thomas Alfieri
Western Meadows Area	Mike Langner	John Dark

•*South San Pedro Neighborhood Association regained their “Recognized” status on June 21, 2007.*

•*Zuni Neighborhood Association regained their “Recognized” status on July 11, 2007.*

NEW NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION(S)

The *Anderson Hills Community Neighborhood Association* is located in *City Council District 1, Police Beat – 158/WS, County Commission District 2*. The contacts are *Chris Loustaunau* and *Pam Garcia*. *Anderson Hills Community Neighborhood Association* became recognized on July 11, 2007. **Welcome Aboard!!**

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” 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 addresses listed for your officers on your Annual Report.

Please see the dates below to find out when your reports are due in our office and who to send them to. **Thank you.**

Please call Dalaina at **505-924-3906** for further information. Annual Reports for the following months are due:

May Annual Reports are due:	August 1, 2007
June Annual Reports are due:	September 1, 2007
July Annual Reports are due:	October 1, 2007

ATTENTION: When submitting your yearly Annual Report please **mail to our physical street address** below:

Planning Department/Office of Neighborhood Coordination
Attention: Dalaina Carmona
600 Second Street NW, Rm. 120 (Basement Level)
Albuquerque, NM 87102

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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.

Across The City



Too Hot To Garden Outdoors?

“Grow your ability to observe and adapt to healthier ways of gardening and living.”

Permaculture Series - Part 5

Sunday, August 19, 2007 - 10 a.m. - 12 noon

Topic this week, conducted by Michael Reed, certified permaculturist: **Using renewable Resources.**

“If the goal in permaculture is to design and implement self-maintaining systems, we need to better understand how positive and negative feedbacks work in nature. This principle addresses those self-regulatory aspects of design that discourage inappropriate growth and behavior and encourage health. In other circumstances this is called *karma*.”

What Is Permaculture?

“Permaculture is not a fashionable form of organic gardening. Various organic gardening approaches may be incorporated into a permaculture design, but permaculture itself is not that kind of discipline. Principles and strategies that go into the creation of energy efficient structures are a part of the permaculture bag of tricks, but they are not our primary focus.

Permaculture is about the patterns and dynamics of relationships among organisms and objects in the natural world. More specifically, permaculture’s focus is how to think about designing an organic garden (for instance) and how to think about where to place it in relationship to your house, your office, your orchard, and your chickens.

In life, any two elements (objects, organisms, colors, type-faces...) placed in proximity to one another interact dynamically. In permaculture, we study these interactions so we can place ourselves in the web of relationships in ways that enable us to care for the earth, care for people, and contribute to the growth of sustainable wealth.” For more information visit:

<www.abqpermaculture.net/principles.html>

For Those Who Dig The Blazing Heat:

1. Plant more veggies. It’s not too late! Buy veggie starts this Saturday, July 21, 10 a.m. at the GG Gardeners’ Market, 3222 Central SE, Albuquerque, NM. Expect three or more months of growing season for warmer varieties to ripen before the first frost. Herbs will grow well from now until fall, with a little going a long way. Melons, squash, gourds and peppers would have plenty of time to ripen. E-mail GG, <info@gardenersguild.org> or drop by with questions about your favorite varieties. **TIP:** plant in the evening - **OR** -
2. Dig deep, into your natural **Elements**. Identify the missing pieces in your **Environment!** **Find balance in conservation and**

comfort by using both intuition and powers of reason:

Prioritize to begin the process of creating temperate and tranquil outdoor spaces.

Examples?

Shade and shade structures, a place to cook and space to relax, a spot to grow your own ingredients and unique decorative features are ways to enhance the time spent at home. These examples may not *SEEM* to resemble traditional ideas of the natural elements: wood, earth, metal, fire or water. But in modern American culture, inspiration often begins with physical needs not philosophy. The first step in resolving your unique environmental issue is? Prioritize. Then begin the process of creating temperate and tranquil outdoor spaces with your individual sense of style.

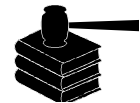
Surrounding us are the answers to all of our needs as inhabitants of the immediate and urban environment. Observe, capture, conserve, design, adapt - be inspired to improve your health by improving your home environment. For more information on the Gardener’s Guild visit:

<<http://gardenersguild.org/SLICE.htm>>

For a list of Farmer’s Markets near you visit

<www.ams.usda.gov/farmersmarkets/states>

or call **505-852-3088**.



Metro Court

Submitted By Janet Blair

New Rules Govern DWI Cases at Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court

As of late May, new rules of evidence have taken effect in Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court, governing procedures for cases of record, including DWI and domestic violence cases.

The new rules essentially move up deadlines for evidence and interviews. The old rules called for much of the evidence in a case to be ready ten days before trial. Now, evidence, pre-trial interviews and witness lists, etc., will have to be submitted within 100 days of the defendant’s bond arraignment, although judges will have some discretion granting time extensions.

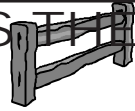
While DWI cases account for about 5 to 7% of the court’s caseload, they consume about 50 percent of courtroom time.

That is a waste of court resources and taxpayer money. It is hoped the court can eliminate multiple hearings and pre-trial settings with these procedural changes.

The rule changes were developed by the Local Rules Committee of the Metropolitan Court, headed by Judge Daniel Ramczyk. The committee was authorized by the New Mexico State Supreme Court following the DWI Summit of 2005. The recommendation to change the rule was also part of the National Center for State Court Study on DWI Scheduling at the Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court.

NEIGHBORHOOD SCOOP

ACROSS THE FENCE



Vista del Norte - "Checkmate"

Submitted By Susan Vigil,
Planning Intern

A game of chess-knights defense, encircling castles with pawns, kings and queens charge their opponents on the open field. American corporations and strong willed Americans are increasingly pitted against one another in this type of strategic game. Their battles are played out again and again across the economic morass of goods and services - capital inputs, land and labor are weighed against a plethora of exotic "necessities."

The walkable neighborhood market nourishes our natural American hearts like pumpkin pie and free enterprise.

Vista del Norte is no different than other neighborhoods. Wal-Mart's proposal to develop 22 acres located at the North side of Osuna Rd. NE into a 24-hour, 184,000sq/ft box, with an extra 4000sq/ft retail outlet and 900 parking spaces met with only one request from the Vista del Norte Alliance. The center was acceptable at a scale 75,000sq/ft less, the size of a neighborhood grocery. In the view of Vista del Norte, there was no room for negotiation or compromise beyond this. To combat the billion dollar mogul, the neighborhood employed competitive tactics known as SWOT: Strength, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threat assessment.

Aspects of the conflict were immediately apparent: 1. Against the 20 plus member team of lawyers at Wal-Mart's disposal, the neighborhood's best defense was strategy and planning. 2. Time was of the essence. According to the association's president Rod Crawley, neighborhood association status ("Recognized") "made the difference between night and day." Within 48 hours of development notice, the alliance contacted Stephani Winklepleck, Neighborhood Program Coordinator for the City of Albuquerque Office of Neighborhood Coordination, to schedule a May 2006 facilitated meeting between Wal-Mart and the effected Neighborhood Associations. Vista del Norte contacted the media, inviting the entire city to the meeting. They hung a banner across the street informing the neighborhood of unfolding events. The association went door-to-door rallying support. "I don't have any problem at all taking a big challenge on," asserts Rod.

The association formed eight committees - Traffic, Land Use, Communications, His

torical, Crime, Bicyclists, Balloonists, Home Impact, Governmental Affairs and Big Box Impact and Pet ions Committee. Throughout the ordeal, these groups never lost their focus: The promotion of a neighborhood scale development. Rumors and anti-Wal-Mart ideals were not indulged. Vista del Norte painstakingly researched demographics, land uses such as soccer and ballooning, crime, traffic, legal and political resources.

Eight hundred people attended the first facilitated meeting. Many anti-Wal-Mart folks touted their disdain for corporate America. The involved neighborhoods, however, main-



Bring It Down Safely -
Vista del Norte and Osuna

tained neutrality to all but the mega-center's scale and intrusiveness. Their research showed that a super-center could not be supported by the North Valley customer base alone contra to Wal-Mart's position that a Valley Super Center is needed to meet economic viability and provide product selection. The parties agreed to a 60-day deferral, however, Wal-Mart moved forward with plans to build a super center.

At a level higher, the neighborhood went beyond an opposition statement. Vista del Norte Alliance created a website at <www.vdnalliance.org>. Updated every two weeks, the site has been visited by parties as far away as Brazil, India and China.

Steve Wentworth of the Alameda North Valley Association initiated the idea of using the acres for Soccer Tournaments, currently played in Santa Ana. Thus, Soccer enthusiasts gave their support to the associations. Several key officials lent their support including: Governor Richardson who recommended that the development seriously weigh negative impacts; City Councilor Debbie O'Malley introduced Big-Box legislation at

City Council; as well as State Representatives Ed Sandoval and John Ryan. Mr. Ryan wrote a letter to the EPC and the newspaper stating his disappointment that Wal-Mart intended to proceed without community support. Upset by Wal-Mart's refusal to downscale to a neighborhood grocery, Mr. Ryan asserts: "A Super Center just doesn't fit-especially, with primary access from the neighborhood."

The International Balloon Fiesta Inc. and The Rainbow Ryders rallied to preserve the 22 acres as an essential balloon-landing zone. Their letters of support proved vital to the campaign. Mayor Chávez's Balloon Landing Task Force substantiated the balloonist claims.

Wal-Mart generously offered to develop parks for the neighborhood, while the neighborhood conducted studies of Wal-Mart's environmental, traffic, and home impacts. The association monitored its member's morale. In Rod's words, "Wal-Mart banks on wearing people down."

The EPC is the first step in the approval of site plans, then to City Council with appeals directed to District Court. EPC bases its decisions on land use issues alone. Politics are not part of the equation. Thus, Vista del Norte sought documentation to support their rejection of the Super Center. A 2002 Development Review Board document with design guidelines contrary to a big box development was rumored to exist. Buying time to search for the document, they requested another grandly attended facilitated meeting. It was just enough. The DRB document was located and presented at the EPC hearing. Wal-Mart withdrew their development proposal in a landmark example of community achievement.

Currently, the City and State are appropriating funds to acquire the acreage for balloon, recreation, and open space preservation. The administrations of the Albuquerque City Council and Mayor Chávez are landscaping Vista del Norte's first park, without Wal-Marts assistance. Big Box legislation is on the table mandating architectural diversity, scaled development, noise, light and traffic controls. Vista del Norte and the rallying neighborhood associations proved they are not just a voice in government planning they are a focal point.



NEIGHBORHOOD SCOOP continued



Patrick Montoya

From The Manager's Desk

The Office of Neighborhood Coordination - A Brief History

Recently a task force was created to look at 5 issues relating to the Office of Neighborhood Coordination. The issues included possible amendments to the Code of Ordinance for Neighborhood Associations, the function of the Office of Neighborhood Coordination, neighborhood governance, notification to neighborhoods and other issues that might be identified by the task force. The task force has a mandate to submit recommendations to City Council by August 1, 2007.

I wanted to provide a brief history of the office. In 1985, under the direction of Marsha Hardeman, the Office of Neighborhood Coordination was created. At that time the staff consisted of 2 people. By the end of 1987 the staff had grown to 14 employees. Working without governing legislation made it somewhat difficult to administer the program so an effort was made to create what is now referred to as the "Neighborhood Recognition Ordinance (0-92)". That legislation was passed by City Council on March 16, 1987. Copies of the ordinance are available in our office.

What started out as a staff of 2 grew quickly under Mayor Ken Schultz's term. The Office of Neighborhood Services consisted of the 4 divisions: Office of Neighborhood Crime Prevention with 5 employees; Office of Neighborhood Coordination with 2 employees; Office of Fire Prevention with 3 employees and the Administrative Division with 4 employees. Today there are currently 6 employees in the office, all cross trained to

provide quality services to the constituents of Albuquerque.

Neighborhood Associations

Neighborhood Associations have been in existence for well over 78 years. The Stronghurst Improvement Association has been an association for over 60 years, Los Alamos Neighborhood Association for 50 years, and the neighborhood where my sister lived and I was raised (at least during the summer months) is the Britt Street Neighborhood Association. That association no longer exists.

With the growth of Albuquerque we have experienced the growth of neighborhood associations. As of the date of this publication there are now 186 recognized associations, 46 unrecognized associations and at total of 10, yes 10 coalitions. Every one of these associations works independent of each other with the same goals and objectives in mind.

Neighborhood News

Finally, a note about our newsletter. The main intent of the newsletter, which is sent to neighborhood representatives, is to inform them about what is going on in city government as well as increase communication among neighborhood associations. If you are not familiar with those associations in your area please call our office for information. Today well over 700 neighborhood representatives receive a copy our newsletter.

We are currently in our 22nd year of publication. With the age of the Internet we are now reaching thousands of individuals monthly.



Neighborhood Workshop Corner

2007 ONC

Workshop Schedule

Neighborhood Association Patrol Training

APD Training Academy

Saturday, October 20, 2007

9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Community Policing is a philosophy that recognizes the mutual dependence and shared responsibility of the police and the community in making Albuquerque safer and more livable. Neighborhood Association Patrols are not in and of themselves community policing, but one tool that may be selected by neighborhoods to maintain or improve safety in the neighborhood.

Land Use and Zoning Workshop Saturday, November 3, 2007

9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Plaza del Sol Hearing Room

This workshop is designed to increase your knowledge and understanding of the aspects of the City's Zoning and Housing Codes, Land Use Matters, Facilitation Issues and the various hearing boards as they relate to neighborhoods and larger community areas. The Office of Neighborhood Coordination (ONC) utilizes the Planning Department division managers, senior staff members and other department staff to provide this informative training on how the ONC interfaces with both hearing boards and neighborhood associations on various projects.

Please Remember . . .

Registration for all workshops closes at 12 noon the day before the training.

Please pre-register.

To accomodate all workshop participants, you must be pre-registered to attend these workshops. Registration includes your name, address, telephone number and association. We appreciate your consideration and cooperation.

NEIGHBORHOOD SCOOP continued



A Message From The Mayor

Martin J. Chávez Mayor of Albuquerque

Come Talk, We'll Listen

I would like to take this opportunity to invite each and every one of you to what is shaping up to be one of the most exciting workshops I have had the pleasure of hosting during my terms as Mayor of Albuquerque. On Saturday August 4, 2007, I am sponsoring the first Zoning Code Enforcement Town Hall - Zoning 101, if you will. Come talk, we'll listen to all of your concerns as they relate to zoning enforcement issues that we are all faced with in our day-to-day life.

In an overall effort to clean-up our city from weed and litter, illegal signs and in-operative motor vehicles a panel of experts have agreed to participate in this workshop will share with you their experiences and frustrations as they help to rid their neighborhoods of those unwanted menaces.

Don Couchman, who is president of District 8 Coalition, will chair the panel discussion. The panel itself will address a wide range of topics. Panel members include: Sandra Richardson, Cherry Hills Neighborhood President, Roger Mickelson, East Gateway President, Klarissa Pena, Southwest Alliance of Neighbors, Dan Serrano, Westside Coalition President and a few more who have not yet confirmed. All panel members have years and years of experience dealing with issues that our neighborhoods are faced with.

Albuquerque is such a wonderful place to live, work, raise our children and visit. There are many activities we have to enhance our quality of life all of which add to the enjoyment we find here. It all starts with our neighborhoods and how we protect them.

The workshop itself will be held at the Albuquerque Convention Center on

Saturday, August 4, 2007, 8:30 a.m. until 12:00 noon. The Pecos and Ruidoso rooms on the east side, upper level have been reserved. Free parking is available at the City lot between Third and Fourth Streets, across from the Doubletree. Refreshments will be served and door prizes will be awarded.

If you have any questions please contact Deborah Nason with the Planning Department. She can be reached at 505-924-3911.

I look forward to seeing you there!



MOVE

Mayor's Office of Volunteerism and Engagement

Submitted By Debra Saine

Don't Pass Up This Opportunity To Make A Significant Difference In Your Community!

So often we want to help make our community a wonderful place for all to live, but we just don't know where to start. The Mayor's Office of Volunteerism & Engagement (MOVE) can be your place to start. MOVE is partnering with community organizations and businesses for Make A Difference Day (MDD) in the greater Albuquerque community on Friday & Saturday, October 26 & 27, 2007.

MDD is an enormous day of service (two days in our area) during which volunteers roll up their sleeves and come together to complete projects that make our community a better place to live. In October 2005, 3,000 volunteers completed 125 projects. That number increased to 3,500 volunteers completing 248 projects in 2006!

During the past couple of years, event sponsors have included Intel Corpora-

tion, Sandia National Labs, Public Service Company of New Mexico, The Home Depot, Sherwin-Williams Paints, VOLUNTEER! Albuquerque and the Corporate Volunteer Council. This year, in addition to these sponsors, Enterprise Rent-A-Car and Comcast, will join us as well.

Volunteers work on projects individually or they partner with family members, friends, neighbors, church members, co-workers, service clubs, youth groups, etc. Many of our volunteers say it's difficult to tell who benefits the most - the givers or the receivers.

Please consider helping us make this year's event an even bigger success! To learn more about Make a Difference Day and how you can play a role this year, please contact me at 505-767-5815 or e-mail at <dsaine@cabq.gov>.

Earlier in this letter, I mentioned the Corporate Volunteer Council. This organization is made up of employers that promote volunteerism among their workforce, and includes: Albuquerque Thunderbirds, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of N.M., Cardinal Health, Citi Cards, City of Albuquerque, Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Gap Inc., General Mills, Intel Corporation, Presbyterian Healthcare Services, Public Service Company of N. M., Sandia National Labs, Kirtland Airmen & Family Readiness Center, United Way of Central N.M., Verizon Wireless, and Wells Fargo Bank - quite an impressive cluster!

The Council's objective is two-fold: to encourage their employees to give back to the community, and promote team building among their workforce. To learn more about the Corporate Volunteer Council, and how your employee group can become a member, please contact DaraAmbriz at 505-761 1093 or e-mail at <dara.ambriz@cardinal.com>.



**A Message From Your
City Council**

District 1

City Councilor Ken Sanchez

City Councilor Ken Sanchez, the Albuquerque City Planning Department, WCCDG and the constituents of District 1 are working together on the plans for a new Town Center at the corner of Unser and Central. Councilor Sanchez has held two public meetings for the vision of the development and welcomes any other ideas. Also being proposed for District 1 on Unser and I-40 is another development, which would include a Target store and other shops. Those who reside in District 1 are in need of retail development where they can shop, work and dine close to home. Councilor Sanchez is also working with other developers on more exciting upcoming businesses in District 1.

District 2

City Councilor Debbie O'Malley

The Large Retail Facility Ordinance was vetted by the EPC during the spring and has been sent to Council. It is currently in front of the Land Use, Planning and Zoning Committee (LUPZ), chaired by District 3 City Councilor Isaac Benton. Councilor Benton has introduced a committee substitute. A copy of the legislation can be found at cabq.gov/council/BigBoxRegulations.html. The substitute incorporates most of the EPC recommendations and other improvements such as prohibiting large retail facilities in C-1 neighborhood commercial zones. The EPC recommendations mostly worked out the technical details so as to "polish" the original bill drafted by a Citizen Working Group appointed by City Council President O'Malley, sponsor of the legislation. The EPC also recommended making the legislation applicable to retail sites that will include a suite or single tenant structure more than 75,000 square feet (a Smith's or Albertsons store is usually 65,000 square feet). The floor substitute will be heard by the LUPZ committee on **Wednesday, August 15, 2007**.

District 3 — City Councilor Isaac Benton

City Councilor Benton is using the July recess from Council meetings to focus on the execution of neighborhood improvement projects, such as the installation of neighborhood identification signs and safe pedestrian crossings, and prepare for major upcoming legislative initiatives and projects. He is working with the University of New Mexico School of Architecture and Planning and the Urban Land Institute to bring a panel of experts to Albuquerque in the fall to consult on the potential redevelopment of the Old Santa Fe Rail Yards site south of down-

town. Other planning efforts in District 3 with which Councilor Benton is actively involved with the Barelás Sector Development Plan (SDP) update (ready to be introduced to the City Council in August), the Santa Barbara-Martineztown SDP update (kick-off was in late June), and the brand new South Yale SDP (second community meeting to be held in August).

District 4 — City Councilor Brad Winter

The La Cueva Sector Plan was adopted in 2002. City Councilor Brad Winter has worked very hard with residents and developers to maintain its integrity and assure that District 4 developments are in compliance with the plan. Recently, contrary to the intent of the City Council, the Development Review Board has interpreted the La Cueva Sector Plan to allow public rights-of-way and easements to be considered as included within gross acreage in the computation of densities in RD zones if the right-of-way or easement has not been created as of the date of an application even though the property owner is contractually obligated to create the right-of-way or easement in the future. The La Cueva Sector Plan was intended to exclude public rights-of-way and easements from gross acreage in the computation of densities in developing residential zones. Councilor Winter has introduced legislation that will clarify the Council's intent in these matters. The bill (R-07-239) was scheduled to be heard by the Environmental Planning Commission on July 19 and will be referred to the City Council.

District 5

City Councilor Michael Cadigan

City Councilor Michael Cadigan recently held his District 5 summer meeting at the Open Space Visitor Center. He covered many important issues affecting the West Side including his push for TIDD (Tax Incremental Development District) Reform and the job/housing imbalance. Councilor Cadigan has recently introduced a bill that directs the Administration to study the infrastructure needs of the homeowners in the Quaker Heights and Western Trail neighborhood area. He also negotiated with KB Homes to include a connection from the Boca Negra Dam to Tesuque, which will ultimately create a continuous recreational trail from the Boca Negra Dam to Coors. Lastly, Councilor Cadigan has been very vocal regarding the frivolous use of taxpayer money to shrink wrap city vehicles.

District 6

City Councilor Martin Heinrich

City Councilor Heinrich is proud to announce the opening of the Alcazar Street Growers' Market (previously located at the Caravan night club parking lot), now located one block east of Louisiana on Alcazar Street between

Central Avenue and Zuni Road, alongside the Talin International Marketplace. The market will open every **Tuesday and Saturday from 7 a.m. to noon until October 30, 2007**. The relocation is part of a broader plan to bring positive development to the area once occupied by the former Blue Spruce Bar. The long-term build-out plan for Alcazar Street includes streetscape improvements that will incorporate the street as a public space for activities such as festivals, cultural events and other similar community functions.

District 7

City Councilor Sally Mayer

City Councilor Sally Mayer has retained her efforts to provide neighborhoods with a voice in all her endeavors. She continues to vigorously work on maintaining the views within her district and encourages residents to offer suggestions concerning the developments that could potentially obstruct such views. Councilor Mayer has also made Senior Services a priority for our aging population by prioritizing funds to the Home Chores program that has served many of her constituents and allowed seniors to enjoy a clean yard at no cost. Lastly, Councilor Mayer, has continued to sustain the importance of public safety. Her office continues to research and collaborate in order to find ways to provide neighborhoods with a reassurance of safety and undisturbed lifestyles.


District 8 — City Councilor Craig Loy

City Councilor Craig Loy's design overlay task force directed by Darrell Spreen is continuing its efforts to develop standards for future growth in District 8. The task force, in conjunction with the City's Planning Department and the plan's consultant, recently held a town hall meeting to report on its progress and plans another in the near future to gather additional public input.

District 9 — City Councilor Don Harris

With the help of City Councilor Don Harris and the community, \$1 million was secured from the City for a park at Central and Tramway, and an additional \$300,000 was acquired through another lobbying effort. This park at the end of Tramway and Central should be the proper gateway to our City. Councilor Harris successfully lobbied the State Legislature for several hundred thousand dollars of capital money for a strip park on the west side of Tramway and for improvements to the Singing Arrow Community Center. These parks will increase property value and provide citizens with the opportunity to safely exercise and improve their health.



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<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday, July 24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •BOA – 9 a.m. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, August 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •DRB – 9 a.m. •District 7 Coalition – 7 p.m. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday, August 9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •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. •SVCNA – 6:30 p.m. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday, August 16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •EPC – 8:30 a.m.
<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, July 25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •DRB – 9 a.m. •LEPC – 9 a.m. •SEPC – 9 a.m. •EPC Pre-Hearing – 1:30 p.m. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday, August 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •AAB– 9 a.m. •PAB – 10 a.m. •North Valley Coalition – 7 p.m. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Monday, August 13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •GABAC – 4:30 p.m. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Monday, August 20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •City Council – 5 p.m.
<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday, July 26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •SWAN – 6:00 p.m. •District 8 Coalition – 7 p.m. •East Gateway Coalition – 7:30 p.m. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Monday, August 6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •City Council – 5 p.m. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, August 14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •District 6 Coalition – 7 p.m. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday, August 21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •ZHE – 9 a.m. •GARTC – 4:30 p.m.
	<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, August 8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •DRB – 9 a.m. •SEPC – 9 a.m. •LUCC – 3 p.m. •AQCB – 5:15 p.m. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, August 15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •DRB – 9 a.m. •ADC – 3 p.m. •District 4 Coalition – 7 p.m. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, August 22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •DRB – 9 a.m. •SEPC – 9 a.m. •EPC Pre-Hearing – 1:30 p.m.
			<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday, August 28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •BOA – 9 a.m.
			<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, August 29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •DRB – 9 a.m. •LEPC – 9 a.m.
			<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday, August 30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •SWAN – 6:00 p.m.

2007 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 St. 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, 600 Second Street NW, Basement Level
- East Gateway Coalition** - Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center, 501 Elizabeth SE
- EPC** - Environmental Planning Commission, Plaza del Sol Hearing Room, 600 Second St. NW, Basement Level
- EPC Pre-Hearing** - Environmental Planning Commission, Plaza del Sol, 600 Second St. NW, Third Fl. Conf. Room
- EPC Study Session** - Environmental Planning Commission, Plaza del Sol, 600 Second St. NW, Third Fl. Conf. Room
- FBF** - FeedBack Forum, Planning Department, Plaza del Sol, 600 Second St. NW, Hearing Room, Basement Level
- 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.lepcabqbernc.org> for more info.
- LUCC** - Landmarks and Urban Conservation Commission, Plaza del Sol Hearing Room, 600 Second St. NW, Basement Level
- 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, 5th and Marquette
- SEPC** - Special Event Permitting Committee - 6th floor, Cultural Services Department Conference Room, City Hall, 5th and Marquette
- SVCNA** - South Valley Coalition of Neighborhoods Associations - South Valley BSCO Sheriff's Substation, 2039 Isleta 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, 200 Third Street NW, Suite 735, **505-924-3918**

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 **4 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 **Wednesday, July 25, 2007 at 1:30 p.m.** in the Planning Conference Room, Third Floor. The **EPC Public Hearing** will be held on **Thursday, August 16, 2007 at 8:30 a.m.** in the **Plaza del Sol Hearing Room (basement level), 600 Second Street NW** for the following cases:

Northeast

Heritage East, Heritage Hills, North Albuquerque Acres, Vineyard Estates (neighborhood association); 07EPC-40024 and 40025, Project #1006602 (case #'s); Approximately 5.44 acre(s) located on the south side of Paseo Del Norte NE between Barstow Street NE and Ventura Street NE (**location of request**); D-20 (**zone atlas page #**); George Rainhart Architects at **505-884-9110**, agent for ALM, LLC (**applicant or agency and phone #**); Requests a Site Development Plan for Subdivision and Building Permit for a proposed Walgreen's Pharmacy with drive up service window, Financial Institution with drive up facility and retail shops (**action requested**); Catalina Lehner at **505-924-3935 (city staff planner)**.

Hodgin, Montgomery Heights; 07EPC-40029, Project #1006604; Approximately 1.5607 acre(s) located on the north side of Montgomery Boulevard NE between Carlisle Boulevard NE and the North Diversion Channel; F-16; Advanced Engineering and Consulting, LLC at **505-899-5570**, agent for Jennifer Lin; Requests a Site Development Plan for Building Permit for a proposed 9585 square foot restaurant; Maggie Gould at **505-924-3910**.

West La Cueva; 07EPC-40032, Project #1004937; Approximately .89 acre(s) located on the north side of Palomas Drive NE between San Pedro Drive NE and Louisiana Boulevard NE; D-18; Josh Skarsgard, Esq. at **505-998-9094**, agent for Bandelier Equities; Requests a Zone Map Amendment from R-D to SU-2 for C-1; Carol Toffaleti at **505-924-3345**.

Northwest

No Association(s); 07EPC-40018 and 40019, Project #1006592; Approximately 1.44 acre(s) located on the north side of Highway 528 between Cottonwood Drive NW and Ellison Drive NW; A-14; ARCH+ Plan Land Use Consultants, LLC at **505-980-8365**, agent for Haciendas at Cottonwood LLC; Requests a Site Development Plan for Subdivision and Building Permit for two proposed buildings – a 6,568.44 square foot building on the West phase tract and a 6,576.5 square foot building on the East phase tract for mixed use retail with office for the buildings; Carol Toffaleti at **505-924-3345**.

Los Duranes; 07EPC-40020 and 40021, Project #1005455; Approximately 3.9488 acre(s) located on the west side of Montoya Road NW between Maxmillian Road NW and I-40 Freeway; H-12; Ron Garner at **505-280-3321**, agent for New Mexico Boys and Girls Ranch Foundation; Requests a Annexation from County A-1 to proposed zoning of City RA-2 and Amendment to Zone Map (Established Zoning/Zone Change); Anna DiMambro at **505-924-3924**.

Rio Grande Blvd., Los Griegos; 07EPC-40022, Project #1006526; Approximately .16 acre(s) located on the east side of Palacio Del Rio Grande NW between San Lorenzo Avenue NW and Griegos Road NW; F-13; Garcia/Kraemer and Associates at **505-242-5566**, agent for Randy Henry; Requests Amendment to the Site Development Plan for Building Permit for a proposed second story addition to residence; Carol Toffaleti at **505-924-3345**.

La Luz Del Sol, La Luz Landowners, Taylor Ranch; 07EPC-40026 and 40027, Project #1004675; Approximately 2.78 acre(s) located on the west side of Coors Boulevard NW between Western Trails NW and Learning Road NW; F-11; George Rainhart Architects at **505-884-9110**, agent for McNaney Building Investments; Requests a Site Development Plan for Subdivision and a Site Development Plan for Waiver for Wireless Telecommunication Facility for a proposed office and retail and food related uses; Catalina Lehner at **505-924-3935**.

Los Poblanos; 07EPC-40028, Project #1005183; Approximately .4 acre(s) located on the north side of Montano Road NW between Fourth Street NW and Guadalupe Trail NW; F-14; St. Michael All Angels Church – Christopher McLaren at **505-345-8147**; Requests a Site Development Plan for Building Permit for a proposed Church; Maggie Gould at **505-924-3910**.

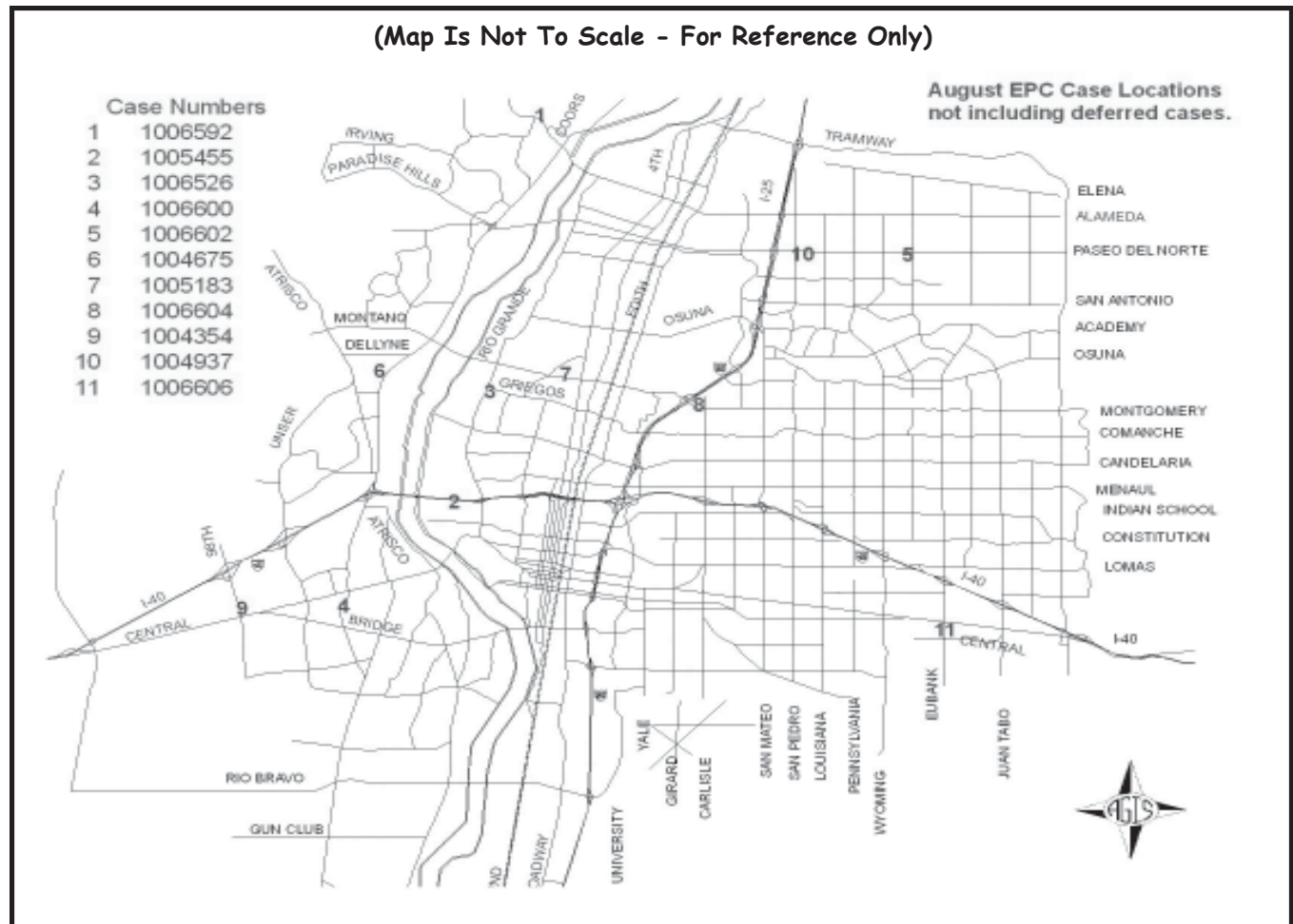
Avalon, Westgate Heights, Westside Merchants; 07EPC-40030 and 40031, Project #1004354; Approximately 8.051 acre(s) located on the east side of 98th Street NW between Central Avenue NW and Volcano Street NW; K-9; Tierra West, LLC at **505-858-3100**, agent for Krania, LLC; Requests a Amendment for Site Development Plan for Subdivision for a El Mezquite Market and Zone Map Amendment from SU-2 for IP to SU-2 for PCA; Carmen Marrone at **505-924-3814**.

Southeast

No Neighborhood Association(s); 07EPC-40033, Project #1006606, Approximately .675 acre(s) located on the east side of Eubank Boulevard SE between Central Avenue SE and Southern Boulevard SE; L-21; Tierra West, LLC at **505-858-3100**, agent for Taco Cabana; Requests a Site Development Plan for Building Permit for a proposed Taco Cabana Restaurant with a drive-thru and open patio for outdoor dining; Anna DiMambro at **505-924-3924**.

Southwest

Alamosa; 07EPC-40023, Project #1006600; Approximately 2.4262 acre(s) located on the south side of Delia Road SW between Bataan Drive SW and Gwin Street SW; K-10; Garrett Smith, Ltd. at **505-766-6968**, agent for New Life Homes, Inc.; Requests Site Development Plan for Building Permit for a proposed NewLife Homes – 48 Unit Apartment Development; Anna DiMambro at **505-924-3924**.



CITY SCOOP

News From City Departments



APD Crime Prevention

505-924-3600

Submitted By Steve Sink



National Night Out 2007

On Tuesday, August 7, neighborhoods throughout Albuquerque are being invited to join forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the 24th Annual National Night Out (NNO) crime and drug prevention event. National Night Out, which is

sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch and co-sponsored locally by the Albuquerque Police Department, APD Crime Prevention Unit and the Office of Neighborhood Coordination, will involve approximately 10,000 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases around the world.

If your block or neighborhood wants to participate in this years NNO and join together with other citizens in our community to send a message to criminals that you are fighting back against crime, gangs and drugs, call 924-3914 by Friday, August 3. When you call, please provide your name, address, phone number, neighborhood association (if known) and the exact location of the event, if other than the address listed. We will compile a list of interested blocks and neighborhoods for elected City officials, Police Area Commands, Crime Prevention personnel, and other City representatives so they can attend as many individual events as possible.

The Albuquerque Police Department will make every attempt to have an officer attend your event. However, due to the large number of expected events, the possibility of a high volume of calls for service, and unplanned emergencies might prevent an officer from arriving. If this should occur, we apologize in advance, but will continue to support your efforts and appreciate the time and dedication you have shown to make your neighborhood a safer place to live.

National Night Out is an excellent opportunity for you and your neighbors to socialize, renew acquaintances, welcome new neighbors, and to join fellow citizens in our community's fight against crime and our pursuit of a high quality of life. Plan to join us once again for another fun and enjoyable citywide celebration. We look forward to hearing from you by August 3 to register. If you have any questions about the event, please do not hesitate to call 505-924-3600 for further information.

Vehicle Identification Number Window Etching Event

The auto theft rate in the city of Albuquerque has increased during the last year. Thieves steal an average of 600-700 vehicles each month. Do these figures make you want to take steps to protect your vehicle? Window etching of your Vehicle Identification Num-

ber (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, co-sponsored by the Albuquerque Police Department, Bernalillo County Sheriffs Department and the NM Auto Theft Prevention Coalition, is scheduled for the following date and location.

Date: Saturday, July 28, 2007
Time: 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Location: Ventana Ranch Elementary School
6801 Ventana Village Rd. NW

Auto Theft Prevention

Auto theft is a problem for all Americans, but the citizens of New Mexico face a particular issue that affects our auto theft rate. Due to the fact that we are adjacent to an International Border, we are always ranked high on the list for theft rates. Typically, vehicles are stolen for one of four reasons. They are used to joy ride, sell for parts, commit a crime or driven across the border for resale. Also, more than 2/3 of all auto thefts take place at night between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. and over half occur in residential areas including apartment complexes. You can take a variety of steps to insure that you are not a victim of auto theft. Observe the following tips to reduce the chances of your vehicle from being stolen:

- Always roll up your windows, lock the doors, and take the key even if you will be away for a short time.
- Never leave your car running in front of a convenient store or other public area, including in front of your house. Warming up your car in the morning during the winter can make you more vulnerable.
- Park your vehicle in a garage (if possible) or in an area with adequate lighting and good natural surveillance.
- If you put your vehicle in for repairs or in a commercial lot, only leave the ignition key.
- Keep valuables in the trunk or out of site. Don't give a car thief a reason to break in.
- Purchase stereo equipment and other electronic devices that can be removed.
- Theft Prevention Device: After years of false alarms, people have stopped paying attention to alarms. Any serious anti-theft device must do more than just make noise. If you want an audio alarm; use it in conjunction with other forms of prevention, such as:
 - A kill switch is a simple toggle device that shuts off the engine's ignition system.
 - Steering wheel locks are visible from outside the car and prevent the steering wheel from being turned more than a few degrees.
 - Collars are devices that prevent the steering column from being stripped.
 - Brake locks prevent the brake from being engaged and therefore the transmission cannot be removed from the park position.
 - Wheel locks prevent the vehicle from being moved in any direction.
 - Etching vehicle parts with your VIN number can also be a deterrent. Professional thieves shy away from vehicles that have had the vehicle identification number (VIN) etched into the doors, windows, windshield, engine block, and other parts.



Cultural Services, Parks and Recreation and the Film Office

Submitted By Isabelle Zamora

Classic Film Series

Cultural Services Department, Parks & Recreation Department and the Film Office are pleased to announce a **FREE** summer entertainment program, **Classic Cinema on Civic Plaza** scheduled for Friday nights in July and August.

With the first showing slated for **Friday, July 20**, the summer film program will present some of the major classics of the decades of the '40s, '50s and '60s. The movies will begin around 8:30 p.m. when it is sufficiently dark and will be projected on an 18' x 24' screen set up on the main stage.

Classic Films Include:

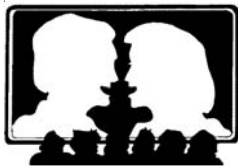
Friday, July 20 - Casablanca (1942) starring Humphrey Bogart, Ingrid Bergman, Peter Lorre, Claude Rains in the classic war-era love story of all time. Come see this wonderful enduring film and hear him say, "play it again, Sam".

Friday, July 27 - Lonely Are the Brave (1962) starring Kirk Douglas, Gena Rowlands, Walter Matthau, Carroll O'Connor and George Kennedy in a prison break story filmed right here in Albuquerque and the surrounding area.

Friday, August 10 - Some Like It Hot (1955) starring Jack Lemmon, Tony Curtis and Marilyn Monroe in one of the classic comedies of the '50s. This gender-bending spoof on guys as gals hiding out from the mob is still one of the funniest movies ever made.

Friday, August 17 - The Day the Earth Stood Still (1951) starring Michael Rennie, Patricia Neal, Hugh Marlowe and Sam Jaffe in a classic sci-fi adventure that was produced in the aftermath of World War II, the start of the Cold War, the first atomic bombs and the competitive development of the hydrogen bomb, and the dawning of the Space Age. The film strongly and iconically reflected the cultural fears of the time related to violence, politics, and possible global annihilation.

Friday, August 24 - To Kill a Mockingbird (1962) starring Gregory Peck in a role considered "The Greatest Hero in American Film" by the American Film Institute. The film version of this Harper Lee best-seller addressed the issue of racial prejudice and violence in a small Southern town and won a number of Oscars, including one for Peck for Best Actor.



For more information call **311** or visit www.cabq.gov/crs. For accessibility, call **NM Voice Relay 1-800-659-8331** or **711**.

Cultural Services Department

Submitted By Isabelle Zamora

"Old Town New Fun"

What you'll discover in and around Old Town Plaza will be free weekly entertainment and cultural presentations the whole family will enjoy. The line-ups will change weekly so there will be

something different to see and do in Old Town throughout the summer.

Wednesdays from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

"Tardeadas on the Plaza"

Celebrating Albuquerque's history and history and honoring our Elders.

Fridays Latin from 4 p.m. – 9 p.m.

"Latin Music Happy Hour"

The Plaza will sizzle with roaming mariachis and the sounds of salsa, meringue and various Latin rhythms.

Saturdays from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

"Cultural Treasures"

Staged at various locales throughout the plaza, enjoy multicultural music and dance.

Sundays from 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.

"Tango Club"

Experience the dance of passion at the gazebo.

Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System

Submitted By Riann K. Powell



**Wyoming Library is Open!
Check out the Free Online Databases**

The Wyoming Library is open! Stop by to see what's changed over the last six months during the renovation. The Wyoming Library is located at 8205 Apache NE near the intersection of Menaul and Wyoming. **Library hours are:**

**Tuesday - Wednesday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
and Thursday - Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.**

Did you know that the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System offers a number of free databases that you can access from your computer 24/7? Listen to classical, world and contemporary music through the Naxos Music Library, get repair information for your car or truck through the Auto Repair Center, learn how to speak a different language using Rosetta Stone and much, much more. All you need is your valid Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library card. View all of the Library's online databases at www.cabq.gov/library/online.

For more information about Library services visit us on the web at www.cabq.gov/library or call **505-768-5141**. TTY Users call **505-659-8331**.

The Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System is a Division of the City of Albuquerque's Cultural Services Department.



Family and Community Services

Submitted By Dolores Herrera

Westside-South Valley Weed and Seed Strategy

The **Westside-South Valley Weed And Seed Strategy Steering Committee** is celebrating the successful culmination of three years of their existence - creating, building and reinforcing neighborhood / community stakeholder relationships during their Weed and Seed federal grant awarded by the Community Capacity Development Office (CCDO), United States Department of Justice. The strong collaborations and alliances include steering committee membership and many local and extended neighborhood/community partnerships. The event is being planned and organized through the Westside-South Valley Weed and Seed office with support from the Department and Family and Community Services, City of Albuquerque and a successful collective of individuals, groups and organizations, government and business in the public and private sector. **Community National Night Out will be held Tuesday, August 7, 2007, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. at Atrisco Plaza/Central Avenue and Atrisco SW.**

This is community celebration will support information booths in the areas of Community Policing; Law Enforcement and Prevention; Intervention and Treatment and Neighborhood Restoration and Development. Identification – preventative health/health testing and novelty entertainment. This event is structured within a family oriented, community driven, carnival-themed atmosphere. We will recognize neighborhood law enforcement/other service providers and care givers. Participants will have an opportunity to meet each other, interfacing with their neighbors, community providers and other caregivers in an environment structured for fun, but in alignment with the strong promotion of overall community health and safety. Entertainers (TBA) includes dancing, singing, bands, clowns, (stilt walker), dunk tank and jumping game. Free hot dogs, chips, soda, cotton candy, sno-cones, popcorn and water will be served.

A Community Art/Poem/Story Exhibit put on by community youth will showcase subjects that embrace civic responsibility; healthy safe neighborhoods and pro-active involvement. Local human service initiatives emphasizing overall deterrent from negative behaviors – gangs, crime, drugging, etc. will be a focal point. All of the participants will be recognized by being presented with a ribbon of participation. Throughout duration of the three hour event, ticket drawings from local vendors will be held every fifteen minutes.

The program will include local spotlight of talent (TBA) as well as ongoing important oral salutes /recognition and appreciation of those public servants in attendance. Community Stakeholders/ neighborhood associations, businesses, non-profits, government agencies wishing to participate will have the opportunity to display their organizations information along with the Westside-South Valley Weed and Seed Strategy and other existing partnerships by registering in advance. A final planning meeting will be held at the **Alamosa Family/Community**

Center, 6900 Gonzales Road SW on Tuesday, July 31, 2007 at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. A thank you brunch will be held for all volunteers on **August 10, 2007 from 10:30 a.m. - 12 Noon** at the **West Mesa Community Center, 5500 Glenrio NW.** If you are interested in participating by hosting a booth or you wish to volunteer in another capacity or have any questions, contact: Dolores at **505-228-3026** or by e-mail at [<dsherrera@cabq.gov>](mailto:dsherrera@cabq.gov).

Thanks to Pro's Market, Westside Coalition, Southwest Coalition of Neighborhoods, West Central Development Group, WE-CAN, Las Florecitas, Junior ROTC and Selene Nieto

Environmental Health

Submitted By Anna M. Sanchez, EHD

Marketing Manager for the City Animal Care Center

A Good Scoop Story

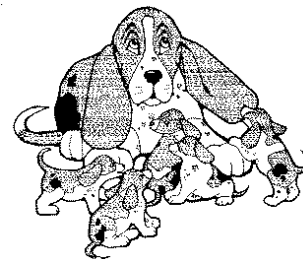
(Story Courtesy of the Tribune's Carolyn Carlson)

Bandit, the stray dog who stole the hearts of a Westside neighborhood, has a new home. Connie Enright, a vocational rehabilitation specialist at the Veterans Administration Medical Center, adopted Bandit. "She is doing great," advised Enright. "By adopting Bandit, I feel I am doing my part for the universe." Connie has rescued other dogs in the past. "This is my calling, and I'm good at it." From what Alamosa neighborhood residents said, Bandit was dropped off on the Westside, possibly in 2003. The dog learned how to find enough food to survive, a warm place to sleep, and how to stay away from nearby busy streets.

Bandit also learned that the white vans cruising her neighborhood contained animal control officers who wanted to catch her. But Bandit was way too smart, she found holes in fences that animal control knew nothing about. She slipped though and reappeared at the other end of the street. She sat and watched as the officers drove by. Before she was caught, Bandit dug a deep hole in a hillside on the edge of a vacant lot, where she had six puppies. Bandit and all of her puppies were adopted, sterilized, and microchipped.

* The City Animal Care Center asks you to open your heart and home to a pet, **especially to an older pet**, such as Bandit. The AACC was fortunate in getting Bandit and her puppies adopted, microchipped and sterilized to help prevent further stray litters. Please help control the pet overpopulation by spaying and neutering your pet. *It is the law.*

Pictures and descriptions of our adoptable and lost pets are available on our website [<www.cabq.gov/pets>](http://www.cabq.gov/pets).



Planning

Submitted By Paula Donahue, Senior Planner

**You are Invited
To help identify key area issues for the
East Gateway Sector Development Plan**

In fall 2007, the City of Albuquerque, Architectural Research Consultants, Glatting Jackson consultant firm, and the East Gateway community will begin work on the East Gateway Sector Development Plan. Sector development plans identify existing issues and trends, guide future public and private development, plan land use patterns and multimodal transportation circulation, and recommend projects, programs and regulations to address key area issues. The most effective sector plans identify and use area assets to address area issues.

A series of focus groups and interviews and a public workshop will be held prior to this planning effort in order to determine key area issues and an effective scope of work. Property owners, residents, business owners, and other interested parties are invited to an evening workshop to identify area strengths and weaknesses. The current study boundaries are I-40 on the north, City limits on the south, Wyoming Boulevard on the west, and Tramway Boulevard on the east. Central Avenue is the area spine.

Location: Singing Arrow Community Center
13001 Singing Arrow SE
Date and Time: Wednesday, August 8, 2007
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

**For additional information, contact Paula Donahue at
505-924-3932 or <pdonahue@cabq.gov>
7-1-1 (Relay NM)**

**Spanish speaking – Ramona Gabaldon – 505-924-3923
If you or someone you needs Spanish interpretation,
interpretation for the deaf or other assistance to participate
in the meeting, please call or e-mail us by
Monday, July 30, 2007.**



Submitted By Jessica Dyer

ABQ RIDE Expands Again

On July 7, 2007, the Transit Department added two new routes: the Rapid Ride Blue Line with West Side-to-UNM service, and Route 317 which travels between downtown, CNM and Kirtland Air Force Base.

“We’re listening carefully to what the public has to say, and these two routes have been championed by current and potential bus riders,” said ABQ RIDE Director Greg Payne. “Our goal is for more people to utilize public transportation, and these new bus lines should ensure that our ridership continues to grow.”

After months of discussion and planning, ABQ RIDE announced in April that it would use six new Rapid Ride vehicles on a Westside-to-Eastside route. Named the Blue Line, the new route originates at Montano Plaza (Coors/Montano), travels south on Coors, east on Interstate 40, south on Rio Grande and east on Lomas where it stops at both the University of New Mexico Hospital and the school’s main campus. Other key destinations along the route include Old Town and the courthouse district. Two Blue Line stops – Old Town and UNM – will offer connections to the existing Rapid Ride Red Line (Central Avenue).

The Blue Line offers frequent all-day service seven days per week. For more information, visit <www.cabq.gov/transit>. Route 317 originates at the Alvarado Transportation Center and travels via Coal, University and Gibson into Kirtland Air Force Base. There is also a stop at Central New Mexico Community College. The route offers peak-period weekday trips. Each trip is scheduled to coincide with the arrival or departure of the New Mexico Rail Runner commuter train.

For schedule information, visit <www.cabq.gov/transit>.

Legal Department

*Alternative Dispute Resolution
Submitted By Naomi Parada*

Land Use Facilitated Meeting Process

The Land Use Facilitated Meeting process consists of a meeting, or series of meetings wherein one or more neutral facilitators serve to focus participants on communicating their questions, interests and ideas. Facilitators are trained in productive communication methods and procedures. The Land Use Facilitated Meeting process ensures that all participants have an opportunity to be heard.

The City of Albuquerque offers the Land Use Facilitation Program free of charge for land use cases once an application fee has been filed and the Alternative Dispute Resolution Division determines the potential need for program participation.

The City may offer the Land Use Facilitated Meeting process to the applicant, and/or recognized neighborhood association(s) in the area whose papers are on file with the Office of Neighborhood Coordination, and to the others whose property interest might be directly affected by the proposal. The facilitators can invite others who may be helpful to the process. Participation in Land Use Facilitated meetings is voluntary and strongly encouraged.

The meeting facilitators furnished by the City shall meet the qualifications determined by the Alternative Dispute Resolution Division. Facilitators shall remain neutral regarding the issues being addressed by the participants. Facilitators may not be City employees.

Facilitators will convene meetings scheduled at times agreed upon by a majority of parties. A second meeting may be convened if the facilitator determines that further discussion would assist in resolving unresolved issues. Additional meetings require approval from the City of Albuquerque Planning Director and the Alternative Dispute Resolution Coordinator in the Legal Department.

Facilitators are responsible for generating a disposition report within 48 hours of the Facilitated Meeting. This report will include a summary of the meeting and its outcome. The outcome section shall note areas of agreement and issues that remain unresolved. A copy of the report will be provided to the process participants, the City of Albuquerque Planning Director, and the Alternative Dispute Resolution Coordinator, or their designees.

Planning Department staff will incorporate the meeting disposition report into the Planning Department staff report to the appropriate Planning Department hearing board. The Planning Department shall inform the hearing board of the report contents and indicate if there is any conflict between the disposition report recommendations and law or policy.

If you have questions or concerns about facilitated meetings, please contact the Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) office at **505-768-4500**.



Submitted By John Stomp

San-Juan Chama Update

We're making progress! Work on pipelines for the San Juan-Chama Drinking Water project is nearly three-fifths complete, with construction completed on eight of the project's 15 pipelines as of the end of June, and construction scheduled to wrap up this month or in August on six additional pipelines. Construction on the final pipeline in Southeast Albuquerque is expected to begin in late summer or early fall.

NORTHEAST QUADRANT OF ALBUQUERQUE

Alvarado Drive NE from Lomas Boulevard NE to Roma Avenue NE

This month, crews will complete installation of a new 6-inch waterline, reconnect individual water services, replace curb and gutter and repave the roadway as part of the Charles Wells Pipeline. Access will be maintained to all local residences; however, portions of Alvarado Drive NE will be closed to thru traffic as paving is installed. Motorists can use San Mateo Boulevard NE as an alternate route.

Chama Street NE and Menaul Boulevard NE

Crews are scheduled to repave the roadway at this intersection in mid-July. Traffic restrictions will be in place at this intersection for a short time since the paving is expected to require only a few days.

San Pedro Drive NE and San Francisco Road NE

Sometime this month, crews will complete work at this intersection as part of the Coronado Pipeline. Until that time, two-way traffic will be maintained. Barricades will be put up in the area of San Pedro Drive NE and San Francisco Road NE when final work is scheduled.

NORTHWEST QUADRANT OF ALBUQUERQUE

Atrisco Drive NW between St. Joseph's Avenue NW and Ladera Drive NW

As part of the San Juan-Chama Drinking Water Project's Volcano Pipeline, there will be various lane closures on Atrisco Drive NW through mid-July. Work hours will be 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Saturday. Motorists should be alert and watch for signs.

Campbell Road NW between Rio Grande Boulevard NW and the Bosque

As part of the West Valley pipeline, crews are wrapping up landscaping in this area this summer. The roadway is open but there may be occasional, brief delays to allow for construction equipment placement.

El Pueblo Road NW between Edith Boulevard NE and Jefferson Drive NE

This month, El Pueblo Road NW will remain closed between Edith Boulevard NE and Jefferson Drive NE as part of work on Raw Water Pipeline #2. Access will be maintained to local residences. Motorists can use Paseo del Norte as an alter-

nate route. El Pueblo Road NE is expected to reopen in August.

Fourth Street NW at Alameda Drain (South of Candelaria Road NE)

As part of the West Valley pipeline project, work will wrap up early this month in this area. Until then, the southbound right lane on Fourth Street NW will be closed from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Rio Grande Boulevard NW at Campbell Road NW

There will be northbound and southbound right lane closures on Rio Grande Boulevard NW at this intersection from 7 a.m.-7 p.m. daily through July. This work is part of the West Valley Pipeline project.

Sequoia Road NW and Coors Boulevard NW

Crews will be installing a vault on Sequoia Road NW east of the intersection of Sequoia Road NW and Coors Boulevard NW in early to mid-July. The work, which is expected to take about one week, will require eastbound traffic in the far right lane of Sequoia Road NW west of Coors to turn right. East of the intersection for several hundred feet, traffic will be shifted to the westbound lanes of Sequoia Road with one lane of traffic maintained in each direction.

The Albuquerque Water Utility Authority is making samples of purified surface water available at no charge to neighborhood associations.

Would You Like Some Free Samples of San-Juan Chama Drinking Water?

Because San Juan-Chama water comes from a different source and process than we're used to, these samples are being distributed so that you can taste the difference. We want to make sure everyone has an opportunity to taste this water, so that the difference will not be a surprise when the project becomes fully operational in 2008.

For more information or to request free water samples for any neighborhood association meetings, please visit <www.abcwua.org> and fill out the request form.

For More Information or to Schedule a Presentation

If you would like to schedule a presentation on the San Juan-Chama Drinking Water Project for your neighborhood or homeowners association, please call Patti Watson or Shannon Zamarrón at 505-293-2000. For more information about the project, visit our website at <www.sjcdinkingwater.org>. If you would like to be added to our drinking water project information list, call 505-242-ROAD (505-242-7623) or e-mail <pattiw@cooneywatson.com>.





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