

# West Mesa Community Center - "Heart and Soul"

January/February 2007

## NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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The Armijo Roadrunners Get It Together  
For The West Mesa Community Center Grand Re-Opening!

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Increasing Communication Between Neighborhood Associations.”



**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**

Classic Uptown  
La Luz Del Sol  
Paradise Heights  
Quail Springs  
Raynolds Addition  
Stinson Tower  
Volcano Cliffs

**“Welcome” to  
Incoming President**

Stephen Verchinski  
Suzanne Fetsco  
Rene Stapf  
Dr. Betty J. Fisher  
Doug Kerr  
Norman Mason  
Dave Heil

**“Thanks” to  
Outgoing President**

Alan Przybylinski  
Jerome Romero  
Goldialu Stone  
Alf Reeb  
Victor Wyant  
Billy J. Wright

•Paradise Heights Neighborhood Association regained their “recognized” status on January 2, 2007.

**NEW NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION(S)**

NONE AT THIS TIME

**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:

November Annual Reports are due:	February 1, 2007
December Annual Reports are due:	March 1, 2007
January Annual Reports are due:	April 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.

**Cash For Your Association!**

**Interested in beautifying your neighborhood?**

The Clean City Division of the Solid Waste Management Department and the Office of Neighborhood Coordination of the Planning Department, have annual **\$200 stipends** available to non-profit groups, such as neighborhood associations, Girls/Boys Scouts and individual APS campuses who wish to “Adopt An Area” within their vicinity. Call Clean Cities at **505-857-8060** for more information.



## Across The City

### Metro Court

Submitted By Janet Blair



#### New Court Administrator Begins At Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court

Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court Chief Judge Judith Nakamura announced recently that Brian Gilmore has been appointed court administrator. "We are delighted to have someone with his background and experience here at Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court."



Gilmore has been serving as the Family Court Administrator and Director of Court Technology for the largest Court in Nevada, the Eighth Judicial District Court in Las Vegas. He supervised a team of 125 professionals in the Family Mediation Center, Self Help Center, Violence Intervention Center, Court Appointed Special Advocates, Transcript

Video Services, Children's Exchange and Visitation Program. He was also responsible for facilities management for the Family Service Campus and court security. In his capacity as IT Director, he oversaw all major technological issues for a combined court of over 500 users.

"I have a real fondness for New Mexico and I am very pleased to have the opportunity to join the Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court as its court administrator. I look forward to the challenges and to building on the great success of this fine court organization," said Gilmore.

Gilmore's experience prior to joining the Nevada Courts includes 25 years in the US Navy where he attained the rank of captain. While in the Navy he was a pilot, Officer in Charge of the Helicopter Minder Countermeasures Squadron, head of the legislative branch for the Director of the Naval Reserve and staff director for the Assistant Secretary of the Navy at the Pentagon. He also served as the Command Officer of the Naval Air Reserve Center in Minneapolis.

Gilmore replaces Marc Saavedra, who left the court earlier in the year.



The Honorable Rachel Walker Al-Yasi takes the oath of office from Judge Theresa Gomez in ceremonies held December 11, 2006 in the Ceremonial Courtroom of the Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court. Witnessing for the new judge are (L to R) Her mother, Dr. Marilyn Walker, daughter Marilyn, son, Zachary and

son Hasan. Judge Walker Al-Yasi will take the bench in Criminal Division 17.

## Mayor's Office of Volunteerism & Engagement - MOVE

Submitted By Debra Saine

As 2007 gets underway, the Mayor's Office of Volunteerism & Engagement (MOVE) would like to ask you to consider adding volunteerism to your New Year's resolution. MOVE asks you to think about how you can play a role in helping make Albuquerque a safe and caring community.

Here are some ideas of how you can help:

- Serve on the board of a nonprofit agency. Board members are critical to the leadership and success of our nonprofit community. The Center for NonProfit Excellence (CNPE) is working with nonprofits to develop a board bank. For more information, contact Dana Vilaridi, <[dana@uwcnm.org](mailto:dana@uwcnm.org)>, 505-247-3671, or visit the CNPE website at:

<<http://www.centerfornonprofitexcellence.org/boardjoin.htm>>.

- Tutor or mentor a child. This is a great opportunity to help a child build his/her self-esteem and gain a perspective of the outside world.
- Provide much-needed relief for families of hospice patients. While the volunteer visits with the patient, family members can take some time to rest or run errands.
- Donate non-perishable food items to a food bank. Better yet, get your family, co-workers, or friends together and volunteer at a food bank. This is an excellent family volunteer opportunity because children can join their parents to help repackage bulk food items.
- Deliver prepared meals to individuals who are homebound.
- Volunteer with animals at local shelters.
- Help with local fundraisers. The MOVE office keeps a list of opportunities where volunteers are needed on a one-time basis.

To learn more about volunteer opportunities, please visit the MOVE website at <[www.cabq.gov/move](http://www.cabq.gov/move)>, or contact Debra Saine, <[dsaine@cabq.gov](mailto:dsaine@cabq.gov)>, 505-767-5815.

### You Are Invited To A Community Forum on Walkability *Does the Albuquerque Region Walk the Talk?*

**WHEN:** Tuesday, January 30, 2007 - 7 p.m.

**WHERE:** First Unitarian Church  
3701 Carlisle Boulevard NE in Albuquerque  
(southwest corner of Carlisle & Comanche)

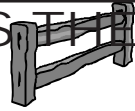
**WHY:** Hear Mark Fenton – a nationally recognized transportation and public health expert, author, PBS television host, and pedestrian and bicycle advocate – speak and discuss key questions with a response panel:

- What is the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, and why is it so important?
- What is in the current draft update of the Plan?
- What can you do to help ensure that the Plan contributes to improved walkability in your community?
- How can Albuquerque lead the charge in becoming a healthy community?

**Response panel:** Debbie O'Malley, Chair, Albuquerque City Council; Teresa Cordova, Bernalillo County Commission; A representative from the Mid-Region Council of Governments (to be determined); Claude Morelli, Executive Director, Walk Albuquerque; Gabriel Nims, Executive Director, 1000 Friends of New Mexico. **Event Sponsors:** Albuquerque Alliance for Active Living, City of Albuquerque, First Unitarian Church. For more information visit <[www.walkalbuquerque.org](http://www.walkalbuquerque.org)>.

# NEIGHBORHOOD SCOOP

## ACROSS THE FENCE



### “Heart and Soul”

#### The West Mesa

#### Community Center Re-Opens

Submitted By Susan Vigil

Orange sun drops reflect off the mane of the iron mustang. He rears his head racing into the morning. Seven in the morning, the new West Mesa Community Center awakens. The mustang art piece is also a sundial marking its lively time at the new community center all day.

Charmaine Gutierrez, the center’s supervisor, caters the curriculum to all ages and encourages community involvement. Before and after school programs, free lunch and breakfast for children, Latin Aerobics, Senior Art Groups, and Family TaeRobics are a few of the programs attended by a thriving population throughout the day and well past sun’s set and shadow.

It’s a dynamic, ecologically designed facility only a month old. The landscape features both a butterfly garden and a humming bird garden, with plants that will attract these elusive creatures. High-desert grasses, shrubs and flowers blow silkily in the West Mesa breezes.

West Mesa Community Center staff and volunteers are building a network of resources and believe, in Charmaine’s words, “It’s important to make those resources as accessible as possible to the community we serve.” There are things that a community center will bring together like nothing else”.

The construction of the new West Mesa Community Center comes under the leadership of Mayor Martin J. Chávez, with the help and support of City Councilor Ken Sanchez, State Senator Bernadette Sanchez, the late State Representative Ray Ruiz, his successor, Representative Harriet Ruiz and the entire West Mesa community.

Initially, members of the West Mesa Neighborhood Association had been working diligently toward the renovation of their beloved center, lobbying elected

representatives for the fund to make improvements.

But, when Mayor Chávez took office five years ago, he believed the West Mesa community deserved more. The West Mesa community concurred and everyone got to work to raise the needed funds.

“The new center features state of the art equipment and amenities,” said Mayor Chávez. “The West Mesa community



Mayor Chávez, Grand Re-Opening West Mesa Community Center

deserves a center of this caliber, a first-class facility.”

The 23,880 square-foot building which is architecturally designed to make the most of natural light and vaulted ceilings offers a mini-gym, computer lab, fitness room, ceramics and arts and crafts room, large meeting spaces, a children’s library, game room and men’s and women’s showers.

The new center cost a total of \$5,445,000 with \$4,520,000 raised through City General Obligation bonds and \$925,000 in state legislative grants.

West Mesa opened its doors to more than 600 folks on December 16, 2006. Several neighborhood association leaders joined Mayor Chávez and other elected officials in the grand opening ceremonies, which entailed the ribbon cutting, entertainment, lunch and several

children’s activities. The West Mesa Neighborhood Association donated a Christmas tree.

The association has a long history of working to improve the quality of life on the Westside. Most notably, the West Mesa neighborhood association donated two police bicycles to APD’s Westside Command. For the past 10 years, they have hosted an APD Appreciation Day at which includes a food banquet that available 10:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. for the area’s police officers. The association also gives more than 60 Thanksgiving turkeys to West Mesa families in need.

This association worked with the city to install over 99 new neighborhood street lights. Dangerous sections of streets are diligently watched the potential for crime is reduced through the association’s efforts. They obtained a memorial from the City Council for support of a 400-acre national cemetery at the top of Nine Mile Hill. The site is under serious consideration for the proposed national cemetery. West Mesa is one of the four original Citizens Advisory Teams involved in development of the Atrisco, West Central and Old Coors Redevelopment Plan. They are affiliated with the South Valley Coalition,

the South West Alliance of Neighbors, and the West Central Community Development Group. Louis Tafoya, West Mesa Neighborhood Association president, describes his association as “a dedicated group of people who do everything for the community. We try to keep involved in everything west of the Rio Grande, from Sandoval County line to Valencia County line.” With the clear head and heart of this association, new and bountiful creations like the new West Mesa Community Center will continue to manifest in this neighborhood.



NEIGHBORHOOD SCOOP continued

From The Manager's Desk

Submitted By Deborah Nason
Office of Neighborhood Coordination
Planning Department PIO

Farewell

"Born on a mountain top in Tennessee . . . ,” no, not really but he could have been, after all, he was a Boy Scout. But, unlike Davey Crockett, Don Newton started his life in Culver City, California, the first of four children born to Carl and Marjorie Newton. Number one son, big brother, older brother, leader, teacher, traveler, mediator, dreamer, do-er, helper, healer.

Don did most of his "growing up" in Sioux City, Iowa – part of America's heartland. Don found himself in Albuquerque in 1978 after having served in the United States Navy and attending Morningside College, studying Business Administration. He plunked himself down as the Regional Manager for Data Systems Marketing here where he managed sales and service offices around New Mexico and bossed around about twenty-eight employees. He liked that part – being the boss, in charge, in control. And as for the sales aspect, with that smile on his face and the spark in his eye, Don could sell one-dollar bills for five bucks and make you believe you just got the deal of a lifetime! Those sale skills would prove to be invaluable for a career that was as varied as it was interesting.

Don lived in the Taylor Ranch area of Albuquerque. Being the people person that he was, he was a good neighbor – always there when someone needed something – jumper cables for the dead battery you found in your car, the lawn mowed, the hedges trimmed, the snow shoveled. He served in the Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association for over twenty-two years, holding every office available. Through the association he became a diligent public servant. He advocated for what the neighborhood needed - the schools, the parks, the playgrounds, the community center. Having been a Boy Scout himself, it was a natural fit when the floundering Boy Scout Troop 126 came calling. Under his lead-

ership the troop thrived and membership swelled. He would have enjoyed seeing all the scouts at his memorial service, doing what he taught them – helping, giving, caring. His church was important to him too. The Cross of Hope Lutheran Church also had the honor of having Don as a Church Council Member. He was everywhere - always - talking, listening, pacing.

After about 10 – 12 years working in the banking, mortgage arena and volunteering in various local political campaigns, he found himself working for the City of Albuquerque in the Office of Neighborhood Coordination – no surprise he was hired, he was the neighborhood! All that smiling, hand-shaking and kissing of babies made him a dynamic force as he spread his knowledge and opinions throughout the City. He worked a lot and he worked hard, always looking for the win-win situation. He was a big link in the chain between the "beauracracy" and the "little guy." As Dr. Joe Valles said so eloquently, "Don wore many hats" and most of them were a perfect fit.

Don loved Taylor Ranch so much that when that community center he championed for was finally coming to fruition – he had to run it. And run it he did – morning, noon and night, relentless in his attention to detail. Training staff, teaching staff, supervising staff, welcoming the community to their new facility. He set the example – he cared about the details - the little things, from the scratches on the new gym floor to the smudges and fingerprints on the windows. He liked his place, wherever that was, clean and tidy.

In the spring of 2005, after the Taylor Ranch Community Center was up and running, the Planning Department created a new position that had Don's name written all over it – "Neighborhood Liaison" – that is what he was, it was what he did for over 20 years as a community volunteer – and he was soooooo good at it.

Let's hope we can catch up with him on the flipside. He is loved and missed and still giving us guidance and direction. If only he would turn that darn cell phone off!

"Happy Trails . . . . .until we meet again."

2007 ONC Workshop Schedule

Patrol Training
Saturday, March 3, 2007

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

APD Training Academy
Community Policing is a philosophy, which recognizes the mutual dependence and shared responsibility of the police and 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.

Parliamentary Procedures

Saturday,
March 24, 2007

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Using "The Complete Idiot's Guide" and a panel of "seasoned" neighborhood association leaders will share their experiences using Robert's Rules of Parliamentary Procedures at their meetings. This workshop will help you understand, by hearing from people just like you, how simple, easy and effective it is to use Parliamentary Procedures in your neighborhood meetings. Get out the gavel – we'll see you there!

Land Use and Zoning
Saturday, April 21, 2007

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

This workshop is designed to increase your knowledge and understanding of all the aspects of the Zoning and Housing Codes, Land Use Matters, Facilitation Issues at the various hearing boards as they relate to neighborhood areas. We utilize the Planning Department division managers, senior staff members and other Department staff to provide this informative training on how the Office of Neighborhood Coordination (ONC) works with each hearing board and neighborhood associations on various projects.

Call Betty at 505-924-3914 for further registration information. Unless otherwise indicated, all workshops are held in the Plaza del Sol Hearing Room, 600 Second Street NW (on the west side of Second Street between Lomas and Roma).

Register on-line at
<http://www.cabq.gov/planning/formsvcs/workshop.html>

**NEIGHBORHOOD SCOOP continued**



**A Message From  
The Mayor**

**Martin J. Chávez  
Mayor**

**Don Newton:  
Community Visionary**

Don Newton was a star. Among so many good people who give so much of themselves in their neighborhoods and throughout our community, he stood out.

Don helped guide Albuquerque's communities and neighborhoods through many tough spots and to many great successes, such as the building of the Taylor Ranch Community Center. He was always striving to improve the city's quality of life and had built



strong relationships with so many different neighborhoods in Albuquerque. He was very well respected because of his passion for helping those in need.

Don had a heart of gold and it was a rare day when I would see him without a smile on his face. He was an inspirational leader who spoke through actions as well as words. He was such a tremendous asset as the city's Neighborhood Liaison in particular because he was such a skillful relationship builder and diplomat.

He lived his life by giving back to his community and challenged others to see the importance of taking care of where they live. He taught those values to those he worked with, to his family and also to Boy Scout Troop 126, where he was the equivalent of one of the Founding Fathers.

At his jam packed memorial service, I was amazed and gratified to see how one person had been able to touch so many lives. Don has been a great inspiration to us all and as a tribute to Don; the Taylor Ranch Community Center shall bear his name. He embodied what it means to be part of a community. He was a remarkable person and he will be sorely missed by all who had the privilege to know him and work with him.



Don was a great mentor,  
co-worker  
and friend.  
The whole City  
has been robbed  
of his good nature  
and gentle influence.

## A Message From Your City Council

**District 1, Ken Sanchez.** At the December 4, 2006 council meeting Councilor Ken Sanchez co-sponsored O-06-57, amending a portion of the Traffic Code, to provide a penalty for talking on or otherwise operating a Hand-Held Cellular Phone while driving a vehicle. The response from constituents to the introduction has been overwhelmingly positive. Councilor Sanchez also co-sponsored the New Mexico Health Security Act Memorial which supports State legislation that would guarantee that all New Mexicans will have health coverage. You can read more about the Health Security Act on <[www.nmhealthsecurity.org](http://www.nmhealthsecurity.org)>. Councilor Sanchez will be available to meet with at different locations in District 1 throughout 2007. Log on to <[cabq.gov/council](http://cabq.gov/council)> for locations and times.

**District 2, Debbie O'Malley, Council President.** District 2 constituents interested in obtaining funding for a capital project in their neighborhood should be aware that the 2007 Legislative Session begins on Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> and will last 60 days. If you have a request for capital funds you must fill out a Capital Outlay Project Request Form (which can be found on the NM Legislative website at <[legis.state.nm.us](http://legis.state.nm.us)> and submit them to your legislator for their signature as soon as possible. For a list of projects being requested by Councilor O'Malley, please contact Kelly Sanchez-Pare at 505-768-3159.

Your legislator can be reached by name through the Legislative Switchboard in Santa Fe at 505-986-4300. The Legislature's website also contains the e-mail addresses of those legislators who use the service.

**District 3, Isaac "Ike" Benton.** Isaac Benton has been serving as the City Councilor for District 3 for a full year already. He is excited to report that 2006 was a productive year during which the City moved forward with a number of major initiatives. In the coming year, Councilor Benton will be focused on implementing neighborhood-level and district-wide capital improvement projects as well as engaging in substantive planning processes. He plans to in-

troduce legislation on issues related to the zoning code, green building, and talking on cellular phones while driving. An additional responsibility that Councilor Benton looks forward to taking on is serving as the Chair of the Land Use, Planning & Zoning Committee in 2007.

**District 4, Brad Winter.** With input from neighborhood associations and coalition members, Councilor Winter has prepared his state legislative requests for the 2007 State Legislative Session. Projects include the North Domingo Baca Park Multigenerational Center and median improvements on Wyoming (Wilshire to Academy) and Academy (Wyoming to Ventura). For more information on the requests or how to contact your State Legislators, call Diana at 505-768-3101.

**District 5, Michael Cadigan.** The Coors Corridor plan has been a priority for Councilor Cadigan. As the new plan is prepared for the Environmental Planning Commission, Council staff and concerned constituents are actively involved in ensuring the integrity of the plan updates. Councilor Cadigan is strongly advocating for view preservation. In addition, during the month of December, Councilor Cadigan held a District 5 meeting at the Open Space Visitors Center; major topics discussed included the Coors Corridor plan, the proposed streetcar project, and plans for a YMCA. During the final Council meeting of the year, Councilor Cadigan co-sponsored a memorial urging the New Mexico State Legislature to pass the Health Security Act during the 2007 legislative session and urging the New Mexico League to make the Health Security Act a legislative priority.

**District 6, Martin Heinrich.** Councilor Heinrich recently sponsored \$8.4 million of funding to build new, owner occupied affordable housing projects in the Southeast Heights' Trumbull Village. He also saw through a contract with a redevelopment company, De Anza, LLC, to investigate the renovation of the De Anza Motor Lodge, a project designated by the surrounding neighborhoods as an important catalyst for revitalization of the area, in tandem with many other efforts to improve the Central Avenue corridor eastward. Another of Heinrich's initiatives, raising the minimum wage by 31% to \$6.75 in Albuquerque and to \$7.50 over

a three-year phase-in, took effect on January 1, 2007.



**District 7, Sally Mayer.** Council Vice-President Sally Mayer continues to work diligently on preserving the Heart of the Heights. She is in the midst of building a new gathering center in Jerry Kline Park that will give residents the ability to access computers, host neighborhood meetings, or enjoy a tennis match from one of the many balconies the building will host. She also continues her quest to protect the animal population. After passing the H.E.A.R.T. ordinance she maintains a devoted liability to ensure laws are enforced and pet owners are informed. And lastly, the Heart of the Heights meetings will resume in January please contact Councilor Mayer for suggestions on topics at <[smayer@cabq.gov](mailto:smayer@cabq.gov)>.

**District 8, Craig Loy.** The recent winter storms resulted in many District 8 constituents being snowed in over the holidays. Councilor Loy received numerous calls from snow-bound individuals who were anxious to see city snow removal crews on the scene to clear neighborhood streets. Unfortunately with our two recent major back-to-back snow storms demand for street clearance far exceeds the supply of street-clearing equipment. The city's first priority must be to open main arterial streets to ensure access for emergency vehicles and safe traffic flow. While we appreciate the much-needed moisture let's hope that from hereon we receive it in more manageable amounts!

**District 9, Don Harris.** December was a busy month for Councilor Don Harris of District 9. He introduced a resolution imposing a six month moratorium on the permitting of non-concealed wireless telecommunications facilities in order to maximize a concealment requirement while minimizing industry hardship.

Councilor Harris also sponsored a bill calling for a cost analysis of the Modern Street Car System which would evaluate its economic development and redevelopment impacts.

In addition, he has asked that the burned down McDonald's on East Central Avenue which was being used by transients, be demolished as a first step in the clean up of Albuquerque's East Gateway.

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wednesday, January 24</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•City Council* – 5 p.m. (*Tentative)</li> <li>•DRB – 9 a.m.</li> <li>•SEPC – 9 a.m.</li> <li>•EPC Pre-Hearing – 1:30 p.m.</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Monday, February 5</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•City Council – 5 p.m.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wednesday, February 7</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•DRB – 9 a.m.</li> <li>•<b>District 7 Coalition</b> – 7 p.m.</li> <li>•<b>Westside Coalition</b> – 7 p.m.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Thursday, February 8</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•GWPAB – 8:30 a.m.</li> <li>•AAB – 9 a.m.</li> <li>•TAB – 9 a.m.</li> <li>•Feedback Forum – 11:45 a.m.</li> <li>•EPC Study Session – 3 p.m.</li> <li>•POC – 4 p.m.</li> <li>•<b>SVCNA – 6:30 p.m.</b></li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Monday, February 12</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•GABAC – 4:30 p.m.</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wednesday, February 14</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•DRB – 9 a.m.</li> <li>•SEPC – 9 a.m.</li> <li>•LUCC – 3 p.m.</li> <li>•AQCB – 5:15 p.m.</li> <li>•<b>District 6 Coalition</b> – 7 p.m.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Thursday, February 15</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•EPC Hearing – 8:30 a.m.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Monday, February 19</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>President’s Day City Offices Closed</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tuesday, February 20</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•ZHE – 9 a.m.</li> <li>•GARTC – 4:30 p.m.</li> </ul> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wednesday, February 21</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•DRB – 9 a.m.</li> <li>•EPC Pre-Hearing – 1:30 p.m.</li> <li>•ADC – 3 p.m.</li> <li>•City Council – 5 p.m.</li> <li>•<b>District 4 Coalition – 7 p.m.</b></li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Thursday, February 22</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•SWAN – 6 p.m.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tuesday, February 27</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•BOA – 9 a.m.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wednesday, February 28</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•DRB – 9 a.m.</li> <li>•LEPC – 9 a.m.</li> <li>•SEPC – 9 a.m.</li> </ul>
			

**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  
**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.lepcabqbernco.org](http://www.lepcabqbernco.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  
**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** - Taylor Ranch Community Center, 4900 Kachina NW  
**ZHE** - Zoning Hearing Examiner, Plaza del Sol Hearing Room, Basement Level, 600 Second St. 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 **3<sup>rd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, February 15, 2007 at 1:30 p.m.** in the Planning Conference Room, Third Floor. The **EPC Public Hearing** will be held on **Thursday, January 24, 2007 at 8:30 a.m.** in the **Plaza del Sol Hearing Room (basement level), 600 Second Street NW** for the following cases:

**Citywide**

**All Neighborhoods; 07EPC-00010, Project #1001620**; The Planning Department of the City of Albuquerque, is proposing an Amendment to Section 14-16-1-5, 14-16-2-16, 14-16-2-17, 14-16-2-18, 14-16-2-10, 14-16-2-22, 14-16-2-23, 14-16-2-24, -14-16-2-24, -14-16-3-20, a portion of the Zoning Code for Floor Substitute O-06-53, regarding regulations for Large Retail Facilities; Carmen Marrone at **505-924-3814**.

**Northeast**

**Princess Jeanne (neighborhood association); 06EPC-01796, Project #1004178 (case #'s)**; Located on the west side of Eubank Boulevard NE between Lomas Boulevard NE and Walker Drive NE (**location of request**); J-20 (**zone atlas page #**); Garcia/Kraemer and Associates at **505-242-5566**, agent for NM One Call, c/o Gary Sloman (**applicant or agency and phone #**); Requests approval of an Zone Map Amendment from O-1 to C-2 for a proposed office building (**action requested**); Stephanie Shumsky at **505-924-3933 (city staff planner)**.

**Alameda North Valley, Academy Acres North; 07EPC-00011, Project #1005317**; Located on the south side of Forest Hills Drive NE between Pan American Freeway NE and Barnhart Street NE; E-17-18; Sites Southwest at **505-822-8200**, agent for the City of Albuquerque, Water Utility Department, Water Resources Division; Requests approval of an EPC Site Development Plan for Building Permit for a proposed pump station on Presbyterian Healthcare Services site as part of the San Juan/Drinking Water Project; Carol Toffaleti at **505-924-3345**.

**Altura Addition, Summit Park; 07EPC-00012, Project #1003801**, Located on the east side of Carlisle Boulevard NE between Indian School Road NE and Hannett Avenue NE; J-16; Carlisle Shops, LLC at **505-884-3578**; Requests approval of an EPC Site Development Plan Amendment for Building Permit for a proposed Ice Cream Shop on the property; Anna DiMambro at **505-924-3924**.

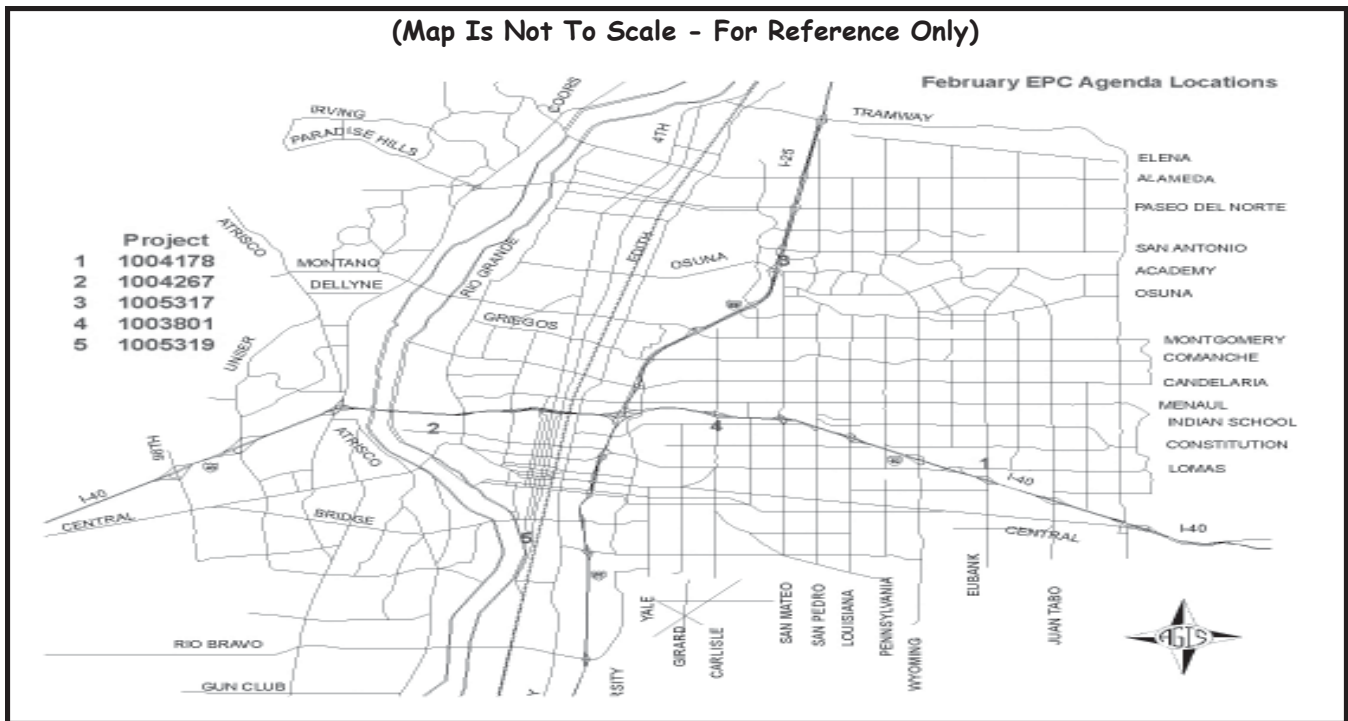
**Northwest**

**No Association(s); 06EPC-01798, Project #1004267**; Located on the west side of Montoya Road NW between Mountain Road NW and I-40 Freeway; J-12; Gary Mirabal at **505-250-8565**; Requests approval of an Zone Map Amendment from RA-2 to R-1 for a proposed residential dwellings; Catalina Lehner at **505-924-3935**.

**Southwest**

**Barelas, South Broadway; 07EPC-00017, Project #1005319**; Located on the west side of Second Street SW between Southern Avenue SW and Woodward Road SW; L-14; City of Albuquerque, Planning Department at **505-924-3860**; Requests a Zone Map Amendment from SU-1 for Community Park and Related Facilities to M-2; Stephanie Shumsky at **505-924-3933**.

(Map Is Not To Scale - For Reference Only)



**Wastewater Utility**

**Companies Awarded For Excellence**

Submitted By Brynda Gutierrez



Annually, the Water Utility Department’s, Water Reclamation Division’s Pollution Prevention (p2) and Industrial Pretreatment Program present an **Award of Excellence** to businesses in Albuquerque.

The Industrial Pretreatment Program regulates businesses that are required to have a wastewater discharge permit. This year’s Industrial Pretreatment winner for superior performance during the July 1, 2005 - June 30, 2006, Industrial Pretreatment Program Year is:

**Academy Corporation**

Academy provides important waste minimization and pollution prevention services to the community by recovering metals from materials that would have otherwise been considered waste. Almost all of the byproduct material generated in Academy’s process is recycled for precious and base metal recovery. Academy Corporation has demonstrated community leadership in environmental stewardship by virtue of its involvement as an original member of the New Mexico Silver Users Association, and contributed in writing a *Code of Practice* for the photo processing industry.

The Pollution Prevention Program (p2) is the non-regulatory arm of the Industrial Pretreatment Program. The p2 Program deals with businesses that do not have a wastewater discharge permit, but generate wastes and pollutants. Businesses can apply for the 5 Parts Per Million (5 PPM) Silver Award; an award for businesses that generate silver waste, or the Pollution Prevention (p2) Award, an award that takes into consideration facility wide compliance with environmental regulations, and not just one pollutant. The company selected for the Pollution Prevention Award of Excellence is selected from the pool of 5 PPM and p2 Awardees. The candidates considered have exhibited an effort that goes above and beyond compliance with the *Sewer Use & Wastewater Control Ordinance*.

The **p2 Award of Excellence recipient for 2006** is:

**Kabana, Inc.**

In addition to being one of the oldest jewelry manufacturers in Albuquerque, Kabana also operates retail stores for their jewelry under the name of Mati2. Kabana and Mati2 employ 200 people. Kabana, Inc. has served as model for jewelers across New Mexico, and was featured in a film produced by the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED). The film highlighted Kabana’s pollution prevention and waste minimization efforts. Kabana has demonstrated community leadership in environmental stewardship by contributing in writing a *Code of Practice* for the jewelry manufacturing industry, and serving as a mentor to smaller jewelry manufacturers.

Both Kabana Inc. and Academy Corporation will be recognized at a meeting of the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Authority Utility in February 2007. For more information about the p2 Program, the 5 PPM or p2 Award call **505-873-7058**, or visit our website at <http://www.abcwua.org/p2/>.

# CITY SCOOP

## News From City Departments



### APD Crime Prevention

505-924-3600

Submitted By Steve Sink



### Personal Safety

#### Away From Your Residence:

- Always be aware of your surroundings and trust your instincts
- Be aware of other people around you and make note of their behavior
- Walk with authority and purpose
- Have your keys ready when approaching your vehicle (and residence) and do not have several items in your hands. If you are shopping, periodically take purchased items to the car and lock them in the trunk or away from view.
- Lock all personal items in the trunk or away from view – roll up windows, lock doors, and take keys.
- Park in well lit areas with a lot of activity. Park as close to the entrance as possible.
- Avoid carrying a purse whenever possible. Place wallet and/or money and credit cards in a front pocket or jacket pocket. Carry only items necessary for a particular outing.
- If you must carry a purse, never leave it open; carry it close to your body with flap facing inward; and place strap around your shoulder (never wrap it around your body or neck).
- If you carry a defensive object (pepper spray, etc.) have proper training first.
- Use personal body alarm, whistle, etc.
- Notify a trusted neighbor or family member where you are going and when you are expected back.
- If you notice a suspicious person or activity in a parking lot near your car, return to the store and ask for an escort and notify security or store management.

#### In Your Vehicle:

- Keep all doors locked.
- Place purse and other valuables out of sight (when traveling and parked).
- Don't travel in curbside lane, especially at a stoplight.
- Be aware of your surroundings when stopped at a light – be aware of people approaching your car.
- Don't stop too close to the car in front of you. Allow enough space to "pull around."
- If you are followed, drive to a safe, active, and well lit location (don't drive home) and quickly leave

your vehicle and go inside to call the police and request assistance or stay in the locked vehicle and draw attention.

- Use a cell phone to call the police, but don't let it distract your driving.
- Avoid any confrontation while driving, no matter how minor.

#### At Your Residence:

- Get to know your neighbor and establish trusted relationships. Encourage them to watch out for you, your family, and your residence. Consider starting a Neighborhood Watch program.
- Make sure the lighting on the exterior of the residence illuminates the entire area.
- Each entrance should have solid core doors and deadbolt locks with a minimum of a one-inch throw.
- All primary window locks should be operational and secondary locks should be installed.
- Trim all bushes down and up from the ground. Trim trees up 6-8 feet from the ground.
- Place lights, radios, and TV on timers to give the appearance someone is home when away.
- Stop mail and newspaper delivery and have a trusted neighbor pickup and place/remove trash carts in the typical location when away. Also, ask them to keep an eye on your residence.
- Let neighbors, family, and friends know when you will return from a trip.

Contact APD Crime Prevention at **505-924-3600**  
for additional information





Submitted By John Stomp

**San Juan - Chama Water Project Update**

Despite a rough start because of the snow, the New Year brings continued construction on nine San Juan-Chama Drinking Water Projects, with construction on the final pipeline scheduled to begin soon. Below is a list of anticipated construction areas this month; however it is important to note that **all** construction is scheduled weather permitting.

**NORTHEAST QUADRANT OF ALBUQUERQUE**

**Chappell Drive NE between Singer Avenue NE and Renaissance Boulevard NE**

Construction is continuing on Raw Water Pipeline #2. Chappell Drive NE has two-way traffic between Singer Avenue NE and Renaissance Boulevard NE. Motorists should expect some minor delays and can use Jefferson Boulevard NE as an alternate route.

**Del Rey Avenue NE from the Northbound I-25 Frontage Road to San Pedro Drive NE**

Early in January 2007, crews are expected to complete repaving of Del Rey Avenue NE from the Northbound I-25 Frontage Road and San Pedro Drive NE. Until work is completed, only **one lane of eastbound traffic** is allowed. Motorists should expect delays and can use San Antonio Drive NE or San Francisco Road NE as alternate routes.

**Forest Hills Drive NE between McKinney Drive NE and the I-25 Northbound Frontage Road**

As part of the Coronado Pipeline, crews are expected to complete repaving of Forest Hills Drive NE between McKinney Drive NE and the I-25 northbound Frontage Road in early January. Until construction is completed, the westbound lanes will be totally closed with traffic shifted to the eastbound lanes and one lane of traffic open in each direction.

**Haines Avenue NE between Alvarado Drive NE and San Pedro Drive NE**

Beginning in early-to-mid-January, Haines Avenue NE will be closed to through traffic from just east of Alvarado Drive NE to just west of San Pedro Drive NE for continuing construction on the Charles Wells Pipeline. Access will be maintained to all local businesses and residences. Motorists can use Indian School Road NE, Alvarado Drive NE and Hannett Avenue NE as alternate routes.

**McKinney Drive NE between Forest Hills Drive NE and Harper Drive NE**

Crews are continuing to lay pipeline on the north side of McKinney Drive NE between Forest Hills Drive NE and Harper Drive NE as part of the Coronado Pipeline. Crews will work from north to south, and traffic will be shifted to the southbound lanes of McKinney Drive NE, with one lane of traffic open in each direction. As crews cross streets and driveways with the pipeline, they will coordinate in advance. Anyone in

this area who has special access issues should call **Shannon Harris** at **681-9134**.

**Mission Avenue NE between Chappell Drive NE and Alexander Boulevard NE**

The northbound lanes of Mission Avenue NE are closed between Chappell Drive NE and Alexander Boulevard NE for work on Raw Water Pipeline #2. Traffic is shifted to the southbound lanes, with one lane open in each direction. This work is expected to last through early spring 2007.

**Palomas Avenue NE between San Pedro Drive NE and Louisiana Boulevard NE**

Through early January, Palomas Avenue NE is closed between San Pedro Drive NE and Louisiana Boulevard NE for work on the Coronado Pipeline. Motorists can use Paseo del Norte NE as an alternate route.

**Phoenix Avenue NE from San Pedro Drive NE to Chama Street NE**

As part of the Charles Wells Pipeline, crews are working on Phoenix Avenue NE, moving east from San Pedro Drive NE toward Chama Street NE. While construction is going on in approximate three-block segments, the area of Phoenix Avenue NE under construction is completely closed to traffic. Motorists can use Claremont Avenue NE or Menaul Boulevard NE as alternate routes. This work is expected to last through early January 2007.

**Phoenix Avenue NE and Chama Street NE**

Also as part of the Charles Wells Pipeline, the intersection of Phoenix Avenue NE and Chama Street NE is closed. Phoenix Avenue NE is completely closed to Alcazar Street NE. In addition, Chama Street NE is closed for 200 feet north of Menaul Boulevard NE. Traffic on Menaul Boulevard NE is not affected. Motorists can use Claremont Avenue NE, Mesilla Street NE, and Menaul Boulevard NE as alternate routes. This work is expected to last through January 2007.

**San Pedro Drive NE between Claremont Avenue NE and Menaul Boulevard NE**

Beginning January 8, 2007, one lane of southbound traffic only will be allowed on San Pedro Drive NE from just north of Phoenix Avenue NE to just north of Menaul Boulevard NE. Northbound motorists can use Louisiana Boulevard NE or San Mateo Boulevard NE as alternate routes. This work is expected to last through early April 2007. Motorists can use Louisiana Boulevard NE or San Mateo Boulevard NE as alternate routes.

**San Pedro Drive NE between Menaul Boulevard NE and Indian School Road NE**

Beginning January 8, 2007, traffic will be shifted to the southbound lanes with one lane of traffic open in each direction. The northbound lanes will be closed. This work is expected to last through early April 2007. Motorists can use Louisiana Boulevard NE or San Mateo Boulevard NE as alternate routes.

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**San Pedro Drive NE between Palomas Avenue NE and Pino Avenue NE**

There is a total closure of the northbound lanes of San Pedro Drive NE in this area for work on the Coronado Pipeline. Traffic is shifted to the southbound lanes with one lane of traffic open in each direction. This work is expected to last through late January or early February 2007. Motorists can use Louisiana Boulevard NE as an alternate route.

**NORTHWEST QUADRANT OF ALBUQUERQUE**

**Campbell Road NW between Rio Grande Boulevard NW and Trellis Drive NW**

Crews are working on the north side of Campbell Road NW as part of the West Valley Pipeline. During working and non-working hours, one lane will be maintained for eastbound traffic only. Westbound traffic will be detoured north on Rio Grande Boulevard NW, west on Candelaria Road NW, and south on Glenwood Road NW. Flaggers will be on hand to control eastbound traffic along Campbell Road near the construction zone as needed. Residents should expect delays.

**Campbell Road NW west of Trellis Drive NW**

Crews are installing a large pipeline on the north side of Campbell Road NW as part of the West Valley Pipeline. Crews will maintain at least one lane of traffic in each direction west of Trellis Drive NW, or will have flaggers on-site during working hours to direct traffic in one direction at a time. Residents should expect delays.

**Candelaria Road NE between the Railroad Tracks and Second Street NW**

Construction will continue on Candelaria Road NE through mid-to-late-January 2007. Crews will be installing concrete paving near the railroad tracks, completing installation of large diameter pipeline on Candelaria and repaving the roadway. Traffic is shifted to the south side of the road, with two eastbound lanes and one westbound lane of traffic maintained at all times. Motorists may experience some delays and can use Menaul Boulevard NE as an alternate route.

**Edith Boulevard NE between Carmony Lane NE and the Nikanda Road NE**

As part of the East Valley Pipeline crews are expected to finish laying pipeline on this road and repave it by mid-to-late-January 2007. Traffic is shifted to the west side of the roadway, as needed, with one lane of traffic open in each direction.

**Raw Water Pump Station (Northwest corner of Alameda Open Space)**

Construction is continuing on the Raw Water Pump Station. Traffic on Rio Grande Boulevard NW may be occasionally delayed for short amounts of time to allow concrete trucks to enter and exit the construction area. While no other traffic impacts are expected, area residents and visitors to the Alameda Open Space may notice ongoing construction activity.

**Second Street NW between Candelaria Road NE and Matthew Avenue NW**

Sometime in mid January, crews are expected to begin laying

pipeline on Second Street NW as part of the East Valley Pipeline. The pipeline will be laid in the center of Second Street NW, with traffic restrictions to be announced. At least one lane of traffic will be maintained in each direction.

**Unser Boulevard NW between Western Trail NW and Dellyne Avenue NW**

As part of the Volcano pipeline, crews will continue work on Unser Boulevard NW through early-to-mid-January 2007. There will be a northbound left lane closure from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. daily Monday-Saturday until construction is complete.

**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 Jackson at **505-293-2000**. For more information about the project, visit our website at <[www.sjcdinkingwater.org](http://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](mailto:pattiw@cooneywatson.com)>.

**Environmental Health  
Animal Care Center**

*Submitted By Anna M. Sanchez,  
Marketing Manager, City Animal Care Center*

**Open Up Your Home To A Pet This Year**

*Submitted By Anna M. Sanchez, Marketing Manager  
City Animal Care Center*

With the holiday craziness behind us, consider making plans this year to opening up your home to a pet from the City of Albuquerque Animal Care Center (AACC). The AACC takes in over 30,000 animals in a year and many of these pets are adoptable and need good homes. There are two Animal Care Center locations in Albuquerque where pets are waiting to be adopted by you! The Eastside AACC is located at 8920 Lomas Blvd. NE, near the intersection of Wyoming and Lomas. The Westside AACC is located at 11800 Sunset Gardens off of Central and 114<sup>th</sup> Street.

Here are a few of the reasons you should adopt from the Animal Care Center.

1. Two convenient locations to visit, with accommodating hours of 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., six days a week (Tuesday-Sunday).
2. The adoption price for any cat, kitten, puppy or dog is \$82.00. Certain adoptions are discounted at special times during the year.
3. The adoption price includes the sterilization, microchip, first vaccinations, city license, and free wellness visit.

When you consider adopting a pet, don't go to the pet stores or in the newspaper. The AACC has a wide selection of lovable and adoptable pets. For each pet that someone buys out of the paper that is one less home a pet from the AACC will receive. Be part of the solution, Albuquerque and visit the Animal Care Center. For descriptions and photos of our adoptable pets, go to our website at <[www.cabq.gov/pets](http://www.cabq.gov/pets)> or call **311** or **505-768-2000**.

**Cultural Services, Library Division**

Submitted By Riann Powell



With the New Year underway, the Library is undergoing some changes in an effort to better our services to the citizens of Albuquerque and Bernalillo County. First, one of our beloved branches is getting a facelift. The Wyoming Library is now closed for renovations. The project is expected to take approximately six months to complete. The Wyoming Library is no longer accepting returned library materials or book donations. You can return library materials to any of our other 16 branches. Any holds that have not been filled will be sent to the Juan Tabo Library. For a map of Library locations and updates on the Wyoming Library renovation, please visit our website: <[www.cabq.gov/library](http://www.cabq.gov/library)>.

In an effort to keep you connected, the Library has added free wireless access to two more library branches. Our East Mountain and Ernie Pyle Libraries now boast free WiFi, bringing the total number of libraries with free wireless up to 11. For a list of all of the free WiFi locations in the City of Albuquerque visit the City's website: <[www.cabq.gov/wifi/](http://www.cabq.gov/wifi/)>.

Finally, don't forget to check out the Friends for the Public Library monthly book sales. On the second Saturday of every month, the Friends offer great prices on approximately 15,000 items, including gently used books, CDs and records. The sales are located at the Main Library, 501 Copper Avenue NW, and go from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (admission is \$1 from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. and free after 1 p.m.). Stop by on January 13 or February 10 for some great deals.

**The Albuquerque Museum of Art and History**

Submitted by Leslie Venzuela

**Descansos**  
**The Sacred Landscape of New Mexico**  
**Photographs by Joan E. Alessi**  
**January 21 – April 15, 2007**



This exhibition features forty color photographs depicting descansos (roadside memorials) from various roadways in the public domain throughout Northern New Mexico. Seen as an art form as well as a religious construct, New Mexico photographer Joan Alessi documents a myriad of the roadside icons.

"My interest in photographing descansos was rooted in their cultural and religious significance," says Alessi. "However, I found an increasing curiosity in the descanso as an art form. The expression of the art takes its form in a diverse display of carvings, paintings, sculpture, iron-work, floral design, and full mixed media displays. This provided intricate and rich subjects from which to choose. The descansos contained in this exhibition are a reflection of both the emotion and dedication

of the devotees, as they mourn the passing and celebrate the life of the beloved." The exhibition will be accompanied by a bilingual catalog with each work in the show reproduced in color.

**The Albuquerque Museum of Art and History**

**Extraordinary Bodies**  
**Photographs from the Mütter Museum**  
**January 21 – April 15, 2007**

This could be one of the most unique exhibitions ever shown in Albuquerque. *Extraordinary Bodies: Photographs from the Mütter Museum* opening at The Albuquerque Museum of Art & History on **Sunday, January 21** gives rare insight into the world of medicine.

*Extraordinary Bodies* presents work by current photographers alongside powerful images from the Mütter Museum's renowned historical medical photography collection. The images in the exhibition extend the boundaries of traditional photographic subject matter, finding beauty not in conventional forms, but in internal marvels and in the enigma of those whose bodies—deformed, broken, and disfigured—have suffered physical abnormality, trauma, or destructive disease.

The Mütter Museum, one of the last medical museums from the nineteenth century, comprises a sublime anatomical and pathological collection that originated with Dr. Thomas Dent Mütter, a professor of surgery who collected unique specimens and models for teaching purposes. Under the care of The College of Physicians of Philadelphia, to which Dr. Mütter offered his collection in 1856, the Mütter Museum has grown and survived where most others did not; today a new audience has emerged to appreciate its collections.

**The Albuquerque Museum of Art and History**

*In collaboration with the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center*

**Unlimited Boundaries**  
**Dichotomy of Place in Contemporary**  
**Native American Art**  
**January 28 – April 15, 2007**

*Unlimited Boundaries: Dichotomy of Place*  
*in Contemporary Native American Art*

An invitational exhibition featuring work by eleven nationally and internationally known artists from the United States and Canada, eight of whom who are from New Mexico. These artists were selected for their cutting-edge concepts as contemporary artists. The Albuquerque Museum will display multiple works by each invited artist while the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center will feature one small-scale work by each invited artist. Artists who will participate in the exhibition include: **Norman Akers, Steven Deo, Bob Haozous, Gregory Lomayesva, Nora Naranjo-Morse, Shelley Niro, Jaune Quick-to-See Smith** (with Neal Ambrose-Smith), **Diego Romero, Duane Slick, C. Maxx Stevens, and Emmi Whitehorse**. On display through April 15.

## Human Rights

*Submitted By Evelyn Saiz*

### **Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarships**

Nineteen high school seniors will receive college scholarships at the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Multicultural Celebration, Monday, January 15, 2007. This year marks the twenty-first anniversary of MLK Day.

The nineteen recipients of the \$1,000 scholarships submitted 500-word essays addressing how Dr. King's words speak to them personally and how society benefits from Dr. King's example.

Eligible scholarship winners attend public or private high schools in New Mexico or have obtained their GED, have enrolled in college next year, and have submitted an application form, three letters of reference, and an academic transcript. Below are quotes from the winning essays:

#### **Joshua Carson - Sandia High School**

##### **Ethicon Endo-Surgery, Inc. Scholarship**

Dr. King believed all men are mutually tied in a single garment of destiny.

#### **Jennifer Aragon - New Futures High School**

##### **Ethicon Endo-Surgery, Inc. Scholarship**

Dr. King was the heart and soul of the movement to end racism in this country....

#### **Angelica Isenock - Del Norte High School**

##### **Clarence P. Mitchell and Marianne Mitchell Olsen Memorial Scholarship**

After learning about the life of Dr. King I was filled with a sense of inspiration to do right for others.

#### **Manuel Perea IV - Los Lunas High School**

##### **Wells Fargo Bank Scholarship**

I look up to Dr. King in every aspect of life.... he used non-violent social strategies.

#### **Jodene Romero - West Mesa High School**

##### **PNM Scholarship**

Dr. King stressed the importance of spirituality in the crusades for equal aspects of life.

#### **Christian Hammond - Rio Rancho High School**

##### **Anis and Stewart Johnson Scholarship**

Thanks to the hard work and accomplishments of Dr. King, I am able to live my life without fear and in a society where I am not judged by the color of my skin but the content of my character.

#### **Katelyn, Hendren - Belen High School**

##### **Helene Hofheimer Catz Scholarship**

... I think, now, I can be as moral and caring as Dr. King was...I want to make a difference...keeping that in mind, I strive to see past the racial differences and see the true person under the skin.

#### **Denette Brown - Del Norte High School**

##### **Modrall Sperling Scholarship**

As an African American, I am grateful to have the benefit of expressing my individuality.... Dr. King's teachings benefit all ethnicities.

#### **Victoria Anderson - Highland High School**

##### **Congregation Albert Scholarship**

Dr. King was and continues to be an inspiration and positive role model, not only those who were lucky enough to experience his speeches and teachings first hand, but to the people of today.

#### **Andre Singletary - Albuquerque High School**

##### **Smith's Food and Drug Stores Scholarship**

... Dr. King sacrificed his very existence to bring this dream to pass.

#### **Tambra Duty - Valley High School**

##### **Corleys Lincoln Mercury Volvo Inc.**

Dr. King believed that all cultures, races, and denominations should come together in peace and harmony accepting one another ...

#### **Paul Palmer III - Rio Rancho High School**

##### **Lockheed Martin/Sandia National Laboratories Scholarship**

Dr. King's example gives me confidence ... I have the ability to overcome insurmountable odds, to accomplish all of my hopes and dreams, and to successfully reach my full potential in life.

#### **Kayla Worley - New Futures High School**

##### **Burton and June Ruby Scholarship**

From the lessons of Dr. King, our lives on earth should be ...full of passion to be the best at every thing we do.

#### **Lisa Bustos - Del Norte High School**

##### **Burton and June Ruby Scholarship**

Throughout American history we have been witnesses to acts of cruelty, violence, Dr. King addressed these problems ...with love as the foremost weapon in his arsenal.

#### **Janessa Alderete - Los Lunas High School**

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Dr. King spoke not only about racial prejudice but also of the path of freedom and unconditional love for each other.

#### **Laura Hollinger - La Cueva High School**

##### **Bank of America Scholarship**

I only hope that when confronted with challenge and controversy, I too can live by the examples set by my ancestors and Dr. King.

#### **Milos Marjanovic - Del Norte High School**

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Dr. King's beliefs ...gave new meaning to humanity and compassion.

#### **Neal Behrendt - La Cueva High School**

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Dr. King, a prophet of social justice, established the moral and ethical bases of the civil rights movement...he was ahead of his time in his vision for a just and peaceful society...

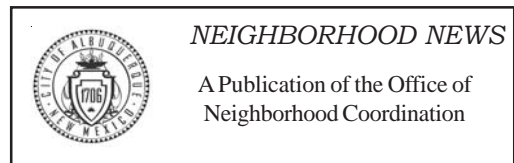
#### **Abdul Majeed Qurbanzada - Del Norte High School**

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Any time I read Dr. King's writings, I see more responsibility in myself, and take "direct action". ... if we "wait" for a just society, that "wait" becomes "never".



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