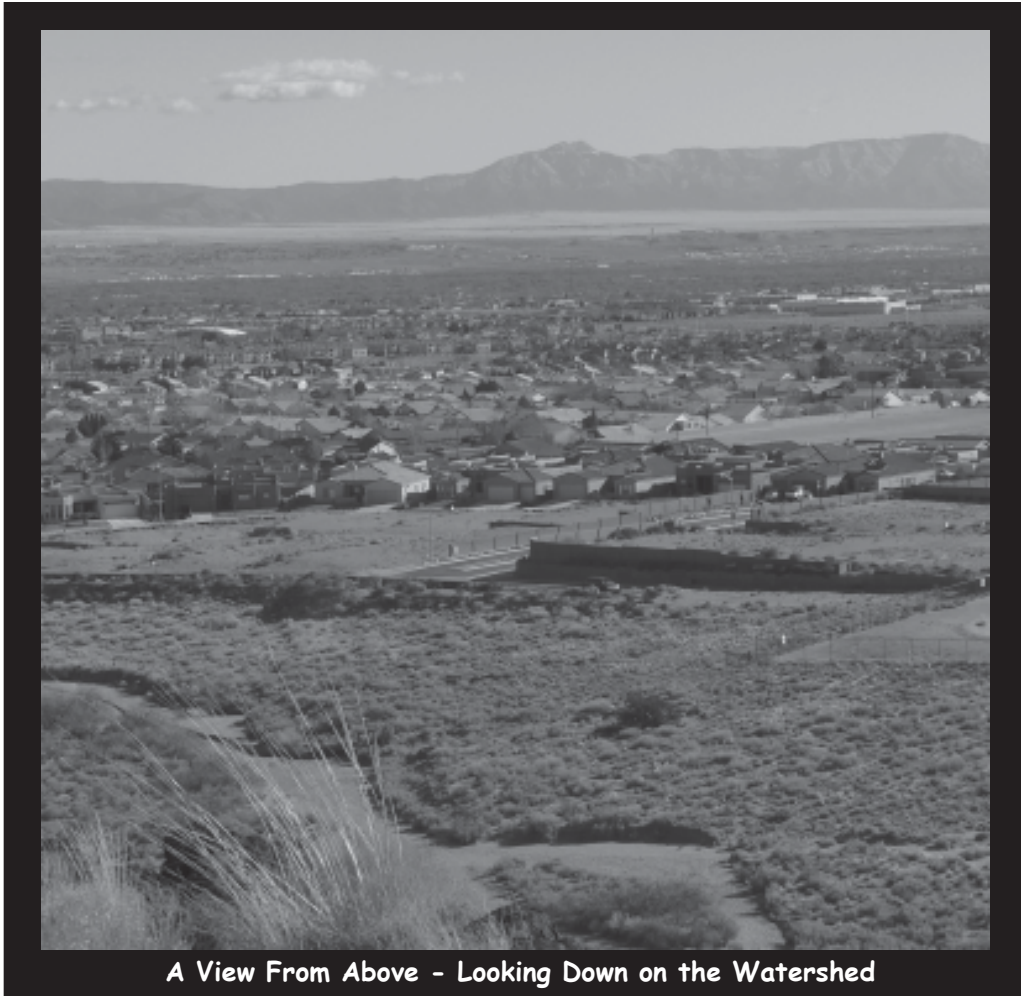


"Forms and Formations" A Look At Two New Neighborhood Associations

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A View From Above - Looking Down on the Watershed

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



NEIGHBORHOOD and/or HOMEOWNER ASSOCIATIONS/NEW OFFICERS

The Office of Neighborhood Coordination “welcomes” new presidents of Neighborhood and/or Homeowner 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.

<u>Neighborhood and/or Homeowner Association</u>	<u>“Welcome” to Incoming President</u>	<u>“Thanks” to Outgoing President</u>
Cibola	Craig Colter	Lori Straba-Frohe
Mossman	Nancy Hawk	Diane Teare
Quigley Park	Lisa Whalen	Bob Day
Vista Montecito HOA	Susan Keller	Jack Jones

- Villages of Parkwest Neighborhood Association regained their “R” recognized status on January 7, 2008.
- Tuscany Neighborhood Association regained their “R” recognized status on January 11, 2008.

NEW NEIGHBORHOOD and/or HOMEOWNER ASSOCIATION(S)

The Four Hills Village Neighborhood Association is located in City Council District 9, Police Beat - 522/FH and County Commission District 5. The contacts for this association are Edwin Barsis and Rebecca Loring. The Four Hills Village Neighborhood Association became recognized on December 18, 2007. **Welcome Aboard!!**

The Vista Del Norte Homeowners Association, Inc. is located in City Council District 2, Police Beat – 243,244/VA and County Commission District 1. The contacts for this association are Richard Hix and Janelle Johnson. **Welcome Aboard!!**

The Gavilan Addition Neighborhood Association is located in City Council District 2, Police Beat - 239/VA and County Commission District 1. The contacts for this association are Art Cordova and Channing Doeden. **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:

- November Annual Reports are due: February 1, 2008
- December Annual Reports are due: March 1, 2008
- January Annual Reports are due: April 1, 2008

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

Metro Court

Submitted By Janet Blair



In a program started six years ago by Metropolitan Court Judge Frank Sedillo and employees from several divisions of the court brought Christmas goodies and food to needy families at the East San Jose Elementary School on December 19, 2007.

This year, 19 families were adopted after being nominated by classroom teachers. Court employees bought toys, clothes, food and bicycles for their families.



In turn, the families made a potluck lunch for court personnel. The program is called "Jacob's Promise" in honor of the judge's son.

Words of Wisdom From The Urban Gardener

Submitted By The Gardeners' Guild

The wonderful thing about a New Year is the newness itself. The new year is invigorating, *but not because of its date.* Thanks to the Gregorian calendar, most western countries celebrate the year's turning on January. Countries like Greece, Tibet, Poland, China and Thailand will have their new year on different dates ranging from now until the end of April.

Why is the new year so inspiring? It's a new beginning! The new year affords a "fresh start", uplifting the spirit with thoughts of a clean slate and another opportunity to create a vibrant and healthful environment. The new year is a friendly milestone motivating us and marking change or improvements we hope to make.

Fortunately, resolutions made with fresh eyes need not be saved for this one time of year. Positive change is something that can be achieved all year - a little every day. Solutions that are sustainable are deliberate, not drastic. In 2008, Gardeners' Guild emphasizes sharing known ways and exploring new ways to make our environments (air, food, water, shelter) fresher. The group supports a network of people and possibilities, sharing information and sustainable solutions for today's environmental issues. Designed for city gardeners and their urban habitats, GG provides the tools and assistance to grow healthy habits for healthier city habitats.

Goings-on at the Gardeners' Guild in 2008

Sustainable Living in City Environments (SLICE) will continue as GG's curriculum building initiative, developing new educational tools suitable for urban residents and spaces. Those projects with the greatest success have been in collaboration with students and beginning gardeners, finding that educating these community members results in enthusiasm and action. GG will continue in the specific pursuit of urban centered Permaculture curricula for the purpose of exposing these wonderful and bewildering concepts to a new group with flexibility, creativity, clarity and in ways that are appropriate for urban gardeners.

Distributed Urban Farming and Food Exchange (DUFFE) is the vision for fresher affordable food in cities. GG is recruiting backyards for food production! The closer it's grown to home, the better it is for everyone — but there's no need to buy the farm. Residential dwellings have lots of spots to grow, even if there's only concrete. Edibles love pots, so don't be discouraged as an city dweller. Look online for a description of this initiative and attend the January Social to get organized.

Fresh new products are coming this way, as soon as next month. Most importantly, we have found a local potter with beautiful hand thrown shapes. While big pots are impressive, great things come in small packages when dressed with artistic glazes and created from the love of the craft. To showcase new artists and celebrate a year in our new space, GG will host an **Open House/Member Social** at the supply shop in January it will be a simple affair and probably a potluck. More details on the way!

Take a look at the new *Journal of SUSTAINABILITY*, just fresh from the publisher. A compilation of factual articles, fiction, poetry and more, this is voted the best new periodical.

Reap the benefits of a nonchemical weed preventer with little effort, that acts as a fertilizer too!

Concern corn gluten applications are easy, safe and are best started before the growing season to **stop weeds before they sprout**. This area is in a bit of a wet spell, so now is the best time to apply the corn gluten, as it needs moisture to smother the unwanted sprouts and early weeds. Warm temps are scheduled for later in the week and a few days in the 50's can charge up the weed seeds so now is the perfect time — do only this in January and you will see the difference!

See full details about corn gluten:

<<http://gardenersguild.blogspot.com/2007/12/weed-it-and-feed-it.html>>

Good Things To Look Forward To In Spring:

A greater focus on children and their environment, including kids' garden and wellness education classes. An expanded work space for workshops and meetings. Fresh herbs growing on-site in the GG and more demonstration exhibits about vermiculture and much more!

NEIGHBORHOOD SCOOP

ACROSS THE FENCE

“Forms and Formations”

Submitted By Susan Vigil, Planning Intern



2008 welcomes two new neighborhood associations formed in the northern portion of Albuquerque. **McDuffie-Twin Parks Neighborhood Association** boundaries sprawl like an open hand from Carlisle on the west to Lomas on the south, Washington to the east and Constitution to the north. The **Watershed Neighborhood Association** nestles at the far northern edge of the volcanic escarpment on the Westside. Though new, these two associations are well founded by experienced community leaders. The Twin Parks Neighborhood Association, now called McDuffie-Twin Parks Neighborhood Association, became inactive in 2001. In 2007, Bill Hoch, the fresh association's president, moved to the McDuffie area from the downtown Huning Highland area. In the last 20 years, Huning Highland has greatly improved in problem properties, commercial activity and housing. Bill Hoch's involvement in the neighborhood's progress is well respected. Bill was concerned to discover his new McDuffie home was without a recognized neighborhood association and would not be notified of zoning and development proposals.

Bill was approached by a homeowner concerned with traffic on Carlisle NE. “She had the determination to get the ball rolling”. They contacted Leo Padilla with the Office of Neighborhood Coordination. “Leo was wonderful. We didn't have that kind of expertise available when we formed Huning Highland,” says Bill. Leo has since retired after 20 plus years of service.

The process of forming the neighborhood association became easier after their first meeting. What was most surprising was how many of the previous members thought the old association was still active! A few of the current board members are from the old board and membership is built on the previous association's affiliates. Bill Hoch is the association's president. Its members call their new association the McDuffie-Twin Parks NA, after the area's original 1950's developer.

In Albuquerque's Northwest quadrant, the formation of Watershed Neighborhood Association was spearheaded by a desire to protect Petroglyph National Park. Its homes are posed peacefully against the parks volcanic torrent remains. This neighborhood is still under construction and almost as new as its neighborhood association. Vic Segura, Watershed NA's president, asserts the process of organizing was “relatively easy”... for him, an experienced neighborhood association president and founder and former president of the District 4 Coalition. He humbly defers, “Don't let me steal the thunder, because the real work came from Leo Padilla, from the Office of Neighborhood Coordination.” Leo attended meetings and association board elections, as well as providing samples needed to create by-laws. The neighborhoods efforts produced a bucketful of supporters. “There are only 102 homes in our small but growing neighborhood - 45 persons attended our last forming meeting. The final turnout was tremendous” says Vic. The inception of every good neighborhood

seeks to identify different issues important to the community. The McDuffie-Twin Parks survey begged traffic issues such as speeding, speed bumps, street lights, and curb side parking. Residents are also concerned with lighting and maintenance of two well loved parks in the neighborhood.

In the quieter outskirts of the Albuquerque, Watershed NA's survey revealed interest in neighborhood watches. Furthermore, they look forward to establishing a relationship with the National Parks Service administration of Petroglyph Park.



Hidden Park Located In The McDuffie-Twin Parks neighborhood

McDuffie-Twin Parks NA president, Bill Hoch would be a key contact in the Watershed NA crime fighting efforts. Mr. Hoch directs the State of NM 2nd Judicial Districts Community and Prosecuting Coordination efforts. Bill can be reached at **505-841-7114** or e-mail at bhoch@da2nd.state.nm.us. His work supports city crime fighting efforts such as the Safe City Strike Force, Neighborhood Guns and Gang Violence Project, as well as The National Weed and Seed Program.

As you cross the fence into the Petroglyph Park from the Watershed neighborhood, there is a large pile of tumbleweeds stab-

bing at you to impede your progress. Criminals, like these weeds, infringe on our abilities to enjoy our freedom. The resources provided by Albuquerque's Crime Prevention Programs help neighborhoods prevail against this violent infringement.

Watershed NA was built at the base of the Petroglyph Park and acts as a protecting buffer to the parks artifacts. A developer in the area informed Watershed NA of “plans to add public parking and walking trails near our neighborhood,” according to Vic. The community seeks to ensure trail developments are as safe and secure as possible. Many shopping amenities near Watershed have yet to be built, allowing the association ample opportunity to hone their negotiating skills. On a positive note, Vic feels, “the developers near us are neighborhood friendly and have been contacting us to meet with and discuss development. We have worked very well together and are using the planning process to develop quality projects.”

Back on the other side of town, McDuffie-Twin Parks flourishes close to a number of shopping amenities such as a Smith's grocery store, novel to Bill, accustomed to the small downtown grocers. Nob Hill is also conveniently close to the McDuffie-Twin Parks NA as well as a new Sunflower Market.

Another desirable characteristic of the McDuffie-Twin Parks neighborhood are excellent schools, namely Jefferson Middle School and Albuquerque High School. These schools are centrally located between downtown and the McDuffie-Twin Parks neighborhood which allowed the Hoch's children to remain in the same schools after the family moved. “These schools have a very good reputation,” Bill beams.

In a riverbed full of polished stones, each stone acting like an established neighborhood association, a new neighborhood group may appear insignificant but allow the voices of their communities shine clear like pearls in the stream of our lively city.

NEIGHBORHOOD SCOOP continued



Patrick Montoya
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From The
Manager's Desk

Happy 2008!

Let me begin by wishing everyone a very Happy New Year. 2008 will be an exciting year for our office. In addition to the four dedicated staff members who currently work in the Office of Neighborhood Coordination, we plan to add two additional staff members, bringing our total to six ONC staff members, hopefully by mid-year. With the new employees coming on board, there will be some minor changes regarding assignment of duties.

We plan to have one person concentrate more in the area of workshops and training as well as assisting with the newsletter. In addition, one new staff member will be totally responsible for organizing new neighborhood associations within the city. With the rapid growth on the Westside, we anticipate as many as 15 new associations being formed this year. Our staff is also making every effort to attend your annual meeting. Throughout the year your association contacts will be asked to provide our office with the date, time and location of this meeting. Please provide this information as early as possible so that we can mark all of the meetings on our calendar.

We are looking for new ideas on how our office can better serve your needs. One thing we hope to expand on is the number and types of workshops we offer. Many of you have attended the Zoning Workshop and the Neighborhood Patrol Workshop. Both have been quite useful and we plan to continue that training, however, we would like to add

a couple of new themed workshops and are looking for your input. Please provide us with information regarding training that you feel we would be of benefit to you.

I would encourage everyone to continue to use the 311 number when needing to contact departments of city government. As I attend neighborhood meetings I am amazed at the number of individuals who still no nothing about 311. Remember you can register a complaint about zoning issues such as weeds and trash, garbage pick-up, bus routes and even hours of operation for city run facilities. It's the best tool the city has to offer to the residents of Albuquerque.

Finally, I ask that everyone keep Don Newton in your prayers. It was just a year ago that Don suddenly passed away. His legacy and love for neighborhood associations will be remembered for a long, long time.



Neighborhood
Workshop Corner

2008 ONC
Workshop Schedule

Neighborhood Association
Patrol Training
Saturday, March 8, 2008
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
APD Training Academy

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, April 12, 2008
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.

Effective Officers Training Workshop

Saturday, May 17, 2008
9 a.m. – 12 Noon

Plaza Del Sol Hearing Room

Our staff will help you anticipate problems/issues in your neighborhood while serving as an officer or board member of your association. Our intention is to provide the tools, skills development and problem solving activities to help you make better officers at meetings and a more proficient problem solver in your neighborhood.

Conducting effective meetings begins well before the meeting date. Prior to the meeting, the officer in charge sets the agenda, establishes goals for the meeting and reviews past minutes . . . At the meeting the officer in charge runs the meeting by sticking to the agenda . . . This is but a brief outline of what will be covered at this workshop. Come prepared to discuss what works for your association and to gather ideas from other officers and share what makes your meetings successful.

OOPS!

We incorrectly identified a couple of the 2007 National Night Out winners in our last edition. Valley Gardens was a winner, not Valley Garden Park and the Stardust Skies winner was Startdust Skies North. ONC regrets the error.

NEIGHBORHOOD SCOOP continued



A Message From The Mayor

Martin J. Chávez Mayor of Albuquerque



Puppy Love In The Q



Three years ago, a special someone came into my life. The relationship quickly bloomed. Today we are nearly inseparable, even during the workday at the office and often around town as well.



I'm speaking, of course, of my K-9 companion, Dukes, whom I first met at the city's Eastside Animal Shelter.

Every year, the shelters take in thousands of adoptable pets. In fact, we saw nearly 30,000 animals in 2007 alone.

Though some are not appropriate for adoption, there simply haven't been enough people ready to take home those that were. This tragic circumstance changed, finally, and during the recent holiday season no less.

In a partnership with volunteers, sponsors and neighboring communities, we hosted an "adopt-a-thon" that actually emptied our "inventory" of adoptable pets. This was a huge milestone for the animal services and our great city.

Two years ago I promised to make Albuquerque a "Live Exit" city, meaning that every adoptable animal that enters the city's facilities is adopted out and this proves that if we open our hearts and homes to these wonderful animals, we can make this an enduring reality.

221 animals from city shelters found homes during this three day event. An incredible combined effort of all agencies involved resulted in the placement of a staggering 516 animals into new homes.

A heartfelt thanks to the citizens of New Mexico, Watermelon Mountain Ranch, Animal Humane of New Mexico, Kennel Kompadres, Albuquerque Alliance for Animals, Rio Rancho Animal Control, McKinley County Animal Services, Valencia County Animal Services, the City of Española Animal Services, the Husky Rescue Group, Home Depot, Wal-Mart, DW Turner, C Logic, Clear Channel Communications, KOB TV, Alphagraphics, and Gordon Environmental.

Of course since we receive an average of 75 pets a day, it wasn't long before we were back to having a full array of wonderful, loving animals waiting and hoping for a new home.

So Dukes and I both hope you will consider finding an adoptable dog or cat a one of our shelters, visit the "Lucky Paws" adoption kiosk next time you visit the Coronado Mall, or pay us a visit online.

To access the Animal Care Center's (AACC) web site, just go to <www.cabq.gov/pets>. There you'll find not only location information, but a wealth of other useful pet related information and links as well. Everything from locator services and spay/neuter mobile services to training tips volunteer opportunities is there, and much more. You can call 311 any time for information about AACC or any other city services.

Another key component to this goal is, of course, making sure that our pets are spayed and neutered, the only long-term solution to ensure that Albuquerque is a humane "Live Exit" community. Low cost spay/neuter services are also available through AACC.

Dukes and I both hope you will make it a New Year's resolution to find a place in your home and your heart for one of our K-9 or feline friends. Together we can make every season a home-for-the-holiday season to Albuquerque's loving pets.



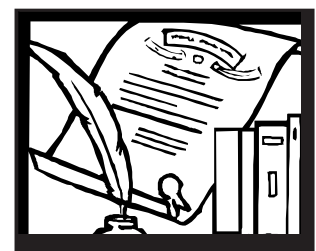
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Schools, Bernalillo County, the Albuquerque Business Education Compact and the City of Albuquerque. Its purpose is to increase parent involvement, student academic achievement and overall community quality of life, through the creation and support of cooperative and collaborative working relationships with schools and the business community, social service agencies, government agencies, faith-based organizations, civic groups, neighborhood associations and post secondary institutions.

Explora (Councilors Cadigan and O'Malley) - The Explora Board is governed pursuant to the laws of New Mexico applicable to non-profit corporations. Therefore, Explora is under the control of a Board of Directors, which is the policymaking body for the organization. This includes hiring the Executive Director who is responsible for daily operation of the Center, as well as, hiring and direction of all staff, development of educational programs and exhibits of the Center, and direction of all fund-raising and promotional activities. In addition, the Board has broad responsibilities to set Explora's basic policies, including its annual budget and to monitor how Explora is meeting its goals. The Council President appoints two members of the Council, subject to approval of the Council.

Albuquerque Business and Education Compact (Councilor Winter) - The Albuquerque Business Education Compact (ABEC) is a partnership of business, education and local government interests in the greater Albuquerque community. The key focus of the group for the next five years is to develop and implement a seamless pre-K through adult education system; expand the role of schools as centers of community and family involvement; and collaborate among multiple groups to integrate strategic planning efforts. One Councilor, appointed by the Council President, sits on this Board.

For a schedule of meetings or any other legislation, please visit the City Council website at <www.cabq.gov/council>.



A Message From Your City Council

Submitted By Gilbert Montañó

The work of Albuquerque's Eighteenth City Council commenced on December 3, 2007, with the election of City Councilor Brad Winter to serve as the Council's President for the following year and City Councilor Debbie O'Malley to serve as the Council's Vice-President. City Councilor Michael Cadigan was elected as Chair of the Council's Committee of the Whole.

It is the responsibility of the City Council President to appoint Council members to the Council's remaining committees, which exist for a variety of City Council functions. Below are the committees and committee assignments for 2008:

Committee of the Whole (All Councilors, *Cadigan*, Chair) – This committee reviews the Mayor's budget and proposed capital improvements program through public meetings and through working with the Mayor and his administration to make recommendations as to policies and the priority of programs within the City budget.

The Finance and Government Operations Committee (FGO) - Councilors *Harris*; Chair, *Garduno*, *O'Malley*, *Sanchez*, *Winter* – This committee reviews all ordinances, resolutions, and other matters relating to finances, taxation and the indebtedness of the City, and the appropriation of City funds; the lease, purchase and sale of real estate, and all other financial business of the City government including other business that may be referred to it by the Council. The FGO Committee meets on a regular basis on the second Monday of each month, and on the fourth Monday of each month if needed. The Committee meetings are usually held in the Council Committee room on the 9th floor of City Hall.

The Land Use Planning, and Zoning Committee (LUPZ) - Councilors *Benton*; Chair, *Mayer*, *Jones*, *Garduno* and *Cadigan* — This committee reviews all ordinances, resolutions, or other matters pertaining to the Zoning Code, land use appeals, historical designation process, annexations, sector development plans and general land use, planning and redevelopment policies. The LUPZ Committee meets on a regular basis on the second Wednesday following the first Monday of each month, and the fourth Wednesday if needed. The Committee meetings are usually held in the Council Committee Room on the 9th floor of City Hall.

Albuquerque Bernalillo County Government Commission (Councilors *Garduno*, *Harris*, *Jones* and *Sanchez*) – This commission was established for the purpose of moving to

ward a unified government between the City and County. Discussion topics include common interests, long-term goals, community needs and other items as requested by the respective bodies, followed by recommendations made to each government.

Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority (Councilors *Benton*, *Cadigan* and *Jones*) – This authority was legislated by the New Mexico State Legislature in 2003, this Authority guide the provision of water and wastewater services to the developed areas of Bernalillo County, the City of Albuquerque and other municipalities within. The authority brings a partnership to the operation of water systems within the area and also to the setting of rates for water and wastewater utilities.

Alvarado Transportation Center Project Task Force (Councilors *O'Malley* and *Benton*) – This task force was created to oversee the revitalization of the downtown region including the Alvarado Transportation Center. In 2001, the City of Albuquerque entered into a Master Development Agreement with the Historic District Improvement Company to advance the area's housing development and commercial revitalization.

Intergovernmental/Legislative Relations Committee (Councilors *Sanchez*, *Winter* and *Garduno*) – This committee's work promotes the cooperation and coordination of efforts between the City and other governmental entities, including the State of New Mexico, the County of Bernalillo, Albuquerque Public Schools, the Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo Flood Control Authority and the Mid Region Council of Governments.

Mid Region Council of Governments Board of Directors (Councilors *O'Malley*, *Benton*, *Garduno*, *Harris* and *Sanchez*) – Also known as MRCOG, this board provides services that support the fundamentals of community and regional development, including working regionally to address employment growth, infrastructure planning and development, quality of life, planning for the future and regional resource management. In addition, MRCOG offers a variety of planning services and support to the region and its communities.

Albuquerque Hispano Chamber of Commerce (AHCC) Board of Directors (Councilors *Sanchez* and *Garduno*) – This board oversees the property, affairs, budget and business of the Hispano Chamber of Commerce, which is organized "to promote economic development, to enhance economic opportunities and to provide business and workforce education with an emphasis on the Hispanic and small business community

in Albuquerque and New Mexico."

Albuquerque Convention and Visitors Bureau (ACVB) Board of Directors (Councilors *O'Malley*, *Winter* and *Benton*) – This board manages the business of the ACVB, including controlling and directing its affairs, determining its policies, actively pursuing its objectives and directing the disbursement of funds. The mission of the ACVB is to stimulate economic growth in Albuquerque by marketing the city as a convention and visitor destination.

New Mexico Municipal League Board of Directors (Councilor *Sanchez*) – The NM Municipal League's Board of Directors are responsible for general supervision of the organization which serves to provide research to help local officials from throughout New Mexico to make decisions in the performance of their governance. It also provides legal opinions, a monthly newsletter publication and weekly legislative bulletins when the New Mexico State Legislature is in session.

Regional Transit Board of Directors (Councilors *Mayer*, *Benton*, *Harris* and *Garduno*) – This group works to establish a regional transit system that is compatible with established state and local transportation plans, including related policies, procedures, and financial planning that provides for the capital, operation and maintenance of a regional transit system.


Accountability in Government Oversight Committee (Councilors *Mayer* and *Sanchez*) – This committee is comprised of five representatives from the community at large. The Mayor and a Councilor are appointed annually by the Council President, they are non-voting ex officio members. The committee reviews and approves all audit and investigatory reports at each meeting.

Internal Operations Committee (Councilors *Winter*, Chair, *Benton*, *Jones*, *O'Malley* and *Sanchez*) -This committee oversees the City Council staff's operations, as well as the management of the Council's physical facilities and operating budget.

Committee on Guidelines for Negotiations (Councilors *Garduno*, *O'Malley* and *Winter*) – This committee's work is guided by an internal Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Albuquerque Administration and the Albuquerque City Council to determine the operating procedures of the committee.

Community Schools (Councilors *Benton* and *Garduno*) – The Albuquerque Bernalillo Community Schools Partnership is a joint agreement with the Albuquerque Public

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<p>*Monday, January 21 City Offices Closed M.L. King, Jr. Birthday Observed*</p>	<p>Monday, February 4 •City Council – 5 p.m.</p>	<p>Wednesday, February 13 •DRB – 9 a.m. •SEPC – 9 a.m. •LUCC – 3 p.m. •AQCB – 5:15 p.m. •District 6 Coalition – 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Wednesday, February 20 •DRB – 9 a.m. •ADC – 3 p.m. •City Council – 5 p.m. •District 4 Coalition – 7 p.m.</p>
<p>Tuesday, January 22 •BOA – 9 a.m. •East Gateway Coalition – 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Wednesday, February 6 •DRB - 9 a.m. •PAB – 10 a.m. •District 7 Coalition – 7 p.m. •Westside Coalition – 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Thursday, February 14 •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>	<p>Thursday, February – 21 •EPC Hearing – 8:30 a.m. •ZHE – 9 a.m.</p>
<p>Wednesday, January 23 •DRB – 9 a.m. •SEPC – 9 a.m. •EPC – Pre-Hearing – 1:30 p.m. •City Council - 5 p.m.</p>	<p>Thursday, February 7 •AAB – 9 a.m. •North Valley Coalition – 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>*Monday, February 18 City Offices Closed President’s Day*</p>	<p>Tuesday, February 26 •BOA – 9 a.m.</p>
<p>Thursday, January 24 •SWAN – 6 p.m. •District 8 Coalition – 7 p.m.</p>		<p>Tuesday, February 19 •GARTC – 4:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Wednesday, February 27 •DRB – 9 a.m. •LEPC – 9 a.m. •SEPC – 9 a.m. •EPC Pre-Hearing – 1:30 p.m.</p>
<p>Wednesday, January 30 •DRB – 9 a.m. •LEPC – 9 a.m.</p>		<p>Thursday, February 28 •SWAN – 6 p.m.</p>	

2008 CALENDAR/LEGEND

- AAB - Airport Advisory Board, Aviation Department Executive Conference Room
- ACTMI - Advisory Committee on Transit for the Mobility Impaired - Sun Van Conference Room, 601 Yale SE
- ADC - Albuquerque Development Commission - Hearing Room (Basement Level), Plaza del Sol, 600 Second Street NW
- AQCB - Air Quality Control Board, Council Commission Chambers, Basement Level, City Hall
- BOA - Board of Appeals, Plaza del Sol Hearing Room, Basement Level, 600 Second Street NW
- City Council - Council/Commission Chambers, Basement Level, City Hall
- District 4 Coalition - Fire Station 20, 7520 Corona NE
- District 6 Coalition - Cesar Chavez Community Center, 7505 Kathryn SE
- District 7 Coalition - Sandia High School, Teacher’s Lounge, 7801 Candelaria NE
- District 8 Coalition - James Joseph Dwyer Memorial Substation, 12700 Montgomery NE
- DRB - Development Review Board, Plaza del Sol Hearing Room (Basement Level), 600 Second Street NW
- East Gateway Coalition - Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center, 501 Elizabeth SE
- EPC - Environmental Planning Commission, Plaza del Sol Hearing Room, 600 Second Street NW, Basement Level
- EPC Pre-Hearing - Environmental Planning Commission, Plaza del Sol, 600 Second Street NW, Third Fl. Conference Room
- EPC Study Session - Environmental Planning Commission, Plaza del Sol, 600 Second Street NW, Third Floor Conference Room
- FBF - FeedBack Forum, Planning Department, Plaza del Sol, Hearing Room, (Basement Level), 600 Second Street NW
- GABAC - Greater Albuquerque Recycling 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.lepcbqbernc.org> for more info.
- LUCC - Landmarks and Urban Conservation Commission, Plaza del Sol, Hearing Room (Basement Level), 600 Second Street NW
- North Valley Coalition - Los Griegos Multi-Service Center, 1231 Candelaria NW
- PAB - ParaTransit Advisory Board - Alvarado Transportation Center, 100 First Street SW
- POC - Police Oversight Commission, City/County Building, Lower Level, 1 Civic Plaza, Fifth and Marquette
- SEPC - Special Events Permitting Committee - 6th floor, Cultural Services Department Conference Room, City Hall, Fifth and Marquette
- SVCNA - South Valley Coalition of Neighborhoods Associations - 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 **3 p.m.** in the Plaza del Sol Hearing Room. Please call the Planning Department at **505-924-3860** to confirm the Study Session schedule as adjustments are made occasionally.

Please note that the **Pre-Hearing Meeting** will be held on **Wednesday, January 23, 2008 at 1:30 p.m.** in the Planning Conference Room, Third Floor. The **EPC Public Hearing** will be held on **Thursday, February 21, 2008 at 8:30 a.m.** in the **Plaza del Sol Hearing Room (basement level), 600 Second Street NW** for the following cases:

Northeast

Stronghurst Improvement (neighborhood association); 07EPC-40104, Project #1007008 (case #’s); Approximately .56 acre(s) located on the north side of Candelaria Road NE between Arno Street NE and Commercial Street NE (**location of request**); G-15 (**zone atlas page #**); Ellen Concini at **505-345-0252**, agent for Randy Kaufman (**applicant or agency and phone #**); Requests a Zone Map Amendment from R-1 to C-2 (Community Commercial Zone) to improve the health, safety and welfare of the community, if developed (action requested); Carol Toffaleti at **505-924-3345** (**city staff planner**)

Northwest

Tres Volcanes, Watershed; 07EPC-40065 and 40071, Project #1006864; Approximately 500 acre(s) located on the west side of Tierra Pintada NW between Arroyo Vista NW and the Petroglyph National Monument; H-7-9 and J-7-8; The Hartman and Majewski Design Group at **505-242-6880**, agent for SunCal Companies of New Mexico; Requests a Site Development Plan Amendment for Subdivision and Amendment to the Westland Sector Development Plan for a proposed unique residential community; Catalina Lehner at **505-924-3935** and Jennifer Donofrio at **505-924-3343**.

Rancho Encantado HOA; 08EPC-40003, Project #1007015; Approximately 10 acre(s) located on the north side of St. Josephs Drive NW between Atrisco Drive NW and Coors Boulevard NW; G-11; Dorman Breen Architects at **505-792-8160**, agent for Church of St. Joseph’s on the Rio Grande; Requests a Site Development Plan Amendment for Building Permit for Saint Joseph’s on the Rio Grande Church future construction for additional offices, gathering space, a chapel, a parish hall, a two (2) story education building and additional parking for the church; Randall Falkner at **505-924-3933**.

No neighborhood and/or homeowner association(s); 08EPC-40004, Project #1001275; Approximately .8628 acre(s) located on the west side of Coors Boulevard NW between Old Airport Avenue NW and Alameda Boulevard NW; B-14; Tierra West, LLC at **505-858-3100**, agent for Mays and Company; Requests a Site Development Plan for Building Permit for a proposed Firestone Tire Sales and Installation Facility; Anna DiMambro at **505-924-3924**.

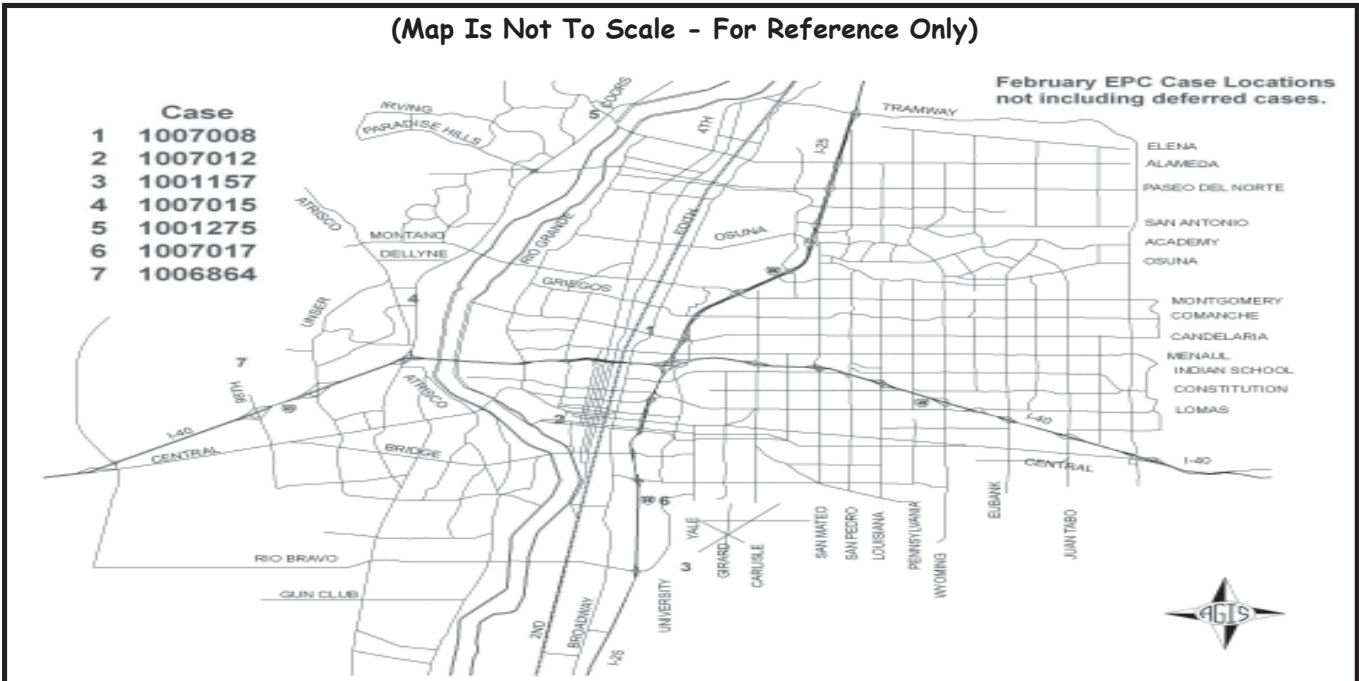
Southeast

No neighborhood and/or homeowner association(s); 08EPC-40002, Project #1001157; Approximately 65 acre(s) located on the east side of University Boulevard SE between Clark Carr Road SE and Spirit Drive SE; N-15; Darren Sowell Architects, LLC at **505-342-6200**, agent for City of Albuquerque, Aviation Department, Jim Hinde, Project Manager; Requests a Site Development Plan for Subdivision for proposed uses which will include industrial, laboratory, manufacturing, warehouse, retail and service uses; Anna DiMambro at **505-924-3924**.

No neighborhood and/or homeowner association(s); 08EPC-40005 and 40006, Project #1007017; Approximately 4.38 acre(s) located on the north side of Woodward Road SE between University Boulevard SE and Transport Street SE; M-15; NMHCR, LLC at **505-401-0135**, agent for Kassam Hospitality; Requests a Industrial Park Master Development Plan and a Site Development Plan for Building Permit and Subdivision for a proposed 120 room hotel for Candlewood Suites; Carol Toffaleti at **505-924-3345**.

Southwest

Raynolds Addition; 08EPC-40001, Project #1007012; Approximately .62 acre(s) located on the south side of Lead Avenue SW between 14th Street SW and 13th Street SW; K-13; Beau Desert Homes at **505-991-1683**, agent for Dorothy Marianetti; Requests a Zone Map Amendment from SU-2 to SU-1 for R-2 for a proposed new three (3) unit rental housing which each unit will be a 2 story, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage unit; Randall Falkner at **505-924-3933**.



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Often, stolen motor vehicles are used in the commission of other crimes, such as: burglary, robbery, larceny and home invasions. Police have difficulty during an investigation, as the criminal who is driving the stolen vehicle is not the actual owner to whom the vehicle is registered.

A Solution: Make Auto Theft a Crime in New Mexico

- 1) A bill will be introduced during the 2008 New Mexico Legislative Session to move auto theft from the traffic code and into New Mexico Criminal Statutes. Additionally, with this move, auto theft will receive the same penalties as other property crimes, for instance, a vehicle valued between \$500 - \$2,500 would be a 4th degree felony, from \$2,500 - \$20,000 will become a 3rd degree felony, and over \$20,000 will be a 2nd degree felony.
- 2) Allowing the New Mexico Courts to have greater penalties for Auto Theft will allow for longer sentences, thus allowing victims a longer time to seek restitution.
- 3) Moving auto theft to the Criminal Code in New Mexico will enable the District Attorneys to prosecute offenders linked to organized auto theft rings under with crimes linked to criminal racketeering offenses.

If you support this crime initiative, please contact your New Mexico State Senator or Legislator regarding the importance of this issue to our community.

Vehicle Identification Number Window Etching Event

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

The next VIN Etching Event, co-sponsored by the Albuquerque Police Department, Bernalillo County Sheriff's Department and the NM Auto Theft Prevention Coalition is scheduled for the following date and location.

Date: Saturday, January 26, 2008
Time: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Location: Highland High School
 4700 Coal Avenue SE (NE parking lot at Silver and Monroe)

CITY SCOOP

News From City Departments



APD Crime Prevention

505-924-3600

Submitted By Steve Sink



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.

- 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.

Carjacking: Carjacking has become an easy way to steal vehicles, especially newer model large luxury cars and sport utility vehicles that have alarms and state-of-the-art anti-theft devices. As with any crime, criminals are looking for the path of least resistance. Avoid being a victim of this type of crime by observing the following tips:

- Always drive with windows rolled up and doors locked
- Be aware of you surroundings when stopped at a traffic signal, parking lot, gas station, etc.
- When stopped at a signal, leave space in front of you to allow for evasive action and be prepared to carefully drive away
- Take note of people approaching your vehicle for any reason
- Prior to entering your car – if someone is loitering near the area, keep walking and seek help
- Be alert at a drive-up ATM
- If all else fails – don't resist.

The goal in preventing auto theft is to establish multiple layers of protection for your vehicle. Thieves are looking for the least path of resistance. Although no method is foolproof, consider where you park, theft prevention devices, and etching. However, spending money on anti-theft devices does not help if drivers don't follow the basic precaution of locking their cars, taking the key, and activating the anti-theft device.

Albuquerque Police Department

Auto Theft: An Issue In The 2008 New Mexico Legislature

Submitted By Chief Ray Schultz

I am writing this article to let you know about an important initiative that will be discussed in upcoming 2008 Legislative Session regarding auto theft and it's impact in our community.

In 2006, Auto Theft in Albuquerque increased by 45%. By September 2007, the APD was able to reduce the number to reflect a – 4% reduction of auto theft in Albuquerque. However, auto theft continues to be a crime that impacts many of our City's residents, as approximately 425 vehicles are stolen in our community each month.

In 2005, New Mexico ranked 34th nationally in auto theft and in 2006, this ranking increased to 31st in the Country. In 2006, New Mexico was listed by the National Crime Insurance Bureau to be in the top ten for states with the highest increasing auto theft rates.

Law Enforcement Obstacles Regarding Auto Theft

New Mexico State Statutes pertaining to Auto Theft place this offense in the traffic code and not the criminal code. Because of this, offenders can only be charged with a 4th degree felony, which is the lowest of all felony charges. The maximum sentence an offender can receive for auto theft is 1 year in prison; HOWEVER, rarely does an offender get this maximum sentence. A typical sentence for a person convicted of auto theft is six months in jail or probation, and it is the experience of law enforcement that many auto theft offenders will re-offend upon release from jail or while on probation.

The purchase of a car can be the largest or second largest (next to purchase of a home) financial investment that is commonly made by most people. However, the value of the vehicle is not taken into consideration during prosecution of the crime within the traffic code.

■Currently, other property crimes, such as larceny, are within the criminal code. For instance, larceny between \$500 - \$2,500 is a 4th degree felony; between \$2,500 - \$20,000 is a 3rd degree felony, and over \$20,000 a 2nd degree felony. However, a vehicle with a \$30,000 value most often will be charged as a 4th degree felony (Receiving & Transferring of a stolen motor vehicle), thus for criminals in New Mexico, the penalty for stealing a \$30,000 vehicle is less than to commit a \$2,500 larceny.

■Under current Statutes, most often an offender who has stolen a car is charged with receiving and transferring of a stolen motor vehicle, which allows no greater charge than a 4th degree felony, because rarely is an offender caught in the act of actually stealing the motor vehicle, but rather they are caught driving a stolen car.

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Submitted By John Stomp

San Juan-Chama Update

As we enter 2008, construction continues on the Burton Pipeline and the new Water Treatment Plant that are both part of the San Juan-Chama Drinking Water Project. Meanwhile, finishing touches are being made to the Raw Water Pump Station, which is located south of the Alameda Open Space. Traffic impacts are occurring mostly in Albuquerque's Southeast Heights and near Nob Hill.

Northeast Quadrant of Albuquerque

Hermosa Drive NE from Central Avenue NE to Copper Avenue NE

Hermosa Drive NE is closed just north of the intersection of Hermosa Drive NE and Central Avenue NE for installation of a tunnel and connection of a large diameter pipeline. Crews began this work in early January and are scheduled to complete the tunnel and pipeline connection in mid-to-late February. Motorists can use Carlisle Boulevard NE or Solano Drive NE as alternate routes.

Hermosa Drive NE between Marquette Avenue NE and Copper Avenue NE

Work in the area is expected to be completed with Hermosa Drive NE repaved and reopened to all traffic by mid-to-late January, weather permitting. In the meantime, this portion of Hermosa Drive NE is closed to thru traffic, but open to local traffic. Access to all residences will be maintained. Motorists can use Carlisle Boulevard NE or Solano Drive NE as alternate routes.

Marquette Avenue NE between San Mateo Boulevard NE and Truman Street NW

As part of the Burton pipeline, work on the San Mateo Tunnel and tying in of the pipeline to that tunnel is completed. Repaving of the roadway is scheduled in approximately mid-January, weather permitting. This stretch of Marquette Avenue NE is closed until that time, and motorists are encouraged to use San Juan Road NE or Nambe Road NE as alternate routes.

Southeast Quadrant of Albuquerque

Carlisle Boulevard SE at Pershing Drive SE

Crews are working on the Carlisle Tunnel as part of the Burton Pipeline through mid-to-late January. Carlisle Boulevard SE is open, however Pershing Drive SE is closed one block east and one block west of Carlisle Boulevard SE. Motorists can use Garfield Avenue SE as an alternate route.

Hermosa Drive SE from Central Avenue SE to Silver Avenue SE

Hermosa Drive SE is closed from Central Avenue SE to Silver Avenue SE for relocation of a sewer line, installation of a tunnel and connection of a large diameter pipeline. Crews are expected to begin this work in early January and complete the tunnel and pipeline connection in mid to-late-February. Mo-

torists can use Carlisle Boulevard SE or Solano Drive SE as alternate routes.

Hermosa Drive SE from Coal Avenue SE to Pershing Drive SE

Work in this area is expected to be completed in mid-to-late March. This portion of Hermosa Drive SE is open to thru traffic, but will be closed at times to connect residential water services. The road will be totally closed during installation of the large diameter pipeline. Access will be maintained to all residences. Motorists can use Carlisle Boulevard NE or Solano Drive SE as alternate routes. *NOTE: Traffic and pedestrians traveling to Bandelier Elementary School should follow the detour routes and use the alternative crosswalk.*

Parkland Avenue SE west of Hermosa Drive SE

Crews are conducting a "rolling" closure on Parkland Avenue SE to install a 6" waterline prior to installing a large diameter water line. Three-block sections of Parkland Avenue SE will be restricted for installation of the 6" water line during brief periods, however local and thru traffic will be permitted.

Wellesley Drive SE from San Joaquin Avenue SE to Santa Clara Avenue SE

Crews are currently installing a large diameter pipeline on Wellesley Drive SE from San Joaquin Avenue SE to Santa Clara Avenue SE. Crews started on Santa Clara Avenue SE and are heading east to Amherst Drive SE. Then, they will head north on Amherst Drive SE to Pershing Drive SE, then east on Pershing Drive SE to Parkland Circle SE, then north on Parkland Circle SE to Hermosa Drive SE, then north on Hermosa Drive SE to Central Avenue SE. This work is scheduled through April 2008. The road will be repaved in segments behind the work crews so that portions of the roadway can be reopened upon completion. Access will be maintained to all residences.

Enjoy Free Water At Your Next Neighborhood Event!



You can request free water for your neighborhood association or homeowner's association event. Just visit <www.abcwua.org> and fill out the request form. The water is being given out because the San Juan-Chama water comes from a different source and process than we're used to, and some people

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 the summer/fall of 2008.

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>.

ABCWUA – Water Reclamation Division
Submitted By Brynda Gutierrez



Winter Pollution

Winter brings lots of fun outdoor activities; sledding, ice skating and skiing, but winter also means snow to shovel and layers of slippery ice to remove from our sidewalks and driveways. New Mexico is in the throes of winter, so it's a good time to remember salt and other de-icing products are often overused, and over use can have a significant effect on the environment. In a 1998 survey of the nation's water resources, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency found that when rivers and streams are impaired, 11% of the environmental damage comes from urban polluted runoff. When lakes and reservoirs are impaired, it accounts for 12% of the decline in water quality. This type of pollution is a classic example of "nonpoint source" pollution that originates from multiple sources spread over a large area (another example includes the use of pesticides and fertilizers on residential lawns). It is often referred to as "people pollution" since it is the actions of individuals that will make the difference between keeping streams clean or not.

Salt was first used on roads in the United States for snow and ice control in the 1930s (Salt Institute, 1994). In the 1960s, the use of salt as a deicing chemical became widespread in the United States because salt was readily available, effective on ice and snow, and the lowest cost alternative (Salt Institute, 1994). Often, when we have readily available resources, a "more is better" behavior ensues. However, when ice melts, salt and de-icing chemicals dissolve, and flow into storm sewers that **lead directly** into the Rio Grande. Depending on the product used, the impact of these products range from creating dangerous changes in water salinity, reducing oxygen levels in our waterways, killing vegetation along roads and walkways, increasing sediment deposition, and introducing and raising levels of toxic chemicals such as cyanide, chlorine, ammonia, metals, and phosphorus entering our waterways.

What can you do to reduce the impact of deicing agents? Read the manufacturer's instructions, and use only the recommended amount of product. Consider using sand in place of salt. Apply deicing agents, prior to a storm, or shortly thereafter. An alternative product with a reduced environmental impact is Calcium Magnesium Acetate (CMA). CMA is a deicing alternative, which has exhibited fewer adverse environmental effects.

Please visit the web sites listed below if you would like to learn more about Non-Point Source Pollution:

<<http://cfpub.epa.gov/npdes/stormwatermonth.cfm>>

<<http://www.ci.phoenix.az.us/STREETS/bmps.html>>

<<http://www.epa.gov/weatherchannel/stormwater.html>>

Albuquerque Fire Department

Submitted By Melissa Romero
Public Information Officer



How To Prevent Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, more than 500 Americans die each year from unintentional carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning. Because you can't see it, smell it or taste it, you can be overcome by CO without any warning.

Carbon monoxide is created by any type of burned fuel - oil, natural gas, propane, kerosene, wood or charcoal. All of these non-electric appliances produce CO: furnaces, hot water heaters, stoves, space heaters, fireplaces, and wood stoves. A car idling in an attached garage creates CO that can seep into the house.

The symptoms of CO poisoning are headaches, fatigue, nausea, dizziness, and shortness of breath. These symptoms are often mistaken for the flu. If the above symptoms decline when removed from the home and increase when returned, go to a doctor immediately and get a cohB test. It measures the level of CO in the blood.

Important tips to prevent CO poisoning:

- Have your heating system, water heater and any other gas, oil, or coal burning appliances serviced by a qualified technician every year.
- When purchasing gas equipment, buy only equipment carrying the seal of a national testing agency, such as the American Gas Association or Underwriters' Laboratories.
- Have your chimney checked or cleaned every year. Chimneys can be blocked by debris. This can cause CO to build up inside your home or cabin.
- Install a battery-operated CO detector in your home and check or replace the battery when you change the time on your clocks each spring and fall.

Planning

Submitted By Manjeet Tangri, Planner

Great Streets Facility Plan Update

The draft of the Great Streets Facility Plan will be placed on the City website by the end of January 2008 and will be submitted to the Environmental Planning Commission for a Public Hearing on **Thursday, March 13, 2008**. For more information, contact Planning Department Project Manager, Manjeet Tangri at **505-924-3356**.



EPC Project #1001620, Case #07EPC 00170

Regarding **EPC Project #1001620, Case #07EPC 00170**, a proposed text amendment to the Zoning Code, **Section 14-16-4-2 SPECIAL EXCEPTION** as proposed by Council Bill O-07-70 - the EPC deferred this request to **February 21, 2008** in order to consider revised language proposed by the Planning Department. Contact Carmen Marrone, Senior Planner at **505-924-3814** regarding the revised language.

Legal

*Submitted By Naomi Parada
Alternative Dispute Resolution*

Can I Review a Facilitated Meeting Report?

We are often asked if facilitated meeting reports can be reviewed before they are submitted to the Planning Department.

Anyone whom wants a copy of the report can receive a copy, however; reports are distributed to meeting participants and the Planning Department at the same time.

This ensures that the report is an accurate reflection of what occurred at the facilitated meeting. If you feel there needs to be a correction or clarification in the report we use the following guidelines to address the issue(s).

1. First contact the facilitator. The facilitator will review their notes of the meeting.
2. If a correction or clarification is offered on something that occurred at the facilitated meeting, and is reflected in the notes that the facilitator has (i.e., the facilitator miscommunicated in the report what the facilitator has in the notes), the facilitator will then write an amendment to the report, which goes out to the same people as the report.
3. If a correction is based strictly on an objective fact (i.e. the facilitator got a name of a street wrong) then the facilitator will then write an amendment to the report, which goes out to the same people as the report.
4. If a correction or clarification is offered on something that for some reason is not reflected in the facilitator's notes or that did not actually occur at the facilitated meeting, the facilitator will request that a letter be written to the City Planner, by the person offering the clarification.

This process protects the integrity of the report and ensures that the report continues to be an accurate reflection of what happened at the facilitated meeting.

For more information, please contact the Alternative Dispute Resolution Office at **505-768-4500**.

**Albuquerque/Bernalillo County
Library System**

Submitted By Riann K. Powell



**Early Childhood Literacy Program Going Strong
Thanks to New Grants**

Every Child Ready to Read is a free early childhood literacy program offered by the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System. It is designed to help parents and caregivers teach their children how to become successful readers and learners. Thanks to three new grants from the Target Foundation, Lockheed Martin/Sandia National Laboratories and the Qwest

Foundation, as well as the support of the Friends for the Public Library, we will be able to bring more programs into the community this year.

Every Child Ready to Read is presented in the form of free one-hour workshops. These workshops are designed to provide parents and caregivers with tips on how to give young children a head start on a life of learning. The program teaches six essential skills that parents and caregivers can use with their children to develop early literacy skills. The following workshops are available through this program:

- Early Talkers Workshop** - for the parents/caregivers of children ages 0-2.
- Talkers Workshop** - for the parents/caregivers of children ages 2-3.
- Pre-Readers Workshop** - for the parents/caregivers of children ages 4-5.

If you are interested in learning about upcoming workshops, or would like to schedule one in your community, call **505-768-5103**. For more information about the program visit the Library's website at www.cabq.gov/library.

Economic Development Department

Submitted By Carrie Wells, Assistant Film Liaison

2007 was a busy year for filming in Albuquerque. See below for dates and times of a few productions that were filmed in Albuquerque (except Comanche Moon). These productions were made especially for television.

Also, don't forget to see, if you haven't already, some of the feature films that were released in 2007 and were made, in whole or part, in our town:

"No Country for Old Men", "Transformers", "In the Valley of Elah", "The Hitcher" and "Wild Hogs".

Please feel free to visit our website www.filmABQ.com for a list of other movies made in Albuquerque. Thank you for your continued support, we couldn't have done this without you.

Show: Terminator: The Sarah Connor Chronicles (The pilot was shot in Albuquerque in Jan/Feb/2007).

Comcast Cable Channel: Fox (2)

Date/Time: Sunday, January 13, 2008, 7 p.m. (Premiere)

Show: Breaking Bad

Comcast Cable Channel: AMC (65)

Date/Time: Sunday, January 20, 2008, 8 p.m.

Show: Husband for Hire

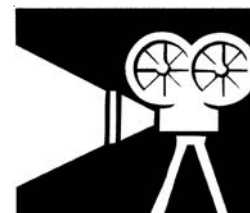
Comcast Cable Channel: Oh! Oxygen (118)

Date/Time: Saturday, January 19, 2008, 8 p.m.

Show: Comanche Moon

(Filmed in Northern New Mexico)

Comcast Cable Channel: CBS (13)



NM Museum of Natural History and Science

Submitted By Tim Aydelott, Public Relations Manager

Voices in Science Lecture Series

Darwin's Travel Companion: The Voyage of the Beetle

Anne H. Weaver, Ph.D., Author

George Lawrence, Illustrator

Saturday, February 9, 2008 - 2 p.m.

The Voyage of the Beetle: A journey around the world with Charles Darwin and the Search for the Solution to the Mystery of Mysteries, as narrated by Rosie, an Articulate Beetle is a new young adult book published by UNM Press. Rosie, the rose chafer beetle, and Charles Darwin seek the answers for why there are so many different kinds of species living on Earth and why each is uniquely fitted for its environment. Celebrate Darwin Day and join us for this special family program. The author and illustrator will take us on a fun tour exploring rainforests, fossils, geology, and sea and land animals.

Author Anne H. Weaver has a Ph.D. in anthropology from UNM and has taught at Santa Fe Community College for many years. Illustrator George Lawrence worked in New York City as an architectural designer, and now lives in Santa Fe illustrating and designing exhibits for parks and nature centers throughout the country. **Free with Museum admission** Family activities and a book signing will follow the presentation.

Chaco Astronomy: An Ancient American Cosmology

Anna Sofaer

Tuesday, February 12, 2008 7 p.m.

High on a butte in New Mexico's Chaco Canyon at summer solstice in 1977, Anna Sofaer encountered an astonishing phenomenon—a single shaft of light bisecting a spiral petroglyph, crafted long ago by the ancestors of today's Pueblo people. Ms. Sofaer will present information from her new book documenting thirty years of research regarding the "Sun Dagger" site, lunar and solar alignments of the major Chaco buildings and implications of the true function of the Great North Road. A remarkable digital reconstruction of the original three-slab site on Fajada Butte will also be shown.

Anna Sofaer is Director of the non-profit Solstice Project, the organization she founded in 1978 that conducts research, preservation and education efforts on the astronomical expressions of the Chacoan Culture of the Southwest. She produced, directed and co-wrote "The Mystery of Chaco Canyon". Co-sponsored by the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center and Bookworks. **Cost:** \$2 public/\$1 members, seniors, students.

RIS/SSA Distinguished Lecture

Deep Earthquakes and the Secrets of Seismology

Cliff Frohlich, Ph.D.

Tuesday, February 19, 2008 7 p.m.

About a quarter of all earthquakes originate at depths more than 60 km (40 miles) beneath the Earth's surface, and some at depths as great as 700 km (440 miles). These "deep" earthquakes have been an enigma because pressures and temperatures are too great at these depths for ordinary brittle fracture to occur. Dr. Frohlich's talk will address what is known and unknown about the mechanical origin of deep earthquakes and explain why they have been used in studies of the Earth's interior structure. His talk will involve raw and cooked eggs, baseballs, coffee pots, champagne bottles, diamonds, air hockey, and ultrasound!

Cliff Frohlich, Ph.D. is currently Associate Director and Senior Research Scientist at the University of Texas Institute for Geophysics where he has been for 30 years. His two most persistent research interests concern deep earthquakes and the statistical analysis of earthquake catalogs. **Cost:** \$2 public/\$1 members, seniors, students. This talk is sponsored by the Incorporated Research Institutions for Seismology (IRIS) and the Seismological Society of America (SSA).



Cultural Services

Submitted By Thomas C. O'Laughlin

February at The Albuquerque Museum

Through February 10

Temples and Tombs: Treasures of Egyptian Art from The British Museum

Organized by The British Museum and the American Federation of Arts, this exciting exhibition of approximately 85 magnificent objects spans the full range of pharaonic history — from shortly before the Third Dynasty, about 2686 B.C., to the Roman occupation of the fourth century A.D. — and provides museum visitors in Albuquerque a rare opportunity to view renowned Egyptian masterworks and lesser-known treasures before their final return to The British Museum. The Museum is open Friday evenings until 8 p.m. throughout this exhibition.

Lunch and Learn

Wednesday, February 6, 2008, 12 Noon

Grab your lunch and join Dr. Eleni Bastéa, Professor in the School of Architecture and Planning at The University of New Mexico, as she discusses the architecture and culture in ancient Egypt. Talk take place on free first Wednesday; there is no admission or fee for this event.

Fridays with the Pharaohs

Friday, February 8, 6:30 & 7:15 pm (two times!)

Douglas Fairfield, Curator of Art at The Albuquerque Museum, gives a gallery tour of the *Temples and Tombs* exhibition.



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