

# Christmas On Albuquerque's "Main Street"

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Carol and Fred Hooper in their 1919 Speedster at the Twinkle Light Parade. They picked up 2nd Place in the Antique Classic Car Category!

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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.

<u>Neighborhood Association</u>	<u>“Welcome” to Incoming President</u>	<u>“Thanks” to Outgoing President</u>
Academy Acres North	Jody Lynch	previously vacant
Altura Park	Efren Teran	Jonathan Stern
Heritage East Assoc. of Res.	Dan Gear	Rebecca Thuma
Kirtland Comm. Assoc.	Vincent Baty	Marcia Boyer
Matheson Park	Donna Behme	Patricia Lee
McKinley	Geri Griego	Charles Walker
Nob Hill	Chris Smith	Harold Rooks Jr.
Parkland Hills	Mark Turner	Gary Edwards
Princess Jeanne	Keiko Harris	Andrew Baughman
San Gabriel Area	Pat Maher	Mark Webb
Snow Heights	Laura Heitman	Ben Heath
Vista Magnifica	Richard Baca	Michael DeHoney

**NEW NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION(S)**

The *Ventana Ranch Community Association, Inc.* is located in *City Council District 5, Police Beat - 116/WS and County Commission District 1*. The contacts for this association are *Pauline Wayland* and *Michael Roehm*. **Welcome Aboard!!**

The *McDuffie-Twin Parks Neighborhood Association* is located in *City Council District 7, Police Beat - 325/SE and County Commission District 3*. The contacts for this association are *Bill Hoch* and *Laurie Moye*. The *McDuffie-Twin Parks Neighborhood Association* became recognized on December 5, 2007. **Welcome Aboard!!**

**Just a Reminder:** As of this publication date, all recognized and unrecognized neighborhood/homeowners associations and coalitions need to submit an **“Neighborhood Association Annual Report for Recognized, Coalition and Homeowners Report Form”** in order to maintain their “R” and/or “active status” on our list. We will need the original Annual Report AND a copy of the announcement of your Annual Meeting submitted to our office **before** your Annual Report will be approved for the year. Please make sure that you have the correct addresses listed for your officers on your Annual Report.

Please see the dates below to find out when your reports are due in our office and who to send them to. **Thank you.**  
Please call Dalaina at **505-924-3906** for further information. Annual Reports for the following months are due:

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

**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT  
AWARD WINNERS**

The 2007 National Night Out (NNO) celebration against crime was a huge success. Neighborhood groups participated and hosted events all over the City. NNO is a perfect example of community policing at its best. Citizens and law enforcement came together to show solidarity for each others attempts to drive crime, gangs and drugs out of our neighborhoods. Each year corporate sponsors join forces with the community by showing their support for the event as well. **Target** and **PNM** have combined to donate \$2000 to be given to those groups who participated in the evening’s activities. The generous allotment was split into 20 - \$100 awards that were drawn at random from over 100 events. Each group has agreed to use the funds to support crime prevention in their respective areas. Suggested uses are timers for lights, outdoor light bulbs, re-enforced deadbolt strike-plates, pepper spray, cover cost of newsletters, supplies for neighborhood clean-up or to help cover costs for next years NNO event. The twenty neighborhood award winners are:

**Neighborhood Associations:** South Broadway, High Desert, Victory Hills, Princess Jeanne, Huning Castle, Tres Volcanes, Stardust Skies, Academy Acres North, Valley Garden Park, Snow Heights. **Neighborhood Watch’s:** 1600 Blk Anderson SE, 6100 Blk Acacia NW, 11000 Blk La Cueva NE, 7700 Blk La Condesa NE, 7200 Blk Hawthorn NE, 2300 Blk Headingly NW, 700 Blk Gabaldon NW, 12000 Blk Summer NE, 9100 Blk Sundoro NW, Albuquerque Block Captains Association.

**Congratulations and Thank You for your participation!**

## Across The City

### Words of Wisdom

Submitted By The Gardeners' Guild



Gardeners' Guild will be going on-line with our supply shop in January. Save 40% on your purchase (*before Shop n' Stroll*) with a simple word or two about the benefits of an urban gardening group you can depend on. E-mail or bring in your testimonial and have fun shopping for those you love. Please help get the word out. Your feedback by e-mail gets you on the list for savings at <[info@gardenersguild.org](mailto:info@gardenersguild.org)>

*Save money, do good, give green! Thanks!*

#### Take a last look at what's outside - winter may be coming:

Temperatures have dropped. If you have a tender plants lingering outdoors - bring them in. Give the plant a thorough going-over. Large populations of spiders have been out this year. Bugs of other varieties will have found your foliage the perfect spot for a late, late summer snooze. A simple solution of water with drops of dish soap are a good preventative measure, sprayed liberally over and under leaves.

#### These days, when people talk "green," it isn't very clear just what they mean:

For urban gardeners, healthy habitats is our common goal. It's about taking care and giving back. Make simple changes for your holiday habitats that are cozy and healthy. Get back to nature or at least products that come from nature. To freshen and invigorate your spaces, use essential oils with natural properties that are supportive and cleansing: rosemary, thyme, oregano, sage, lemongrass, and clove are just a few of the possibilities. To make the most of these oils, add a few drops to water in a clean spray bottle and spritz on door handles, sink and toilet handles and countertop surfaces. If you have children, take a quick minute to investigate how these natural oils can also be used to disinfect toys.

Essential oils can also be used to fragrance the home using a bowl of pine cones from the yard to hold the fragrance of your favorite essential oil. They can be easily moved from room to room and won't (usually) aggravate allergies as artificial fragrances do.

#### For those creatures around us also inhabiting our City spaces:

Consider crafting a little something for our bird friends. Improve the conditions for our flying wildlife with a special tweet, while spending quality time with friends or family with simple edible ornaments for birds! The following is a simple fruit cup to make fresh and hang outside a kitchen or den window. It requires a bowl, spoon, bamboo skewers, twine to hang and whole oranges, along with a bird's favorites ingredients. Most of these ingredients, or substitutions, are found in the cupboard of a holiday home. **Festive Fruit Cup:** Cut naval oranges in half and hollow them out. Pierce two short bamboo skewers through two sides of the rind, about halfway from the bottom and in opposite directions. Select goodies from this list to combine in a bowl to a stiff consistency: sunflower seeds, other small seeds, dried fruits, and/or nuts mixed with cornmeal, honey or molasses and peanut butter. Scoop the mixture into orange halves and hang with twin. Add other ingredients

you know birds may like. Birdseed and peanut butter does just fine too. And maybe a cherry on top? Kids will want to decorate them, so find a few safe things for garnish that the birds will enjoy too.

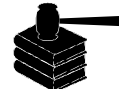
**Tip for easy and safe decorating:** Buy an extra box of cheap wire ornament hangers when out getting the basic supplies for your holiday decor. These are an easy and safe way to attach lights, greenery and ribbons together, and to hand railings or other focal points too. For a centerpiece, wreath for an entry way or door decorations, it's as easy as: **1.** Find a rosemary bush with longer branches and prune out a few, cutting at the base of each branch. **2.** Attach branches together with the lightweight wire ornament hangers, in the shape of a wreath or swag. **3.** Attach a ribbon and any other decorative dried organic materials and you're ready to hang it! Use what you have growing around the house — you'll be healthier and happier with the simple things.



Happy Holidays From The Gardeners' Guild  
Open Wednesday - Saturday 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.,  
Sunday from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

### Metro Court

Submitted By Janet Blair

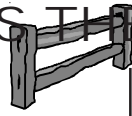


The Metropolitan Court Employee Committee collected several hundred pounds of food for the RoadRunner Food Bank in November. The committee offered a free bag of popcorn to anyone who brought in two food items for the drive. Court employees brought in baby food, canned and boxed food and other staples. The committee, in turn, kept its corn popping all afternoon to provide tasty snacks for employees!



# NEIGHBORHOOD SCOOP

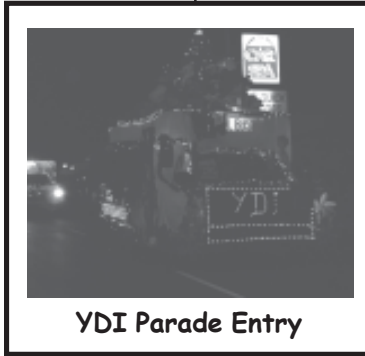
## ACROSS THE FENCE



### Christmas On Albuquerque's "Main Street"

Submitted By Susan Vigil, Planning Department Intern

It was a full moon. The evening softened in its frosty emanations. Dots of light twinkled along Central Avenue to the tunes of "Rockin' Around The Christmas Tree" and "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer". Albuquerque's "Think Green" Twinkle Light Parade, December 1, 2007, showcased Albuquerque Classic Car Clubs, school children and low wattage bulbs. A bright green recycling truck lumbered up Central, dressed in a jaunty lime elf cap. I wonder - at Christmas time - how does the imagination run a field to play in the moonlight?



YDI Parade Entry

Beep, beep, beep-beep, beep, beep-beep honk, beep-beep, beep to the tune of Jingle Bells, a navy blue low rider heralded the Christmas parade. Classic cars of all colors dazzled the audience with daring stunts and smooth engines. All the while angels, choirs and clowns warmed with holiday cheer. Elegant stallions pranced down the street like reindeer. The crowd seemed like a big city family. This great street - "a great street has several functions. A great street is ceremonial and symbolic...memorable, touristy, social, vital and distinct." Manjeet Tangri, Great Streets Program Manager at 505-924-3356, is enthusiastic in her praise of Central Avenue. Brimming with merriment at the Christmas gala on December 15, 2007, Central Avenue and Old Town, for instance, is the center foundation of Albuquerque and symbolic of the city. Our Town's Yuletide Tree is lit amongst the adobe patios of Old Town. Mass is held in Old Town on Christmas Eve at San Felipe De Neri Church.

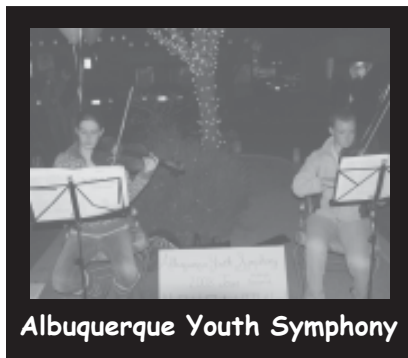


Ho, Ho, Ho!

Santa Claus Lane leads directly to Central Avenue and all great "main streets" in America. Albuquerque's cultural identity, traditions, vitality and ceremonies all link to this wonderful Avenue. The Avenue's importance stretches beyond Albuquerque, riding into history as a link in Route 66. During

the World War II era, Route 66's offerings ripened into the state of the art, auto-oriented character we view today. Central Avenue was distinguished by gas stations, motor courts, neon signs and roadside restaurants. In the Nob Hill-Highland area alone, over 50 buildings such as the Highland Theatre, the Monte Vista Fire Station and Kelly's Brew Pub, a former Route 66 filler station, are registered on the National Historical Registry of Buildings.

"Commercial development interacting with all sides of its surroundings' enjoyed at Nob Hill and the "new" downtown further brags of the Avenue's early automotive unwrapping, according to observations made in the newly completed Nob

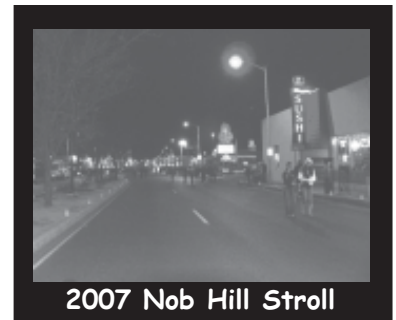


Albuquerque Youth Symphony

Hill Sector Development Plan, (Contact Juanita C. Garcia at 505-924-3824, for further information on this plan).

Young and old feel comfortable and safe shopping in this unique district. Like brandy and apple cider, Christmas and Nob Hill mull together to present a spicy Central Avenue experience.

"A social space where people meet, economically vital, with shops, restaurants, murals, street furniture and signs" Nob Hill's, Central Avenue, pegs Manjeet's criteria for a Great Street. The Nob Hill Shop and Stroll held in December was characteristically lively, crowded and busy. Street musicians sang holiday ballads, baby carriages, bicycles, dogs and people strolled amidst the luminarias lining the street. The shopping at Nob Hill is unique and local to Albuquerque.



2007 Nob Hill Stroll

Central Avenue gathers our city together for Christmas and all time. May its avenue's stars, lights and luminarias guide and step us to a green, prosperous, healthy, happy and wondrous future.



NEIGHBORHOOD SCOOP continued



Patrick Montoya

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From The  
Manager's Desk

Board Members

The Office of Neighborhood Coordination is always seeing the names of new Board members and community leaders for your Neighborhood Associations.

Are you ready and confident to assume that role? How many Neighborhood Associations have not defined the role of each officer and the duties of Board members and Committee members? More importantly do you know what is expected of you?

The problem many associations face is: 1) too few people doing too many tasks. 2) after a few years of elation followed by over work - they burn out and vanish into their personal lives - never to be seen again.

During the coming year we will add two new faces to our organization. We will also reorganize our office and shift some existing duties to the new people on the block. Hopefully, we will be able to organize a few more workshops that not only benefit board members but all members of your association. We are looking at providing workshops in the areas of leadership training, land use series, neighborhood patrol, parliamentary procedure and training for new president's and vice presidents. These workshops are designed to enhance your skills in very specific areas. We will keep you informed as the workshop calendar becomes final.

The next task is for Neighborhood Associations to devote some time to being more specific, creative and serious about defining the roles and responsibilities for each office within your association. ONC

staff is always available to provide you with any assistance you require. Please feel free to call me at 505-924-3908 or anyone else in the office by calling 505-924-3914.

On a final note, Leo Padilla is retiring from the City of Albuquerque with over 25 years of public service. We will miss his expertise when it comes to dealing with neighborhood associations and especially his hard work and dedication when it comes to organizing new associations. I am sure all of us wish Leo the very best in his retirement and in whatever the new chapter in his life might be.

On behalf of the entire ONC staff, we wish you Safe and Happy Holidays.

The Barelás Neighborhood Association and The Sacred Heart Catholic Church Youth Group

Presents the 62nd Annual Las Posadas de Barelás' Saturday, December 22, 2007 6 p.m.

Barelás Community Center 801 Barelás Road SW 505-848-1343

Join the procession and re-enact with us the journey of Mary and Joseph as they travel through the streets of Barelás, in search of shelter and a place for Jesus to be born. There will be angels, shepherds, kings and choirs of heavenly voices so bring a flashlight, candle or lantern and join in the singing.

Following the Posadas all are welcomed back to the Barelás Community Center for the Fiesta de Navidad with free biscochitos and hot cocoa. There will be entertainment and a special visit from Jolly Old Saint Nicholas. See you there!

Free Event!



ATTENTION Applicants and Developers Notification Ordinance Changes

Effective immediately - ALL Recognized neighborhood associations, Unrecognized neighborhood association and Homeowner associations MUST BE notified of all projects that will impact any of the above associations as they pertain to Planning or Liquor inquiries.

Changes to the Ordinance reads as follows:

“§ 14-8-2-7 RESPONSIBILITIES OF APPLICANTS AND DEVELOPERS.

Applicants for approval of amendments of the zone map, zoning site development plans (except houses and accessory buildings), major subdivisions, vacations of public right-of-way, mapping historic districts, landmarking sites, and issuance or transfer of liquor licenses shall, prior to filing the application, make a reasonable attempt to give written notification of their proposal to any recognized and non-recognized neighborhood or homeowner association which covers, abuts, or is across public right of way from the site of their plans. Certified letters, return receipt requested, mailed to the two designated neighborhood association representatives on file at the City Office of Neighborhood Coordination constitutes a reasonable attempt to notify an association. Failure by an applicant to show proof of either notification in person or a reasonable attempt to give written notification of its proposal to such designated association representatives shall be grounds for a neighborhood association to request deferral of a hearing. The application for such hearing shall include a signed statement that such notification has been sent.”



NEIGHBORHOOD SCOOP continued



**A Message From  
The Mayor**

**Martin J. Chávez**  
Mayor of Albuquerque

**Graffiti Removal Upgrades  
Are Here**

Albuquerque has progressed a great deal in the cleaning up of graffiti that has long tarnished our fair city.

However, rather than looking at the past and praising ourselves for the good job we have done, I believe we still need to look to the future and the further gains we can make in the beautification of our city together. There is still room for improvement.

Albuquerque's Graffiti Removal Clean City Program has recently upgraded their service to better and more efficiently reduce graffiti. Graffiti Removal now operates using an instant dispatch system, responding to graffiti vandalism as soon as possible once it has been reported.

When a citizen reports graffiti to the Citizen Contact Center (calls **311**), the Graffiti Removal's dispatch center is immediately given the location by the nearest major intersection or exact address. This location along with any other information is then relayed to the Graffiti Removal units already out on the street.

The Graffiti Removal unit dispatched to that location then removes the graffiti using hot water, high pressure blasting or paints to cover over it with a computerized paint matching sprayer.

When Graffiti Removal gets backed up on reports, the dispatch routing system prioritizes the incidents by location so that the highest priority sites are cleared fastest. This system allows for an effective, efficient and top quality Graffiti Removal Program even better able to keep Albuquerque beautiful.

The Graffiti Removal Program recently received the "Making a Difference Award" from the National Association of

Industrial and Office Properties (NAIOP) for their dedicated and efficient service. Operating 7 days a week with 18 units now on the streets, Graffiti Removal cleans up approximately five thousand sites a month, or 250 to 300 each day. With the new equipment (vehicles and personnel) as of last January, they have been able to handle this tremendous number of cases with great efficiency.

Vandalism in our beautiful city cannot be thwarted without your help as citizens. Since graffiti in a neighborhood gives the impression that the area is crime ridden and rundown, it is imperative that we stay vigilant against it.

Reporting and quickly removing all graffiti in your neighborhood will prevent the degradation of our communities and help our city further improve on our already excellent quality of life.

The faster graffiti is reported and cleaned up, the less it appears. To report graffiti anywhere within the city limits call the Citizen Contact Center 24 hours a day by dialing **311** or use the graffiti reporting link through the city webpage. If you witness an act of graffiti vandalism in progress, call the Albuquerque Police Department's Telephone Reporting Unit at **505-768-2030**.

Thank you, Albuquerque, for staying on top of graffiti. Kudos to the Graffiti Removal unit for their timely and innovative approach to remediation.

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**The City of Albuquerque does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, disability, age, gender, Vietnam Era or disabled veteran status, sexual orientation or medical condition in employment or in the provision of services.**

**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.**

**Planning Department Opens  
"Green Path Program"**

Mayor Martin J. Chávez is pleased to announce the establishment of the "Green Path Program" for the City of Albuquerque. By Executive Order in 2005, all City-funded projects over 5,000 square feet must achieve, at least, **Silver certification in Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED)**. That Executive Order also directed the Planning Department to develop a green building code and an outreach program that included training and technical assistance in implementing the new code.

By establishing the Green Path Program, the public and the construction industry will have a single point of contact within City government to address their concerns and to answer their questions regarding green building. The Green Path Program will also act as a clearinghouse for information on the latest green building methods and materials. The Green Path Program administrator will be responsible for updating the Albuquerque Energy Conservation Code on a regular basis so that it keeps pace with the Mayor's goal of achieving carbon neutral buildings that are powered by renewable energy by the year 2030.

Other services provided by the Green Path Program administrator through the Green Path Program will include:

- Expedited permitting for high performance green buildings.
- Preliminary and integrated plan reviews for high-performance green buildings.
- Assistance with "Eco-Charettes".
- An annual awards program for the best green building projects.
- Issuance of *Green Path* certificates with Certificates of Occupancy.
- Recognition of high-performance green buildings and the teams that develop those projects on the "Sustainable Albuquerque" website.



### A Message From Your City Council



On Friday, November 30, 2007, Councilor Rey Garduño, District 6 and Councilor Trudy Jones, District 8 were sworn into office.

Both of our new Councilors gave impassioned speeches during the inauguration ceremony. They are both ready to serve their respective districts and the City of Albuquerque. Councilors Garduño and Jones are committed to making Albuquerque a better place for future generations. Please welcome them to Albuquerque's City Council.

Councilor Garduño was born and raised in New Mexico. He has lived in District 6 for over 30 years. Councilor Garduño received his baccalaureate in Professional Arts. He majored in Cinematography and minored in Photo Journalism / Illustration. He has also completed additional course work in psychology, political science, and employee relations. Councilor Garduño has over twenty-five years of background in staff and resources management. In 2005, he retired from UNM where he was in charge of marketing for the University of New Mexico Hospitals. Councilor Garduño is currently a small business owner. Rey Garduño Photography contributes travel and human interest articles and photo illustrations for national and international publications.

Councilor Garduño has spent his life helping to make our community a better place to live and raise our families. He has served in leadership roles with groups addressing open government, small business concerns, and planned growth and environmental sustainability. He has worked very closely with the Southwest Community Resources, Common Cause New Mexico, Southwest Organizing Project, Hispano Chamber of Commerce Board, Executive's Association of Greater Albuquerque Board, Spina Bifida Association of NM Board, KIWANIS Club of Albuquerque Board, and All Faiths Receiving Home Board.

He ran under the clean elections process

and worked very hard to bring about clean elections. He has a commitment to community-based governance – "I hold that elected officials are accountable to the electorate, not special interests." ~Councilor Garduño

Furthermore, "The city council is the governing body of the City of Albuquerque; it belongs to the people of Albuquerque, not to the city councilors. We are their representatives. I plan on putting the people back into government," adds Councilor Rey Garduño. Councilor Garduño can be reached at **505-768-3100** or <[reygarduno@cabq.gov](mailto:reygarduno@cabq.gov)>.



Councilor Trudy Jones was born in Nebraska and lived in Arizona prior to moving to Albuquerque in 1980. Councilor Jones has been a resident of

District 8 since moving to Albuquerque and has been active in the community since the early 1980's.

Councilor Jones is a licensed New Mexico Broker and a Certified Commercial Investment Member. Using the education and work ethic she had gained while working on the family farm, Councilor Jones founded Income Property Services, Inc. in 1988, a full service commercial real estate company where she served as its President. She is a member of several other real estate organizations, including National Association of Realtors (NAR), Realtors Association of New Mexico (RANM) and, Leasing Information Network (LIN), which she helped establish. She has served as Past President of CARNM, LIN, and the local CCIM chapter. In 2000, the New Mexico Chapter of the National Association of Industrial and Office Properties honored Councilor Jones as Real Estate Professional of the Year in recognition of her community volunteer work and achievements in commercial real estate.

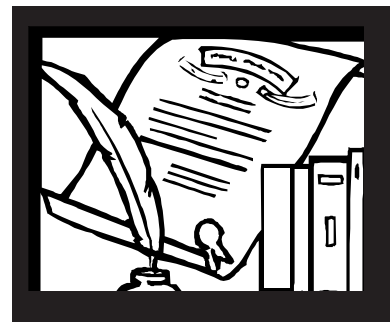
Her community activities include serving on the board of La Familia Adoption Service, past board member of Hospice of the Rio Grande, board member and current Vice President of her Homeown-





ers Association, member and past Vice President of New Mexico Symphony Orchestra Guild, and a nominating committee member for the Chaparral Chapter of Girl Scouts of America. In addition to her devotion to community service, she also loves the outdoors and spends most weekends at home gardening, packing for a camping trip, or backpacking in the wilderness areas of New Mexico. She is a successful businesswoman, wife, mother, and an active member of the community for 27 years. Most importantly, Councilor Jones's husband, two daughters and one granddaughter support her efforts to bring civility and cooperation back to Albuquerque City Government.

Councilor Trudy Jones's vision: "I would like to bring a new level of civility and cooperation to the workings of the city council. I will strive to make Albuquerque a better place to live and work." ~Campaign website

Joining Councilor Jones is her new staff assistant, Elizabeth Shields. Ms. Shields began working at the City Council as a Term Policy Analyst on December 3, 2007. Elizabeth received her Bachelor of Arts in Political Science degree from the University of New Mexico. She has a variety of work experience in politics including an internship with US Senator Pete Domenici in Washington DC and as support staff in the New Mexico State House of Representatives.

Councilor Jones and her assistant, Elizabeth Shields, can be reached by phone at **505-768-3125**; e-mail at <[eshields@cabq.gov](mailto:eshields@cabq.gov)> or <[trudyjones@cabq.gov](mailto:trudyjones@cabq.gov)>.



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<p><b>Tuesday, December 25</b> City Offices Closed</p>	<p><b>Wednesday, January 2</b> •DRB – 9 a.m. •PAB – 10 a.m.</p>	<p><b>Thursday, January 10</b> •GWPAB – 8:30 a.m. •TAB – 9 a.m. •Feedback Forum – 11:45 a.m. •EPC Study Session – 3 p.m. •Joint EPC/LUCC Hearing – 3:30 p.m. •POC – 4 p.m. •SVCNA – 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Thursday, January 17</b> •EPC Hearing – 8:30 a.m.</p>
<p><b>Wednesday, December 26</b> •LEPC – 9 a.m. •SEPC – 9 a.m. •EPC Pre-Hearing – 1:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Thursday, January 3</b> •AAB – 9 a.m. •North Valley Coalition – 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Monday, January 14</b> •GABAC – 4:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Tuesday, January 22</b> •BOA – 9 a.m.</p>
<p><b>Thursday, December 27</b> •SWAN – 6 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Monday, January 7</b> •City Council – 5 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Tuesday, January 15</b> •GARTC – 4:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Wednesday, January 23</b> •DRB – 9 a.m. •SEPC – 9 a.m. •EPC – Pre-Hearing – 1:30 p.m.</p>
	<p><b>Wednesday, January 9</b> •DRB – 9 a.m. •SEPC – 9 a.m. •LUCC – 3 p.m. •AQCB – 5:15 p.m. •Westside Coalition – 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Wednesday, January 16</b> •DRB – 9 a.m. •ZHE – 9 a.m. •ADC – 3 p.m. •District 4 Coalition – 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Thursday, January 24</b> •SWAN – 6 p.m. •District 8 Coalition – 7 p.m.</p>
			<p><b>Wednesday, January 30</b> •DRB – 9 a.m. •LEPC – 9 a.m.</p>

**2007/2008 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](http://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 **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 **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, December 26, 2007 at 1:30 p.m.** in the Planning Conference Room, Third Floor. The **EPC Public Hearing** will be held on **Thursday, January 17, 2008 at 8:30 a.m.** in the **Plaza del Sol Hearing Room (basement level), 600 Second Street NW** for the following cases:

**PLEASE NOTE:** *Joint Hearing on Thursday, January 10, 2008 beginning at 3:30 p.m., Plaza Del Sol (basement) Hearing Room, 600 Second Street NW with the EPC and Lucc Hearing Boards ONLY for this project listed below:*

**Broadway Central Corridors Partnership, Huning Highland Historic District, Silver Hill, Spruce Park, Sycamore (neighborhood association); 07EPC-40098, 40099, 40100, Project #1006976 (case #'s);** Approximately 3 acres located on the south side of Central Avenue SE between Elm Street SE and Gold Avenue SE (**location of request**); K-15 (**zone atlas page #**); David Oberstein at **505-906-0700**, agent for Memorial Venture, LLC (**applicant or agency and phone #**); Requests a Zone Map Amendment from SU-2/R-O to SU-1/RO and Hotel; a Site Development Plan for Building Permit for a proposed 73 room Hotel and Amendment to the Huning Highland Sector Development Plan for Hotel Park Central (**action requested**); Maryellen Hennessy at **505-924-3891 (city staff planner)** and Jennifer Donofrio at **505-924-3343 (city staff planner)**.

*The following projects will be heard at the Thursday, January 17, 2008 EPC Hearing, beginning at 8:30 a.m., Plaza Del Sol (basement) Hearing Room, 600 Second Street NW*

**Citywide**

**All Neighborhoods; 07EPC-00170, Project #1001620;** The Planning Department of the City of Albuquerque, is proposing an Amendment to Section 14-16-4-2 ROA 1994 to create a special exception for existing buildings that are non-compliant as to setback or height – to change the requirements for approval of a variance; Carmen Marrone at **505-924-3814**.

**Northwest**

**West Bluff, S.R. Marmon; 07EPC-40097, Project #11000264;** Approximately .5 acre(s) located on the east side of Coors Boulevard NW and north of Ouray Road NW; H-11; Tim Flynn-O'Brien, Esq. at **505-242-4088**, agent for West Bluff Center, LLC; Requests a Site Development Plan Amendment for Building Permit for increasing in height and area for signs adjacent to this elevated section of highway; Carol Toffaleti at **505-924-3345**.

**West Bluff, S.R. Marmon; 07EPC-40095, Project #11000188;** Approximately .1 acre(s) located on the east side of Coors Boulevard NW between I-40 Freeway and Ouray Road NW; H-11; Tim Flynn-O'Brien, Esq. at **505-242-4088**, agent for West Bluff Center, LLC and Brinker International; Requests a Site Development Plan Amendment for Building Permit for increasing in height and area for signs adjacent to this elevated section of highway; Carol Toffaleti at **505-924-3345**.

**Tres Volcanes, Ladera West, Laurelwood, Parkway; 07EPC-40092 and 40094, Project #1003275;** Approximately 20 acre(s) located on the east side of Unser Boulevard NW between Hanover Road NW and Ladera Drive NW; H-9; Consensus Planning, Inc. at **505-764-9801**, agent for SunCal Companies; Requests a Site Development Plan for Subdivision and Building Permit for the proposed "*Heritage Neighborhood Marketplace*"; Anna DiMambro at **505-924-3924**.

**Northwest, Con't**

**Skies West; 07EPC-40091, 40093, 40096, Project #1006973;** Approximately 3.6 acre(s) located on the east side of Unser Boulevard NW between McMahon Boulevard NW and Summer Ridge Road NW; A-11; Consensus Planning, Inc. at **505-764-9801**, agent for Midwest Phillips Edison and Company; Requests a Site Development Plan for Subdivision and Building Permit for a proposed Wells Fargo Bank and Retail Building and a Zone Map Amendment from SU-1 for C-1 to SU-1 for C-1 including package liquor sales for a proposed Walgreen's Pharmacy; Randall Falkner at **505-924-3933**.

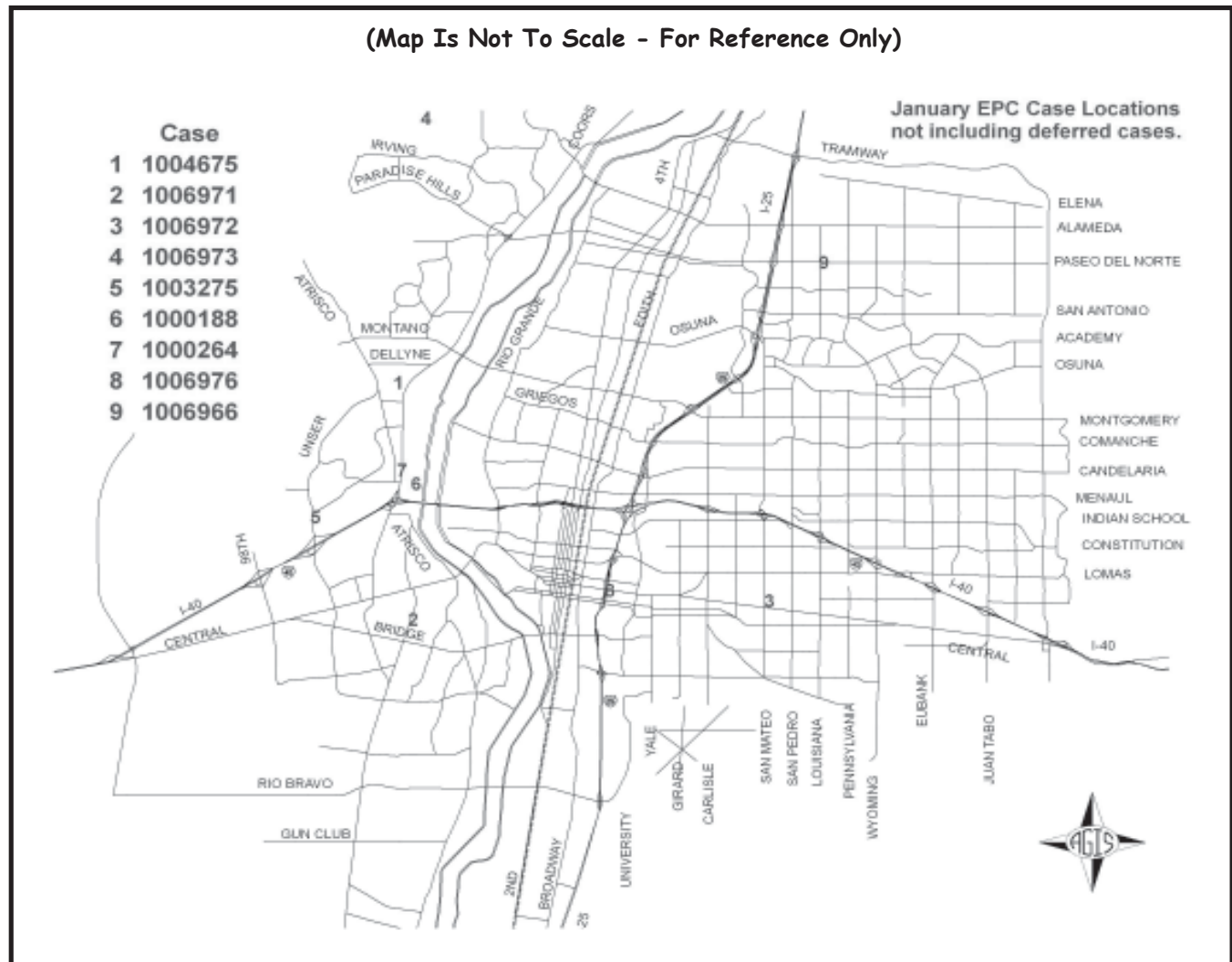
**La Luz Del Sol, La Luz Landowners, Taylor Ranch; 07EPC-40088, Project #1004675;** Approximately 2.0965 acre(s) located on the west side of Coors Boulevard NW between San Antonio Arroyo and La Luz Del Oeste NW; F-11; DAC Enterprises, Inc. at **505-294-5243**, agent for Tim McNaney, d.b.a. – LAMBO, LLC; Requests a Zone Map Amendment from SU-1/PRD to SU-1/PRD with Restaurant for a proposed upscale and family friendly restaurant; Anna DiMambro at **505-924-3924**.

**Southeast**

**Highland Business and NA; 07EPC-40090, Project #1006972;** Approximately .5 acre(s) located on the west side of Truman Street NE between Central Avenue NE and Copper Avenue NE; K-17; Garcia/Kraemer and Associates at **505-242-5566**, agent for Charles Finnegan, DLOA NM Mortuary Services; Requests a Zone Map Amendment from CCR-3 to SU-1 C-2 Uses and Crematory to build a cremator for human remains and moving part of his mortuary business from 225 San Mateo Boulevard NE to this location on Truman Street NE; Catalina Lehner at **505-924-3935**.

**Southwest**

**Crestview Bluff, Westside Merchants, Alamosa; 07EPC-40089, Project #1006971;** Approximately .64 acre(s) located on the east side of Old Coors Road NW between Gallegos Road SW and Bohemio Court SW; L-11; Jerome R. Eckstein at **505-328-5050**, agent for Frank E. Barela; Requests a Zone Map Amendment from R-1 to C-3 for a proposed commercial center with upgraded landscaped parking area; Carol Toffaleti at **505-924-3345**.



# CITY SCOOP

## News From City Departments



**APD Crime Prevention**  
**505-924-3600**  
*Submitted By Steve Sink*



### Holiday Safety

#### Shopping And Out In Public

•Always be aware of your surroundings and trust your instincts. •Give some thought to what is considered “normal behavior” in a given environment; e.g., people do not typically stand around in parking lots. If you notice a suspicious person or activity in a parking lot, return to the store, ask for an escort and/or notify security or store personnel. •Always be aware of other people around you and make note of their behavior. •Walk with authority, purpose and awareness. •Park your vehicle as close to an entrance as possible and/or park in well lit and active locations. •Lock all personal items in the trunk or away from view – roll up windows, take the keys and lock the doors. •Keep all items inside your vehicle away from view. Any thing in full view could potentially be a target of opportunity. •Have your keys ready when approaching your vehicle and limit the number of items in your hands. •Get in you vehicle as soon as possible, lock the doors immediately and then get settled. (Note: Continue to be aware of persons in your area and keep your doors locked till you reach your next destination). •Remove all visible targets that might make you a victim of a crime - **women should never carry a purse in public**. Rather, carry only those items necessary for a particular trip; e.g., drivers license, medical card, some form of payment, like a debt card and a little bit of money. Carry these items concealed from view. •If you choose to carry a defensive device like pepper spray – have proper training.

**Panhandlers** – Avoid panhandlers when ever possible. Their behavior could be potentially unpredictable. Do not give them cash or offer any kind of substitute, like food or other types of assistance. In most cases, cash will not be used for what they are suggesting. It will typically be used to support a substance abuse habit. Note: If you want to assist them, make a donation to one of several service providers available.)

#### Securing Your Residence Prior To Holiday Travel

•Ask a trusted neighbor to watch your residence and report suspicious activity. •If possible, have a trusted friend or family member stay at your home. •Install automatic timers on lights, TV's and radios to give the impression someone is home. •Do have mail and newspaper delivery stopped. This information could fall into the wrong hands. Ask the trusted neighbor to collect them each day. •If you have a rollout trash dumpster,

have a neighbor place it in the street on pick up day and return it that evening. •Ask a neighbor to park a vehicle in the driveway when ever possible. •Be extra cautious about locking all doors and windows. All primary window locks should be operational and secondary locks should be installed. •Make sure trees and shrubs are trimmed to allow for good natural surveillance of your property. •Make arrangements to have exterior lights on each night. •Each entrance should have solid core or metal doors and deadbolt locks. •Let neighbors, family and friends know when you plan to return from a trip.

### Albuquerque Human Rights Board

#### Accepting Applications For The Annual Neil Isbin Scholarship For High School Seniors

The Albuquerque Human Rights Office is currently accepting scholarship applications for the Neil Isbin Scholarship, a \$1,000 award that will be made to a senior high school student from an Albuquerque public, private, charter or alternative high school who has been active in the area of human rights and human dignity.

Scholarship applicants must be enrolled or be enrolling in an accredited university or college and must be able to demonstrate achievements or ongoing volunteer work in the area of human rights and human dignity in Albuquerque. The deadline for submitting scholarship applications is **Monday, February 11, 2008**.

Herb and Kathie Isbin established the scholarship trust fund named in memory of their son Neil Isbin who died in 1996 of AIDS at the age of 46. Neil Isbin was a long time human rights activist who worked tirelessly for equality and justice for gay and lesbian rights, affordable health care for all New Mexicans, tax fairness for working families and public employee collective bargaining.

#### How to Apply For The Scholarship

High school seniors interested in applying for the 2008 Neil Isbin Scholarship may call or write to the Albuquerque Human Rights Office for a copy of the scholarship criteria. The mailing address of the Albuquerque Human Rights Office is : P.O. Box 1293, Albuquerque, NM 87103, and the phone numbers are **505-924-3380, 505-924-3372** (fax) and **800-659-8331** (NM Relay). Students may also request the scholarship criteria by e-mailing Amanda Searcy at <[asearcy@cabq.gov](mailto:asearcy@cabq.gov)>.

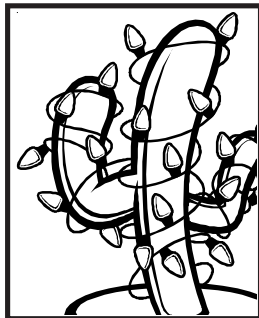
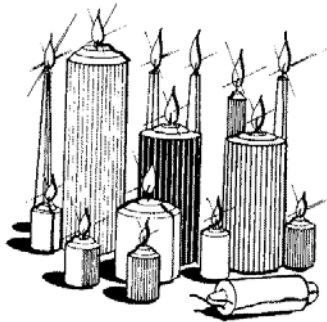


## Albuquerque Fire Department

Submitted By Melissa Romero  
Public Information Officer

### Tips to Keep Our Families and Homes Safe This Holiday Season

- Christmas trees should be mounted securely and away from open flames or heat sources which may dry them out prematurely.
- Check strings of lights to ensure that the bulbs are working properly.
- Make sure that the cords are not frayed and the connections are secure.
- Discard any light strings that look questionable and replace with new strings.
- Never leave lights on when no one is home.
- Candles and Luminarias are popular in New Mexico during the holiday season. The following cautions should always be taken when using these displays.
- Always monitor candles and luminarias when burning.
- Never place burning candles or luminarias near anything that can quickly ignite, such as curtains, Christmas trees, cloth surfaces, etc.
- Always keep candles and luminarias away from children and pets. They could get burned if touched.
- Never place candles or luminarias on combustible surfaces such as wood porches or near dry grass or leaves, etc.
- Never light luminarias during windy conditions. The bag may ignite and burning debris could spread and cause a fire.
- Keep candles and luminarias away from other decorations.
- Make sure candles have sturdy/stable bases and are placed where they cannot be bumped or brushed against.



## Cultural Services

Submitted By AJ Carian, Associate Director

### Martin Luther King, Jr. Annual Holiday March Parade Celebrating Diversity is “A Day On, Not a Day Off”

The New Mexico Martin Luther King, Jr. State Commission, in conjunction with the City of Albuquerque, will host the **2008 Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday March and Parade on Sunday, January 13, 2008 beginning at 2 p.m.**

This year’s event, which is themed, “A Day On, Not a Day Off” is open to the public. It will begin on the corner of University Boulevard and Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard, proceeding west to Harry E. Kinney Civic Plaza where there will be a closing ceremony followed by entertainment. The MLK March and Parade is an opportunity for people of all nationalities, races and religions to come together to support Dr. King’s dream of multicultural unity, acceptance, and love.

Jo Ella Redmon, Executive Director for the MLK State Commission commented, “This year’s theme, A Day On Not A Day Off, is really a call to remember, to act and to celebrate. So we encourage all members of our community to participate. It is also gratifying that support is still growing in Albuquerque and New Mexico for this event and for Dr. King’s legacy. We continue to celebrate the life and philosophies of a man who brought hope and healing to America. To this end, we commemorate the timeless values he taught us through his own example: courage, truth, justice, compassion, dignity, humility, and service.”

Mayor Martin J. Chávez and the City of Albuquerque are proud to support the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday March Parade every year.

The New Mexico Martin Luther King, Jr. State Commission is responsible for promoting and developing community programs designed to meet the needs of all New Mexico citizens. The MLK State Commission also coordinates and reviews statewide plans and activities for the annual commemoration and celebration of the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. For further information, call **311** or contact Jo Ella Redmon at **505-841-9117**.



## Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System

Submitted By Riann K. Powell



### Library Wins Best of the City Award



The Juan Tabo Library's Music and Movement Storytime was voted Best Storytime by the readers of Albuquerque the Magazine. This non-traditional storytime combines music, stories, fingerplays, rhythm instruments and more for a fun and educational library experience. Geared towards children ages 0-5, this special storytime will get YOU and your child moving. Music and Movement Storytime takes place on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. at the Juan Tabo Library, 3407 Juan Tabo NE.

The Juan Tabo Library isn't the only library in town offering fun and educational storytimes for children. For a complete list of library storytimes and other programs visit our website at <[www.cabq.gov/library](http://www.cabq.gov/library)>.

While you're looking at the library website, don't forget to check out Youniquely4U. Youniquely4U is a new VIP library patron program, designed to provide you with information on events and happenings in the libraries and around the city. It's your portal to events, programs, rewards, offers and information and targeted to your interests. Head directly to the library's homepage to learn more!

## Albuquerque Business Education Compact

Submitted By Paula Delap-Padilla



The Albuquerque Business Education Compact's (ABEC) Read to Me Initiative invite Neighborhood Associations to participate in the 2008 Read to Me Book Drive. This year's *Read to Me* Book Drive runs February 15 through March 31, 2008. The goal of the Book Drive is to get books into the hands of children in our community whose parents may not have the means to supply books for their children, making it more difficult for them to read to their children. Statistics show that children who are read to at an early age, will have an easier time learning to

read and will enjoy reading more. We want all of our children to read well and enjoy reading.

Last year before school was out for the summer, we collected and distributed some 24,000 new or gently used children's books to some 90 different schools, preschools and community groups serving families. This year, we would like to expand this program to include more groups and be able to provide books to more children! We are asking neighborhood associations to participate in the book drive February 15-March 31, 2008. The books collected can be gently used or new children's books (from newborn through elementary). We will provide posters for participating neighborhood associations. As a participating neighborhood association we would ask that you promote the book drive in your neighborhood. Collect books among your members and in your community.

Utilize your existing mechanisms to promote the book drive. We will provide you with posters to help promote the book drive. Once the Book Drive is completed, if you are able, put labels in the books you have collected. We can supply you with the format that can be

printed out on regular mailing labels. If not, we can label the books. Then, contact **Paula Delap-Padilla**, at **505-767-5849** and make arrangements to either deliver the books or have them picked up. We will recognize those who participate with a reception held at Borders and put the groups name on a busboard that travels throughout the city. In addition, the groups name will be on calendar that is distributed to groups that participate.

Here is just one of many thank you's received last year. *"I like my book that you guys brought me. The name of the book was called The Story of Colors. I liked it a lot. I liked the part when there was only two colors black and gray. I like the book If I had a Dragon and I like when they read to us."* Briana Help us put smiles on children's faces. Thank you.

## ABCWUA – Water Reclamation Division

Submitted By Brynda Gutierrez



### Bad Medicine

Scientists are finding evidence that unused and expired over the counter and prescription medicines are affecting oceans, rivers and streams. In the past, when drugs were expired or unused it was recommended that medications be flushed down the drain or the toilet. Collectively, these medications being discharged to treatment plants can harm the microbes at wastewater treatment plants, and eventually any waterway that treatment plants discharge into.

The United States Geological Survey and the Environmental Protection Agency have been gathering data regarding the effects of unused and expired medication are having on surface waters. Please see the web sites below:

<<http://www.epa.gov/nerlesd1/chemistry/ppcp/greenpharmacy.htm>>

<<http://toxics.usgs.gov/regional/emc.html>>

What can you do as a consumer to protect our waterways? There are some options. Ask your pharmacists if the pharmacy **will take back expired or unwanted medication**. Another option would be to dispose of medication as solid waste, but there are some precautions that should be taken before doing this. The following information is from Washington's Office of National Drug Control:

<[http://www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov/drugfact/factsht/proper\\_disposal.html](http://www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov/drugfact/factsht/proper_disposal.html)>

Keep pharmaceuticals in their original container since the labels may contain safety information, the container is chemically compatible, and the caps are typically water tight and child proof. However, take off any identifying information.

Add a small amount of water or cooking oil to solid drugs or some absorbent material such as kitty litter, saw dust, or flour to liquid drugs before recapping. These measures are intended to discourage any unintended use of the drug.

Double enclose the contained drugs in a bag or any other waste container to prevent immediate identification of a drug container or prevent a glass drug container from breaking during the disposal process, e.g., when a plastic garbage bag tears, tipped trash can, etc.

Please call the Pollution Prevention (p2) Program for more information at **505-873-7058**.



## Planning

Office of Neighborhood Coordination  
Submitted By Deborah Nason

### Competition Opens For National Neighborhood Awards

The Board of Directors of Neighborhoods, USA (NUSA) is pleased to announce the opening of the competition for the 2008 Neighborhood of the Year and Best Neighborhood Program Awards. These awards are a way for NUSA to recognize outstanding neighborhood organizations, government entities and businesses from all across the United States for their work in improving the quality of life in their communities.

Neighborhoods, USA, the largest non-profit grassroots organization in the nation, is committed to building and strengthening neighborhood organizations. Founded in 1975 to share information and experiences to build stronger communities, NUSA encourages networking as a way to facilitate the development of partnerships between neighborhood organizations, government and the private sector.

The 2008 Neighborhood of the Year Awards program will recognize exceptional accomplishments by neighborhood organizations during 2007. **Awards will be given in three categories: (1) Physical Revitalization/Beautification in a Single Neighborhood; (2) Social Revitalization/Neighborliness in a Single Neighborhood; and (3) Multi-Neighborhood - Partnerships.** Judging will be based on the extent of innovation, grassroots participation and capacity building exhibited by the nominated organization.

2008 marks the year the Best Neighborhood Program Awards will be presented to recognize outstanding programs implemented to improve neighborhoods by a governmental entity or business or corporation. Best Neighborhood Program Awards will be given in two categories: (1) Social Revitalization and (2) Physical Revitalization.

A distinguished panel of judges will select four finalists in each of the awards categories. Finalists will be invited to make presentations at the annual NUSA conference, to be held May 21-24 in Hampton, Virginia. First, second and third place winners will be selected in each category and honored at the conference.

In order to be considered for the 2008 Neighborhood of the Year Award or the Best Neighborhood Program Award, applicants must have completed a noteworthy neighborhood improvement project in 2007 and must submit a completed application with the appropriate fee postmarked by **March 1, 2008**. Eligibility requirements and application guidelines can be downloaded from the NUSA website at [www.nusa.org](http://www.nusa.org).

#### For additional information or questions regarding the Award programs, contact:

Robert Gibbons, Chair  
2008 Awards Committee  
1950 E. Washington Ave., #1  
Madison, WI 53704 -5278  
**608-244-0582 or e-mail <robert.gibbons1@charter.net>**

#### For more information about Neighborhoods, USA contact:

Karen Harber  
Administrative Assistant  
Neighborhoods, USA  
P. O. Box 20036  
Dayton, OH 45420  
**419-927-4710 or e-mail <kharber1@woh.rr.com>**

### Southwest Albuquerque Strategic Action Plan Update

Submitted By Paula Donahue  
Senior Planner, Planning Department

Thanks for your patience everyone.

On December 6, the City of Albuquerque Planning Department submitted a revised *Southwest Albuquerque Strategic Action Plan* to the Environmental Planning Commission. The *Action Plan* is a package of recommendations to achieve five goals for both Southwest Albuquerque and other new development in Albuquerque: 1) Build complete neighborhoods and a network of activity centers to serve them; 2) Provide convenient public services; 3) Plan and build an interconnected system of public parks, trails and open space; 4) Increase and improve commercial and retail services; and 5) Develop a complete multi-modal transportation network.

The *Action Plan* consists of recommended public projects and amendments to existing plans and ordinances and is proposed to become an addition to the West Side Strategic Plan. Proposed text amendments are to the West Side Strategic Plan, the Southwest Area Plan, the Rio Bravo, Tower/Unser and West Route 66 Sector Plans. Proposed text amendments to the Comprehensive Zoning Code and the Subdivision Ordinance that apply citywide are also included.

**A Planning Commission hearing for the *Action Plan* will be held either February 14 or 21, 2008 to give the public, technical reviewers and Planning Commissioners sufficient time to review the plan.**

The Plan is available for your review on the City of Albuquerque website at <http://www.cabq.gov/planning/advance/projects.html>, click on 2006 projects and scroll down the page. Projects are listed alphabetically. Hard copies are available at the Planning Department, Plaza del Sol, 600 Second Street NW.

For more information contact the staff planner, Paula Donahue at **505-924-3932** or e-mail [pdonahue@cabq.gov](mailto:pdonahue@cabq.gov).

### New Draft of North I-25 Sector Plan Unveiled

Submitted By Chris Hyer, Senior Planner

The City of Albuquerque Planning Department has scheduled a meeting for presentation and discussion of the **new draft of the North I-25 Sector Plan**. This draft has been substantially revised and incorporates many of the suggestions discussed at the previous meetings that were held on November 13 and 14, 2007 at the Balloon Museum.

The City will be receiving a draft of the Plan the last week of December from the consultants, HDR. I will make this draft available via e-mail and the City's website. The next meeting will be **Wednesday, January 9, 2008 at the old Philips Site**, 9201 Pan American Freeway. Our meeting will be **6:00-8:00 p.m.** in the cafeteria on the north side of the building. Parking is on the west side of the building and access is through the northwest set of glass doors.

Application to the Environmental Planning Commission will be made by January 30, 2008. To enable the consultants time to assemble and deliver the Plan back to the City, modifications to this Plan need to be made by **Wednesday, January 23, 2008**.

Please mark your calendars accordingly. For more information, please contact Chris Hyer, Senior Planner, **505-924-3927** or e-mail [chyer@cabq.gov](mailto:chyer@cabq.gov).

 Albuquerque Bernalillo County  
**Water Utility Authority**  
*Submitted By John Stomp*

### **San Juan-Chama Update**

As the Christmas holiday approaches and 2007 comes to an end, the San Juan Chama Drinking Water Project is continuing to wind down. Only one pipeline, the Burton Pipeline, is left to complete. Work is nearly finished in the Raw Water Pump Station, which recently won an award.

The Raw Water Pump Station, which was designed by Boyle Engineering and is under construction by RMCI, was named the top Civil/Infrastructure Project in New Mexico in the Southwest Contractor New Mexico Best of 2007 competition. The award was given to the pump station, based on its quality of design and construction, innovation, contribution to the community, challenges overcome and overall excellence. It was one of 25 winners selected from among 208 submitted for the state.

### **Southeast Quadrant of Albuquerque**

#### **Carlisle Boulevard SE and Pershing Avenue SE**

As work continues on the Burton Pipeline, crews are laying pipeline on Pershing Avenue SE and will construct a tunnel underneath Carlisle Boulevard SE into order to lay the pipeline through the intersection with minimal disruption to traffic. Pershing Avenue SE will be closed east and west of Carlisle Boulevard SE, but Carlisle Boulevard SE will remain open. Access will be maintained to all local residences and businesses. Motorists are encouraged to use Lead Avenue SE, Coal Avenue SE or Gibson Boulevard SE as alternate routes. This work is expected to last through Monday, Dec. 24 (Christmas Eve).

#### **Hermosa Drive SE between Coal Avenue SE to Ridgecrest Drive SE**

Also part of the Burton Pipeline, crews will install a new 6" waterline on Hermosa Drive SE between Coal Avenue SE to south of Ridgecrest Drive SE on Parkland Circle SE and will end at Pershing Avenue SE. Access will be maintained to all local residences and Hermosa Drive SE will remain open to traffic. This portion of the project is expected to last through mid-January 2008, but will be followed by installation of a 42" diameter pipeline.

### **Northeast Quadrant of Albuquerque**

#### **Hermosa Drive NE from Marquette Avenue NE to Central Avenue NE**

Crews on the Burton Pipeline will first install temporary water lines and connect water services to homes on Hermosa Drive NE from Marquette Avenue NE to Copper Avenue SE before beginning installation of a large diameter pipeline. A small crew with small equipment will do the preliminary work and will only partially close the road during the first phase. Once temporary services have been connected, the areas where this work has occurred will be temporarily patch-paved and

reopened. Access will be maintained to all homes and businesses. Crews will be returning to this area in early to mid-December to start the installation of the large diameter pipeline.

#### **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](http://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 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 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 **242-ROAD (242-7623)** or e-mail [pattiw@cooneywatson.com](mailto:pattiw@cooneywatson.com).



**Construction is nearing completion on the Raw Water Pump Station. Based on input from residents in the area, the pump station was designed to resemble an old Mission-style church to better blend in with its surroundings.**



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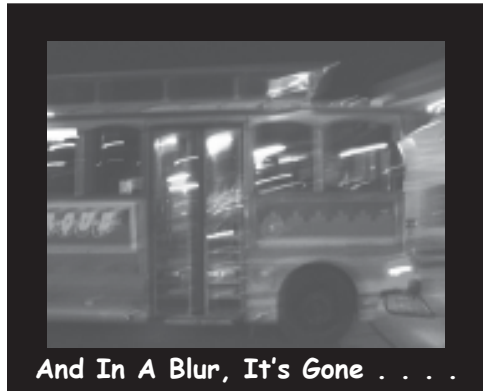
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