

Father Martin's Martineztown

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"A Village Within The City", Designed By Michael Ipiotis, Painted By Community Residents, Adorns The Wall of the Santa Barbara-Martineztown Learning Center

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

Neighborhood Association

Alameda North Valley
Downtown
Holiday Park
La Mesa Comm. Improv.
Quintessence
Sombra Del Monte
Stardust Skies Park

“Welcome” to Incoming President

Debby Potter
Terry Brunner
Barbara Coffman
Charlie Bennett
Ron Sissel
Charles Bowyer
John Kwait

“Thanks” to Outgoing President

Steve Wentworth
Richard Deutsch
Gary Bodman
Nancy Bearce
Becky Milligan
Lisa Bowyer
Kevin Smith

- *Holiday Park Neighborhood Association regained their “Recognized” status on June 7, 2007.*
- *Alameda North Valley Neighborhood Association regained their “Recognized” status on June 12, 2007*

NEW NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION(S)

NONE AT THIS TIME

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

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

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

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

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

Planning Department/Office of Neighborhood Coordination

Attention: Dalaina Carmona

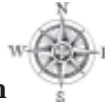
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If you have a disability and will need special assistance to benefit from any of the meetings, hearings or workshops, etc., appearing in this newsletter, contact the office sponsoring the event two weeks prior to the date of the meeting you plan to 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



Child Safety Is More Than A Slogan “Stranger-Danger” Warnings Not Effective At Keeping Kids Safer

By Nancy McBride, National Safety Director
National Center for Missing & Exploited Children

“Stranger danger” - the phrase is so pervasive in our culture that it has become part of the lexicon. Well-intentioned adults perpetuate this misguided message, and the media often uses it as a slogan. A recent case illustrates how literal children may be when given a specific message. The child in this case may have evaded his rescuers, because he had been taught “not to talk to strangers.”

This case and many others clearly illustrate how literal children may be when given a specific message. That’s why the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) has never supported the “stranger-danger” message, especially because experience has shown us that most children are actually taken by someone they know or are familiar with.

So what does “stranger danger” really mean, and do children benefit from an outdated and incomplete message? Here’s what we have learned about the “stranger-danger” concept:

- Children don’t get it.
- Adults don’t practice it.
- It doesn’t go far enough in protecting children from potential danger.

When questioned, children will often describe a “stranger” as someone who is “ugly or mean.” They don’t perceive nice looking or friendly people as “strangers.” And if someone talks to a child or is even around a child more than once, that person loses his or her “stranger” status. The child then thinks he or she “knows” the person. Children also want to be helpful, thrive on adult approval, and respond to adult authority. So, if someone with ill intent asks them to perform a task or tells them something has happened to a loved one, chances are good the child can be tricked.

The “stranger-danger” message becomes even more confusing for children since they can’t tell by looking at someone whether or not the person is “good” or “bad.” Wouldn’t it be great if we could point out the “bad” people to our children and be done with it? Whether it’s in a grocery store or at a baseball game, adults break the rule of “don’t talk to strangers” all the time. But adults have the benefit of experience, judgment, and decision-making skills; children do not. And sometimes adults are wrong. So, if we can’t identify “bad” people, we certainly can’t expect our children to.

Today, kids need to be empowered with positive messages and safety skills that will build their self esteem and self confidence while helping to keep them safer. Kids don’t need to be told the world is a scary place. They watch the news, hear adults talking, and may even experience violence firsthand. Rather, they need to know their parent, guardian, or another trusted adult is

there for them if they are in trouble; and most adults they encounter in their lives are basically good people.

When we tell children to “never talk to strangers,” we have effectively eliminated a key source of help for them if they are in trouble. If they’re lost they may be surrounded by many “strangers” who could conceivably help them if they would only ask for it. Since we know parents and guardians can’t be with their children every second of the day, we need to give children “safety nets” of people they can go to if they need help. Those individuals may include uniformed law-enforcement or security officers; a store salesperson with a nametag; the person in an information booth at a mall or other public venue; or a mother with children in specific situations such as being lost outside, the safety messages need to be tailored to those circumstances.

A child should never wander away from where they first became lost. If they stay put, chances are better that they will be found more quickly.

If the child gets lost in conditions like a thunderstorm or near an overflowing riverbank, then the child needs to go to the nearest safe spot and wait for rescuers.

Children should make noise either by yelling, blowing a whistle, or just attracting attention. This will help in bringing someone to their rescue.

Parents and guardians can make child safety part of a child’s everyday life in a non-threatening way by practicing some of these skills. Whether it’s checking first with a trusted adult, taking a friend, or avoiding and getting out of dangerous situations, there are easy “what if” scenarios to practice with your children to make sure they “get it.” Make outings to a mall or park an opportunity to reinforce these skills. That way they won’t have to wonder what to do if lost or in danger. Do this on a regular basis to make sure it becomes second nature. At the same time reassure them you are there for them, and remind them there are other people who can help.

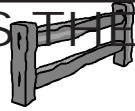
NCMEC believes the time is now for our society to retire the “stranger-danger” message; realize child safety is much more important than a slogan; and make sure we are arming our children with relevant, age-appropriate messages that will empower them. Remember, there is nothing on earth that beats our parental, guardian, and caregiver supervision and attention in helping to keep our children safer.

For more safety information and free publications for families go to <www.missingkids.com> or call NCMEC’s 24-hour toll-free hotline at 1-800-843-5678.



NEIGHBORHOOD SCOOP

ACROSS THE FENCE



Grandfather Martin

Submitted By Susan Vigil,
Planning Staff Intern

Don Martin wanted rest from the clabbers of horses, wagons, children and men coursing through the dusty paths of Old Town Albuquerque. So in 1860 he gathered his estate to an adobe compound named after its founder. The location of Martineztown was ideal, build on acequias; and a traditional passage-way of his Spanish grandfathers. Union and Confederate soldiers had recently vacated the area after a major battle. (Documented at the Santa Barbara Museum located at 1420 Edith NE)

Saints pray over a partial parish, at the town's Catholic Church. Visiting priests, with deacons in residence, watch over the mission, one of the oldest in Albuquerque. Flanking the southern edge of Martineztown, the Second Presbyterian Church's ancient stained glass and alter shed light on a devoted parish. Every year, without fail, the Santa Barbara-Martineztown Association sets luminarias from Lomas all the way to the cemetery. Grandparents, parents and children join in lighting their way from the City to Bethlehem. Out of pocket monies purchase sand, candles and bags from scouts, and the resources circulate throughout the community.

The neighborhood has a gentle and persistent character. Narrow streets ribbon through sloping hills toward old fields. Originally, this hill design helped Martineztown water their crops as rains pooled in the farms below their houses. However, with paving and population, each summer spawns violent floods through the village. The community was devastated by floods last year. Sewer systems backed up, spilling contamination into people's houses and yards. Unsavory trash floated through the streets, and a high concentrate of e-coli and nitrates was deposited in yards. Residents cordoned off their streets to bar waves of polluted water from exasperating the problem. Christina Chavez-Apodaca, Santa Barbara-Martineztown Association President sent a cry for help to Mayor Chavez at 11 p.m. that evening and received his response within the hour. They met the next day and immediately began actions for disaster relief. During the following year, children could not play in the dirt of Martineztown and dogs became ill. "My dog developed meningitis and encephalitis" to a cost of \$1500 states Christina..... One neighbor's award winning garden was destroyed. The State Health Department found

no serious health effects immediately after the event, a discrepancy when compared to symptoms developing a year after. Another uncertainty evolved around the New Mexico State legislature's appropriation of relief funds to AMAFCA instead of to the town directly. The rehabilitation of Martineztown's pumps and holding station's is at the mercy of voting bond issues and AMAFCA's discretion.

Despite the despondence caused by last year's flood, Martineztown labors toward a promising future. Several factors contribute to their success. Last year, the University of New Mexico opened its Research Service Learning Program (RSLP). This program is designed to foster learning through community development. RSLP deploys students from Drama, English, Community



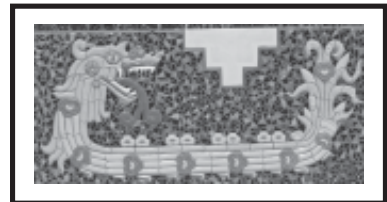
**Santa Barbara-Martineztown
Community Garden**

and Regional Planning, Communication, and American Studies into Albuquerque neighborhoods. In RSLP Director Dan Young's words, "we want students to become familiar with the riches you will find when you look at a community in a structured way."

Graduate student professors Mayra Mendres and Andrew Marcum organized classes in the Santa Barbara-Martineztown Neighborhood. Four platforms formed the bases of their curriculums: Infrastructure, Youth Programs, Cultural History and Community Gardens. Based on research gained from neighborhood member interviews, and documents housed at the Special Collections Genealogy Library (Edith and Central) UNM students looked at community identity in terms of the town's acequias. They found community gardens an identity forming tool capable of involving youth in healthy activities.

RSLP inventoried and mapped Martineztown's youth programs. The areas' existing educational programs are in place due to the persistent efforts of community leaders. Programs such as the After School Program, where parents volunteer and classes are free. Longfellow Elementary is a magnet school for the fine arts and bilingual students, the Learning Center and a daycare are currently directed by Veronica Apodaca. RSLP students identified rooms at Longfellow Elementary for youth community center activities. In Christina Chavez Apodaca words, "This neighborhood comes together for education, we might fight it out over political stuff but when it comes to the kid's issues-the community comes together. We have wonderful children here, kids that are totally bilingual."

Several hill sites contribute to the flooding of Martineztown, specifically, the east side slopes off of Tricore Medical Laboratories, and the slopes off of Albuquerque High School. In addition to vehemently lobbying the state legislature for funds to improve Santa Barbara Martineztown's flood control infrastructure, RSLP classes, designed community gardens for the hill sites. These included xeroscaping, walking trails, and solar panel designs. Santa Barbara - Martineztown Association is meeting with Tricore to discuss the landscaping designs. "We have gone on our own to throw seeds on the hill." says Christina. RSLP "planted the seeds (of thought) now its up to the neighborhood to move forward."



Regarding May's *Across the Fence* article: **Timeless, Near North Valley
Neighborhood Association**

Redevelopment Planner Ralph L. Mims of the City of Albuquerque Metropolitan Redevelopment Agency was granted the New Mexico Association of Landscape Architects Best Design Honorary Award for 2006 for the Los Candelarias Streetscape project.

Senior Project Manager Richard Asenap is the project planner for the North 4th Street Rank 3 Corridor Study. This Study is currently under review by the Environmental Protection Commission.

NEIGHBORHOOD SCOOP continued



Patrick Montoya

From The Manager's Desk

The Zoning Code and Signs

Within the past few months, considerable attention has been devoted to the use and placement of signs in our community. Just a few weeks ago, Mayor Martin J. Chávez held a press conference drawing attention to the number of illegal signs that plague our community. Mayor Chávez stressed just how much these signs affect our daily lives.

The Planning Department would like to provide the Neighborhood Associations some guidelines and clarification of what the sign regulations are.

No signs should be placed in the public right-of-way which includes street medians, sidewalks, traffic signals and utility poles. Signs should never encroach the clear sight triangle at street intersections.

With the upcoming city council election in October it is worth noting that political signs erected within the city limits of Albuquerque, pertaining to specific elections are regulated by the **Comprehensive Zoning Code Ordinance 14-16-3-5**. Detailed information regarding the code can be found on the city's web page at <www.cabq.gov>.

Questions concerning placement and enforcement of the Zoning Code should be addressed to the Albuquerque Code Enforcement Division at 505-924-3450. You may also call 311 and report any illegal signs placed in your neighborhood.

Working together we can all help to get rid of illegal and unwanted signs thus allowing us to further enjoy the beauty of the city we all call home.



Great Streets Facility Plan Update June 2007

Submitted By Manjeet K. Tangri
Project Manager
Planning Department
Advance Planning Division



Three public meetings have been held to review the design concepts of great streets for five types of streets. The streets types are 1) Major Transit Corridor and Arterial Street, 2) Enhanced Transit Corridors and Arterial Street, 3) Suburban Arterial/ Collector Street, 4) Rural Collector Street and 5) Urban Local Street.



Richard Dineen
Planning Director

The three public meetings were attended by over 120 people. Both the design concepts and comments are on the City of Albuquerque Planning Department website:

<www.cabq.gov/planning/advance/projects.html>.

The draft will be submitted to EPC in early September 2007. For information, call Manjeet K. Tangri, City Planning Department at 505-924-3356.



Neighborhood Workshop Corner

2007 ONC Workshop Schedule

Neighborhood Association Patrol Training
Saturday, October 20, 2007
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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

Land Use and Zoning Workshop
Saturday, November 3, 2007
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Plaza del Sol Hearing Room

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

Please Remember . . .
Registration for all workshops closes at 12 noon the day before the training.
Please pre-register.
To accomodate all workshop participants, you **must be pre-registered** to attend these workshops. Registration includes your name, address, telephone number and association. We appreciate your consideration and cooperation.

NEIGHBORHOOD SCOOP continued



A Message From The Mayor

Martin J. Chávez Mayor of Albuquerque

Albuquerque's Steps To A Greener Community

Sustainable energy is among my top administrative priorities. I encourage citizens to help lead our neighborhoods and City in becoming a national model of energy conservation - development and adoption of common sense practices for conservation, transportation, clean energy production, use of clean energy resources and sustainable economic development.

Cities are large consumers of energy. While Albuquerque is no exception, it provides us with opportunity to look critically at our day to day operations to see where we can make changes have a significant impact on resource conservation, the environment and economic development.

When we consider the problems caused by dependence on foreign oil, the increasing costs of fossil fuels and the deterioration of our atmosphere from emissions that adversely affect our health and climate, there is simply no higher priority to our community's well-being, both present and future, than to promote a healthy, sustainable path.

I am committed to taking action, both immediate and long term. Following our Sustainable Energy Town Hall, for example, I issued Executive Order No. 19 to require all motor vehicle purchases by City government be of alternative fuel vehicles.

My pledge to you is to quickly enhance programs that are under way and initiate new ones that will make Albuquerque the sustainability leader.

Here are some handy tips for taking action where we all live and work:

- Walk to places you would normally drive to, ride the bus or the Railrunner.

- Change light bulbs to the new compact florescents.
- Turn your car off rather than idle.
- Buy locally grown and fresh vegetables rather than frozen.
- Buy products with reusable or recyclable packaging.
- Compost kitchen scraps rather than throwing them away.
- Unplug electronics when not in use.
- Don't run the dishwasher or washing machine until you have a full load.
- When you buy something small, tell the clerk you don't need a bag.
- Bike to work, start with just one day.
- Shower instead of taking a bath.
- Drive the speed limit.

I am excited about the challenges ahead. Some of the solutions will most assuredly not be easy ones, but they will be ones that continue to make Albuquerque the very best place for new and for future generations.

Special Operations Bike Tour Visits Albuquerque's Civic Plaza

A 3,000 mile, Coast-to-Coast Bike Tour Raising Money for the Children of Fallen Special Operations Personnel came through Albuquerque on June 7, 2007.

Three cyclists dipped their bicycle tires in the Pacific Ocean prior to setting out from San Diego on a 3,000 mile journey across the United States to raise funds for the children of fallen Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps special operations personnel.

The three friends, Sean McConnell, Richard Graham and James Campbell, all 25 years old, set out from the Pacific Beach headed east to Virginia Beach on their bicycles hoping to raise \$100,000 for the Special Operations Warrior Foundation, a non-profit organization that provides free college scholarship grants, not loans, to the surviving children of Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps special operations personnel killed in combat or training. The grants cover tuition, books, fees, room and board.

McConnell had an idea for a cross-country bike adventure and share it with high school friends, Graham, who is currently a Navy SEAL and Campbell, who is a cycling enthusiast. As they talked, the idea of pairing their adventure with raising money for the children of fallen special operations personnel was a perfect fit.

"I am very excited," said Campbell, whose father served in the military during Vietnam. "I think it is one of those dreams you have and when you have a good reason to do it, there is no reason you can't get excited about it."

Graham is also excited about the idea of raising money for he children of fallen special operations personnel, but also notes that for him it is personal.

"I am excited because we have set it up as a fundraiser," said Graham. "A lot of these guys (fallen warriors) are my friends, and I know what kind of people they are.

The guys agree that it will not be an easy adventure and they may not be as fast as others more comfortable on bikes, but they all agree that they are confident that their friendship and backgrounds will allow them to achieve their goals.

"We are taking on something beyond what we should be capable of doing," said McConnell. "But we will do it. I know we will, I have no doubts."

Traveling approximately 70 miles per day for the next 45 days, Graham hopes to get people all across the country interested in helping out with their efforts.

Anyone interested in meeting the cyclists or joining the cyclists along their route, contact Edie Rosenthal at the Special Operations Warrior Foundation at 813-805-9400 or e-mail <edie@specialops.org>.





City Council

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

Back Row, L to R: Craig Loy, District 8; Michael Cadigan, District 5; Debbie O'Malley, District 2; Ken Sanchez, District 1; Brad Winter, District 4. Front Row, L to R: Isaac Benton, District 3; Sally Mayer, District 7; Martin Heinrich, District 6; Don Harris, District 9.

A Message From Your City Council

2008 City Budget

As you may have heard on TV or read in the paper, the City Council recently finalized the City's operating budget for Fiscal Year 2008, which begins July 1, 2007. Based in large measure on your comments and your participation in the process, the budget provides an \$18 million per year tax decrease while at the same time providing funding for a number of critical public safety initiatives. New public safety initiatives funded in the budget include:

- \$9,000,000 to ensure that the Metropolitan Detention Center is fully funded so that criminals are kept behind bars and off our streets.
• \$2,100,000 reserved to ensure that there are sufficient funds available to provide Albuquerque's police officers with pay increases that will encourage both recruitment of new officers and retention of existing officers.
• \$475,000 for enhanced APD Party Patrol, cruising, and weekend police enforcement to ensure the quiet enjoyment of Albuquerque's neighborhoods.
• \$675,000 for a Paramedic/Rescue unit for Fire Station 21 on Albuquerque's growing Westside.

The FY/08 budget retains funding for all of the previously proposed public safety initiatives, including the purchase of a helicopter for public safety purposes, enhanced APD recruitment and retention efforts, enhanced 911 call center operations, and renovation of the Fire Academy and Fire Station 2.

Also included in the operating budget are ...

- \$400,000 for campaign financing, to ensure that this instrument for ethical elections is fully funded.
• \$405,000 in funding for additional hours, staff and equipment for public libraries.
• \$185,500 for additional equipment and furniture at community, recreation and senior centers.
• \$380,000 for health care services for Native Americans.
• \$1,325,000 for social service, mental health and substance abuse contracts providing services ranging from domestic violence counseling and intervention, training for child care workers to recognize the signs of sexual abuse, to advocacy services for parents of behaviorally challenged children.
• \$50,000 to develop a database of services for the disabled community and make that database available for referral through the 311 Call Center.

The FY/08 budget provides a fair balance between the need to provide all the services required of a modern and growing city, especially public safety, with the need for a tax decrease for Albuquerque's citizens. The City Council would like to thank everyone who participated in the process by attending one of the Council's public meetings on the budget, or by calling, writing or emailing us your comments. Your comments made a difference!



Metro Court

Submitted By Janet Blair

Parties Settle Mariachi Dispute

Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court Judge Frank Sedillo worked with Albuquerque Public School officials and parents of children who participated in Mariachi San Jose on Friday to settle a dispute between the parties.

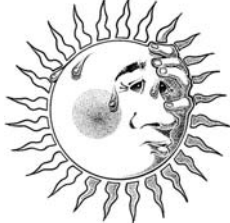
"Both parties worked in good faith to make sure the music will continue in San Jose," said Judge Sedillo, himself a native of the area. "They cooperated and worked hard to make this settlement a reality. I was pleased to be part of this solution that may now enable even more children to get involved in music programs in that community."

APS and the parent group could not agree about the division of assets and use of the name when the parents decided to form a separate non-profit group, called Mariachi San Jose, Inc. There had been a lawsuit filed in the District Court.

Under the terms of the settlement agreement, the judge said the money, musical equipment and costumes were equitably divided between the parties.

"I give all the credit to the parents and to APS officials who put forth great effort to settle the issues in this case. The children of San Jose and music lovers everywhere are the beneficiaries," said the judge. The new non-profit mariachi group will pick a different name. "Everybody was a winner. Both sides in the mediation were satisfied with the settlement," Sedillo added.



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<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday, June 26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •BOA – 9 a.m. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Monday, July 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •City Council - <p style="text-align: center;">NO MEETINGS IN JULY</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday, July 12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •GWPAB – 8:30 p.m. •TAB – 9 a.m. •Feedback Forum – 11:45 a.m. •EPC Study Session – 3 p.m. •POC – 4 p.m. •SVCNA – 6:30 p.m. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday, July 24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •BOA – 9 a.m.
<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, June 27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •DRB – 9 a.m. •EPC Pre-Hearing – 1:30 p.m. •LEPC – 9 a.m. •SEPC – 9 a.m. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, July 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •City Offices Closed <p style="text-align: center;">Independence Day</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Monday, July 16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •City Council – 	<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, July 25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •DRB – 9 a.m. •LEPC – 9 a.m. •SEPC – 9 a.m. •EPC Pre-Hearing – 1:30 p.m.
<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday, June 28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •SWAN – 6:30 p.m. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday, July 5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •AAB – 9 a.m. •North Valley Coalition – 7 p.m. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday, July 17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •ZHE – 9 a.m. •GARTC – 4:30 p.m. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday, July 26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •SWAN – 6:30 p.m. •District 8 Coalition – 7 p.m. •East Gateway Coalition - 7:30 p.m.
	<p style="text-align: center;">Monday, July 9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •GABAC – 4:30 p.m. <p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, July 11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •DRB – 9 a.m. •SEPC – 9 a.m. •LUCC – 3 p.m. •AQCB – 5:15 p.m. •Westside Coalition – 7 p.m. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, July 18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •DRB – 9 a.m. •ADC – 3 p.m. <p style="text-align: center;">Thursday, July 19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •EPC Hearing – 8:30 a.m. 	

2007 CALENDAR LEGEND

- AAB** - Airport Advisory Board, Aviation Department Executive Conference Room
- ACTMI** - Advisory Committee on Transit for the Mobility Impaired - Sun Van Conference Room, 601 Yale SE
- ADC** - Albuquerque Development Commission - Hearing Room, Basement Level, Plaza del Sol, 600 Second Street NW
- AQCB** - Air Quality Control Board, Council Commission Chambers, Basement Level, City Hall
- BOA** - Board of Appeals, Plaza del Sol Hearing Room, Basement Level, 600 Second St. NW
- City Council** - Council/Commission Chambers, Basement Level, City Hall
- District 4 Coalition** - Fire Station 20, 7520 Corona NE
- District 6 Coalition** - Cesar Chavez Community Center, 7505 Kathryn SE
- District 7 Coalition** - Sandia High School, Teacher’s Lounge, 7801 Candelaria NE
- District 8 Coalition** - James Joseph Dwyer Memorial Substation, 12700 Montgomery NE
- DRB** - Development Review Board, Plaza del Sol Hearing Room, 600 Second Street NW, Basement Level
- East Gateway Coalition** - Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center, 501 Elizabeth SE
- EPC** - Environmental Planning Commission, Plaza del Sol Hearing Room, 600 Second St. NW, Basement Level
- EPC Pre-Hearing** - Environmental Planning Commission, Plaza del Sol, 600 Second St. NW, Third Fl. Conf. Room
- EPC Study Session** - Environmental Planning Commission, Plaza del Sol, 600 Second St. NW, Third Fl. Conf. Room
- FBF** - FeedBack Forum, Planning Department, Plaza del Sol, 600 Second St. NW, Hearing Room, Basement Level
- GABAC** - Greater Albuquerque Bicycling Advisory Committee, City Hall, Room 302
- GARTC** - Greater Albuquerque Recreational Trails Committee - Locations vary, call **505-768-5308** for information
- GWPAB** - Ground Water Protection Advisory Board - Room 302 City/County Building, 400 Marquette NW
- LEPC** - Local Emergency Planning Committee - 11510 Sunset Gardens SW, **505-833-7300** or <www.lepcbqbernc.org> for more info.
- LUCC** - Landmarks and Urban Conservation Commission, Plaza del Sol Hearing Room, 600 Second St. NW, Basement Level
- North Valley Coalition** - Los Griegos Multi-Service Center, 1231 Candelaria NW
- POC** - Police Oversight Commission, City/County Building, Lower Level, 1 Civic Plaza, 5th and Marquette
- SEPC** - Special Event Permitting Committee - 6th floor, Cultural Services Department Conference Room, City Hall, 5th and Marquette
- SVCNA** - South Valley Coalition of Neighborhoods Associations - South Valley BSCO Sheriff’s Substation, 2039 Isleta SW
- SWAN** - South West Alliance of Neighborhoods, Alamosa Multi-Service Center, 6900 Gonzales SW
- TAB** - Transit Advisory Board - Sun Van Conference Room, 601 Yale SE
- Westside Coalition** - Don Newton/Taylor Ranch Community Center, 4900 Kachina NW
- ZHE** - Zoning Hearing Examiner, 200 Third Street NW, Suite 735, **505-924-3918**

EPC Hearing Notice

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

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

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

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

On the 2nd Thursday of each month, the EPC has a Study Session to review the applications scheduled for the all-day public hearing which occurs on the **3rd Thursday of each month**. As with the Public Hearing, **the public is invited** to attend the Study Sessions; however, Study Sessions do not provide an open forum. Discussion is limited to staff and the EPC. Study Sessions regularly begin at **4 p.m.** in the Plaza del Sol Hearing Room. Please call the Planning Department at **505-924-3860** to confirm the Study Session schedule as adjustments are made occasionally.

Please note that the **Pre-Hearing Meeting** will be held on **Wednesday, June 27, 2007 at 1:30 p.m.** in the Planning Conference Room, Third Floor. The **EPC Public Hearing** will be held on **Thursday, July 19, 2007 at 8:30 a.m.** in the **Plaza del Sol Hearing Room (basement level), 600 Second Street NW** for the following cases:

Northeast

Nor Este, North Albuquerque Acres, Vineyard Estates (neighborhood association); 07EPC-40001 and 40002, Project #1006520 (case #'s); Approximately 6.1928 acre(s) located on the south side of Alameda Boulevard NE between Barstow Street NE and Ventura Street NE (**location of request**); C-20 (**zone atlas page #**); FBT Architects at **505-883-5200**, agent for Episcopal Diocese of the Rio Grande (**applicant or agency and phone #**); Requests a Site Development Plan for Subdivision and Building Permit for a proposed church and related facilities with two office buildings (**action requested**); Anna DiMambro at **505-924-3924 (city staff planner)**.

North Campus, Summit Park; 07EPC-40009, Project #1004857; Approximately .27738344 acre(s) located on the west side of Girard Boulevard NE between Revere Place NE and Frontier Avenue NE; J-16; Raimund McClain at **505-266-2142**, agent for Sunny Hills, LLC; Requests a Zone Map Amendment from R-1 to O-1 for the Children's Learning Garden Daycare; Catalina Lehner at **505-924-3935**.

Countrywood Area, Del Rey, Heritage East, Heritage Hills, Jade Park, La Cueva Villae, Nor Este, North Albuquerque Acres, North Domingo Baca, North Wyoming, Palomas Park, Quail Springs, Vineyard Estates, West La Cueva, Wildflower, Countrywood HOA, North Hills HOA, Pleasant View Mobile Home Park, Sonora HOA; 07EPC-40010, Project #1006535; *La Cueva Sector Development Plan* area located generally between Louisiana Boulevard, Palomas Drive, Ventura and Florence NE; B-D-18-20; City of Albuquerque, Planning Department at **505-924-3860**, agent for City of Albuquerque, City Council; Request a Amendment to the Sector Development Plan Map for the *La Cueva Sector Development Plan Area*; Carmen Marrone at **505-924-3814**.

Northwest

Taylor Ranch; 07EPC-40013, Project #1006537; Approximately 2 acre(s) located on the north side of Mojave Street NW between Unser Boulevard NW and Tesuque Drive NW; E-10; Katherine J. Trujillo at **505-321-1153**; Requests a Amendment to Zoning Code or Subdivision Regulations Text from O-1 to R-1; Catalina Lehner at **505-924-3935**.

North Fourth Camino Real Merchants; 07EPC-40006, Project #1006528; Approximately .212 acre(s) located on the west side of Fourth Street NW between Menaul Boulevard NW and Towner Avenue NW; H-14; Mark Rhodes, Esq. at **505-247-0328**, agent for Delbert and Rosanna Arnell; Requests a Zone Map Amendment from C-1 to C-2 for the Hi-Lo Market; Carol Toffaleti at **505-924-3345**.

Near North Valley; 07EPC-40004, Project #1006524; Approximately .212 acre(s) located on the south side of La Poblana Road NW between Sixth Street NW and Eighth Street NW; H-14; Robert Maxwell at **505 831-9138**; Requests a Zone Map Amendment from R-1 to R-2 for a proposed one bedroom, tri-plex; Anna DiMambro at **505-924-3924**.

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Villages of Parkwest; 07EPC-40003, Project #1006522; Approximately .1537 acre(s) located on the south side of Petroglyph Avenue NW between Lava Bluff Drive NW and Monument NW; H-9; Carol Sue Nordengren at **505-480-3870**; Requests a Zone Map Amendment from R-1 to SU-1 for a proposed Bed and Breakfast; Anna DiMambro at **505-924-3924**.

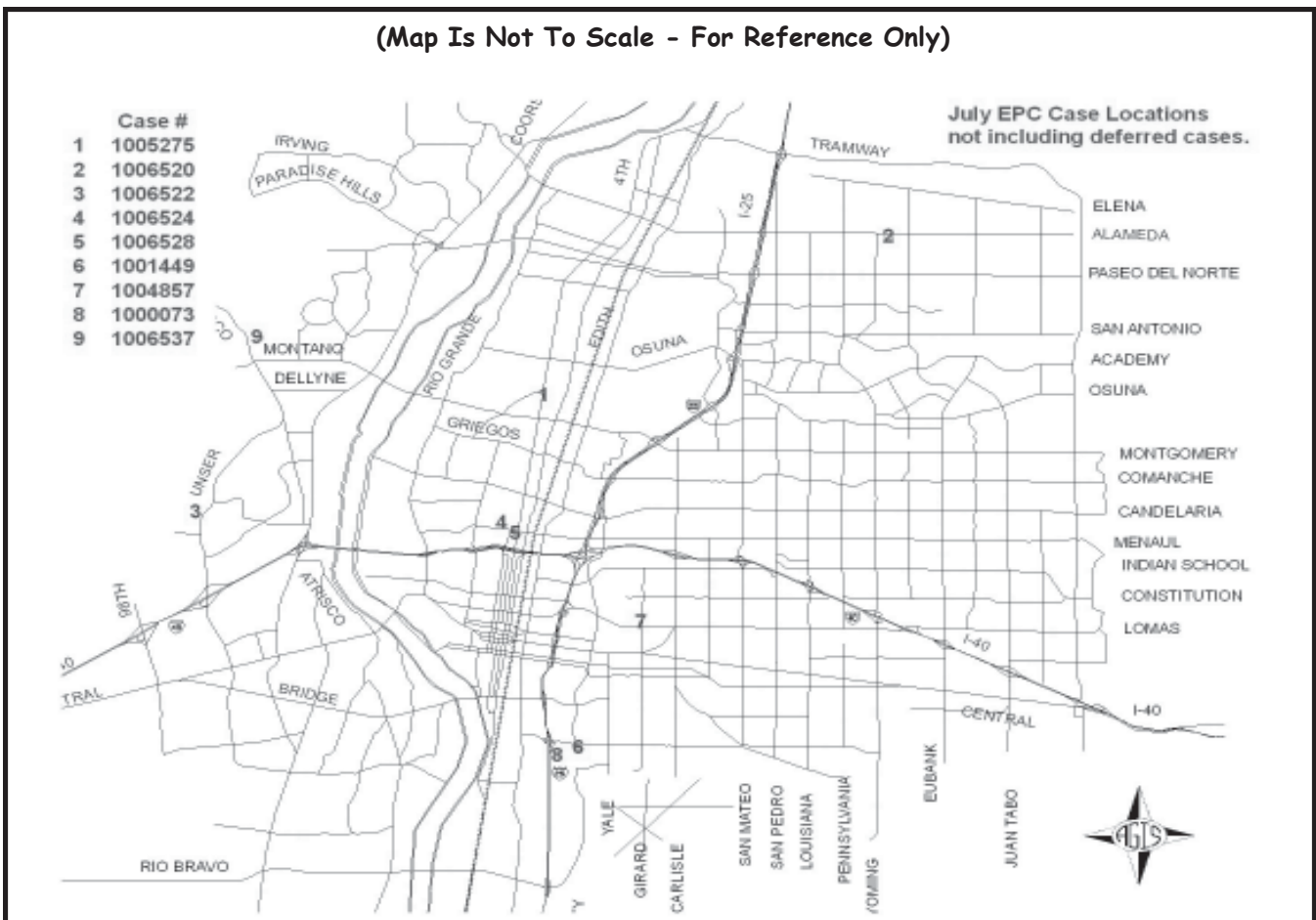
Ladera West, Las Lomitas, Laurelwood, Parkway, Quaker Heights, Taylor Ranch, Tres Volcanes, Ventana Ranch, Villages of Parkwest, Volcano Cliffs; 07EPC-40014, Project #1004905; *Volcano Heights Sector Development Plan* boundaries – north and east of the Petroglyph National Monument, west of the Escarpment, south of Paseo Del Norte and east of Del Oeste NW; B-E-8-9, F-G-8-10, H-8-9, J-8; City of Albuquerque, Planning Department at **505-924-3860**; Requests a Amendments to the *Volcano Heights Sector Development Plan*; Russell Brito at **505-924-3337**.

Los Alamos, North Fourth Camino Real Merchants; 06EPC-01694 and 07EPC-40005, Project #1005275, Approximately 1 acre(s) located on the east side of Fourth Street NW between Osuna Road NW and at the northeast corner of Montano Road NW and La Plata Road NW; F-14; Eric Sedillo Jeffries at **505-243-3900**; Requests a Zone Map Amendment from RA-2 to SU-1 for Retail Sales per C-1 and a Site Development Plan for Subdivision for a proposed Commercial Building; Carol Toffaleti at **505-924-3345**.

Southeast

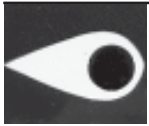
Kirtland Community; 07EPC-40011 and 40012, Project #1000073; Approximately 2.89 acre(s) located on the west side of Mulberry Street SE between Bethel Avenue SE and Alamo Avenue SE; M-15; Mark Goodwin and Associates, P.A. at **505-828-2200**, agent for Quannah Hospitality Partners, LP; Requests a Site Development Plan for Building Permit and a Amendment to the Site Development Plan for Subdivision for a proposed Value Place Hotel; Carol Toffaleti at **505-924-3345**.

Clayton Heights/Lomas Del Cielo, Kirtland Community; 07EPC-40007 and 40008, Project #1001449; Approximately 4 acre(s) located on the south side of Gibson Boulevard SE between University Boulevard SE and Yale Boulevard SE; M-15; Consensus Planning, Inc. at **505-764-9801**, agent for DT Land Development; Requests a Site Development Plan for Building Permit and a Zone Map Amendment from C-1 to SU-1 for Hotel and C-1 Uses and Full Liquor for a proposed Radisson Hotel Development; Catalina Lehner at **505-924-3935**.



CITY SCOOP

News From City Departments



APD Crime Prevention

505-924-3600

Submitted By Steve Sink



Residential Burglary Prevention

Residential burglary rates are generally dictated by the active involvement of individual citizens and cooperative education efforts by neighborhood associations and other community groups. Homeowners who are willing to take certain steps to prevent this type of crime, along with the assistance of local law enforcement, can reduce and sometimes prevent break-ins and burglaries.

Consider the following prevention tips as well as ways to retrieve any lost or stolen property:

- Establish trusted relationships with neighbors on your block. Agree to watch out for each other and report any suspicious activity in and around your home. Remember, residential burglaries statistically occur during the day, so if possible, identify trusted neighbors who might be home during this time.
- Evaluate your existing lighting and pay particular attention to access points such as entry/exit doors and windows. Make sure that each area has adequate illumination so that your neighbors can see any suspicious activity occurring on your property. Consider adding motion sensors to lights in remote areas.
- Each door should be metal or solid core with a deadbolt lock that includes a minimum 1" throw. Short strike plate screws should be replaced with 3-4" screws that secure the plate into the doorframe. Doors should also be equipped with 180-degree eye viewers.
- Trim all bushes and shrubs below the window level and up from the ground. Trim mature trees up to a level 6-8 feet above ground. Eliminate hiding places or areas that allow someone the opportunity to enter through a window without being noticed.
- All primary window locks should be in place and fully operational. Install secondary thumbscrew locks on guide rails. Place them in a location that prohibits the window from being opened more than a few inches. Also, make sure screens are in place and secure. (Note: Windows and pet doors are common illegal entry points)
- Install screws in the upper rail of sliding glass doors. Place them just far enough into the rail to prohibit the door from being lifted and removed. Dowel rods and "charley bars" are secondary methods to secure the door, but make sure the primary locking device is operational.

- Organize a Neighborhood Watch program for your block by calling the APD Crime Prevention Unit at 924-3600.

- Operation ID: Record the make, model, serial number, value, and any other distinguishing features of all valuable property in your home. Store this information in a secure location like a safety deposit box, with a trusted friend or family member. A video recording of the items is also recommended. Engrave a number on the back of each item that is significant to you and place the number on your record sheet (Note: Do not use your social security number to eliminate identity theft). Stolen property is often recovered and in the absence of an engraved number, you have no proof the items are yours. The recorded items can also assist with insurance claims.

VIN Etching Event

Auto theft rates in the city of Albuquerque have increased 42% during the last year. Thieves steal an average of 600-700 vehicles each month. Do these figures make you want to take steps to protect your vehicle? Window etching of your Vehicle Identification 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, June 23, 2007**
Time: 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Location: Wal-Mart – (2701 Carlisle Boulevard NE at Menaul)

REMINDER REMINDER REMINDER

The 24th Annual **NATIONAL NIGHT OUT** against crime is **Tuesday, August 7, 2007.**



Begin making plans for your block or neighborhood event. All Neighborhood Watch Block Captains and Neighborhood Association representatives will receive information by mail in early July

outlining how to register your event.

Let's make this years National Night Out **THE BEST EVER!**

Planning

Submitted By Juanita Garcia

Mayor Martin J. Chávez and the City’s Planning Department are pleased to announce a kick-off meeting to start the process of revising the city’s plan governing development with the Martineztown/Santa Barbara area. The boundary areas are New Mexico RR (west), I-25 (east), Menaul Boulevard (north) and Lomas Boulevard (south). The plan should be of interest to all who want to see the future development within this area.

The public meeting will take place on **Tuesday, June 26, 2007 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Second Presbyterian Church located at 812 Edith Boulevard NE.**

Since the existing plan was revised in 1990, several development projects have occurred and the area continues to contain economic development potential because of its central proximity. Today there is a need to evaluate how well the plan has been working and make adjustments needed to most effectively meet the goals of the community. In collaboration with neighborhood representatives, the focus will be to review of current land use and zoning patterns, flooding, drainage and utilities, sanitary sewer lines, transportation and traffic, capital improvements, improvements for pedestrian walkability, Martineztown/Santa Barbara Metropolitan Redevelopment Plan and other issues or concerns brought up during the planning process. The effort will also include a review of current City plans and policies for the area.

At the kick-off meeting, the public will have an opportunity to hear from Sites Southwest, the planning consultants hired by the City to assist with the revision of the Plan. They will give an overview of the major issues and existing conditions, and will ask people to express their preferences.

For further information, please contact **Juanita Garcia** of the Planning Department at **505-924-3349**.

Cultural Services, Parks and Recreation and the Film Office Proudly Announce!

A **FREE** summer entertainment program, **Classic Cinema on Civic Plaza** scheduled for **Friday nights in July and August.**

The summer film program will present some of the major classics of the decades of the ‘40s, ‘50s and ‘60s. The movies will begin around 8:30 p.m. when it is sufficiently dark and will be projected on an 18’ x 24’ screen set up on the **main stage of Civic Plaza.**

July 20 - Lonely Are the Brave (1962) starring Kirk Douglas, Gena Rowlands, Walter Matthau, Carroll O’Connor and George Kennedy in a prison break story filmed right here in Albuquerque and the surrounding area.

July 27 - Casablanca (1942) starring Humphrey Bogart, Ingrid Bergman, Peter Lorre, Claude Rains in the classic war-era love story of all time. Come see this wonderful enduring film and hear Sam “play it again.”



Environmental Health, Animal Care Center

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

Fireworks can be a big boom to Frightened Pets

Help prevent your pet from becoming lost during the Fourth of July by taking preventative steps to make sure that the loud noises and flashes of fireworks do not traumatize your pet.

Owners should bring pets indoors if fireworks are being set off nearby. If you cannot bring your pet indoors, provide a place for it in the yard, such as a dog house or animal carrier where it will feel safe. Make sure your pet has proper current identification before the holiday festivities in case your animal gets away. A microchip is now required by the Animal Ordinance and will enable the City of Albuquerque Animal Care Center (AACC) to reunite you with your animal.

During the holiday weekend, the AACC sees an increase in stray animals. Many times, pets have no identification, thus making it impossible to contact the owner. If your pet is ever lost, make sure you are actively searching for them. The AACC encourages those who have lost or found an animal to be proactive in attempting to reunite the pet with its rightful owner. The Animal Ordinance states that within 24 hours from the time the pet is found, the finder must contact the AACC and register as a finder.

Time is critical when your pet is missing. It is important to begin your search immediately. Check with your neighbors. Some pets may wander great distances, so it is important to visit every shelter. If you do not find your pet at the AACC, make sure you fill out a “lost report” to leave at the AACC including a photo and the date that your pet was lost.

Do not rely on finding your pet only by telephoning the shelters— no matter how detailed your description is, it may not be how another person would describe your pet. Personally check each shelter daily until your pet is found. Browse <www.petharbor.com>, a website that links several shelters together and has photos of lost pets.

During these summer months, the AACC is full of wonderful pets waiting to find a forever home. Keep an eye on our website to view photos and descriptions of pets available for adoption or adoption specials, such as June “Adopt a Shelter Cat” month.

To find out more information about the City of Albuquerque Animal Care Center, please call **311** or visit <www.cabq.gov/pets>.



**Hunter and His Trainer
June 6, 2007**



Submitted By John Stomp

San Juan/Chama Update

Summer is almost here, and construction activity is definitely winding down on the San Juan-Chama Drinking Water project. By the end of this month, construction will be completed on 11 pipelines and work will be nearing completion on three additional pipelines. Work on the final pipeline will begin in late summer or early fall.

NORTHEAST QUADRANT OF ALBUQUERQUE

Alvarado Drive NE from north of Summer Avenue NE to Roma Avenue NE

This month, crews will be completing construction and installing pavement as part of the Charles Wells project. Access will be maintained to all local residences; however, portions of Alvarado Drive NE will be closed to thru traffic as paving is installed. Motorists can use San Mateo Boulevard NE as an alternate route.

I-25 northbound Frontage Road from Forest Hills Road NE to Del Rey Avenue NE

Through early to mid-June, traffic on the northbound I-25 Frontage Road between Forest Hills Road NE and Del Rey Avenue NE will be shifted, with the farthest east lane closed for contractors to conduct pipeline testing as part of the Coronado pipeline project. While traveling this road may be somewhat slower, access will be maintained.

Chappell Drive NE near North Diversion Channel

While there are no traffic impacts for this area in May/June, cyclists using the new Singer Bridge will be detoured to an existing pedestrian sidewalk on the south side of the bridge for approximately through approximately the end of this month while crews complete construction in the area. Cyclists will cross the Singer Bridge on the west side of the North Diversion Channel rather than on the east side of the North Diversion Channel. Cyclists are asked to follow the detour signs and use a reasonable amount of speed during this period.

Espanola Street NE and Prospect Avenue NE

The intersection of Espanola Street NE and Prospect Avenue NE will remain closed until crews complete installation of a large vault near the Charles Wells reservoir. This work should happen sometime in July. Motorists can use Louisiana Boulevard NE, Menaul Boulevard NE, Indian School Road NE or Pennsylvania Street NE as alternate routes.

San Pedro Drive NE and San Francisco Road NE

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

NORTHWEST QUADRANT OF ALBUQUERQUE

Campbell Road NW between Rio Grande Boulevard NW and the Bosque

As part of the West Valley pipeline, crews are wrapping up irrigation and landscaping in this area. During working hours, Campbell Road NW west of Glenwood Road NW is restricted to one-way traffic at a time with a flagger on hand to direct traffic. Motorists should expect some brief delays.

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

Approximately the third week of June, El Pueblo Road NE will be closed between Edith Boulevard NE and Jefferson Drive NE as part of work on Raw Water Pipeline #2. Access will be maintained to local residences. Motorists can use Paseo del Norte NE as an alternate route. Crews will work round-the-clock on this portion of the project. El Pueblo Road NE is expected to be closed for about two weeks.

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

As part of the West Valley pipeline project, work will begin in June to finalize the drain line connection. Traffic will be maintained in both directions around the construction zone, but will be reduced to two lanes in each direction to one lane in each direction – northbound and southbound. This work is expected to take about two weeks.

Rio Grande Boulevard NW south of Alameda Boulevard NW

Crews will cross Alameda Boulevard NW sometime this month as part of the Raw Water Pipeline #2 project. They will close one-half of Rio Grande Boulevard NW first, complete work on that half, then close the other half. Motorists should be on the lookout for Variable Message Signs and can use Alameda Boulevard NW as an alternate route.

Unser Boulevard NW at Montano Road NW

As part of the Volcano pipeline, crews are repaving sections of roadway. There will be a northbound left lane closure between 9 a.m.-3 p.m. through mid-June.

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

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

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

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

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San Juan Chama Update

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>. 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>.

Water Utility Authority

Submitted By Brynda Gutierrez



Sewer Backups and Your Home

The Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority owns and maintains New Mexico's largest municipal collection system, which spans approximately 1,700 miles. A primary concern is preventing sewer backups and damage to homes.

A sewer backup is caused by **an obstruction in a sewer pipe. This results in wastewater BACKING UP in the pipe, causing toilets, household drains or sewer manholes to overflow.**

After wastewater enters the system, it flows to the **Southside Water Reclamation Plant (SWRP)**. Approximately 60 million gallons of wastewater is processed at SWRP daily.

Residential users discharge approximately 85% of the total wastewater received at SWRP. The majority of sewer backup problems that occur are residential. The three common culprits that cause backups are grease, roots, and rags.

Grease:

Dispose of grease and fats with your trash, not down the sink drain. Grease in drains collects and hardens into a plug. Pouring grease down the drain and flushing with hot water is not the solution, as grease is simply moved down the collection system and may cause backups further down the line. Pour grease into empty coffee cans or milk cartons. Allow grease to harden then put the container in the trash.

Roots:

Roots grow toward breaks or cracks in sewer lines in search of water. Inside the pipe, roots form balls that clog the sewer line. Plant trees away from sewer lines. Call a plumber or a root removal specialist to remove roots. Repair breaks in sewer line.

Rags:

Rags form balls or get caught on roots and can immediately cause clogged sewer lines. **DON'T** throw rags into toilets, clean outs or open drains. **DO** dispose of rags with household trash.

Why Should I Care About Sewer Backups?

As a homeowner and taxpayer you should be concerned about sewer backups, because backups can cause extensive damage to your home and to the homes of your neighbors. Sewer backups can result in hundreds of thousands of dollars spent for clean up.

How Do I Prevent A Backup?

- Deposit cooking grease and rags in the trash.
- Ask your plumber about how to keep your house sewer line trouble free.
- Obtain a permit for all sewer line repairs or excavation.
- Use only a licensed contractor or plumber to make repairs.
- **Don't** plant trees near sewer lines.
- Know where your home's sewer cleanouts are located.

What Should I Do When There Is A Backup?

Locate your clean-outs. Slowly remove the clean-out cap. If nothing flows out the blockage is within your system. If flow comes out please call, the **City's Water Emergency Dispatch Office at 857-8250**. City crews will respond and clear the blockage if it's in the City line or inform you if it's in the house line to the street. Clearing the house line to City's line in the middle of the street is a homeowner's responsibility.

Legal Department

Alternative Dispute Resolution Division

Submitted By Naomi Parada



Are You Being Disrupted By Noisy Neighbors?

Sometimes when we listen to music we don't take our neighbors into consideration. Often times, this minor annoyance can build, leading to frustration and anger.

Talking with your neighbor may be a way to reduce the tension and solve the problem, but there are times when neighbors simply can't work out their disputes and must find some way to live together despite their differences.

That is where our Community Mediation Program comes in. With the assistance of professionally trained mediators, neighbors can come together in a neutral setting to resolve their dispute in a way that fosters creativity, communication and compromise.

Mediation offers an opportunity to create solutions for your unique situation in a confidential environment. Because mediation requires the consent and satisfaction of both neighbors involved research shows people are more satisfied with the result and comply with the terms of the agreement.

This is a free service to all residents in the City of Albuquerque. If you would like more information please contact the Alternative Dispute Resolution Office at **505-768-4500**.

Cultural Services

Submitted By Leslie Venezuela

June at The Albuquerque Museum

Dreamscape Desperado: Billy the Kid and the Outlaw in America

The story of legendary gunman Billy the Kid presented through historic artifacts and contemporary pop culture. This exhibit explores the life and death of Billy the Kid and looks at why this infamous character continues to fascinate the public 125 years after his death in Fort Sumner, NM.

On display through July 22, 2007

Thursday, June 28 - 6:30 p.m. - Chisum (1970)

John Wayne plays the role of John Chisum, a benevolent capitalist battling the bad guys of the Lincoln County. He joins forces with Billy the Kid and Pat Garrett to fight the Lincoln County land war. Billy's rebellious character plays off Chisum's honest straight talking man of action.

Billy the Kid Symposium

Saturday, June 30, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

For more than a century Billy the Kid has been the inspiration for books, movies and songs, yet so much of his life is unknown. This symposium will examine the reasons why Billy the Kid continues to fascinate the public.

Participants:

Michael Wallis, historian, author of *Billy the Kid: The Endless Ride*

Johnny Boggs, author of *Law of the Land: The Trial of Billy the Kid*

Frederick Nolan, historian, author of numerous books on the Lincoln County War and Billy the Kid.

Robert McCubbin, a foremost collector of Billy the Kid historical items.

Moderator:

Dr. Paul Hutton, Professor of History at the University of New Mexico, specializing in military history and the American West.

June Events

The New Mexico Jazz Workshop presents Jazz & Blues and Salsa Under the Stars in the Museum Amphitheater. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Concerts run from 7 - 10 p.m. All shows occur rain or shine. The Cooperage Restaurant provides food and full bar service. **Admission:** \$12 adults, \$10 seniors (60+) and students with ID, \$9 New Mexico Jazz Workshop and Albuquerque Museum Foundation members, children under 12 are **FREE!**



Salsa Under the Stars

Friday, June 22 - Son Como Son

Friday, June 29 - Calle 66

Jazz & Blues Under the Stars

Saturday, June 23 - Piano Summit featuring Chris Ishee, John Rangel & Stu MacAskie

Saturday, June 30 - Blues Night with Hillary Smith & the GTs/Memphis P'Tails

Free General Admission Days at The Albuquerque Museum.

The first Wednesday of the month is a free general admission day. General admission to the Museum is also free every Sunday morning from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.



Cultural Services

Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System

Submitted By Riann Powell



Libraries Host Free Summer Programs for Families & Teens

As part of the 2007 Summer Reading Program, the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System is hosting a variety of free and fun activities for families and teens. June and July are chock full of entertainment, classes and performances at your local library.

Families - Check out performers like Mr. Stinky Feet, The Singing Poet Guy and Magician John Polinko. Mr. Stinky Feet, always a crowd pleaser, sings upbeat and entertaining tunes that kids and adults alike can enjoy. The Singing Poet Guy, who is new to the Library's Summer Reading Program, recites fun and silly poems and story-songs while playing his guitar. John Polinko, a long-time library entertainer and educator, brings his own special brand of "magic with animals" to the Library.

Teens - Rock out with Harry and the Potters on June 19 at the South Broadway Cultural Center. This free show will prove to be exciting for teens and Harry Potter fans of ALL ages! This summer the Library is also providing music making classes, fractal workshops and more.

For a complete listing of all program dates, times and locations, visit the Library's website at <www.cabq.gov/library>. And don't forget to sign up for the Library's Summer Reading Program that runs through **July 20**. Anyone can join - adults, that means you, too! To find out more about Summer Reading call **505-768-5136** or **311**. TTY Users call Relay NM at **800-659-8331**.



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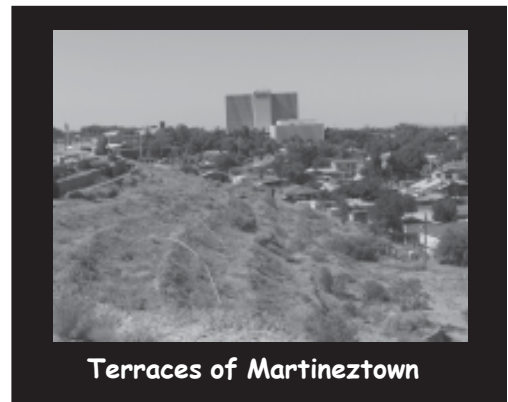
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