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**Clean and Green! Vista Verde Park
Following The Mayor's Annual Spring Cleanup 2006**

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“Dedicated to Providing Information About City Government and 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 all your hard work and commitment to the improvement of the lifestyle of your neighborhood.

Neighborhood Association

Alban Hills
Alvarado Gardens
Avalon
Cottonwood Trails HOA
District 7 Coalition
Laurelwood
Loma Del Rey
Los Altos Civic
Piedras Marcadas
Sombra Del Monte
Sonora
Taylor Ranch
West Park

“Welcome” to Incoming President

Cindi Caruso Mapel
Barbie Brennan
Miguel Maestas
Janet Laros
Wayne A. Johnson
Paul Gonzales
Don Peterson
Carolyn Johns
Rich Cederberg
Lisa Bowyer
Valerie Shupe
Brett Lopez
Kevin Hagen

“Thanks” to Outgoing President

Ken Brudos
Carolyn Siegel

Diane Teare
Imogene Jones
Carol Orona
Cora Chavez
Gerri Warner
Charles Bowyer
Jim Myers
Don MacCornack
Matt Celesky

NEW NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION(S)

The *Tres Volcanes Neighborhood Association* is located in *City Council District 1, Police Beat – 139/WS, County Commission District 1*. The contacts for this association are *Gerald Worrall* and *Sara Breeden*. *Tres Volcanes Neighborhood Association* became recognized on April 25, 2006. **Welcome Aboard!**

The *Pueblo Alto Neighborhood Association* is located in *City Council District 7, Police Beat – 325/SE, County Commission District 3*. The contacts for this association are *Brian Thomas* and *Marian Griffin*. *Pueblo Alto Neighborhood Association* became recognized on May 12, 2006. **Welcome Aboard!**

Just a Reminder: 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 call Dalaina at **924-3906** for further information. Please make sure that you have the correct addresses listed for your officers on your Annual Report. Annual Reports for the following months are due:

March Annual Reports are due: June 1, 2006
April Annual Reports are due: July 1, 2006
May Annual Reports are due: August 1, 2006

Please Note: All “unrecognized” neighborhood associations/coalitions and homeowner’s associations must submit a **Annual Neighborhood Meeting Report** in order to maintain their “active status” on our list. Please see the above dates to **find out when your reports are due in our office and who to send them to.**

Thank you.

ATTENTION: When submitting your yearly **Annual Reports/Neighborhood Meeting/Coalition Reports** 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

Near North Valley Sector Plan Meeting
Saturday, May 20, 2006
10 a.m. - 12 noon
Job Corps Building, Escalera Room
1500 Indian School NW
Information - Manjeet - 924-3356
Speak Up! Bring A Friend!

Across The City



Metro Court

Submitted by Janet Blair

Spring is Tourist Season at Metropolitan Court



Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court hosts numerous class groups from Albuquerque Public Schools, parochial and private schools during the spring months. Many of the groups come to court after studying the U.S.

Constitution in order to see our criminal justice system in action. Many take part in mock trials conducted by our judges. Some groups sit in on trials or visit with judges who brief students on their jobs, court services or programs like DWI/ Drug Courts.

One of the more recent tours was a group of David Westerfield's students from Menaul High School.



Submitted By Danny L. Lopez

COLECCIÓN FEMSA,
UNA MIRADA CONTINENTAL
The FEMSA Collection, a Continental Vision

April 1 – August 13, 2006

The National Hispanic Cultural Center (NHCC) is pleased to announce the opening of the traveling exhibition *Colección FEMSA, una mirada continental*. The exhibition will remain on view through **Sunday, August 13, 2006**.

With special emphasis on Mexico, the exhibition features 59 modern and contemporary works of art dating from 1914 to 2004 by 56 Latin American artists. Included are paintings, sculptures, drawings, graphic arts, installations, photography, and video. This traveling exhibition comes to Albuquerque from the Museo de Arte Contemporáneo de Monterrey (MARCO), in Monterrey, Mexico. From Albuquerque, it will travel to Bogotá, Colombia. The exhibition is divided into three broad themes: Locations, Inscriptions, and Narrations.

The artists included in *Colección FEMSA* include such classic luminaries as Frida Kahlo, Diego Rivera, David Alfaro

Siquieros, Rufino Tamayo, Wifredo Lam and Roberto Matta. Also included are more contemporary artists such as Gunther Gerzo, Carlos Zerpa, Alejandro Colunga, and Enrique Carbajal (Sebastián). Finally, there is new generation of cutting-edge artists such as Paula Santiago, Marco Arce, Mónica Castillo, Guillermo Kuitca, and Betsabeé Romero whose thought-provoking works are sure to elicit strong reactions. Highlights of the collection include a monumental, cubist portrait by Diego Rivera, a densely constructed surrealist collage by Frida Kahlo, a self-portrait as the entombed Christ by Nahum Zenil, and a tower of found shoes encased in acrylic boxes by Sandra Cabriada.

FEMSA is a pioneer in the field of institutional collections; the collection encompasses an artistic trove of over 1,000 works in a variety of art forms collected over more than 25 years. FEMSA is committed to promoting an interest in art by sharing its art collection through traveling exhibitions both at home and abroad. Since 1992, FEMSA has also been a major sponsor of the *Bienal Monterrey FEMSA*, a national art competition.

Founded in 1890 in Monterrey, Mexico, FEMSA (Fomento Economico Mexicano S.A. de C. V.) is the largest beverage company in Latin America. It's incredibly successful operation consists of three businesses: (1) *FEMSA Cerveza* (including Dos Equis, Tecate, and Sol Beer); (2) *Coca-Cola FEMSA*, the largest Coca-Cola bottler in Latin America and the second-largest in the world), and (3) *FEMSA Comercio*, which operates Oxxo, the largest convenience store chain in Mexico with over 3,500 stores. FEMSA's primary benefactor is Cervecería Cuauhtémoc Moctezuma, S. A. de C. V., a Mexican corporation.

The **National Hispanic Cultural Center** is located at 1701 Fourth Street SW, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102. The Art Museum is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Sunday. Please call **505-246-2261** for additional information or visit www.nhccnm.org.



Albuquerque Pride
30th Anniversary
June 8 - 10, 2006
Pride, Not Prejudice

- Thursday, June 8 - Candlelight Vigil
Morningside Park - 8:30 p.m.
- Friday, June 9 - Pridefest Open - 12 noon - 10 p.m. at NM Expo (State Fairgrounds)
- Saturday, June 10, 7 - 10:15 a.m - Pride Day! Pride Parade begins at Central and Girard, goes east to NM Expo. Festival immediately following the parade at NM Expo (State Fairgrounds)

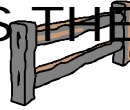
For more information, call the Pride Line at: **505-873-8084** or visit the website at www.abqpride@aol.com.

NEIGHBORHOOD SCOOP

The Shine

Submitted By Susan Vigil

ACROSS THE FENCE



Consider an emerald, multi-faceted, lit from within.

Vista Verde Park refracts with the light and love of its adopted caretakers, Indian Moon Neighborhood Association. Indian Moon board members swept, raked, picked up weeds and litter throughout their park and neighborhood for the Mayor's Annual Spring Clean Up on April 29, 2006. The Indian Moon Neighborhood Association shone in the morning's cool clouds and clovers spread beneath the blue shadow of the Sandia's.

Vista Verde Park's Annual Clean-up, "...was a success. We could always use more volunteers as it seems that some people do all the work, but that old song is sung throughout the world," remunerates Jim White, Indian Moon's treasurer. As Jim's truck loaded with caustic paint and chemicals rode away to RINCHEM disposal, the Indian Moon crew cheered.

The Keep America Beautiful banner is a highly regarded environmental affiliate. It is the parent movement to Keep Albuquerque Beautiful - devoted to removing graffiti, litter and stopping illegal dumping. In addition, KAB makes available to New Mexico towns, cities, and counties grant funds for hazardous and solid waste removal. The Mayor's Anti-Litter Initiative provides trash bags and dumpsters to all cleanup participants.

Indian Moon treats Vista Verde Park like a gift to their community. "We have people who walk the park daily and pick up trash on their daily walks," Lynne Martin, Indian Moon's President observes. Three years ago, Indian Moon applied for Capital Improvement Project funds amounting to \$150,000 for park renovation. CIP funds enhance the physical and cultural development of the city by implementing plans and policies through capital expenditures applied toward acquiring, constructing, upgrading and rebuilding the Albuquerque environment.

These funds were used to purchase the trees dotting Vista Verde Park's hillside - a rare Birch among them. The park is lined by a cement sidewalk which replaced an eroding crusher-fine walk-way. Crusher fine is made up of stream bed stones and makes for a bumpy ride. The sidewalk would have been broken into sections if



Kids Take To The Course During The Annual Indian Moon Bike Rodeo

the association hadn't diligently monitored construction and authorized tree removal. When funds dried up before the park acquired play equipment, Indian Moon applied for and received an additional \$40,000 from their New Mexico legislators. If your community needs similar improvements, other funding sources include General Obligation Bond monies, Enterprise Funds, Quality of Life Funds, Metropolitan Redevelopment funds, and Urban Enhancement Trust funds - all available from the City of Albuquerque. Life is more vital when pride is taken in our environments and communities.

In an agreement with The Albuquerque Optimist Club and the City of Albuquerque Parks and Recreation Department, the Indian Moon Neighborhood Association is happy to host an annual Bicycle Rodeo every May. Optimist Clubs throughout the nation conduct positive service projects aimed at providing a helping hand to young people. The Optimist

Club's mission is to give children the resources they need to live happy lives. In this spirit, The Optimist Club of Albuquerque donated 12 new bicycles and over 15 helmets to the Bicycle Rodeo Prize drawing. The Bicycle course itself was a circuitous path of orange cones and obstacles. Jim White and other members of

Indian Moon manned stations along the course, woofing like dogs and blowing whistles when the bicycles improperly halted. What do you do when a dog runs after your bicycle? Stop put both feet on the ground. If you keep rolling, the dog will chase your bicycle.

One of the attendees at the Bike Rodeo, a young daredevil, straddled his bike and proudly described a record of concussions and broken bones from "BMX"ing in the Rio Rancho area. His parents made the drive across Albuquerque to attend the Bicycle Safety event. Hopefully the young daredevil won a helmet!

Jim portrays the Bike Rodeo as "A good way for both the adults and children to get together. The prize "give a ways" are outstanding. It is not so much about the "shine" but about having a good time. If one accident is prevented it is worth it all. Priceless."

The Indian Moon Neighborhood Association both shines and has a good time. They take the initiative in shaping their mental and physical environment. This group moves beyond the role of a political, dependent or even a networking organization, into the realm of a strong and supportive community. It is a place where kids and residents play soccer in the park, have ice cream socials and picnics. State legislators are included in neighborhood functions and discussions. The Indian Moon community reaches beyond its borders for the safety and happiness of future generations. Their demonstrations exemplify how we can all "shine" through our communities.

NEIGHBORHOOD SCOOP continued



From The Manager's Desk
By Herb Howell

Making Your Neighborhood Association Successful

(Based On The ONC "Effective Officers Training")

Often this office is asked how can we make a successful neighborhood association? The Office of Neighborhood Coordination staff takes various approaches when we are asked to speak at your neighborhood association meetings.

There are two basic approaches to looking at the development and long-term vitality of your group. One approach is to talk about the marketing and event production side of the organization. These are the fun activities that draw people to you and make the fun side of being a neighborhood the focal point. The second approach is the organizational one in which your focus is the production of an effectively run and managed organization.

There is not enough space here to outline the complete development of a successful neighborhood association, nor is there a single a successful format that all our groups can use. The following are some helpful tips, but the important thing is to get started! The organization can be tailored to the needs of the group as it develops. Each neighborhood has its own set of beliefs values, demographic characteristics, and personality.

1. Be certain that membership recruiters go door-to-door to let everyone in the neighborhood know that a neighborhood organization exist and that each individual's membership is important.
2. Establish a membership-welcoming committee to help new members find places in the association by developing a list of volunteer jobs and ways that individuals may help the group.
3. Prevent power cliques from develop-

- ing by requiring diverse representation on Board of Directors and committees.
4. Be certain that meetings are well publicized and well organized, but allow adequate time for open discussion.
5. Carefully develop and focus upon a few goals at any one time. Select projects carefully, making certain that everyone understands the "who, what, why, where, and how" of each task undertaken.
6. Maintain good records of all meetings, communications and actions.
7. Maintain a skills file so that members can be called upon when their skills are needed.
8. Foster good public relations within the group by thanking volunteers for their help.
9. Build a positive public image for the group in the community at large by sending out press releases and announcements of the group's events and activities. Try to develop a good working relationship with City Hall and with the local media.
10. Produce a newsletter that lets everyone in the area know what the group has done and what its future plans are. Be certain to mention individual volunteer's accomplishments in the newsletter.
11. Make the meetings and events fun. Whenever possible, have a social gathering before or after a meeting. To encourage attendance, provide childcare and transportation for senior citizens.
12. It is a mistake to assume that the values of the original organizing group are the values of the entire organization. Conduct a survey every year or so to find out what people are thinking. A survey can define priorities and the results maybe used as program topics for meetings.

Note: At your request, we can provide sample surveys to you, which you may want to use as a model for your own survey.



Neighborhood Workshop Corner

Effective Officers Training Workshop
Saturday, June 24, 2006
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Plaza Del Sol Hearing Room

This workshop is a combination of our **previously held** "President/Vice President's, Board Training and Effective Meeting Workshops". Our staff will help you anticipate problems/issues in your neighborhood while serving as an officer or board member of your association. Our intention is to provide the tools, skills development and problem solving activities to help make you better officers at meetings and a more proficient problem solver in your neighborhood.

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

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

You may register for workshops by calling ONC at **924-3914**, by fax at **924-3913** or on-line at: <http://www.cabq.gov/planning/nbr/workshop.html>. *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.

Reserve your neighborhood park and start making your plans NOW for National Night Out - Tuesday, August 1, 2006. Look for details in future editions of the Neighborhood News.

NEIGHBORHOOD SCOOP continued

Office of
Emergency Management

Submitted By Brian Fields

“How Prepared Are You
For A Flu Pandemic?”

The daily newspaper headlines read, “Bird Flu on its Way”...television news reports almost daily where this potentially lethal flu has migrated in the world and our government officials comment, “Pandemic Is Inevitable”. A very scary, yet real scenario that continues to spread throughout the world and it’s heading in our direction. The question to ask oneself is, “just how prepared are you (and your family) to deal with and survive a Flu Pandemic?”

Each year, about 36,000 Americans die from seasonal influenza. A worldwide outbreak, or pandemic, occurs when a potent new, highly contagious strain of the virus emerges. It is a far greater threat than annual flu because everyone is susceptible, and it is reported that it would take as much as six months to develop a vaccine. The 1918 pandemic flu, the worst of the 20th century, is estimated to have killed more than 50 million people worldwide. To better understand what the papers and television reporters are talking about here are some definitions with regards to the flu:

Influenza (flu): Contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses. It can cause mild to severe illness, and at times can lead to death. The best way to prevent this illness is by getting a flu vaccination each fall.

Avian Flu (Bird Flu): A type of influenza A infection, specifically of the H5N1 subtype, caused by avian (bird) influenza (flu) viruses. Symptoms of avian influenza in humans have ranged from typical human influenza-like symptoms, e.g., fever, cough, sore throat and muscle aches, to eye infections, pneumonia, severe respiratory diseases (such as acute respiratory distress), and other severe and life-threatening complications.

Epidemic: A disease that appears as new cases in a given human population, during a given period, at a rate that substan-

tially exceeds what is “expected”, based on recent experience (the number of new cases in the population during a specified period of time is called the “incidence rate”).

Pandemic: Pandemic flu is flu that causes a global outbreak, or pandemic of serious illness that spreads easily from person-to-person.

Alarm has risen because of the emergence of the most dangerous strain to appear in decades — the H5N1 avian flu. It has primarily struck birds, but about 200 people worldwide have contracted the disease, and half have died. However, once the avian flu mutates to a human-to-human, data suggests we can expect a 1-2% mortality rate. Experts project that the next pandemic — depending on severity and countermeasures — could kill 210,000 to 1.9 million Americans.

If and when the flu pandemic is to occur, what can you expect? The federal, state and local governments — as well as private businesses — should expect as much as 40 percent of its workforce to be out during a pandemic, as stated by the National Vaccine Program Office at the Department of Health and Human Service (HHS). Some will be sick or dead; others could be depressed or caring for a loved one or staying at home to prevent spread of the virus. The overlaying problem is you never know which 40 percent will be out.

Previous pandemics occurred in 1918, 1957 and 1968, and the worst waves of illness seem to pass through communities in a matter of six to eight weeks. Some computer models suggest about 30 percent of people could be infected, but not all at the same time. In the event of a pandemic, people must practice what the health officials call “social distancing,” or keeping away from other people’s germs. Schools and day-care centers could be closed, sporting events and other large gatherings could be canceled, and shaking hands could become socially unacceptable, at least for a while. And how do these sorts of events affect you? Do you depend on schools being open for day care?

In preparing for a bird-flu pandemic, two things are certain: Knowledge is good, panic is bad. So having a better understanding of the flu pandemic and knowing what you can do to better prepare yourself, your family and co-workers is essential in surviving what is to come. According to health experts, there are basic steps that everyone should take to stay healthy, and they are the same as what you’d do to avoid any flu: Wash your hands often, don’t shake hands with others, cover your mouth when coughing or sneezing, and avoid crowds. Those are just the basics. At the same time, you should stock up on essential items in case you get stuck at home for extended periods because of your own illness or quarantines.

How can you better prepare for what the experts say will happen? If there is an avian flu pandemic, you’ll want to minimize your chance of catching it by staying indoors; you might even be required to stay home if the government asks that people remain in quarantine or “shelter in place.” Stocking up today on at least seven days’ or more worth of essentials such as water, nonperishable food, emergency and medical supplies will help you get through an extended time at home if an outbreak happens. Once you’ve purchased these items, store them in a place where you will not be tempted to dip into them for everyday use. Here are some suggestions when stocking up on those essentials for you and your family:

Water – Water is an essential for survival. The city is working through the process of ensuring those essential functions remain working, but keep in mind; these individuals are human and will become sick. In the event we were to lose this critical function, it is recommended to store a gallon of water for each member of your family for each day. Your family will need to drink water and for hygiene, for brushing their teeth and washing their hands. As most sewer systems work off gravity, toilets will still flush if you have water. Are you planning to recycle your “grey water” to use in the toilet should the water supply be disrupted?

Part II Next Month



City Council

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

Albuquerque's Minimum Wage Bill Passed by City Council

The Albuquerque City Council approved a phased-in minimum wage increase to \$7.50 by a 6-3 vote on April 20, 2006. Beginning on January 1, 2007, Albuquerque will have a minimum wage of \$6.75 per hour, followed by a raise to \$7.15 after one year and finally to \$7.50 on January 1, 2009. A proposed raise in the current minimum wage (\$2.13 per hour) for tipped employees was removed after discussions with local restaurant owners and representatives of the hospitality industry. However, if a tipped-employees makes less than the minimum wage with their tips included, their employer is required to make up the difference. A cost of living increase was also dropped due to strong opposition.

Additional negotiations by City Councilors resulted in an additional provision that allows an employer who pays at least \$2,500 annually for an employee's healthcare or child-care benefits to receive a \$1.00 per hour reduction in the minimum wage requirement. The measure cleared the way for the ordinance's approval that evening. "It is not a silver bullet, and I realize that. It is a start - it is a compromise," said Council President Martin Heinrich, who sponsored the legislation that was approved on a 6-3 vote. It was supported by Heinrich, Isaac Benton, Michael Cadigan, Don Harris, Debbie O'Malley and Ken Sanchez. Opponents were Craig Loy, Sally Mayer and Brad Winter.

Below is the language that was added during the compromise:

Minimum Wage Rate. Beginning January 1, 2007, the Minimum Wage for Employees shall be an hourly rate of \$6.75.

Beginning January 1, 2008, the Minimum Wage for Employees shall be an hourly rate of \$7.15. Beginning January 1, 2009, the Minimum Wage for Employees shall be an hourly rate of \$7.50. For employers who provide healthcare and/or child-care benefits to an employee during any pay period for which the employer pays an amount for those healthcare benefits equal to or in excess of an annualized cost of \$2500.00, beginning January 1, 2007, the Minimum Wage for that employee shall be an hourly rate of \$5.75, in addition to the healthcare benefits and/or child-care benefits, beginning January 1, 2008, the Minimum Wage for that employee shall be an hourly rate of \$6.15, in addition to the healthcare and/or child-care benefits, and beginning January 1, 2009, the Minimum Wage for that employee shall be an hourly rate of \$6.50, in addition to the healthcare and/or child-care benefits.

According to the Coalition to Protect Albuquerque's Vibrant Economy (PAVE), local minimum wage laws of this type are rare primarily because the risk of serious unintended consequences increase as the affected jurisdiction shrinks. Only three cities have passed wage ordinances, affecting private business, above that of the state or federal minimum. Those cities are Santa Fe, NM, San Francisco, CA and Washington, DC. Nineteen states throughout the country, however, have passed increases in their state-wide minimum wages and it is expected that the New Mexico State Legislature will again take up this issue in the upcoming legislative session. Here are some examples of other statewide minimum wages that are higher than the federal minimum wage: Alaska \$7.15; Arkansas \$6.25; California \$6.75; Connecticut \$7.40, will rise to \$7.65 January 2007; Florida \$6.40, indexed to inflation; Hawaii \$6.75, will rise to \$7.25

January 2007; Maryland \$6.15; Massachusetts \$6.75; Minnesota \$6.15 effective August 2005; New Jersey \$6.15, will rise to \$7.15 in October 2006; New York \$6.75, will rise to \$7.15 January 2007; Oregon \$7.50, indexed to inflation; Rhode Island \$6.75; and Washington \$7.63, indexed to inflation.

Mayor Chavez signed the ordinance (O-06-20) into law on April 27, 2006.

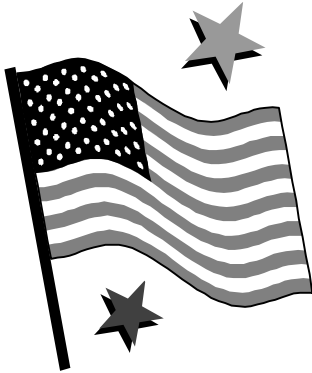


Planning

Joel Wooldridge, FAICP Retires From Planning Department

Joel has worked in the Advance Planning Division since 1982, serving as the Division's manager for the last ten years. He came here from Austin, Texas where he was Director of Regional Planning for the Council of Governments there. Joel headed revisions of the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Comprehensive Plan in the mid-1980s and 2002, the Uptown Sector Plan in 1995 and the Community Based Planning Program of the mid-1990s, among others. Most recently has overseen the start-up of ten new planning initiatives for FY 2006.

Joel served in various offices and as president of both the Texas chapter (1979-81) and the New Mexico chapter of the American Planning Association (1987-88). He was inducted into the American Institute of Certified Planners Inaugural College of Fellows in 1999.

Joel says he has greatly enjoyed his work, the interactions with innumerable people it affords, and the continuing challenge it presents in balancing viewpoints of differing stakeholders interested in shaping public policy. His plans are to stay in Albuquerque, and to "freelance" for awhile, working as a planning consultant. There will also be some fishing, some cabin time, and travel in his future. Joel's parting message to neighborhoods is to think and work collaboratively with other stakeholders, and realize that cities are organic and dynamic, that change and diversify and places of urban vitality are what make cities interesting, and that urban issues cannot be solved by clinging to the present or the past. Progress and preservation go hand-in-hand.

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<p>Tuesday, May 23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •BOA – 9 a.m. 	<p>Wednesday, June 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •North Valley Coalition – 7 p.m. 	<p>Monday, June 12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •GABAC – 4:30 p.m. •SWAN – 6:30 p.m. 	<p>Monday, June 19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •City Council – 5 p.m.
<p>Wednesday, May 24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •DRB – 9 a.m. •SEPC – 9 a.m. •EPC – Pre-Hearing – 1:30 p.m. 	<p>Monday, June 5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •City Council – 5 p.m. 	<p>Wednesday, June 14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •DRB – 9 a.m. •SEPC – 9 a.m. •LUCC – 3 p.m. •AQCB – 5:15 p.m. 	<p>Tuesday, June 20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •ZHE – 9 a.m. •GARTC – 4:30 p.m.
<p>Thursday, May 25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •District 8 Coalition – 7 p.m. 	<p>Wednesday, June 7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •AAB – 9 a.m. •DRB – 9 a.m. •Westside Coalition – 7 p.m. 	<p>Thursday, June 15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •EPC – 8:30 a.m. 	<p>Wednesday, June 21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •DRB – 9 a.m. •EPC Pre-Hearing – 1:30 p.m. •ADC – 3 p.m. •District 4 Coalition – 7 p.m.
<p>Monday, May 29</p> <p>Memorial Day</p> <p>City Offices Closed</p>	<p>Thursday, June 8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •GWPAB – 8:30 a.m. •TAB – 9 a.m. •Feedback Forum – 11:45 a.m. •EPC Study Session – 4 p.m. •POC – 4 p.m. •SVCNA – 6:30 p.m. 		<p>Monday, June 26*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •City Council – 5 p.m. (*Tentative)
<p>Wednesday, May 31</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •DRB – 9 a.m. •LEPC – 9 a.m. 			<p>Tuesday, June 27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •BOA – 9 a.m.
			<p>Wednesday, June 28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •DRB – 9 a.m. •LEPC – 9 a.m. •SEPC - 9 a.m.

2006 CALENDAR LEGEND

- AAB** - Airport Advisory Board, Aviation Department Executive Conference Room, 244-7700
- ACTMI** - Advisory Committee on Transit for the Mobility Impaired - Sun Van Conference Room, 601 Yale SE, 764-8932
- 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 (June 2006 meeting)
- District 6 Coalition** - Cesar Chavez Community Center, 7505 Kathryn SE
- District 7 Coalition** - Sandia High School, Teacher's Lounge, 7801 Candelaria NE
- District 8 Coalition** - James Joseph Dwyer Memorial Substation, 12700 Montgomery NE
- DRB** -Development Review Board, Plaza del Sol Hearing Room, 600 Second Street NW, Basement Level
- EPC** - Environmental Planning Commission, Plaza del Sol Hearing Room, 600 Second St. NW, Basement Level
- EPC Pre-Hearing** - Environmental Planning Commission, Plaza del Sol, 600 Second St. NW, Third Fl. Conf. Room
- EPC Study Session** - Environmental Planning Commission, Plaza del Sol, 600 Second St. NW, Third Fl. Conf. Room
- FBF** - FeedBack Forum, Planning Department, Plaza del Sol, 600 Second St. NW, Hearing Room, Basement Level, Richard Dourte, 924-3999
- GABAC** - Greater Albuquerque Bicycling Advisory Committee, City Hall, Room 302, 768-2680
- GARTC** - Greater Albuquerque Recreational Trails Committee - Locations vary, call 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, 833-7300 or <www.lepcabqbernco.org> for more information
- 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, 764-6121
- Westside Coalition** - Taylor Ranch Community Center, 4900 Kachina NW
- ZHE** - Zoning Hearing Examiner, Plaza del Sol Hearing Room, Basement Level, 600 Second St. NW

EPC Hearing Notice

Publication of EPC hearing notices in the *Albuquerque Journal* will now occur on the **Wednesday - 22 days prior** to the public hearing on the **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 **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 **924-3860**.
- ☞ On the day of the Hearing, call Planning at **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 **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, May 24, 2006 at 1:30 p.m.** in the Planning Conference Room, Third Floor. The **EPC Public Hearing** will be held on **Thursday, June 15, 2006 at 8:30 a.m.** in the Plaza del Sol (basement) Hearing Room for the following cases:

Northeast

Del Rey, Albuquerque Meadows, Jade Park, North Wyoming, San Antonio Condo (neighborhood association); 06EPC-00612, 00613 and 001614, Project #1003916 (case #'s); Approximately fifty-nine (59) acre(s) located on the west side of Louisiana Boulevard NE between San Pedro Drive NE and Santa Monica Avenue NE (**location of request**); D-18 (**zone atlas page #**); Vogel Campbell and Blueher, P.C. at **505-884-8444**, agent for Centex Homes, a Nevada General Partnership (**applicant or agency and phone #**); Requests approval of EPC Site Development Plan Amendment for Subdivision and Building Permit and a Zone Map Amendment from SU-1 for Mobile Home Park to SU-1 for PRD and SU-1 for MH & RL-T for a proposed residential town home subdivision to include affordable housing and some mobile home lots on site (**action requested**); David Stallworth at **505-924-3940 (city staff planner)**.

Citizen's Information Committee of Martineztown, Broadway Central Corridors Partnership, Huning Highland Historic District, Silver Hill, Spruce Park, Sycamore; 06EPC-00615, Project #1000596; Located on the north side of Martin Luther King Boulevard NE between Elm Street NE and Walter Street NE; J-K-14-15; David Aube, The Design Group at **505-242-6880**, agent for The Design Group; Requests approval of an EPC Site Development Plan Amendment for Building Permit for a proposed temporary signage on the east side of the existing Hospital; Carmen Marrone at **505-924-3814**.

Alameda North Valley, Vista Del Norte; 06EPC-00624 and 00625, Project #1001150; Approximately twenty-two (22) acre(s) located on the north side of Osuna Road NE between Vista Del Norte Drive NE and Chappell Road NE; E-16; Tierra West, LLC at **505-858-3100**, agent for Vista Del Norte Development, LLC; Requests approval of an EPC Site Development Plan Amendment for Building Permit and Subdivision for a proposed mid-size Wal-Mart Supercenter (open 24 hours a day) and one retail outlet; Stephanie Shumsky at **505-924-3933**.

Northwest

Near North Valley, Monkbridge Gardens; 06EPC-00623, Project #1004874; Approximately one (1) acre(s) located on the north side of Candelaria Road NW between Second Street NW and Fourth Street NW; G-14; Kenneth Anderson Sr. at **505-344-6696**; Requests approval of an EPC Site Development Plan Amendment for Building Permit for a proposed small office/warehouse or wholesale sales center for one (1) to five (5) tenants; Maggie Gould at **505-924-3910**.

Wells Park; 06EPC-00627 and 00628, Project #1004875; Approximately one (1) acre(s) located on the east side of Fifth Street NW between Bellamah Avenue NW and Fourth Street NW; J-14; SMPC Architects at **505-255-8668**, agent for Albuquerque Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), Inc.; Requests approval of an EPC Site Development Plan Amendment for Building Permit and a Zone Map Amendment from S-R to SU-2/SU-1 for Church Use for a proposed expansion of the Friends Meetinghouse for classrooms, larger library and dining/kitchen facility as well as a caretaker apartment; Catalina Lehner at **505-924-3935**.

Southeast

Kirtland Community, Clayton Heights/Lomas Del Cielo; 06EPC-00616 and 00618, Project #1004870; Approximately two (2) acre(s) located on the south side of Gibson Boulevard SE between University Boulevard SE and Mulberry Street SE; M-15; Consensus Planning at **505-764-9801**, agent for Dos Piedras, LLC; Requests approval of an EPC Site Development Plan Amendment for Building Permit and a Zone Map Amendment from C-1 to SU-1 for C-1 and RV Parking for a New Mexico Self Storage to provide storage for recreational vehicles (RV); Maggie Gould at **505-924-3910**.

Kirtland Community, Clayton Heights/Lomas Del Cielo, Victory Hills; 06EPC-00617, Project #1004871; Approximately four (4) acre(s) located on the east side of Yale Boulevard SE between Ross Avenue SE and International Avenue SE; L-15; Thomas E. Robson, Architect at **505-332-1176**, agent for Albuquerque Innkeepers, LLC; Requests approval of an EPC Site Development Plan Amendment for Building Permit for a proposed four (4) story, one hundred five (105) rooms Marriott Residence Inn; David Stallworth at **505-924-3940**.

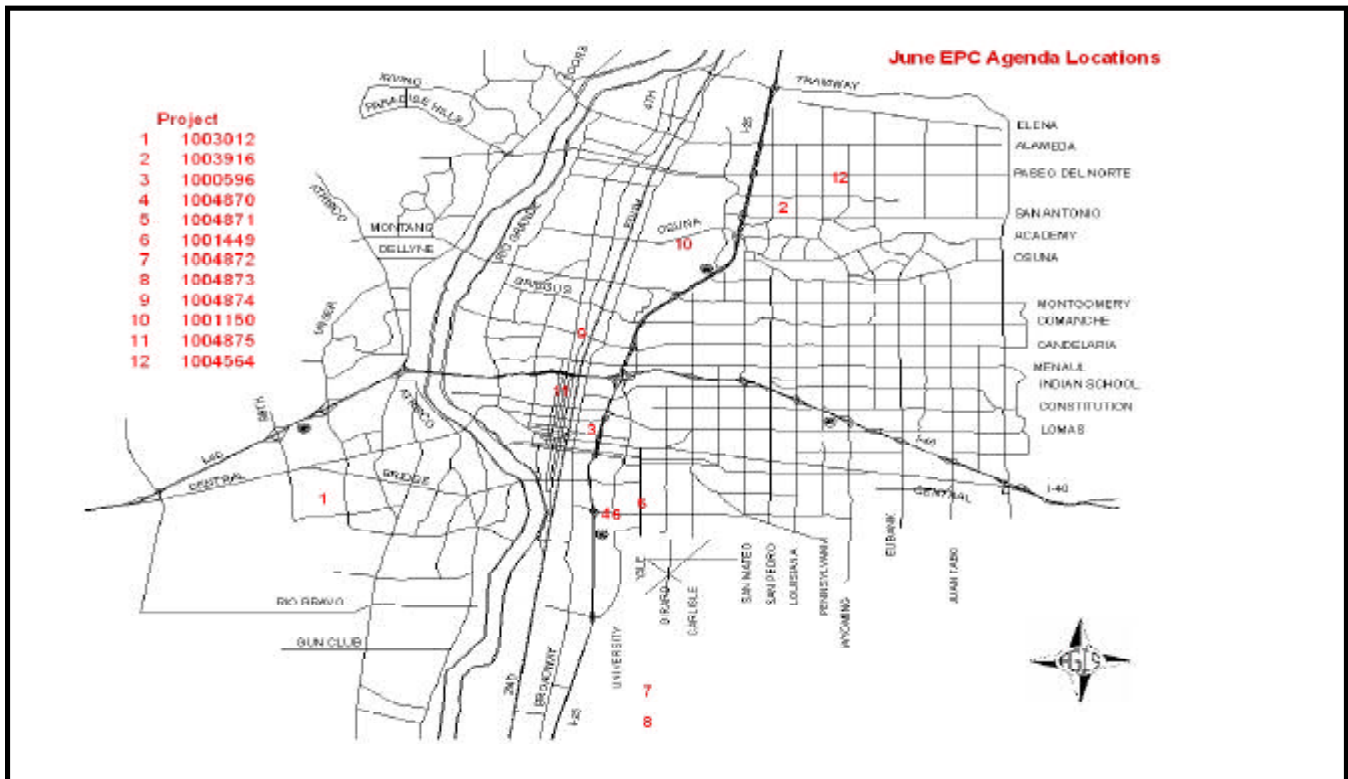
Kirtland Community, Clayton Heights/Lomas Del Cielo; 06EPC-00619 and 00620, Project #1001449; Approximately four (4) acre(s) located on the south side of Gibson Boulevard SE between University Boulevard SE and Yale Boulevard SE; M-15; Consensus Planning at **505-764-9801**, agent for Dos Piedras, LLC; Requests approval of an EPC Site Development Plan Amendment for Building Permit and a Zone Map Amendment from C-1 to SU-1 for C-1 and Self Storage Facility for a New Mexico Self Storage to provide self-storage units for commercial and residential customers; Petra Morris at **505-924-3343**.

Mountain View; 06EPC-00621, Project #1004872; Approximately twelve (12) acre(s) located on the south side of University Boulevard SE between Street D and University Boulevard SE; R-16; Denish + Kline Associates at **505-842-6461**, agent for Forest City Covington New Mexico; Requests approval of an EPC Site Development Plan Amendment for Building Permit for a proposed Mesa Del Sol Employment Center, Buildings 2 and 3; Catalina Lehner at **505-924-3935**.

Mountain View; 06EPC-00622, Project #1004873; Approximately four (4) acre(s) located near University Boulevard SE between University North SE and University South SE; R-16; Denish + Kline Associates at **505-842-6461**, agent for Forest City Covington New Mexico; Requests approval of an EPC Site Development Plan Amendment for Building Permit for a proposed Mesa Del Sol Community Center Buildings A and B; Catalina Lehner at **505-924-3935**.

Southwest

Westgate Heights; 06EPC-00609, Project #1003012; Approximately two (2) acre(s) located on the west side of 86th Street SW between Tower Road SW and San Ygnacio Road SW; L-9; William A. McConnell, Architect at **505-293-8777**, agent for Tower Road Baptist Church (part of the Tower Road Baptist Church); Requests approval of an EPC Site Development Plan Amendment for Building Permit for a proposed Gymnasium for the Tower Road Christian Academy (part of the Tower Road Baptist Church); Petra Morris at **505-924-3343**.



CITY SCOOP

News From City Departments

Human Rights Board

Submitted By Dolores Crollet

Four \$1000 Scholarships Awarded By Human Rights Board

The Albuquerque Human Rights Board is marking the tenth anniversary of the passing of human rights activist, Neil Isbin, by awarding four \$1,000 scholarships to Albuquerque High School Seniors.

The four recipients of the 2006 awards include Graciela Raquel Sedillo Lopez, Highland High School; Pascuala Gabriela Mayorga, West Mesa High School; Elizabeth Brito, St. Pius X. High School; and Justin Carlton Remer-Thamert, Albuquerque High School.



Graciela Raquel Sedillo Lopez, enrolled in the gifted program at Highland High School, concurrently attends the University of New Mexico. She has joined an international student movement called "United Students Against Sweatshops," a group working toward ending the exploitation of workers globally. She has also lobbied state legislators at the past legis-

lative session to require insurance companies to enforce their policies to pay for Emergency Contraception and to require schools to educate students about this issue. She has also been in the forefront of addressing recent racial problems at Highland High School.

Pascuala Gabriela Mayorga, a senior at West Mesa High School, has been involved in Working Classroom, an after-school street conservatory that provides an artistic outlet to low-income minority students. Pascuala, an immigrant herself, has used her talents to create community dialogue about issues such as family violence, homophobia, and immigration and to foster cross-cultural understanding through the arts.



Elizabeth Brito is focused on her goal to attain a university education. She attends the academically challenging St. Pius X. High School, lives with her grandfather, and works to contribute to the household finances. She has volunteered for four years with the SAFE TEEN Program, an organization that helps keep teenagers off the streets. Elizabeth is a recipient of a 2006



Martin Luther King, Jr. Multicultural Council scholarship. In the essay she wrote for that award, she said, "I know that if one person works for justice, the effects will spread to others. If each of us takes a stand for justice, we can help to realize Dr. King's dream of justice for all."

Justin Carlton Remer-Thamert attends Albuquerque High School. During his junior year he became an active member of the drama department and the International Thespian Society. In the fall of 2004 he acted in *The Laramie Project*, a play concerning discrimination toward gays following the murder of Matthew Shepard. He later acted in *Cabaret* which the *Albuquerque Tribune* described as raising awareness of the parallels between Nazi Germany and the persecution of Muslims today.



In 1996, Herb and Kathie Isbin established a scholarship trust fund in memory of their son, Neil Isbin. Neil Isbin was a long-time human rights activist. He was a leading proponent of legislation amending the New Mexico Human Rights Act to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

The Neil Isbin Scholarship Award trust fund is administered by the Jewish Federation of Greater Albuquerque. The Albuquerque Human Rights Board established the criteria for the scholarships and selects the individuals to receive the award.

Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System

Submitted by Riann K. Powell

Gear up for Summer Reading

With summer vacation just around the corner, the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System is gearing up for the 2006 Summer Reading Club. The Summer Reading Club runs from **May 19 to July 21**. Registration for this free program begins on May 19 and continues through mid-July. Children, teens and adults of all ages are invited to drop by their local library during its hours of operation to register. **The Summer Reading Club will kick-off with an exciting event on May 20 at the South Broadway Library and Park from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** The kick-off party will feature free entertainment and activities, including fun jumps, spin art, live music, clowns, snacks and more!

During the nine-week program, children, teens and adults are encouraged to register, read and attend any of the programs that the libraries offer. As an incentive to read for fun during the summer, children and teens collect a prize for every hour they read. For every 10 hours of reading all participants can also enter their name into a raffle for additional prizes. Throughout the summer, participating libraries will feature free entertainment by magicians, musicians and storytellers.

For additional information about the Summer Reading Club, including the entertainment lineup and kick-off party details, visit the library website at www.cabq.gov/library or call 768-5136.



Legal

Submitted By Shannon Watson

Community Mediation Program

The City of Albuquerque offers a Community Mediation Program to all Albuquerque residents. Community Mediation is a dispute resolution process designed for neighbors to resolve conflict and disputes within their own community.

Mediation provides an opportunity to express differences and improve relationships by:

- o Reducing communication obstacles in order to define and clarify issues;
- o Explore possible solutions; and
- o Create solutions that reflect the unique needs and interests of the situation.

Benefits of using mediation are:

Confidential – Mediators will not disclose what is said in the mediation session. The only exception is the signed, final agreement and certain legal requirements.

Control – The mediators keep the lines of communication open, but do not make decisions about how the dispute should be resolved. Decision making power is reserved for the people affected by the outcome. The mediators do not impose their own views or solutions.

Voluntary – You choose whether you want to mediate. You can also choose to stop the mediation process at any time. You choose to reach an agreement.

Private – Mediation occurs in a private environment rather than an open courtroom. The participants decide who needs to be involved in the mediation.

Quick and Cost-Effective – Mediation services are provided at **no charge** to City of Albuquerque residents. Mediations can be scheduled within one to two weeks at locations and times that are convenient for you.

Respectful – Mediation respects differences in opinions, beliefs and backgrounds.

It Works! – Because participants are involved in creating their own solution research shows people are more satisfied with the result and comply with the terms of the agreement.

For more information about the mediation process, contact the Alternative Dispute Resolution Office at **768-4500**.



Submitted By Brynda Gutierrez

The Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority (ABCWUA) is a joint agency of the City of Albuquerque and the County of Bernalillo that administers the water and wastewater utility for all of Albuquerque and Bernalillo County. The New Mexico State Legislature created the Albuquerque-Bernalillo Water Authority in June of 2003.

The Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority is a political subdivision of the state. The Authority governs the water and wastewater utility for all of Albuquerque and Bernalillo County. The Authority’s membership includes three Bernalillo County Commissioners, three Albuquerque City Councilors, the Mayor of Albuquerque and a Village of Los Ranchos Trustee as an Ex Officio member. The Current members include:

Chairman - Alan B. Armijo, County Commissioner

Vice-Chairman - Isaac Benton, City Councilor

City of Albuquerque Members - Martin Chávez, Mayor; Michael Cadigan, City Councilor; Martin Heinrich, City Councilor

Bernalillo County Members - Deanna A. Archuleta-Loeser, County Commissioner; Teresa Cordova, County Commissioner

Ex Officio Member - Pablo Rael, Trustee, Village of Los Ranchos

Monthly board meetings are held in the Joint Chambers of the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Government Center. Meeting schedules and agenda are available at the ABCWUA Website <www.cabq.gov/wua/>

The Authority is focused regionally on conservation, elimination of septic tanks and provision of potable water to the developed areas of the North and South Valley. It is also striving to make improvements to the existing distribution system to avoid water losses, bringing the surface drinking water project online to avoid the depletion of the aquifer, and complying with arsenic standards. In addition, it is working towards realizing better management efficiencies for rate payers and providing long range planning and delivery for water and wastewater in the service area.

In next month’s *Neighborhood News* we will learn more about the services ABCUWA offers, the service area of ABCUWA, and their plans for the future.



**Albuquerque Bernalillo County
Water Utility Authority**

Submitted By John Stomp and Patti Watson

**San Juan-Chama Drinking Water Project
Construction Continues In May
In NE and NW Albuquerque**

May brings continued construction in Northeast and Northwest Albuquerque as construction (and progress) continues on a number of pipeline projects for the San Juan-Chama Drinking Water Project.

Northeast Quadrant of Albuquerque

**San Pedro Drive NE between Montgomery Boulevard NE and
Osuna Road/Osuna Road NE between Pinata Court NE and
San Pedro Drive NE**

The Leyendecker pipeline is moving into its next phase this month. The stretch of San Pedro Drive NE between Candelaria Road NE and Comanche Road NE is now paved and open. San Pedro Drive NE between Comanche Road NE and Montgomery Boulevard NE is scheduled to be paved and fully reopened by late May or early June. Tentatively, pending construction on the Eastside pipeline on Osuna Road NE between Seagull Lane NE and San Pedro Drive NE, crews will begin work on the south side of Osuna Road NE just east of Pinata Court NE, and head east toward San Pedro Drive NE. Once they reach San Pedro Drive NE, they will lay pipeline heading north to south on the west side of San Pedro Drive NE. Two lanes of traffic (one lane in each direction) will be open on the east side of San Pedro Drive NE. Access to all residences in this area will be maintained. Motorists should expect some delays and can use Louisiana Boulevard NE or San Mateo Boulevard NE as alternate routes.

**Osuna Road NE between Seagull Lane NE and
San Pedro Drive NE**

Crews are finishing up work on the Eastside pipeline this month. Planned activities include completion of the pipeline being laid on the south side of Osuna Road NE heading toward the Arroyo del Oso Golf Course, crossing from south Osuna Road NE to north Osuna Road NE at the western edge of the golf course, and installation of a vault in Osuna Road NE for the pipeline. During the day, between 6:30 a.m. - 6 p.m., only one lane of traffic is allowed in one direction at a time. Flaggers are on hand to direct traffic through the construction zone. Evenings, one lane of traffic will be open in each direction. Motorists should expect occasional delays, and can use McLeod Road NE as alternate routes. This pipeline project is expected to be completed in June.

Renaissance Boulevard NE

Crews are laying pipeline on the two lanes of Renaissance Boulevard NE that transport traffic from north to east. One lane of traffic is open in each direction in the west-to-south lanes of Renaissance Boulevard NE. The farthest west driveway of Home Depot is closed, but the other two Home Depot driveways will remain open. Access will be maintained to Bob Turner's Ford County through a dedicated left turn lane at the dealership's driveway on Renaissance Boulevard NE. This phase of construction is expected to last through mid May. Motorists can use several detour routes, including Alexander Boulevard NE, Culture Drive NE, or turning southbound on Renaissance Boulevard NE and looping around to reach local businesses.

Northwest Quadrant of Albuquerque

Campbell Road NW

As part of the West Valley Pipeline, through the middle of May

crews are installing a dewatering pipeline along the south curb line of Campbell Road NW between the Rio Grande Bosque and Rio Grande Boulevard NE. Traffic is restricted during the day. Driveways on the south side of Campbell Road NW are being closed for approximately four hours as the pipeline is installed across them, however one lane of traffic is open in each direction and the contractor is notifying residents just in advance of crossing their driveways so that they can move their vehicles as needed.

Other work expected on the West Valley pipeline involves tunneling under Rio Grande Boulevard NW to install casing pipe for the waterline (no traffic impacts are expected). Also, crews will continue to lay pipeline along the Alameda Drain from Second Street NW to 12th Street NW, heading west.

Paseo del Norte NW West to Rio Grande Boulevard NW

Crews working on the Raw Water #1 project are continuing to lay pipeline north of Paseo del Norte NW, toward Rio Grande Boulevard NW. They will continue laying pipeline north of Paseo del Norte NW to Fourth Street NW, then to Second Street NW. No traffic impacts are expected on this project in May.

Nearing Completion

Final installation of landscaping and a roundabout at the intersection of Sequoia Road NW with Alamogordo Road NW and Vista Grande Drive NW is expected to be completed by the middle of May. This month, crews are also completing the River Crossing Pipeline, which extends from Sequoia Road NW under the Rio Grande River to Campbell Road NW and the East Bosque.

**Beginning Soon
Northeast Quadrant**

Work is scheduled to begin in June on Raw Water Pipeline #2, which extends from Paseo del Norte NE and the North Diversion Channel to the new Water Treatment Plant under construction near Chappell Road NE.

Northwest Quadrant

Work is also scheduled to begin in June on the Raw Water Pump Station, which will be located on the northwest corner of the Bachechi Open Space. The building will be highlighted with a 32' parapet to add architectural interest and will blend in with area homes and architecture. The pump station will be fully xeriscaped, with minimal down-lighting, and will serve as an access point to Alameda/Rio Grande Open Space.

Work is also scheduled to begin in June on the Volcano North Segment pipeline, which begins at the intersection of Atrisco Drive NW and St. Joseph's Drive NW/Ladera Drive NW and extends north along Atrisco Drive NW and Unser Boulevard NW to Montano Road NW.

For More Information or to Schedule a Presentation

If you would like to schedule a presentation on the San Juan-Chama Drinking Water Project for your neighborhood or homeowners association, please call **Patti Watson or Shannon Jackson** at 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 **242-ROAD (242-7623)** or e-mail <pattiw@cooneywatson.com>.



Environmental Health, Animal Services Division
Submitted By Denise Wilcox, Division Manager

Open Up Your Home To A Foster Animal

Puppy and kitten season is right around the corner and the **City of Albuquerque Animal Care Center (AACC)** is looking for foster parents to provide temporary homes for animals in need.

Become a part of our foster parent program and you could make the difference for animals that cannot be adopted right away. These animals could become excellent pets, however, after they have had the chance to become healthy, socialized, or just plain older.

Foster volunteers take these animals into their home, providing a safe environment for them to mature, become more socialized, or heal from an existing wound or illness.

The devotion and care provided by a foster parent gives the animal a chance to be adopted by a loving home. The length of time an animal spends with a foster parent depends on the requirements of the animal. This can be an intense short-term commitment, but also a very rewarding one. Please contact Regina at **505-764-1125** to request a foster questionnaire application.

Types of animals that need fostering:

- 1) Litters of kittens/puppies – The need is especially great during the spring/summer kitten season, when litters of unweaned kittens/puppies are brought to our shelters. Until the babies are old enough to be weaned, they cannot be put up for adoption.
- 2) Large momma dogs with litters – The AACC needs a quiet home for newly delivered mothers with puppies.
- 3) Surgery animals – Foster homes are needed to allow the animal to recoup from their surgery.
- 4) Behavioral issues – These types of animals are determined by the staff to require a patient foster parent to provide attention and socialize the animal in order to make it more adoptable.

Fostering will save the life of a shelter animal!



Transit - ABQ Ride

Bike to Work Day 2006 and other Spring Events

Although celebrating Bike to Work Day is not new in Albuquerque, this year's events marks a turning point in Albuquerque's transportation alternatives. Like many cities in the U.S., Albuquerque has expanded in ways such that centers of employment and housing are segregated and distant, making it difficult to walk and bike from home to work. However, BikeABQ along with Albuquerque's Municipal Development Department, ABQ Ride and the New Mexico Rail Runner are working to bring bicycling and walking back with a great Bike to Work event.

In preparation for the Bike to Work Day, BikeABQ and Albuquerque's Municipal Development Department and Albuquerque's Parks and Recreation Department are hosting several bicycle-related classes. There are four basic bike mechanics, one advanced bike mechanics and a bicycle road skills class. Participants that successfully complete the both a basic bike mechanics class and the bicycle road skills class will receive a League of American Bicyclist Road I certificate.

To further encourage the community to ride, BikeABQ is hosting an annual Bike Swap. This event brings together experienced and new cyclists. It is also a great way to get rid of old bicycle gear and find excellent deals. Proceeds from this event go to support bicycle safety programs and bike advocacy on the local, state and national levels.

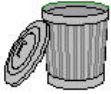
Finally, all these events lead to **Bike to Work Day on Friday, May 19, 2006**. There will be *five very special food stops*. Ushering in New Mexico's new commuter rail system, the main event will be held at the **Alvarado Transit Center's NM Rail Runner Downtown Station**. Next, BikeABQ is branching out to new areas of town, Uptown and the Journal Center. There will be a food stop at the **Uptown Transit Center** near America's Parkway and Indian School NE. The Uptown Transit Center is a major stop for the Rapid Ride and ABQ Ride Routes 3, 6, 12, and 34. REI is helping host a food stop at the **North Diversion Channel Trail and the Journal Center Bridge**. Finally, there will be an additional food stop on the **Paseo del Noreste Trail and Erna Fergusson Library**. **Breakfast will be available at these food stops from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m.**

There will be one lunch time event at the **UNM Duckpond** from **11 a.m. to 1 p.m.** UNM is currently conducting a survey about bicycling on campus. Anyone who bikes to UNM is encouraged to fill out the survey at <http://www.unm.edu/waytogo/bike%20survey.pdf>.

There will be a special Bike Buddies contest this year at all food stops. Everyone is encouraged to get a group together of individuals that have not bicycled to work before and bicycle together to a food stop. The Bike Buddy who brings the most new cyclists will be awarded a \$250 gift certificate to Albuquerque Bicycle Center or a weekend stay at the Marriott Hotel.

Please, take a class, buy a bike, and bring a friend to a food stop. There are a lot of exciting events going on this spring with BikeABQ and we hope you can be a part of it!





Talkin' Trash

Submitted By Tina Trekker



Ah, Spring! Despite the wind and allergies, it's difficult to find reason to complain. Birds chirp in the dawn's light, the weather is getting increasingly more balmy and blue, and you and your neighbors can finally begin hosting activities outdoors!

But before you send out the e-vites and make the potato salad, here are some pointers to keeping your neighborhood event good, clean fun, and in concert with Mayor Chávez' Anti-Litter Initiative and the work of his Clean Team.

For big gatherings at a local park, did you know you should reserve it in advance? Otherwise you and your neighbors may be unwitting spectators at a youth soccer game or even a Renaissance Faire. Though the latter could end up being quite fun and a new neighborhood tradition! In any case, overuse can lead to over-abuse.

For larger events, organizers are encouraged to go through the City's Special Events Permitting Committee process to coordinate such things as possible street closures (for block parties), noise levels, neighbor notification, public safety, and especially sanitation needs, in addition to any other concerns that arise when a large community event is being planned.

Since we're talking trash, are you familiar with the following City ordinance?

“§ 10-1-1-4

No person in a park shall:

(A) Throw, discharge or otherwise place or cause to be placed in the waters of any fountain, pond, lake, stream or other body of water in or adjacent to any park or any tributary, stream, storm sewer, or drain flowing into such waters, any substances, matter or thing, liquid or solid, which will or may result in the pollution of said waters.

(B) Dump, deposit, or leave any bottles, broken glass, paper, boxes, cans, dirt, rubbish, waste, garbage, or refuse, or other trash. No such refuse or trash shall be placed in any waters in or contiguous to any park, or left anywhere on the grounds, but shall be placed in the proper receptacles where these are provided; where receptacles are not so provided, all rubbish or waste shall be carried away from the park responsible for its presence, and properly disposed of elsewhere.

(C) Have in his possession any glass container except as necessary for the immediate rendering of emergency medical treatment.”

This is common-sense stewardship of your local park, however, there are some other practices that should become standard trash management:

1. Recycle! Even if there are no recycling receptacles, bag up your plastics and aluminum, and take them home to be collected curbside.
2. Try not to park vehicles in front of trashcans or bins. Otherwise, you may impede a pickup.
3. Do not overflow trashcans and contribute to litter. Find a nearby, less-full receptacle to use, or take it away with you and dispose of elsewhere.

Finally, in lieu of the troubles of hosting your own association event, consider organizing a neighborhood outing to any one of the many great events put on by the City's Cultural Services Department, such as Summer Nights on Thursdays at the Botanic Gardens, Zoo Music Fridays at the Rio Grande Zoo, Summerfest Saturdays on Civic Plaza, Jazz/Salsa Under the Stars at the Albuquerque Museum, and many others.

Call **311** for more information on the advice above. Thank you very much for your cooperation in keeping this spring season litter free!

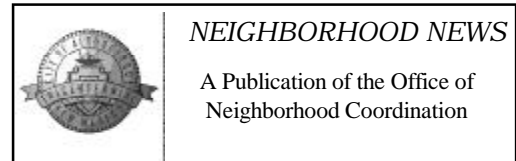
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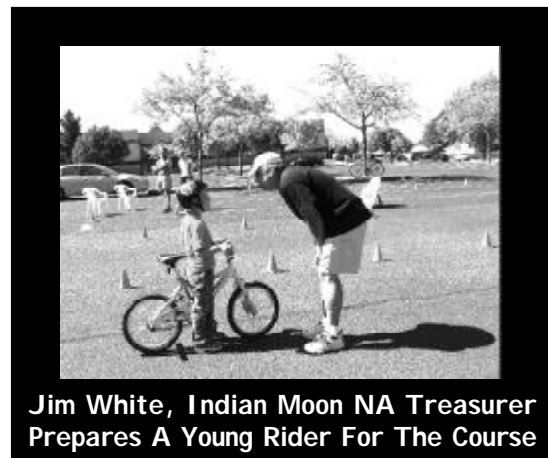
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