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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 your hard work, dedication and commitment to improving the quality of life in your neighborhood.

Neighborhood "Welcome" to "Thanks" to Association **Incoming President Outgoing President** Academy North William Consuegra Steffi Alves Highlands North Ron Scott Ed Manfre Chuck Maguire Netherwood Park Karl Schwerin North Wyoming Amy Wasko Nanci Carriveau Stronghurst Nasser Safaei Beth Brownell Westside Coalition Dan Serrano Dr. Joe Valles

NEW NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION(S)

The East Gateway Coalition is located in City Council District 9, Police Beat – various/FH, County Commission District 3 and 5. The contacts for this coalition are Roger Mickelson and Sissy Drain. Welcome Aboard!!

The Cibola Loop Neighborhood Association is located in City Council District 5, Police Beat – 112/WS, County Commission District 1. The contacts for this association are Scott Salvas and Jacque Abeyta. Cibola Loop Neighborhood Association became recognized on May 8, 2007. Welcome Aboard!!

The Monte Largo Hills Neighborhood Association is located in City Council District 9, Police Beat – 532/FH, County Commission District 5. The contacts for this association are Irene Brown and Edward Haddad. Monte Largo Hills Neighborhood Association became recognized on May 18, 2007. Welcome Aboard!!

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

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

Please call Dalaina at 505-924-3906 for further information. Annual Reports for the following months are due:

March Annual Reports are due:

April Annual Reports are due:

May Annual Reports are due:

June 1, 2007

July 1, 2007

August 1, 2007

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

Planning Department/Office of Neighborhood Coordination

Attention: Dalaina Carmona

600 Second Street NW, Rm. 120 (Basement Level)

Albuquerque, NM 87102

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If you have a disability and will need special assistance to benefit from any of the meetings, hearings or workshops, etc., appearing in this newsletter, contact the office sponsoring the event two weeks prior to the date of the meeting you plan to attend. When ever possible, TTY phone numbers will be listed. TTY users may call any phone number listed in this publication via Relay New Mexico at 1-800-659-8331.



Across The City Metro Court

Submitted By Janet Blair

Kids' Day at Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court

Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court celebrated National Take your Daughters and Sons to Work Day again this year with about 100 children visiting the courthouse.



The kids went on tours of courtrooms and some of the behindthe-scenes operations that make Metropolitan Court one of the most technologically advanced courts in the country. Several judges hosted mock trials for the small tourists interested in the criminal justice system. The children are hosted and supervised by the Court's Employee Committee.



Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utililty Authority

Earn Credit on Water Bill Take a "Water Smart!" Irrigation Class

Submitted By Katherine Yuhas, Water Conservation Officer How much water does that wisteria really need? How many times a week should you water the grass? Is it better to bubble or drip? The answers to these and all your watering questions will be answered in a new class sponsored by the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority. The best part of all: Participants in the free class will be eligible for a \$20 credit on their water bill!

The one-hour course, entitled "Water Smart!" will be offered 12 times between now and the end of August. The class will help

gardeners and homeowners determine how much water to put on lawns, shrubs, trees, xeriscape and vegetable or flower gardens. It will provide a review of water delivery systems (sprinklers, bubblers, drippers, and hoses) and teach participants how long to water and how often based on their own specific needs.

Participants will be asked to sign in and show proof of address (such as a water bill) to get the \$20 credit. The credit is being offered as part of a new outdoor conservation initiative undertaken this year by the Water Authority.

"With 40 percent of our water being used on landscaping every year, outdoor conservation is an obvious area for attention," said Martin Heinrich, Chair of the Water Authority Board. "Our conservation program has had tremendous success over the last decade, and we've seen per capita water use decline from 250 gallons per person per day to 165 gallons. But we must continue to find additional ways to conserve if we are to meet our goal of 150 gallons per day."

For more information, class locations and dates regarding the Water Authority's outdoor conservation rebate program, visit <www.abcwua.org> or call Katherine Yuhas at 505-768-3633.

News From The 2007 Legislative Session

Our State's 2007 Legislative Session passed a wide variety of laws and initiatives to move New Mexico forward in clean energy. One of these initiatives was Solar Collector Definitions and Restrictions Bill. The bill amended sections of the Solar Rights Act of 1978.

The Solar Collector Definitions and Restrictions Bill amendments were established through the enactment of House Bill 611 and Senate Bill 1031, sponsored by Representative Mimi Stewart and Senator Phil Griego, respectively. The purpose of the Solar Collector Definitions and Restrictions amendments to the existing Solar Rights Act are to prohibit cities from passing ordinances or codes and homeowner's associations from passing covenants that forbid solar installations, with the exception of historic districts.

The amendments to the Solar Rights Act were effective upon Governor Richardson's approval of the legislation in March 2007 and are retroactive to July 1, 1978.

For more information on Solar Collector Definitions and Restrictions Bill amendments and the Solar Rights Act, please view the following links: <House Bill 611, Senate Bill 1031, Solar Rights Act [Sections 47-3-1 to -5 NMSA 1978]> and <Your Solar Rights>.

The City of Albuquerque is analyzing this legislation to determine if we need to revise our zoning ordinances and/or land use policies.

NEIGHBORHOOD SCOOP

ACROSS FENCE

Los Candelarias Village Center Timeless

Submitted By Susan Vigil

At what point do manmade and wilderness, the invisible hand and government meet to create? Erudites use words like viewsheds and cultural landscapes, la miedo ambiente de cultura, but when did words become numbers? One thing agreed on is safety. Is it ever safe to change? That white wing tipped black bird flew in from Mexico. She has seen some changes, from season to season, la miedo ambiente slide under her shadow.

Here in the valley, the dirt looks the same. The weeds grow as tall with the rain as they do every year. Then we cut them down and open la cuompuertas to water the fields. There aren't as many fields in the north valley as there used to be there are many more in the south. These ramblings remind me of a walk I might take on the ditch banks.

The Near North Valley Neighborhood Association (NNVNA) is in a beautiful cottony space somewhere between City and County at the center of clouds and streets. The Indian Pueblo Cultural Center squares to its south on Indian School Road and Twelfth Street. Fourth Street, the pequeno auto pista, Los Candelarias, where my great grandmother lived - Los Griegos and Twelfth Street sequin through the neighborhood.

The North Fourth Street Redevelopment Study - DRAFT - describes the area's deep farming tradition. The river would flood the fields and the roads. Now it is damned and diverted eight times before it reaches Albuquerque. Even still its too is mighty.

The Albuquerque Metropolitan Redevelopment Agency and their team of artists and engineers completed the Los Candelarias streetscape in August 2006. Its theme is agricultural according to the community's wishes. The portales are inscribed with Valley High School student's poetry. Hank Saxe and Cynthia Patterson's intricate tiled water flows down brick rift sculptures. The street

shows promise.

The North Fourth Street Redevelopment Study - DRAFT - challenges the north valley to change. Power poles grow from the middle of the sidewalks. Every four feet or so, the sidewalk dips down into car ramps known as curb cutouts. The buildings are not new; big lots are used for auto repair and auto dealers. It's not



for lack of caring that the street is in poor condition. People love the North Valley.

A good step would be to "design walk able streets" says NNVNA board member Claude Morelli. In Claude's opinion, the Redevelopment Study's "design guidance is still not explicit enough that we can go before the Development Review Board and say this is what the plan intends." George Hutton, president of the NNVNA suggests Fourth Street planners "need to get on a scooter and try to ride around and see how ADA accessible Fourth Street is" ADA stands for the Americans with Disabilities Act which requires streets be accessible to disabled citizens.

The Metropolitan Redevelopment Agency suggests some special use rezoning for Fourth Street. These zones would allow live/work units, first floor shops with town house apartments on the second and third floor by right. The new zones may include window requirements to keep buildings open to the street. Rules describing how buildings form diverse walls to the street are under consideration, as well as mandated land-scaping - desert willow and honey-suckle. Automobile industries re-clustered into a single area near Montano and Fourth Street is also on the table. Auto businesses are wary of the proposed new zoning. Facilitated meetings between the city, the neighborhoods and merchants are underway, weaving the visions of all three parties together.

Albuquerque's valleys are cross hatched with ditch trails, where La Llorona soaks her feet, and weeds her dedos through the white froth. The NNVNA works closely with Ditches with Trails, to unite the north and south valley acequias. Their goal is to preserve a "trail network but also engage the North Valley in how ditches function in culture," Claude explains. Cottonwoods that have been along the water ways longer than the people guard the ditches and, in return, are guarded by the Ditches with Trails project. When the City began installing pipelines to divert San Juan Chama River Water, ditch bank trails were revamped with safer bridges and surfacing. Research conducted by the Ditches with Trail Safety sub-committees was essential to the New Mexico state Legislature Trails Liability Bill, sponsored by Dede Feldman. The Safety subcommittee identified hazards and safety solutions on ditch trails effectively reassuring legislators of the trails suitability for state wide government protection. Working with several north and south valley neighborhood associations, Ditches with Trails is designing a City demonstration trail at the Griegos drain near the Flying Star Plaza. Western King Birds with their bright yellow bellies will sing at the opening.

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From The Manager's Desk

Greetings!

We are planning our workshop schedule for the remainder of 2007 and will have the schedule out in the next few weeks. We hope you will join us for a few of these useful trainings. Until then, here is some important information regarding the access of building permits and applications.

Building Permit Report Information

The much promised information, regarding construction permits and the applications for permits, is now available on the city website at http://www.cabq.gov/planning/bldgsafety/. While it still needs some "tweaking" and we will continue to work on other enhancements, it is a large, and very important, first step. The data available is from January 1, 2006 through the most recent Friday.

Weekly updates of the data will be made every Friday night. Until then I could send you weekly updates in the text file format (a **really** wide spreadsheet) but unless specifically requested I don't think this is that urgent and would prefer not to do so.

To "test drive" the new reports go to the Planning web page, Building and Safety page http://www.cabq.gov/planning/bldgsafety and scroll down to Building Permit Reports and youo will find the links below:

- o <New Commercial Applications>
- o <New Commercial Permits>
- o <New Multi-Family Applications>
- o <New Multi-Family Permits>
- o <New Single Family Applications>
- o <New Single Family Permits>

The reports break the data out into three basic groups - Commercial, Multi-Family, and Single Family. Each group is subdivided between Permit Applications and Issued Permits.

Within each report the data is sorted by City <u>postal quadrant</u>, street name and address number. Note that these are slightly different areas than the data regarding hearings furnished by ONC (ONC uses the freeway quadrants where the USPS uses Central and the railroad as the dividing lines).

According to our city Guru on this information, you can select the text you want and copy/paste it into Excel if you want to further manipulate the data. He further indicated that future enhancements to these reports will allow you to open the report in Excel and save the data directly to your PC.

Thanks to Kyle Roth, IT guru, City of Albuquerque, Don Couchman, President of the District 8 Coalition

of Neighborhood Associations and Academy Hills Park Neighborhood Association, Dr. Joe Valles, Westside Coalition

for providing this valuable information to the neighborhood associations!

NEIGHBORHOOD SCOOP continued



A Message From The Mayor

Martin J. Chávez Mayor of Albuquerque

Police Tackle Tough Job with Increasingly Sophisticated, Successful Approach

The Albuquerque Police Department's (APD) 2006 Annual Report is now available on the web at < www.cabq.gov/apd>. Contained within are just some of the events that unfolded for officers and support staff who serve with such great commitment and dedication.

Overall, crime is still down 17%, despite increases nationally. Albuquerque's finest have solved nearly of all homicide cases, compared to the national average of 53%, which puts the Albuquerque Police Department as one of the top in the nation. This year we are right at the cusp of achieving our 1,100 officer goal, the result of an unprecedented recruitment of police officers.

Ray Schultz continues to shine as our Chief of Police. He has brought up thru the ranks key members of APD's new management team. Chief Schultz and the rest of APD have my total support.

One of the initiatives showing results this year is a program called "Problem Solving." Members of the Department from throughout the city get together once a month to discuss the top five problems in their areas. It is through this Problem Solving effort that the Department has linked criminal connections in different parts of the city, resulting in the capture of many of the top and most active criminals.

Community policing has taken progressive steps by enhancing our Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) and with the deployment of the Crisis Outreach Assistance Support Team (COAST). Our police force has opened a new book in accountability and availability with the creation of

the Public Safety Partnership (PSP), a thirteen-member citizen panel that acts as a liaison between the community and the Chief.

This year we have had to fight to protect two successful programs, "Slow Down Albuquerque" and our "Electronic Enforcement Program," known respectively as the speed vans and the red light cameras. These initiatives have helped save lives, are funded by the violators, and will keep the community aware of the absolute need for safe travel throughout our city.

In 2005, we experienced unprecedented tragedy with the losses of Officer Michael King and Officer Richard Smith. In 2006 we pushed for a Kendra's Law in Santa Fe so that those with severe mental illness who pose a danger are not simply turned loose on the streets, but get treatment ordered by the court when necessary. When the Senate floor failed to take a vote on Kendra before adjourning, we passed a municipal ordinance which is currently under challenge in the courts. And we took Kendra up again this past session in Santa Fe, only to see the bill tabled late one evening in a Senate committee.

Regardless of the setbacks, those in harm's way have my promise that I will continue to fight for outpatient treatment reforms until we not only have a Kendra's law throughout New Mexico, but a system of services that can fully support it.

Again, I join with all of Albuquerque to say thanks to all who work at APD for the highest level of service and commitment each and every day to keep our families and the whole community safe.

Grammy Winners Headline Q Jam Music Festival May 26 and 27, 2007

Mayor Martin J. Chávez's Q JAM Music Festival and Environmental Sustainability Fair set for Memorial Day Weekend, May 26-27, 2007 offers a musical lineup that features three Grammy winners and a multiple-nominee.

Saturday's concert will begin at 1:00 p.m. and feature blues legend **Jonny Lang** plus

the **Blind Boys of Alabama.** Opening the day's event will be the highly popular group, **The James Douglas Show**.

Jonny Lang has become an icon in the world of blues with his unique guitar styling. **Blind Boys of Alabama** have performed pure soul gospel onstage for over 60 years.

Opening Saturday's performance is **The James Douglas Show** performing their unique hybrid of rhythm & blues, rock, funk and smooth jazz.

On Sunday, singer-songwriter **Joan Osborne** takes the stage to perform her blend of folk/country/blues. **Delbert McClinton** is an elder statesman of Texas music, a blues-and-roots giant.

Sunday's opener **Michael Hearne and South by Southwest** has created a new and unique sound.

One-hour breaks between musical performers will allow the public to visit the many exhibits and attend presentations on sustainable living that include home improvement, energy conservation, transportation and more.

All performances will be held on Civic Plaza. Limited shade and seats are available.

Saturday, May 26, 2007

1:00-2:00 p.m. The James Douglas

Show

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Blind Boys of

Alabama

5:30 – 7:00 p.m. Jonny Lang

Sunday, May 27, 2007

1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Michael Hearne

& South by Southwest

3:00-4:00 p.m. Delbert McClinton

5:30 – 7:00 p.m. Joan Osborne

What Not To Bring

No photography or videography of performers allowed. Alcoholic beverages or glass containers may not be brought to special events. All attendees subject to search. Water and food allowed in; food vendors will be on site. Non-contracted vendors are prohibited from selling in designated program areas. Limited chair seating provided; bringing your own chair is allowed. Pets allowed on leash; curb your pet. The use of alternative transportation is encouraged!

A Message From Your City Council

District 1 – City Councilor Ken Sanchez – Councilor Sanchez sponsored legislation for funding of \$6.2 million to match State

for funding of \$6.2 million to match State Grip II funding and begin the much needed reconstruction of South Unser. The project will include four lanes from Central to San Ignacio and bike lanes on both sides of Unser from Central to Sage. An off-street walking trail will also be created next to Unser from Central to Bridge. The construction will begin this summer and take approximately three years. Councilor Sanchez and many residents of the Southwest Mesa feel this is a major project and due to overwhelming growth, there is a definite need for road improvements in the area.

District 2 - City Council President Debbie O'Malley is excited to announce that many parks in District 2 are getting face lifts:

•Coronado Park - Now open - New skate park •Valley Pool Park - New playground equipment installed November of 2006 and perimeter access control (pipe railing) to be installed this summer. •Los Duranes - (In construction) New playground equipment, shade structure and lights. •Graves Park - (In construction) Adding basketball half court, climbing structure, full walking path, shade structure, and planting more tress. •Villela Park -The last wood playground structure in the City to be replaced by a unique and fun structure to be installed mid-May. •Vista Del Norte - Bernardo Trials Park (small park) to be completed this summer. •Paseo de Estella (big park) will begin construction mid-May and finish last summer.

•Lafayette Park - Phase Two playground area and shade structure to be installed late this summer. •Matthew Meadows Park - waiting for construction date to commence phase two of the large playground area.

District 3 - On May 2, 2007, City Councilor Isaac Benton was elected Vice-Chair of the Regional Transit District Board of the Mid-Region Council of Governments; his term as Vice-Chair will commence in fiscal year 2008. Councilor Benton serves on the RTD Board with fellow City Councilors Michael Cadigan, Martin Heinrich, and Ken Sanchez, as well as elected officials from around the region. The Board is responsible for establishing and operating a regional transit district, and as a strong proponent of alternative and multi-modal transportation, Councilor Benton is excited about the opportunity to help move the Transit District's mission forward and create a high-quality, sustainable regional transit system. To learn more about the RTD, visit their website at

< h t t p : // w w w . m r c o g - n m . g o v / mrtd board.htm>.

District 4 - City Councilor Brad Winter is pleased to announce that the North Domingo Baca Park and Multigenerational Center has received funding from various sources which should assure at least completion of Phase V of the project. Phase V includes a play areas, a modular skate park and an off leash dog park. In addition to the \$800,000 that is available from previous funding cycles, Councilor Winter was successful in obtaining \$2.6 Million from the 2007 GO Bond program (which will be presented to the voters in October). State Legislators secured another \$675,000 for the park and multigenerational center in the 2007 session. Funds specifically for the Multigenerational Center include \$750,000 from previous State Legislative requests and \$6.2 Million from the 2007 GO Bond program. On another note, Councilor Winter has been working to assure that the controversial Red Light Camera process is conducted with fair and due process. He has introduced legislation which would create an independent Office of Hear-

District 5 - City Councilor Michael Cadigan is vehemently opposed to irresponsible development in District 5. He has been intricately involved in the opposition of a commercial development on the southwest corner of Coors and La Orilla which will have negative outcomes on the surrounding neighborhoods. He has worked for months with the Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association and Rio Oeste Homeowner's Association in hopes of creating a cooperative environment with the developer which would lead to the alleviation of some of the neighborhoods' main concerns. His advocacy cumulated at the May 8th Board of County Commissioners appeal hearing where he avidly presented arguments supporting Taylor Ranch NA's appeal of the replat.

District 6 - City Councilor Martin Heinrich has introduced legislation to be known as the "Slumlord Accountability" ordinance, amending the Uniform Housing Code. If approved, the ordinance (O-07-76) will provide for payment of relocation costs to residents and reimbursement of such costs by owners of the property whenever the City of Albuquerque Code Enforcement Team is forced to close a residential unit pursuant to safety provisions of the Housing Code Ordinance. "If a landlord is aware that there are problems with their property, then they need to be responsible to assure that their tenants are relocated when the City vacates their property," said Heinrich. He hopes that by providing the threat of relocation payments, this ordinance will provide an incentive to negligent landlords to address code violations and to keep their properties from becoming nuisances in the first place. Mark Allison, President of the Albuquerque Affordable Housing Coalition, expresses his support for the ordinance as a broader statement of the value of quality housing in Albuquerque. "The people of Albuquerque deserve safe and decent housing. And neighborhoods deserve to be free of nuisance and eyesore properties," says Allison.

District 7 - City Councilor Sally Mayer has endeavored to maintain the views in her district and has been vigorously working on approaches that will keep the Sandia's visible for all residents. She is also re-examining her Alarm Ordinance and keeping to her word by lowering the residential fines. Also, Councilor Mayer continues to work with the neighborhood associations in hopes that all new developments coincide with the neighborhoods concerns. And lastly, in Councilor Mayer's continuous fight for animals, she has introduced an option to get your pet spayed or neutered in lieu of paying a red-camera ticket.

District 8 - City Councilor Craig Loy and the District 8 Coalition of Neighborhoods along with the city's Planning Department will conduct a Town Hall meeting Wednesday, May 23 from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Bear Canyon Senior Center. Among other issues, the meeting will address new development and redevelopment in District 8 and how to make such development consistent with the community's values and character. District 8 City Councilor Craig Loy invites all interested citizens to attend the meeting and participate in the discussion on how growth and development can best be managed in the district. The Bear Canyon Senior Center is located at 4645 Pitt Street NE. For additional information please contact City Planner Michael Polikoff at 505-924-3346 or by e-mail at <mpolikoff@cabq.gov>

District 9 - City Councilor Don Harris has introduced to have the Planning Department study the East Central MRA and Sector Planning Area from Tramway to Moon. The addition of this planning area will place all of Central from Unser to I-25 and from Girard to Tramway within either an MRA or Sector Planning Area. The Planning Department's Metropolitan Redevelopment Agency will hold a study meeting on the Tuesday, May 22, 2007 at 6 p.m. For meeting location or information contact Gabe Rivera at 505-924-3479. The Planning Department expects to be underway with the Sector Plan section this summer. For more information regarding the sector plan, contact Paula Donahue at 505-924-3932.

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Thursday, May 24 •District 8 Coalition	Monday, June 4 •City Council – 5 p.m.	Thursday, June 14	Wednesday, June 20
– 7 p.m.	•DRB − 9 a.m.	•GWPAB – 8:30 a.m.	•DRB – 9 a.m.
Monday, May 28 CITY OFFICES CLOSED -MEMORIAL DAY	Wednesday, June 6 •PTAB – 10 a.m. •Westside Coalition – 7 p.m.	•TAB − 9 a.m. •Feedback Forum − 11:45 a.m. •EPC Study Session	•ADC – 3 p.m. •District 4 Coalition – 7 p.m. Thursday,
Wednesday, May 30 •DRB − 9 a.m. •LEPC − 9 a.m.	Thursday, June 7 •AAB – 9 a.m. •North Valley	- 3 p.m. •POC − 4 p.m. •SVCNA − 6:30 p.m.	June 21 •EPC Hearing − 8:30 a.m.
Thursday, May 31 •SWAN – 6:30 p.m.	Coalition – 7 p.m. Monday, June 11	Monday, June 18 •City Council – 5 p.m.	Tuesday, June 26 •BOA – 9 a.m.
	•GABAC – 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 13 •DRB – 9 a.m. •SEPC – 9 a.m. •LUCC – 3 p.m. •AQCB – 5:15 p.m.	Tuesday, June 19 •ZHE – 9 a.m. •GARTC – 4:30 p.m.	Wednesday, June 27 •DRB – 9 a.m. •EPC Pre-Hearing – 1:30 •LEPC – 9 a.m. •SEPC – 9 a.m. Thursday, June 28 •SWAN – 6:30 p.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

DRG - Development Review Board, Fraza del Soi Healing Room, our Second Street IVV, Basement Level

EPC - Environmental Planning Commission, Plaza del Sol Hearing Room, 600 Second St. NW, Basement Level

EPC Pre-Hearing - Environmental Planning Commission, Plaza del Sol, 600 Second St. NW, Third Fl. Conf. Room **EPC** Study Session - Environmental Planning Commission, Plaza del Sol, 600 Second St. NW, Third Fl. Conf. Room

FBF - FeedBack Forum, Planning Department, Plaza del Sol, 600 Second St. NW, Hearing Room, Basement Level

GABAC - Greater Albuquerque Bicycling Advisory Committee, City Hall, Room 302

GARTC - Greater Albuquerque Recreational Trails Committee - Locations vary, call 505-768-5308 for information

GWPAB - Ground Water Protection Advisory Board - Room 302 City/County Building, 400 Marquette NW

LEPC - Local Emergency Planning Committee - 11510 Sunset Gardens SW, 505-833-7300 or <www.lepcabqbernco.org> 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, Plaza del Sol Hearing Room, Basement Level, 600 Second St. NW

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EPC Hearing Notice

Publication of EPC hearing notices in the *Albuquerque Journal* will now occur on the **Wednesday - 22 days prior** to the public hearing on the **3**rd **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**, **May 23**, **2007** at **1:30** p.m. in the Planning Conference Room, Third Floor. The **EPC Public Hearing** will be held on **Thursday**, **June 21**, **2007** at **8:30** a.m. in the **Plaza del Sol Hearing Room** (basement level), **600 Second Street NW** for the following cases:

Citywide

All Neighborhoods; **06EPC-01144**, **Project** #**1001620**; The Planning Department of the City of Albuquerque, is proposing an Amendment to Section 14-16-3-17 ROA 1994, a portion of the Zoning Planning and Building Code, regarding the requirement of stealth technology in the siting of Wireless Telecommunications Facilities (*Council Bill Number F/S O-06-40*); Catalina Lehner at **505-924-3935**.

Northeast

Altura Addition (neighborhood association); 07EPC-00551, Project #1001178 (case #'s); Approximately one (1) acre(s) located on the south side of Cutler Avenue NE between Carlisle Boulevard NE and Morningside Drive NE (location of request); H-17 (zone atlas page #); DWL Architects and Planners Inc. of New Mexico at 505-242-6202, agent for Check With Me, LLC (applicant or agency and phone #); Requests a Zone Map Amendment from C-3 (SC) to C-3 for a proposed two (2) story high quality office building (action requested); Carol Toffaleti at 505-924-3345 (city staff planner).

Countrywood Area, Countrywood HOA, Heritage Hills, La Cueva Village, Nor Este, North Wyoming, Vineyard Estates; 07EPC-00569 and 00568, Project #1004622; Approximately two (2) acre(s) located on the south side of Paseo Del Norte NE between Barstow Street NE and Wyoming Boulevard NE; D-19; George Rainhart Architects and Associates at 505-884-9110, agent for New Mexico Educators Federal Credit Union (NMEDCU); Requests approval of an Zone Map Amendment from SU-2/O-1 to SU-2/C-1 and an EPC Site Development Plan for Building Permit for a proposed expansion on Lot 17 to expand its Credit Union facility on this site. Lot 18 already is owned by NMEFCU and has approval to develop a credit union on that lot; Anna DiMambro at 505-924-3924.

Alameda North Valley, Jade Park, Nor Este, North Domingo Baca, North Edith, North Hills, North Wyoming, Pleasant View, Quail Springs, Sonora, Sun North Estates, West La Cueva, Wildflower Area, Vista Del Norte; 07EPC-00566, Project #1005541; City of Albuquerque, Planning Department at 505-924-3860, agent for City of Albuquerque, Planning Department, Advance Planning Division; The North 1-25 Sector Development Plan area includes all properties within a defined geographical whose boundaries include the following: the Sandia Indian Reservation sovereign line on the north, the North Diversion Channel and Edith Boulevard on the west, Louisiana Boulevard on the east and Paseo Del Norte (and a small portion to San Bernardino Avenue on the eastern side) as the southern boundary. This area includes the Balloon Fiesta Park and the closed Coronado Airport site now vacant; B-17-18, C-16-18, D-16-18; Requests approval of the North I-25 Sector Development Plan; Chris Hyer at 505-924-3927.

Northwest

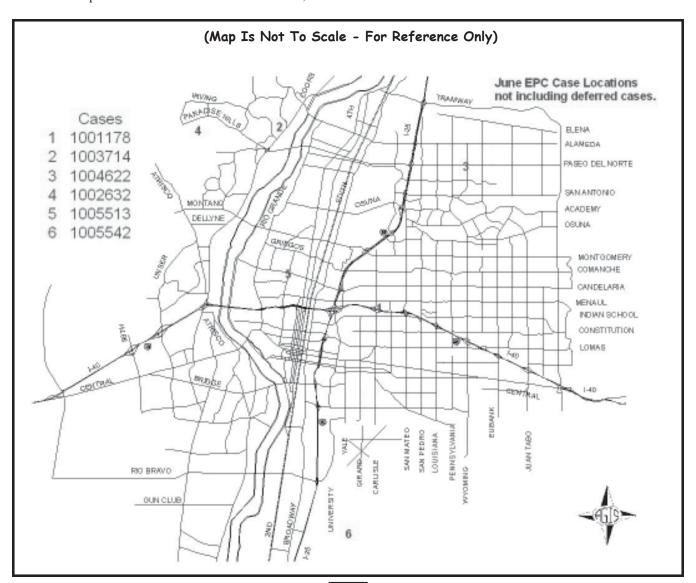
Paradise Hills; **07EPC-00571**, **Project** #1002632; Approximately forty-four (44) acre(s) located on the west side of Lyons Boulevard NW between Paradise Boulevard NW and the proposed Unser Alignment; B-11; Tierra West, LLC at **505-858-3100**, agent for Capital Alliance Investments; Requests approval of an EPC Sector Development Plan to allow a height variance from 15' to 26' to allow for the construction of two (2) story homes in the Sundance Estates, Unit 1A and 1B subdivision that fall inside the Impact Area of the Northwest Mesa Escarpment Plan; Stephanie Shumsky at **505-924-3933**.

Paradise Hills; **07EPC-00567**, **Project** #1003714; Approximately three (3) acre(s) located on the east side of Eagle Ranch Road NW between Eagle Ranch Road NW and Westside Drive NW; B-13; Alexander Fincale, P.A. at **505-205-4778**, agent for Associated home of RV Sales; Requests approval of a EPC Site Development Plan for Building Permit for a proposed 9,000 square foot office, retail and warehouse facility for "Enchantment RV"; Carol Toffaleti at **505-924-3345**.

Near North Valley; 07EPC-00572 and 00573, Project #1005513; Approximately one half (1/2) acre(s) located on the west side of 12th Street NW between Don Francisco NW and Candelaria Road NW; G-14; Frank L. and Evelyn Barela at 505-890-3707, agent for Frank L. and Evelyn Barela; Requests approval of an EPC Sector Development Plan for Subdivision and Building Permit for a proposed five (5) townhouse lots; Anna DiMambro at 505-924-3924.

Southeast

Mountain View; 07EPC-00570, Project #1005542; Approximately two (2) acre(s) located between Solar Mesa Avenue SE and Watson Drive SE; R-16; Denish+Kline Associates at 505-842-6461, agent for Mesa Del Sol, LLC; Requests approval of an EPC Sector Development Plan for Building Permit for a proposed Fire Station to accommodate two (2) fire trucks, an Emergency Medical Transportation vehicle and a battalion vehicle; Catalina Lehner at 505-924-3935.



CITY SCOOP

News From City Departments



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



Scam, Fraud and Con Games

Can you spot a con artist or con game? Most of us think we can – that we're too smart to fall victim to one of the leading crimes in our country today. The sad reality is, generally it's not that easy. Con artists rob all kinds of people of millions of dollars every year. Cons, scams, and frauds attempt to victimize us with false promises of miracle cures, financial security, and fabulous prizes. Remember, if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is. Follow these tips to help prevent you from becoming a victim.

•Never give a caller your Social Security Number, credit card information, bank account number, or phone card over the phone. It's illegal for telemarketers to ask for these types of numbers to verify a prize or gift. •Beware of 900 numbers. If you call a 900 number to claim a "prize," you might end up paying for the call. Understand all charges prior to making the call. •Don't allow an aggressive con artist to pressure you into making a quick decision. Demand information in writing by mail. Also, get a second opinion. Ask family, friends, and/or neighbors what they think about the offer. •You have the right and the power to say NO. If the caller makes you wary, be assertive and end the conversation. They often pray on the trusting, polite nature of people and the excitement over receiving a prize or bargain. You can prevent a crime and financial loss by saying no and hanging up the phone. •Don't buy health products or treatments that promise quick cures or a single product that cures many illnesses. •Look closely at offers that come in the mail. Con artists often use officiallooking forms and language. You are not obligated to respond to an offer you did not initiate. •If you have lost a loved one and you receive a call asking for payment for something they ordered or purchased prior to their death, do not make payment until investigating. •Beware of cheap home repair work especially if it is initiated by door-to-door soliciting. The con artist may do an incomplete job, use less than appropriate materials and untrained workers, or simply take your deposit and never return. Never pay with cash. Never accept offers from someone who "just happened to be in the neighborhood." Always check their credentials, work history, and licenses prior to contracting services. •If someone rips you off or you detect a fraud or con game, report the contact with police, the consumer protection office, and/or the District Attorney's office. •Don't be embarrassed to make the call. Very few frauds are reported, which leaves the con artist free to victimize others.

•Remember – If some one is attempting to gain information about you and you did not initiate the call or contact, consider it the beginning of a scam and discontinue the conversation. If you want information about a service or purchase, you make the initial contact.

What to do if you are a victim of a theft or lose your purse or wallet

- Cancel credit cards immediately keep account numbers and toll free numbers handy.
- File a police report immediately to prove diligence on your part.
- ■Call the three national credit-reporting organizations immediately to place a fraud alert on your name and Social Security Number.
 - Equifax @ 1-800-525-6285
 - Experian @ 1-800-397-3742
 - Trans Union @ 1-800-680-7289
 - Social Security Administration also has a fraud line @ 1-800-269-0271

National Hispanic Cultural Center

Submitted By Danny Lopez, Marketing Director

June 9, 2007

African Presence in Mexico Film Series National Hispanic Cultural Center 1701 Fourth Street, <www.nhccnm.org>, 505-246-2261 4 p.m., Free Admission

Rompiendo el Silencio (Breaking the Silence), 2005, Mexico-U.S, 12 min., Spanish with English subtitles Mas Chulo Shorts, 2006, Mexico-U.S., 14 min., Spanish with English subtitles. "Rompiendo el Silencio" tells the story of Afro-Mexicans in their own voices by exploring issues of visibility, communal history, and oral traditions. "Mas Chulo Shorts" are musical interludes inspired by a meeting of Black townships in Mexico's Costa Chica.

June 16, 2007

Workshop: Afro-Mestizos – Their History & Their Food National Hispanic Cultural Center

1701 Fourth Street, <www.nhccnm.org>, 505-246-2261 10 a.m. – noon, \$20 registration fee

Join chef Doris Careaga-Coleman and scholar Sagrario Cruz-Carretero on an intriguing culinary adventure.

June 16, 2007

Drum Making Demonstration National Hispanic Cultural Center 1701 Fourth Street, <www.nhccnm.org>, 505-246-2261

1 p.m. – 4 p.m. Free Admission

Come and learn about the history and cultural expressions reflected in African drumming and its transference to the Caribbean and Latin America. Conducted by Ghanaian master percussionish and UNM instructor Laryea Addy.

Cultural Services

Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System Submitted By Riann Powell



2007 Summer Reading Program

Is your teen looking something fun to do over the summer? Does he or she have an interest in art? Science? Math? Music? Movies? If so, the library is just the place to go! This year the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System is hosting a variety of free activities all summer long as part of the 2007 Summer Reading Program. Teens ages 12-18 are invited to explore the art and science of fractals, receive instruction on how to play a musical instrument and construct a song, watch a popular movie and much more.

For a schedule of teen activities, as well as information on the Summer Reading Program, visit the Library's website at <www.cabq.gov/library> or call 505-768-5115. Libraries aren't just for book reports anymore!

ABQ Ride

Submitted By Jessica Dyer

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ABQ Ride After Dark

Albuquerque residents with late-night plans can count on a safe ride home this summer. ABQ RIDE will once again offer Rapid After Dark service on the Rapid Ride "Red" line that runs along Central Avenue.

Rapid After Dark is an extension of regular Rapid Ride service. Typically ending at 8 p.m., the Rapid Ride "Red" line will continue service with buses running every 20 minutes until 3 a.m. on Friday and Saturday nights.

Rapid After Dark begins Friday, May 25, and will continue through mid-September. The cost to ride is the same as any other ABQ RIDE trip - \$1 one way. Regular monthly bus passes will be honored as will the Rapid After Dark VIP pass. Available for purchase in late May, the VIP pass is good for unlimited Rapid After Dark rides as well as discounts at various restaurants and businesses along the route.

Rapid After Dark stops at all regular Rapid Ride stops. Passengers will have free access to the Park & Rides located on either end of the route – the Uptown Transit Center near Coronado Mall and the Southwest Mesa Park & Ride at Central and Unser. For more information, call **505-243-RIDE**.

ParaTransit Board Meeting

The City of Albuquerque's ParaTransit Advisory Board meets from 10 a.m. to 12 noon the first Wednesday of each month at the Alvarado Transportation Center, 100 First Street SW, second floor. For more information about attending the meetings, call Jennifer Zimmer at 505-724-3174.



Legal

Submitted by Naomi Parada, ADR

How Can My Neighbors and I Prepare For A Facilitated Meeting?

There are four steps that can help you and your neighbors have a productive facilitated meeting.

Step 1: Notify the people in your association about the facilitated meeting. Work with the facilitator to obtain the date, time and location of the facilitated meeting. The facilitator may have a handout that you can email to your neighbors or post around the neighborhood. The more people present to share their thoughts, questions, and concerns the more effective the meeting will be.

Step 2: Let the facilitator know who is interested in the application and who should be invited to the facilitated meeting. Facilitators receive a list of contacts from the Office of Neighborhood Coordination. However, if you are aware of someone who may not have been included on the list, let the facilitator know their contact information.

Step 3: Learn about the application from the Applicant/Agent, Planning Department and the Office of Neighborhood Coordination. Learn specifically what the Applicant is requesting. Once you identify the specific request it is helpful to write down your questions and concerns before the facilitated meeting. Please make the facilitator aware of your concerns. The facilitator can then ensure that all topics are addressed at the meeting and see if any City personnel need to be present to answer specific questions.

Step 4: Ask your questions, voice concerns, and work with the applicant at the meeting. To offer the greatest opportunity for discussion, use the information shared at the meeting to discuss possible resolution to concerns and obtain answers to your questions.

It is critical to work closely with your facilitator. The facilitator gathers information before, during and after the facilitated meeting through discussions, interviews, emails, or phone conversations to ensure the meeting is productive and accurate of the issues discussed at the meeting.

If you have any questions or concerns about facilitated meetings, please contact the Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) office at **505-768-4500**.





Submitted By John Stomp

May is here and along with it continuing progress on the San Juan-Chama Drinking Water Project. By summer, work will be completed on 11 pipelines, with construction nearing completion on four additional pipelines and the final pipeline scheduled to begin soon. The overall project is now approximately two-thirds complete, with San Juan-Chama Drinking Water scheduled to begin flowing through our taps by summer to fall of 2008.

NORTHEAST QUADRANT OF ALBUQUER QUE Academy Road NE between Burlison Drive NE and Seagull Street NE

The north side of Academy Road NE is closed to through traffic so that crews can install an underground pipeline as part of the Coronado pipeline. Traffic on Academy Road NE east of McKinney Drive NE is shifted to the south side of Academy Road NE between Burlison Drive NE and McKinney Drive NE, with one lane of traffic open in each direction. West of McKinney Drive NE, traffic on Academy Road NE is shifted to the north side of Academy Road NE, with at least one lane of traffic open in each direction. This work is expected to last until late May. NOTE: The traffic signal on Academy Road NE and McKinney Drive NE will be temporarily out of service during construction to allow for a better flow of traffic.

Alvarado Drive NE between Haines Avenue NE and Mountain Road NE

In late May, crews will complete paving of the roadway and installation of curb and gutter on this portion of the Charles Wells pipeline. Access will be maintained to local residences, however sections of Alvarado Drive NE may be closed to through traffic and driveways may temporarily be closed during the daytime hours.

Chappell Drive NE near North Diversion Channel

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

McKinney Drive NE between Academy Road NE and Cathy Avenue NE

In mid to late May, when crews complete construction on Academy Road NE near McKinney Drive NE, McKinney Drive NE will be totally reopened in both directions. Until that time, left turns onto northbound McKinney Drive NE by eastbound traffic will be restricted. Southbound traffic on McKinney Drive NE will continue to be open throughout this month.

San Pedro Drive NE and San Francisco Road NE

Sometime in late May or early June, crews will complete work

at this intersection as part of the Coronado Pipeline. While barricades are up on the westside of San Pedro Drive NE at this intersection, two-way traffic will be allowed until crews return to this area.

NORTHWEST QUADRANT OF ALBUQUERQUE Campbell Road NW between Glenwood Road NW and Rio Grande Boulevard NW

As part of the West Valley pipeline, crews are wrapping up paving in this area and are continuing to install curbs, gutters and driveways. Once this work is done, crews will install irrigation systems and landscaping. During working and nonworking hours, one lane will be maintained for <u>eastbound traffic only</u>. Westbound traffic will be detoured north on Rio Grande Boulevard NW, west on Candelaria Road NW, and south on Trellis Drive NW. Flaggers will be on hand to control eastbound traffic along Campbell Road NW near the construction zone as needed. Residents should expect delays.

Campbell Road NW west of Glenwood Road NW to the Rio Grande River

Crews have completed paving and are wrapping up work on vaults in this area as well as installing curb and gutter and driveways as part of the West Valley Pipeline. At least one lane of traffic is open in one direction at a time during the day with a flagger on hand to control traffic as needed. Two lanes of traffic are open west of Glenwood Road NW to the Bosque at night. There may be occasional delays to move heavy construction equipment.

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

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

Second Street NW between Candelaria Road NE and Mildred Avenue NW

Crews are continuing laying pipeline on Second Street NW south of Candelaria Road NW as part of the East Valley Pipeline. Traffic along Second Street NW has various lane closures as work progresses. All motorists should expect occasional delays and can use Menaul Boulevard NE or Fourth Street NW as alternate routes. The pipeline is being laid in the west half of Second Street NW.

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.

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Western Trail NW between Unser Boulevard NW and Quaker Heights Place NW

Crews are repairing a sewer line through mid-to-late May as part of the Volcano pipeline. The westbound lanes of Western Trail NW are totally closed, with one lane of traffic open in each direction in the eastbound lanes.

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 beginning this month.

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 scheduled in May 2007 or later, please visit <**www.abcwua.org>** and fill out the request form.

For More Information or to Schedule a Presentation

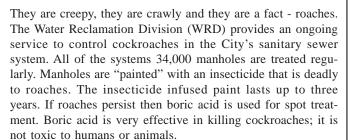
If you would like to schedule a presentation on the San Juan-Chama Drinking Water Project for your neighborhood or homeowners association, please call Patti Watson or Shannon Zamarrón at 293-2000. For more information about the project, visit our website at

<www.sjcdrinkingwater.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 cooneywatson.com>.

Water Utility Authority

Submitted By Brynda Gutierrez

Creepy Crawley

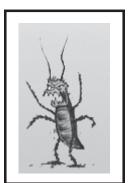


If you are experiencing a roach problem you can request this service, by calling the Cockroach Hotline at **505-873-7009**, or you may make an Online Cockroach Prevention Request at:

<www.abcwua.org/wastewater/roachform.html>

The messages left on the cockroach hotline are checked daily. Please be patient, there are a large number of requests received at certain times of the year, especially, the summer months of June through August, when cockroaches are rapidly reproducing.

When crews respond to requests they leave a green door hanger on the resident's doorknob verifying that the sewer has been treated. WRD also has pamphlets available with more information on the service, and best management practices for



reducing roaches on your property. You can request a pamphlet by calling **505-873-7058**, or you can view the pamphlet at:

<www.abcwua.org/p2/>

The cockroach treatment for the collection system is a **free** service, but crews can not treat private resident's property, therefore, residents are urged to treat their property at the same time for maximum benefit.

Environmental Health

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

Summer Heat Precautions for Pet Owners

The summertime usually means enjoying the outdoors, kids being out of school and a time to catch up on errands, but as you head out for fun in the sun activities with your pet, keep in mind that the outdoors can bring some harmful conditions for your pet.

Summer heat in the car can become too extreme for pets and owners need to realize that in a matter of only minutes, the temperatures inside a parked car can soar to deadly levels. On an average day with a temperature of 70 degrees, a car parked in the sun can reach a scorching 160 degrees and within 15 minutes the body temperature of an animal can begin to damage the nervous and cardiovascular systems.

For pet owners, it is important to learn the signs of heat exhaustion. Dogs do not sweat and can eliminate excess body heat only by panting. If the temperatures become too high, panting becomes ineffective. Body temperature rises rapidly and death follows quickly if body temperature is not immediately reduced. If your dog is overcome by the heat, immediately soak with water and seek veterinary care as soon as possible.

According to the City of Albuquerque Animal Ordinance, you are not allowed to leave an animal in an enclosed vehicle for a length of time, which could result in danger, or death of an animal. Public safety officers may enter a vehicle by any means without being liable to the owner of the vehicle if the animal is in immediate danger. In non-emergency situations involving pets, please call **311** or **505-768-2000** to contact Field Services of the City of Albuquerque Animal Care Center.

Planning

Submitted By Manjeet Tangri, Planner Advance Planning

Great Streets Facility Plan Update Summary of Public Comments From April 26 & 27, 2007 Open House at Winrock Center

Over 80 members of the public attended an Open House on the Great Streets Facility Plan, held by the Albuquerque Planning Department on April 26 and 27 at the Winrock Center. At the Open House, the public viewed and commented on prototype design concepts developed by HDR, Inc. planning consultants, working with the Planning Department and a Technical Advisory Committee made up of various public agencies, businesses and non-profit organizations.

The prototypes designs of quarter-mile segments of five street types in Albuquerque were of: Major Transit Corridor; Enhanced Transit Corridor; Rural Collector Street; Suburban Collector/ Arterial; and Urban Local Street. Great Streets are defined as streets that are memorable, create a sense of place, facilitate economic development, and provide a comfortable and safe environment for walking and socializing. Conceptual designs showed how segments of streets in Albuquerque that hold the most promise can be redesigned to become Great Streets.

Participants expressed the need for all streets in Albuquerque to be walkable. They strongly supported the idea of creating special, more active places that offer opportunity for socializing and deserve greater attention and investment to realize their potential. Integrating walking, transit and bicycling into street design will "encourage more outdoor lifestyles" and "get people away from so much driving." Great Streets are important for "beauty, for shade, for friendship."

People also stated that the program would give Albuquerque more character, enhance its uniqueness, raise property values, and bring about a great tourist environment. The Albuquerque Independent Business Alliance sees particular value in providing safe and attractive pedestrian access to local small businesses.

Implementation is a concern. One person wondered how sidewalk widths could be increased in already built-up areas. Another worried that street trees would block view or businesses would not survive, or trees would not mature quickly enough to provide the desired shade. One participant summed up the general feeling: "Make it happen!"

Next presentation on the Prototype Concept Designs:

Date: Tuesday, May 22, 2007 Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Location: Taylor Ranch/ Don Newton Community Center

4900 Kachina NW (Montano & Kachina)

For details, call Manjeet Tangri, Planner at 505-924-3356 or e-mail <mtangri@cabq.gov>.

Submitted By Michael Polikoff, Planner Advance Planning

District 8 Town Hall Meeting Wednesday, May 23, 2007 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

City policy is encouraging infill and a higher intensity of development along corridors and in the designated **Community Activity Centers** described in the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Compre-

hensive Plan. The community wants new development and redevelopment that is consistent with community values. The City of Albuquerque Planning Department, along with the District 8 Coalition of Neighborhood Associations, will be conducting a Town Hall Meeting at the Bear Canyon Senior Center, 4645 Pitt NE on Wednesday, May 23, 2007, from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. to address these issues and more

To get to the Bear Canyon Senior Center go one block north on Eubank Boulevard - turn at right Lagrima De Oro NE; go east - up Lagrima De Oro - then turn left onto Pitt NE). All citizens who may have input into new growth and development in District 8 are invited to share their ideas and concerns.

Submitted By Catalina Lehner, Planner Development Review

Proposed Wireless Telecommunications Facilities Ordinance (O-06-40)

Amendments are proposed to Zoning Code Section 14-16-3-17, Wireless Telecommunications Facilities (WTFs). New language is proposed to clarify that co-located WTFs are preferred, to require agents to meet with neighborhood representatives if requested, to require the use of concealed technology (though a variance would be allowed), and to establish application fees and parameters for review time. Requirements applicable to view corridors and distance between free-standing WTFs are proposed for deletion.

This proposal is scheduled to be heard at the Environmental Planning Commission (EPC) public hearing on **Thursday**, **June 21**, **2007**. The Staff planner assigned to this case is Catalina Lehner, who can be reached at **505-924-3860** or **<clehner@cabq.gov.>**

Submitted By Chris Hyer, Planner Advance Planning

I-25 Sector Plan Thursday, June 21, 2007

The updated **North I-25 Sector Development Plan** will be heard at the Environmental Planning Commission on **Thursday, June 21, 2007** – **EPC Case #07EPC-00566, Project #1005541** at June's all-day hearing. The Agent and Applicant is the City of Albuquerque and will be represented by the City's project manager, Christopher Hyer.

Please be advised that this Sector Plan should be heard by the EPC after 1:00 p.m. in the Planning Hearing Room, Room 160, Plaza del Sol Building, Basement Level.

Please call the Planning Department's Reception Desk at 505-924-3860, for current status of the agenda. There will be an agency review discussion on this item on Wednesday, May 23, 2007 at 1:30 p.m. in the Planning Department Large Conference Room, third floor, Plaza del Sol Building, 600 Second Street NW.

Questions? Please call Chris Hyer, COA, Planning Department at 505-924-3927 or <chyer@cabq.gov>.





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