

# Tune In To The Westgate Heights Song

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## NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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**Proof Positive - The Westside Housing Market Is Booming**

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Increasing Communication Between Neighborhood Associations.”



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

## **Neighborhood Association**

Crestview Patio HOA  
Eastrange/Piedra Vista  
Encanto Village HOA  
Jade Park  
La Luz Landowners  
North Four Hills  
Story Rock HOA  
Villa De Paz HOA

## **“Welcome” to Incoming President**

Carolyn Clark  
vacant  
Mark Correll  
Priscilla Martinez  
Patrick Gallagher  
Edward Muller  
Tasha Perea  
Loren Dunbar

## **“Thanks” to Outgoing President**

Alice Boynton  
Robert Hufnagel  
Bob Prewitt  
Karen Casaus  
John Badal  
Tom Conley  
Darla Bigham

- *Cibola Neighborhood Association* regained their “*recognized*” status on January 23, 2007
- *San Gabriel Area Neighborhood Association* regained their “*recognized*” status on January 23, 2007
- *Kirtland Community Association* regained their “*recognized*” status on January 29, 2007
- *Monkbridge Gardens Neighborhood Association* regained their “*recognized*” status on February 2, 2007
- *Silver Hill Neighborhood Association* regained their “*recognized*” status on February 2, 2007
- *McKinley Neighborhood Association* regained their “*recognized*” status on February 5, 2007

## **NEW NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION(S)**

The *Rio Oeste Homeowners Association* is located in *City Council District 5, Police Beat – 127/WS, County Commission District 1*. The Contacts for this association are *Orlando R. Gonzales* and *Luis Avila*. **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:

December Annual Reports are due:	March 1, 2007
January Annual Reports are due:	April 1, 2007
February Annual Reports are due:	May 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.

## **Cash For Your Association!**

### **Interested in beautifying your neighborhood?**

The Clean City Division of the Solid Waste Management Department and the Office of Neighborhood Coordination of the Planning Department, have annual **\$200 stipends** available to non-profit groups, such as neighborhood associations, Girls/Boys Scouts and individual APS campuses who wish to “Adopt An Area” within their vicinity. Call Clean Cities at **505-857-8060** for more information.



## Across The City Metro Court

Submitted By Janet Blair

### Kids Day at the Courthouse

#### Tours of the Courthouse

The Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court, the busiest courthouse in the state, is also one of the most technologically advanced in the country. If you wish to tour the facility, opened in 2004, please contact Janet Blair at **505-841-9897**. School groups are especially welcomed, but community groups and civic organizations are also invited. Likewise, groups wishing to have speakers from the court can call Blair to make arrangements.

#### Metropolitan Court Gets 19th Judge

The Honorable Clyde DeMersseman has been appointed for a second time the Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court. Governor Bill Richardson announced the appointment in early February. DeMersseman will be assigned to Criminal Division XVIV, and will be the court's 19th judge. Judge DeMersseman previously served in Metropolitan Court from August 2005 to December 2006. He is a graduate of the University of Denver College of Law. He was one of three candidates recommended to the governor by the Judicial Nominating Commission. Judge DeMersseman returns to the bench at the end of February.

#### Join the COA MS Walk Team

Every hour of every day someone new is diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis. MS is a disease that attacks the central nervous system, wearing away the control one has over his or her body. Symptoms range from numbness to paralysis and blindness, usually appearing without notice. MS strikes in the prime of life when many are starting their careers and/or their families.



**It is time to put your best foot forward and join the City of Albuquerque 2007 MS Walk Team.**

**The walk will be held on Saturday, April 28 at the Albuquerque Academy**

**Registration begins at 8 a.m., the walk begins at 9 a.m.**

Being a part of the COA Walk Team is a fun and exciting way to help end the devastating effects of MS. To join, call **Richard Sertich 505-924-3340**.

The Rio Grande Division of the National MS Society serves nearly 3,000 people with MS and their families in New Mexico and El Paso.



### "SW Heights Strategic Action Plan"

The City of Albuquerque Planning Department

invites you to discuss final plan proposals and the formal public hearing process.

**6:30 – 8:30 p.m.**

**Tuesday, February 20, 2007**

**Alamosa Community Center – Room B**

**6900 Gonzales Road SW**

**(Just east of Coors Blvd. on the south side of Gonzales)**

*Bring your neighbors!*

**Draft plans will be available at the February 20 meeting.**

For more information, contact:

**Paula Donahue, Senior Planner**

**City of Albuquerque Planning Dept.**

**600 2<sup>nd</sup> Street NW 87102**

**924-3932 (fax 924-3339)**

**<pdonahue@cabq.gov>**

**Ingrid Biel, Planner**

**Architectural Research Consultants**

**842-1254**

**<ibiel@arcplanning.com>**

**7-1-1 (Relay NM)**

**Spanish speaking – Ramona Gabaldon**

**924-3923**

**We look forward to seeing you there!**



# NEIGHBORHOOD SCOOP

## ACROSS THE FENCE



### Westgate's Song

Submitted By Susan Vigil

Just a note, then a bar, to a spring song-the full blown sun on the brown mesa reminds the viewer more of a small town than Albuquerque's grandiose encompassing demographic. Westgate Heights appears to be the size of Farmington or Las Cruces. Its neighborhood boundaries set the stage for over 45,000 people's lives. Before the curtain of change, there is the quiet spirit of home-steaders in Westgate. Libby McIntosh, the happy matron and secretary of the Westgate Heights Neighborhood Association compares her area to "living in the country in the city."

Booming real estate trends make patterned ripples in the territory's plots and plans. Its boundaries extend from the Amole Del Norte Diversion Channel on the east, Unser to the west, north to San Martin and south to De Anza Drive, Westgate Heights has built a community apple around the core of Carlos Rey Elementary School, one of Albuquerque's oldest schools, built in the 1960's. The homes are priced for moderate incomes and range from rambling casitas to modern town homes. Albuquerque's original "Westside Neighborhood Association," monitors road change, crime, and development for the area south of Central. Stubborn as an ox, the neighborhood pushed for a steady two lanes on Sage Road SW; for a long merging turn lane on 86<sup>th</sup> Street SW and Central SW; improvements on Unser SW, Tower SW, and Bridge SW; and for the widening of 98<sup>th</sup> Street SW. Speed bumps placed in front of little neighborhood churches allow children to play in the quiet streets outside.

Westgate Heights fully expressed garden of peoples - from the elderly, to married couples, teenagers, to elementary and newborn children, want services in their area. Books are currently kept in the last mobile trailer library in Albuquerque. Westgate Heights wish list includes a double-in-size Community Center, in which, the library could be housed. Education and community activist and

Westgate Heights Neighborhood Association president Matthew Archuleta is currently seeking to provide senior meals at the community center. Another Westgate Height's community activity, Little League Baseball is "growing enormously...it is very important to the community", says Matthew. With the



number of young boys and girls in the area, "It is a crime that we don't have opportunities for kids in our neighborhood" declares Matthew. He suggests raising a sport's club, arcade and movie theatre for the area's youth.

Westgate Heights watches crime like a hawk, lassoing snakes with their own tails. Taggers and car thieves are caught by private cameras monitoring the streets and Captain Candelaria's Text Message Alert System. The Captain is known for saying "I'm not like Joe Friday - I want more than just the facts, Maam."

There are no liquor sales in Westgate Heights, even at the expense of commercial development. "We will support you 100%, but try to put liquor in there, and we will boycott," states Libby. When the new neighborhood Wal\*Mart was proposed, the store agreed to hold off on liquor sales for 18 months and determine if liquor sales are necessary for profits, which have been excellent for the last seven months since opening. Wal\*Mart's manager and assistant manager are members of the Westgate Heights Neighborhood Association. In

a show of the great benefits possible when community and private investors work together, Wal\*Mart donated \$5000 in cameras to Carlos Rey Elementary School and monies to the neighborhood Community Center for new computers.

Westgate Heights enthusiastically welcomes inter-structure advances. The Wal\*Mart Neighborhood Grocery entourage included a Compass Bank, Carneciera, Auto Zone, a health food store, and Blockbuster Video. Matthew describes Westgate's future as wide open. "We are getting the items we need-it's taken some time and thing's are really starting to roll."

Westgate Heights is for residential "development within reason." In 2006, the neighborhood association opposed a single family/town home development which introduced 47,000 units on 27 acres to the neighborhood with no retail included. The EPC approved the development with modifications. On Gibson SW, west of Unser SW alone, there are six new housing developments and one commercial development. These constructions fill in the desert close to one of Westgate's oldest centers, The Santuario de San Martin Catholic Church, over 35 years old. Within the church are intricate carvings of saints and cataclysms by master artist Juan Sandoval. The chapel is built into ground's slope and is round like a kiva - an architectural gem.

Like school children outgrowing their clothes, Westgate Height's commercial breeches aren't sufficiently covering the population. The 2000 Census "is not our friend" states Matthew, "we've more than doubled" since the census. Westgate feels this potential for misrepresentation, exasperated by a population of homeowners who are vested in the neighborhood but cannot vote because of their legal immigrant status. Westgate Heights Neighborhood Association steadfastly tries to represent everyone's interests within their boundaries. In Matthew's words, the association looks to "grow, to learn, and teach." Teach people that a neighborhood association "is not just one person, it is an entire community."

NEIGHBORHOOD SCOOP continued

Monthly Tips For Neighborhoods From ONC

This month's article consists of points of interest to neighborhood associations. Any questions for the Office of Neighborhood Coordination (ONC), please contact our main number of 505-924-3914.



Check Your Vitals

Neighborhood Association Annual Report for Recognized, Coalition, Homeowners – for the month of January are due to ONC by April 1, February reports due by May 1, March is due by June 1, etc. Just a reminder – we will need the original Neighborhood Association Annual Report for Recognized, Coalition, Homeowners and a copy of the announcement of your Annual Meeting before your Neighborhood Association Annual Report will be approved for the year. You can get a copy of the form online at:

<[http://www.cabq.gov/planning/nbrcoord/pdf/annualreportform\\_000.pdf](http://www.cabq.gov/planning/nbrcoord/pdf/annualreportform_000.pdf)>

Please Let us Know If Your Neighborhood's Contacts Have Changed – during the month many departments that use our Neighborhood Association List notify us that the contacts have changed. The changes that we are aware of include (i.e., no longer contacts, mail returned from post office, wrong phone number, invalid e-mail address, etc.) When we get such a notification, Dalaina will contact the remaining association contact to see if this information is indeed correct.

A Reminder For Neighborhood/ Homeowner Associations

It is a good policy to let your City Councilor know about your meetings. Send meeting notices or call, giving them ad-

vance notice, especially if you plan to invite them to participate at one of your neighborhood meetings.

Is your City Councilor on your Newsletter mailing list? Send a copy to all your local elected officials. Also include our office on your mailing list – we love to read newsletters – let's us know what's happening in your neighborhood. Our address is listed on the back of the newsletter.

Neighborhood FAQ's (frequently asked questions) ?

Question: Is there a limit to how many garage sales my neighbor can hold?

Answer: Each home in an R-1 area may have a garage sale or yard sale ONCE every twelve months. The sale may not exceed three (3) days in length and only normally accumulated household goods may be sold. Only one (1) non-illuminated sign, not more than six (6) square feet in area, may be located on the premises where the sale is being held during the period of the sale. No off-site premise signs may be locate din the public right-of-way medians or on utility poles. Questions? Contact the Albuquerque Zoning and Residential Code Enforcement at 505-924-3850.

Question: When is a building permit necessary for a remodeling or building project in our neighborhood?

Answer: Most fix-up or remodeling projects require a building permit as do fences. Some of the most obvious projects are visible from the street, e.g., carports, walls, fences, garage conversions, etc. The only way to be sure whether a building permit is needed is to call the Residential Building Permit Section at 505-924-3955 with a description of the project. (If a building permit has been obtained, it should be posted so that it is clearly visible from the front of the house). If you are trying to determine whether a permit has been obtained for a project in the neighborhood, call the Residential Building Permit Section with the address where the work is taking place. They can tell you if a permit has been issued and the scope of work covered by the permit issued.

2007 ONC Workshop Schedule

Patrol Training Saturday, March 3, 2007

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

APD Training Academy

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

Land Use and Zoning Saturday, April 21, 2007

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

This workshop is designed to increase your knowledge and understanding of all the aspects of the Zoning and Housing Codes, Land Use Matters, Facilitation Issues at the various hearing boards as they relate to neighborhood areas. We utilize the Planning Department division managers, senior staff members and other Department staff to provide this informative training on how the Office of Neighborhood Coordination (ONC) works with each hearing board and neighborhood associations on various projects.

Call Betty at 505-924-3914 for further registration information. Unless otherwise indicated, all workshops are held in the Plaza del Sol Hearing Room, 600 Second Street NW (on the west side of Second Street between Lomas and Roma).

Register on-line at <<http://www.cabq.gov/planning/formsvcs/workshop.html>>

Please Remember . . .

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.

NEIGHBORHOOD SCOOP continued



A Message From The Mayor

Martin J. Chávez Mayor

Even Lower Participation Rate Demands Sea Change in City School Governance

The results of the school board and mill levy election are now in, and I want to begin with a congratulations to everyone who stepped up and gave voters a choice or who worked on a campaign in order to try and make our system better and more accountable.

But I would be remiss if I did not also highlight what appears to be a new record low for turnout. When only 6 percent of voters actually vote, either absentee, early or in person on election day, I believe we would be ignoring a serious wake-up call if we did not look for some reasons why participation or interest is so low.

One criticism I hear of my proposal that my successor Mayor be given the power to appoint at least some members of the School Board is that it won't make any difference.

While I strenuously disagree with this assessment, I also hear an alarming degree of fatalism in it; essentially that nothing we can do is going to make a difference in the substandard test scores or in the tragic 52% 4 year graduation rate.

Before I was re-elected, no Mayor who had ever sought to succeed himself had ever done so. Indeed, no-one who had tried had even managed to make it to a run-off. The job was seemingly an ungrateful enough position that, no matter who you had in it, they were going to accumulate too much more in the way of detractors than successes.

APS today it seems is perceived the same way. When only 6% of the public votes, despite an important mill levy question and despite well contested races in

nearly half the districts, the disconnect is clearly deep and wide.

Fortunately, there are local leaders who recognize that something needs to change, that we need a fundamental shift like we have had in other parts of our community if our children and therefore our future are to have a fair shot at a better tomorrow.

Senator Jerry Ortiz y Pino has introduced a bill to allow Albuquerque's next Mayor appointment power over 3 of 7 school board positions, and I believe this is one definite way to increase accountability and improve results.

It would not 'disenfranchise' voters, since a majority of the board would still be elected by districts. That argument is also hollow because the Mayor is also a reflection of the popular will, only in an election that featured much higher turnout.

But what it would do is restore some of the community-wide perspective that used to permeate the board when candidates ran at-large. It would also allow for the introduction of minimum qualifications.

Today, all one needs in the way of experience and ability to serve on the board that sets policy for one of America's largest school districts is the ability to file a declaration of candidacy.

No background check, no relevant degree, no experience needed. Is it any wonder, when combined with elections held in the dead of February, that such a fatalism has set in?

Whatever your perspective or outlook, if you were one of the few who got involved enough to vote, I want to commend you. And I hope everyone will take a serious, considered look at our status quo and agree that something systemic needs to change in order to finally get the type of performance and accountability our children and our community so desperately need and deserve.

Please feel free to contact me directly at <martinchavez@cabq.gov>, or call me at 505-768-3000, or visit our education blogspot at <www.cabq.gov/mayor> be

cause we desperately need a better dialogue that can lead to real solutions. Our city's future depends on it.

Capital Implementation Program

Submitted By Donna Prieto-Altamirano

2007 CIP General Obligation Bond Program and 2007 - 2016 Decade Plan

Heads Up!! The Mayor's Recommended 2007 General Obligation Bond Program and 2007-2016 Decade Plan has been forwarded to the City Council. Following is the schedule for the City Council hearing and approval process:

Thursday, February 15, 2007, 5 p.m. City Council Chambers Presentation of the program and public comment to the Committee of the Whole

Thursday, February 22, 2007, 5 p.m. City Council Chambers Committee of the Whole to "mark-up" the capital program. No public comment will be taken

Monday, March 5, 2007, 5 p.m.. City Council Chambers Final adoption at Regular Council Meeting

Remember, the schedule shown above is subject to change, so before you make your way down to City Hall, it is always best to double check.

The full general obligation bond program and decade plan are available on the City's web page. The address is: <cabq.gov/cip/gobond07>. For a hard copy of the program, you may contact Barbara L. Taylor, Manager, Capital Planning, CIP Division, Department of Municipal Development. Her telephone number is 505-768-3830; e-mail address is <btaylor@cabq.gov>.





### City Council

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

#### 2007 Capital Implementation Program

The Capital Implementation Program (CIP), funded primarily by General Obligation Bonds is designed to make Albuquerque more beautiful, functional and culturally diverse. It can be used for everything from landscaping medians and buying new park equipment to building community centers and fixing storm drains. The bonds are funded by property taxes and will not increase the taxes from the current level.

The City Council met to discuss the proposed program and listen to public comment on February 15 at 5 p.m. in the Council Chambers in the basement of the City Hall building. The public was invited to come and speak to the Council about the proposed program during this meeting.

The City Council will meet again on Thursday, February 22 at 5 p.m. in the Council Chambers to "mark up," or amend, the program.

As the final decision-making time for the funds draws near, each Councilor has a set of priorities for his or her districts.

#### District 1, Ken Sanchez

Missing sidewalks, poor lighting and broken pavement in the streets near West Mesa High School prompted about 800 students to petition for improvements on Fortuna Road NW, and Councilor Sanchez listened. Street improvements, especially around West Mesa High School, are his priority for the CIP.

Other projects for which he is seeking funding include landscaping to make the area more aesthetically appealing and improvements for the parks.



#### District 2, Debbie O'Malley:

The Rail Runner horn blasts morning, noon and night. Councilor O'Malley realizes the agonies nearby residents have endured due to the high-pitched horns. Her priority for the CIP funding is to turn the Claremont NE intersection with the train tracks into a quiet crossing. She also plans to work on the Vista de Estrella Park and the Fourth Street Corridor Improvements project.

#### District 3, Isaac "Ike" Benton

Recent flooding in Barelmas and Martineztown areas has brought storm drain issues to the forefront of Councilor Benton's mind. He is asking for CIP money to start working on drainage issues.

He also is asking for money to improve 8<sup>th</sup> Street by narrowing the street to slow down traffic and adding bicycle lanes.

#### District 4, Brad Winter

Councilor Winter's priority for the CIP funding is to complete stage five of the North Domingo Baca Park Center and to work on improving median landscaping near Wyoming Boulevard NE and Academy Road NE.

#### District 5, Michael Cadigan

The Jefferson and Paseo del Norte intersection is any driver's worst nightmare during rush hour traffic. Councilor Cadigan's priority for the CIP funding is to completely redo the intersection to reduce frustrating congestion. He also wants to add another lane to Paseo del Norte to be used as a managed lane, allowing usage to be changed by the city as needed to improve traffic flow. Other priorities include acquiring more open space.

#### District 6, Martin Heinrich

Residents living along Lead SE and Coal SE have had a constant threat of vehicles driving into their homes—something Councilor Heinrich wants to see change.

He has asked for \$2 million to narrow the road and add bicycle lanes as well as other traffic calming strategies to make the street a safer place to live. Councilor Heinrich also wants to focus the CIP on neighborhood improvements, including the Nob Hill area and funding for open space acquisition and improved medians along San Mateo SE.

#### District 7, Sally Mayer

Residents of the district have to go outside their neighborhood to find a community center to hold their weddings, parties, and meetings. Councilor Mayer has made it her priority to build the 8,000-square-foot Jerry Cline Park Community Recreation Center to provide such a space.

Her other priorities include better playground equipment and shade structures, better walking paths, traffic control and landscaped medians.


#### District 8, Craig Loy

Councilor Loy's priorities are to study the potential for a multi-generational community center in the area, to create a sector plan for the district, to make Eldorado Center more pedestrian friendly and to landscape the medians in the area.

#### District 9, Don Harris

Jeanne Bellamah Community Center has a lot of potential, but is in dire need of renovation. Councilor Harris is impressed with how hard the community has all pulled together to improve the center and make it a positive place for children. He is advocating a gymnasium to encourage sports as part of the center's curriculum. Another project Councilor Harris will be focusing on is the repair and restoration of the La Luz de Amistad Park, the eastern "gateway to the Albuquerque."



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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wednesday, February 21</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•DRB – 9 a.m.</li> <li>•EPC Pre-Hearing – 1:30 p.m.</li> <li>•ADC – 3 p.m.</li> <li>•City Council – 5 p.m.</li> <li>•<b>District 4 Coalition – 7 p.m.</b></li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Thursday, March 1</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•<b>North Valley Coalition – 7 p.m.</b></li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Monday, March 5</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•City Council – 5 p.m.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wednesday, March 7</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•DRB – 9 a.m.</li> <li>•<b>District 7 Coalition – 7 p.m.</b></li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Thursday, March 8</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Westside Coalition – 7 p.m.</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Monday, March 12</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•GABAC – 4:30 p.m.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wednesday, March 14</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•DRB – 9 a.m.</li> <li>•SEPC – 9 a.m.</li> <li>•LUCC – 3 p.m.</li> <li>•AQCB – 5:15 p.m.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Monday, March 19</b></p> <p>City Council - 5 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tuesday, March 20</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•ZHE – 9 a.m.</li> <li>•GARTC – 4:30 p.m.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wednesday, March 21</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•DRB – 9 a.m.</li> <li>•ADC – 3 p.m.</li> <li>•City Council – 5 p.m.</li> <li>•<b>District 4 Coalition – 7 p.m.</b></li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Thursday, March 22</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•<b>District 8 Coalition – 7 p.m.</b></li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tuesday, March 27</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•BOA – 9 a.m.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wednesday, March 28</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•DRB – 9 a.m.</li> <li>•LEPC – 9 a.m.</li> <li>•SEPC – 9 a.m.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Thursday, March 29</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•SWAN – 6 p.m.</li> </ul>
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**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
- 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.lepcabqbernc.org](http://www.lepcabqbernc.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** - 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 **3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month**. The hearing notice includes the time, place and date of the hearing along with a brief description of each application on the agenda. Previously, hearing notices were published 15 days before the public hearing. The reason for this change is to meet the advertising requirements for EPC study sessions which occur on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month. Rather than advertising the hearing and study session separately, a single notice will be prepared to advertise both. Contact the Planning Department at **505-924-3860** if you have questions.

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

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

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

**On the 2nd Thursday of each month**, the EPC has a Study Session to review the applications scheduled for the all-day public hearing which occurs on the **3rd Thursday of each month**. As with the Public Hearing, **the public is invited** to attend the Study Sessions; however, Study Sessions do not provide an open forum. Discussion is limited to staff and the EPC. Study Sessions regularly begin at **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, February 21, 2007 at 1:30 p.m.** in the Planning Conference Room, Third Floor. The **EPC Public Hearing** will be held on **Thursday, March 15, 2007 at 8:30 a.m.** in the **Plaza del Sol Hearing Room (basement level), 600 Second Street NW** for the following cases:

**Northeast**

**North Domingo Baca, West La Cueva (neighborhood association); 07EPC-00094, Project #1003364 (case #'s)**; Located on the south side of Holly Avenue NE between Louisiana Boulevard NE and Wyoming Boulevard NE (**location of request**); C-19 (**zone atlas page #**); Tafazzul Hussain at **505-243-9093**, agent Phillip Lindborg (**applicant or agency and phone #**); Requests a EPC Site Development Plan for Building Permit for a eight (8) suite or one tenant suite retail center – “Sedona Point” (**action requested**); Anna DiMambro at **505-924-3924 (city staff planner)**.

**Vista Del Norte, Alameda North Valley; 06EPC-00624 and 00625, Project #1001150**; Located on the north side of Osuna Road NE between North Diversion Channel and Vista Del Norte Drive NE; E-16; Tierra West, LLC at **505-858-3100**, agent for Vista Del Norte Development, LLC; Requests an EPC Site Development Plan for Building Permit and Subdivision for a proposed Wal-Mart Super Center and two (2) retail out parcels; Stephanie Shumsky at **505-924-3933**.

**Northwest**

**Near North Valley, North Fourth Camino Real; 07EPC-00103, Project #1005353**; Located on the west side of Third Street NW between Claremont Avenue NW and Phoenix Avenue NW; H-14; Mark Page at **505-681-4885**, agent for Al Heating; Requests a Zone Map Amendment from R-1 to C-3 for a proposed Air Conditioning and Heating business; Anna DiMambro at **505-924-3924**.

**Ladera West, Las Lomitas, Villages of Parkwest; 07EPC-00104, Project #1002404**; Located on the east side of Unser Boulevard NW between the northeast corner of Unser Boulevard NW and Vista Oriente NW; H-9; George Rainhart, Architect and Associates, P.C. at **505-884-9110**, agent for Walgreen Company; Requests a EPC Site Development Plan for Building Permit for a proposed Walgreen’s with drive up window; Carol Toffaleti at **505-924-3345**.

**Sawmill Area; 07EPC-00107 and 00109, Project #1005354**; Located on the north side of Bellamah Avenue NW between Aspen Avenue NW and Bellamah Avenue NW; H-13; Dekker/Perich/Sabatini at **505-761-9700**, agent for Sawmill Village, LLC; Requests a EPC Site Development Plan for Subdivision and a EPC Sector Development Plan for a proposed “Sawmill Village” consisting of 179 units of residential, 21 active spaces and retail uses to include a Micro-Brewery; Carol Toffaleti at **505-924-3345**.

**Coors Trail, Taylor Ranch, Alban Hills, Cottonwood Trails; 07EPC-00111, Project #1000696**; Located on the east side of Coors Boulevard NW between Bosque Meadows Road NW and Corrales Canal; D-13; David Campbell, Esq., Vogel Campbell & Blueher, P.C. at **505-884-8444**, agent for Raylee Vantage Homes; Requests a Zone Map Amendment from RD to SU-1 for C-1 purposes for a proposed mixed use office and retail facility (Commercial Center); Catalina Lehner at **505-924-3935**.

*Northwest, cont'd.*

**West Bluff, Vista Grande, Villa de Paz; 07EPC-00113 and 00112, Project #1003993,** Located on the west side of Coors Boulevard NW between St. Josephs Drive NW and Sequoia Road NW; G-11; Sujay Thakur at **505-352-5294**, agent for Global Storage Coors, LLC; Requests an Zone Map Amendment from SU-1 O-1 w/Indoor Storage to SU-1 O-1 Indoor and Outdoor Storage for a proposed storage building; Maggie Gould at **924-3910**.

**Vista Grande, Villa de Paz, West Bluff, La Luz Del Sol, La Luz Landowners, Ladera West, Quaker Heights, Taylor Ranch, Oxbow Village, St. Joseph Townhouse, Story Rock; 07EPC-00115 and 00114, Project #1005357;** Located on the west side of Coors Boulevard NW between Encantada De Sur Subdivision and Villa De Paz Subdivision; G-11; Myers, Oliver and Price, P.C. (John Myers) at **505-247-9080**, agent for Sunland Development Groups, LLC; Requests an Zone Map Amendment from SU-2 (R-2, C-2 and O-1 Uses) to SU-2 (C-2 and O-1 Uses) for "Oxbow Town Center" for retail and office uses; Stephanie Shumsky at **505-924-3933**.

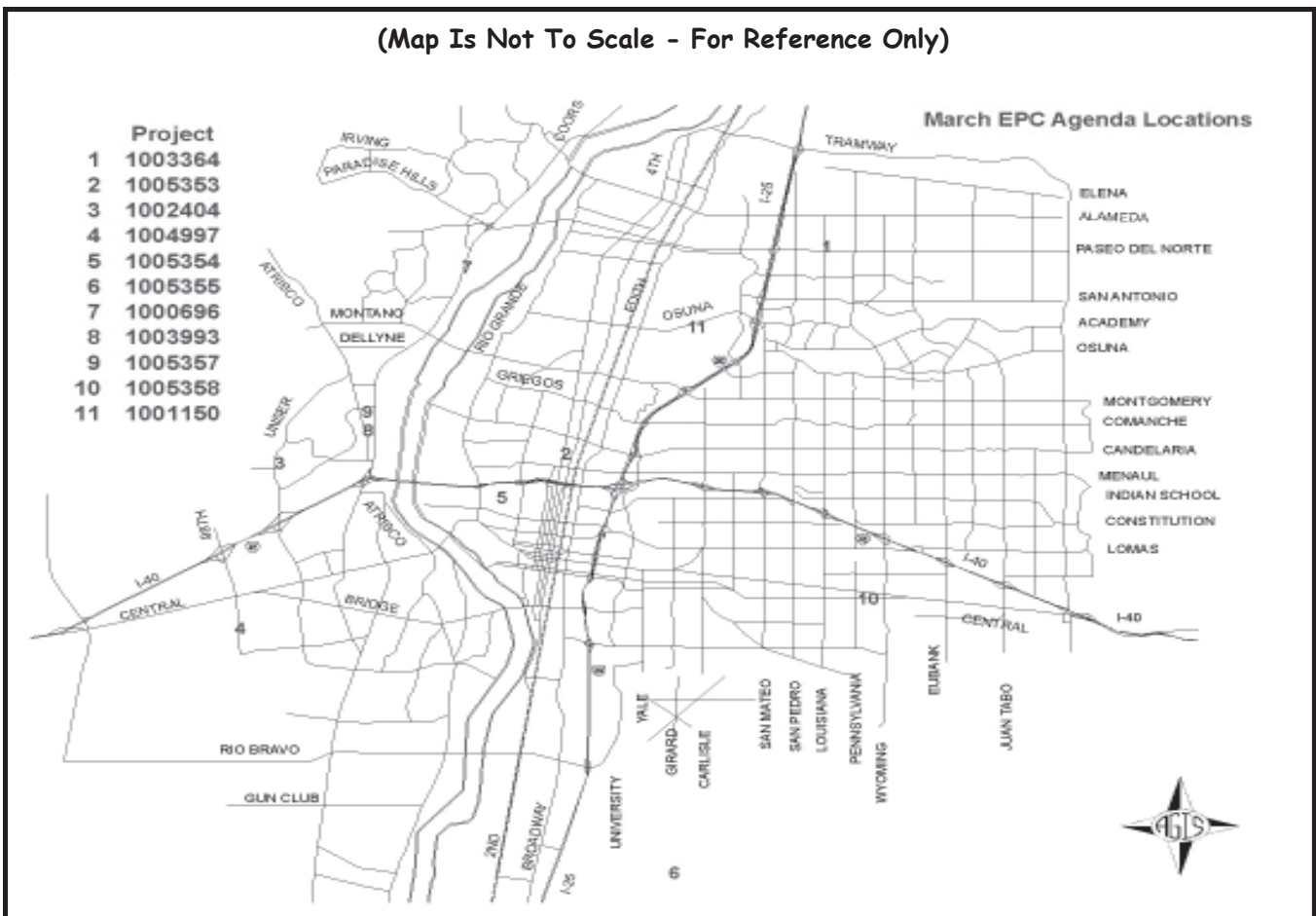
*Southeast*

**Mountain View; 07EPC-00110, Project #1005355;** Located on University Boulevard SE between Solar Mesa Avenue SE and Bobby Foster Road SE; R-16; Bohannan Huston, Inc. at **505-823-1000**, agent for Mesa Del Sol, LLC; Requests a EPC Site Development Plan for Building Permit for Mesa Del Sol Elevated Water Reservoir; Catalina Lehner at **505-924-3935**.

**Trumbull Village; 07EPC-00116, Project #1005358;** Located on the south side of Zuni Road SE between Texas Street SE and Utah Street SE; L-19; William Nelson at **505-892-0039**, agent for New Mexico Central Credit Union; Requests a Zone Map Amendment from R-2 to C-1 for a proposed Hindu Temple Society religious house of worship; Anna DiMambro at **505-924-3924**.

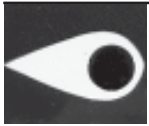
*Southwest*

**Westgate Heights, Route 66 West; 07EPC-00105, Project #1004997;** Located on the south side of Tower Road SW between 98<sup>th</sup> Street SW and 97<sup>th</sup> Street SW; L-9; Mullen Heller Architecture P.C. at **505-268-4144**, agent for 98<sup>th</sup>/Tower Jack, LLC; Requests a EPC Site Development Plan for Building Permit for a proposed 7,000 square foot retail site; Catalina Lehner at **505-924-3935**.



# CITY SCOOP

## News From City Departments



### APD Crime Prevention

505-924-3600

Submitted By Steve Sink



#### Auto Theft

Auto theft is a problem for all Americans, but the citizens of New Mexico face a particular issue that affects our auto theft rate. Due to the fact that we are adjacent to an International Border, we are always ranked high on the list for theft rates. Typically, vehicles are stolen for one of four reasons. They are used to joy ride, sell for parts, commit a crime or driven across the border for resale. Also, more than 2/3 of all auto thefts take place at night between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. and over half occur in residential areas including apartment complexes. You can take a variety of steps to insure that you are not a victim of auto theft. **Observe the following tips to reduce the chances of your vehicle from being stolen:**

- Always roll up your windows, lock the doors, and take the key even if you will be away for a short time.
- Never leave your car running in front of a convenient store or other public area, including in front of your house. Warming up your car in the morning during the winter can make you more vulnerable.
- Park your vehicle in a garage (if possible) or in an area with adequate lighting and good natural surveillance.
- If you put your vehicle in for repairs or in a commercial lot, only leave the ignition key.
- Keep valuables in the trunk or out of site. Don't give a car thief a reason to break in.
- Purchase stereo equipment and other electronic devices that can be removed.

**•Theft Prevention Device:** After years of false alarms, people have stopped paying attention to alarms. Any serious anti-theft device must do more than just make noise. If you want an audio alarm; use it in conjunction with other forms of prevention, such as:

- A **kill switch** is a simple toggle device that shuts off the engine's ignition system.
- Steering wheel locks** are visible from outside the car and prevent the steering wheel from being turned more than a few degrees.
- Collars** are devices that prevent the steering column from being stripped.
- Brake locks** prevent the brake from being engaged and therefore the transmission cannot be removed from the park position.
- Wheel locks** prevent the vehicle from being moved in any direction.
- Etching** vehicle parts with your VIN number can also be a deterrent. Professional thieves shy away from vehicles that have had the vehicle identification number (VIN) etched into the doors, windows, windshield, engine block, and other parts.

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

by observing the following tips:

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

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

#### Auto Theft Prevention and Window Etching Fair

Auto theft rates in the City of Albuquerque have increased 48% during the last year. Thieves steal an average of 600-700 vehicles each month. Do these figures make you want to take steps to protect your vehicle? A multi-jurisdictional effort is underway to help you and address this increasing problem. On Saturday, March 3, 2007 an Auto Theft Prevention and Window Etching Fair is scheduled at the Coronado Center from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The event will take place on the west side of the mall adjacent to the old Macy's entrance.

Window etching of your Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) is an excellent deterrent to auto theft. In a matter of minutes the VIN can be permanently fixed in a corner of each window. Placing the VIN on each window discourage thieves from dismantling your vehicle and reselling the parts. Law enforcement and auto theft prevention personnel will also be available to demonstrate products and provide additional advice on how to keep your vehicle from being stolen.

The Auto Theft Prevention and Etching Fair is co-sponsored by the Albuquerque Police Department, Bernalillo County Sheriff's Department, the NM State Police and the NM Auto Theft Prevention Coalition. The best way to prevent your vehicle from being stolen is to layer your protection. Please read the Auto Theft Prevention article on page 11 for further information and plan to join us on Saturday, March 3 to help reduce the risk of auto theft in Albuquerque.





Submitted By John Stomp

While moisture and cold temperatures continue to be a challenge this winter, construction is moving forward on seven pipelines, a raw water pump station, and a water treatment plant that are all part of the San Juan-Chama Drinking Water Project. Below is a list of anticipated construction in February; however it is important to note that **all** construction is scheduled weather and temperature permitting. For example, outside temperatures must be 40 degrees Fahrenheit or warmer for crews to pave roadways.

**NORTHEAST QUADRANT OF ALBUQUERQUE**

**Alexander Boulevard NE and Mission Avenue NE**

The intersection of Alexander Boulevard NE and Mission Avenue NE is closed until approximately **February 18, 2007**, so that crews can tie a water pipeline into the new Water Treatment Plant, which is under construction just north of Mission Avenue NE. Motorists can use Montano Road as an alternate route. Access will be maintained to all area schools, residences and businesses.

**Chappell Drive NE between Singer Avenue NE and Renaissance Boulevard NE**

On Raw Water Pipeline #2, crews have finished laying pipeline on Chappell Drive NW. Chappell Drive NE has two-way traffic between Singer Avenue NE and Renaissance Boulevard NE. Traffic control barrels will remain in place until the surface temperature is high enough to stripe Chappell Drive NE. Motorists should expect some minor delays and can use Jefferson Boulevard NE as an alternate route.

**Haines Avenue NE between Alvarado Drive NE and San Pedro Drive NE**

Haines Avenue NE is closed to through traffic from just east of Alvarado Drive NE to just west of San Pedro Drive NE for continuing construction on the Charles Wells Pipeline. Access will be maintained to all local businesses and residences. Motorists can use Indian School Road NE, Alvarado Drive NE and Hannett Avenue NE as alternate routes.

**McKinney Drive NE between Forest Hills Drive NE and Academy NE**

Crews have finished laying pipeline on the north side of McKinney Drive NE and, as soon as the surface temperature is high enough, expect to pave and stripe McKinney Drive NE between Forest Hills Drive NE and Harper Drive NE as part of the Coronado Pipeline. Traffic is shifted to the southbound lanes of McKinney Drive NE, with one lane of traffic open in each direction. This work is part of the Coronado Pipeline.

**McKinney Drive NE between Harper Drive NE and Academy NE**

Also as part of the Coronado Pipeline, crews are also laying pipeline on this stretch of McKinney Drive NE, working from north to south. Traffic will continue to be shifted to the south bound lanes of McKinney Drive NE, with one lane of traffic open in each direction. As crews cross streets and driveways with the pipeline, they will coordinate with residents and businesses in advance. Anyone in this area who has special access concerns should call Shannon Harris at **505-681-9134**.

**Mission Avenue NE between Chappell Drive NE and Alexander Boulevard NE**

Crews have finished laying pipeline on Mission Avenue NE for work on Raw Water Pipeline #2 and all lanes are currently open to motorists. Once surface temperatures are high enough, crews will stripe Mission Avenue NE between Chappell Drive NE and Alexander Boulevard NE.

**Phoenix Avenue NE from Arizona NE to Chama Street NE**

As part of the Charles Wells Pipeline, crews are working on Phoenix Avenue NE, moving east from Arizona Street NE toward Chama Street NE. While construction is going on in approximate three-block segments, the area of Phoenix Avenue NE under construction is completely closed to traffic. Motorists can use Claremont Avenue NE or Menaul Boulevard NE as alternate routes. This work is expected to last through early February 2007.

**Phoenix Avenue NE and Chama Street NE**

Also as part of the Charles Wells Pipeline, the intersection of Phoenix Avenue NE and Chama Street NE is closed. Phoenix Avenue NE is completely closed to Alcazar Street NE. In addition, Chama Street NE is closed for 200 feet north of Menaul Boulevard NE. Traffic on Menaul Boulevard NE is not affected. Motorists can use Claremont Avenue NE, Mesilla Street NE, and Menaul Boulevard NE as alternate routes. This work is expected to last through February 2007.

**San Pedro Drive NE between Phoenix Avenue NE and Menaul Boulevard NE**

One lane of southbound traffic only is allowed on San Pedro Drive NE from Phoenix Avenue NE to just north of Menaul Blvd. NE for work on the Charles Wells Pipeline. Northbound motorists can use Louisiana Boulevard NE or San Mateo Boulevard NE as alternate routes. This work is expected to last through early April 2007.

**San Pedro Drive NE between Menaul Boulevard NE and north of I-40**

Also as part of the Charles Wells Pipeline, traffic on San Pedro Drive NE south of Menaul Boulevard NE is shifted to the southbound lanes with at least one lane of traffic open in each direction. The northbound lanes are closed. This work is expected to last through early April 2007. Motorists can use Louisiana Boulevard NE or San Mateo Boulevard NE as alternate routes.

**San Pedro Drive NE between Palomas Avenue NE and Pino Avenue NE**

There is a total closure of the northbound lanes of San Pedro Drive NE in this area for work on the Coronado Pipeline. Southbound traffic only is permitted between Palomas Avenue NW and Pino Avenue NE. This work is expected to last through early to mid-February 2007. Northbound motorists can use Louisiana Boulevard NE or the I-25 northbound frontage road as an alternate route.

**NORTHWEST QUADRANT OF ALBUQUERQUE**

**Campbell Road NW between Rio Grande Boulevard NW and Trellis Drive NW**

Crews are working on the north side of Campbell Road NW as part of the West Valley Pipeline. During working and non-working hours, one lane of traffic will be maintained for eastbound traffic only. Westbound traffic will be detoured north on Rio Grande Boulevard NW, west on Candelaria Road NW, and south on Glenwood Road 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 Trellis Drive NW to the Rio Grande River**

Crews are installing a large pipeline on the north side of Campbell Road NW as part of the West Valley Pipeline. Crews will maintain at least one lane of traffic in each direction west of Trellis Drive NW, or will have flaggers on-site during working hours to direct traffic in one direction at a time. Residents should expect delays.

**Candelaria Road NE between the Railroad Tracks and Second Street NW**

As part of the East Valley pipeline, construction will continue on Candelaria Road NE this month will include repaving and re-striping

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the roadway. Work on Candelaria Road NE is expected to be completed in mid February 2007. Traffic is shifted to the south side of the road, with two eastbound lanes and one westbound lane of traffic maintained at all times. Motorists may experience some delays and can use Menaul Boulevard NE as an alternate route.

**Edith Boulevard NE between Carmony Lane NE and the Nikanda Road NE**

As part of the East Valley Pipeline crews are expected to finish laying pipeline on this road and repave it by early to mid February 2007. Traffic is shifted to the west side of the roadway, as needed, with one lane of traffic open in each direction.

**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 Matthew Avenue NW**

Crews are expected to begin laying pipeline on Second Street NW in February 2007 through March 2007 as part of the East Valley Pipeline. The pipeline will be laid in the center of Second Street NW working from north-to-south. Traffic along Second Street NW will be controlled in phases. Barriers will be removed as work progresses south. During phase 1, one lane of southbound traffic and two lanes of northbound traffic will be maintained on Second Street NW. Left turns will be permitted from Second Street NW to Candelaria NW; however, the turn lane will be temporarily shortened. During phase 2, traffic will be shifted to the east side on Second Street between Shropshire Place NW and south of Mildred NW with at least one lane of traffic open in each direction. No left turns will be permitted on Shropshire Place NW during this phase. All motorists should expect occasional delays and can use Menaul Boulevard NE or Fourth Street NW as alternate routes.

**Unser Boulevard NW between Western Trail NW and Azuelo Avenue NW**

As part of the Volcano pipeline, crews will continue work on Unser Boulevard NW between Western Trails NW to Dellyne Avenue NW through early to mid-February 2007. There may be a northbound left lane from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily until construction is complete.

**For More Information or to Schedule a Presentation**

If you would like to schedule a presentation on the San Juan-Chama Drinking Water Project call Patti Watson or Shannon Zamarrón at 505-293-2000 or visit our website at <[www.sjcdinkingwater.org](http://www.sjcdinkingwater.org)>.

If you would like to be added to our drinking water project information list, call 505-242-7623 or e-mail <[pattiw@cooneywatson.com](mailto:pattiw@cooneywatson.com)>.

**Wastewater Utility**

Submitted By Brynda Gutierrez



**Testing Water Quality In Your Home**

The primary mission of the Utility's Water Quality Laboratory (WQL) is to provide data on a day-to-day basis to the Southside Water Reclamation Plant (SWRP) operation staff; the Industrial Pretreatment Section, the City's Environmental Health Department, and even the City's Zoo!

WQL performs approximately 110 monthly tests pertaining to plant performance; one-half of these provide Quality Assurance/Quality

Control information. Plant operation staff uses analytical results to determine how effectively treatment plant processes are operating.

WQL is responsible for testing industrial samples from permitted industries (12,000 plus per year), compost samples (3,000 plus per year). Additional tests are run for the Water Division, and the United States Geological Services, for a total of nearly 75,000 tests per year.

There are private laboratories that will perform water quality testing for homeowners. Please keep in mind the listing of laboratories below may not be a complete list, and the Water Utility does not recommend or endorse any laboratory. This list is furnished solely for informational purposes.

**Private Laboratories That Perform Water Quality Testing**

- Assagai Analytical Laboratory - 505-345-8964
- Hall Environmental Analysis Laboratory - 505-345-3975
- Pinnacle Laboratories - 505-344-3777

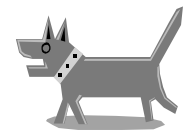
The Water Utility is required by EPA (Code of Regulations; Subpart O) to test water quality on a regular basis. Water Quality Specialists collect samples each year from every well to monitor the chemical and biological characteristics of wells located throughout the City. Every year, the Water Utility provides customers with a report. The report contains important information about the quality of water the Utility provides to customers. This report, along with additional information, can be found on our web page at <[www.cabq.gov/waterquality](http://www.cabq.gov/waterquality)>.

For assistance interpreting the report, please call the Water Quality Information Line at 857-8260 or use the links on our web page to send us e-mail at [waterquality@cabq.gov](mailto:waterquality@cabq.gov).

Preserving the quality of our water is vital to all of us, and the Water Utility is committed to monitoring and protecting our water.

**Legal Department**

Submitted By Naomi Parada



**Do You Have A Barking Dog Complaint?**

The City of Albuquerque offers free community mediation to help you resolve the problem. What is Community Mediation? Community Mediation is a dispute resolution process designed for Albuquerque citizens and neighbors to resolve conflict and disputes within their own community. Mediation is private, confidential, voluntary, and a cost-effective alternative to court.

Mediators, or impartial third parties, assist individuals in finding a mutually acceptable solution to their problem. Mediators do not blame, judge who is right or wrong, or make decisions about what should happen. In mediation you and your neighbor are responsible for designing an outcome that works for both of you.

Mediation provides an opportunity to express differences and improve relationships by: •Reducing communication obstacles in order to define and clarify issues. •Explore possible solutions. •Create solutions that reflect the unique needs and interests of the situation.

Best of all 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.

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

**Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System**

*Submitted By Riann K. Powell*

**Library Provides Free  
Early Childhood Literacy Workshops**



Early literacy is what children know about reading and writing before they can actually read and write. Research shows that children get ready to read years before they start school. The Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System wants every child in Albuquerque to be given the best possible chance to succeed. Towards this effort, the Library System has adopted Every Child Ready to Read®, an early childhood literacy program developed by the American Library Association.

Every Child Ready to Read® will be presented in the form of free one-hour workshops for parents and caregivers. These workshops are designed to provide them with tips on how to give young children a head start on a life of learning. The following workshops are available through this program:

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

These sessions will provide parents and caregivers with information on how to enhance a child’s development and help them learn how to get the most out of sharing books and stories with their children. Participants will receive booklists suggesting age appropriate and enjoyable titles, as well as activities suitable for varying stages of development. Children may accompany parents/caregivers to any of the workshops.

The Library is bringing the Every Child Ready to Read® program to various locations throughout the City. You may also schedule a workshop for your community or organization. To learn about upcoming workshops or schedule one in your community call **505-768-5103**. For more information about the program visit the Library’s website at <[www.cabq.gov/library](http://www.cabq.gov/library)>.

**ABQ Ride**

*Submitted By Jessica Dyer*

**Kudos**



His job title may be Road Supervisor but on the night of December 2, 2006, duty called Le Roy Ortega to be so much more. Good Samaritan. Detective. Lifesaver.

Ortega, **ABQ RIDE’s Employee of the Month** for January, went out of his way that cold evening to assist a disoriented man who’d wandered out of a nursing home and boarded a Rapid Ride bus near the main library.

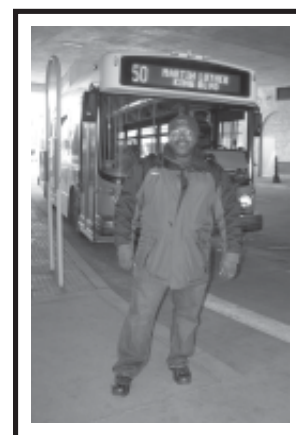


When ABQ RIDE driver Dan North realized he had a confused elderly passenger on board, he called Ortega to meet the bus near Central and Unser. The passenger, who has advanced dementia, was unable to tell the driver or supervisor where he lived, but Ortega was determined to figure it out. He found a paper in the man’s pocket with a name and phone number. When nobody answered at the phone number, Ortega left a message. He then drove

the passenger to Daytona, where he continued investigating. Ortega discovered the man was carrying an old SunVan identification card and did some research only to learn the pass hadn’t been used in years and listed an out-of-date address. Ortega then scoured the phone book for anyone with the same last name as the man. Eventually, Ortega saw the man was wearing an ID bracelet, which had been hidden under the sleeve of his jacket. The bracelet listed the man’s name as well as the name and phone number of the nursing home where he lived. Ortega called the nursing home and personally drove the passenger back.

After learning of the ordeal, the passenger’s daughter sent an appreciative letter to ABQ RIDE. “I want to thank sincerely the kind and caring people, especially Le Roy Ortega, who saved my father’s life,” she wrote. Ortega, who’s worked with transit for 10 years, says he was just doing his job. “You never know when someone might need you, Ortega says. “We try to help as much as we can.”

Friends and fellow ABQ RIDE passengers have nicknamed Mark Holmes “Secretary of Transportation,” and it’s not hard to see why.



Have a question about public transportation? Holmes probably knows the answer and, if he doesn’t, he’ll tell you where to look. Wondering which ABQ RIDE route will get you where you need to go? Holmes will give you one of dozens of bus schedules he keeps in his backpack for precisely such inquiries.

Visiting the Duke City and unsure about taking the bus? Holmes has been known to help tourists navigate the system and once even rode along with a couple as they searched for their hotel. But Holmes isn’t a city employee. He’s just one of ABQ RIDE’s biggest fans, often promoting the bus service to friends and coworkers. “I use it. I believe in it,” Holmes says. “It’s easy to sell something you believe in.”

Holmes’ knowledge is so vast, many people assume he’s an Albuquerque native. In fact, Holmes moved to the Duke City from Washington D.C. 10 years ago. Although he used public transportation regularly in D.C., he relied on his personal vehicle during his early years in Albuquerque. At one point, his family had three separate cars.

But two years ago, Holmes decided to explore Albuquerque’s public transportation system. “I really wanted to give the bus service a chance to see if it really worked. Not only does it work, but it continues to work better,” Holmes says.

He should know. As a husband, father of four and full-time manufacturing technician at Intel who also takes classes at both UNM and CNM, Holmes is always on the go. And between ABQ RIDE buses and the Rail Runner service, he gets to most of his destinations using only public transit.

Since he became an avid bus rider, Holmes and his family have gotten rid of two of their three vehicles. By cutting spending on car payments, insurance, gasoline and maintenance, the family saved enough money for a vacation to Puerto Rico last summer. “And guess what?” Holmes says. “We took the bus to the airport.”

**Environmental Health**

**Animal Care Center**

*Submitted By Anna M. Sanchez,*

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**H.E.A.R.T. Ordinance to take Effect in April**

In October 2006, the proposed H.E.A.R.T. Ordinance passed with the City Council’s and Mayoral approval and this April, Albuquerque residents must be in compliance. Below are some of the major changes to the Animal Ordinance that could affect you as a pet owner.

**Required Alteration of Companion Animals**

Effective April 10, any dog or cat over the age the age of six months must be altered or must have an Intact Animal Permit. If for any reason your pet is impounded at the City of Albuquerque Animal Care Center (AACC) and is found to be intact, you will not be able to reclaim your pet without getting the pet sterilized. Waivers will be granted in cases of health issues or advanced age as deemed by a veterinarian.

If you would like to keep your pet intact, please come to the AACC and purchase an Intact Animal Permit for \$150 per pet.

Litter permits are also available at \$150 per litter. With this new law, you may not own a pregnant female companion animal without obtaining a Litter Permit. In addition, you may now own a maximum of six pets at a time, no more than four may be dogs.

Each year in the United States, millions of pets are killed because they have no home. Sterilizing your pet will help reduce unnecessary euthanasia of homeless pets as well as help your pet live a longer and healthier life.

If you are qualified low income or 65 years of age or older and own an intact animal, contact the AACC for free assistance to spay or neuter your pet. In addition, there are numerous organizations available to help with these costs listed on the AACC website <[www.cabq.gov/pets](http://www.cabq.gov/pets)>.

**Permanent Identification**

Another change to the H.E.A.R.T. Ordinance is the permanent identification requirement for companion animals with either a microchip or tattoo. A microchip is a device about the size of a grain of rice that provides a permanent means of positive identification for your animal that cannot be lost, damaged, removed or wear out. Microchipping is a painless, easy way to reunite you with your lost pet. The AACC performs microchipping at either shelter location for \$15/pet or if you are qualified low income or seniors 65 or older, the service is free.

**Leash Law**

Companion pets must be restricted at all times by either a secure fence, a secure facility, a secure enclosure, secured in the back of a pickup truck, inside a vehicle with proper ventilation, or be on a leash no longer than 8 feet long accompanied by a person able to control the Animal. When walking your pet, you are not to use a retractable leash or allow your dog to be off-leash unless in an approved dog park area.

**Sale or Gift of an Animal**

It is unlawful for any person to display, sell, deliver, offer for sale, barter, auction, give away, or dispose of an animal upon any public property. If a citizen is selling animals on private property, they must possess a valid litter permit. Unauthorized selling of pets should be reported to the AACC.

The City of Albuquerque and the AACC is striving towards a community of live exits of adoptable pets. For more information on the H.E.A.R.T. Ordinance, go to our website at <[www.cabq.gov/pets](http://www.cabq.gov/pets)> or call 311 or 505-768-2000.

**Meet The City Forester**

Mayor Martin J. Chávez and Alfredo R. Santistevan, Director of Environmental Health, would like to introduce a new addition to the City. We have hired Nick Kuhn as our first City Forester to promote, plan, and manage trees as another benefit of our city. Trees are our greatest tools for improving air quality, protecting our soil and water resources, while saving you money in energy reduction and increasing your property value.



If you would like to learn more about trees and their selection, maintenance, and benefits we invite you to use one of several opportunities. Those attending the Master Gardener class will hear about trees at your home from Mr. Kuhn on March 6. He will be a speaker on Saturday March 10 at the upcoming Xeriscape Conference. You may also contact him for speaking at your neighborhood association meeting for area specific help in protecting one of our city’s valuable resources. Arbor Day is coming up so plant a tree! Nick Kuhn can be reached at City Hall in the Environmental Health Department at 505-768-2706 or <[nkuhn@cabq.gov](mailto:nkuhn@cabq.gov)>.

**Planning**

**Great Streets Facility Plan**

“For the first time in a century, our children’s life span may be shorter than their parents,” said Mark Fenton in a meeting with the City staff and later at a public meeting for Albuquerque residents. The reason? The lack of physical activity and poor diet are the main culprits. Pretty scary!

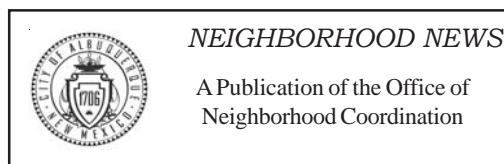
The City of Albuquerque, both the Mayor and the City Council, are not taking these warnings lightly. Since the fall of 2006, the Planning Department has been working with consultants at HDR and a Technical Advisory Committee to develop the Great Streets Facility Plan. Mayor Chavez and City Council President Debbie O’Malley supported the Albuquerque Alliance for Active Living in bringing Mark Fenton to Albuquerque, a health expert who is also an engineer and a planning commissioner.

The great streets are streets that are memorable, create a sense of place, facilitate economic development and most of all make the streets safe, comfortable and attractive for walking.

Two rounds of three public meetings were held in September and November of 2006. The public participated and helped identify characteristics to select great streets. The consultants are preparing prototype designs for segments of five streets. The five street classifications are: Major Transit Corridor, Enhanced Transit Corridor, an arterial, a collector and a local street. **An open house will be held in mid-April to show the street designs and a list of potential great streets that will be included in the Great Street Facility Plan.** The exact date and location will be announced in the March Neighborhood News letter, on the City Web and through the media.

In a recent interview, Mayor Chávez stated, “Albuquerque has built a new tradition of being one of the fittest and healthiest cities in America,” As part of this challenge, Mayor Chávez wants to make Albuquerque more walkable.

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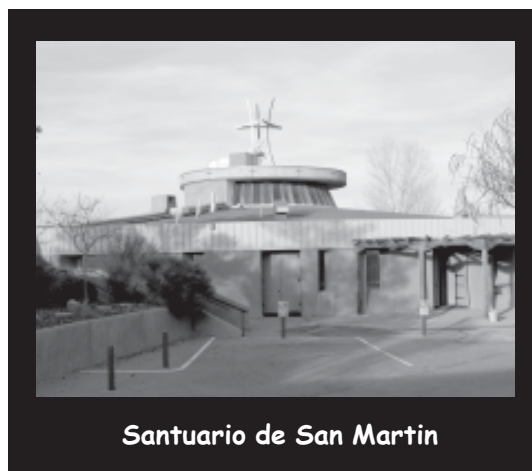
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