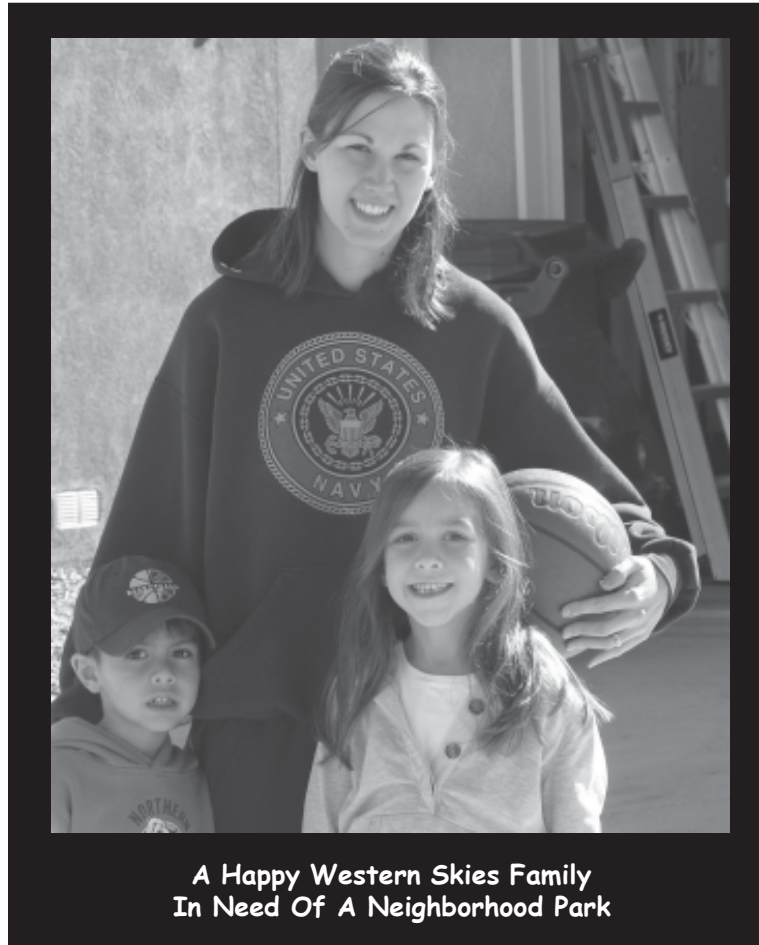


"Southside Promise"

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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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A Happy Western Skies Family
In Need Of A Neighborhood Park

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“Dedicated to Providing Information About City Government and Increasing Communication Between Neighborhood and/or Homeowner Associations .”



NEIGHBORHOOD and/or HOMEOWNER ASSOCIATIONS/NEW OFFICERS
The Office of Neighborhood Coordination “welcomes” new presidents of Neighborhood and/or Homeowner 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

Albuquerque Meadows
Eastrange/Piedra Vista
Executive Hills
Monkbridge Gardens
Nor Este
Silver Hill
Uptown Progress Team
Villa De Paz
Willow Wood

“Welcome” to Incoming President

Pat Langfitt
Norma Roser
Charles Matson
David Benavidez
Jeff Peterson
Gordon Reiselt
Louis Abruzzo
Josie Lyons
Shirley Winckel

“Thanks” to Outgoing President

Kenneth Heck
previously vacant
Kate Olsberg
Ben Noyce
Leilani Granahan
Bill Cobb
Paul Silverman
Loren Dunbar
Doug Adams

• Los Griegos Neighborhood Association regained their “R” recognized status on February 5, 2008.

NEW NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION(S)

The Volterra Homeowners Association is located in City Council District 9, Police Beat – 522/FH and County Commission District 5. The contacts for this association are Sarah Hoey and Leigh Ellithorpe. **Welcome Aboard!!**

The Arroyo Del Sol Homeowners Association is located in City Council District 5, Police Beat - 113/WS and County Commission District 1. The contacts for this association are Antonio Sandoval and Judith Evans. **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 924-3906 for further information. Annual Reports for the following months are due:

December Annual Reports are due: March 1, 2008
January Annual Reports are due: April 1, 2008
February Annual Reports are due: May 1, 2008

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

Planning Department/Office of Neighborhood Coordination
Attention: Dalaina Carmona
600 Second Street NW, Rm. 120 (Basement Level)
Albuquerque, NM 87102

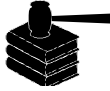
The City of Albuquerque does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, disability, age, gender, Vietnam Era or disabled veteran status, sexual orientation or medical condition in employment or in the provision of services.

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

Across The City

Metro Court

Submitted By Janet Blair



Drug Court Day At The New Mexico State Legislature

It was Drug Court Day at the NM State Legislature and Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court, with the biggest Drug Court Program in the state was there, represented by Probation Officer II Rebecca Spooner and DWI/Drug Court Program Manager Terese Hauge.

It costs approximately \$12 per day per defendant in Drug Court, as opposed to jail, which can cost about \$80 per day per inmate. Metro Court also has excellent success with graduates - who have very low re-arrest rates even after three years.



Albuquerque Storyteller To Perform At International Women's Day Celebration

Submitted By The Soroptimist International

On Saturday, March 8, 2008 marks International Women's Day! Three local organizations with national and international ties – Soroptimist International of the Duke City, American Association of University Women Albuquerque Chapter and the Business and Professional Women of Albuquerque – will help New Mexico women commemorate this day with the **2008 International Women's Day Celebration**. The luncheon will take place at the University of New Mexico Student Union Ballroom at 11 a.m. Tickets to the event are \$30.

"This is a day to honor and recognize the women's rights movement all over the world," says Joy Donelson, founder of the Soroptimist International of the Duke City Club. "We will spend this day celebrating our achievements and honoring local women who have made a difference."

In addition to the luncheon and awards ceremony, local storyteller, **Ramona King**, will present a moving and inspirational presentation to observe the occasion.

"My mission is to devote my passion for storytelling, performance and technique to positively impact the lives of school-aged children and their families," states King.

In addition, music will be provided by the Albuquerque Heritage Council and La Cueva High School student, Jamie Foster. For more information call Joy Donelson at **505-797-8032**.

Words of Wisdom From The Urban Gardener

Submitted By The Gardeners' Guild

"It's Never Too Early To Think About Growing Something"

Get prepped now for the spring season at Gardeners' Guild (GG). Help clear the path for 2008 outreach projects by giving a new home to some well-loved products at the supply shop. Find a variety of items, moving out to make room for the coming year's best. Due to future changes in availability, quality and manufacturing, selected popular and high-quality tools plus decor is now on sale at half the price. We're letting them go instead of reordering them in a lesser form. Change can be a good thing — great quality at a 50% savings. All proceeds from this sale will go directly to the development of a publishing studio, new workspace/teaching area and outreach services for our 'future gardeners' by focusing on the education of younger children at GG and online.

This Year's Garden...

If you didn't grow food in your garden last year, consider doing it in 2008. New Mexico is a great place to grow edibles all year long. Consider adding herbs or your favorite veggie to a garden space. Home-grown food is tastier, cheaper, more nutritious and much more educational. No spot of dirt for an in-ground garden? Many edible varieties do well in containers, offering ways to conserve resources. The edible varieties that grow best will change from season to season and region to region, providing even 'advanced' gardeners the opportunity to experiment with something new. Send your questions to info@gardenersguild.org.

The ecological ideal of eating only local foods might seem a distant possibility, living in a desert. A few plants in every yard has a significant positive impact and allows anyone to green their scene. Grow what you can, learn new techniques, share with others and contribute to your local food resources. If you do grow things for harvest this year, consider expanding your yield by trading with others. Help to establish the informal food exchange amongst backyard farmers in your neighborhood - www.gardenersguild.org/duffe.

Love Your Leaves - Follow Your Particular Interests!

What sprouts your seed? Native plants? Water collection? Container gardening? Carnivorous plants? GG - the urban gardening support group develops its creative studio is coming up on four years old, the daily operations of this gardening support group has proven that change happens with one individual following their passion, if equipped with right tools for the project. GG is an organization that offers relevant services through access, education and empowerment for the public. This small community organization has built a network of talented and thoughtful members to engage urban citizens in environmental pursuits, all focused on creative solutions.

Be inspired by what modest membership funds and lots of very hard work have created already. Please renew your membership at info@gardenersguild.org. Thank you!

NEIGHBORHOOD SCOOP

ACROSS THE FENCE



Southside Promise

Submitted By Susan Vigil, Planning Intern

The south section of Albuquerque appears vastly differentiated as one traverses from east to west. To those familiar with the south side, its geographical transitions are both elegant and graceful. The tumbled boulders of Four Hills roll down to streets sloping to the river, sand dunes and arroyos, then lazily climb up again to volcanic buttes and farmland. The city is changing at a quicker pace. Albuquerque's southside neighborhoods are responding.

Seven years ago the District 9 Coalition dissolved. Reformation "took time and effort" reflects Roger Mickelson, the new **East Gateway Coalition** president. The East Gateway Coalition submitted their by-laws to the Office of Neighborhood Coalition in March 2007. Shortly thereafter, the Coalition incorporated as a non-profit organization. The coalition is composed of more than fifteen neighborhood associations, homeowner associations, other established groups in District 9 and adjoining groups in areas outside the city. The group was prompted to join together when, "some things came up that involved multiple neighborhood associations. We saw that there was a need – that was the incentive." Roger says.

The Albuquerque City Council, the Mayor and the City Planning Department recognized the district's physical placement as important to Albuquerque's future. Several robust planning initiatives concerning the area evolved last year. The East Gateway Sector Development Plan, "seeks to resolve challenges that might impede positive change in the East Gateway Area," says Paula Donahue, Senior Planner in the Advanced Planning Division.

In August 2007, over 160 District 9 residents, business owners, and others gathered in sixteen focus groups at a large preliminary public meeting, organized by the Planning Department, to ensure that planning work to begin this spring include most of the key topics important to this community. Kick-off meetings are expected to begin in late March 2008. Identified priorities include: beautification through artwork, architecture and streetscaping improvements; affordable housing in moderate densities, preserving the area's open residential character; and transient and crime population measures.

East Gateway's recent Metropolitan Redevelopment designation including commercial activity along Central and I-40 introduces another solid planning instrument to the East Gateway area. In the last decade, RV sales parks migrated from East Central emptying vast lots. Other businesses followed, leaving constrained local retail opportunities for residents. Directed by Gabriel Rivera, Brownfields and Redevelopment Planner, "the East Gateway MRA will be seeking to identify specific area projects for cooperative commercial, city planning and development, enhancing the appearance, livability and health of the community". These sites will be determined through a community planning process. Vacant for a decade, the large empty Furr's grocery store front at the northeast corner of Juan Tabo and Central is a possibility for redevelopment.

Open Space expanses parceled around the coalition boundaries bring further attention to this important area. Mayor Martin J. Chávez is endeavoring to create a wildlife corridor from Tijeras Canyon to the Rio Grande. The Tijeras Arroyo is a clear pathway for wildlife to migrate to water through the city. The East Gateway Coalition recently negotiated with Juan Tabo Hills, a new housing development bordering the arroyo to support the development's municipal annexation on the condition the arroyo's integrity be preserved.

Interstate traffic seriously affects the neighborhoods in District 9. During the 2006 snowstorms "Interstate traffic was pulled off into parking lots blocking Central...roads were filled with semis," describes Roger. The Coalition has worked closely with government to find solutions to this problem. Recently gates and signs were erected along the Interstate to halt and warn traffic of possible closures prior to its advance into the canyon. Communication between police and highway authorities has been greatly enhanced.



Several Vacant Lots Sprinkled Along East Central Avenue Await New Tenants

Like the elephant and ant - on the other southside of Albuquerque, **Western Skies Neighborhood Association**, recognized by ONC in March of 2007, contrasts sharply to the large southeast Coalition. Located north of Blake and east of Unser, the neighborhood is merely three years old. Western Skies announces meetings and collects their small membership dues by door to door visits. When they experienced a small crime wave, Linda Dohn, the president, describes how, "the whole community pulled together. We encouraged people to leave on their porch lights and take walks at night so that we know people are on the streets." The board meticulously followed through on the association's neighborhood survey. "We gave the residents answers

and that way, they understood why something was or wasn't happening," asserts Linda.

Western Skies is a self driven community. Members are installing a sitting park with little assistance from the city. Linda says, "the people here have gotten together and donated vegetation, held potluck fundraisers to buy benches and trees for the park." It is sure to become a well loved community meeting place. The South Valley is short on parks. Linda observes, "on the map, there is a large area set aside for a kids park, but it is not developed. Right now children play basketball on the streets."

Family oriented restaurants are also in order. There is rumor of a South Valley shopping center. Currently residents, "live at Walmart, it is the only place to shop." Laughs Linda. "With over a thousand homes being built in the south valley, we need something between farms and subdivisions." Linda loves the south valley, "we are multilingual and diverse. I love the horse farms and buffaloes. Where else can you find buffaloes in your neighborhood?" Whether involved in big city plans or small community designs, we are neighbors in this city, choosing *promise* for our mutual futures.



NEIGHBORHOOD SCOOP continued



Patrick Montoya
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**From The
Manager's Desk**

**Becoming A Member
Of Your Neighborhood Association**

Recently our office has had several calls regarding membership in neighborhood associations. I would like to clarify what the O-92 Ordinance states. Under Section 14-8-2-4, item (2), "The association shall make full membership open to all persons residing within its boundaries and to all persons and legal entities owning property or having a place of business within its boundaries". The issue recently has been whether or not individuals living in rental properties and apartments, contained within the boundaries, can become members of a neighborhood association. The answer is yes. Membership is open to anyone who resides within the association's boundaries.

As part of the training we now offer to associations that are being formed we include the Ten Team Commandments. I thought it might be helpful to existing neighborhood associations who might need just a bit of encouragement as you deal with day-to-day issues in your community.

1. Help each other be right, not wrong.
2. Look for ways to make new ideas work, not for reasons they won't.
3. If in doubt, check it out! Don't make negative assumptions about each other.
4. Help each other win and take pride in each other's victories.
5. Speak positively about each other and your organization at every opportunity.
6. Maintain a positive mental attitude no matter what the circumstances.
7. Act with initiative and courage, as if it all depends on you.
8. Do everything with enthusiasm —it's contagious.
9. Don't lose faith.
10. Have fun!

In next month's issue I will talk a little about how to encourage members to stay active in their neighborhood association. As many of you know it sometimes seems a struggle just to keep the membership roster full. If you have useful tips that can be shared with other associations regarding how you keep your members active and involved, please share them with me. I would like to include your ideas in my article.

Warmer weather is just around the corner. It will be such a relief for all of us to thaw just a bit and begin to enjoy the outdoors a little more. For those of you who have your annual meeting in March, please remember to send me the date, time and location of the meeting. Our staff is making every possible effort to attend your meetings.

SMART MEETINGS 2008

**Saturday, March 15, 2008
9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

The Courtyard by Marriot
5151 Journal Center Boulevard
(at I-25 and Paseo del Norte)
Albuquerque, NM

Registration: \$40 (Includes continental breakfast and course materials \$45 if postmarked after 3/8/08; \$50 on-site registration). **Pre-registration required by March 8, 2008.**

**Registration - 8:30 a.m. to 9 a.m.
Workshops - 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

**Lunch and Learn
12:30 p.m.
(\$16 for lunch)**

Topics include:

- Planning Better Meetings
- Bylaws
- Minutes

Courses are taught by Professional Registered Parliamentarians and are in accordance with *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, Tenth Edition.*

Sponsored by the New Mexico State Association of Parliamentarians. For more information, call: Jan Strand at 505-466-1326 or Barbara Posler at 505-268-1210.

Attendees who desire to become parliamentarians will be eligible for additional free instruction to become members of the National Association of Parliamentarians.



**Neighborhood
Workshop Corner
2008 ONC
Workshop Schedule
Neighborhood Association
Patrol Training**

**Saturday, March 8, 2008
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
APD Training Academy**

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

Land Use and Zoning Workshop

**Saturday, April 12, 2008
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

Plaza del Sol Hearing Room

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

Effective Officers Training Workshop

**Saturday, May 17, 2008
9 a.m. – 12 Noon**

Plaza Del Sol Hearing Room

Our staff will help you anticipate problems/issues in your neighborhood while serving as an officer or board member of your association. Our intention is to provide the tools, skills development and problem solving activities to help you make better officers at meetings and a more proficient problem solver in your neighborhood.

Conducting effective meetings begins well before the meeting date. Prior to the meeting, the officer in charge sets the agenda, establishes goals for the meeting and reviews past minutes . . . At the meeting the officer in charge runs the meeting by sticking to the agenda. Come prepared to discuss what works for your association and to gather ideas from other officers and share what makes your meetings successful.

NEIGHBORHOOD SCOOP continued



A Message From The Mayor

Martin J. Chávez Mayor of Albuquerque

Pets Need Extra Care When It's Cold

Bouts of frigid weather have come and gone this season and will return again before this winter is over.

Let's make sure the Duke City's wonderful pets are safe from the cold and able to weather the season too. Following the reminders below will help keep your pets safe and warm.

Cold Weather Precautions For Pets

For dogs that stay outside a dog house with a bottom that keeps it off the ground is the best option to stay warm.

The doghouse should not be too big or the animal will not be able to generate enough heat.

Facing the doghouse entrance away from the wind and having a canvas flap or other cover over the door works very well to trap heat.

A blanket or other bedding should be on the floor of the doghouse.

Small dogs will never be able to generate enough heat as large dogs and should be kept inside during the cold.

Dogs staying outdoors need to produce more heat and thus require more food. If the temperature drops too low, I will declare an emergency ordering all pets indoors.

There should be fresh water 24 hours a day and water should be changed when it freezes in order to prevent dogs from licking the ice.

Pet carriers in the home or heated garages (where the heat source cannot be knocked over) can be options for pets to sleep indoors. Cats should always be kept in the home and not allowed to wander off the property.

For questions or concerns about your pet's safety in the cold, please call 311 to speak to an Animal Control Officer. Also, occasions like New Year's and the 4th of July may be an occasion for most people to celebrate, but for pets it can be one of the most dangerous times of the year. The noise of fireworks and gunfire during the evening and early morning hours often stresses pets. If left unattended, especially outside, they can run away.

"Our Animal Control Officers perform double duty on such evenings," says Diane Sullivan, a certified trainer who works with the City of Albuquerque, offers some advice, "keep them inside. Put on some kind of white noise like a television show or even a movie with music." She also suggests doing your pet's favorite activity, like chasing a ball or giving them treats they would only get on special occasions, perhaps a bone to chew on.

"If your pet gets especially stressed, you can always ask your vet for some sort of medical help," counsels Sullivan. "That's why it is so important to have your pet micro-chipped," says Sullivan, "because this is the most effective way to reunite these animals with their owners, should they get lost."

If your pet turns up missing, check Albuquerque's Eastside or Westside shelters or get help by dialing 311. You can also call the shelter nearest you for help. Animal Control Officers are patrolling 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to ensure Albuquerque's pets are safe from the cold and the elements. Again, you can reach someone any time - day or night - to report concerns about our pets by calling 311.

Equal Voice For American Families

Submitted By Susan Vigil Planning Intern

A national movement to organize and give voice to America's Families is gaining momentum in New Mexico. The "Equal Voice for America's Families" campaign is conducting over 40 town hall meetings in 12 states, several to be held throughout New Mexico beginning in April 2008. The Equal Voice for Ameri-

can Families campaign invites New Mexico families to attend community forums and voice their opinions and concerns on issues of affordable housing, health care, education, living wage, jobs and housing. 56% of New Mexico's children live in low income households. 49% of New Mexico's 4th grade children scored below the basic reading level in 2005. A movement developed by the people and for the people is needed to address the pressing concerns of poverty in this state.

Organized supporters include Senior Citizens Law Office, Angelica Anaya-Allen, Executive Director, addressing issues of predatory lending to seniors, and the reliability of senior social services; South Broadway Development Corporation, Diane Dorn-Jones, Executive Director, offering legal services to homeowners in mortgage and housing disputes particularly under conditions of sub-prime lending considered by many predatory lending and Sylvia Lesma, Director of Kalpali Izkalli, provides health care access to everyone that seeks to link traditional and conventional healing wisdom; and Cuidando Los Ninos, Molly Grady, Director, supporting quality early education for low income families.

The Equal Voice for American Families platform will be presented for debate by the United States presidential candidates in September 2008. New Mexico's families will be heard on a national level. Laila Sarah is the South West Regional Coordinator for the campaign. Find out more about meetings and how you can be involved with the Equal Voice for American Families campaign at 505-764-8867, United South Broadway Association. Ask for Diana Dorn-Jones or Margy Hernandez.



**A Message From
Your City Council**

Submitted By Isaac Padilla

**Red Light Camera Ordinance
Revised**

The Safe Traffic Operation Program (STOP) was started in 2004 after the City of Albuquerque received a grant from the State of New Mexico, Traffic Safety Bureau. On May 5, 2005, the cameras went live at the intersections of Montgomery and San Mateo and Eubank and Montgomery. There are currently 20 fixed automated enforcement cameras in operation at various locations in the City. In addition, APD operates three radar/photo vans.

The program has received a great deal of attention since its inception. The public raised concerns about the cost of the fines, the appeals process, the money generated, and most recently the contract with the vendor. In response, Councilors have introduced legislation to address the issues. Some legislation regarding the program has been withdrawn, has failed or been vetoed by the Mayor.

In September 2005, Councilor Brad Winter's bill (O-07-81) was adopted by the Council. The ordinance created an Independent Office of Hearings to help address the concerns of citizens regarding due process with regards to red light camera citations and other matters that are referred to the City's Hearing Officers. Councilor Winter also requested an audit of the program in 2007.

Councilor Ken Sanchez introduced (O-07-114) to address some concerns and it was passed unanimously by the City Council on Monday, February 4, 2008. The Ordinance will reduce fines to levels that coincide with fines associated with citations issued by officers. Violators will also have the option to make payments or offer service to the community in lieu of payment. The bill also repeals Section 7-11-5 (1) of the STOP Ordinance, providing for the seizure of vehicles.

The Mayor convened a task force to look at the program and offer recommendations regarding the future of red light

cameras in Albuquerque. The Mayor's Automated Enforcement Study Group Report is available online: <<http://www.cabq.gov/mayor/pdf/redlightcamerareport.pdf>>. Among other recommendations, the reduction of the amount fines was suggested.

Some lawmakers in Santa Fe have also expressed some concerns with the program and have introduced legislation that could affect red light cameras. Senate Bill (SB) 442, introduced by Senator Michael Sanchez, would put a cap on fines and the total amount of assessed fines would be diverted to the State of New Mexico. The legislation is also a result of a Governor's Message in this session of the legislature. Ten percent of the total amount of assessed fines would be used to create a DWI court and the remaining funds would be deposited into the metropolitan court bond guarantee fund (also created by the bill).

Representative Justine Fox-Young introduced House Bill (HB) 307. This legislation would subtract a portion of the City of Albuquerque's gross receipt tax in an amount equal to the fines collected under the program. If either piece of legislation becomes law, it may greatly affect the future of the program.

Planning

Public Notice

This is to notify all property owners that the Albuquerque Metropolitan Redevelopment Agency is expanding the **Near Heights Metropolitan Redevelopment Area** designation. The proposed MRA expansion will be heard by the Land Use Planning and Zoning Committee (LUPZ) of the Albuquerque City Council.

Where: City/County Building
One Civic Plaza NW
City Council Committee Room
9th Floor
Albuquerque, NM

When: Wednesday, March 12, 2008,
5 p.m.

For more information contact:
Ralph Mims at **505-924-3474** or e-mail
<rmims@cabq.gov>.

Public Notice

This is to notify all property owners that the Albuquerque Metropolitan Redevelopment Agency is expanding the **West Central Metropolitan Redevelopment Area** designation. The proposed MRA Expansion will be heard by the Land Use Planning and Zoning Committee (LUPZ) of the Albuquerque City Council.

Where: City/County Building
One Civic Plaza NW
City Council Committee Room
9th Floor
Albuquerque, NM

When: Wednesday, March 12, 2008
5 p.m.

For more information contact:
Al Soto at **505-924-3475** or e-mail
<asoto@cabq.gov>.





**North I-25
Sector Development Plan
Update**

The update to this Plan began in March 2006 and was heard by the Environmental Planning Commission (EPC) on June 21, 2007. The EPC voted to continue the case for 90 days and then another 180 days. The next EPC Hearing for this Plan is on **Thursday, March 13, 2008 at 3:30 p.m.** in the EPC Hearing Room at Plaza del Sol.

The purpose of this plan is to update the existing plan, to halt the encroachment and create a buffer around the residential areas from the business park area and support continued growth of employment in the Plan's area.

The revised EPC version of the plan is available on the City's website <www.cabq.gov/planning/advance/projects.html> for review. This draft has been re-distributed to City agencies for their review and comments. A staff report will be generated and will contain comments from the reviewing agencies as well as any additional comments collected from the public.



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<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday, February 26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •BOA – 9 a.m. <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, February 27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •DRB – 9 a.m. •LEPC – 9 a.m. •SEPC – 9 a.m. •EPC Pre-Hearing – 1:30 p.m. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Monday, March 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •City Council – 5 p.m. <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday, March 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •SWAN - 6 p.m. <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, March 5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •DRB – 9 a.m. •PAB – 10 a.m. •District 7 Coalition – 7 p.m. •Westside Coalition – 7 p.m. <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Thursday, March 6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •AAB – 9 a.m. •North Valley Coalition – 6:30 p.m. <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Monday, March 10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •GABAC – 4:30 p.m. <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, March 12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •DRB – 9 a.m. •SEPC – 9 a.m. •LUCC – 3 p.m. •AQCB – 5:15 p.m. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday, March 13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •GWPAB – 8:30 a.m. •TAB – 9 a.m. •Feedback Forum – 11:45 a.m. •EPC Study Session – 3 p.m. •POC – 4 p.m. •District 6 Coalition – 7 p.m. •SVCNA – 6:30 p.m. <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Monday, March 17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •City Council – 5 p.m. <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday, March 18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •ZHE – 9 a.m. •GARTC – 4:30 p.m. <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, March 19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •DRB – 9 a.m. •ADC – 3 p.m. •District 4 Coalition – 7 p.m. <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, March 20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •EPC Hearing – 8:30 a.m. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday, March 25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •BOA – 9 a.m. <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, March 26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •DRB – 9 a.m. •LEPC – 9 a.m. •SEPC – 9 a.m. <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Thursday, March 27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •District 8 Coalition – 7 p.m.
			

2008 CALENDAR/LEGEND

- AAB** - Airport Advisory Board, Aviation Department Executive Conference Room
- ACTMI** - Advisory Committee on Transit for the Mobility Impaired - Sun Van Conference Room, 601 Yale SE
- ADC** - Albuquerque Development Commission - Hearing Room (Basement Level), Plaza del Sol, 600 Second Street NW
- AQCB** - Air Quality Control Board, Council Commission Chambers, Basement Level, City Hall
- BOA** - Board of Appeals, Plaza del Sol Hearing Room, Basement Level, 600 Second Street NW
- City Council** - Council/Commission Chambers, Basement Level, City Hall
- District 4 Coalition** - Fire Station 20, 7520 Corona NE
- District 6 Coalition** - Cesar Chavez Community Center, 7505 Kathryn SE
- District 7 Coalition** - Sandia High School, Teacher's Lounge, 7801 Candelaria NE
- District 8 Coalition** - James Joseph Dwyer Memorial Substation, 12700 Montgomery NE
- DRB** - Development Review Board, Plaza del Sol Hearing Room (Basement Level), 600 Second Street NW
- East Gateway Coalition** - Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center, 501 Elizabeth SE
- EPC** - Environmental Planning Commission, Plaza del Sol Hearing Room, 600 Second Street NW, Basement Level
- EPC Pre-Hearing** - Environmental Planning Commission, Plaza del Sol, 600 Second Street NW, Third Fl. Conference Room
- EPC Study Session** - Environmental Planning Commission, Plaza del Sol, 600 Second Street NW, Third Floor Conference Room
- FF** - Feedback Forum, Planning Department, Plaza del Sol, Hearing Room, (Basement Level), 600 Second Street NW
- GABAC** - Greater Albuquerque Recycling Advisory Committee, City Hall, Room 302
- GARTC** - Greater Albuquerque Recreational Trails Committee - Locations vary, call **505-768-5308** for information
- GWPAB** - Ground Water Protection Advisory Board - Room 302 City/County Building, 400 Marquette NW
- LEPC** - Local Emergency Planning Committee - 11510 Sunset Gardens SW, **505-833-7300** or <www.lepcbqbernc.org> for more info.
- LUCC** - Landmarks and Urban Conservation Commission, Plaza del Sol, Hearing Room (Basement Level), 600 Second Street NW
- North Valley Coalition** - Los Griegos Multi-Service Center, 1231 Candelaria NW
- PAB** - ParaTransit Advisory Board - Alvarado Transportation Center, 100 First Street SW
- POC** - Police Oversight Commission, City/County Building, Lower Level, 1 Civic Plaza, Fifth and Marquette
- SEPC** - Special Events Permitting Committee - 6th floor, Cultural Services Department Conference Room, City Hall, Fifth and Marquette
- SVCNA** - South Valley Coalition of Neighborhoods Associations, Rio Bravo Senior Center, 3910 Isleta Boulevard SW
- SWAN** - South West Alliance of Neighborhoods, Alamosa Multi-Service Center, 6900 Gonzales SW
- TAB** - Transit Advisory Board - Sun Van Conference Room, 601 Yale SE
- Westside Coalition** - Don Newton/Taylor Ranch Community Center, 4900 Kachina NW
- ZHE** - Zoning Hearing Examiner, 200 Third Street NW, Suite 735, **505-924-3918**



EPC Hearing Notice

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

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

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

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

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

Please note that the **Pre-Hearing Meeting** will be held on **Wednesday, February 27, 2008 at 1:30 p.m.** in the Planning Conference Room, Third Floor. The **EPC Public Hearing** will be held on **Thursday, March 20, 2008 at 8:30 a.m.** in the **Plaza del Sol Hearing Room (basement level), 600 Second Street NW** for the following cases:

PLEASE NOTE: *EPC Hearing on Thursday, March 13, 2008 beginning at 3:30 p.m., Plaza Del Sol (basement) Hearing Room, 600 Second Street NW ONLY for these projects listed below:*

All Neighborhoods; 08EPC-40023, Project #1007100; The Planning Department of the City of Albuquerque, is proposing an Adoption of *Great Streets Facility Plan* (Rank Two Plan) February 2008 – to create city streets that are safe, pedestrian friendly, economically vital and visually attractive; Manjeet K. Tangri at **505-924-3356**, e-mail: <mtangri@cabq.gov>.

Alameda North Valley, Jade Park, Nor Este, North Domingo Baca, North Hills, North Wyoming, Pleasant View, The Quail Springs, Sonora, Sun North Estates, Vista Del Norte Alliance, West La Cueva, Wildflower Area; 07-EPC-00566, Project #1005541; The Planning Department of the City of Albuquerque, is recommending approval to the City Council of the *North I-25 Sector Development Plan* March 2008; Chris Hyer at **505-924-3927**, e-mail: <chyer@cabq.gov>.

EPC March 20, 2008 All Day Hearing Schedule beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Citywide

All Neighborhoods; 08EPC-40009, Project #1001620; The Planning Department of the City of Albuquerque, is proposing an Amendment to Section 14-12-10 ROA 1994 to clarify the existing Ordinance on Appeals of Staff Decisions to the Landmarks and Urban Conservation Commission (LUCC); amending Section 14-16-4-4 ROA with respect to appeals of Land Use decisions to the City Council, Council Bill – O-08-6; Catalina Lehner at **505-924-3935**, e-mail: <clehner@cabq.gov>.

Northeast

Oso Grande, John B. Robert, Amberglen (neighborhood/homeowner association); 08EPC-40015 and 40018, Project #1004221 (case #'s); Approximately 1.0842 acre(s) located on the west side of Juan Tabo Boulevard NE between Spain Road NE and Osuna Road NE (**location of request**); F-21 (**zone atlas page #**); Consensus Planning, Inc. at **505-764-9801**, agent for Kenny Hinkes (**applicant or agency and phone #**); Requests a Zone Map Amendment from SU-1 for O-1 Permissive Uses and a Site Development Plan for Building Permit for a proposed 18,000 square feet, two (2) story office building adjacent to the Manor Care Assisted Living Facility (**action requested**); Randall Falkner at **505-924-3933**, e-mail: <rflakner@cabq.gov> (**city staff planner**).

Northeast, con't.

Snow Heights; 08EPC-40010, Project #1006950; Approximately 1.2 acre(s) located on the east side of Wyoming Boulevard NE between I-40 Freeway and Mountain Road NE; J-20; DAC Enterprises, Inc. at **505-294-5243**, agent for Gina Schmidt DLBLA Sierra West, LLC; Requests a Zone Map Amendment from R-1 to C-2 for this parcel of land located next to the Interstate 40 Freeway off ramps at Wyoming Boulevard NE; Jennifer Donofrio at **505-924-3343**, e-mail: <jdonofrio@cabq.gov>.

Alvarado Park, Classic Uptown, Inez, Jerry Cline Park, Quigley Park, Snow Heights, Uptown Progress Team, Inc., Winrock South, Zuni; 08EPC-40021 and 40022, Project #1007099; Approximately 3.9197 acres located on the southwest and southeast corners of Menaul Boulevard NE and Prospect Avenue NE and the Southeast corner of Menaul Boulevard NE and Mesilla Street NE; H-19; Myers, Oliver and Price, P.C. at **505-247-9080**, agent for Sandia Foundation; Requests a Zone Map Amendment from SU-1 Nursery and C-2 to SU-1 C-2 Uses and a Site Development Plan for Building Permit for a proposed Menaul Retail Development Center; Carol Toffaleti at **505-924-3345**, e-mail: <cgtoffaleti@cabq.gov>.

Northwest

No Neighborhood/Homeowner Associations; 08EPC-40020, Project #1001275; Approximately 3.0313 acre(s) located on the south side of NM 528 between Coors Boulevard NW and Ellison Drive NW; A-14; George Rainhart Architects and Associates at **505-884-9110**, agent for DOPPCO INVESTORS II, LLC; Requests a Site Development Plan for Building Permit for a proposed additional retail services; Anna DiMambro at **505-924-3924**, e-mail: <adimambro@cabq.gov>.

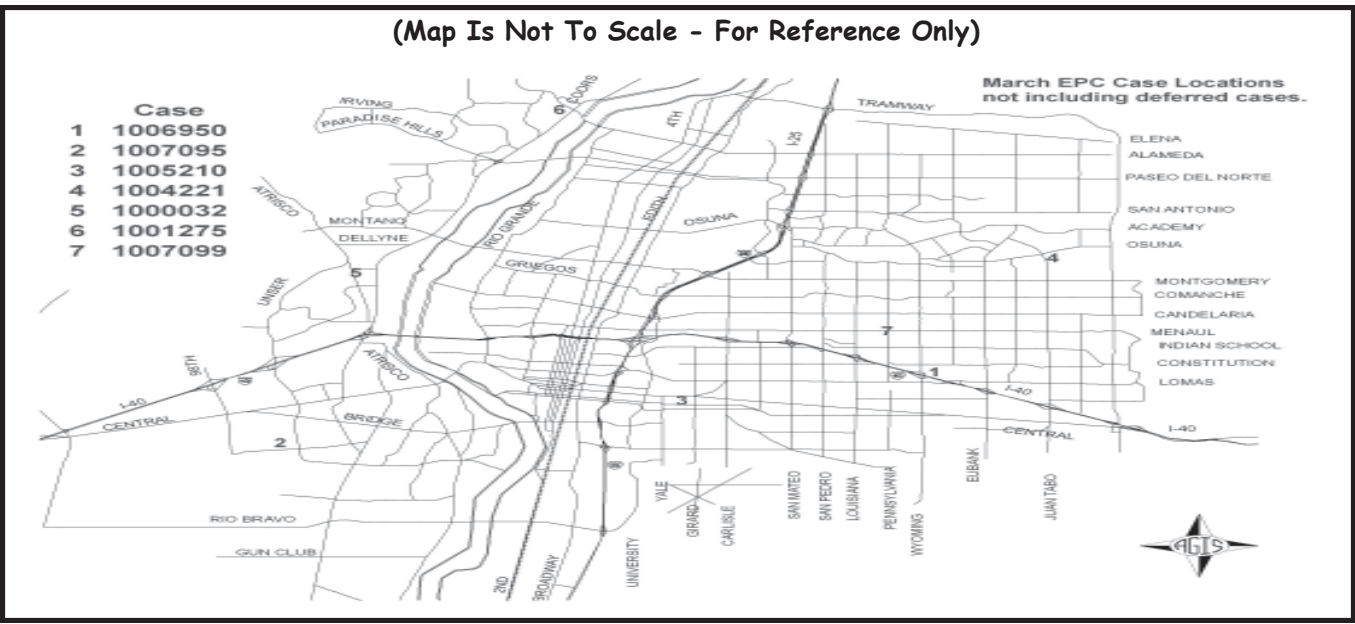
La Luz Del Sol, La Luz Landowners, Quaker Heights, Taylor Ranch, Rancho Encantado; 08EPC-40019, Project #1000032; Approximately 8 acres located on the west side of Coors Boulevard NW between Western Trails NW and Milne Road NW; F-11; Tierra West, LLC at **505-858-3100**, agent for UNIVEST/COORS RD, LLC; Requests an Amendment to the University of Albuquerque Sector Development Plan for a proposed 131 multi-family residential use in the form of a Senior Independent Living Facility; Anna DiMambro at **505-924-3924**, e-mail: <adimambro@cabq.gov>.

Southeast

University Heights; 08EPC-40014 and 40017, Project #1005210; Approximately .3 acre(s) located on the east side of Cornell Drive SE between Silver Avenue SE and Lead Avenue SE; K-16; Consensus Planning, Inc. at **505-764-9801**, agent for Werner Gilchrist, LLC; Requests a Zone Map Amendment from SU-2/DR to SU-2/SU-1 for DR and Office, Library and/or Museum and a Site Development Plan for Building Permit to rehabilitate the Werner-Gilchrist House which is designated as a City Landmark; Mary Ellen Hennessy at **505-924-3891**, e-mail: <mhennessy@cabq.gov>.

Southwest

Westgate Heights; 08EPC-40011 and 40013, Project #1007095; Approximately .5 acres located on the south side of San Ygnacio Road SW between 8th Street SW and Suneast Drive SW; L-9; DAC Enterprises, Inc. at **505-294-5243**, agent for 86th Ltd. Partnership; Requests a Zone Map Amendment from SU-2/RD 9 DU/AC to SU-2/SU-1 for Daycare Center and a Site Development Plan for Building Permit for a proposed Day Care Facility in the neighborhood; Randall Falkner at **505-924-3933**, e-mail: <rfalkner@cabq.gov>.



CITY SCOOP

News From City Departments



APD Crime Prevention

505-924-3600

Submitted By Steve Sink



Domestic Violence

Millions of women are confronted with violence at the hands of their husbands, boyfriends, and significant others each year in our country. This devastating experience is often kept a secret. Victims of domestic violence are unwilling to tell anyone – even close friends and family. They are ashamed to let anyone know about intimate family problems. Victims of domestic violence come from all walks of life, cultures, ages and income groups. If left unchecked, this type of violence will affect the entire family, destroy self-esteem and will usually escalate into serious physical harm. If you or a loved-one is a victim of domestic violence seek help immediately!

Warning Signs of Battering Behavior

jealousy – controlling behavior – isolation – blaming others – verbal abuse – psychological abuse – cruelty to children or animals – threats of violence – force during arguments – anger easily when drinking or using other drugs – breaking or striking objects – discourage other friendships – threaten with weapon – controls your schedule – accuses you of being unfaithful – controls all finances – forces you to have sex

What To Do If You Are Hurt

Call the police as soon as you can. Assault, even by a family member, is a crime. Get medical attention. Ask the medical staff to photograph your injuries. Keep detailed records in the event legal action is necessary. Contact the Court System about Civil Protective Orders. Leave the scene immediately or as soon as possible.

Resources For Help and Assistance

Leave or have someone stay with you if you are in immediate danger. Call a crisis hotline for assistance, location of a women’s shelter, counseling, and crisis intervention. The following resources and telephone numbers are available in Albuquerque:

- New Mexico Coalition Against Domestic Violence Hotline: **1-800-773-3645 (Statewide)** •Domestic Violence Shelter and other services: **505-247-4219 (Albuquerque)** •All Faith’s Receiving Home **505-768-2104** •Emergency Shelter for Children: **505-345-8938** •APD Victims Assistance/Recourses Inc.: **505-248-3165 (Albuquerque)** •Domestic Violence Legal Help Line: **1-877-974-3400 (Toll Free – Statewide)** **505-243-4300 (Albuquerque)** •New Mexico Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs: **1-888-888-8020 (Statewide)** **505-883-8020 (Albuquerque)** •Morning Star – Advocacy Program for Native American Women: **505-232-8299 (Albuquerque)** •Enlace – Spanish

Speaking: **505-246-8972**, **911** or the non-emergency number – **505-242-COPS (2677) (Albuquerque)** •Nationwide Domestic Violence Hotline: **1-800-799-SAFE (Nationwide)** Enlace – Spanish Speaking: **505-246-8972** or **911** or the non-emergency number - **505-242-COPS (2677) Albuquerque** •Nationwide Domestic Violence Hotline: **1-800-799-SAFE (Nationwide)** National Resource Center on Domestic Violence: **1-800-537-2238 (Nationwide)** •Restraining Orders: **505-841-8400** •Crime Victim’s Reparation Commission: **505-841-9432.**

Police Oversight Commission

Submitted By William Deaton

Creation and Purpose of the Police Oversight Commission

The Police Oversight Commission (POC) was created by an Ordinance enacted by the City Council in 1998, “to provide oversight of the Albuquerque Police Department and oversee all citizen complaints.” The POC consists of nine members, one selected from each City Council District. Monthly televised (Channel 16) meetings of the Commission are held in the Vincent E. Griego City Council Chambers. At these meetings, after a public comment period, the Commission considers citizen complaints where the Independent Review Officer (IRO) and the Chief of Police have failed to agree on the disposition of the complaint. They also consider appeals taken from the findings made by the IRO based on investigations conducted by investigators from the Independent Review Office. The IRO is appointed by the Mayor and must be approved by the City Council. The Independent Review staff carries out independent investigations of Citizen Police Complaints (CPCs).

The IRO is appointed by the Mayor and must be approved by the City Council. The IRO staff carries out independent investigations of CPCs. The IRO makes findings on all CPCs. These findings are subject to inspection by the Commission and are either approved or disapproved. The IRO sends a letter to the complaining citizen detailing the investigation of the CPC. If the citizen wishes to appeal the findings of the IRO, such an appeal must be taken within ten business days of the day he received the aforementioned letter. Complaint forms may be obtained at police headquarters, any sub-station, the IRO Office, or online at <www.cabq.gov>, click on **Independent Review Office** in the A-Z Index. For more information contact the Independent Review Office at **505-924-3770.**





Submitted By John Stomp

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

**Distribution of San Juan-Chama Bottled Water Samples
Has Been Cancelled!**

Many neighborhood associations and homeowners' associations have taken advantage of picking up free samples of purified San Juan-Chama drinking water from the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority. The Water Authority has announced it is **permanently canceling** all distribution of bottled water.

The cancellation is in response to an isolated concern about several bottles that appeared to contain a small amount of foreign matter. We believe this contamination occurred either through the bottling process or perhaps by contaminated bottles or caps. Currently, several bottles of this water are being thoroughly tested at an Environmental Protection Agency certified lab in California. However, the Water Authority has discontinued the bottled samples program because it cannot control the bottling process and because the goal of one million bottles has almost been reached (910,000 bottles have been distributed).

If your organization was scheduled to pick up water from the Water Treatment Plant between **January 23 and May 30, 2008** we will **no longer** be able to accommodate your request. We apologize for the inconvenience.

If you requested a large amount of water for a major public event, the Water Utility Authority may still be able to supply the water through a tanker. If this is the case, please call Shannon Zamarron or Phyllis Baker at **505-293-2000**.

If you still have water on hand from previous water pick-ups, we recommend recycling the water you have by watering your indoor or outdoor plants.

We were pleased to work with so many neighborhoods to provide samples of the bottled water and give them a taste of the future. We anticipate beginning to supply the water to customers in their homes by next fall.

Again, we apologize for any inconvenience. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Phyllis Baker or Shannon Zamarron at **505-293-2000**; e-mail <phyllisb@cooneywatson.com> or <shannonz@cooneywatson.com>.

Construction Scheduled This Month

Crews will be working in both the northwest, northeast and south-east areas of Albuquerque this month, as they make needed repairs to a water pipeline built more than two years ago and continue construction on the final pipeline in the San Juan-Chama Drinking Water Project – the Burton pipeline. It's important to remember that all construction is scheduled - weather permitting and that heavy rains, sleet and snows may delay projects.

Northeast Quadrant of Albuquerque

**Hermosa Drive NE from Grand Avenue NE
to Copper Avenue NE**

Hermosa Drive NE is closed from Grand Avenue NE to Copper Avenue NE for completion of a tunnel and installation of a six-inch water line. This work is scheduled through the end of February. Motorists can use Carlisle Boulevard NE or Solano Drive NE as alternate routes.

Northwest Quadrant of Albuquerque

Crews will be working in the area of Unser Boulevard NW between Montano Road NW and Molten Rock Road NW to make water line repairs. The northbound lanes of Unser Boulevard NW will be totally closed with traffic shifted to the southbound lanes of Unser Boulevard and one lane in each direction. This work is expected to last through the end of February, weather permitting.

Southeast Quadrant of Albuquerque

**Amherst Drive SE from Santa Clara Avenue SE
to Pershing Drive SE**

While construction in this area is completed, Amherst Drive is open to local traffic only until paving is completed. Paving is scheduled for mid-February and can take place only if outside and ground temperatures are 40 degrees or warmer.

**Hermosa Drive SE from Central Avenue SE
to Silver Avenue SE**

Hermosa Drive SE is closed from Central Avenue SE to Silver Avenue SE for insertion of large diameter pipeline through a tunnel as well as connection of the pipeline. This work is scheduled through the end of February. Access is being maintained to all local churches and businesses. Motorists can use Carlisle Boulevard NE or Solano Drive NE as alternate routes.

Pershing Drive SE east and west of Carlisle Boulevard SE

Crews are working on the Carlisle Tunnel as part of the Burton Pipeline through late February. Carlisle Boulevard SE is open, however Pershing Drive SE is closed one block east and one block west of Carlisle Boulevard SE. Motorists can use Garfield Avenue SE as an alternate route.

**Parkland Circle SE from Pershing Drive SE
to Ridgecrest Drive SE**

A short stretch of Parkland Circle SE where it forms a triangle with Pershing Drive SE and Ridgecrest Drive SE is closed for installation of a large diameter pipeline. Access will be maintained for local residences and local traffic only. This work is expected to last through late February. Motorists can use Carlisle Boulevard SE as an alternate route.

Ridgecrest Drive SE at Hermosa Drive SE

This intersection is closed through late February for installation of a large diameter pipeline across the intersection. Motorists can use Carlisle Boulevard SE, Garfield Avenue SE or Monterey Avenue SE as alternate routes. Access will be maintained to all residences.

**Santa Clara Avenue SE from Wellesley Drive SE
to Amherst Drive SE**

While construction in this area is completed, Santa Clara Avenue SE is open to local traffic only until paving is completed. Paving is scheduled for mid-February, and can take place only if outside and ground temperatures are 40 degrees or warmer.

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 **505-293-2000**. For more information about the project, visit our website at <www.sjcdinkingwater.org>. If you would like to be added to our drinking water project information list, call **505-242-ROAD 505-242-7623** or e-mail <pattiw@cooneywatson.com>.

ABCWUA – Water Reclamation Division
Submitted By Brynda Gutierrez



A Rose By Any Other Name

There was something fishy in the Westside neighborhoods located on Central Yucca and old Coors, but it wasn't related to the sea. The Westside neighborhood was experiencing sewer odors.

Hydrogen sulfide is the primary gas that causes offensive odors from the sewer system. These gases are naturally generated through biological activity in the sewer. Doug Dailey, Division Manager of Water Reclamation, begin meeting regularly with neighborhood associations located in the area to address the problem. An agreement was reached to install a biofilter to reduce odors in the area.

Biofilters are natural "filters" consisting of natural media, such as compost, wood strips, wood chips. These biofilters are the perfect home for bacteria that attacks hydrogen sulfide molecules, resulting in a reduction of sewer odors. Biofilters are typically designed with consideration to the aesthetics of a neighborhood and with public safety in mind. Robert Sekiya, Odor Control Supervisor, checks the Utility's odor control stations and biofilters regularly for concentration of hydrogen sulfide and for maintenance on the biofilters.

If you smell a strong odor of hydrogen sulfide (rotten egg odor) in your neighborhood it can be an indication of an increase in hydrogen sulfide gas. Please call the **Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility's Sewer Odor Control Hotline at 505-873-7010.**

Albuquerque Fire Department

Submitted By Melissa Romero
Public Information Officer



Children And Fire Safety

In 2001, an estimated 99,400 children ages 14 and under were treated in hospital emergency rooms for burn-related injuries. Young children are particularly vulnerable to burn-related injuries and death. Young children's skin is thinner than adults' and can suffer serious burns more quickly.

Keep matches and lighters up high and out of children's sight and reach. Keep kids way from cooking areas, fireplaces and all other open heat sources.

Smoke Alarms save lives. Having a smoke alarm in your home cuts your chance of dying in a fire by nearly half. Test the alarm monthly and change batteries twice a year or when it "chirps".

It is essential for children to learn and practice fire safety tips. Here are some helpful rules to know:

- Plan and practice a home fire escape plan.
- Know what to do when the smoke alarm sounds.

•Stop, Drop, and roll if clothes catch on fire. STOP immediately. DROP to the ground. ROLL over and over, covering your face and mouth with your hands.

•Matches and lighters are not toys. They are for adults only. Tell a grown-up if you find matches or lighters.

Cultural Services, Library Division

Submitted By Riann K. Powell



**Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System
Free 24/7 Access to Library Databases**

Did you know that your Albuquerque/Bernalillo County library card gives you **free** access to online databases containing articles from encyclopedias, magazines, newspapers and more? Listen to music at the Naxos Music Library, obtain vehicle repair information with the Auto Repair Center database, practice for your GED or GRE with LearnATest, or learn about funding opportunities with GrantSelect.

What are you looking for? Legal forms? Books and Authors? Live Homework Help? Encyclopedias? Information on health and medical issues? You can find all of this and more when you visit the Library online at www.cabq.gov/library.

How do I use an online database? Log on to the library's website and click on "Digital Library" on the left side of the screen. Select the database you would like to use. When prompted for your name and library card number, enter the correct data. Press the "submit" button and follow the instructions on the screen.

How can I get a library card if I don't have one? Go to any library branch, complete and sign a library card application. Or, visit the library's website and print a blank application. Bring the completed application to any library branch for processing. New Mexico residents 18 years and older must have a current Photo ID and current proof of address (drivers license, utility bill, passport, etc.). Non New Mexico Residents may obtain a limited privilege card with a current Photo ID. Children ages 0-7 must be present with a parent or guardian, and the parent/guardian must provide their current ID and address information. Children ages 8-17 may obtain a library card by applying in person; bring a valid School ID if available.

So, the next time you want to learn about stocks and mutual funds, find a magazine article, or access an encyclopedia, remember to visit www.cabq.gov/library and check out the library's free online databases.



ABQ CERT

Submitted By Shay Rose
 CERT Training Coordinator



**ABQ CERT Answers
 The EXTREME Makeover Call**

The following ABQ CERT members answered the call for EXTREME Makeover: Brian Fields ~ ABQ CERT PIO, Team Lead Sunday, Monday; Mike Rose ~ ABQ CERT PIO, Team Lead Saturday, Sunday; Jim Hunter~ABQ CERT PIO, Team Lead Assistant Saturday, Monday; Bobbie Mackenzie ~ Team Lead Assistant Saturday, Sunday; Aaron Loggins ~ Team Lead Assistant Saturday, Sunday, Monday; Jo Hunter, Linda Sedillo, Michael Cummings, Tiffany Mackenzie, Larry Byrd, Janet Adams, Bernice Pena, Susan Byrd, Patrick Rodarte, Rebecca England, Clay Wright, Mike Chavez, Susan Gafner, Renee Jones, Ada Blount, Glen Gafner, Vicki Voyles, Mollie Barnes, Diana Huntress, Margo Maher, Brian Salem, John Colclough, Kitty Juul, Laura Salem, Joan Jones, Shirley Martin and Margarito Hernandez.

We had two shifts noon to midnight Saturday and Sunday and the noon to 6 p.m. shift on Monday. We were able to provide organized man power for clean up, landscape, putting new furniture together, construction, sorting new items for all rooms of the houses and other smaller, but equally important, tasks that *had* to be done. **ABQ CERT** helped on the main house (Martinez home - I believe they called this the "Hero House"), one other small house ~ Extreme Makeover had leveled these ~ and rehab of another two complexes behind the Martinez house.

Many of the members I have recognized above worked through two shifts and much more. There is one member I must comment on: Tiffany Mackenzie. Tiffany was in our second **ABQ CERT** class. She was just short of her 18th birthday at graduation and became our first teen member. Tiffany now lives and works in California. She flew in Friday evening for a weekend visit with her family and old friends. What a fine example of our youth when civic duty and commitment to our **ABQ CERT** program is one of her priorities. (Yes, she did make time to enjoy her friends and family, but we were first on that list of hers!)

Once **ABQ CERT** dealt with "Extreme Sign In" we were actually one of the few organized groups that were really able to help get tasks accomplished to completion. I must say the production crew chiefs quickly learned **ABQ CERT** was a "GO TO" organized team of volunteers!!!

ABQ CERT members had a good time, felt really good with what they were doing, worked their fanny's off at times, walked away with some sore achy muscles but I think most of all, we were able to get acquainted with fellow **ABQ CERT** members. The camaraderie among our Team members showed what teamwork is all about and what can be accomplished through organized teamwork. This event also gave all of you an opportunity to observe how, *even on a small scale*, following ICS guidelines, is crucial to getting much accomplished by a few and how quickly chaos can be controlled and organized. I am proud of our accomplishment with **EXTREME Makeover** - you should be too!

Thank you all so much.



Planning

Final Draft of

"Great Streets Facility Plan" Available

Submitted By Manjeet K. Tangri and Claude Morelli

What are Great Streets? "Great Streets" are memorable streets. They are streets that create a desire to visit the street again and again. They are safe places to walk, to shop, to ride a bicycle, or to catch a bus. They are visually attractive and comfortable. They have small shops, interesting activities, well-designed buildings, shaded sidewalks, well-placed seating and trees that generate human activity and vitality. They connect places where people live to places where they work, shop, go to school, or recreate in a clear and appealing manner.

Background on Great Streets Facility Plan: In 2006, the Albuquerque Planning Department initiated a project to develop a "Great Streets Facility Plan". The intent of this plan is to help implement the goals and policies of the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Comprehensive Plan and the Planned Growth Strategy. The Comprehensive Plan responds to a commitment in the City Charter to "promote and maintain an aesthetic and human urban environment." The Great Streets Plan addresses the Comprehensive Plan's Activity Centers and Corridors policies in detail. Its purpose is to demonstrate how to make city streets more safe, attractive, and compatible with the needs and concerns of all street users (pedestrians, bicyclists, public transit riders and car drivers).

Final draft of the plan is now available: The plan is developed through many citywide public meetings and guidance from the Technical Advisory Committee made up of representatives of public agencies, non profits and business groups. In December of 2007, a preliminary draft of the plan was presented at public meeting held in the Nob Hill area. Subsequent to that meeting, city staff and its consultants revised the plan based on input received. A Final Draft is now available.

Plan to be heard by EPC in March 2008: The plan will be heard by the EPC on **Thursday, March 13, 2008 at 3:30 p.m.** Please mark your calendars and plan to attend the meeting on March 13 if you wish to comment on this plan. EPC meetings are held in the basement hearing room of the Plaza del Sol Building, 600 Second Street NW.

The Final Draft of the Great Streets Facility Plan is on the Planning web site at cabq.gov/planning/advance/projects.html or contact Manjeet Tangri at mtangri@cabq.gov or 505-924-3356. Claude Morelli is a transportation planner in private practice. He is also affiliated with WALK Albuquerque walkalbuquerque.org."



Albuquerque Animal Welfare Department

Submitted By Rick DeReyes, Marketing Manager

When Mayor Martin J. Chávez reorganized Albuquerque's Animal Welfare Department last fall, among the mandates he gave it was to think "outside the box" when it came to everyday approaches including the adopting of pets at offsite locations.

On January 26 and 27, 2008, Animal Welfare tried a different approach for its offsite adoptions - a coordinated interdepartmental effort at a large outside event where it had never before done adoptions on a large scale.

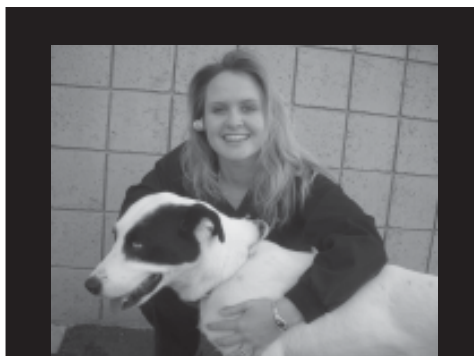
Under the direction of Program Coordinator, James Hallinan and KOB-TV Public Affairs Director, Joan Lucas, Animal Welfare augmented its booth at the Eyewitness News Four Health Fair with several things: up to five dogs roaming the floors of the Manual Lujan Jr. Exhibit Complex where they could mingle with fairgoers and exhibitors alike, several cats inside carriers and a mini-store manned by Vickie Fisher from Albuquerque Kennel Kompadres, the charity arm of Animal Welfare. In reserve and rotated out on a regular basis were several more dogs and cats inside the department's Spay and Neuter Van parked outside.

The result was a total of eight dogs and six cats adopted during the two day fair with about half the adoptions actually coming from the exhibitors themselves.

While the Department of Animal Welfare plans to continue its long standing tradition of holding mini adopt-a-thons in many other locations it now has coordinated way to handle even larger events where more pets can be shipped in from the Eastside and Westside shelters to meet the demand for adoptable pets.

Albuquerque Animal Welfare Department Director Jeanine Patterson, herself a former organizer of health events for Intel around the world, is challenging employees to find new, better ways of bringing more pets to large and well attended venues.

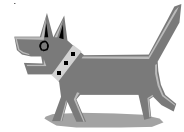
So during the coming year don't be surprised if you see adoptable pets at places you never expected to see them - from sporting events to theaters to even your own place of employment!



"Little Missy" was one of eight dogs adopted at the event, shown here with her new owner, Rebecca Smith-Sealy of Rio Rancho

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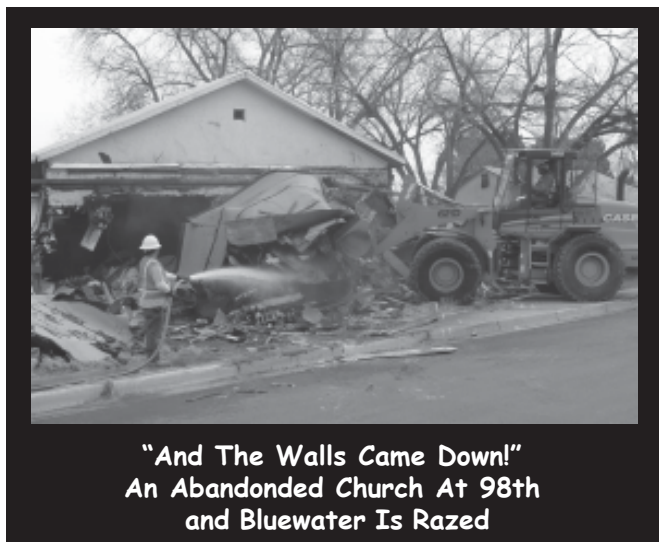
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