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



NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS/NEW OFFICERS
The Office of Neighborhood Coordination “welcomes” new presidents of neighborhood associations and says a “special thank you” to outgoing presidents. Thank you for all your hard work and commitment to the improvement of the life-style of your neighborhood.

Neighborhood Association

Alta Monte
Boyd-Leslie Park
Holiday Park
Los Jardines HOA
North Wyoming
Westside Merchants

“Welcome” to Incoming President

Bill Wallace
Sam Slimp
Gary Bodman
Pete Pedersen
Nanci Carriveau
Van Barber

“Thanks” to Outgoing President

Norma Leeper
John Williams
Stephen Ausherman
Tammy Leslie
Doug Fenton
New Assoc.

- South Broadway Neighborhood Association regained their “Recognized” status on April 5, 2006.
- Boyd-Leslie Park Neighborhood Association regained their “Recognized” status on April 6, 2006.

NEW NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION(S)

The *Bosque Del Rio Homeowners Association* is located in *City Council District 5, Police Beat – 121/WS, County Commission District 1*. The contacts for this association are Dennis Helmich & Sam Martin. *Welcome Aboard!*

To All Recognized Neighborhood Associations

A Reminder: We will need the original Annual Report AND a copy of the announcement of your Annual Meeting submitted to our office **before** your Annual Report will be approved for the year. Please call Dalaina at **924-3906** for further information. Please make sure that you have the correct addresses listed for your officers on your Annual Report. Annual Reports for the following months are due:

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

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

ATTENTION: When submitting your **Annual Reports/Neighborhood Meeting/Coalition Reports** please mail to our physical street address below:

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



A Message From Tree New Mexico

Want trees for your neighborhood or neighborhood park??
Tree New Mexico may be able to assist you.
Call **Kirk Whittig** at **505-265-4554**



WHEN: Friday, April 21, 2006 - 10 a.m.
WHERE: Wilson Park in Albuquerque
(Corner of San Pedro NE and Anderson SE)
WHAT: Plant Large Caliper Trees

WHEN: Saturday April 29, 2006 - 8 a.m. - 12 noon
WHERE: John Marshall Multi-Service Center
1500 Walter SE (corner of Dan and Walter SE)
WHAT: Tree Planting
South Broadway Neighborhood

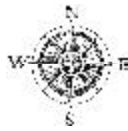
CONTACT: Tree New Mexico, **505-265-4554**

Across The City



National Hispanic Cultural Center

Submitted By Danny L. Lopez



The NHCC and NM Holocaust and Intolerance Museum Present an Evening of Middle Eastern and Flamenco Music and Dance

The National Hispanic Cultural Center and the New Mexico Holocaust and Intolerance Museum are proud to announce a one-night performance *Morena Amoor*: A Female Dialogue between Middle Eastern and Flamenco on Sunday, April 30 at 7 p.m. in the NHCC's Roy E. Disney Center for Performing Arts.

Morena Amoor consists of solo pieces performed in the unique styles of the Middle Eastern and Flamenco dance traditions, as well as duets composed to enhance the meeting between both traditions, the Middle Eastern and the Spanish. *Morena Amoor* was first performed at the Women's Festival in Hulon, Israel and has been performed throughout Israel on all of its main stages. The work has been included in major dance festivals throughout the world.

Morena Amoor is comprised by the duet of Neta Shezaf and Elina Pechersky. Neta Shezaf has an acclaimed international career as a flamenco dancer, teacher, and choreographer. She has performed with the Mario Maya's Gypsy Dance Company in Spain and at New York's Lincoln Center, and with Rafael Aguilar's Company in Italy. She is a dancer, choreographer, and professional teacher who promotes Middle Eastern dance as a legitimate art form. Pechersky has represented Israel at the Women Artists Festival in Sweden in 1996, and at other festivals in the U.S., France, Japan, Switzerland, and Jordan.

The Center's Performing Arts Director Reeve Love states, "This presentation is very unique and profound because it tells a rich story of the meetings of the Middle Eastern and Spanish cultures through a beautiful art form. I think the audience will be in for a real treat visually and will leave with a better understanding of how these cultures have interfaced artistically." The NHCC is proud to be partnering with the New Mexico Holocaust and Intolerance Museum. Their president, Andrew Lipman shares, "This concert presents a wonderful opportunity to present a multi-cultural event to create bridges of understanding and friendship between the Spanish, Jewish and Arab communities. A portion of the proceeds from the event will also help support the mission of the New Mexico Holocaust and Intolerance Museum which is to combat hate and intolerance through education. Following the event the Holocaust Museum will be hosting a special reception with food, a no host bar, special entertainment and an opportunity to meet the performers. Tickets for that special reception are \$150, include two tickets for premium seating at the dance presentation and can be obtained by calling the Holocaust Museum directly at 505-247-0606. We are thrilled to be working with the NHCC and

hope this is only the beginning of other such collaborations together."

Tickets are on sale at the National Hispanic Cultural Center Box by calling 505-724-4471 and at all Ticketmaster locations or at <www.ticketmaster.com>.

Metro Court

Submitted By Janet Blair

Judge Benjamin Chavez Presides Over Homeless Court Sessions

Judge Benjamin Chavez of the Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court Criminal Division XIII will be taking on new responsibilities presiding over some sessions of Homeless Court in addition to his regular full-time criminal docket. He will be working in conjunction with Presiding Criminal Court Judge Victoria Grant.

"I am honored to be part of this alternative court which is innovative and on the cutting edge of the American court system. Homeless Court has already shown tremendous results," said Judge Chavez.

"I welcome Judge Chavez as the second judge for our nationally-recognized Homeless Court. He will alternate with me on our monthly Homeless Court sessions which are being held at St. Martin's Hospitality Center," said Judge Grant. "Judge Chavez brings extensive legal and judicial experience along with a unique understanding to these cases."



Judge Chavez will begin his new responsibilities in mid-April. He has been on the Metropolitan Court bench since November 2004. He is a graduate of University of New Mexico Law School, a former DWI prosecutor and a former Assistant Albuquerque City Attorney.

"Judge Grant pioneered this court for New Mexico to deal with a serious community problem. I see my participation in this court as an opportunity to bring Homeless Court defendants back into lawful society as productive citizens. This program works," said Judge Chavez.

Homeless Court was established at Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court in 2002 and is designed to help defendants get back on their feet, find housing and employment. Often, their criminal activity is directly related to their homelessness, and those who participate in the program are those who are willing to make a real effort and take advantage of resources offered by the court to break the cycle of homelessness, Judge Grant explained.

Metropolitan Court Homeless Court is patterned after a similar court in San Diego, California. Homeless Court staff includes a dedicated probation officer and clerk who work with court clients and community organizations.

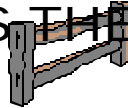


NEIGHBORHOOD SCOOP

Moving People

Submitted By Susan Vigil

ACROSS THE FENCE



Careening down from a long flight over the Manzano Mountains, a serene and confident Sandhill crane adjusts her wings and settles quietly to search for feed in the corn at Los Poblanos fields. The cranes pose like models-neck extended, leg cocked. We can find providence in the cranes solitary dignity. To carry on with grace in the face of challenge impresses me with a sense of triumph in the same way a community's heroic efforts supersede the results of those efforts. . . purposefully caring for our environments leads to resolution.

Out of citizens, friends, and parents, a neighborhood association creates leaders whose effectiveness often becomes epic. In the setting of a cooperative, a colorful array of social and aesthetic values are placed on the city canvas. We may mix a neutral brown of compromise or a promising bright green to splash across the city.

Los Poblanos Neighborhood Association has existed for two years and is already juggling the agendas of the City against its own. With a quite villa feel, irrigated farms, substantial housing lots, and the open-space meadows of Los Poblanos fields, spanning 138 acres at Montano NW and Tierra Viva Road NW, the area is zoned RA-2 - Agricultural. The quiet dissolves into an Albuquerque paradox, at the intersection of Fourth Street NW and Montano Road NW.

In the tradition of the Camino Real, the area's paths web to Santa Fe and The Rio Grande River. Bicycles and wagon wheels, humans and horses tread on Guadalupe Trail NW and Fourth Street NW into their present grooves. Given their history, it is not surprising these passageways converge at one of Albuquerque's central locations. Montano is designated a major arterial highway by MRCOG. Traffic at Fourth Street NW and Montano NW moves all day like a centipede - constant, slow, vehicle after vehicle. How to cross and not get stepped on?

Los Poblanos Neighborhood Association's opposition to re-stripping Montano was immediate. A survey distributed by the association revealed 90% opposition amongst its members to broadening Montano from two lanes to four. Two new construction projects, have created approximately 460 new back and fourth trips/day up and down Montano. There are 70 driveways that open into the Montano corridor, including four pre-schools. Emergency vehicle access to neighborhoods during rush hour, noise and air pollution, and speed offenses, all created apprehension to re-stripping Montano. Critical to the neighborhood and to Albuquerque, the Montano artery regulates approximately 25,700 vehicles a day across the river, 1700 of which pass over during rush hour alone. The city called hearings on the west and east sides of the river to discuss widening Montano. Meeting notification was considered insufficient-about a week, and the communities' input restrained to 15 minutes. On a positive note, the east and westside associations initiated conversations. AnnaMarie

Sekula, the president of Los Poblanos Neighborhood Association, describes the Montano Bridge in these terms, "I don't see it as a westside, eastside issue, it's a City issue."

Sanford Abrams, the chair of this association's Traffic and Safety committee, mobilized the association to stop "four-laning". No, they must hold together after the re-stripping. They initiated door-to-door conversations and appointed street representatives. Networks, advanced notice and participation are vital to the survival of the association.

AnnaMarie describes her efforts as president of the association, "to ensure that we work together for the community, to create a safe and prosperous community. Safety First."

The Los Poblanos Neighborhood Association deserves the "thanks" of Albuquerque's bicyclists, pedestrians,

and alternative transportation advocates. Issues they monitor are: The City's initiative to add left turn lanes at Second Street and Fourth Streets NW; building a walkway over Montano at the Griegos pathway to unite north and south Montano. The association strongly requests the installation of noise pollution controls at Fourth and Montano.

The movement of people, not cars, describes the driving directive of this neighborhood association. High occupancy and bus lanes along Montano Road might be key to a safer city. MRCOG describes the severe congestion in the area relievable only with more bridges across the Rio Grande.

The Rail Runner Train passes close by the neighborhood on Broadway. AnnaMarie exclaims about the system, "Wonderful, safer transportation - a stop at Montano and Edith? We have 1000's of cars coming down here, we need public transportation."

Together with the Fourth Street Coalition (a merchant association) and the North Valley Coalition (a group that monitors ditch trails and information) Los Poblanos Neighborhood Association wants to create an historical respect for north Fourth Street as seen on south Fourth Street, lamplights, artistic centers, wide sidewalks and slow speeds. Fourth Street may change to two lanes. AnnaMarie hopes that in 20 years North Camino Real will be a "pedestrian friendly, beautiful street, with trees...with plants - just a great place to do your shopping...Fourth Street could be the gem of the city. We want to work as a community to make Fourth Street sparkle."

The refined and composed Sandhill cranes, that feast each fall in Los Poblanos Open Space, undauntedly complete their journey back to Utah. May our travels and endeavors succeed at making Albuquerque a "gem" of the southwest.



NEIGHBORHOOD SCOOP continued



From The Manager's Desk

By Herb Howell

Officer Duties Part II
The Role of the Secretary

(Continued from the 2006 February/March Edition)

After a one issue lapse, we are back on track for the duties of your valued volunteer officers. I appreciate the reminders from our avid readers.

Your neighborhood association Secretary has a huge task and the duties are better understood when they become more formalized. Those additional duties are as follows:

- 1. Keep an accurate list of all members.
2. Develop and use a roll-call list.
3. Retain government documents and a copy of Association By-Laws to bring to each meeting, for reference purposes. Additionally it is the responsibility of all officers to have read, and know the Neighborhood Associations' By-Laws.
4. Work with the President to prepare and distribute the agenda.
5. Distribute the packet of materials needed for the meetings to the membership. I suggest one week in advance.
6. Send out the call of the meeting. (a reminder)
7. Have extra copies of the agenda and By-Laws; just in case.

During the meeting the Secretary should :

- 1. In the absence of the President and Vice-President, the Secretary calls the meeting to order and immediately conducts the election of the Chairman pro tem(the temporary chairman). The Secretary should resist all attempts to make them the Chairman pro tem as the duties of the secretary must continue as before.
2. Provide access to the minutes book.
3. Provide access to all of the governing documents of the organization. Ideally those documents should be in a binder/notebook for easy access.



Neighborhood Workshop Corner

Effective Officers Training Workshop
Saturday, June 24, 2006

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

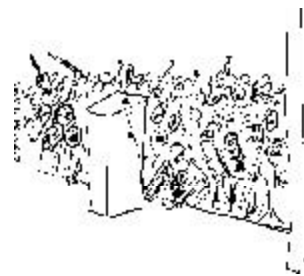
Plaza Del Sol Hearing Room

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

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

Registration for all workshops closes at 12 noon the day before the training. You may register for workshops by calling ONC at 924-3914, by fax at 924-3913 or on-line at: <http://www.cabq.gov/planning/nbr/workshop.html>. Please pre-register.

To accommodate 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.



Related ONC Links

- URL for neighborhood association maps: <http://www.cabq.gov/planning/agis/nbrmaps.html>
URL for 'Neighborhood News' ONC newsletter: <http://www.cabq.gov/planning/nbrcoordnewsletter.html>
URL for ONC Workshop Information: <http://www.cabq.gov/planningnbroordneighworkshop.html>
URL for ONC Workshop Registration Form: <http://www.cabq.gov/planning/formsvcs/workshop.html>

NEIGHBORHOOD SCOOP continued



A Message From The Mayor

Martin J. Chávez, Mayor

Albuquerque Public Schools

We are fortunate to live in a great city that is moving in a positive direction every day. Our city remains the economic engine for New Mexico and new jobs are coming to town all the time. Albuquerque continues to climb up the "good" lists for cities. We have good reason to appreciate our high quality of life. Yet, in one important way I think it is time to make a bold change for the better.

In the recent campaign and since then in a variety of public venues I have proposed a bold new agenda for the way we think about and administer K-12 education in the Duke City. After witnessing for too long, both as a parent and a mayor, APS falling further and further behind our most basic and reasonable expectations, I decided it was time to act. For too long we have seen graduation rates fall steadily to the dismal levels they are at now. By APS' own estimates only 53% of our students graduate high school in four years. Our children do not seem to be engaged, challenged and educated in our school system anymore and our long anticipated needs for new schools has been met with bureaucratic inertia and out of control costs. This is a problem that has taken on moral dimensions.

To remedy this, I propose we reconsider our current system of APS Board membership. The board by districts system is not acting accountably to the needs of the community as a whole. Worse yet, it is our children, those most important and vulnerable, who bear the brunt of a broken APS system. Keep in mind that the elections that put the board in office are notoriously low, hovering around 10% of voters. This allows special interests or parochial concerns that are area specific, not public interest of the community as a

whole, to often dominate these low focus elections.

It has been my greatest professional honor to be elected by Albuquerque's public, and I wake up every day committed to do the public's work. The APS system, for a seeming myriad of reasons, does not seem to "wake up" everyday with a renewed commitment to do the best thing for our most precious gifts, our children. This is why I want to put more accountability back into the system. I believe we need to fix this system that is failing our children and make it more responsive.

I am open to ideas for a solution. The dialogue is open to all. This is a community concern and I hope the community is willing to address this most important issue with an open mind and caring heart - as well as a sense of urgency. Please join me. One way to do this is to log onto my new weblog at <www.cabq.gov/blogs/mayor> and share your thoughts with me and the community as a whole. You can also write me the old fashioned way at the Mayor's Office, One Civic Plaza 87102.

I look forward to hearing from you!

Join Mayor Martin J. Chávez for the 2006 Mayor's Spring Cleanup (Great American Cleanup) Call 761-8334 now to sign up your neighborhood, group or organization to clean-up Albuquerque on Saturday, April 29th 9am to Noon CLOTHES COLLECTION It's time to clean out your closets and help those in need! Bring your clean, reusable clothing to the Solid Waste Mgmt Department 4600 Edith NE (Edith at Griegos) March 10- May 10, 2006 All donations will be given to Albuquerque Rescue Mission. KEEP ALBUQUERQUE BEAUTIFUL A Program of the Solid Waste Management Department Also sponsored by: NM Clean & Beautiful A program of NM Department of Tourism Call 761-8334 for more information

Mayor's Office Of Volunteerism and Engagement

Submitted By Debra Saine

Spring is here, and the school year is about to wrap up. If you are a teen or the parent of one, I invite you to search for youth volunteer opportunities. Non-profit agencies have posted a variety of volunteer opportunities that your teen can perform during the summer break. These include working with animals; performing environmental restoration; reading to children; volunteering at a hospital or library; performing office work, and construction of Habitat for Humanity houses. To view the opportunities, go to <www.cabq.gov/move>. Conduct an Advanced Search and enter the word "youth" in the Key Word field.

For more information, contact Debra Saine, Mayor's Office of Volunteerism and Engagement at 767-5815 or email at: <dsaine@cabq.gov>



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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.



A Message From Your City Council

The City's FY 2007 Budget Process

Submitted By Kelly Sanchez-Pare

Under the City Charter, one of the most important functions that the City Council performs is that of reviewing, approving, or amending and approving the budget of the City of Albuquerque. The City's budget consists of two parts – a financial plan and a performance plan. The financial plan is organized by fund and department, while the performance plan is organized by goal and desired community conditions. It is important that the Council look at both of these two areas when considering the budget – first, that the Council consider the dollars that are being spent to ensure that the City is living within its means, and second, that the Council consider how spending those dollars moves the City closer to achieving its stated goals.

Each year, the Mayor proposes an Enterprise Fund Budget to the City Council by March 1 and a General Fund Budget to the City Council by April 1. The Enterprise Fund Budget pays for City services that operate like businesses, such as the City's golf courses, the Albuquerque International Support, and solid waste management. The General Fund budget, sometimes referred to as the City's operating budget, pays for essential City services such as police and fire protection, family and community services, parks and recreation, and transit.

As an important part of the budget process, the City Council conducts hearings to receive public input on the proposed budget. Citizens are encouraged to participate in the Council budget meetings. Listed below is a schedule of budget milestones for the development of the FY/07 budget, as well as the dates and times of the City Council budget meetings.

City Council

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

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

Thursday, April 20, 2006 - Committee of the Whole Meeting to discuss amendments to the proposed Enterprise Fund Budgets - 5 p.m. in the Vincent E. Griego Chambers. Public Input is Encouraged.

Monday, April 24, 2006 - Special City Council Meeting for Enterprise Fund Final Adoption - 5 p.m. in the Vincent E. Griego Chambers. Public Input is Encouraged.

Thursday, April 27, 2006 - Committee of the Whole Meeting to discuss the General Fund Budget related to Social Goals – 5 p.m. in the Vincent E. Griego Chambers. Public Input is Encouraged.

Thursday, May 4, 2006 - Committee of the Whole Meeting to discuss General Fund Budget related to Physical Goals – 5 p.m. in the Vincent E. Griego Chambers. Public Input is Encouraged.

Thursday, May 18, 2006 - Committee of the Whole Meeting to discuss amendments to the proposed General Fund Budget - 5 p.m. in the Vincent E. Griego Chambers. Public Input is Encouraged.

Monday, May 22, 2006 - Special City Council Meeting for General Fund Budget adoption - 5 p.m. in the Vincent E. Griego Chambers. Public Input is Encouraged.



“Slow Down Albuquerque”

*A Message From Raymond D. Schultz
Chief of Police*

The Albuquerque Police Department would like all of you to know that there are still some “Slow Down Albuquerque” signs available. This has been a very positive traffic awareness campaign, which promotes a partnership between Albuquerque citizens respecting our neighborhoods and to not speed on

our city streets. The focus of this campaign has been to help Albuquerque's citizens be aware of their own driving habits. Many citizens have posted these signs in their neighborhood to remind others to slow down. While citizens often complain to the APD about cars speeding through their neighborhoods, many citizens would have to admit that they too have driven fast down city streets.

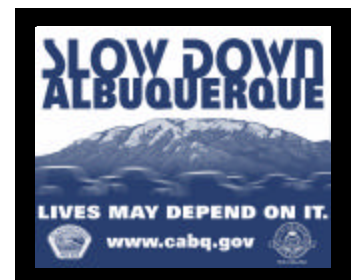
Anyone interested in obtaining a “Slow Down Albuquerque” sign should contact the following Albuquerque Police Department locations:





- **Valley Area Command**
5408 2nd NW, 505-761-8800
- **Southeast Area Command**
800 Louisiana NE, 505-256-2050
- **Foothills Area Command**
12800 Lomas NE, 505-332-5240
- **Northeast Area Command**
8201 Osuna Road NE
505-823-4455
- **Westside Area Command**
6404 Los Volcanes Road NW
505-831-4705
- **APD Traffic Substation**
7520 Corona NE, 505-857-8421

By taking one of these yard signs we are asking citizens to post the sign in their yard and to make a personal commitment to not speed on Albuquerque streets.

If you do speed, remember, the APD does aggressively enforce our speeding laws, so it is best to . . .

“Slow Down Albuquerque”



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<p>Wednesday, April 19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •DRB – 9 a.m. •ADC – 3 p.m. •District 4 Coalition – 7 p.m. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Monday, May 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •City Council – 5 p.m. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday, May 11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •GWPAB – 8:30 a.m. •TAB – 9 a.m. •Feedback Forum – 11:45 a.m. •EPC Study Session – 4 p.m. •POC – 4 p.m. •SVCNA – 6:30 p.m. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday, May 18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •EPC – 8:30 a.m.
<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday, April 20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •EPC – 8:30 a.m. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, May 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •AAB – 9 a.m. •DRB – 9 a.m. •District 7 Coalition – 7 p.m. •Westside Coalition – 7 p.m. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Monday, May 15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •City Council – 5 p.m. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday, May 23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •BOA – 9 a.m.
<p style="text-align: center;">Monday, April 24*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •City Council – 5 p.m. (*Tentative) 	<p style="text-align: center;">Monday, May 8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •GABAC – 4:30 p.m. •SWAN – 6:30 p.m. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday, May 16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •ZHE – 9 a.m. •GARTC – 4:30 p.m. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, May 24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •DRB – 9 a.m. •SEPC – 9 a.m. •EPC – Pre-Hearing – 1:30 p.m.
<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday, April 25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •BOA – 9 a.m. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, May 10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •DRB – 9 a.m. •SEPC – 9 a.m. •LUCC – 3 p.m. •AQCB – 5:15 p.m. •District 6 Coalition – 7 p.m. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, May 17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •ADC – 3 p.m. •DRB – 9 a.m. •District 4 Coalition – 7 p.m. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday, May 25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •District 8 Coalition – 7 p.m.
<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, April 26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •DRB – 9 a.m. •SEPC – 9 a.m. •EPC Pre-Hearing – 1:30 p.m. <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;">  </div>	<div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;">  </div>	<div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;">  </div>	<p style="text-align: center;">Monday, May 29</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Memorial Day</p> <p style="text-align: center;">City Offices Closed</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, May 31</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •DRB – 9 a.m. •LEPC – 9 a.m. <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;">  </div>

2006 CALENDAR LEGEND

- AAB** - Airport Advisory Board, Aviation Department Executive Conference Room, 244-7700
- ACTMI** - Advisory Committee on Transit for the Mobility Impaired - Sun Van Conference Room, 601 Yale SE, 764-8932
- ADC** - Albuquerque Development Commission - Hearing Room, Basement Level, Plaza del Sol, 600 Second Street NW
- AQCB** - Air Quality Control Board, Council Commission Chambers, Basement Level, City Hall
- BOA** - Board of Appeals, Plaza del Sol Hearing Room, Basement Level, 600 Second St. NW
- City Council** - Council/Commission Chambers, Basement Level, City Hall
- District 4 Coalition** - Fire Station 20; 7520 Corona NE (**April and May 2006** meetings)
- District 6 Coalition** - Cesar Chavez Community Center, 7505 Kathryn SE
- District 7 Coalition** - Sandia High School, Teacher's Lounge, 7801 Candelaria NE
- District 8 Coalition** - James Joseph Dwyer Memorial Substation, 12700 Montgomery NE
- DRB** - Development Review Board, Plaza del Sol Hearing Room, 600 Second Street NW, Basement Level
- EPC** - Environmental Planning Commission, Plaza del Sol Hearing Room, 600 Second St. NW, Basement Level
- EPC Pre-Hearing** - Environmental Planning Commission, Plaza del Sol, 600 Second St. NW, Third Fl. Conf. Room
- EPC Study Session** - Environmental Planning Commission, Plaza del Sol, 600 Second St. NW, Third Fl. Conf. Room
- FBF** - **FeedBack Forum**, Planning Department, Plaza del Sol, 600 Second St. NW, Hearing Room, Basement Level, **Richard Dourte, 924-3999**
- GABAC** - Greater Albuquerque Bicycling Advisory Committee, City Hall, Room 302, **768-2680**
- GARTC** - Greater Albuquerque Recreational Trails Committee - Locations vary, call **768-5308** for information
- GWPAB** - Ground Water Protection Advisory Board - Room 302 City/County Building, 400 Marquette NW
- LEPC** - Local Emergency Planning Committee - 11510 Sunset Gardens SW, **833-7300** or <www.lepcabqbernc.org> for more information
- LUCC** - Landmarks and Urban Conservation Commission, Plaza del Sol Hearing Room, 600 Second St. NW, Basement Level
- North Valley Coalition** - Los Griegos Multi-Service Center, 1231 Candelaria NW
- POC** - Police Oversight Commission, City/County Building, Lower Level, 1 Civic Plaza, 5th and Marquette
- SEPC** - **Special Event Permitting Committee** - 6th floor, Cultural Services Department Conference Room, City Hall, 5th and Marquette
- SVCNA** - South Valley Coalition of Neighborhoods Associations - South Valley BSCO Sheriff's Substation, 2039 Isleta SW
- SWAN** - South West Alliance of Neighborhoods, Alamosa Multi-Service Center, 6900 Gonzales SW
- TAB** - Transit Advisory Board - Sun Van Conference Room, 601 Yale SE, **764-6121**
- Westside Coalition** - Taylor Ranch Community Center, 4900 Kachina NW
- ZHE** - Zoning Hearing Examiner, Plaza del Sol Hearing Room, Basement Level, 600 Second St. NW

EPC Hearing Notice

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

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

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

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

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

Please note that the **Pre-Hearing Meeting** will be held on **Wednesday, April 26, 2006 at 1:30 p.m.** in the Planning Conference Room, Third Floor. The **EPC Public Hearing** will be held on **Thursday, May 18, 2006 at 8:30 a.m.** in the Plaza del Sol (basement) Hearing Room for the following cases:

Citywide

All Neighborhoods; 06EPC-00479, Project #1004831; The Planning Department of the City of Albuquerque, is proposing a Amendment to Section 14-14-1-5 ROA 1994 - the Subdivision Ordinance to define “Solar Collectors”- to remove obstacles that would prevent the installation and use of solar collectors. The ordinance requires the DRB to deny approval of subdivisions with covenants, etc., that prohibit solar collector installation, and include language on all subdivision plats stating that property within the subdivisions shall not be subject to covenants, etc. that prohibit solar collectors; Sheran Matson at **505-924-3880**.

Northeast

No Association(s) (neighborhood association); 06EPC-00413, Project #1004791 (case #'s); Approximately one (1) acre(s) located on the north side of Lomas Boulevard NE between Walker Drive NE and Eubank Boulevard NE (**location of request**); J-20 (**zone atlas page #**); DAC Enterprises at **505-294-5243**, agent for Terrance Zinman (**applicant or agency and phone #**); Requests approval of a Zone Map Amendment from O-1 Office and Institution to C-1 Neighborhood Commercial (**action requested**); Petra Morris at **505-924-3343 (city staff planner)**.

Academy Acres North, Albuquerque Meadows; 06EPC-00458, Project #1002455; Approximately two (2) acre(s) located on the south side of San Antonio Drive NE between San Pedro Drive NE and I-25 Freeway; E-18; Tafazzul Hussain at **505-243-9093**, agent for Douglas W. Simms; Requests approval of an EPC Site Development Plan for Building Permit for a proposed office retail center; David Stallworth at **505-924-3940**.

No Association(s); 06EPC-00461 and 00462, Project #1004815; Approximately three (3) acre(s) located on the north side of Central Avenue NE between Skyline Road NE and Figueroa Street NE; L-22; Arch+Plan Land Use Consultants, LLC at **505-980-8365**, agent for Pamela Munos; Requests approval of an EPC Site Development Plan for Building Permit and a Zone Map Amendment from SU-1 to SU-1 to remove the “Outdoor Storage and Repair” language for a proposed Munos Wrecker Incorporated and Allstate Towing Incorporated Buildings; Catalina Lehner at **505-924-3935**.

North Domingo Baca, Nor Este; 06EPC-00467, Project #1002458; Approximately two (2) acre(s) located on the south side of Carmel Avenue NE between Wyoming Boulevard NE and Holly Avenue NE; C-19; Claudio Vigil, Architects at **505-842-1113**, agent for Bank of Oklahoma Financial Corporation; Requests approval of a EPC Site Development Plan for Building Permit for a proposed one single-story bank building for Bank of Albuquerque; Catalina Lehner at **505-924-3935**.

Vineyard Estates, North Albuquerque Acres; 06EPC-00469, Project #1002730; Approximately four (4) acre(s) located on the north side of Corona Avenue NE between Ventura Street NE and Menocino Drive NE; C-20; Christopher Calott at **505-401-7844**; Requests approval of a Sector Development Plan for Map Amendment currently zone RD-Church for the “*Vineyard Sector Development Plan*” to RD-5 du/acre for a proposed single family residential; Maggie Gould at **505-924-3910**.

Northwest

No Association(s); 06EPC-00474, Project #1004822; Approximately four (4) acre(s) located on the southwest side of NM 528 between Coors Boulevard NW and Ellison Drive NW; A-14; George Rainhart, Architect and Associates, P.C. at **505-884-9110**, agent for Doppco Developments, LLC; Requests approval of a EPC Site Development Plan for Building Permit for a proposed 19,904 square foot of retail shops and a 2,000 square foot coffee/drive-thru shop; Stephanie Shumsky at **505-924-3933**.

Paradise Hills; 06EPC-00470, Project #1004820; Approximately four (4) acre(s) located on the east side of Irving Boulevard NW between Eagle Ranch Road NW and Irving Boulevard NW; B-13; Fanning Bard Tatum Architects at **505-883-5200**, agent for Aquatic Consultants, Inc.; Requests approval of a EPC Site Development Plan for Building Permit for a proposed two single story buildings – one an office building and another a vehicle storage building; Carmen Marrone at **505-924-3814**.

West Bluff; 06EPC-00471, Project #1002405; Approximately three (3) acre(s) located on the south side of Redlands Road NW between Coors Boulevard NW and Atrisco Drive NW; G-11; Advanced Engineering and Consulting, LLC at **505-899-5570**, agent for Cracker Barrel Old Country Store, Inc.; Requests approval of a EPC Site Development Plan Amendment to Building Permit for a proposed “Cracker Barrel Old Country Store”; Carmen Marrone at **505-924-3814**.

Paradise Hills, Piedras Marcadas; 06EPC-00472, Project #1004821; Approximately one (1) acre(s) located on the northwest corner at the intersection of Paseo Del Norte NW between Golf Course Road NW and Paseo Del Norte NW; C-12; Jack Harris Architects, Inc. at **505-266-6667**, agent for Dr. Shaun Hwang; Requests approval of a EPC Site Development Plan Amendment for Building Permit for a proposed Dental Office Building; Stephanie Shumsky at **505-924-3933**.

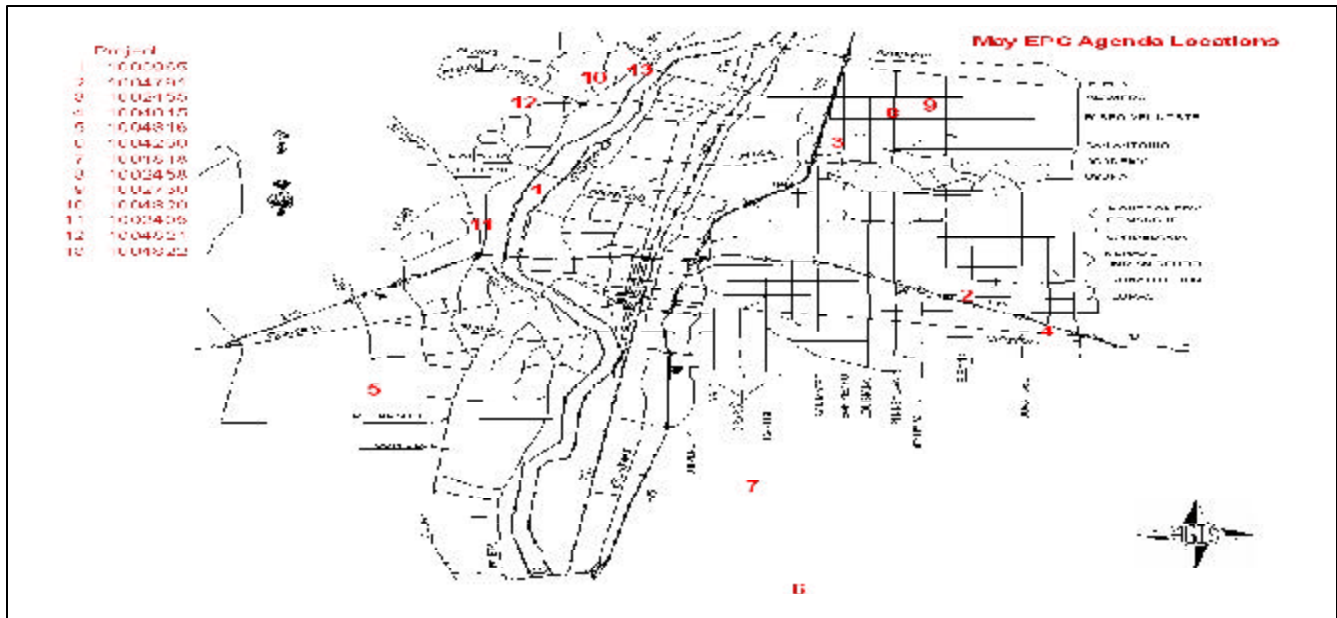
Southeast

Mountain View; 06EPC-00465, Project #1004260; Approximately nine thousand six hundred-seventy (9,670) acre(s) located on the east side of Bobby Foster Road SE between Bobby Foster Road SE and University Extension; P-17, Q-16-18, R-14-18, S-14-18, T-13-18, U-13-18; Denish + Kline Associates at **505-842-6461**, agent for Forest City Covington, LLC, City of Albuquerque, University of New Mexico, Commissioner of Public Lands; Requests approval of a Zone Map Amendment from SU-2/PC to PC (Planned Community) for Mesa Del Sol; Russell Brito at **505-924-3337**.

Mountain View; 06EPC-00466, Project #1004818; Approximately twenty-eight (28) acre(s) located on the southeast intersection of University Boulevard SE between Bobby Foster Road SE; R-16; Denish + Kline Associates at **505-842-6461**, agent for Pacifica Mesa Studios, LLC; Requests approval of an EPC Site Development Plan for Building Permit for a proposed Motion Picture Studio to be constructed within Mesa Del Sol; Russell Brito at **505-924-3337**.

Southwest

Westgate Heights; 06EPC-00464, Project #1004816; Approximately twenty-nine (29) acre(s) located on the south side of Gibson Boulevard SW between 98th Street SW and Amole Arroyo Drainage ROW; N-9; Consensus Planning at **505-764-9801**, agent for Diamond Mesa; Requests approval of a EPC Site Development Plan for Building Permit for a proposed development of 474 condominium units contained in 158 buildings tentatively named “Diamond Mesa”; David Stallworth at **505-924-3940**.



CITY SCOOP

News From City Departments

Office of Emergency Management

Submitted By Bruce Sickles

“Wildfires - How We Will Evacuate”

Up to now we have given you some information on how to prepare your 72 Hour Family Emergency Kits to assist you during an evacuation and how to shelter in place if need be. In line with that, one of our biggest concerns, right now, is wildfires. We would like to share some information on how we will conduct evacuations in the event of a wildfire and how we will communicate our evacuation plans.

Unlike hurricanes, which have a defined path, evacuations for a wildfire are not as predictable. Although we have fairly good ideas where the fires might occur, (and there are numerous locations) there are several factors that can have an effect on evacuations. Amongst those factors is the exact location of the fire and wind directions. Once we have that information, and the Incident Commander makes the decision to evacuate, we can start evacuations.

One of the first things we will do is determine which way the fire is heading and design evacuation routes around that understanding. We want to make sure that you evacuate away from the fire and not towards it. At the onset, we may simply send those most affected to a staging area so they are away from the most immediate affects. Then we will design major evacuation routes away from the fire. ***How will you be notified on when to leave and where to go?***

Our primary notification system is the Emergency Alerting System commonly referred to as EAS. We will notify the radio and TV stations and they will relay our messages to the public. All EAS messages will start with a warning tone. Radio announcements will be audio and TV announcements will scroll on the top of the screen. Most likely there will be follow up broadcasts by both radio and TV announcers as the situations develop.

EAS is only helpful if you have your TV or radio turned on. Another system we will use is the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s (NOAA) Weather Radio warning system. Although this system presently takes a little longer to get the word out, it has some distinct advantages over the EAS system. The real benefit is, if you have the right weather band radio, you can actually receive the announcement even if the radio is off (but powered in some way) and tuned to a specific frequency. The key thing to know when purchasing a weather radio is to be sure it has the Specific Area Message Encoder (SAME) as an option. Once you have one of these radios, you would tune it to 162.400 MHz. and leave it there. The system is tested every Wednesday between 11 a.m. and 12 p.m. There are several sources for these radios so check

with electronics stores or search the internet; we really can’t make specific brand or vendor recommendations.

Another way we will make announcements is by having police and fire personnel using their loud speakers or actually going door-to-door in the more critically affected areas.

OK, now you are aware of an evacuation but you are not sure if you are affected or you may still have questions. The best thing to do if you have non-emergency questions is to call 311. We will have a 311 representative in our Emergency Operations Center (EOC). This person will be continuously channeling information between the EOC and the 311 Center.

If you have critical information that we should know about, or have an emergency yourself, try 911. We say try 911 because it is possible the lines to 911 will be busy at anytime during an incident. If that should be the case, go ahead and pass your emergency information to 311. They will pass the information along to the EOC and we will act on it.

If you would like additional information on our evacuation plans, please go to our web site at www.cabq.gov/cityevacuation. Keep one thing in mind - our first responders will not issue an evacuation order unless it is serious. If you hear the order to evacuate then leave, take your 72 hour Family Emergency kit and your pets with you. If you go to a designated shelter, we will have Animal Services there to arrange for pet boarding.

Spring Green Waste Collection

On your regular **trash collection day** during the weeks of **May 8th - 12th**



and **May 15th - 19th** 

the City Solid Waste Department will offer **free**

GREEN WASTE PICKUP.

City of Albuquerque Residents must place their green waste (leaves, grass and brush) in trash bags not weighing more than 40 lbs. each on the curb by 7am on their trash pick up day.

Items must be placed 5 ft. away from the automated trash container. Branches should be cut to four- ft. lengths and bundled securely. The city will not pick up dirt, construction debris, gravel or any other landscape material.

Call 761-8100 for more information.



APD Crime Prevention
505-924-3600

Submitted By Steve Sink

Child Safety

Home Alone: Being home alone can be a scary proposition for kids and parents. Many parents who work all day are faced with the daunting task of making sure their children are safe and protected before and after school. By following the tips listed below, parents can ease some of the anxiety associated with leaving their children home alone as well as general child safety advise.

City of Albuquerque Ordinance states that children ten years or less can not be left home alone. Children eleven years or older can legally be left alone. However, regardless of age, make sure your child is mature enough and can comprehend rules to your satisfaction before leaving them alone.

•Can your child be trusted to go straight home after school, easily use the telephone, locks, follow rules and instructions, **and stay alone without being afraid?** Parents should teach kids basic safety rules and house rules. They should also know where their children are at all times, what they're doing, and who they're with. •Instruct your child to check in with a trusted neighbor or call you as soon as they get home. •Make sure they know how to call 911 in case of an emergency and post important numbers. •Do they know their telephone number, address, and directions to the home? •Establish a pre-arranged code word in case someone has to pick them up for you. •Do they know how to operate all doors and window locks as well as an alarm system? •Install eye viewers at a level comparable to your children's height. •Explain to your children to never let anyone into the home or let them know that they are alone. •Establish set rules about having friends over or going somewhere without your permission. •Children should never carry their house/apartment key in full view. Place the key in a shirt pocket, sock, or other secure place. •Teach them never to go into the home if signs of intrusion are noticed (broken windows, ripped screen, open doors). •Establish a fixed route to and from school and walk that route with your children. Point out designated locations they can go for help including neighbors. •Encourage them to walk with friends at all times. •Avoid danger spots like alleys, wooded areas, construction zones, public restrooms, empty buildings and remain in well lit, active locations. Avoid locations where strangers are present. •If a stranger (any one they do not know) attempts to follow or grab them, teach them to scream, "Stay away from me" or "This person is trying to hurt me," and run to an established safe place. •Regularly communicate with your child about unusual incidents, contact with other people, or any event that makes them uncomfortable.

General Safety:

•Children should practice making an emergency call. Rehearse their full name, address, and phone number including area code.

•Teach your child to contact a store clerk or security officer if they are separated from you. •Teach your child that no one, not even a friend or relative, has the right to touch them in a way that makes them uncomfortable. •Teach them to never accept a gift or ride from people they do not know.

Water Utility Department, Wastewater Utility Division
Submitted By Brynda Gutierrez

Roaches

Roaches are creepy, they are crawly, and they are a fact, roaches. Roaches like dark, wet, places, for example under cabinets with leaking water or wood chips. The Wastewater Utility Division provides an ongoing service to control cockroaches in the City's sanitary sewer system. The roach control service is **only for sanitary sewer lines**, and 34,000 manholes are treated regularly. Currently, there are two crews that provide service for the entire utility. Manholes are "painted" with an insecticide that is deadly to roaches. The insecticide infused paint lasts up to three years. If roaches persist then boric acid is used for spot treatment. Boric acid is very effective in killing cockroaches; it is not toxic to humans or animals.

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

<http://www.cabq.gov/wastewater/roachform.html>

Messages left on the cockroach hotline are checked daily; due to the large number of requests received at certain times of the year, crews may not get to the area as quickly as they would like. The summer months of June through August, are the busiest, so please be patient.

When crews respond to requests, please allow a couple of weeks for Treatment. The crews will leave a green door hanger on a resident's doorknob verifying that the sewer has been treated. This is a free service, **but crews can not treat private resident's property, or treat water meter boxes.**

Residents are urged to work with their own pest control company, **and treat their property at the same time for maximum benefit.** Please keep in mind when Roach Crews spray the collection system **this will not eradicate roaches at your residence.**

What can homeowners do to reduce roach infestations?

- Avoid using wood chips when possible
- Do not leave standing water
- Avoid leaving open food containers out
- Do not provide dark, damp places for roaches
- Work with your pest control company to eliminate roaches



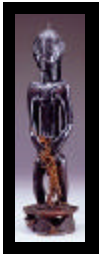
Cultural Services

Submitted By Leslie Venzuela

**Resonance from the Past:
African Sculpture from the New Orleans Collection**

May 14 – August 13, 2006

It's an intimate glimpse into one of the finest collections of African art in the country. The Albuquerque Museum of Art and History is one of only five select museums in the United States to host the exhibition *Resonance from the Past: African Sculpture from the New Orleans Museum of Art* from **May 14–August 13**.



The exhibition presents the best African sculpture from the New Orleans Museum of Art (NOMA). Many of the objects have never before been exhibited outside of the City of New Orleans. The variety of pieces is impressive. Among the sculpted artworks, mainly from sub-Saharan Africa, are masks, figurative sculpture, musical instruments, ceramics, textiles and intricate beadwork costumes.

Notable works include an elegant wooden door carved by a Baule artist from the Ivory Coast, a Yoruba masquerade costume made from a collage of fabrics and bright beadwork and an elaborate collection of masks.

In 1953, NOMA received its first African artwork from an anonymous donor, a rare late 18th century Benin bronze *Head of an Oba*. The collection was greatly enhanced in 1977 when the Museum received a significant donation; 140 magnificent African works bequeathed by collector Victor K. Kiam. Many of those works will be on display when *Resonance from the Past* opens at The Albuquerque Museum on **Sunday, May 14**. After leaving Albuquerque the exhibition will travel to the Smithsonian's National Museum of African Art in Washington, D.C.

The Albuquerque Museum will present an **opening day lecture at 1 p.m.** by William Fagaly, Curator of African Art at NOMA. His talk will highlight many of the outstanding works featured in *Resonance from the Past*. The lecture is free with paid museum admission.

This is the first major exhibition of African art ever staged in New Mexico. The Albuquerque Museum is collaborating with the Albuquerque Museum Foundation, The Albuquerque Chapter of The Links, Inc., and the University of New Mexico to assure this exhibition reaches a statewide audience. The partnership will result in ongoing educational programs. Generous grants for the partnership efforts come from the MetLife Foundation Museum Connections Program and the Urban Enhancement Trust Fund of the City of Albuquerque.

**The Albuquerque Museum of Art and History
2000 Mountain Road NW**

**General admission is free the first Wednesday of the month
and every Sunday from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Call 505-243-7255 for more information.**

Transit

Submitted By James W. Faught

Your New Ride For The Westside

Rapid Ride service is coming to Albuquerque's Westside. Beginning **Monday, April 17**, ABQ RIDE will begin a pilot project for a Rapid Ride route along Coors Boulevard during peak commute times.

The new Rapid Ride commuter service (**Route 156**) will extend from Cottonwood Mall south along Coors Boulevard to the Alamosa Community Center. In the morning, there will be two trips heading south from Cottonwood Mall and two trips heading north from the Alamosa Community Center. In the afternoon, there will be one trip heading south from the Cottonwood Mall and two trips heading north. There will only be a total of eight stops to keep this a rapid service. Those stops include: The Cottonwood Mall, the Target Store near Coors and Irving, Coors at Montano Plaza, Coors at St. Joseph's, Coors at Sequoia, Coors at Fortuna (West Mesa High School), Coors at Central and the Alamosa Community Center.

"We are making a commitment to Westside commuters that their voices will be heard and transit service will be improved," said ABQ RIDE Director Greg Payne. "The addition of this one Rapid Ride vehicle will only be the beginning. If this is successful, then we will make plans to expand this service along Coors Boulevard."

**ABQ RIDE Starts Park and Ride Service
To Journal Pavilion**

Beginning in April, ABQ RIDE will provide Park and Ride service to all Journal Pavilion concerts. Buses will have their own dedicated lane with a police escort. This will save people money on gas and as much as two to three hours of their time.

Park and Ride tickets to the Journal Pavilion cost **\$12/round-trip** and must be **purchased, in person, prior to each concert** at the Alvarado Transportation Center on the corner of Central Avenue and First Street in Downtown Albuquerque. Park and Ride Ticket Office hours are **6 a.m. - 8 p.m. on weekdays** and **8 a.m. - 5 p.m. on weekends**. Seats are limited - purchase your tickets early. Call **243-RIDE** to ensure tickets are not sold out before making the trip Downtown.

Buses will depart two hours prior to the start of each concert from two Park and Ride locations. **Park for free** at the Macaroni Grill Park and Ride near Winrock Mall or at the Southwest Mesa Park and Ride on the corner of Central and Unser. **Buses depart 20 minutes after the end of the concert.**



Parks and Recreation

Submitted By Sandy Zuschlag

Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta Park

Albuquerque's Balloon Fiesta Park is managed by the City of Albuquerque's Parks and Recreation Department and is the jewel of the City's park system. It is the largest urban park in the City and is the home to the State's largest event, the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta. The Fiesta typically attracts more than 800,000 guest visits and has an estimated economic impact of over \$95 million dollars for the State of New Mexico.

The 360-acre Park extends approximately one mile north of Alameda Boulevard NE and ½ mile south of Alameda Boulevard NE, adjacent to the North Diversion Channel. Development of the Balloon Fiesta Park started in 1996, and is guided by an adopted Master Development Plan. Currently, only approximately 94 acres of the total 360 acres are developed. Improvements include 46 acres of grass that will accommodate 23 soccer fields and other recreation uses, a 32 acre lighted golf driving range and a pitch and putt course (the City's new Albuquerque Golf Training Center), and eight little league baseball fields (Eastdale Little League). The recently acquired golf driving range and pitch and putt course will re-open to the public very soon. There will be a fee to use the facility.

Visiting the Balloon Fiesta Park is free to the public. However, there is a charge to rent areas of the park for events and activities. The new Anderson Abruzzo Albuquerque International Balloon Museum is also located at the park and is open for viewing and reservations.

Other activities and events supported by the Balloon Fiesta Park include the annual City Freedom Fourth and Memorial Day Celebrations, concerts, car shows, runs and walks, dog shows, model airplanes, festivals, bicycle races, and other youth activities and sports.

Access: Currently, the primary southern vehicular access to the park is from Alameda Boulevard NE and Balloon Museum Drive NE. From the north, vehicular access is from I-25 Frontage Road and Balloon Fiesta Parkway NE.

Use: For more information about the park or reservations, call the Citizen Contact Center by dialing **311** or **505-768-2000**.

Balloon Fiesta Park Hours of Operations

Albuquerque Golf Training Center is open from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. in the summer and from 9 a.m. to dusk in the winter. The phone number for the facility is **505-857-8434**.

Gardunos on the Green is a full service restaurant, phone number: **505-797-9222**.

The Northern Launch Field is controlled access. When open, access to the field is from the north (I-25 to Southbound Frontage Road to Balloon Fiesta Parkway NE). Unless the park is reserved for an activity, the park is open from 5:30 a.m. until dark.

The Anderson Abruzzo Albuquerque International Balloon Museum is a City facility operated by the Cultural Services Department. Phone number: **505-768-6020**. Address: 9201 Balloon Museum Drive NE, Albuquerque, NM 87113-1554.

Hours of Operation: Tuesday through Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The museum is closed Mondays and City Holidays.

Hours of operation and admission prices are subject to change without notice. Special hours will be posted during the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta.

Environmental Health

Albuquerque Animal Care Center

By Kay L. Duffin, DVM, Senior Veterinarian Manager

– Ticks –

An Unpleasant Part of Albuquerque

Ticks are not only found on the mesa, in the valley and foothills, they are found in back yards around Los Altos, in the Uptown Area, in the near Northeast Heights... anywhere in Albuquerque.

There are several things about ticks that make them especially unwelcome in our homes and on our pets.

Because they feed on the blood of their hosts, they can pass microbial pathogens from animal to animal, and animal to human.

Not only can ticks cause blood borne diseases, they can cause skin irritations and severe ear infections.

They can and will attach to any mammal; dogs, cats, rabbits, rodents, people and so forth.

Female ticks will eventually 'drop-off' and lay their eggs in the environment, having the potential to infest our homes, yards or neighborhoods.

To decrease the chance of disease transmission or infestation the following steps can be taken:

- Keep your lawn mowed and weeds to a minimum. Clean up dead leaves, branches and around wood piles.
- If you find ticks in your yard, apply the appropriate pesticide according to the label, most stores that sell lawn supplies can help.
- Cats do not usually need tick preventatives.
- Infested dogs should be checked by your veterinarian for diseases.
- Many treatments such as flea spray, shampoo and dips are available over the counter for animals over 12 weeks of age.
- Effective tick collars and the popular once a month applications to a dog's skin are available from your veterinarian. It is not recommended to use over the counter flea collars nor the once a month applications available without a prescription.
- Remove ticks with tweezers, grasping the tick close to the skin and pulling firmly and steadily. You may also use your hands if you have some latex gloves on. Do not burn them off or use petroleum jelly.
- If the head stays in the animal, a minor infection may occur, but will usually resolve on its own.
- Place live ticks in a sealed baggie or small bottle with a lid and discard. Flushing them down the drain will only let them live in the sewer, and the eggs may still be viable if you crush them.

**Albuquerque Bernalillo County
Water Utility Authority**
Submitted By Patti Watson



**San Juan-Chama Drinking Water
Project**

**Construction Continues In Northeast and
Northwest Albuquerque In April 2006**

Drivers, residents and businesses in Northeast and Northwest Albuquerque will notice continuing construction of various projects included in the San Juan-Chama Drinking Water project in April.

Northeast Albuquerque

**San Pedro Drive NE between Candelaria Road NE
and Montgomery Boulevard NE**

Work is continuing on the Leyendecker pipeline. The stretch of San Pedro Drive NE between Arvilla Avenue NE (one block north of Candelaria Road NE) and Comanche Road NE is expected to be paved and open to northbound traffic as well as southbound traffic by mid April. Until then, the northbound lane (east side) of San Pedro Drive NE is restricted; however access to all residences is being maintained.

~~The pipeline is now being laid from Comanche Road NE north to Montgomery Boulevard NE, and an underground vault is being installed on San Pedro Drive NE at Hendrix Road NE. Southbound traffic only~~ is permitted in the construction zone, with occasional delays for movement of heavy equipment or excavated material. Motorists are asked to use Louisiana Boulevard NE or San Mateo Boulevard NE as alternate routes. Also, work has begun on an underground bore (tunnel) under Montgomery Boulevard NE. This work, which is expected to last through mid April, may cause traffic to be shifted to the northbound lanes (east side of the road) on San Pedro Drive NE just north of Montgomery Boulevard NE with one lane open in each direction. This phase of the construction project is expected to last through May. It will be followed by additional phases as the project proceeds north on San Pedro Drive NE toward Osuna Road NE.

**Osuna Road NE between San Mateo Boulevard NE
and San Pedro Drive NE**

By the end of March, crews had completed paving of the roadway from San Mateo Boulevard NE to just past Seagull Lane NE and were heading east from Seagull Lane NE toward the edge of the Arroyo del Oso Golf Course (east of San Pedro Drive NE). Work is continuing on the laying this pipeline, called the Eastside pipeline, on the south side of Osuna Road NE. During the day, between 6:30 a.m. - 6 p.m., only one lane of traffic is allowed in one direction at a time. Flaggers are on hand to direct traffic through the construction zone. Evenings, one lane of traffic will be open in each direction. Motorists should expect occasional delays, and can use Academy Boulevard NE or McLeod Road NE as alternate routes. This pipeline project is expected to continue through June 2006.

Montano Road NE and Renaissance Boulevard NE

Crews are also continuing work on the portion of the East Valley pipeline that heads east on Montano Road NE, then north on Renaissance Boulevard NE toward Mission Avenue NE. Beginning in mid-April, crews will shift westbound traffic on Montano Road NE into two lanes (one permanent, one temporary) on the north side of Montano Road and will use the inside lane of westbound Montano Road, near its intersection with Renaissance Boulevard NE, for an underground bore pit. In late April, crews will lay pipeline across the two southbound lanes of Renaissance Boulevard NE at Montano

Road NE. These two lanes will be closed for approximately 3-5 days, with additional restrictions on Renaissance Boulevard NE to follow in May and continue through June.

Northwest Albuquerque

12th Street NW and San Isidro Street NW

Work is continuing on the West Valley pipeline. Crews are relocating a 30-inch water line on 12th Street NW through April. The southbound lane of 12th Street NW is closed between Matthew NW and Los Arboles NW. One lane of traffic is open in both directions of the northbound roadway of 12th Street NW. No left turns are permitted from 12th Street NW to Matthew NW in the construction zone. Access to all local businesses and residences is being maintained.

Through early April (approximately April 10), San Isidro NW is completely closed between Los Arboles Avenue NW and Matthew Avenue NW. Access to all local residences is being maintained.

The rest of the month, crews will lay pipeline from Matthew Avenue NW north along the Griegos Drain. They will also work on underground bores (tunnels) on 4th Street NW and 2nd Street NW. No traffic impacts are expected for any of these construction activities.

Edith Boulevard NW and Ortega Road NW

Beginning the first week of April and lasting for through the middle of the month, both Bernalillo County and the San Juan-Chama Drinking Water Project's Raw Water Pipeline #1 will close Ortega Road NW to El Pueblo Road NW to allow crews to lay pipeline. Motorists are encouraged to use Alameda Boulevard NW or El Pueblo Road NW as alternate routes. Crews will be working on this project 24 hours a day, 7 days per week.

Almost Complete

Work is expected to wrap up this month on the Diversion Dam and Fish Passage, which are under construction in the Rio Grande River south of the Alameda Bridge.

With the exception of a final landscaping improvement project, work is also expected to wrap up this month on Sequoia Road NW between Coors Boulevard NW and Alamogordo Road NW. The landscaping improvement will be installed sometime in May.

Work is continuing on both sides of the Rio Grande River. On the west side, crews are working near Sequoia Court NW. On the east side, crews are working near Campbell Road NW. No lane restrictions are being required for either project.

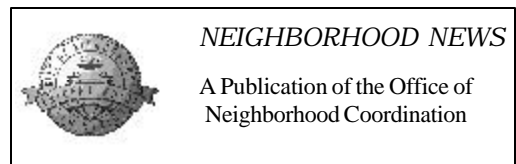
Beginning Soon

Work is scheduled to begin either in May or June on Raw Water Pipeline #2, which extends from Paseo del Norte NE and the North Diversion Channel to the new Water Treatment Plant under construction near Chappell Road NE. Work is scheduled to begin in June on the Raw Water Pump Station, which will be located on the northwest corner of the Bachechi Open Space. The building will be highlighted with a 32' parapet to add architectural interest and will blend in with area homes and architecture. The pump station will be fully xeriscaped, with minimal down-lighting, and will serve as an access point to Alameda/Rio Grande Open Space.

For More Information or to Schedule a Presentation

If you would like to schedule a presentation on the San Juan-Chama Drinking Water Project for your neighborhood or homeowners association, please call Patti Watson or Shannon Jackson at **293-2000**. For more information about the project, visit our website at www.sjcdinkingwater.org. If you would like to be added to our drinking water project information list, call **242-ROAD (242-7623)** or e-mail pattiw@cooneywatson.com.

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