

# "The Grand Design" - Nor Este Neighborhood Area

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Nor Este - "Big Sky Country"  
Sandia Mountains From Barstow At Alameda

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



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

<u>Neighborhood Association</u>	<u>“Welcome” to Incoming President</u>	<u>“Thanks” to Outgoing President</u>
Campus	Rebecca Keller	Bob Crain
Countrywood Area & HOA	Nancy Kazik	Mark Smith
Laurelwood	Robert Gaugh	Paul Gonzales
Northeast Valley	R. John Marney	Linda Trujillo
St. Josephs Townhouse	Allan Ludi	

**NEW NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION(S)**

NONE AT THIS TIME

**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.*

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

<b>February Annual Reports are due:</b>	<b>May 1, 2007</b>
<b>March Annual Reports are due:</b>	<b>June 1, 2007</b>
<b>April Annual Reports are due:</b>	<b>July 1, 2007</b>

**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

**“Sign, Sign, Sign Everywhere A Sign”  
Important Proposed Zoning Code Amendments**

The vistas and views of Albuquerque and its surroundings are some of its greatest assets for residents and visitors alike. Some commercial streets are cluttered with signs that hamper or block views of the Sandia Mountains, the Volcanoes and/or the Rio Grande Bosque. There are vacant, empty or “blue sky” signs, structures and frames throughout the City that detract from surrounding businesses and adjacent residential neighborhoods. The Planning Department is proposing amendments to the City’s sign regulations for non-residential, on-premise, free-standing signs that address the issue of signs and their positive and negative effects on our City’s quality of life.

Overall, the proposed amendments to the Zoning Code would decrease the maximum height and sign face area for on-premise, free-standing signs from twenty-six feet to thirteen feet and from 300 square feet to 150 square feet, respectively. Existing sign regulations that are more restrictive would remain unchanged. If the proposed sign regulations are adopted, then non-conforming signs would be allowed to remain for a maximum of ten years before removal and/or replacement would be required. Vacant, empty or “blue sky” signs, structures and frames would have to be removed within sixty days of tenant vacancy of an associated building. Street numbers, at least six inches high, would be required to be shown on all commercial buildings and on all commercial signs to aid the identification and location of a business.

Special consideration and exemptions are proposed for historic and landmark signs located around the City and for the historic corridors of Central Avenue and Fourth Street. New historic and landmark signs could be proposed and designated through a public hearing process. The City Council would have the authority to establish new historic sign overlay zones to preserve historic signage in larger areas for future generations. Hospitals and emergency care centers, which generally require very visible and identifiable signage, would be exempt from the new regulations after review and approval of a site-specific sign program at a public hearing.

For more information, contact **Russell Brito**, City of Albuquerque Planning Department at **505-924-3337** or email at [rbrito@cabq.gov](mailto:rbrito@cabq.gov).



**Across The City  
Metro Court**

*Submitted By Janet Blair*



**Osuna Elementary 5th Grade Goes to Court**



Metropolitan Court has hundreds of students coming in for tours each year, but the biggest event of the school season is always the Osuna Elementary School 5th Grade Tour. We hosted about 75 kids and numerous par-

ents who came to learn about the state's busiest court. Above, Judge Sandra Clinton explains the court's video arraignment process to students and parents who visited her courtroom.

Below, Judge Frank Sedillo talks to students about court procedures. The court hosts groups from public and private schools, technical colleges and community organizations interested in learning more about the most technologically advanced court in New Mexico. Metropolitan Court is a court of limited jurisdiction which handles about half of all the misdemeanors filed in the state.



Last year the court processed about 125,000 cases. To arrange for a tour, call **505-841-9897**.



**MS Walk 2007**

**"Step By Step  
Closer To A Cure"**

**Saturday, April 28, 2007  
Albuquerque Academy  
6400 Wyoming NE**

**Check-In 8 a.m.**

**Walk Begins At 9 a.m.**

**Free T-Shirts For All Participants!**

Need More Information?

Call **505-924-3340**

or visit

[www.nationalsociety.org/nmx](http://www.nationalsociety.org/nmx)

**New Mexico Department of Labor  
Casual Labor Services**

**NMDOL (NM Department of Labor) Casual Labor Services** is a great resource for citizens and business owners who need workers for a few hours, a day, or longer. Employment Representatives will provide direct assistance to help identify workers who meet your needs. There is no paper work for employers to fill out and no fee charged for our service. Our services include, general labor, skilled labor, yard work, general clean up, painting and moving. Hourly rates are negotiated between the employer and workers where the employer pays the workers at the end of each day of work. To schedule work during the week and on weekends call **505-222-4624** (voice-mail 24 hours a day), leave your contact information, and we will promptly contact you. The voice-mail is checked during regular business hours Monday through Friday, 7:45 a.m. to Noon.

**Planning Department  
Office of Neighborhood Coordination**

Dear Neighborhood Representatives,

ONC has noticed a rise in the number of NA/HOA's not turning in their paperwork on or before the 60 days of the due date of their annual meeting. Which, in turn, means your association will either LOSE their "R" recognized status –or– be removed from the NA list. ONC sends out two letters to the two designated contacts as a reminder that your Annual Report form is due to our office by the specific due date listed at the bottom of the letter. Please keep in mind when you lose your "R" status you will NOT be notified of any developments that may be occurring in your neighborhood. If you are unrecognized and have not turned in your paper work you'll be removed off our lists and maps. We have noticed that these unrecognized associations submit their paperwork to be reinstated shortly after they have been removed. Keep in mind when these changes occur they affect ONC as well as the AGIS Division that provides the neighborhood association boundaries on City maps. This is your association so please submit your paper work in a timely manner to avoid your association not being listed.

Thank you for your cooperation on this matter and to all of you who volunteer for your association.

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

**A Reminder For  
Neighborhood/Homeowner Associations**

It is a good policy to let your City Councilor know about your meetings. Send meeting notices or call, giving them advance notice, especially if you plan to invite them to participate at one of your neighborhood meetings.

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

# NEIGHBORHOOD SCOOP

## ACROSS THE FENCE



### “The Grand Design”

#### Nor Este Neighborhood Area

Submitted By Susan Vigil

Looking out at the mountains, there is a water sheet pummeling the shield, no climber wishes she was there, and the snow and mist give way over Easter week to somehow unexpected streams of sunshine making the presence of plans and designs known. Retired nuclear physicist and astoundingly kind community carpenter, Joe Yardumian declares the Nor Este neighborhood to have “The best view of the Sandia Mountains in the city.” Built 21 years ago, Nor Este encompasses the city area east of I-25, north of Paseo del Norte, south of Sandia Reservation and west of Tramway.

25 years ago, the La Cueva Sector Plan was drafted, then updated in 2000. A model example of successful city design, the La Cueva Sector Plan was composed from 4 ½ years of community work, city infrastructure extensions, replatting, and responsible development. In Joe’s words “A good developer walks away from a development with pride.” Grasses, shrubs, black gamma grasses, cholla, and soap weed all flourished in these alluvial drainage plains 20 minutes from the city, abounding gratefully still between homes and in xeriscaped yards.

Major arroyos known as The North Domingo Baca, The La Cueva and El Camino arroyos gather the Sandia’s “massive footprint” of rains draining through the La Cueva Sector Plan’s 546 acres. They are lined with Apache plume and professionally concreted at a cost of three million dollars each. Responsible drainage control is built into the La Cueva Sector plan in what are known as exaction fees, or infrastructure required by law for developing parcels adjacent to drainage areas. In a not so funny story, one builder contracted to connecting arroyos from Barstow to Ventura. The developer’s holding pond breached in a heavy rain-storm and flooded mud and water into several houses along Oakland from east of Barstow to Wyoming. Though this degree of flood damage is rare, vigilante control of drainage is built into the La Cueva Sector Plan. Land use goals are defined to provide for “maximum devel-

opment with replatting to reflect the contours of the land” - contours referring to the natural collection of flood waters, exasperated by the water’s rush off of flat, impermeable surfaces like roads and roof tops.

Density design standards outlined in the La Cueva Sector Plan have resulted in amenable resolutions for developers and residents. The core neighborhoods began with very low density standards of



Rafael Columbia Ganga Bantu  
Plays At The Pharmaca Health Fair  
Presented By  
Dannette Lovato Pimentel Music Inc.

one to seven units/acre. As the La Cueva area filled, graduating density became a priority.

For instance, in response to Nor Este and North Albuquerque Acres representation, a large development between Louisiana, Wyoming and Modesto to beyond Florence decreased density to one du/acre as the development approaches the county line. To show their support, surrounding neighborhoods encouraged city annexation of the development. The developer further contributed a park and paid to concrete the arroyo from Wyoming to I-25. Like the Westside, Nor Este schools are bursting at the seams. Joe describes “this (congestion of schools) was a situation the neighborhoods foresaw during the development of the La Cueva Sector Plan and was a key reason for our strong push for lower density housing. Additional rationale was that three density units were a logical transition from the four density units Nor Este and Vineyard Estates have to the one

density units in the county.” Alleviating school overcrowding, the new North Star Elementary School is the only APS school built in its entirety at inception, not in a piecemeal fashion. Following the contours of the land, North Star is built on a slope, and offers a panoramic view of Albuquerque and New Mexico mountain ranges.

From 1995-2000, the La Cueva area grew at a projected rate of 9.6% and now has leveled off at approximately 1707 dwelling units placing a significant burden on southern travel from I-25 and Jefferson NE, as well as western and eastern traffic along Paseo del Norte NE and Tramway NE to the south. Nor Este has attended and contributed to design recommendations to update the I-25 Sector Plan. One well deliberated solution calls for the installation of a series of steel and cement box culverts in the Domingo Baca arroyo to stabilize the arroyo for a frontage road the length of Paseo del Norte.

The La Cueva Sector Plan calls for mixed commercial and residential development along Paseo del Norte. Special Use (SU-2) - two zones are also in place to facilitate the mix. Nor Este and surrounding neighborhoods are delighted with the Industrial Commercial corridors along Paseo del Norte. At Ventura Place shopping center new businesses like the eclectic grocery *Trader Joe’s*, the integrated western and holistic pharmacy *Pharmaca*, and *Jinja*-an Asian fusion bar, grill, restaurant bring taste and culture to the area.

The La Cueva Sector Plan’s goals maintain an environmental ethic. Hiking and bicycle trails interconnect from Ventura to I-25 and along massive arroyos. Whether it’s the hawk gliding over rooftops, curved beak mountain thrushes, barn swallows swooping through backyards or that one roadrunner’s long beak and tail who answers to Joe’s voice, these neighbors share their home with animals. The plan, the people and the place co-exist harmoniously.



NEIGHBORHOOD SCOOP continued



Patrick Montoya

From The Manager's Desk

HELLO

I would like to take a few moments here and introduce myself.

My name is Patrick Montoya. While I am in an acting capacity as the Division Manager for the Office of Neighborhood Coordination, I am excited, honored and privileged to work with all of you.

I have been with the City of Albuquerque for a little over 12 years, serving as the manager of the Capital Implementation Program (CIP). I have worked with many of you in regard to programs and capital projects in your neighborhood. These projects have been funded by the City's General Obligation Bond Program and the New Mexico State Legislature. Our success, together, is evident in new parks, community centers, and swimming pools to mention a few. Prior to my coming to the City, I worked both in State and Federal government. I bring to this position over 25 years of public service.

Staff in this office have years and years of experience and I look forward to working with them. I consider each person in ONC a professional with impressive talents. Over the next few months I will look at ways to enhance the services we provide to the community and address the many challenges you face in your neighborhood and your association.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me via e-mail <pmontoya@cabq.gov> or at 505-924-3908 if you have any ideas, concerns or other matters you wish to discuss.



2007 ONC Workshop Schedule Land Use and Zoning Saturday, April 21, 2007

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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

Unless otherwise indicated, all workshops are held in the Plaza del Sol Hearing Room, 600 Second Street NW.

Register on-line at <http://www.cabq.gov/planning/formsvcs/workshop.html> or call 505-924-3914

Please Remember . . .

Registration for all workshops closes at 12 noon the day before the training. Please pre-register.

To accomodate all workshop participants, you must be pre-registered to attend these workshops. Registration includes your name, address, telephone number and association. We appreciate your consideration and cooperation.

A Tribute To Ruby Meek

Ruby Meek, long time Los Duranes Neighborhood Association board member, and past president, has resigned her position on the board due to a life full to overflowing with other work and interests. Some young members of LDNA were not even born when Ruby began her long and useful term working with our neighborhood association. She was tireless, but even better, her even disposition and Southern courtesy often prevented disagreements from escalating. We will miss her presence on the board but welcome her continued involvement in the neighborhood she has represented so long and so well.

Thanks Ruby!!

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Legal

Alternative Dispute Resolution Division Submitted By Naomi Parada

Community Mediation Program

Have you ever noticed the things your neighbors do - from the way they mow (or don't mow) their lawns, to the way they let their dog bark all night long - can be an irritation and source of stress? Often times, these minor annoyances are not addressed and silent resentment begins to build up, leading to additional frustration and anger. Sometimes simply talking with your neighbors isn't enough to work out disputes and you both must find some way to live together despite your differences.

That is where our Community Mediation Program comes in. With the guidance of professionally trained mediators, neighbors can come together in a neutral setting to resolve their dispute in a way that encourages creativity, communication and cooperation. The effectiveness of mediation is directly related to the desire to settle their differences permanently, without the cost and hassle of the alternatives such as lawsuits, police intervention, moving, or continued stress. Because mediation is active, requiring the consent and satisfaction of both parties, resolution reached by neighbors is more satisfying because it meets the unique needs and interests of each neighbor.

This is a free service to all residents in the City of Albuquerque. To obtain more information, please contact the Alternative Dispute Resolution Office at 505-768-4500.



NEIGHBORHOOD SCOOP continued



A Message From The Mayor

Martin J. Chávez Mayor of Albuquerque

Our Communities as a Center for Sustainability Innovation

To some, Albuquerque might seem like an unlikely epicenter for the global sustainability movement. But circumstances over the years have given us an early opportunity to transform how we live and, by example, be a leader that communities worldwide can look to and learn from.

In terms of clean air, Albuquerque got a start years before most communities because of our periodic inversion layer. The same recirculation that makes us the hot air ballooning capital of the world, also made it imperative that we greatly reduce emissions.

Today, thanks to emissions testing, particulate mitigation strategies, fuel reformulation, CNG and Hybrid-Electric buses plus many other innovations, Albuquerque air is healthy and cleaner than it has been in decades.

In terms of the interface between our built and natural environments, Albuquerque today garners a variety of national awards and recognition – from arborists to cyclists and from open space enthusiasts to fitness gurus – in part because of good planning and foresight in decades past.

In terms of water sustainability, it was an alarming discovery back in the early 1990's that our aquifer was not nearly so bountiful as had been thought, which prompted one of the nation's most ambitious and successful water conservation programs as well as the San Juan Chama surface water diversion.

Here too, we took the legacy of forethought from those leaders two generations ago who purchased rights to 40,000 acre feet per year of Colorado River wa-

ter, and we built dramatically upon it. Today Albuquerque boasts not only a sustainable water future on a par with any other major city in America, we actually garnered a World Leadership Award on the subject.

It should also not come as a surprise to the world that we are a hotbed of innovation, since New Mexico has long hosted two of the nation's premier energy laboratories as well as major research and development institutions. Even groups that are normally focused elsewhere, such as the National Hydrogen Association, come away impressed with Albuquerque after they utilize us as the site for their Renewables to Hydrogen conference.

What has changed about Albuquerque and New Mexico of late is that the innovations that often get their start here are increasingly sticking around to fruition. We are finally coming into our own as a metroplex capable of hosting the most sophisticated of production operations while attracting, cultivating and retraining the world's most creative minds.

But to stay on this path toward sustainability that is economic as well as environmental, we must continue to work the game plan that has brought us here and map out our next moves wisely.

This is why I champion an expansion of our multi-modal transit system to include and induce the type of smart urban reinvestment that can both shrink our carbon footprint and improve quality of life in our communities.

This is why I initiated the 2030 challenge for progressively smaller carbon footprints of buildings and why I am drawing a bead on our entire waste stream toward the goal of zero landfill by the year 2030.

This is also why my initiatives to combat urban ills, such as graffiti removal and nuisance abatement, are so critical to our community's future. Fewer people want to push out to the outskirts of town when all our established neighborhoods are clean, safe and accessible.

The goal has always been an Albuquerque where our children or grandchildren don't have to leave town to realize their

dreams. Thanks to smart planning about sustainability and an ongoing tradition of decisive action, we are now beginning to realize that goal.

Mayor's Office of Volunteerism & Engagement - MOVE

Submitted By Debra Saine

MOVE Conference Tuesday, May 8, 2007

The Mayor's Office of Volunteerism (MOVE) and ¡VOLUNTEER! Albuquerque will co-host an all-day conference on Tuesday, May 8, 2007. The conference was designed especially for volunteer managers, directors, community relations specialists and community service members. It will take place at the Marriott Albuquerque Pyramid North, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The cost is \$75 (lunch is included).

To download a registration form, go to <www.volunteerabq.org>.

For more information call Debra Saine at 505-767-5815 or e-mail at <dsaine@cabq.gov>.

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.



### A Message From Your City Council Budget Process

The many services that are provided by the City of Albuquerque are budgeted at almost \$750 million each year. These include trash pick-up, park and street maintenance, services to youth and seniors, etc. Which services are provided and in what quantities are decided when the Mayor and the City Council set the budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

Each year, the process begins on April 1, when the Mayor sends his budget proposal to the City Council for review. The City Council then spends the following 60 days discussing the budget and listening to the public's comments and ideas before formulating and voting on the final General Fund Budget for the upcoming fiscal year. The goal of the process is to adopt a budget that ensures that the City is living within its means, provides for its priorities and moves the City closer to achieving its goals.

"The annual budget process is one of the City Council's most important responsibilities," said Jon Zaman, City Council policy analyst, "Listening to citizen input and reviewing and revising the City's programs to meet community needs is a process the Council takes very seriously."

As always, this year there are a number of opportunities for the public to be involved in the City's budget process. In an effort to reach out to as many citizens as possible, two meetings will be held outside of City Hall; one on the City's Westside and one on the Eastside. The budget will be discussed at the following public meetings:

On **Wednesday, April 25, 2007 at 5 p.m.**, the City Council will hold a public meet-

### City Council

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

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

ing at the Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center to hear a presentation from the Administration and receive input from the public about the proposed budgets for Police, Fire, Family & Community Services, Senior Affairs and Parks and Recreation, among others.

On **Thursday, May 10, 2007 at 5 p.m.** at the Don Newton/Taylor Ranch Community Center the Administration will present to the City Council their proposed budgets for Environmental Health, Municipal Development, Planning, Transit, Parking and Solid Waste, and others. The Council will also hear public comment regarding these budgets.

On **Thursday, May 17 at 5:00 p.m.**, in the Vincent E. Griego Chambers, the City Council will meet to make any changes (introduce amendments to the budget) they deem necessary, based on comments they have heard from the Administration and the public.

On **Monday, May 21**, during the regular City Council meeting, the Council will make final changes and vote to adopt the budget.

If you cannot attend any of the public meetings, but would like to comment on the budget, contact the City Council Office at **505-768-3100** or for more information on how to reach your Councilor, see <[www.cabq.gov/council](http://www.cabq.gov/council)>.



### Albuquerque Police Department

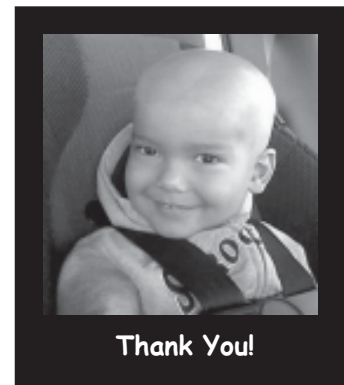
Submitted By Murray Conrad

### St. Baldrick's

The Albuquerque Police Department has joined forces with the St. Baldrick's Foundation in an effort to raise money for children's cancer research. To raise money, we will be shaving our heads on **Friday, May 4, 2007, at the Southeast Sub Station from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** You can come to the event to donate or visit:

<[www.stbaldricks.org/participantsshavee\\_info.html?ShaveeID=15661](http://www.stbaldricks.org/participantsshavee_info.html?ShaveeID=15661)>

and donate on-line.



Thank You!

Either way, we appreciate your help in the battle against children's cancer.




Don't Forget Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk Sunday, April 29, 2007

Need More Information? Call 505-260-2105

or visit

<[www.cancer.org/stridesonline](http://www.cancer.org/stridesonline)>



24 - 30	1 - 9	10 - 17	18 - 31
<p><b>Tuesday, April 24</b> •BOA – 9 a.m.</p>	<p><b>Wednesday, May 2</b> •DRB – 9 a.m. •<b>District 7 Coalition</b> – 7 p.m. •<b>Westside Coalition</b> – 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Thursday, May 10</b> •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. •SCVNA – 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Monday, May 21</b> •City Council – 5 p.m.</p>
<p><b>Wednesday, April 25</b> •DRB – 9 a.m. •EPC Pre-Hearing – 1:30 p.m. •LEPC – 9 a.m. •SEPC – 9 a.m.</p>	<p><b>Thursday, May 3</b> •AAB – 9 a.m. •<b>North Valley Coalition</b> – 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Monday, May 14</b> •GABAC – 4:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Tuesday, May 22</b> •BOA – 9 a.m.</p>
<p><b>Thursday, April 26</b> •SWAN – 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Monday, May 7</b> •City Council – 5 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Tuesday, May 15</b> •ZHE – 9 a.m.</p>	<p><b>Wednesday, May 23</b> •DRB – 9 a.m. •SEPC – 9 a.m.</p>
	<p><b>Wednesday, May 9</b> •DRB – 9 a.m. •SEPC – 9 a.m. •LUCC – 3 p.m. •AQCB – 5:15 p.m. •<b>District 6 Coalition</b> – 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Wednesday, May 16</b> •DRB – 9 a.m. •ADC – 3 p.m. •GARTC – 4:30 p.m. •<b>District 4 Coalition</b> – 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Thursday, May 24</b> •<b>District 8 Coalition</b> – 7 p.m.</p>
		<p><b>Thursday, May 17</b> •EPC Hearing – 8:30 a.m.</p>	<p><b>Monday, May 28</b> <b>CITY OFFICES CLOSED</b> – <b>MEMORIAL DAY</b></p>
			<p><b>Wednesday, May 30</b> •DRB – 9 a.m. •LEPC – 9 a.m.</p>
			<p><b>Thursday, May 31</b> •SWAN – 6:30 p.m.</p>
			

2007 CALENDAR LEGEND

- AAB - Airport Advisory Board, Aviation Department Executive Conference Room
- ACTMI - Advisory Committee on Transit for the Mobility Impaired - Sun Van Conference Room, 601 Yale SE
- ADC - Albuquerque Development Commission - Hearing Room, Basement Level, Plaza del Sol, 600 Second Street NW
- AQCB - Air Quality Control Board, Council Commission Chambers, Basement Level, City Hall
- BOA - Board of Appeals, Plaza del Sol Hearing Room, Basement Level, 600 Second St. NW
- City Council - Council/Commission Chambers, Basement Level, City Hall
- District 4 Coalition - Fire Station 20, 7520 Corona NE
- District 6 Coalition - Cesar Chavez Community Center, 7505 Kathryn SE
- District 7 Coalition - Sandia High School, Teacher's Lounge, 7801 Candelaria NE
- District 8 Coalition - James Joseph Dwyer Memorial Substation, 12700 Montgomery NE
- DRB -Development Review Board, Plaza del Sol Hearing Room, 600 Second Street NW, Basement Level
- EPC - Environmental Planning Commission, Plaza del Sol Hearing Room, 600 Second St. NW, Basement Level
- EPC Pre-Hearing - Environmental Planning Commission, Plaza del Sol, 600 Second St. NW, Third Fl. Conf. Room
- EPC Study Session - Environmental Planning Commission, Plaza del Sol, 600 Second St. NW, Third Fl. Conf. Room
- FBF - FeedBack Forum, Planning Department, Plaza del Sol, 600 Second St. NW, Hearing Room, Basement Level
- GABAC - Greater Albuquerque Bicycling Advisory Committee, City Hall, Room 302
- GARTC - Greater Albuquerque Recreational Trails Committee - Locations vary, call 505-768-5308 for information
- GWPAB - Ground Water Protection Advisory Board - Room 302 City/County Building, 400 Marquette NW
- LEPC - Local Emergency Planning Committee - 11510 Sunset Gardens SW, 505-833-7300 or <www.lepcabqbernc.org> for more info.
- LUCC - Landmarks and Urban Conservation Commission, Plaza del Sol Hearing Room, 600 Second St. NW, Basement Level
- North Valley Coalition - Los Griegos Multi-Service Center, 1231 Candelaria NW
- POC - Police Oversight Commission, City/County Building, Lower Level, 1 Civic Plaza, 5th and Marquette
- SEPC - Special Event Permitting Committee - 6th floor, Cultural Services Department Conference Room, City Hall, 5th and Marquette
- SCVNA - South Valley Coalition of Neighborhoods Associations - South Valley BSCO Sheriff's Substation, 2039 Isleta SW
- SWAN - South West Alliance of Neighborhoods, Alamosa Multi-Service Center, 6900 Gonzales SW
- TAB - Transit Advisory Board - Sun Van Conference Room, 601 Yale SE
- Westside Coalition - Don Newton/Taylor Ranch Community Center, 4900 Kachina NW
- ZHE - Zoning Hearing Examiner, Plaza del Sol Hearing Room, Basement Level, 600 Second St. NW



**EPC Hearing Notice**

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

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

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

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

**On the 2nd Thursday of each month**, the EPC has a Study Session to review the applications scheduled for the all-day public hearing which occurs on the **3rd Thursday of each month**. As with the Public Hearing, **the public is invited** to attend the Study Sessions; however, Study Sessions do not provide an open forum. Discussion is limited to staff and the EPC. Study Sessions regularly begin at **4 p.m.** in the Plaza del Sol Hearing Room. Please call the Planning Department at **505-924-3860** to confirm the Study Session schedule as adjustments are made occasionally.

Please note that the **Pre-Hearing Meeting** will be held on **Wednesday, April 25, 2007 at 1:30 p.m.** in the Planning Conference Room, Third Floor. The **EPC Public Hearing** will be held on **Thursday, May 17, 2007 at 8:30 a.m.** in the **Plaza del Sol Hearing Room (basement level), 600 Second Street NW** for the following cases:

**Citywide**

**All Neighborhoods; 06EPC-00958, Project #1001620**; The Planning Department of the City of Albuquerque, is proposing an Amendment to Sections 14-16-1-5 through 14-16-2-26, 14-16-3-2 through 14-16-3-12 to create Comprehensive Signage Regulations that restrict height, area and numbers of Free-Standing Signs per permissive based on use, zoning category and building size; Russell Brito at **505-924-3337**.

**Northeast**

**No Association(s) (neighborhood association); 07EPC-00436, Project #1005487 (case #'s)**; Approximately one (1) acre(s) located on the east side of Garcia Street NE between Candelaria Road NE and Claremont Avenue NE (**location of request**); H-20 (**zone atlas page #**); Garcia/Kraemer and Associates at **505-242-5566**, agent for Ellen Mathues (**applicant or agency and phone #**); Requests a Zone Map Amendment from R-1 to O-1 for a proposed massage and hair salon businesses (**action requested**); Carol Toffaleti at **505-924-3345 (city staff planner)**.

**No Association(s); 07EPC-00442, Project #1005233**; Approximately six (6) acre(s) located on the east side of Montbel Loop NE between Alexander Boulevard NE and Joan Hill Place NE; F-15; Dekker Perich Sabatini at **505-761-9700**, agent for Presbyterian Healthcare Sources; Requests an EPC Site Development Plan for Building Permit for a proposed single story base station for Albuquerque Ambulance; Anna DiMambro at **505-924-3924**.

**Loma Del Rey; 07EPC-00442, Project #1005233**; Approximately two (2) acre(s) located on the south side of Montgomery Boulevard NE between Moon Street NE and General Chennault Street NE; G-20; DAC Enterprises, Inc. at **505-294-5243**, agent for John Triandafilidis; Requests a EPC Site Development Plan for Subdivision and Building Permit and a EPC Site Development Plan Amendment to Building Permit for twelve (12) townhouse units on individual lots in the Montgomery Crossing Addition; Catalina Lehner at **505-924-3935**.

**Glenwood Hills, S.Y. Jackson; 07EPC-00441 and 00443, Project #1004735**; Approximately four (4) acre(s) located on the east side of Tramway Ridge Drive NE between Montgomery Boulevard NE and Manitoba Drive NE; F-22; Dorman and Breen Architects at **505-299-5940**, agent for Tramway Community Church; Requests approval of an EPC Site Development Plan for Subdivision and Building Permit for four (4) additional buildings at the Tramway Community Church; Catalina Lehner at **505-924-3935**.

**Northwest**

**Eagle Ranch, Piedras Marcadas, Paradise Hills, Rancho Sereno, Taylor Ranch; 07EPC-00446 and 00447, Project #1000762**; Approximately thirty-one (31) acre(s) located on the north side of Paseo Del Norte NW between Paradise Boulevard NW and Eagle Ranch Road NW; C-12; Consensus Planning, Inc. at **505-764-9801**, agent for Fountain Hills Plaza, LLC; Requests approval of an EPC Site Development Plan for Subdivision and Building Permit and a Zone Map Amendment from SU-1 for IP Uses w/ exceptions to SU-1 for PDA to include C-3 Uses for Fountain Hills Plaza; Stephanie Shumsky at **505-924-3933**.

*Northwest, Cont'd.*

**Los Poblanos; 07EPC-00416, Project #1005183;** Approximately one (1) acre(s) located on north side Montano Road NW between Fourth Street NW and Guadalupe Trail NW; F-14; John L. Martinez and Marlene Randall at **505-343-8803** and Veronica G. Gibilaro at **505-454-8389**; Requests approval of an EPC Site Development Plan for Building Permit for proposed corporate offices of Dos Hermanos Restaurant; Stephanie Shumsky at **505-924-3933**.

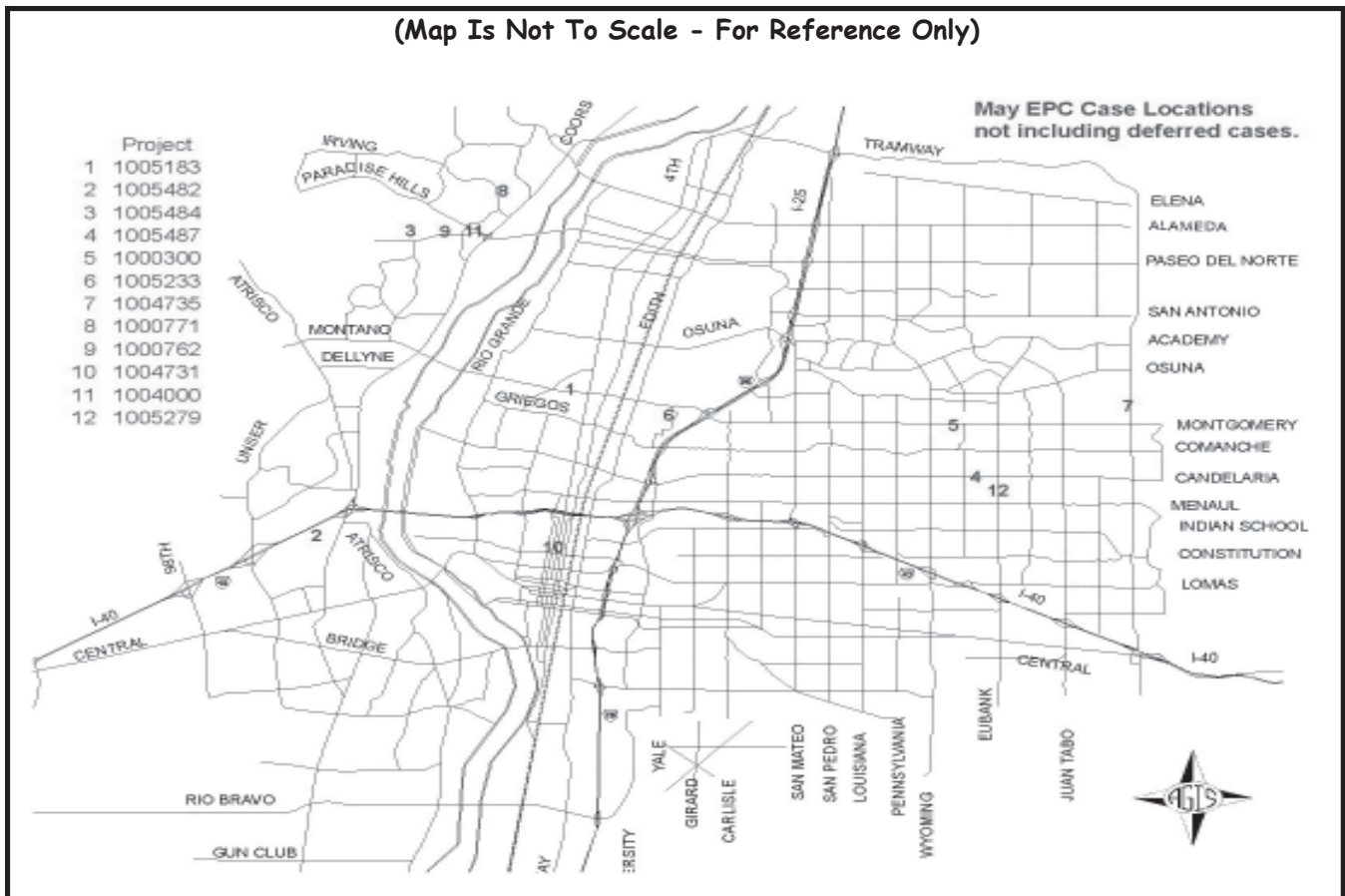
**Los Volcanes; 07EPC-00430, Project #1005482;** Approximately five (5) acres located on the south side of Hanover Road NW between 64<sup>th</sup> Street NW and 68<sup>th</sup> Street NW; J-10; Design Plus, LLC at **505-228-7582**, agent for Stonebridge Investment Group; Requests approval of an EPC Site Development Plan for Building Permit for a proposed twenty-nine (29) business unit center; Anna DiMambro at **505-924-3924**.

**Paradise Hills, Piedras Marcadas; 07EPC-00433, Project #1005484;** Approximately one (1) acre(s) located on the west side of Golf Course Road NW between Paseo del Norte NW and Shelly Rose Road NW; C-12; Mullen Heller Architects at **505-268-4144**, agent for Cat Stevens, LLC; Requests approval of an EPC Site Development Plan for Building Permit for a proposed 10,000 square foot multi-tenant building in the Marketplace Shopping Center; Carol Toffaleti at **505-924-3345**.

**Eagle Ranch; Paradise Hills; 07EPC-00445 and 00444, Project #1000771;** Approximately seven (7) acre(s) located on east side of Irving Boulevard NW between Eagle Ranch Road NW and Irving Boulevard NW; B-13; Dekker Perich Sabatini at **505-761-9700**, agent for H.R. Rental Properties, Inc.; Requests approval of an EPC Site Development Plan for Subdivision and Building Permit for multi-family apartments which consists of two hundred one (201) apartments in seven (7) separate buildings; Carol Toffaleti at **505-924-3345**.

**North Fourth Camino Real Merchants; Wells Park; 07EPC-00448, Project #1004731;** Approximately one (1) acre(s) located on the east side of Fifth Street NW between Rosemont Avenue NW and Summer Avenue NW; J-14; Berent Groth Architects at **505-266-6700**, agent for Paul Chavez and Gene Chavez; Requests approval of an EPC Site Development Plan for Building Permit for a proposed professional office building; Catalina Lehner at **505-924-3935**.

**Paradise Hills, Taylor Ranch; 07EPC-00450, Project #1004000;** Approximately three and half (3 ½) acre(s) located on the north side of Paradise Boulevard NW between Eagle Ranch Road NW and Coors Boulevard NW; C-13; NCA Architects at **505-255-6900**, agent for Oswaldo Amaya; Requests approval of an EPC Site Development Plan for Building Permit for a 10,759 square foot church for the North Valley Seventh Day Adventist Church; Stephanie Shumsky at **505-924-3933**.



# CITY SCOOP

## News From City Departments



### APD Crime Prevention

505-924-3600

Submitted By Steve Sink



### Identity Theft

Identity theft is one of the fastest growing crimes in our country today. It is also one of the most difficult to detect until it is too late and the damage has been done. The time and energy to correct damaged credit and to re-establish your personal identity is reason enough to take steps to prevent this frustrating crime. The following prevention tips should be considered to protect your identity and to ensure your financial stability.

#### What Personal Information Should You Protect?

Social Security Number – Date of Birth – Name – Address – Phone Number – Bank Accounts – Mothers Maiden Name – PIN Numbers – Investment Information – Credit Cards – *Any Personal Information.*

#### How Thieves Steal Your Personal Identity:

- Mailbox tampering – Do not leave out-going mail (especially paid bills) in your mailbox and collect each days mail promptly. If your neighborhood does not have a “common” mailbox with locking doors, contact your local post office. Also, report any mailbox damage immediately. Thieves will look for bank statements, pre-approved credit applications, utility bills, etc.
- Telemarketing fraud – Do not give out personal information over the phone or over the Internet. Fraudulent callers may pose as government officials, bank and insurance representatives, and/or any other “official” sounding and “concerned” person.
- “Dumpster divers” – Criminals may go through your trash to collect information about your personal situation. You should always shred credit cards and utility bills, including personal receipts, and any documents that list your personal information prior to disposal.
- Stealing Your Purse or Wallet – Carry only necessary items for a particular trip.
- Stealing Your Credit Report – An identity thief may pose as an employer, loan officer, landlord or realtor to gain access to your credit report.
- ATM Transactions – Be careful when using an ATM machine. Take special care to prohibit any one from seeing your PIN number. Do not write your number down – memorize it.
- New tactics – Criminals will try to stay one step ahead of our prevention techniques. Maintain your

diligence and continue to be suspicious of a stranger who takes an interest in you.

#### How To Protect Yourself From Identity Theft:

- Do not give your credit card or bank account numbers to any one over the phone unless you made the call and know the business.
- Do not give your Social Security number to any one and don't have it printed on your checks.
- Shred all your papers with personal information that is no longer needed, including charge receipts, bank statements, expired credit cards, credit offers prior to disposal, etc.
- Reduce the number of cards you carry and don't carry your Social Security card or number, birth certificate, or passport with you except when necessary.
- Check credit card statements and report unauthorized purchases immediately.
- Be aware of people who are nearby when you use an ATM machine.
- When ordering new checks, do not have them sent to your home. Pick them up at the bank.
- Use a “Gel Pen” to write checks. Gel pens are difficult to wash and therefore cannot be reused if your checkbook is stolen.
- **If you are a victim** – Call the three major credit-reporting agencies and have a Fraud Alert placed in your file. Request a report from each source at least once a year to verify accuracy. They are – **Equifax (1-800-525-6285)**, **Experian (1-800-397-3742)** or regionally at **602-528-7785**, **Trans Union (1-800-680-7289)**. The **Social Security Administration Fraud Hotline (1-800-269-0271)** and the **Federal Trade Commission Hotline (1-877-IDTHEFT/438-4338)** are also recommended contacts.

#### Cash For Your Association!

#### Interested in beautifying your neighborhood?

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



**Cultural Services**

*Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System  
Submitted By Riann Powell*



**Gear up for Summer Reading**

With summer vacation just around the corner, the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System is gearing up for the **2007 Summer Reading Program, which runs from May 18 to July 20**. During this free nine week program, children, teens and adults are encouraged to register, read and attend any of the programs that the libraries offer. As an incentive to read for fun during the summer, children and teens collect a prize for every hour they read. For every 10 hours of reading all participants can also enter their name into a raffle for additional prizes. Throughout the summer, participating libraries will feature free entertainment by magicians, musicians and storytellers.

This year the Library is offering additional programs and entertainment for teens, including movie nights and live music. The Library is also looking for great teen volunteers to help out during the summer with registration, prize giveaways and other activities. If you're a teen that's interested in becoming a Summer Reading Program Volunteer, visit your local library or call **505-768-5136**.

Join the Library for the Summer Reading Program Kick-Off Party on **Saturday, May 19, 2007** at the Alamosa Community Center from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The kick-off party will feature free entertainment and activities, and everyone can sign up for Summer Reading!

For additional information about the Summer Reading Program, including the entertainment lineup and kick-off party details, visit the library website at <[www.cabq.gov/library](http://www.cabq.gov/library)> or call **505-768-5136**.

**Cultural Services**

*The Albuquerque Museum of Art and History  
Submitted By Leslie Venzula*

**Judy Chicago:  
The Birth Project**

**The Albuquerque Museum of Art and History  
April 8 – August 19, 2007**

*The Birth Project* was created by internationally renowned feminist artist and writer Judy Chicago from 1980 – 1985. It was designed by Chicago and executed in cooperation with 150 skilled needle workers from around the United States and as far away as New Zealand.

In this series of images, Chicago set out to redress an absence of images about the birth process, seemingly a universal life experience. At the time Chicago began the *Birth Project*, there were almost no images of birth in Western Art.

In 1997, The Albuquerque Museum acquired the core collection of the Birth Project. The collection includes images of birth and creation in embroidery, needlepoint, drawing and paintings by Judy Chicago.

Since **Sunday, April 8**, a selection of the core collection Birth Project works have been on display at The Albuquerque Museum. The works can be seen through August 19, 2007.

**On Thursday, May 10**, the public is invited to attend *Becoming Judy Chicago: A Dialogue*. Artist Judy Chicago and author Gail Levine will discuss the reinstallation of Birth Project exhibition at the museum and sign copies of the new Chicago biography written by Levine. The book signing takes place from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. and the dialogue begins at 6 p.m. Admission is **free** and books can be purchased through the Gallery Store. Museum visitors will be able to view selections from the Birth Project in the museum's lower mezzanine throughout the evening event.

**Sunday, April 29**

**Out of the Bag**

This exhibition features never-before exhibited examples of handbags and pouches from the Museum's permanent collection. Out of the Bag includes Victorian beaded reticules and mesh purses, fringed "flapper" bags, Plateau, Plains and Apache beaded pouches, and a silver filigree dance purse. Public opening 2 – 4 p.m. On display through September 16, 2007.

**Dreamscape Desperado: Billy the Kid**

*and the Outlaw in America*: The story of legendary gunman Billy the Kid presented through historic artifacts and contemporary pop culture. This exhibit explores the life and death of Billy the Kid and looks at why this infamous character continues to fascinate the public 125 years after his death in Fort Sumner, NM. **Opening Sunday, May 13**, on display through **July 22, 2007**.



**Billy The Kid**

**Haunted Highways**

A collection of photographs by the late Ralph Looney, longtime journalist for the Albuquerque Tribune, featuring ghost towns of New Mexico and portraits of the people who lived there. The images were taken by Looney for his book *Haunted Highways: The Ghost Towns of New Mexico* published in 1968. On display through June 2007.

**The Sewell Family: Old Town and the Tourist Pottery Market**

The story of the Sewell family's role in the preservation of the Old Town Armijo properties and the subsequent revival of the local tourist pottery market. On display through August 2007.

**Albuquerque Commemorado – Albuquerque Commemorated**

From its history collections and photograph archives. The Albuquerque Museum presents artifacts that brought together for the first time, commemorate people, places and events in our city's history.

**Common Ground: Art in New Mexico**

Common Ground is a permanent art exhibition highlighting a significant amount of museum-owned works from the late 19<sup>th</sup> Century to the present day. It is displayed chronologically giving visitors a glimpse into the evolution of art in New Mexico.



**Water Utility Authority**

Submitted By Brynda Gutierrez



Spring is sneaking up and many of us are thinking about preparing our gardens for planting. You may ask, "What does wastewater have to do with gardening?" **Reclaimed Water goes to the river, where does the rest of the stuff go?**

Everyday, approximately 150 tons of biosolids (sludge) is removed from Albuquerque wastewater. Biosolids are transported from the Southside Water Reclamation Plant (SWRP) to the Soils Amendment Facility (SAF). At the SAF, a portion is applied to the land, and the balance is mixed with materials such as horse stable waste, wood chips, and other organic material to produce high quality compost. Composting is a sustainable and responsible action leading to reusing a renewable resource.

Compost material must meet stringent EPA composting requirements which include reaching a sustained temperature of 145°F to kill pathogens, bacteria and other organisms.

Large truckloads of compost can be purchased from the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority (ABCWUA) by calling the Assistant Superintendent, Joe Bailey, at **505-873-6989** or **505-205-5721** to have you set up as a contract customer. There is also a form that must be filled out to get truckloads of compost. In the future ABCWUA has plans to market smaller volumes of compost at local retail nurseries and wholesale suppliers. Visit the ABCWUA website at for future announcements of where to purchase smaller volumes of compost.

<http://www.abcwua.org/wastewater/compost.html>

Compost is excellent for use on established plants and grass, but should be diluted 50:50 with sand or soil for germinating seedlings. If your organization is interested in visiting the SAF to learn more about composting please contact Joe Bailey, Assistant Superintendent, at **505-873-6989** or **505-205-5721**, cell.



Submitted By John Stomp

**San Juan-Chama Project Update**

April seems to bring with it our spring winds. Construction crews are required to have trucks spraying water on large piles of dirt at various job sites to reduce blowing dust, but must also **stop** construction if winds reach 30 miles an hour or more for at least five minutes. Construction is continuing on five San Juan-Chama Drinking Water pipelines, and a raw water pump station,



**Domingo Baca Arroyo Connection**

with construction scheduled to start on the final pipeline in May or June.

**NORTHEAST QUADRANT OF ALBUQUERQUE**

**Academy Road NE between Burlison Drive NE and Seagull Street NE**

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

**Alvarado Drive NE between Haines Avenue NE and Mountain Road NE**

This month, crews will be installing 6" water lines, installing 42" underground water lines, and installing new water lines on various portions of Alvarado Drive NE as part of the Charles Wells pipeline. Crews will work in approximate three-block segments and will maintain access to local residences; however sections of Alvarado Drive NE may be closed to through traffic.

**Chappell Drive NE near North Diversion Channel**

While there are no traffic impacts for this area in April, the temporary bike path along the east side of the North Diversion Channel may be diverted through the new pipe/bike bridge to the west side of the North Diversion Channel. Cyclists are asked to use a reasonable amount of speed and follow the signs.

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

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

**McKinney Drive NE between Academy Road NE and Cathy Avenue NE**

Until approximately mid-April, McKinney Drive NE is total closed to northbound traffic between Academy Road NE and Cathy Avenue NE. One lane of southbound traffic is allowed through the construction area. Beginning in mid-April, when crews shift to Academy Road NE (see Academy Road NE above), McKinney Drive NE will be reopened north of Academy Road NE; however westbound traffic on Academy Road NE will not be allowed to turn northbound onto McKinney Drive NE.

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**Mission Avenue NE between Chappell Drive NE and Culture Drive NE**

Early this month, crews working on Raw Water Pipeline #2 are installing a water service line. The westbound right lane of Mission Avenue NE will be closed, with traffic split into the eastbound lanes and one lane of traffic open in each direction.

**San Pedro Drive NE from Indian School Road NE to Haines Avenue NE**

Crews have completed work on San Pedro Drive NE between Uptown Boulevard NE and Indian School Road NE as part of the Charles Wells project. Crews are expected to complete work on San Pedro Drive NE between Indian School Road NE and Haines NE in early to mid-April. Between Indian School Road NE and Uptown Boulevard NE, traffic is open in both directions but the roadway still needs final preparation and striping.

**NORTHWEST QUADRANT OF ALBUQUERQUE**

**Atrisco Drive NW between St. Joseph's/Ladera NW and Western Trail NW**

Crews are continuing to complete pipeline repairs and are scheduled to repave Atrisco Drive NW this month as part of the North Segment Volcano Pipeline. There will be a southbound lane closure between 9 a.m.-3 p.m. daily, and other portions of the roadway may be blocked during pipeline repair activity. This work is expected to last through the end of April.

**Campbell Road NW between Glenwood Road NW and Rio Grande Boulevard NW**

Crews are working on the north side of Campbell Road NW as part of the West Valley Pipeline. During working and non-working hours, one lane will be maintained for **eastbound traffic only**. Westbound traffic will be detoured north on Rio Grande Boulevard NW, west on Candelaria Road NW, and south on Trellis Drive NW. Flaggers will be on hand to control eastbound traffic along Campbell Road NW near the construction zone as needed. Residents should expect delays.

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

Crews have completed installation of the large pipeline on the north side of Campbell Road NW but will continue working on vaults in this area as well as curb and gutter as part of the West Valley Pipeline. One lane of traffic is open in one direction at a time during the day with a flagger on hand to control **traffic as needed**. Two lanes of traffic are open west of Glenwood Road NW to the Bosque at night. There may be occasional delays to move heavy construction equipment.

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

Construction is continuing on the Raw Water Pump Station. Traffic on Rio Grande Boulevard NW may be occasionally delayed for short amounts of time to allow concrete trucks to

enter and exit the construction area. While no other traffic impacts are expected, area residents and visitors to the Alameda Open Space may notice ongoing construction activity.

**Second Street NW between Candelaria Road NE and Mildred Avenue NW**

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

**Unser Boulevard NW between Western Trail NW and Montano Road NW**

As part of the Volcano pipeline, crews are repaving sections of roadway. There will be a northbound left lane closure between 9 a.m.-3 p.m. until this activity is completed in early to mid-April.

**Would You Like Free Samples of Purified San Juan-Chama Water?**

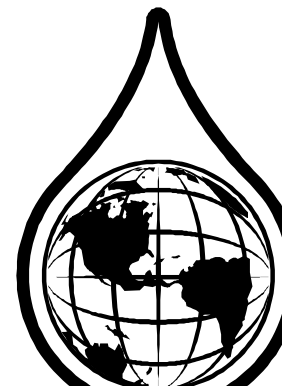
The Albuquerque Water Utility Authority is making samples of purified surface water available at no charge to neighborhood associations beginning this month.

Because San Juan-Chama water comes from a different source and process than we're used to, these samples are being distributed so that you can taste the difference. We want to make sure everyone has an opportunity to taste this water, so that the difference will not be a surprise when the project becomes fully operational in 2008.

For more information or to request free water samples for any neighborhood association meetings scheduled in April 2007 or later, please visit <[www.abcwua.org](http://www.abcwua.org)> and fill out the request form.

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

If you would like to schedule a presentation on the San Juan-Chama Drinking Water Project for your neighborhood or homeowners association, please call Patti Watson or Shannon Zamarrón at **505-293-2000**. For more information about the project, visit our website at <[www.sjcdinkingwater.org](http://www.sjcdinkingwater.org)>. If you would like to be added to our drinking water project information list, call **505-242-ROAD (242-7623)** or e-mail [pattiw@cooneywatson.com](mailto:pattiw@cooneywatson.com).



Planning

Submitted By Manjeet Tangri, Advance Planning Division

Great Streets Facility Plan

The City of Albuquerque Planning Department is working with HDR consultants and a Technical Advisory Committee to develop the Great Streets Facility Plan. This plan is intended to make streets more attractive, comfortable and safe for walking. The plan will encourage more active lifestyles by improving the pedestrian environment in existing and new areas.

You are encouraged to review and comment on the preliminary results of this effort at an Open House scheduled at Winrock Center (Next door to Dillard's Women's Store, inside the mall) on Thursday, April 26 from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. and on Friday, April 27 from 9 a.m. to noon. On Thursday, April 26 presentations will be at 3 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Great Streets are streets that are memorable, create a sense of place, facilitate economic development, and provide a comfortable and safe environment for walking and socializing. Initial designs are based on one-quarter mile segments along Central Avenue, Montgomery and Atrisco Boulevards, Mountain and Taylor Ranch Roads. Two rounds of three public meetings each were held to identify characteristics that helped select these initial Great Streets segments. Their designs provide examples of what can be done in the local Albuquerque setting. Other streets are potential future candidates.

While maintaining traffic capacity, the re-designed streets will incorporate new design features such as wider sidewalks, gateways, mid-block crossings, ceremonial gathering spaces, shade trees forming canopies, awnings, bulb-outs at corners to make crossing easier, pedestrian lighting and public art. With landscaping, wider sidewalks can become promenades or linear plazas. Other ideas include a "scramble" where all automobile traffic is stopped at an intersection at the same time to facilitate pedestrian crossings in all directions. In some cases traffic lane widths may be reduced to provide space for wider sidewalks and bike lanes.

The Facilities Plan supports the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Comprehensive Plan which envisions city streets to be multi-modal and safe places of social and economic vitality. The transportation goal in the Plan states "...provide a balanced circulation system through efficient placement of employment and services and encouragement of bicycling, walking and use of transit/para-transit as alternatives to automobile travel..." The Great Streets Facilities Plan is a critical step in reaching this goal.

These special places will be created through cooperation and partnerships between public and private sectors. The City's investment in Great Streets will stimulate increased levels of private investment along corridors that are upgraded and updated for pedestrians. The Facilities Plan will also include criteria to help the City set priorities for funding and implementation of an on-going Great Streets program.

For additional information, please call Manjeet K. Tangri at the City Planning Department, 505-924-3356 or e-mail <mtangri@cabq.gov>.



Talkin' Trash

Submitted By Tina Trekker



Mayor's 2007 Spring Cleanup

Albuquerque residents are invited to participate in the Mayor's Spring Cleanup scheduled for Saturday, April 28, 2007. This is the 20th year this event is being held. The Mayor's Spring Cleanup takes place each year, the last Saturday in April.

What better way to start spring than to make a commitment to enhance and maintain the beauty of Albuquerque. Mayor Martin J. Chávez encourages all neighborhood associations to participate in the annual Mayor's Spring Cleanup. Neighborhood Associations, Clubs or Civic groups interested in improving their respective neighborhood's quality of life are asked to participate in Mayor's Spring Cleanup. If you are interested in participating, please contact Keep Albuquerque Beautiful at 505-761-8334.

Don't have a particular area you want to clean? No problem. Join Keep Albuquerque Beautiful and Mayor Martin J. Chávez at 3301 Coors Boulevard (corner of Coors & Sequoia) at 9 a.m., Saturday, April 28, 2007 to kick off the Mayor's Spring Cleanup. Free t-shirts and refreshments will be provided.

Although litter seems to get worse in the spring, litter is a year-round problem. Efforts to cleanup Albuquerque need to be taken seriously and the citizens of Albuquerque need to participate and support this effort in order for the future generations to enjoy the benefits of this beautiful city we live in.

ABQ RIDE

Submitted By Jessica Dyer



Summer Fun Pass

Nothing's hotter this summer than ABQ RIDE's Summer Fun Pass. The pass gives students ages 5-18 discounts on food and entertainment and provides unlimited access to all ABQ RIDE buses.

Valued at more than \$200, the pass sells for just \$13. Passes are valid from May 1 through August 31.

The ABQ RIDE Summer Fun Pass features summer-long discounts at JC's NYPD Pizza, Paint-Ball Action Inc., Putt-Putt Golf Courses, Batter's Edge Batting Cages, Holiday Bowl, Baskin Robbins, Cold Stone Creamery and City of Albuquerque swimming pools.

The pass also includes one-time coupons for Industrial Rideshop, Vitality Juice & Smoothies, the National Atomic Museum, Hinkle Family Fun Center, the Rio Grande Zoo, ITZ and McDonald's.

The ABQ RIDE Summer Fun Pass goes on sale Monday, April 23, 2007. Passes can be purchased at Albertson's, Raley's, and the information booths at Coronado and Cottonwood malls or from the City Treasurer's Office or the Alvarado Transportation Center. For more information, call 505-243-RIDE (505-243-7433).



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