

"A Walk Up The Mountain" - University Heights Area

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"Decked Out For the Season" The Werner Gilchrist House Is Being Renovated

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

Neighborhood Association

Antelope Run
Glenwood Hills
Monte Largo Hills
Saragossa

“Welcome” to Incoming President

Gary Bodman
Nick Manole
Christine Hearn
David Pillar

“Thanks” to Outgoing President

Amy Smith
Steve Ciepiela
new NA
Dean Fackrell

- *Antelope Run Neighborhood Association* regained their “R” recognized status on September 25, 2007.
- *Saragossa Neighborhood Association* regained their “R” recognized status on September 25, 2007.

NEW NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION(S)

The *Four Hills Mobile Home Park Residents’ Association* is located in *City Council District 9, Police Beat - 521,523/FH and County Commission District 5*. The contacts for this association are *Robert Gleason* and *Sylvia Rahner*. The *Four Hills Mobile Home Park Residents’ Association* became recognized on October 5, 2007. **Welcome Aboard!!**

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

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

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

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| August Annual Reports are due: | November 1, 2007 |
| September Annual Reports are due: | December 1, 2007 |
| October Annual Reports are due: | January 1, 2008 |

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

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

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



Across The City



MRGCD and SWCA Environmental Consultants Leading Community Wildfire Protection Planning Process

The Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District and Albuquerque-based SWCA Environmental Consultants have begun a community-based planning process to address wildfire concerns and wildfire prevention strategies in the Middle Rio Grande Bosque and its neighboring communities. This plan will cover the reach of the Rio Grande from Cochiti Dam south to San Acacia Diversion Dam, New Mexico. The District will develop the plan in cooperation with agencies from the four counties it serves—Sandoval, Bernalillo, Valencia and Socorro—and other bosque landowners such as the City of Albuquerque, New Mexico Department of Game and Fish and Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge. The plan excludes all Pueblo lands.

This collaborative planning effort is known as a Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP). The purpose of CWPPs is to identify key areas at risk of wildfire, as well as critical areas with great significance for local community values and economies that can be prioritized for protection against wildfires. The plan will focus on reducing non-native trees and dead wood, and rehabilitating areas of the bosque that have already burned. The plan will also make recommendations to help local emergency managers and homeowners reduce the ignitability of structures and properties next to the bosque, and improve emergency response to bosque fires. This is a collaborative planning process aimed at bringing community members, emergency responders, land and resource management agencies, and Middle Rio Grande stakeholders to the same table to discuss all parties' needs and concerns in relation to fire prevention strategies, and to build public awareness and education.

The CWPP process was established in 2003 through the Healthy Forests Restoration Act (HFRA), and monies supporting the MRGCD plan were granted through the New Mexico Association of Counties. A CWPP for the Middle Rio Grande bosque will make landowners eligible for Federal funds to reduce wildfire hazards in the bosque and adjacent lands and increase local emergency response capabilities for bosque fires.

Public participation and input is critical to this planning process. Several public meetings have been held across the state this month. Data and public input from these meetings will be collected and analyzed. The draft plan will be available on the MRGCD website <mrgcd.com> on December 3, 2007. The final plan will be available at the end of December 2007. If you were unable to attend any of these meetings, you may still get a survey from:

Victoria Williams, Natural Resources Planner
SWCA Environmental Consultants,
505-254-1115 or <vwilliams@swca.com>.

About the MRGCD: The Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District has been promoting sustainable agriculture for the past 75 years. The District delivers water to 70,000 acres of cropland in the Middle Rio Grande Valley. That water is reused time and time again. It waters crops, sustains the cottonwood bosque along the Rio Grande, helps sustain the endangered Rio Grande silvery minnow and recharges the aquifer. The District owns 30,000 acres of bosque in the valley, a stretch of land that provides unprecedented recreational opportunities and an irreplaceable swath of greenbelt in New Mexico's largest

metropolitan area. The District was formed in 1925 to alleviate flooding and to reclaim farmland in the valley. Its boundaries stretch 150 miles from Cochiti to the northern boundary of the Bosque Del Apache National Wildlife Refuge, running through Sandoval, Bernalillo, Valencia and Socorro Counties. It operates more than 1,200 miles of canals, laterals and drains, which are used to convey water to and from cropland. The District is funded by water service charges and property assessments on the benefited lands within its boundaries.



Words of Wisdom

Submitted By *The Gardeners' Guild*

"Fall Is For Planting - Heard That Before?"

It's a cliché, but it's also gardening wisdom, especially for mild winter areas like the Rio Grande Valley. Summer and winter are the toughest seasons for new plantings. Spring is better [than summer and winter], but plants don't have time to grow large root systems before hot weather comes. Small root systems mean the plants are vulnerable to drying out. In fall, the weather is perfect for growing, and the ground stays warm enough for roots to grow all winter. When the hot weather hits, the plants are established and ready.

There are some exceptions to the fall planting principle. Plants that are growing at the northern edge of their range may not survive their first winter if they haven't had time to grow extensive root systems. They'll have a better start if planted in spring. Some of these plants are: desert willow, autumn sage or cherry sage, mariola, hummingbird trumpet (*Anisacanthus*) and Texas ranger (*Leucophyllum*). Buffalo grass and blue grama grass will not have time to grow enough roots before winter if planted after August, as a general rule. Wait until the ground warms, about mid May, to seed these grasses.

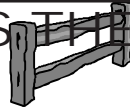
Still, there are plenty of wonderful plants to buy and plant in the fall. The weather is better for plants *and* planters.

When you are shopping for plants look for ornamental native grasses. Most grasses bloom and bear seeds in the fall. Unless you shop at this time, you might not know how gorgeous and spectacular, not to mention versatile and easy, grasses are. Do you like color, texture, form? Then you would like the rosy clouds of sand lovegrass and bush muhly. Or the cotteny tops of silver bluestem and cane bluestem. Little bluestem changes its stems from bluegreen to chartreuse, orange and purple - all at the same time! Later, the whole plant turns red for the duration of the winter. No kidding!

If you are sceptical, drop by the Gardeners' Guild any Saturday between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. and see some of these grasses.

NEIGHBORHOOD SCOOP

ACROSS THE FENCE



A Walk Up The Mountain

Submitted By Susan Vigil
Planning Department Intern

2030. Logic walked out the door. Over 20 degrees in global warming leave Kilimanjaro and the Colorado Rocky Mountains slicing the heat like blades without their pillow of snow.

We are sweating like skunks in a steam ceremony, praying for a miracle. The only purification we seek is from entanglement and responsibility for what has always belonged to the heavens.

A picture of global warming - a picture we want to replace by our visions and worthy achievements. Humans know how to fight wars. It's anything but blind faith but it is *with* faith that friends and family and cities, institutions and businesses we struggle for, hoping we can come together, to make choices concerning the use or abuse of natural resources - sweeping, immense, and, yes, personal choices.

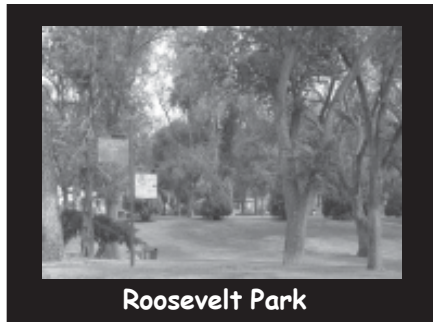
Last week the City of Albuquerque conducted a mandatory meeting to orientate city employees to Albuquerque's green initiatives, combating global warming. "An Inconvenient Truth", Al Gore's global warming documentary was shown to explain CO2 emissions affect on the earth temperatures. The film describes weather systems affected by industrialized societies that have increased CO2 levels.

Effected systems include ocean currents, glacial melting, storm formation and severity, and erosion of soil and vegetation. Following this viewing, employees were orientated to Albuquerque's green policies. As we broke into discussion groups, many felt overwhelmed by the responsibility of global warming. We are further overwhelmed by the challenge of survival without automobiles. Right now, there are less daunting changes we can make. The City of Albuquerque installed low energy use florescent bulbs in City buildings and street lights, and built two biodiesel fuel stations to sustain a vehicle force using over 45% alternative fuel. These and many other comprehensive directions are being taken at the municipal level. The challenge is not to completely overhaul our modes of operation, but to begin thinking like "sustainable" beings. Cut two minutes from your shower, walk to the grocery store, use energy saving bulbs, investigate Energy Star appliances and city rebates for sustainable minded home improvements. Do these things today.

There are many other choices we can make to reduce the carbon footprint.

The governments of Albuquerque and the State of New Mexico are standing like stalwarts behind citizens with green initiatives. Recently the New Mexico State government mandated all state buildings be LEED certified Silver, a requirement further mandated by City policy. (LEED stands for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Essential to Albuquerque's mission, sources for the City's green initiatives include:

The City of Albuquerque's Sustainability website at: <www.cabq.gov/sustainability/>



Roosevelt Park

>; Act Now-Alternative Transportation at: <www.cabq.gov/transit/actinfo.html> and Albuquerque Green at: <www.albuquerquegreen.com>.

The Public Service Company of New Mexico Sky Blue Program represents the third largest wind facility in the world. Customers pay \$1.80 more for a 1,000 kwh blocks of renewable energy than for that same 1,000 kwh blocks of gas or electricity. Out on the edge, rural New Mexicans are charging their homes with private wind mills and solar panels. These little yellow wind turbines whirl and hiss like miniature helicopters and produce enough energy to power a stove, refrigerator and lights. A small solar panel will charge a TV, computer and provide interior cooling/heating.

Urban sustainability spills into the streets from the University Heights neighborhood. University Heights is over 100 years old, occupied by eighty percent student rentals. It turns over its population by fifty percent each season. It is the only entirely walkable neighborhood in Albuquerque nesting between the University of New Mexico (a state institution) and the City. UNM recently formed a Sustainability Task Force working

to implement sustainable practices such as composting, water reclamation, recycling, and carbon credits in which a fee is paid for the privilege of utilizing carbon units. Sustainability is not just an environmental concept but also an idea of urban connection, the infusion of creativity into shared spaces. UNM seeks to invite the greater Albuquerque community onto its grounds with entertainment, arboretum tours and night life.

Located just south of UNM, University Heights already demonstrates this type of vibrant community. University Heights president, Danny Hernandez, does not own a car, is a professional bicyclist and urban planning enthusiast. Walking and bicycling in University Heights creates trust and friendship between residents. Restaurants, cafes, theatres, parks, schools, buses, and bars are all within a ten minute walk. Higher rental costs and gentrification in University Heights demonstrate the desirability of walkable urban environments.

Paradoxically, University Heights residents struggle with parking and driving issues. Danny explains, "There are too many cars for the neighborhoods, pedestrians come first, and we are such a car culture that we don't understand that." He advises installation of pedestrian lights, bulb outs at intersections and simply too make it difficult for people to park and drive through the area. The neighborhood recommends UNM traffic be shuttled in, and changing Silver and Lead to two-way streets.

Green initiatives in University Heights are well underway. Their reforestation program resulted in xeriscaping along sidewalks and the planting of over a dozen trees, personally cared for by board members. During the summer, University Heights conducted a Recycling Town Hall attended by representatives from both the mayor and city council offices. The Town Hall identified several recycling opportunities. For instance, when the city offers recycling to property owners alone, renters are left out of the recycling loop. One solution is to provide 95 gallon recycling containers to the area's small apartment complexes. University Heights residents clearly live up to a proactive, progressive example of a sustainable community in a driven economy.

Going back to that day, in the year 2030, I hope to find myself looking from the top of the Sandia Mountains, on a city of brothers and sisters, who came together and also fought individually for the life and continuance of our entire ecosystem, thankful for the human race.

NEIGHBORHOOD SCOOP continued



From The Manager's Desk

Patrick Montoya

It's Official

I am pleased to announce that on September 15, 2007, I was named permanent manager for the Office of Neighborhood Coordination. It is a position that I take seriously. I pledge to provide the highest quality of service our office can offer to the many neighborhood associations that we work with. ONC has an excellent staff and I assure you that under my leadership we will continue to provide the services you are accustomed to.

Over the next few months I will be contacting each of you individually and asking that either I or staff be invited to your annual meeting, normally the meeting where new officers are elected. I will be asking for the date, time and location of the meeting. Rest assured that among the five of us in the office we will do whatever we can to attend that meeting and answer any questions you may have and interact with all in attendance.

Along those lines it is clear to me that many neighborhood associations are going through significant changes in leadership. Change is good, but sometimes it has to take place at a slower pace. When established leaders step down or move aside, the ascent to the key role for a group of community volunteers, can be a difficult one if one does not have a plan in place.

Successful change, whether it be in a neighborhood association or at the corporate level, requires the involvement of impacted people through the quality and timing of communication. Most people like yourselves appreciate the opportunity to anticipate change and to be involved in the process. Remember, this affects them greatly. People prefer a sense of control over processes that

affect their lives. When leadership changes and the organization sets new directions, then a cultural shift will follow whether intended or not. People have to adjust. The first step to adjusting might well begin with a revisiting of the values that drive our decision making. So, ask yourself, what are the values of your neighborhood and your association? All of us have values as does our neighborhood association as a whole. As you conduct your annual meetings make a list of values that are most important to your association. You will be surprised at the number you can come up with.

Finally, as you consider the long term future of your neighborhood association, these are some useful steps that can insure a successful transition of leadership and for the smooth movement into the next value driven era of your neighborhood association. The year 2007 is almost over, so 2008 and its future awaits you, your neighbors and your association.

Legal

Submitted By Naomi Parada
Alternative Dispute Resolution

Neighbor-to-Neighbor Mediation

Often conflicts arise between neighbors and because tension mounts over time, these individuals have difficulty talking about their differences. Mediation can help to improve communication, diffuse the current situation and assist in helping individuals find better ways to work together so that they can become better neighbors in the future.

Mediation services are available for the following types of situations:

- Noise
Nuisance
Property Maintenance
Pets
Harassment
Landlord-Tenant

Mediation is a voluntary private dispute resolution process in which a trained mediator assists the parties in reaching an outcome that is mutually agreeable.

This a free service that the City of Albuquerque offers to all Albuquerque residents. For more information about this program, please contact the Alternative Dispute Resolution Office at 505-768-4500.



Call For Holiday Events

What's happening around your neighborhood during the upcoming holidays season? Food Drives? Toys for Tots? Parades? Luminaria? Community Gatherings?

Send us your Holiday Events occurring in late November through December 2007 and we'll put a calendar together so we'll all know what's going across the City.

Please email your events to <dnason@cabq.gov> by November 30, 2007 so we can publish them in the November/December newsletter.



NEIGHBORHOOD SCOOP continued



A Message From The Mayor

Martin J. Chávez Mayor of Albuquerque

Elections Benchmark Our Progress

Council Elections are now behind us and by most indicators, democracy is alive and well in Albuquerque.

The new Clean Elections public financing mechanism got an initial run and voters approved \$160 million in bonds for everything from roads and parks to libraries and affordable housing.

The fact that voters approved a new set of limits on campaign contribution sources will likely mean that the public financing option is going to look increasingly attractive for aspirants to the Mayor's office two years from now.

Congratulations are due to returning Council President Debbie O'Malley, Councilors Brad Winter and Don Harris, as well as Councilors-elect Trudy Jones and Rey Garduño, who will be sworn in on December 1, 2007.

Kudos also to retiring Councilors Craig Loy and Martin Heinrich for their service these past four years.

Though it is no secret that I have not always seen eye-to-eye with the majority on the council, it has been my experience that each new set of elected officials brings not only new challenges, but new ideas and approaches that can and often do serve the community well in sometimes innovative ways.

You will see me approach this new council afresh, ready and willing to work out differences toward the further improvement of our neighborhoods, as well as the City as a whole.

The only area of real heartburn for me during the recent election was the fact

that ninety percent of eligible registered voters seem to have skipped the vote altogether. It could be construed as a level of benign satisfaction with the way things are going. But I prefer to think that we simply need to do a more positive and creative job of communicating with voters the issues that are before them - bring them more into the processes that constitute civic life.

Among our most pressing challenges will be crime, the environment, infrastructure, smart infill development and the methamphetamine epidemic.

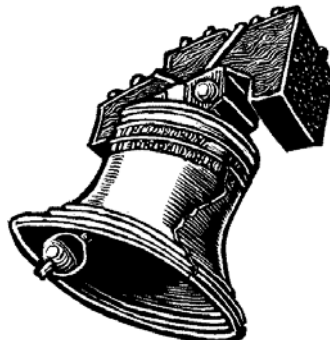
And between now and the time the new council is sworn in, I intend to continue to look for ways to work constructively with other elected officials and all stakeholders on a full range of issues.

Just recently, for example, Councilor Martin Heinrich and I held a joint press conference to announce that we would revise an ordinance that encourages people who park in the city to drive highly energy efficient vehicles.

<www.epa.gov/greenvehicle/cars-alpha4-07.htm> will take you to the green guide, which specifies which vehicles will qualify as high efficiency under the new proposal.

Our initial designation for hybrids was a positive step, but not all hybrids are necessarily "green vehicles". Some conventional fuel vehicles, in fact, have a very efficient, small carbon footprint.

Look for this, as well as other new partnerships and proposals as we finish up this year and usher in a new council and turn another page in terms of progress for Albuquerque.



Planning

Important New Legislation For Mobile Home Tenants

O-07-106 pertains to the requirements for the termination of mobile home tenancies. The legislation adopts the existing state Mobile Home Park Act termination of tenancy provisions, but increases the time period for the notification of eviction due to change of use of land from six months to eighteen months.

The bill will also amend Section 14-16-4-1 of the Zoning Code (zone map amendment procedure). This change will require applicants for a zone map amendment for an area that includes a mobile home park to provide written notice to mobile home tenants in the affected park at least 15 days prior to the hearing.

The bill can be viewed at <www.cabq.gov/planning/topics/>.



October Is National Community Planning Month

The American Planning Association is celebrating the planning profession and the individuals who help create communities of lasting value during National Community Planning Month. Ms. Manjeet K. Tangri, Urban Design Planner for the City of Albuquerque Planning Department is among the planners who is featured on the website at

<http://www.planning.org/ncpm/testimonials.htm>.





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/counciled.html.

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

**A Message From Your
City Council
Election Run Down**

During the October 2, 2007 Municipal Elections, four Albuquerque City Council seats (Districts Two, Four, Six, and Eight) were decided by Albuquerque voters. In addition, the fate of ten general obligation bonds, five charter amendments, and the District Nine recall were also determined.

Council Seats

District Two

In the District Two race between first term incumbent Debbie O'Malley and Katherine Martinez, Director of Government Affairs for the Home Builders Association of Central New Mexico, voters chose Debbie O'Malley with 72.33% of the vote.

District Four

In the District Four race between two term incumbent Brad Winter and Paulette de'Pascal, a local consultant, voters chose Brad Winter with 81.36% of the vote.

District Six

In the District Six race four candidates Rey Garduño, Joanie Griffin, Blair Kaufman, and Kevin Wilson all vied to replace outgoing Councilor Martin Heinrich who did not seek re-election in his district. Rey Garduño won this race with 48.85% of the votes.

District Eight

Trudy Jones a local realtor for Grubb & Ellis ran unopposed for the council seat being vacated by Councilor Craig Loy, a retired Albuquerque police officer and one-term Councilor, who decided not to seek re-election.

District Nine Recall

Current City Councilor Don Harris re-

tained his Council seat. The voters in his district voted by 65.99% to keep Councilor Harris.

General Obligation Bonds

Public Safety - \$12 million *Approved by 70.45% of the voters.* Projects approved include \$5 million to build a sixth police area command near Cibola High School in District 5 and \$3 million to replace police cars.

Senior/Community Centers - \$14 million *Approved by 65.91% of the voters.* \$6.3 million will go toward the design and construction of the North Domingo Baca Multi-Generational Center.

Parks and Recreation - \$37.5 million *Approved by 65.53% of the voters.* Funding includes \$5.5 million for open space acquisition, fencing and protection, \$2.75 million for Phase II improvements of Pat Hurley Park, \$3 million for Balloon Fiesta Park improvements, and \$1 million for equipment and improvements to City golf courses.

Energy Conservation/Public Facilities - \$14 million *Approved by 56.75% of the voters.* The largest percentages of these funds are split between energy conservation projects and animal care services.

Libraries - \$3 million *Approved by 72.23% of the voters.* A large portion of the funding will be used to purchase new books and other materials.

Streets - \$45 million *Approved by 69.29% of the voters.* The street bonds pay for roadway improvements which include medians, sidewalks, and lighting.

Public Transportation - \$7 million *Approved by 59.38% of the voters.* The bond money will be used for bus shelters and new buses.

Storm Sewers - \$10.5 million *Approved by 72.43% of the voters.* This includes funding for the Broadway Pump station, and Santa Barbara Martineztown and Barelás areas storm drain improvements.

Zoo - \$6 million *Approved by 68.47% of the voters.* The funds will go toward the Asian Experience at the zoo and reef tank exhibit at the aquarium.

Affordable Housing - \$10 million *Approved by 53.15% of the voters.* Funds will be used to acquire land and be used toward zero to low interest loans to benefit families at/or below 50 percent of the area's median income.

Charter Amendments

Proposition 1: Changing election dates - *Approved by 70.83% of the voters.* Precludes municipal elections from taking place on religious holidays.

Proposition 2: Restricting campaign contributions - *Approved by 71.79% of the voters.* Prohibits candidates from accepting campaign contributions from business entities and contractors doing business with the City of Albuquerque.




Proposition 3: Appointments by City Council - *Approved by 51.40% of the voters.* Allows the City Council to appoint members to city boards and commissions when allowed by ordinance.

Proposition 4: Increasing Councilors' salaries - *Rejected by 60.41% of the voters.* Would have allowed a pay increase for City Councilors from \$10,300 to \$29,700.

Proposition 5: Changing recall provisions - *Approved by 52.31% of the voters.* This proposition changes procedures for recall elections, requiring a State District Judge's approval to pursue a recall election.

The **Eighteenth Council will hold its first meeting on Monday, December 3, 2007.**



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| <p>Tuesday, October 23 •BOA – 9 a.m.</p> | <p>Monday, November 5 •City Council – 5 p.m.</p> | <p>Wednesday, November 14 •DRB – 9 a.m. •SEPC – 9 a.m. •LUCC – 3 p.m. •AQCB – 5:15 p.m. •District 6 Coalition – 7 p.m.</p> | <p>Tuesday, November 27 •BOA – 9 a.m.</p> |
| <p>Wednesday, October 24 •DRB – 9 a.m. •SEPC – 9 a.m. •ZHE – 9 a.m. EPC Pre-Hearing – 1:30 p.m.</p> | <p>Wednesday, November 7 •DRB – 9 a.m. •PAB – 10 a.m. •District 7 Coalition – 7 p.m. •Westside Coalition – 7 p.m.</p> | <p>Thursday, November 15 •EPC Hearing – 8:30 a.m. •District 8 Coalition – 7 p.m.</p> | <p>Wednesday, November 28 •DRB – 9 a.m. •EPC Pre-Hearing – 1:30 p.m. •LEPC – 9 a.m. •SEPC – 9 a.m. •ZHE – 9 a.m.</p> |
| <p>Thursday, October 25 •SWAN – 6 p.m. •East Gateway Coalition – 6 p.m.</p> | <p>Thursday, November 8 •GWPAB – 8:30 a.m. •AAB – 9 a.m. •TAB – 9 a.m. •Feedback Forum – 11:45 a.m. •EPC Study Session – 3 p.m. •POC – 4 p.m. SVCNA – 6:30 p.m.</p> | <p>Monday, November 19 •City Council – 5 p.m.</p> | <p>Thursday, November 29 •SWAN – 6 p.m.</p> |
| <p>Wednesday, October 31 •LEPC – 9 a.m. •DRB – 9 a.m.</p> | <p>Monday, November 12 •GABAC – 4:30 p.m.</p> | <p>Tuesday, November 20 •GARTC – 4:30 p.m.</p> |  |
|  |  | <p>Wednesday, November 21 •ADC – 3 p.m. •DRB – 9 a.m. •District 4 Coalition – 7 p.m.</p> <p>Thursday, November 22 and 23 City Offices Closed For Thanksgiving</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
- East Gateway Coalition - Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center, 501 Elizabeth SE
- 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 Recycling Advisory Committee, City Hall, Room 302
- GARTC - Greater Albuquerque Recreational Trails Committee - Locations vary, call 505-768-5308 for information
- GWPAB - Ground Water Protection Advisory Board - Room 302 City/County Building, 400 Marquette NW
- LEPC - Local Emergency Planning Committee - 11510 Sunset Gardens SW, 505-833-7300 or <www.lepcbqbernc.org> for more info.
- LUCC - Landmarks and Urban Conservation Commission, Plaza del Sol Hearing Room, 600 Second St. NW, Basement Level
- North Valley Coalition - Los Griegos Multi-Service Center, 1231 Candelaria NW
- PAB - ParaTransit Advisory Board - Alvarado Transportation Center, 100 First Street SW
- POC - Police Oversight Commission, City/County Building, Lower Level, 1 Civic Plaza, 5th and Marquette
- SEPC - Special Event Permitting Committee - 6th floor, Cultural Services Department Conference Room, City Hall, 5th and Marquette
- SVCNA - South Valley Coalition of Neighborhoods Associations - South Valley BSCO Sheriff's Substation, 2039 Isleta SW
- SWAN - South West Alliance of Neighborhoods, Alamosa Multi-Service Center, 6900 Gonzales SW
- TAB - Transit Advisory Board - Sun Van Conference Room, 601 Yale SE
- Westside Coalition - Don Newton/Taylor Ranch Community Center, 4900 Kachina NW
- ZHE - Zoning Hearing Examiner, 200 Third Street NW, Suite 735, 505-924-3918

EPC Hearing Notice

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

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

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

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

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

Please note that the **Pre-Hearing Meeting** will be held on **Wednesday, October 24, 2007 at 1:30 p.m.** in the Planning Conference Room, Third Floor. The **EPC Public Hearing** will be held on **Thursday, November 15, 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; 07EPC-40060, Project #1001620; The Planning Department of the City of Albuquerque, is proposing an Amendment to Section 14-16-4-1 to add a provision for zoning map changes to require written notice for the termination of mobile home tenancies – to provide eighteen (18) months written notice when the owner of a mobile home park intends to evict tenants due to a change in use of the park land; Anna DiMambro at **505-924-3924**.

Northeast

Princess Jeanne (neighborhood association); 07EPC-40064, Project #1000572 (case #'s); Approximately 19 acres located on the east side of Copper Avenue NE between Eubank Boulevard NE and Morris Street NE (**location of request**); K-21 (**zone atlas page #**); Consensus Planning Inc. at **505-764-9801**, agent for MW Development, LLC (**applicant or agency and phone #**); Requests a Site Development Plan for Subdivision for rearranging the land uses on the site – to move one of the restaurant pad sites from the northeast corner to the northwest corner and move the hotel site from the northwest corner to the northeast corner and the second restaurant will remain adjacent to the hotel site (**action requested**); Randall Falkner at **505-924-3933 (city staff planner)**.

No Neighborhood Association(s); 07EPC-40066, Project #1006865; Approximately 15.701 acres located on the east side of Pan American Freeway NE between Comanche Road NE and Vassar Drive NE; G-16; Tierra West, LLC at **505-858-3100**, agent for Southwest Regional Council of Carpenters; Requests a Site Development Plan for Building Permit for a proposed private trade school for the Southwest Regional Council of Carpenters and a proposed two (2) office buildings and restaurant; Carol Toffaleti at **505-924-3345**.

Northwest

S.R. Marmon, Los Volcanes, Westside Merchants, West Bluff, West Mesa, Vista Magnifica; 07EPC-40061 and 40062, Project #1002712; Approximately 6.08 acres located on the west side of Atrisco Road NW between Miami Road NW and I-40 Freeway; H-11; Tierra West, LLC at **505-858-3100**, agent for West Bluff Center, LLC; Requests a Site Development Plan for Subdivision and Building Permit for constructing five (5) office/warehouse facilities; Carol Toffaleti at **505-924-3345**.

Cottonwood Heights, The Paloma Del Sol, Paradise Hills Civic; 07EPC-40067 and 40068, Project #1001685; Approximately 13.5506 acres located on the west side of Golf Course Road NW between Irving Boulevard NW and McMahon Boulevard NW; A-12; DAC Enterprises, Inc. at **505-294-5243**, agent for Russell/AD Development Group, LLC; Requests a Site Development Plan for Subdivision and Building Permit for a proposed office, warehouse and retail shops; Anna DiMambro at **505-924-3924**.

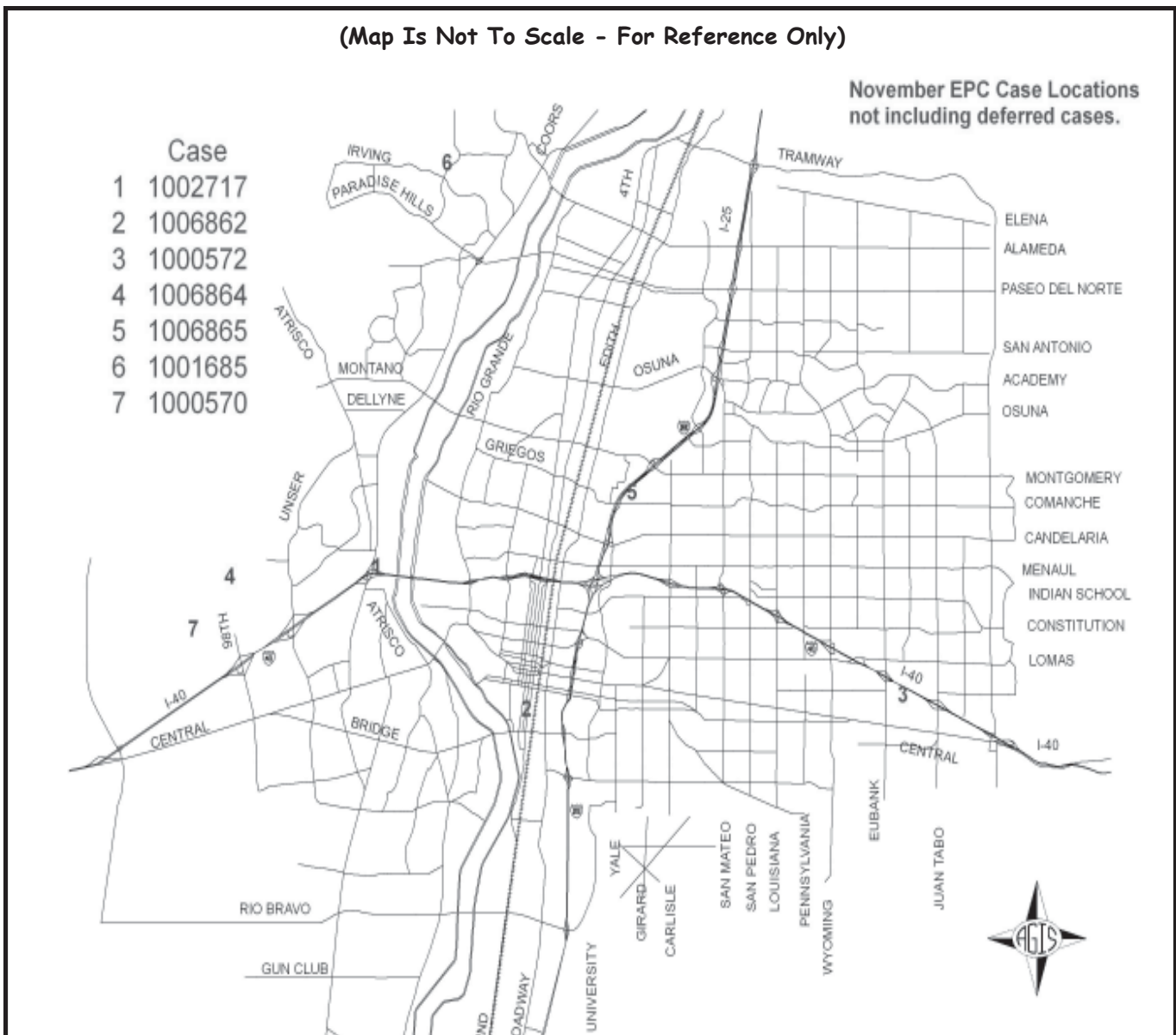
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Tres Volcanes, Parkway, Avalon; 06EPC-00141 and 00139, Project #1000570; Approximately 506 acres located on Arroyo Vista Boulevard NW between High Mesa Drive NW, 98th Street NW and I-40 Freeway; J-K-7-8; Hartman and Majewski Design Group at **505-242-6880**, agent for SunCal Companies of New Mexico; Requests a EPC Sector Development Plan and a Zone Map Amendment from SU-2 for R-LT, R-2, O-1, OS and PDA for Town Center to SU-2 for RL-T, R-2, O-1, OS and PDA for Town Center (changed locations) for the Westland Community Activity Center serving the Westland North Community; Catalina Lehner at **505-924-3935** and Jennifer Donofrio at **505-924-3343**.

Tres Volcanes; 07EPC-40065, Project #1006864; Approximately 483.516 acres located west of Tierra Pintada NW between Arroyo Vista NW and Petroglyph National Monument; H-7-9 and J-7-8; Hartman and Majewski Design Group at **505-242-6880**, agent for SunCal Companies of New Mexico; Requests a Site Development Plan for Subdivision for the Watershed and Inspiration areas of the Westland Sector Plan for proposed design and development of unique residential community from the Lower Petroglyphs Planning Charrette; Catalina Lehner at **505-924-3935** and Jennifer Donofrio at **505-924-3343**.

Southwest

Barelas; 07EPC-40063, Project #1006862; Approximately .69 acres located on the west side of Second Street SW between Santa Fe Avenue SW and Pacific Avenue SW; K-14; Center for City Evangelical Free Church at **505-974-2908** or **505-710-1368**; Requests a Zone Map Amendment from SU-2/RG to SU-2/O-1 for a proposed Evangelical Church; Randall Falkner at **505-924-3933**.



CITY SCOOP

News From City Departments



APD Crime Prevention

505-924-3600

Submitted By Steve Sink



Halloween Safety

The time for monsters, superhero's and ghosts has arrived again. Halloween is a wonderful part of the changing seasons and we should do every thing possible to ensure the night remains a wonderful experience for our children. Most folks are aware of the need for cautionary steps on this haunted evening, particularly in regard to altered treats and safety. Unfortunately, there are dangers associated with this annual goblin festival. The following tips should be considered by all adults and children as a guide to protect our little cherubs during a night of trick-or-treating.

For Parents:

- The safest place is a sponsored event at a mall, school, church or neighborhood event.
- Accompany young children on the route.
- Send older children out with friends, a watch and flashlight.
- Agree to the route and an expected arrival time prior to departure.
- Always check your children's treats prior to consumption.

For Children and Parents:

- Wear light-colored clothing or costumes.
- Use make-up instead of a mask for better visibility.
- Make a map of the route for you and your parents.
- Carry a flashlight or light stick.
- Stay in your own neighborhood.
- Be respectful of other people and their property.
- Stop only at well-lighted houses.
- Have a parent check the treats before you eat them.
- Start early and end early.
- Use sidewalks or walk facing traffic.
- Always keep a safe distance between you and moving vehicles.
- Stop, look and listen at corners or before crossing the street and walk, don't run.
- Don't go between parked cars or crisscross back and forth across the street.
- Never go inside a stranger's house or apartment, no matter what anyone says.
- Don't carry sharp instruments and never carry a lighted candle or open flame.
- Any incident involving injury or violations of the law should be reported to the Albuquerque Police Department by calling **911 (Emergency)** or **242-COPS (Non-Emergency)**.

Planning

Upcoming Community Meetings

- **Wednesday, October 24, 2007, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.**
District 8 Town Hall Meeting
Upper Heights Design Overlay Zone
Bear Canyon Senior Center, 4645 Pitt NE

The Project Team will be available for questions and comments regarding the zone including: Pedestrian Experience, Views and Setbacks, Buffering Land Uses, Mixed-Use Development, Building and Wall Design, Shared Parking Incentives, Neighborhood Notification and Development Review. For more information contact Michael Polikoff at **505-924-3346** or mpolikoff@cabq.gov.

- **Wednesday, November 7, 2007, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.**
South Yale Sector Development Plan Public Meeting
Heights Community Center, 823 Buena Vista Drive SE

The Planning Department is working to create a Sector Development Plan for the South Yale area in collaboration with neighborhood representatives. The study area is bounded by University Boulevard SE on the west, St. Cyr Avenue SE (and its alignment between University Boulevard SE and Columbia Drive SE) on the north, Columbia Drive SE south to Kathryn Avenue SE, then west to the eastern boundary of the Loma Linda Community Center Parcel alignment (between Kathryn Avenue SE and Vail Avenue SE), east on Vail Avenue SE to Girard Boulevard SE and south to Gibson Boulevard SE.

The community is welcome to come to this public meeting. The plan will address traffic, zoning and land use, utilities and environmental conditions. For more information contact Chris Hyer at **505-924-3927** or chyer@cabq.gov.

- **Wednesday, November 14, 2007, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.**
North I-25 Sector Development Plan Public Meeting
Anderson-Abruzzo Albuquerque International Balloon Museum, 9201 Balloon Museum Drive NE

The Planning Department is working to refine the update of the Sector Development Plan for the North I-25 area in collaboration with neighborhood representatives. The study area is bounded by Edith Boulevard NE and the North Diversion Channel on the west, the sovereign line of Sandia Pueblo on the north, Louisiana Boulevard NE on the east and San Bernardino Venue NE and Paseo del Norte NE on the south.

The community is welcome to come to this public meeting to continue the dialog between the planning team and the neighborhood residents and business owners. The plan will address traffic, zoning and land use, utilities and environmental conditions. For more information contact Chris Hyer at **505-924-3927** or chyer@cabq.gov.

Cultural Services

Submitted By Connor O'Laughlin, Assistant Director

**Blue Winds Dancing:
The Whitecloud Collection of
Native American Art**

Organized by the New Orleans Museum of Art, this exhibition highlights 30 years of passionate collecting by Dr. Thomas and Mercedes Whitecloud. The exhibition presents a unique look at diverse works of art by various Native peoples from across the United States and Canada including textiles, baskets, apparel, moccasins, beadwork and bags. **Through October 21 at The Albuquerque Museum.**

Sunday, October 21 at 2:00 p.m. : The Albuquerque Museum is pleased to offer a talk by renowned sculptor, Michael Naranjo. This program is in celebration of Art Beyond Sight Awareness Month, an international initiative to promote art and culture by and for people with sight loss. Naranjo, a resident of Santa Clara Pueblo, lost his sight in 1968 due to an injury in Vietnam. In his talk he will explore his life's work, with a particular focus on *The Dancer*, part of the museum's permanent collection. This talk is free with museum admission.

Friday, October 26, 2007 - 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.: Mudding Day at Casa San Ysidro. Don't miss this unique experience at historic Casa San Ysidro. The public is invited to participate in the fourth annual Dia De Enjarrar or Mudding Day at the museum's historic house located in the Village of Corrales. Come learn how to mud plaster. Volunteers of all ages are invited. Tools and lunch will be provided. Driving directions to Casa San Ysidro: Take Corrales Road 3.2 miles north from Alameda, turn west at Old Church Road. Casa San Ysidro is located just around the bend. For more information call **505-898-3915**.

Saturdays in October - Family Art Workshops: 1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. All supplies are provided. Free with Museum general admission.

Exhibitions:

Brought to Light: a Great Depression Era Photographer's Study of Albuquerque Businesses - A photography collection documenting businesses in Albuquerque in the early 1930s. On display through June 2008.

Cultural Renaissance: 40 Years of The Albuquerque Museum: A history of The Albuquerque Museum with selected artifacts and art from the collections. On display through September 2008.

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 November 25, 2007.

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

Four Centuries: A History of Albuquerque: A permanent exhibition of local history depicting four hundred years of the history of Albuquerque and the Rio Grande Valley region. Look over early maps, arms and armor and weaving. Learn about trade routes, colonial life and statehood era relics.

For more information contact The Albuquerque Museum of Art and History, 2000 Mountain Road NW, Albuquerque NM 87104. Phone: **505-243-7255** or <www.cabq.gov/museum>.

Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System

Submitted By Riann K. Powell

The Wyoming Library Turns 50!

Help us celebrate this landmark anniversary on **Saturday, December 8, 2007** from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. The Wyoming Library, which is located at 8205 Apache NE, recently underwent an extensive remodel. This will be the perfect opportunity to visit with past and present Library staff and see the newly remodeled building. Don't forget to check out a book, DVD or some music while you're there!

Library Programs Aren't Just for Kids

October and November bring a host of new and interesting programs for adults to a Library near you.

November: Thinking about writing a memoir? Author Thomas Larson will be giving a memoir writing workshop at the Special Collections Library on the **Saturday, November 3**. For more information call **505-848-1376**. Mental Health Awareness: a presentation and book signing with Dr. Wayne Meyerowitz; 2:00 p.m. on **Saturday, November 3, 2007** at the Main Library. A Night at the Movies! The Cherry Hills Library is screening *Stranger Than Fiction*, the story of an IRS auditor who begins hearing a voice in his head narrating his lonely life filled with numbers and routines; 5:00 p.m. on **Thursday, November 22, 2007**.

All Fall/Winter: Beginning computer classes have resumed at the Cherry Hills Library. Learn keyboard basics, intro to MS Word, Excel and more. For information call **505-857-8321**.



NM Museum of Natural History and Science

Submitted By Tim Aydelott

An Important message from the New Mexico Museum of Natural History and Science

POLAR-PALOOZA

“Connecting the Poles to the Planet”

On **Tuesday, October 23, 2007**, **POLAR-PALOOZA** (PPZA) comes to the New Mexico Museum of Natural History and Science in Albuquerque. Join Arctic residents and a team of America’s leading polar scientists and explorers for **POLAR-PALOOZA Stories from a Changing Planet** – what Earth’s iciest, remotest regions can tell us about how and why our global climate is changing.

The Polar regions are distant, remote and sparsely populated, but it’s there at the ends of the Earth that climate change is experienced first and most dramatically. But what happens at the Poles doesn’t stay at the Poles... The warming of these isolated regions has consequences for the rest of the planet.

POLAR-PALOOZA will inspire diverse audiences across America to better appreciate how rapid changes in the Arctic and Antarctic affect the health and functioning of the entire Earth system, no matter where we live. Join us at the Museum for two multi-media programs featuring polar researchers. Shows begin at **6:00 p.m. and 8:15 p.m.** Admission is \$6 public, \$5 members or seniors 60 and over, \$3 students with ID. Call Chris Sanchez at **505-841-2872** for reservations. For more information about this and other **POLAR-PALOOZA** related events at the Museum visit: <<http://nmnaturalhistory.org>>.

Speakers at the Museum of Natural History include: glaciologist and IGY veteran Charles Bentley, marine biologist Michael Castellini, Christine Foreman, who studies life in Antarctica’s Dry Valleys, Alaskan Native Science Commission member Orville Huntington, geologist Kathy Licht and Jackie Richter-Menge from the Army’s Cold Regions Research and Engineering Lab. For more information about these fascinating polar researchers visit <<http://passporttoknowledge.com/polar-palooza>>.

What is POLAR-PALOOZA?

POLAR-PALOOZA is a public education and outreach project supported by the National Science Foundation (NSF) and NASA that aims to bring interesting and important information about the Poles to public audiences across the United States. Its “Stories from a Changing Planet” program is targeted at science centers and museums, bringing cutting-edge polar research home to students, teachers and parents. At each event, a team of six scientists - explorers as well as Arctic residents - share personal stories of life, research and adventure in the polar regions. Their stories are supported by dynamic High-Definition documentary video, as well as graphics, animation, original artifacts, research tools and equipment. Each presentation is followed by a Question and Answer session. After that, audience members are encouraged to interact informally with members of the polar team.

POLAR-PALOOZA kicks off its national tour in October 2007 in California. Then the team will travel to more than 25 communities across the country by the end of 2008. In each city, public programs will be supplemented by media appearances, educator workshops, special presentations for K-12 and university students, business and community leaders and more.

For a complete listing of **POLAR-PALOOZA** events visit: <<http://passporttoknowledge.com/polar-palooza>>.

International Polar Year (IPY): March 2007 - March 2009

IPY is a research initiative involving people from all over the world, following in a significant scientific tradition. Fifty years ago, in 1957, International Geophysical Year (IGY) deepened our understanding of plate tectonics, geomagnetism, the aurora, and saw the launch of Earth’s first artificial satellites, and – in the United States – led to the formation of NASA. Likewise, IPY seeks to answer fundamental questions about the Earth system. More urgently, the factors forcing the global climate system to change.

There have been four IPYs, beginning in 1882-1883, but this is the first of the Internet age. For this IPY, more than 50,000 researchers from 60 nations are traveling to the Poles via plane, ship, snowmobile and dog sled to explore the regions with hi-tech ice coring drills, as well as satellites high up in space. **POLAR-PALOOZA** is sending video crews to many of the research sites in Antarctica and the Arctic, and a growing archive of podcasts, video reports and blogs can be found online at <<http://passporttoknowledge.com/polar-palooza>> throughout IPY.

Sponsors

POLAR-PALOOZA is made possible by support from NSF and NASA’s Science Mission Directorate, and in collaboration with local science centers and museums, and Apple Computer, and is an official IPY activity. **POLAR-PALOOZA** is produced by PASSPORT TO KNOWLEDGE (P2K), which is solely responsible for its content.

Links

For a complete listing of **POLAR-PALOOZA** events, visit: <<http://passporttoknowledge.com/polar-palooza>>. For information about the National Science Foundation and IPY, visit: <<http://ipy.gov> & <http://nsf.gov>>. For information about NASA and IPY, visit <<http://ipy.nasa.gov>>. For information about the international components of IPY visit <<http://www.ipy.org>>.



Submitted By John Stomp

San Juan-Chama Project Update

Fall is here and construction on the San Juan-Chama Drinking Water Project will be concentrated in just a few areas during the months of October and November.

Northeast Quadrant of Albuquerque

Marquette Avenue NE between San Mateo Boulevard NE and Quincy Street NE

As part of the Burton Pipeline project, crews are scheduled to begin paving this area the first week of October, then will return and install the final layer of pavement by mid-month. The road should be reopened in late October, with final curb and gutter placement scheduled to be completed by mid-to-late November.

Marquette Avenue NE from Quincy Street NE to Washington Street NE

As work continues on the Burton Pipeline in this area, crews will first install temporary water lines and connect water services to homes before beginning installation of a large diameter water line. A small crew with small equipment will do the preliminary work and will only partially close the road during the first phase. Once temporary services have been connected, the areas where this work has occurred will be temporarily paved and reopened. Access will be maintained to all homes and businesses. This work is expected to last from early October to late November 2007.

Marquette Avenue NE at Washington Street NE

This intersection is scheduled to be closed so crews can cross it with large diameter pipeline through mid-October. Access will be maintained to all homes in the area, but motorists should use San Mateo Boulevard NE as an alternate route.

Northwest Quadrant of Albuquerque

Atrisco Drive NW at St. Joseph's Avenue NW and north of Milne Road NW

Crews are making final preparations to test the pipeline at the intersection of Atrisco Drive NW and St. Joseph's Drive NW and on Atrisco Drive NW north of Milne Road NW. Through mid-October, there will be a southbound lane closure on Atrisco Drive NW, with traffic shifted into the northbound lanes and one lane of traffic open in each direction from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. daily.

Atrisco Drive NW and Unser Boulevard NW from St. Joseph's Avenue NW to Montano Road NW

After crews finish testing the pipeline installed as part of the Volcano-North Segment pipeline, they will repave this section of roadway from curb-to-curb. Traffic will be shifted to accommodate repaving, which is scheduled to take place in late October or early to mid-November. Watch for more information at <www.sjcdinkingwater.org> or call 505-242-ROAD for updates.

Campbell Road NW at the Bosque

Through mid-October, crews are repairing a section of pipeline on Campbell Road NW, west of Alejandro Lane NW near the Bosque trail along the westside of the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District overflow channel. While no road impacts are expected, there is an excavation in this area that is barricaded and construction vehicles will be in the area to make the appropriate repairs. This work is being done as part of wrap-up on the West Valley pipeline. Pipeline testing has been completed, with the project expected to wrap up by mid-October.

Enjoy Free Water At Your Next Neighborhood Event!

Curious about what the purified San Juan-Chama Water will taste like? You can request free water for your next neighborhood association or homeowners association event. Just visit <www.abcwua.org> and fill out the request form. The water is being given out because the San Juan-Chama water comes from a different source and process than we're used to and some people 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 Schedule a Presentation

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



Construction is continuing on the San Juan-Chama Drinking Water Project's Raw Water Pump Station. The station is located just south of the Alameda Open Space Area off Alameda Boulevard NE.

ABCWUA – Water Reclamation Division
Submitted By Ben Zimmerman

Our Rio Grande Is A Second Home To Migratory Birds

As most of us carry on our daily lives this fall, New Mexicans are descended upon by millions of avian travelers. Our guests come to us from as far away as the top of the world in the Arctic Tundra and from as close as our neighboring counties and states.

The middle Rio Grande provides many creatures the necessities required to call the river home. Migratory birds can find shelter, drinking water, and a variety of food sources that enable survival through the winter season. These creatures are dependant on us for their survival and in turn provide New Mexicans a diverse community worthy of protection and active sustainability.

So as part of this community what are our responsibilities to maintain a healthy environment that benefits all the living organisms we share space with. We must identify any negative influence on the health of our Lady Rio Grande. With this knowledge we can then take steps to repair and nurture the Life Blood that flows through our state.

Listed below are a few areas of Environmental impact that we all have direct control over.

•Pesticides and Herbicides • House hold cleaners and Chemicals • Automotive Oils and other fluids • Fertilizers • products that contain Heavy Metals • Pharmaceuticals and Medical products • Animal Waste • Minerals (salts and such)

These products make their way eventually to the river. The Southside Water Reclamation Plant works over time to remove pollutants from waste water that is released into the Rio Grande. A good amount of pollutants move over land through runoff or seep through the soil without being detected or prevented and eventually mix into the Rio Grande.

Pollutants can kill the plants, micro-organisms, invertebrates, and fish that Migratory birds feed on. Pollutants can also accumulate in organisms and cause mutations and death. So as residents of the Rio Grande it's up too us to make the changes necessary to protect the natural wealth that's our inheritance for generations to come.



Environmental Health

Animal Services Division
Submitted By Anna Martinez, Marketing Manager

Cold Weather Precautions for Pet Owners

Cold weather is around the corner and pet owners need to take extra precautions when the temperature begins to drop. Here are six helpful tips that will ensure your pet will still be comfy when it is cold outside.

- Puppies do not tolerate the cold as well as adult dogs and may be difficult to housebreak during the winter, so try paper training inside. For older dogs, they may be sensitive to the cold weather due to age, illness or breed type, so make sure you take him outdoors only to relieve himself.
- If your pet spends a lot of time outdoors, make sure he has a sheltered place that is well bedded with dry straw, blanket strips or other insulating material that traps warm air. Check it often for wetness, since your pet will bring in a lot of moisture and then the bedding won't be able to keep them warm. If your pet loves spending time running around outdoors in the cold, make sure you increase his supply of food, particularly protein, to keep him in tip-top shape.
- Keep your cat indoors. Outdoors, cats can become lost, injured or killed as well as be exposed to infectious diseases. Before getting into your car, bang loudly on your hood to ensure that a cat is not sleeping under the hood, to get out of the cold.
- Never leave your dog or cat alone in a car during cold weather. A car can act as a refrigerator in the winter, holding in the cold and causing the animal to freeze to death.
- Antifreeze is a lethal poison for dogs and cats. Be sure to thoroughly clean up any spills from your vehicle when using this product.
- Most importantly, do not leave your pets outdoors unattended when the temperature gets below freezing!

For more information on the services and programs of the City of Albuquerque Animal Care Center, <cabq.gov/pets> or dial **311** or **505-768-2000**.





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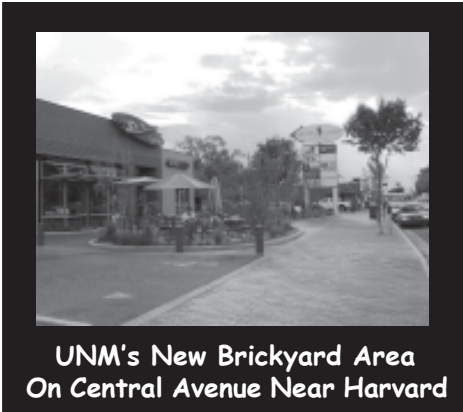
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Related ONC Links

- NEW - URL for printable Annual Report Form - PDF:
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- URL for ONC Workshop Information:
<<http://www.cabq.gov/planning/nbrcoordneighworkshop.html>>
- URL for ONC Workshop Registration Form:
<<http://www.cabq.gov/planning/formsvcs/workshop.html>>
- URL for current Department Director List and Important Phone Numbers List: <<http://www.cabq.gov/planning/topics/index.html>>
- NEW - URL for Building Permit/Application information
<<http://www.cabq.gov/planning/bldgsafety>>

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