

Bel-Air - A City Within Our City

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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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Purple Sage Loves Miramontes Park -
Just As Much As The Residents

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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.

**Neighborhood
Association**

Western Meadows
Los Alamos

**“Welcome” to
Incoming President**

John Dark
Debby Kenny

**“Thanks” to
Outgoing President**

Jo Anna Silva
Ronald Gedrim

- Zuni Neighborhood Association regained their “Recognized” status on August 11, 2006.
- Academy Hills Park Neighborhood Association regained their “Recognized” status on August 24, 2006.
- Saragossa Neighborhood Association regained their “Recognized” status on September 11, 2006.

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.

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

July Annual Reports are due: October 1, 2006
August Annual Reports are due: November 1, 2006
September Annual Reports are due: December 1, 2006

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

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

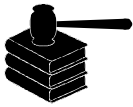
The City of Albuquerque does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, disability, age, gender, Vietnam Era or disabled veteran status, sexual orientation or medical condition in employment or in the provision of services.

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

Cash For Your Association!

Interested in beautifying your neighborhood?

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



Across The City



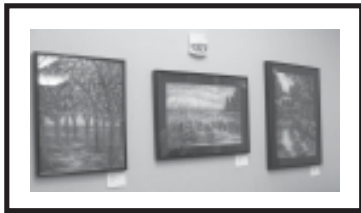
Metropolitan Court Hosts Reception For New University of New Mexico Art Show In The Courthouse

Submitted By Janet Blair

Forty works of art, done by UNM students and faculty, now grace the walls of the Bernalillo County Metropolitan Courthouse. The show, entitled "Judicial Notice", will hang until next summer under the terms of a collaborative agreement between the court and the UNM College of Fine Arts. It was officially opened August 24th with a reception at the courthouse.

"We are very pleased to have this opportunity to exhibit the work of many of our talented faculty and students at the Metropolitan Court. The courthouse provides an ideal opportunity for community outreach and we consider this exhibition to be the first of many in what will prove to be a very productive relationship," said Professor Jim Jacob of the Department of Art and Art History.

A variety of media will be on display, from oils to pastels and photography. Some pieces are large and can be easily accommodated on courthouse walls. They will be exhibited in well-used public areas,



from the rotunda to the Jury Lounge, the Judge Nakamura explained. She said the works will be hung for a year. Next summer, a new group of works will be selected and displayed. The court is hoping to establish a permanent collection.

lection.

"Many public buildings maintain permanent collections of fine art. Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court is an excellent venue for such a collection. We have our Scale of Justice in the courthouse plaza, stained glass and sculpture in the rotunda. Like the New Mexico state capitol and other courthouses, we would like to display even more of the excellent work done by our state artists," said Judge Nakamura.

Get to Know your Metro Court

This is election season - many voters are interested in learning more about the operations of Metropolitan Court. If your organization would like to invite a judge or judges in as guest speakers, please call Janet Blair at 505-841-9897.

WALK Albuquerque

Submitted By Diane Scena

Walking Tours Around Albuquerque

WALK Albuquerque is pleased to announce the completion of the Albuquerque Neighborhood Walking Tour Series, Tours 1-5. These tours focus on Raynolds Addition, West Park, Pat Hurley, Duranes, and Nob Hill neighborhoods. These walks highlight the architecture, art, history, and gardens, the hidden gems and quirky details of these neighborhoods for people interested in learning more about the City and/or those who need additional incentive to get out and exercise. Pedestrian advocates, neighborhood residents (including neighborhood association members in the focus areas), and planning and design professionals collaborated to develop this series of neighborhood walking guides.

The guides are available at the city libraries, Plaza del Sol, main and 3rd floors (Planning Department) and at the Albuquerque Visitors and Convention Bureau (ACVB) information centers at Sunport and in Old Town. They are also available in downloadable at the ACVB website <<http://www.itsatrip.org/visitors/walkingtour>>.

The guides will be used in a UNM Continuing Education course, *Walking and Rolling Around Albuquerque*, to be offered in Spring 2007 (Course # 10690). The class will meet on seven consecutive Saturday mornings from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, starting January 20, 2007. Neighborhood leaders are especially invited to enroll, to learn more about walkability and to participate in conversations about qualities that people value in different neighborhoods.

The walking guide project is one of several initiated by WALK Albuquerque and the Albuquerque Alliance for Active Living to improve community health through increased daily activity. WALK Albuquerque is dedicated to creating and preserving safe, attractive, and accessible walking environments throughout the Albuquerque area. We also thank Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Active Living by Design Initiative, the Urban Enhancement Trust Fund of the City of Albuquerque, and the NM Department of Transportation for support and funding for this first phase of guides.



The Albuquerque TreeCentennial Program Planting Trees from Fall 2006 through Spring 2007

TREES STILL AVAILABLE!!!

The **TreeCentennial Program's** goal is to plant 3,000 trees in honor of the 300 years of Albuquerque history, and to plant a living legacy of trees for future generations. The **TreeCentennial Program** is open to all neighborhood associations, civic groups, and others on a first-come-first serve basis.

Please follow these application steps for planning and planting in your neighborhoods:

Step 1) Planting should be done per Neighborhood Association, so please sign up you and your neighbors for a GROUP planting experience. **Step 2)** Submit you application – remember to write in your neighborhood association on the application and submit to Tree New Mexico ASAP. **Deadline for application is Sunday, October 1, 2006.** Fax : 505-255-9197 or mail to: **Tree New Mexico, P.O. 81827, Albuquerque, NM 87198** and mark the front of the envelope **TreeCentennial Application** **Step 3)** Distribution Center locations and distribution dates will be sent out early October. Please remember that the tree species and number of trees are limited and are reserved on a first-come first-serve basis.

The trees offered are for private property. If you wish to plant in public areas, you **MUST** get permission from the city or county agency that has jurisdiction for the area (parks, greenspaces, median, Open Space, etc.)

For more information about the TreeCentennial, please go to our website at <www.treenm.com>.

Happy Planting!!!



NEIGHBORHOOD SCOOP

ACROSS THE FENCE

Bel-Air - A City Within Our City

Submitted By Susan Vigil

Within the web of Albuquerque's 300 years of existence, we witness substantial variety in architectural expression. Little brick track houses following a path through the center of town complement five foot thick walled Adobes. One of the cities oldest housing developments dating back to the 1950's, Bel-Air neighborhood is the size of a small town with 122 households enclosed between Carlisle, Menaul, Candelaria and San Mateo. Lee Julian, the founding member of Bel-Air Neighborhood Association and the association's vice president, describes the area as containing "every type of house." Some of the homes are frame and stucco, others are constructed of cinder block, and many others are custom built homes or refurbished original designs. Bel-Air is laid out in a grid with back alleyways running between lots allowing for back entrance. Accommodating a current trend for custom building and renovation, the back yards in Bel-Air neighborhood are large. "A real livable area", where real estate prices range from \$60,000 to \$180,000. Bel-Air is close to the interstate, university, malls and bike trails. Another phenomenal element of Bel-Air neighborhood is Bel-Air Neighborhood Association itself.

The Bel-Air Neighborhood Association is composed of devoted, protective, pro-active community builders. Composed of 200 paid members, with a 25-30 member attendance at quarterly meetings, participation is vital to the association's success. Singing the praises of "her volunteers", Lee explains they are the "people you can count on when its time to put the Newsletter together...the unsung heroes, the steady eddies." On clean-up days volunteers are dispatched to elderly and ill community members' houses to pick weeds and haul trash away. Lee Julian and Bel-Air Neighborhood Association are intolerant towards messes of any kind of weeds or crime, and even requested a zoning sweep of their neighborhood to force people to clean-up. Barb Johnson, Bel-Air Neighborhood Association's president, daily monitors the Bel-Air/Miramontes Park for criminal activity and along with other community members, reports suspicious behavior to APD, to encourage police surveillance. Signs are posted alerting neighbors to criminal activity and also to announce Bel-Air's clean-up events. Lee is heralded as the "Queen of Signs". About a week before clean-up, members assess alleyways for weed and litter conditions, and post signs announcing the clean-up event. Then teams are dispersed to tidy uncared for areas. On the clean-up day itself, trucks line up and down the street to empty their

trash and gardening waste into a Solid Waste Department compressing dump truck. Lee jokes, "We make a social event of dumping our trash."

Bel-Air/Miramontes Park is the pride and joy of the neighborhood. Six years ago, a transient camp lived in the 32-acre open field behind the grocery store. Even under these circumstances, the association picked-up after the unsanitary inhabitants nesting in the area. Other problems were developing in the neighborhood. The field's basketball court was taken over by drug addicts and hooligans. The association acted to preserve their vision of a family neighborhood.

Rolling her eyes, Lee laughs - she attended about 10,000 meetings, dragging her buddies along with her. The definitive moment came at a city board meeting. As attendees be

moaned their respective needs, Lee stepped forward, "I have the money. I have the land. Explain to me why I don't have a park?" The authorities listened and Bel-Air/Miramontes Park's construction carried forward. Bel-Air Neighborhood Association was involved in all aspects of the park's design, prohibiting 5-foot berms from inclusion in the park design as potential hiding places for crime. They further requested a grand 54-foot blue pavilion be erected at Bel-Air/Miramontes Park. It is the site of Bel-Air's annual picnic, affectionately referred to as "old home week". The July picnic gives members and elderly people a chance to come outside and socialize. Other features of Bel-Air/Miramontes Park include a kiddie's basketball court, two play equipment areas and extensive concrete paths for pushing strollers or jogging. The association acknowledges their success is due to their positive relationship with the City of Albuquerque. In Barb Johnson's words, "Most of what we've done and continue to do is cooperative efforts. We build on our relationships with people. Ours is a subtle activism, which comes across as positive."

Bel-Air's future is imbued with the neighborhood association's bright community sense. Bel-Air is envisioned as an affordable market for UNM employees, students and working families. "It's an ideal neighborhood for rebirth. It's still has affordable lots. The alleys are a buffer between houses and so there is a real level of privacy." Lee says. The large yards in the neighborhood and the new park are designed for families, while the alleys accommodate a multitude of needs, including garage businesses. Renovations and a proactive community distinguish Bel-Air as an up and coming Albuquerque neighborhood.



Fun For All In Miramontes Park



NEIGHBORHOOD SCOOP continued



From The Manager's Desk
Don Newton, Interim ONC Manager

Weeds, Weeds, Weeds and More!

Hi Neighbors,

Up until a few weeks ago, Albuquerque was in the throes of an extended drought. We have received a record amount of rain lately. Everything is greener than I can remember in the 30 years I've lived in the area. That is the good news. The bad news is that this moisture has caused an explosion of weeds - both in quantity and size. I want to pass on a gentle reminder that weeds and their removal are every citizen's responsibility. For your information the City of Albuquerque's ordinance addressing weeds:

"It shall be unlawful for any owner of any occupied or unoccupied lot or tract of land within the city to permit or maintain on any such lot or tract of land, including the area located between the property line and the middle of the alley adjacent to the property, and the area located between the property line and the curb, the area of any curbs or sidewalks located on the property, and the area located ten feet outside the property line where there is no curb, any growth of weeds whose height, width or spread is greater than four (4) inches, or any combination of weeds."

"It shall be the duty of the owner of any occupied or unoccupied lot or tract of land to cut the weeds and remove the cuttings or any accumulation of weeds to be removed as often as necessary in order to comply with the ordinance."

The COA has hired more zoning code inspectors who are writing an unprecedented number of weed citations. Neighborhood associations and other civic groups are helping beautify the city by pulling and cutting weeds. Hopefully you will be involved with an organiza-

tion that's giving our city a helping hand. We all need to keep Albuquerque beautiful.

Many weeds produce pollen that can be a problem for people with allergies. Weeds are invasive when not controlled. Please be careful not to pull or cut native grasses. Native grasses do not have flowers.

Changes at ONC

We have been in our temporary quarters for a month now and have heard that we should be back "home" in the Plaza del Sol's garden level (basement) in two to three weeks. Thanks for your patience.

We have simplified the "Annual Report Form". With the help of suggestions coming from neighborhood associations and coalitions, we have generated a **single form** that functions as the **Annual Report form, Meeting Report form and Coalition Report form**. It replaces the multiple forms that we used to send to you. The color of the form will be on bright yellow (banana) paper so it is easy for you to find and refer to. Don't forget to submit the backup paperwork of how you announced your annual meeting. Please remember to send us a copy of your by-laws if they have been recently amended. Once received at ONC we will send you a signed copy for your NA records. If you need further assistance, please do not hesitate to call Dalaina at **505-924-3906** or me at **505-924-3908**.

Attention Please

A Message from CIP

Submitted By Pete Pena

To all **Neighborhood Associations**, this is a reminder that those of you who committed to maintain the **Streetscape** (the area between the sidewalk and the curb) in front of your home, are reminded that with the recent rains, the weeds have been growing and they must be removed and disposed of properly. Also, any dead plant material must be removed. You are requested to do this as soon as possible before stronger measures are taken. Your cooperation is appreciated. Give us a call if you are unsure your area - **505-768-3858**.

Attention Readers:

Are Your Association By-Laws Accurate and Current?

In our **April/May 2006** issue we listed ALL recognized and unrecognized neighborhood/homeowner associations by the date of the "last received copy of by-laws" that had been sent to ONC and the dates of when each association should hold their "Annual General Meeting".

We have received only a few amended by-laws. It's not too late! **Please remember any/all amendments to your by-laws must be signed by the President and Secretary of your association and a letter of what was amended** must be sent to the Office of Neighborhood Coordination **before** they can be approved.

The reason for this request is that ONC is double-checking the boundaries of ALL recognized and unrecognized neighborhood/homeowners associations that are currently "active" with our office. ONC provides the boundary information to the Albuquerque Geographic Information Systems (AGIS) so they can put them on "official" City maps.

As per the City of Albuquerque's Ordinance **O-92**, ONC provides this information to applicants and developers who must notify recognized neighborhood associations with regard to upcoming projects.

If we do not receive your amended by-laws by Friday, September 29, 2006 we will assume that the current boundaries listed in the by-laws filed with our office are correct.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact Dalaina at **505-924-3906** or e-mail message to dlcarmona@cabq.gov. Please send amended by-laws to: **COA/Planning/ONC, Attention: Dalaina Carmona, 600 Second Street NW, (Temporarily on the 3rd floor of Plaza del Sol), Albuquerque, NM 87102.**

Thank you for your cooperation.



NEIGHBORHOOD SCOOP continued



A Message From The Mayor

Martin J. Chávez, Mayor

On September 19, local voters went to the polls on a bond package worth \$351 million in capital to build new schools and renovate deteriorated or inadequate facilities at existing locations throughout the district (APS).

Though I had serious and fundamental issues with the form of APS governance we have moved to in recent years, I believe we have no more important role than the safety and support of our youth.

Part of that commitment must be adequate physical infrastructure that promotes a safe, wholesome learning environment. So despite reservations, I supported the APS Bond Package before the voters this month.

But now that this immediate infrastructure funding question is behind us, I hope the district will better educate concerned citizens on some of the specifics. For example, APS already has over \$350 million in existing capital for schools and an additional \$90 million or so soon to come from Impact Fees on new development. Yet, by their own figures, the district has never demonstrated the ability to build more than \$100 million worth of projects in any given year.

So I would still very much like to see the public given a thorough explanation of the 'Facilities Master Plan,' a document that is often referred to, but which my staff had to ask after for two months before being given a chance to review.

The city hall team that brought you an on-time and on-budget completion of such major projects as the Montaña Bridge, the Balloon Museum and Isotopes Park just might be able to lend a hand or give some solid advice. But we cannot be much help if neither we nor anyone else from the public can gain

ready access to the plan.

I am also concerned that the bond package offered no support for the public charter schools that are doing so much to bring choices and alternatives to our parents and youth for whom the traditional formula has not been working. The discussion in this regard going forward should simply focus on what the plan is to support the infrastructure needs of charters.

The failings that allow for a 52% graduation rate may be deplorable, and bring down the already unsatisfactory average for the state as a whole, but they are a question apart from building enough new capacity going forward so that kids will continue to have a safe, sufficient space in which to grow and learn.

So which ever way you might have voted, I want to thank those of you who did go to the polls for showing an interest in our community. And I hope you will stay informed and involved as we pursue reform of school governance, perhaps the most fundamental question we face today as a community. Our kids are our future, and deserve no less.



Mayor Martin J. Chávez Invites. You

to discuss the ideas presented in the "Preliminary Action Plan for a Great SW Albuquerque"

Tuesday, September 26, 2006 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Alamosa Multi-Service and Community Center – Room B 6900 Gonzales Road SW (just east of Coors Boulevard SW on the south side of Gonzales Road SW)

Please call or e-mail Paula Donahue for more information about the meeting, to request paper copies of the Preliminary Action Plan, to request meeting flyers to distribute to neighbors, or to request Spanish interpretation or interpretation for the deaf for yourself or someone else for the September 26, 2006 meeting.

Contact Paula Donahue at 505-924-3932 (phone), 924-3339 (fax), <pdonahue@cabq.gov> (e-mail) or Planning Department - 600 Second Street. NW - 3rd floor - Albuquerque, NM 87102. Call 7-1-1 (Relay NM). Call Ramona Gabaldon at 505-924-3923 to speak in Spanish.

You may be receiving a meeting announcement, Preliminary Action Plan, and comment sheet by mail as well as this e-mail notice if we have a mailing address for you. We mailed about 250. We are sending this e-mail to about 300 people. That is still a small fraction of all the people who live or work in South-west Albuquerque. We could use a little help getting the word out to businesses and residents. Please invite your neighbors and others to attend the meeting and to review and send comments about the Preliminary Action Plan.

Copies of the "Preliminary Action Plan" will be available by Monday, September 11 at Westgate Library, Alamosa Library and Community Center, Los Volcanes Senior Center, and the City of Albuquerque Planning Department, 600 Second Street NW, 3rd floor.

The Preliminary Action Plan is available on the City of Albuquerque website at <http://www.cabq.gov/planning/advance/pdf/actionplan/pdf>. A comment sheet is available at <http://www.cabq.gov/planning/advance/pdf/commentsheet/pdf>.

We hope to see you at the meeting!





A Message From Your City Council

CIP and City Council

Earlier this year, the City Council adopted a resolution providing guidelines, including the establishment of priorities and the allocation of funding, for the 2007 Capital Improvements Program (CIP). Adopting the resolution was the first step in the CIP planning process, which takes place in even-numbered years and requires the participation of everyone from city staff and senior management to the Mayor, the Environmental Planning Commission (EPC), and ultimately the City Council. Both the EPC and the City Council will hold public hearings on the Mayor's proposed CIP, and the final package of projects will be presented to voters for their approval in the General Obligation Bond (G.O. Bond) election in October of 2007.

As part of the CIP, each Albuquerque City Councilor receives one million dollars to spend on capital improvement projects in his or her district. Known as the council-neighborhood set-aside, this is the only component of the CIP that is not subject to the constraints of the CIP planning process. It is left to the discretion of each councilor to work with his or her constituents, many times by asking them to make requests or submit ideas for projects, to decide how to spend these funds.

The council-neighborhood set-aside money, like the other monies contained in the G.O. Bond, is broken down into general categories, such as streets, parks, and community/neighborhood facilities. Councilors distribute the million dollars between these categories and sometimes list specific projects for which they want those funds to be used.

For example, the set-aside can be used

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.

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.

for everything from landscaping medians and buying new equipment for parks to purchasing banners and signs that identify neighborhoods and improving street conditions by installing lighting fixtures and traffic calming devices where warranted. If you are interested in finding out what some of the specific projects that have been proposed and approved for your district are, you can find a district-by-district breakdown of the projects included in the 2005 G.O. Bond at the following website: <http://www.cabq.gov/cip/pdf/Council-NeighSet-Aside.pdf>.

How long it takes to complete a project depends on such factors as the scope and size of the project, the availability of city staff to carry out the councilor's request, and whether or not other funds must be sought (e.g., from the State Legislature or through grants) to supplement the set-aside allocation. On this last point, it should be noted that councilors work closely with the State Representatives and Senators from their district, as well as members of our Congressional Delegation, to lobby for money to complete larger projects. Another thing that will help streamline and expedite projects is that the City is in the process of adding a new staff person in the Department of Municipal Development whose primary role will be to serve as the liaison to the City Council office and implement the council-neighborhood projects.

This year, councilors will be asked to submit their list to the council budget staff in early December. If you have questions about the council-neighborhood set-aside or would like to work with your councilor to identify potential projects in your neighborhood, contact the member of the constituent services staff who works with your councilor. The list of staff assistants can be found at www.cabq.gov/council/ccmeet.html.

Albuquerque Modern Streetcar Public Forums

Planning and design is underway for Albuquerque's Modern Streetcar project. This system will move people along the Central Avenue corridor between the BioPark and Nob Hill, and from the University of New Mexico to the Albuquerque International Sunport.

The City is now hosting a series of kick-off meetings to involve the public in this process. At these meetings, the consulting firm HDR will present key features of the planned Modern Streetcar project and you will be asked to comment on important decisions.

The Modern Streetcar project will allow Albuquerque to continue moving forward as a premier destination city by creating more walkable communities, connecting neighborhoods, stimulating the local economy, and providing a direct route from the Sunport to the Alvarado Transportation Center. There, people can connect to the Rail Runner and the City of Albuquerque's Public Transit System.

The Department of Municipal Development and the Transit Department are working to ensure the system is operating by Fall 2009. Neighborhood participation is an important part of the process. Hear details and give your comments on the future alternative transportation system in the City of Albuquerque. For more information, call **505-830-5462**.

**Wednesday, September 20, 2006
6:30-8:30 p.m.**


Alvarado Transportation Center, First and Central (for Central Avenue from Tingley to I-25)

**Tuesday, September 26, 2006
6:30-8:30 p.m.**

Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Carlisle and Central SE (for Central Avenue from I-25 to Carlisle)

**Wednesday, September 27, 2006
6:30-8:30 p.m.**

Heights Community Center, Coal and Buena Vista SE (for Central to Sunport)

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Thursday, September 21 •EPC Hearing** – 8:30 a.m.	Monday, October 2 •City Council – 5 p.m.	Thursday, October 12 •GWPAB – 8:30 a.m. •TAB – 9 :00 a.m. •POC – 4 p.m. •EPC Study Session** – 4:00 p.m. •SVCNA – 6:30 p.m.	Monday, October 23* •City Council – 5 p.m. *(tentative)
Monday, September 25* •City Council – 5 p.m. (*Tentative)	Wednesday, October 4 •AAB – 9 a.m. •DRB – 9 a.m.** •Westside Coalition – 7 p.m. •District 7 Coalition – 7 p.m.	Monday, October 16 •City Council – 5 p.m.	Tuesday, October 24 •BOA – 9 a.m.**
Tuesday, September 26 •BOA – 9 a.m.**	Monday, October 9* •ZHE – 9 a.m.** (*note change of day) •GABAC – 4:30 p.m. •SWAN – 6:30 p.m.	Tuesday, October 17 •GARTC – 4:30 p.m.	Wednesday, October 25 •DRB – 9 a.m.** •LEPC – 9 a.m. •SEPC – 9:00 a.m. •EPC Pre-Hearing ** – 1:30 p.m.
Wednesday, September 27 •DRB – 9 a.m.** •LEPC – 9 a.m. •SEPC – 9 a.m. •EPC Pre-Hearing,** – 1:30 p.m.	Wednesday, October 11 •DRB – 9 a.m.** •SEPC – 9 a.m. •LUCC – 3 p.m.** •AQCB – 5:15 p.m.	Wednesday, October 18 •DRB – 9 a.m.** •ADC – 3 p.m. •District 4 Coalition – 7 p.m.	**Please call the Planning Department at 924-3860 to confirm locations of hearings for boards and commissions.
Thursday, September 28 •District 8 Coalition – 7 p.m.		Thursday, October 19 •EPC Hearing ** – 8:30 a.m.	

2006 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
SVCNA - South Valley Coalition of Neighborhoods Associations - South Valley BSCO Sheriff's Substation, 2039 Isleta SW
SWAN - South West Alliance of Neighborhoods, Alamosa Multi-Service Center, 6900 Gonzales SW
TAB - Transit Advisory Board - Sun Van Conference Room, 601 Yale SE
Westside Coalition - Taylor Ranch Community Center, 4900 Kachina NW
ZHE - Zoning Hearing Examiner, Plaza del Sol Hearing Room, Basement Level, 600 Second St. NW

EPC Hearing Notice

Publication of EPC hearing notices in the *Albuquerque Journal* will now occur on the **Wednesday - 22 days prior** to the public hearing on the **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 **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, October 19, 2006 at 1:30 p.m.** in the Planning Conference Room, Third Floor. The **EPC Public Hearing** will be held on **Thursday, September 27, 2006 at 8:30 a.m.** in the **City Council Chambers** (note temporary location change) for the following cases:

Northwest

S.R. Marmon (neighborhood association); 06EPC-01299, Project #1005126 (case #s); Approximately five (5) acre(s) located on the west side of Estancia Drive NW between Miami Road NW and Juniper Road NW (**location of request**); H-11 (**zone atlas page #**); Ian F. Harmon at **505-890-1359**, agent for Pastor Don Gibson (**applicant or agency and phone #**); Requests approval of a EPC Site Development Plan for Building Permit *for an addition to the Central Seventh-Day Adventist Church (action requested)*; Maggie Gould at **505-924-3910 (city staff planner)**.

Piedras Marcadas, Eagle Ranch, Paradise Hills, Las Terrazas, Taylor Ranch, Rancho Serano, Richland Hills; 06EPC-01308, Project #1000762; Approximately fourteen (14) acre(s) located on the north side of Paseo Del Norte NW between Richland Hills Road NW and Eagle Ranch Road NW; C-12; Dekker/Perich/Sabatini at **505-761-9700**, agent for First Baptist Church; Requests approval of a EPC Site Development Plan for Building permit *for a proposed new church facility – First Baptist Church to be built in two phases*; Stephanie Shumsky at **505-924-3933**.

Paradise Hills Civic; 06EPC-01306 and 01307, Project #1003714; Approximately eight (8) acre(s) located on east side of Eagle Ranch Road NW between Westside Drive NW and the Calabacillas Arroyo; B-13; Tierra West, LLC at **505-858-3100**, agent for LB/VCC Eagle Ranch, LLC; Requests approval of and EPC Site Development Plan for Subdivision and Building Permit *for a proposed office/warehouse/light industrial development to be known as the “Venture Commerce Center”*; Catalina Lehner at **505-924-3935**.

La Luz Del Sol, La Luz Landowners, Taylor Ranch; 06EPC-01314 and 01315, Project #1000965; Approximately one hundred fifty-eight (158) acre(s) located on the east side of Coors Boulevard NW between Montano Road NW and Namaste NW; F-11; Consensus Planning at **505-764-9801**, agent for ASW Realty Partners/Andalucia Development; Requests approval of an EPC Site Development Plan for Building Permit and Amendment to Subdivision *for Phase 4 development of Andalucia at La Luz for fifty-nine (59) single family residential lots and common areas*; Carmen Marrone at **505-924-3814**.

Paradise Hills Civic; 06EPC-01316, 01317 and 01318, Project #1005133; Approximately seventeen (17) acre(s) located on the west side of Coors Boulevard Bypass NW between Eagle Ranch Road NW; B-13; George Rainhart Architects and Associates at **505-884-9100**, agent for AEM and Associates; Requests approval of an EPC Site Development Plan for Subdivision and Building Permit and a Zone Map Amendment from SU-1 for Auto Park to SU-1 for C-2 Permissive Use *to include a Costco Warehouse*; Makita Hill at **505-924-3879**.

Cottonwood Heights, Saragossa, Seven Bar North; 06EPC-01321 and 01322, Project #1003570; Approximately twenty-seven (27) acre(s) located on the south side of Cibola Loop NW between Ellison Road NW and Coors Boulevard Bypass NW; A-13; Sites Southwest, LLC at **505-822-8200**, agent for the City of Albuquerque, Family and Community Services Department, Doug Chaplin; Requests approval for EPC Site Development Plan for Subdivision and a Zone Map Amendment from SU-1 for R-2 uses to SU-1/O-1, C-1 *for a proposed “Town Center”*; Catalina Lehner at **505-924-3935**.

Wildflower Area, Alameda North Valley; 06EPC-01304, Project #1001049; Approximately fifteen (15) acre(s) located on the north side of Alameda Boulevard NE between Balloon Museum Drive NE and Edith Boulevard NE; C-17; Consensus Planning at **505-764-9801**, agent for Horizon Rose Interests, LLC; Requests approval of a Zone Map Amendment from SU-2/Hospital and Medical to SU-2/Hospital, Medical and O-1 Permissive Use *for a proposed mirror image of the existing office building on the premises being four stories and 127,614 square feet in size*; Stephanie Shumsky at **505-924-3933**.

North Domingo Baca, North Wyoming; 06EPC-01305, Project #1005130; Approximately three (3) acre(s) located on the south side of Holly Avenue NE between Wyoming Boulevard NE and Louisiana Boulevard NE; C-19; JLS Architects at **505-246-0870**, agent for New Covenant Church of Albuquerque; Requests approval of an EPC Site Development Plan for Building Permit for a proposed single story church with a sanctuary, classrooms, offices, fellowship wing and playground; Petra Morris at **505-924-3343**.

West La Cueva; 06EPC-01313, Project #1005132; Approximately three (3) acre(s) located on the north side of Holly Avenue NE between San Pedro Drive NE and Ville Court NE; C-18; Joshua Skarsgard at **505-998-9094**, agent for San Pedro Equities, LLC; Requests approval of a Zone Map Amendment from RD to O-1 for a proposed one (1) story office complex; Petra Morris at **505-924-3343**.

Montgomery Heights; 06EPC-01319, Project #1003708; Approximately one (1) acre(s) located on the south side of Montgomery Boulevard NE between Carlisle Boulevard NE and I-25 Freeway; G-16; Faye McAfee at **505-304-6967**, agent for David and Faye McAfee; Requests approval of a Zone Map Amendment from R-1 to C-1 for future use of this property for some from of commercial enterprise; Maggie Gould at **505-924-3910**.

Southeast

Altura Addition, Altura Park, Alvarado Park, Campus, Clayton Heights/Lomas Del Cielo, Fair Heights, Fair West, Highland Business and NA, Kirtland Community, Mark Twain, Nob Hill, North Campus, Parkland Hills, Pueblo Alto, Silver Hill, South San Pedro, Southeast Heights, Summit Park, University Heights, Victory Hills; 06EPC-01303, Project #1005129; The *Nob Hill Highland Sector Development Plan* area includes all properties within a geographical are whose boundaries are general described as – Lomas Boulevard to the north, Girard Boulevard to the west, San Mateo Boulevard to the east, and Garfield Avenue and Zuni Road to the south; K-16; Sites Southwest, LLC at **505-822-8200**, agent for the City of Albuquerque, Planning Department; Request approval of the *Nob Hill Highland Sector Development Plan*; Makita Hill at **505-924-3879**.

Barelas, Broadway Central Corridors Partnership, Citizen’s Information Committee of Martineztown, Downtown Neighborhoods, Huning Highland Historic District, Raynolds Addition, Santa Barbara-Martineztown, South Broadway, Downtown Action Team, Silver Hills, Spruce Park, Sycamore; 06EPC-01310, 01311 and 01312, Project #1005131; Approximately one (1) acre(s) located on the west side of High Street SE between Silver Avenue SE and Lead Avenue SE; K-14; Greer-Stafford, STCF at **505-821-0235**, agent for the City of Albuquerque, Fire Department; Requests approval of an EPC Site Development Plan for Subdivision and Building Permit and a Zone Map Amendment from SU-2MR to SU-1 for an addition to Fire Station #2 to better serve the neighborhood and for new equipment to be housed; Mary Ellen Hennessey at **505-924-3891**.

Southwest

Barelas, Broadway Central Corridors Partnership, Citizen’s Information Committee of Martineztown, Downtown Neighborhoods, Huning Castle, Huning Highland Historic District, Pat Hurley, Raynolds Addition, Santa Barbara-Martineztown, South Broadway, Vecinos Del Bosque, West Park, Westside Merchants, Downtown Action Team; 06EPC-01320, Project #1005135; The *Barelas Sector Development Plan* area includes all properties within a geographical are whose boundaries are general described as – Coal Avenue to the north, Tingley Drive to the west, First Street and BN&SF Railroad Tracks to the east, and Bridge Boulevard and Avenida Cesar Chavez to the south; K-13; Sites Southwest, LLC at **505-822-8200**, agent for the City of Albuquerque, Planning Department; Request approval of the *Barelas Sector Development Plan*; Ed Boles at **505-924-3342**.

Barelas, Broadway Central Corridors Partnership, Citizen’s Information Committee of Martineztown, Downtown Neighborhoods, Huning Highland Historic District, Raynolds Addition, Santa Barbara-Martineztown, South Broadway, Downtown Action Team; 06EPC-1323, Project #1005134; Approximately one (1) acre(s) located on the west side of 10th Street SW between Gold Avenue SW and Silver Avenue SW; K-13; TP Griffin at **505-269-7098**, agent for Columbus Club Albuquerque, Inc.; Requests approval of an Zone Map Amendment from SU-2MFR to SU-1 Fraternal Organization for the *Knights of Columbus Organization*; Anna DiMambro at **505-924-3924**.



CITY SCOOP

News From City Departments



APD Crime Prevention
505-924-3600

Submitted By Steve Sink



Want To Learn More About Law Enforcement, Crime Prevention Or How To Keep Your Family Safe?

Consider attending the following conferences:

On **Friday, October 20, 2006** the **New Mexico Crime Prevention Association** will host their fall conference at El Pinto Restaurant from **8:45 a.m. to 4 p.m.** - **registration is from 8 – 8:45 a.m.** This law enforcement-based conference is now open to all Neighborhood Watch and Neighborhood Association representatives. Cost for the conference is \$20 for all Neighborhood Association members and Neighborhood Watch Block Captains (\$40 for law enforcement personnel) and includes a buffet lunch at the restaurant. The agenda will cover Pandemic Flu and Public Safety – What's New in Physical Home Security – Safety and the US Mail – Exploitation of the Internet – Cyber Crime – Alarms and Video Security Systems.

The **Albuquerque Block Captains Association (ABCA)** is celebrating their 21st Anniversary by hosting their fall conference on **Saturday, October 28, 2006** at the APD Academy from **9:30 a.m. – 12 noon - registration is at 9 a.m.** All Neighborhood Watch Block Captains should attend this informative conference. We would also like to extend an invitation to all citizens interested in topics relevant to their neighborhood and community. If you are a Block Captain and would like to join ABCA, the membership fee is \$8.50/year, which includes the conference, and can be paid during registration. All Neighborhood Association representatives are welcome. Training topics include Residential Security – Alarm System Technology – How to Target Harden Your Home.

Please call the APD Crime Prevention Unit at **505-924-3600** for questions about each conference and for specific registration information.

Cultural Services

Submitted By AJ Carian

¡Globalquerque!

New Mexico's 2nd Annual Celebration of World Music and Culture At The National Hispanic Cultural Center

¡Globalquerque! - New Mexico's 2nd Annual Celebration of World Music and Culture, expands this year with an ambitious weeklong schedule of events spanning the entire state, culminating in a three-stage, two-day festival on **Saturday and Sunday, September 23-24, 2006** at the National Hispanic Cultural Center (NHCC) in Albuquerque.

The weeklong celebration and festival, with educational workshops, community outreach events, foreign films, a global village and the best in world music, is both a destination event for tourists and a major entertainment and community activity for residents of the city, state and region. The Albuquerque Convention and Visitor's Bureau (ACVB) has designated **¡Globalquerque!** one of only a hand-

ful of 2006 Tier 1 Events, and the festival is also a featured City of Albuquerque Tricentennial event.



¡Globalquerque! will present a wide range of artists from around the world, including representative performers from New Mexico's varied Hispanic and Native American musical traditions. **¡Globalquerque!** is produced by AMP Concerts and Avokado Artists in partnership with the National Hispanic Cultural Center and with support from the City of Albuquerque's Office of Economic Development and Department of Cultural Services, The Bernalillo County Board of Commissioners, and The New Mexico Music Commission.

Thanks to our sponsors - Hilton of Albuquerque, KASA-Fox, *Albuquerque The Magazine*, New Mexico World Peace Conference and Satellite Coffee.

For more detailed information please visit
<www.globalquerque.com> or call **505-232-9868**.

Cultural Services, Library Division

Submitted By Riann Powell



Learning Made Easy With Free Library Databases

It's that time again. Kids are back in school and loaded with homework. They have questions about math and you haven't solved an algebra problem in 20 years.

Q: Where can you turn to help them out with their next to impossible homework?

A: The Library!

The Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System offers free databases that can help students succeed in their academic careers. Live Homework Help connects students with a live tutor in an online classroom. It offers one-on-one homework help in math, science, social studies and English for students in grades 4-12. Both Spanish and English versions of Live Homework Help are available daily from 3 to 10 p.m.

LearnATest provides interactive online practice tests and tutorial course designed to help students and adult learners do well on academic or licensing tests. LearnATest provides immediate scoring, complete answer explanations and an individualized analysis of your results. Online test and course resources include categories such as math skills improvement, Spanish skills improvement and elementary school skills improvement.

Live Homework Help, Learn ATest and any of the other online databases that the Library offers can be accessed through a computer at your local Library or via your home computer by logging on to the Library's website at <www.cabq.gov/Library>. All you need is an Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System Card.

Ask a staff member for information on how to use these or any of the Library's online databases. For additional information visit the website or call **505-768-5141**.



Submitted By John Stomp

**September Brings Additional Construction
In Northeast Heights
For San Juan-Chama Drinking Water Project**

September marks the start of a new pipeline in the Northeast Heights for the San Juan-Chama Drinking Water project as well as continued construction on seven additional pipelines, a Raw Water Pump Station, and a Water Treatment Plant.

Northeast Quadrant of Albuquerque

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

Construction is continuing westward on Candelaria Road NE from the railroad tracks, toward Second Street NE as part of the East Valley Pipeline. Crews will lay pipeline under the railroad tracks in November, but continue to lay pipe on the north side of Candelaria Road NE on either side of the tracks. Traffic is shifted to the south side of Candelaria Road NE, with two eastbound lanes and one westbound lane of traffic maintained at all times. Motorists may experience some delay and can use Menaul Boulevard NE as an alternate route.

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

Construction is continuing on Raw Water Pipeline #2. Chappell Drive NE has two-way traffic between Singer Avenue NE and Renaissance Boulevard NE. There is a total closure of Chappell Drive NE between the I-25 Frontage Road and Renaissance Boulevard NE. Motorists should expect delays and can use Jefferson Boulevard NE as an alternate route. This work is expected to last through early October, with additional phases to follow.

**Edith Boulevard NE between Carmony Lane NE
and the Alameda Lateral**

Crews are laying pipeline on the east side of Edith Boulevard NE between Carmony Lane NE and the Alameda Lateral as part of the East Valley Pipeline. Traffic will be shifted to the west side of the roadway, as needed, with one lane of traffic open in each direction. This work is expected to be completed by late September or early October. Nighttime work hours from Edith Boulevard are scheduled to begin in the mid-September and last through mid-November.

Phoenix Avenue NE and Chama Street NE

In early September, as part of the Charles Wells Pipeline, crews closed the intersection of Phoenix Avenue NE and Chama Street NE. Also, Phoenix Avenue NE is completely closed to Alcazar Street NE. In addition, crews closed Chama Street NE at Menaul Boulevard NE for 200 feet north. Traffic on Menaul Boulevard NE will not be affected. Motorists can use Claremont Avenue NE, Mesilla Street NE, and Menaul Boulevard NE as alternate routes. This work is expected to last through late December 2006.

**San Pedro Drive NE between Arvilla Avenue NE
and Phoenix Avenue NE**

Crews are laying pipeline on the east side of San Pedro Drive NE, heading south from Arvilla Avenue NE toward Phoenix Avenue NE as part of the Charles Wells Pipeline. Only **one** lane of **southbound traffic** is allowed on San Pedro Drive NE during construction, which is expected to last from September through mid-November 2006. Northbound motorists can use Louisiana Boulevard NE or San Mateo Boulevard NE as alter-

nate routes. NOTE: Crews will also tunnel under the intersection of Candelaria Road NE and San Pedro Drive NE and will install an isolation vault near the intersection of San Pedro Drive NE and Phoenix Avenue NE.

**San Pedro Drive NE between Claremont Avenue NE and
Candelaria Road NE**

In preparation for construction of the Charles Wells Pipeline, PNM is relocating a gas line. The northbound right lane will be closed from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. with additional phases to follow. Motorists should expect some delays and can use Louisiana Boulevard NE or San Mateo Boulevard NE as alternate routes. This work is expected to last through late September.

San Pedro Drive NE and Hendrix Road NE

As part of their wrap-up work on the Leyendecker Pipeline, crews will be finishing work in the intersection of San Pedro Drive NE and Hendrix Road NE through the middle of this month. The northbound lane of San Pedro Drive NE will be closed, with traffic shifted into the center lane. Motorists should expect some short delays.

**I-25 Northbound Frontage Road between San Antonio Drive
NE and Del Rey Avenue NE**

Crews are continuing to lay pipeline on the east side of the northbound I-25 frontage road between San Antonio Drive NE and Del Rey Avenue NE as part of the Coronado pipeline. Traffic is shifted to the westbound lane. The northbound San Antonio on-ramp to I-25 is closed until this phase is complete. Northbound motorists who wish to access I-25 can use the San Mateo Boulevard NE on-ramp or the Paseo del Norte on-ramp. This work is expected to last through mid to late September, and is being done now so that the frontage road will be completely open for the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta in October.

Northwest Quadrant of Albuquerque

Atrisco Drive NW at Western Trail NW

Crews are scheduled to complete work in this intersection in early to mid-September. As part of the Volcano Pipeline-North Segment. Traffic may be split on either side of Atrisco Drive NW or Western Trail NW with one lane of traffic open in each direction. Motorists should expect delays and can use Unser Boulevard NW or Dellyne Avenue NW as alternate routes.

**Campbell Road NW East of
Rio Grande Boulevard NW**

As part of the West Valley Pipeline, crews are working on Campbell Road NW east of Rio Grande Boulevard NW, continuing installation of a new 66" pipeline on the north side of the road. During working hours (7 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Saturday) crews will maintain one driving lane for both directions of traffic or flaggers will be on-site to direct traffic in one direction at a time. Motorists should expect delays. During non-working hours, one lane of traffic will be maintained in both directions on the south side of the road.

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

Also as part of the West Valley pipeline, crews are installing a 66" diameter pipeline on the north side of Campbell Road NW. During working hours and non-working hours, one lane of traffic will be maintained for **eastbound traffic only**. Westbound motorists can head north on Rio Grande Boulevard

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NW, west on Candelaria Road NW, and south on Glenwood Road NW as an alternate route.

Campbell Road NW West of Glenwood Drive NW

Crews are continuing the installation of an 8" waterline along the south side of Campbell Road NW to the west end. During working hours, crews will maintain two lanes of traffic west of Trellis Drive NW or will have flaggers on-site to direct traffic in one direction at a time. Residents should expect delays. During non-working hours, one lane of traffic will be maintained in both directions along the non-working side of the road.

North of Paseo Del Norte NW from Second Street NW to Fourth Street NW

Crews working on the Raw Water #1 project are continuing to lay pipeline north of Paseo del Norte NW, from Second Street NW to Fourth Street NW. No traffic impacts are expected, however area residents may notice ongoing construction. Access will be maintained to all residences.

Raw Water Pump Station (Northwest corner of Bachechi 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 in mid-September 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.



Carrier Pipe Slips Into Place At The Pino Arroyo

Rio Grande Boulevard NW near Paseo del Norte NW

Tentatively scheduled for sometime this month, crews may repave Rio Grande Boulevard NW near Paseo del Norte NW. This activity will require lane restrictions on Rio Grande Boulevard NW. More information is available by calling 242-ROAD (242-7623) or visiting <www.sjcdinkingwater.org> and clicking on construction updates.

Unser Boulevard NW between Western Trail NW and Sipapu Avenue NW

As part of the Volcano Pipeline-North Segment, after finishing work at the intersection of Western Trail NW and Atrisco Drive NW, crews will lay pipeline heading north on Unser Boulevard NW, in the median and in the northbound lanes. Traffic will be shifted to the southbound lanes, with one lane of traffic open in each direction. This work is expected to begin in mid to late September and last through October 2006.

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 homeowner's association, please call Patti Watson or Shannon Jackson 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 242-ROAD (242-7623) or e-mail <pattiw@cooneywatson.com>.



Mercury Volatizes Quickly

Submitted By Brynda Guterrez

Mercury volatizes quickly, is toxic to the environment, and to people in very small quantities. Mercury is also cumulative, so it never leaves the environment.

How much mercury is in New Mexico's surface water? The Surface Water Quality Bureau (SWQB) conducted a screening survey of mercury in 1995 and 1996. The study covered over 2,000 miles of New Mexico's waterways. The average concentration of mercury in New Mexico's water is less than 2.5 parts per trillion. (Source: "A White Paper on Mercury" from NM Surface Water Quality Bureau, NM Environment Department.)

Government agencies, such as the New Mexico Environment Department, and the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Department have been working together to address the issue of mercury in our environment.

A Mercury Task Force, made up of representatives from the state and different municipalities has formed, and has been meeting to address mercury issues in the state. The Mercury Task Force committee is considering legislation, and promoting best management practices for the use of mercury in certain industrial sectors.

In addition, the Water Utility Department's Pretreatment section has been sampling the influent, and effluent from the Southside Water Reclamation Plant (SWRP) weekly using ultra clean sampling methods to screen for low levels of mercury. The average numbers for the influent at SWRP are 247 parts per trillion (ng/L) and the average number of the effluent leaving SWRP is 3.9 parts per trillion (ng/L). These numbers are encouraging because they indicate that SWRP is removing a great deal of the mercury coming into the plant. Collectively, we can all make a difference by using or buying products that don't contain mercury and educating ourselves on the hazards of mercury.

Make A Difference Day

Submitted by Debra Saine, MOVE

Make A Difference Day is scheduled to take place on Friday & Saturday, October 27th & 28th. I would like to meet with volunteer liaisons to discuss involvement of City employees in this year's event. We will meet on Wednesday, September 20th, 10:00 a.m., Mayor's Office Conference Room. In the meantime, attached are instructions to search for MDD volunteer opportunities. You might want to review the available opportunities prior to next week's meeting.



Office of Emergency Management

Submitted By *Brian Fields*

Office of Emergency Management Welcomes Two New Members

The City of Albuquerque Office of Emergency Management would like to introduce to the community two of our newest members that recently joined our team. Scott Maddux, Albuquerque Citizen Corps Coordinator and Selena Chavez, Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Coordinator both were hired under the Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA), a program under AmeriCorps.

AmeriCorps engages 50,000 Americans age 17 and older each year in intensive service to meet community needs in education, the environment, public safety, homeland security, and other areas. Members serve with national nonprofit organizations like Habitat for Humanity, the American Red Cross, and Teach for America, as well as with hundreds of smaller community organizations, both secular and faith-based. Other members serve with AmeriCorps*NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps), a team-based residential program for adults ages 18 to 24, or in low-income communities with AmeriCorps*VISTA

What is AmeriCorps*VISTA? VISTA provides full-time members to nonprofit, faith-based and other community organizations, and public agencies to serve communities. Through VISTA, ordinary people provide extraordinary service in more than 1,200 projects nationwide. VISTA members leverage human, financial, and material resources to increase the capacity of communities across the country to solve their own problems. Since 1965, more than 140,000 Americans have served through VISTA. Today, nearly 6,000 VISTA members serve throughout the country—working to fight illiteracy, improve health services, create businesses, increase housing opportunities, bridge the digital divide, and strengthen the capacity of community organizations. VISTA members spend at least one year in full-time service addressing the needs of communities.

Why join VISTA? Individuals join for the incredible work experience, tremendous responsibility, and great challenges. Members will develop new skills or further challenge abilities they have already developed. VISTAs also have the satisfaction of making a real difference in a community. The material benefits of becoming a VISTA include either an AmeriCorps Education Award of \$4725 or a \$1200 end-of-service stipend. As well, members receive continual training, a living allowance, limited health care benefits, relocation expenses paid if necessary, student loan forbearance or deferment, and non-competitive eligibility for federal jobs. In order to be eligible for VISTA, you must be at least 18 years old, but there is no upper age limit for joining. Most programs require individuals to have college degrees or at least three years of previous work experience. A criminal background check is in most cases required. To find out how you can get involved call **1-800-942-2677** or log onto:

<<http://www.americorps.gov>> or

<<http://www.americorps.gov/about/programs/vista.asp>>.

We would like to welcome Scott and Selena to our Emergency

Management team and invite you to contact them and ask about the programs they are coordinating. If you would like to know more about the Albuquerque Citizen Corps, contact Scott at **505-833-7360** or e-mail him at <tmaddux@cabq.gov>. If you would like to know more about the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program and how you can become a member, contact Selena at **505-833-7363** or e-mail her at <sachavez@cabq.gov>.



ABQ RIDE Reports Record Ridership

Submitted By *James Faught*

Have you noticed the full buses moving around town lately? During August 2006, ABQ RIDE reported ridership was at an all time high for one month (without a special event) with more than 848,000 passenger boardings.

“These numbers are truly amazing,” said ABQ RIDE Director Greg Payne. “Commuters in Albuquerque are putting their cars aside and choosing to save money by using public transportation. Now our biggest challenge is trying to meet the growing demand of new passengers with the limited resources we have available.”

During the month of August, ABQ RIDE experienced a 27% increase in passenger boardings over the same time last year. Even more notable was a 43% increase in ridership over two years ago and a 50% increase over three years ago.

On August 19, ABQ RIDE began a new routing structure and expanded the overall system by 5%. This included increased service to the busiest bus routes and new service to underserved areas. For the first time, Rapid Ride began running on a 22-minute schedule on Sundays. After the new schedules took effect, the average weekday ridership increased by 7%, Saturday ridership increased by 2% and Sunday ridership increased by 8%.

“Albuquerque is in the middle of a transit revolution,” said Payne. “We are changing the face of public transportation in our city. We have six new Rapid Ride vehicles ordered and expected to arrive by the end of the year to help accommodate more passengers.”

For the first time, ridership on the Central Avenue corridor including Rapid Ride and the Route 66, passenger boardings exceeded 350,000 for the month of August. Rapid Ride alone had recorded 143,795 passenger boardings for it’s all time highest month. The Route 66 Central buses recorded 208,777 boardings.

The increase in ridership can be attributed to several factors. One factor is likely due to high gas prices, while other factors are likely due to increased service and targeted marketing campaigns, such as “Dump the Pump”.

All of the bus routes are listed on the ABQ RIDE website at <www.cabq.gov/transit>. On the website, visitors can estimate how much money they spend each year on their commute and calculate how much money they can save by riding the bus. Passengers can also call the ABQ RIDE customer service center at **243-RIDE** for assistance in planning their route.

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Submitted By Makita Hill

**Neighborhood News
Great Streets Facility Plan**

The City of Albuquerque has contracted with the professional planning firm HDR, Inc, to create a Great Streets Facility Plan for the city. The purpose of this Plan is to create new design standards for our major streets (arterial and collector) that will improve their pedestrian safety and aesthetic quality.

“Great Streets” can be described as those streets in a city that are safe and comfortable for walking or bicycling and are accessible for all persons of all levels of mobility. These streets are also attractive, with enough space for places to sit, gather, view scenic surroundings, and room for public art, street furniture, street trees and other landscaping.

As many of our neighborhoods border our major streets, these streets can be viewed as extensions of our neighborhoods. Design and aesthetic improvements to these streets will give our citizens more places to walk in neighborhood areas and more opportunities to spend more time outdoors in our southwestern city.

The Great Streets Facility Plan will identify those major streets in the city that are near parks, schools, community/senior facilities, medical facilities, transit stops, as well as commercial/retail areas. These are areas where there is already a lot of pedestrian activity. An important element in this Plan is to create safe street connections to our schools. Many of our children walk to school, and those school streets that connect to our major roadways must also be improved in their design to insure our children’s safety. Also, many of our senior citizens enjoy healthy and active lifestyles in our city, and safer streets will further enable our seniors to enhance their activities.

Public meetings for the Great Streets Facility Plan will be held city-wide. In September, three meetings will be held to educate the public about Great Streets design concepts. In November, three meetings will be held to ask citizens about what major streets in our city should be improved. And in January 2007, three meetings will be held to present street design proposals for public comment. An Open House meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 2007 to review a proposed draft of the Plan.

September meetings for Great Streets design education are scheduled as follows:

Monday, September 25, 2006 - 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Alamosa Multi-Service Center
6900 Gonzales Road SW, **505-836-8760**

Tuesday, September 26, 2006 - 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Bear Canyon Senior Center
4645 Pitt Road NE, **505-291-6211**

Wednesday, September 27, 2006, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Los Griegos Multi-Service Center
1231 Candelaria Road NW, **505-761-4050**

For more information, please contact Makita Hill, Project Manager, at the City of Albuquerque Planning Department, Advance Planning Division at **505-924-3879** or cmhill@cabq.gov.



Sector Plans To Be Reviewed By EPC

On **Thursday, October 12, 2006 at 4 p.m.**, the Environmental Planning Commission (EPC) will review September 2006 drafts of **the Barelvas and Nob Hill/Highland Sector Development Plans**. The meeting will be held in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 1 Civic Plaza, downtown. For more information on the **Barelvas Plan**, please contact **Ed Boles, Project Manager - 505-924-3342**, and for more information on the **Nob Hill/Highland Plan**, please contact **Makita Hill, Project Manager - 505-924-3879** at the City of Albuquerque Planning Department, Advance Planning Division.



Talkin’ Trash

Submitted By Tina Trekker



**“DÍA DEL RÍO 2006”:
Celebrating the Rio Grande and Bosque**

Rio Grande. The very name conjures an image of a vast river with strong currents and leaping fish, unruly and arrogant, but generous—generous with its water and nutrients; generous with its beauty.

The Rio Grande is a matriarch of collective waters, flowing **from its headwaters in the Colorado San Juan Mountains to its union with the Gulf of Mexico**. Along its 2,000 mile journey through mountains, canyons, desert and time it nourishes communities of plants, animals and people; feeding the rich natural and cultural history unique to this part of the country. For the life of the river, the river itself has given life. Though challenged by flood management features, contamination and pressure to provide more water it continues to nurture and fortify its residents. It continues to be a good mother.

On **Saturday, October 21** join us for a Rio Grande Mother’s Day at the **12th Annual “Día del Río”** celebration. “The Rio Grande is one of the most vital natural resources in New Mexico from which we all benefit,” said Mayor Martin Chávez. He continued, “It is in every citizen’s best interest to contribute to its conservation and Día del Río provides that opportunity.” The event will take place at the Open Space Shining River parking area, accessed off Rio Grande Boulevard NW on the south side of Paseo del Norte NW, from **8 a.m. - 1 p.m.** **The first 100 people to register at REI will receive a t-shirt the day of the event.** Conservation projects will include trail work, vegetation care, graffiti removal and trash clean up. There will also be educational, inter-active booths by groups working to protect the river and bosque.

Are you a boater? Bring your canoe, kayak or raft and help clean trash out of the river.

Do you live near the bosque? Or do you have a favorite area? Organize your own clean up the day of the event. Open Space will provide trash bags and haul off the collected trash.

Help us honor and nurture the vital Rio Grande and its Bosque. **Register for “Día del Río” after September 16 at REI** located at 1550 Mercantile Avenue NE or call **505-247-1191**. For more information about Día del Río or to arrange your own clean up, call **505-452-5210**.



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