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Slippery Slope At Heritage Hills Park - National Night Out 2006

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



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

| <u>Neighborhood Association</u> | <u>“Welcome” to Incoming President</u> | <u>“Thanks” to Outgoing President</u> |
|---------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| Big Bend | Ken Orth | Annette Laws |
| Huning Castle | Todd Hunter | Lynn Hightower |
| Sandia Park Scenic Byway | Bruce Hawkinson | Frank Dempsey |
| Santa Barbara-Martineztown | Christina Chavez-Apodaca | Robert Sanchez |
| Skies West | Tom Skopayko | Bill Davis |
| West La Cueva | Thomas Alfieri | Patrick Driscoll |

- *Santa Barbara-Martineztown Association regained their “Recognized” status on July 21, 2006*
- *Eagle Ranch Neighborhood Association regained their “Recognized” status on July 24, 2006.*
- *Skies West Neighborhood Association regained their “Recognized” status on August 1, 2006.*
- *West La Cueva Neighborhood Association regained their “Recognized” status on August 17, 2006.*

NEW NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION(S)

The *St. Joseph Townhouse Association* is located in *City Council District 1, County Commission District 1, Police Beat 136/WS*. The contacts for this association are *Allan Ludi* and *Mary Fiser*. **Welcome Aboard!!**

The *Manzano Manor Association of Residents* is located in *City Council District 9, County Commissioner 5, Police Beat 524/FH*. The contacts for this association are *William Kuipers* and *Ann Lesley*. The *Manzano Manor Association of Residents* became recognized on *August 18, 2006*. **Welcome Aboard!!**

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

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|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| June Annual Reports are due: | September 1, 2006 |
| July Annual Reports are due: | October 1, 2006 |
| August Annual Reports are due: | November 1, 2006 |

Please Note: As of this publication date, all “unrecognized” neighborhood associations/coalitions and homeowner’s associations must submit a Annual Neighborhood Meeting Report in order to maintain their “active status” on our list. Please see the above dates to find out when your reports are due in our office and who to send them to.

Thank you.

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 (Temporarily on the Third Floor)
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

Metro Court

Submitted By Janet Blair



New Program To Start For High Risk DWI First Offenders

A new \$750-thousand grant from the New Mexico Transportation Department's Traffic Safety Bureau will allow Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court to institute a new two-year pilot program to monitor high-risk DWI first offenders. It will be the first program of its kind in New Mexico.

"We are looking at about 1500 defendants a year who will be identified and supervised by a special unit that is an outgrowth of our Ignition Interlock program," said Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court Chief Judge Judith Nakamura. "We will be looking at people whose profiles indicate they are most likely to re-offend. Now, we will have the resources to not only put them on ignition interlocks, but also bring them into probation supervision. We are convinced we can improve community safety this way."

The enhanced first time offender program was designed and developed by Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court staff as an extension of the existing ignition interlock monitoring program.

"The current DWI First Offender Program includes unsupervised probation, DWI School and attendance at a MADD Victims' Impact Panel. The Traffic Safety Bureau provides us additional funding for our ignition interlock monitoring unit. It makes sense to expand that unit and add face-to-face contact with offenders and monitoring to make sure they complete any additional substance abuse counseling that might be ordered," said Judge Nakamura. "There will be expedient consequences when the offender does not comply."

With the new program in place, offenders will be screened not only for high blood alcohol, but other criteria, such as arrest, alcohol or drug history. Criminal backgrounds will also be taken into consideration, the judge explained.

The grant will fund five probation officers for the court and two judicial specialist positions. The court has begun screening for prospective program candidates. The program will be fully operation by the end of August.



Governor Bill Richardson visits Metropolitan Court to announce a new enhanced first offenders program for the court. Chief Judge Judy Nakamura, Deputy Chief Paul Chavez, Albuquerque Police Chief Ray Schultz and state Taxation and Revenue Secretary Jan Goodwin listen.

News From The Pat Hurley Neighborhood Association

Submitted By Joan Jones

Pat Hurley Neighborhood Association

Homeland Security Training For Community and Others

Sponsored by The Pat Hurley Neighborhood Association, Crime Prevention and Community Safety Subcommittee

Homeland Security Training classes will be held on **Monday October 16 and Tuesday October 17, 2006 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Alamosa Community Center, 6900 Gonzales Road SW.**

The classes are *free* and the institute will furnish the material for the class. There is a **\$7.50 charge for a box lunch (must be paid in advance)**. You will be on your own for the non-working lunch day. Deadline for receiving your application form along with your lunch fee is **September 22, 2006**. (Form sent upon request). We need a minimum of 20 people to attend this event or it will be cancelled - any funds for the box lunch will be refunded.

Space is limited to 20 openings for agencies and 30 openings for community members. The Western Community Policing Institute of Monmouth, Oregon will do the training. If you would like more in-depth information about this training just go to their web site at www.westernncpi.com click on Homeland Security. You may also register at this site then you must contact Joan to place and pay for your box lunch order.

If you would like to take part in this great opportunity, please contact Joan S. Jones, Training Coordinator at **836-1620** or e-mail msjscats@msn.com so the application form can be mailed, faxed or e-mailed to you.

Remember **Deadline is September 22, 2006**

Raynolds Addition Neighborhood Association Presents

Fall Fiesta Flea Market

Washington Middle School Park (Park Avenue and 10th)

Saturday, September 9 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Come Buy and Sell

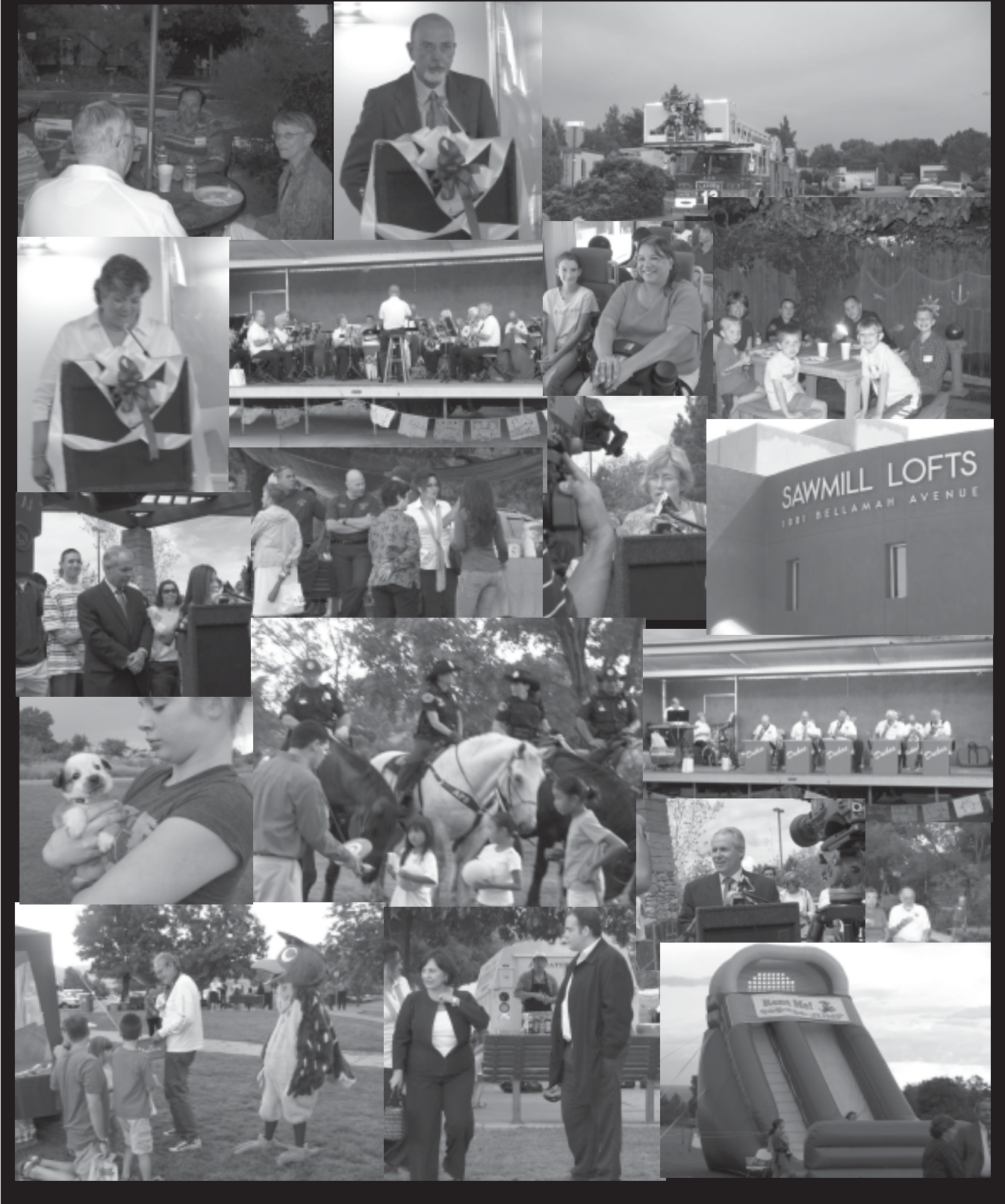


Call 842-8305 To Reserve A Booth

NEIGHBORHOOD SCOOP

ACROSS THE FENCE

"Summer In The City"



NEIGHBORHOOD SCOOP continued



From The Manager's Desk

Don Newton, Interim ONC Manager
Change Change Change

Hi Neighbors,

There have been many changes at the Office of Neighborhood Coordination (ONC) in the past two weeks. Herb Howell was transferred to the Training Division of the City's Human Resources Department. I believe this is a great opportunity for Herb, as most of his career has been spent as a trainer and consultant for corporations and government. We wish him success. I have been assigned as the Interim Manager of ONC. I am looking forward to this opportunity. Your support and help will be appreciated during this transition.

The next change occurred Monday, August 14, 2006 when we came to work at Plaza del Sol. The previous evening's downtown flood had put a couple of inches of water throughout the entire basement (Garden Level). Workers were extracting water all night and had 13 industrial fans blowing in an attempt to dry the floor. ONC staff quickly moved items from the floor onto desks, tables and credenzas. *No association or coalition records or files were damaged.* Thank goodness! ONC only lost some copier paper and some workshop training materials.

It took staff three days to separate the furniture, equipment and supplies that we would absolutely need to move to stay operational. The remainder was packed for storage until the carpet and some of the office wallboard is replaced. Staff moved our "stuff" to the third floor of Plaza del Sol. We will be temporarily housed there until further notice – as long as 8- 10 weeks. We are spread out, but happy to have a dry home. I thank ONC staff for working their tails off and at the same time keeping ONC operational.

Betty, Dalaina, Deborah, Leo, and Stephani -- Thanks.

All ONC staff e-mail and phone numbers have remained the same. The Planning Department receptionist will be able to guide you if and when you come to meet with us.

Other changes will also be coming your way. ONC will be working with Gov 16 to create and broadcast educational/training programs to help neighborhood association and coalitions. Some topics we are considering are: The City's Land Use Process, Neighborhood Patrol Training, Land Use Facilitation, Volunteer Recruitment, Retention and Recognition and others. Please Contact Deborah Nason at 924-3911 or <dnason@cabq.gov> if you have program topic suggestions.

ONC will be updating and restructuring our training workshops. Neighborhoods have suggested that our office bring the workshops out into the communities. To begin with, we will need your help in setting up the workshops in the four quadrants of the city. We will also investigate the possibility of creating training DVD's that neighborhoods and coalitions could use. Topics could range from: Effective Meetings, Officer and Board of Directors Training, Parliamentary Procedure and more.

Please be patient with Planning staff, especially us in ONC. We are excited about the changes that will come to serve you better. Some of them will be initiated quickly and others will take some time to implement. We look forward to working with all of you.

Yours in the neighborhood,
Don



We have a great neighborhood event coming up on **Saturday, August 26, 2006 from 4 - 7 p.m.** at the **K-Mart parking lot at Central and Atrisco SW**. Come join the fun at our **THINK BIG** celebration. Take a look at the development plans for West Central, the Atrisco Entertainment Center at Central/Old Coors and the Central/Unser Business Park.
Call **831-5406** for more information.

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

The Fast Changing Face of City Transit

It takes a community effort to make lasting change in our city, but those changes are sometimes great accomplishments that deserve recognition.

Our revamped programs such as Rapid Ride, Rail Runner, the Trolley and the Downtown Get Around or "D-Ride" help our city minimize the impact on the environment while taking a stand against high gas prices and heavy traffic.

The Rapid Ride bus system has been a huge asset here in town to our commuters and visitors alike, and now that the commuter Rail Runner Express has begun running, surrounding cities are able to access alternative transportation much more readily.

Even though we are seeing such progress in our transportation system, there are many other plans that are still in the works.

"D-Ride" provides greater access for those who work, shop, or enjoy entertainment in the downtown area.

Monday through Friday. It makes 16 stops around the downtown area and creates a greatly needed convenience for those who work or visit the downtown area.

Though our mass transit system has already been improved of late, it will continue to get better, especially now that it has given us a sneak peak chance to see just how well modern streetcars could function.

This is a very exciting time for Albuquerque and I appreciate your support and dedication as we work together to make a difference for our future generations with forward-looking infrastructure and smart infill development.

Meanwhile, if you would like to utilize our City's wonderful mass transit system, but you are unsure of where to start, you can go to the city website and request a Trip Plan by email at <www.cabq.gov/transit> or call 311 anytime.

Tricentennial Values Project

Submitted By Michael DeWitt, Senior Manager Sandia National Laboratories For The Tricentennial Committee

Albuquerque has a culturally rich history and citizenry as demonstrated during our Tricentennial Celebration activities and participation. Albuquerque's vision, adopted in 1998, is "a thriving high desert community of distinctive cultures coming together to create a sustainable future."

of values that carry forward the positive spirit of the celebrations. These values will serve as a guide in reaching toward our vision.

Values help us decide what we expect of ourselves and others. They can help us make decisions, establish boundaries and prioritize. Examples are "respect for one another, trust, responsibility, integrity, fairness, etc."

The Tricentennial Committee would like neighborhood associations to provide your thoughts and suggestions as to the critical values necessary in our journey to realize the vision quoted above.

This community dialogue will take place during August. As a neighborhood leader, you have a key role to play.

- What do you most value about life in Albuquerque?
What do you most value about the Tricentennial celebrations that have taken place over the last 18 months?
Why are these values important to our community's future?

Please submit your responses, in writing, by the end of August by e-mail to <communityvalues@comcast.net>. If you have questions or do not have access to e-mail, please call Signe Rich, Executive Director, Shared Vision at 266-1178. Thank you for your time and energy in this process.





A Message From Your City Council

When It Rains, It Pours

This year, an impressive monsoon season in Albuquerque has emphasized the often overlooked importance of our City's storm drainage system. During the month of July alone, Albuquerque received 3.55 inches of rain, breaking a previous record set in 1931 and dumping far more rain into the City's drainage system than the 30 year normal average for July of 1.27 inches. In addition, as our City has grown dramatically over recent decades, precipitation runoff into the drainage systems and natural stream channels throughout the metropolitan area has also increased.

To prepare Albuquerque in advance of such flooding emergencies, the City Council includes funding in each two-year bond cycle of our Capital Improvement Program to improve the City's storm drainage system. The storm drainage system includes the drains that can be found at street corners or at low points on the sides of city streets. Projects implemented by the City of Albuquerque often include the construction and maintenance of storm drains, storm water pump stations and the purchase of right-of-way for storm drainage paths. In addition, such projects also include important flood monitoring systems that help city planners and engineers calibrate computer models to estimate storm-water runoff, particularly in preparation for emergency floods such as those experienced throughout the City this monsoon season. During the 2005 General Obligation Bond vote, the City Council placed \$8 million worth of storm sewer system projects on the municipal election ballot. Nearly 74% of City voters approved the Storm Sewer System bonds on **October 4, 2005**. With the help of such public funding and through adequate planning and cooperation with other entities that oversee the area's flood

City Council

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

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

systems (such as the Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo Flood Control Authority or AMAFCA), the City of Albuquerque strives to minimize property damage and to protect Albuquerque residents in the event of such rain and snow downpours. Unfortunately, due to trash and debris entering into the City's drainage pipes, storm drainage systems can often become clogged. If a drain becomes clogged in your neighborhood, please contact your City Councilor at **768-3100** or the City's Storm Drainage Maintenance Department at **291-6214**.

Also, to help prevent individual home and business flooding, Albuquerque residents can visit their nearby fire stations (#2 at Silver and High SE, #4 at 4th and McKnight NW, #6 at Griegos just west of Fourth Street NW, and #29 at Bear Canyon Road near Edith and Osuna NE) to receive free sandbags. More information about the City's approaches to storm drainage control and efforts to address flooding can be found at

<<http://www.cabq.gov/flood>>.

In spite of the record amount of rain that has fallen in the Albuquerque metropolitan area this season, City leaders continue to be vigilant of the long-term drought into which the area has entered. Serious droughts visit the Southwest approximately every seventy years and the last major drought occurred in during the 1950s and lasted several years. Therefore, conservation remains a priority for the region, and the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority (WUA), which governs and administers water and wastewater utilities for the City and County, offers many rebates to encourage conservation efforts. Examples of rebates currently offered by the WUA include \$125 for installing a low-flow toilet (\$75 for the second, \$50 for the third and each thereafter), \$25 for having rain barrels, and \$10 for multi-setting sprinkler timers. For a full list of available rebates, visit the City's website:

<www.cabq.gov/waterconservation> .

Three Albuquerque City Councilors sit on the Water Utility Authority. Isaac Benton, Councilor for District 3, serves as the Authority's Vice-President. Michael Cadigan, District 5, and Martin Heinrich, District 6, are also members of the 8-person board. The WUA meets on the third Wednesday of every month at 5 p.m. in the Vincent E. Griego Chambers in the basement of One Civic Plaza, and meetings are open to the public. For more information about drought conditions and watering restrictions, the duties and responsibilities of the WUA, and projects that the Authority oversees, such as the San Juan-Chama Drinking Water Project, visit the Authority's website: <www.abcwua.org>.



Tree New Mexico and the Albuquerque Tree Initiative Announce The Albuquerque TreeCentennial Program Fall 2006 through Spring 2007

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. Over 2,500 trees are available now!

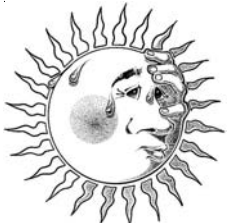

Please call to reserve your trees and be a part of planting Albuquerque's future!

For more information and planting guidelines, please contact Tree New Mexico and the Albuquerque Tree Initiative.

Phone: **265-4554** Fax: **255-9197**

<tnm@treenm.com>

Keep Albuquerque **Cool and Beautiful!**

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| <p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, August 23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •DRB – 9 a.m. •SEPC – 9 a.m. •EPC Pre-Hearing – 1:30 p.m. | <p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, September 6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •AAB – 9 a.m. •DRB – 9 a.m. •City Council – 5 p.m. •Westside Coalition – 7 p.m. | <p style="text-align: center;">Thursday, September 14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Feedback Forum – 11:45 a.m. •GWPAB – 8:30 a.m. •TAB – 9 a.m. •EPC Study Session – 4 p.m. •POC – 4 p.m. •SVCNA – 6:30 p.m. | <p style="text-align: center;">Thursday, September 21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •EPC Hearing – 8:30 a.m. |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Monday, August 28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •City Council – 5 p.m. | <p style="text-align: center;">Monday, September 11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •GABAC – 4:30 p.m. •SWAN – 6:30 p.m. | <p style="text-align: center;">Monday, September 18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •City Council – 5p.m. | <p style="text-align: center;">Monday, September 25*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •City Council – 5 p.m. (*Tentative) |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, August 30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •DRB – 9 a.m. •LEPC – 9 a.m. | <p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday, September 12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •ZHE - 9 a.m. <p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, September 13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •DRB – 9 a.m. •SEPC – 9 a.m. •LUCC – 3 p.m. •AQCB – 5:15 p.m. | <p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday, September 19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •GARTC – 4:30 p.m. | <p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday, September 26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •BOA – 9 a.m. |
|  |  | <p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, September 20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •ADC – 3 p.m. •DRB – 9 a.m. •District 4 Coalition – 7 p.m. | <p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, September 27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •DRB – 9 a.m. •LEPC – 9 a.m. •SEPC – 9 a.m. •EPC Pre-Hearing – 1:30 p.m. |
| | | | <p style="text-align: center;">Thursday, September 28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •District 8 Coalition – 7 p.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.lepcabqbernco.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, August 23, 2006 at 1:30 p.m.** in the Planning Conference Room, Third Floor. The **EPC Public Hearing** will be held on **Thursday, September 21, 2006 at 8:30 a.m.** in the Plaza del Sol (basement) Hearing Room for the following cases:

Southeast

Silver Hill (neighborhood association); 06EPC-01090, Project #1005043 (case #'s); Approximately one (1) acre(s) located on the east side of University Boulevard SE between Lead Avenue SE and Mesa Street SE (**location of request**); K-15 (**zone atlas page #**); A. Ana Anaya at **505-681-4740 (applicant or agency and phone #)**; Requests approval of a Zone Map Amendment from SU-2/DR to SU-1 for a Bed and Breakfast (**action requested**); Petra Morris at **505-924-3343 (city staff planner)**.

Trumbull Village; 06EPC-01110, Project #1000365; Approximately one (1) acre(s) located on the west side of Rhode Island Street SE between Central Avenue SE and Zuni Road SE; K-19; Masterworks Architects at 505-242-1866, agent for Tuan Van Huynh; Requests approval of a Zone Map Amendment from SU-1/R-T for the construction of two-unit town homes on six lots resulting in twelve (12) median priced new homes for the neighborhood; Maggie Gould at **505-924-3910**.

Northeast

North Domingo Baca, Nor Este, La Cueva Village; 06EPC-01104, Project #1002458; Approximately one (1) acre(s) located on the southwest corner of Wyoming Boulevard NE and Carmel Avenue NE; C-19; Claudio Vigil Architects at **505-842-1113**, agent for Bank of Oklahoma Financial Corporation; Requests approval of an EPC Site Development Plan for Building Permit to provide cross access to the adjacent property and to access the traffic signal at Carmel Avenue NE and Wyoming Boulevard NE; Catalina Lehner at **505-924-3935**.

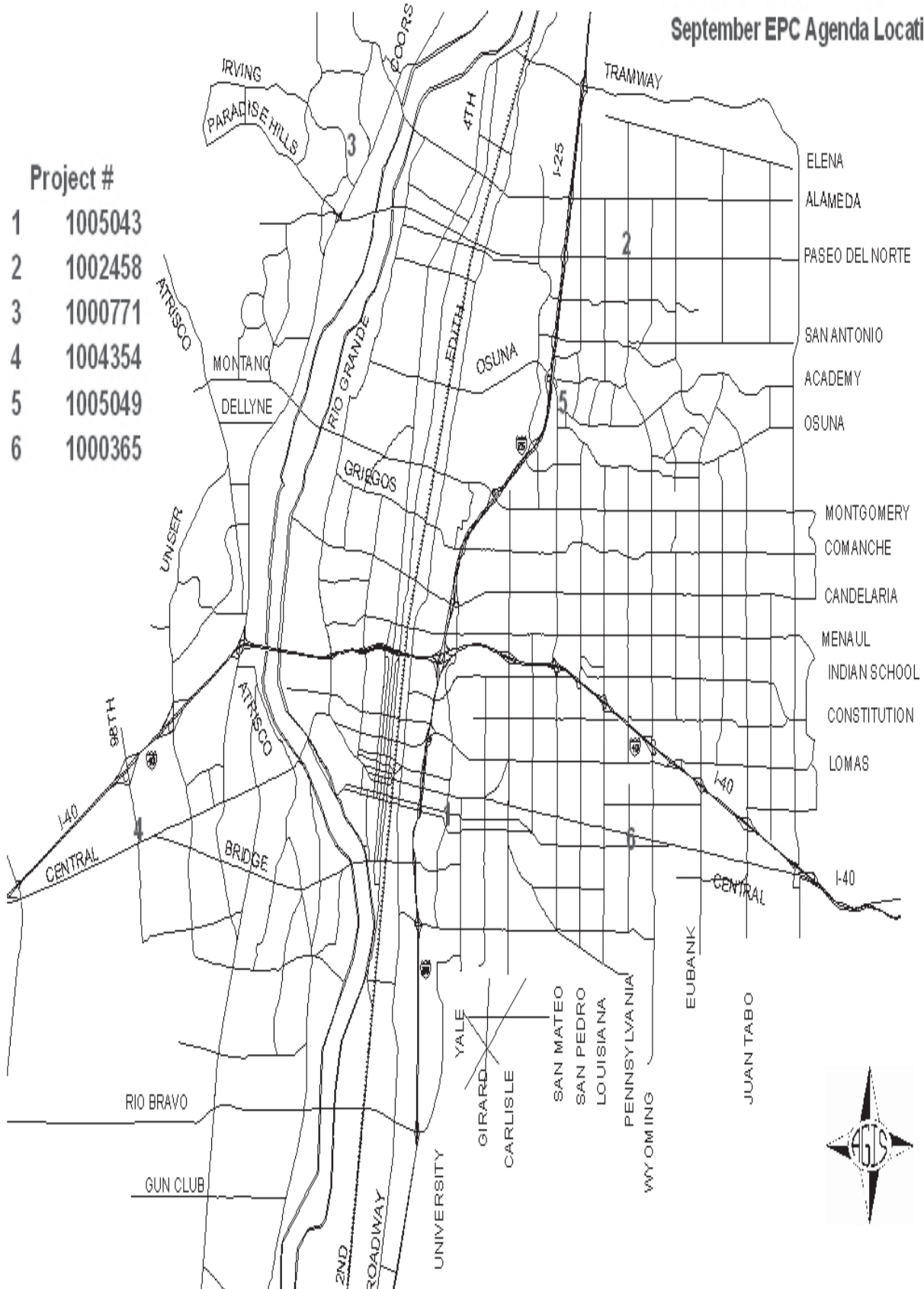
Academy Acres North; 06EPC-01109, Project #1005049; Approximately nineteen (19) acre(s) located on the east side of San Mateo Boulevard NE between Academy Road NE and Harper Drive NE; E-18; Briscoe Architects at **505-262-0193**, agent for Vintage Capital Group; Requests approval of an EPC Site Development Plan for Building Permit to construct two single story buildings in the "*Far North Shopping Center*" and to make various improvements to the shopping center; Maggie Gould at **505-924-3910**.

Northwest

Paradise Hills Civic; 06EPC-01105 and 01106, Project #1000771; Approximately seven (7) acre(s) located on the west side of Eagle Ranch Road NW between Irving Boulevard NW and Calabacillas Arroyo; B-13; Tierra West, LLC at **505-858-3100**, agent for Beazer Homes; Requests approval of an EPC Site Development Plan for Building Permit and Subdivision for a gated community with fifty (50) single-family homes for "*Cottonwood Pointe Subdivision*"; Catalina Lehner at **505-924-3935**.

Avalon; 06EPC-01108 and 01107, Project #1004354; Approximately nine (9) acre(s) located on the east side of 98th Street NW between Central Avenue NW and Volcano Road NW; K-9; Tierra West, LLC at **505-858-3100**, agent for Krانيا, LLC; Requests approval of an EPC Site Development Plan for Building Permit and Subdivision to develop the site with retail shops and commercial uses; Petra Morris at **505-924-3343**.

September EPC Agenda Locations



CITY SCOOP

News From City Departments



APD Crime Prevention

505-924-3600

Submitted By Steve Sink



Residential Burglary Prevention

Residential burglary rates are generally dictated by the active involvement of individual citizens and cooperative education efforts by neighborhood associations and other community groups. Homeowners who are willing to take certain steps to prevent this type of crime, along with the assistance of local law enforcement, can reduce and sometimes prevent break-ins and burglaries. Consider the following prevention tips as well as ways to retrieve any lost or stolen property.

Establish trusted relationships with neighbors on your block. Agree to watch out for each other and report any suspicious activity in and around your home. Remember, residential burglaries statistically occur during the day, so if possible, identify trusted neighbors who might be home during this time.

Evaluate your existing lighting and pay particular attention to access points such as entry/exit doors and windows. Make sure that each area has adequate illumination so that your neighbors can see any suspicious activity occurring on your property. Consider adding motion sensors to lights in remote areas.

Each door should be metal or solid core with a deadbolt lock that includes a minimum 1" throw. Short strike plate screws should be replaced with 3-4" screws that secure the plate into the doorframe. Doors should also be equipped with 180-degree eye viewers.

Trim all bushes and shrubs below the window level and up from the ground. Trim mature trees up to a level 6-8 feet above ground. Eliminate hiding places or areas that allow someone the opportunity to enter through a window without being noticed.

All primary window locks should be in place and fully operational. Install secondary thumbscrew locks on guide rails. Place them in a location that prohibits the window from being opened more than a few inches. Also, make sure screens are in place and secure. (Note: Windows and pet doors are common illegal entry points)

Install screws in the upper rail of sliding glass doors. Place them just far enough into the rail to prohibit the door from being lifted and removed. Dowel rods and "charley bars" are secondary methods to secure the door, but make sure the primary locking device is operational.

Organize a Neighborhood Watch program for your block by calling the APD Crime Prevention Unit at 924-3600

Operation ID: Record the make, model, serial number, value,

and any other distinguishing features of all valuable property in your home. Store this information in a secure location like a safety deposit box, with a trusted friend or family member. A video recording of the items is also recommended. Engrave a number on the back of each item that is significant to you and place the number on your record sheet (Note: Do not use your social security number to eliminate identity theft). Stolen property is often recovered and in the absence of an engraved number, you have no proof the items are yours. The recorded items can also assist with insurance claims.

Library Round Up

Library Card Holders can check out books, CD's, movies and audio books. There is no fee or fine when overdue library materials are returned in good condition. Look around the house, check your bookshelves, look under the front seat of your car - anywhere you can think of - for overdue library materials. Let others enjoy them just as much as you have. If you have questions, the Library's Customer Service can help. Just call **768-5100** or talk to a staff member at any of our libraries.





Submitted By John Stomp

Construction Continues On Eight San Juan Chama Drinking Water Projects In August

August is a busy month for the San Juan-Chama Drinking Water Project, as construction continues on seven pipelines and one additional project.

Northwest Quadrant of Albuquerque

Alexander Boulevard NE between Union Way and Mission Avenue NE

Work is continuing on the East Valley Pipeline. The first week of August, crews are scheduled to pave and stripe Alexander Boulevard between Union Way and Mission Avenue NE, including repaving and re-striping the road. However, they will return to this area in the fall to complete the installation of the pipeline through the intersection of Mission Avenue NE and Alexander Boulevard NE.

Candelaria Road NE between Arno Street NE and Commercial Street NE

Crews are also working on Candelaria Road NE as part of the East Valley Pipeline. They are laying pipeline in the center of Candelaria Road NE between Arno Street NE and Commercial Street NE. Eastbound and westbound traffic is being maintained on Candelaria Road NE, with at least one lane of traffic open in each direction. This work is expected to reach Commercial Street NE in mid August. After that, crews will continue west on Candelaria Road NE toward Second Street NW.

Chappell Drive NE between Mission Avenue NE and Renaissance Boulevard NE

Crews are continuing work on Raw Water Pipeline #2. There is a reduction in width of the southbound lane of Chappell Drive NE between Mission Avenue NE and Renaissance Boulevard NE. Traffic is shifted into the northbound lane, with one lane of traffic open in each direction. This phase of the project is expected to last through early October.

Edith Boulevard NE between Carmony Lane NE and the Alameda Lateral

In early August, crews are scheduled to resume work on the East Valley pipeline on Edith Boulevard NE. They will lay pipeline on the east side of Edith Boulevard NE between Carmony Lane NE and the Alameda Lateral, located south of Montano Road NE. 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.

Hendrix Road NE from San Pedro Drive NE to Andrew Drive NE

As part of the wrap-up work on the Leyendecker Pipeline, crews will complete the tie-in of the new pipeline on Hendrix Road NE from San Pedro Drive NE to Andrew Drive NE. While crews are working, this stretch of Hendrix Road NE will be closed. However, there is a temporary detour for residents of the Gatewood Apartments who park in the far east parking lot

parallel to Andrew Drive NE. Access will be maintained to all area businesses and residences. Crews should finish and pave Hendrix Road NE from San Pedro Drive NE to Andrew Drive NE this month – completing this pipeline four months ahead of schedule!

I-25 Northbound Frontage Road between Forest Hills Drive NE and Del Rey Avenue NE

At the beginning of this month, a crew was also scheduled to begin laying pipeline along the east side of the northbound I-25 frontage road from Forest Hills Drive NE to Del Rey Avenue NE as part of the Coronado Pipeline. Traffic was to be shifted to the westbound lane, with at least one lane of traffic open at all times on the frontage road.

Palomas Avenue NE and San Pedro Drive NE

As part of the Coronado Pipeline Project, crews are scheduled to complete installation of a 30" pipeline as well as restore and widen Palomas Avenue NE and replace much of the curb and gutter on the north side of this road by early August.

San Pedro Drive NE from Kingston Avenue NE to Montgomery Boulevard NE

Crews are scheduled to finish the Leyendecker pipeline this month. They will complete paving of the two westbound lanes of San Pedro Drive NE from Kingston Avenue NE to Montgomery Boulevard NE as soon as they finish installation of a final connection piece near the intersection of San Pedro Drive NE and Montgomery Boulevard NE. It is important to note that this pipeline is being completed four months ahead of the schedule!

San Pedro Drive NE from Palomas Avenue NE to San Francisco Drive NE

Once crews working on the Coronado Pipeline complete work on Palomas Avenue NE, they will begin work on San Pedro Drive NE from Palomas Avenue NE to San Francisco Drive NE. There will be various northbound and southbound single lane closures on San Pedro Drive NE from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., but one lane of traffic will be maintained in each direction. This work is expected to start in August in last through September 2006.

Singer Boulevard NE West of Chappell Road NE

Crews are continuing construction on Raw Water Pipeline #2. Singer Boulevard NE is limited to local construction truck traffic only west of Chappell Road NE.

Northwest Quadrant of Albuquerque

Alameda Drain from Second Street NW to Twelfth Street NW

A crew on the West Valley pipeline is laying pipeline along the Alameda Drain from Second Street NW to Twelfth Street NW, heading west. No traffic impacts are expected due to this work; however access to the Drain may be temporarily restricted.

Atrisco Drive NW from Ladera Drive NW/St. Joseph's Drive NW to Unser Boulevard NW

Crews began work on the Volcano Pipeline-North Segment last month. By the end of July, they had laid pipeline on the east side of Atrisco Drive NW from Ladera Drive NW/St. Joseph's

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Drive NW to Western Trail NW. This month, they are scheduled to cross the intersection of Atrisco Drive NW and Western Trail NW and continue laying pipeline north toward Unser Boulevard NW and Montano Road NW. Motorists can use Unser Boulevard NW as an alternate route. After crews reach Unser Boulevard NW, traffic may be shifted to one side of the roadway or the other, but one lane of traffic will be maintained in each direction.

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. 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. Flaggers will be on site to direct traffic when construction activities are occurring.

Campbell Road NW, West of Rio Grande Boulevard NW

Also as part of the West Valley pipeline, crews are installing a new 10" waterline before beginning installation of a large diameter pipeline. During working hours (7 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday) crews will maintain one lane of traffic in each direction or have flaggers on site to direct traffic in one direction at a time. During non-working hours, one lane of traffic will be maintained in both directions on the south side of Campbell Road NW.

North of Paseo Del Norte 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, from Second Street NW to Fourth Street NW. No traffic impacts are expected, however area residents may notice noise, some vibration and some dust. Access will be maintained to all residences.

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

Construction has begun on the Raw Water Pump Station. While no traffic impacts are expected, area residents and visitors to the Open Space may notice ongoing construction activity, including some noise, dust and vibration.

Rio Grande Boulevard NW near Paseo del Norte

Tentatively scheduled for sometime this month, crews are expected to repave Rio Grande Boulevard NW near Paseo del Norte. 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 update.



**Scheduled for
September**

Work is scheduled to begin next month on the Charles Wells Pipeline and Transmission Line No. 2, Phase 2, which includes

about 5.0 miles of 18-inch to 54-inch pipeline, including 42-inch and 54-inch water transmission pipelines on San Pedro Drive NE, Haines Avenue NE, Alvarado Drive NE, Phoenix Avenue NE, Chama Street NE and Prospect Avenue NE. The project also includes 18-inch to 24-inch collector lines on Cutler Avenue NE, Palomas Drive NE, Prospect Avenue NE, Cagua Drive NE, Phoenix Avenue NE and Chama Street NE. More details about this project will be included in the next issue of the Neighborhood News.

To Schedule a Presentation

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

Water Utility Department

Wastewater Utility Division

Submitted By Brynda Gutierrez



**Bring In Your Mercury Fever Thermometer
& Take Home A Non-Toxic Digital Thermometer - FREE!**

In past issues, we have learned how mercury can be toxic to your health and the environment. Now there is a **free** alternative to using mercury fever thermometers. The **Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Department's** Pollution Prevention (p2) Program and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) are committed to eliminating non-essential uses of mercury. These agencies are sponsoring the mercury fever thermometer exchange. Exchange Sites are listed below.

Exchange Sites starting September 2, 2006:

- Albertsons Sav-On Drugs*
- City Hall Employee Health Services
(Located in the basement of City Hall)
- Price Rite Pharmacy on Isleta*
- Raley's*
- Walgreen's
- Smith's Food & Drug Centers*
- Southside Water Reclamation Plant
873-0584 (201 Second St. SW)



*All Exchange Sites are located in Albuquerque stores.

Digital Thermometers Make Sense

Starting September 2, 2006, bring your thermometers in their original rigid container and sealed in a zip lock bag. Thermometers can also be placed in a toothbrush case or plastic soft drink bottle with the top on and sealed in a zip lock bag. Supplies are limited, so only one digital thermometer per family.

Call **873-7058** for more information or check for periodic updates regarding the mercury fever thermometer exchange at www.cabq.gov/p2. TTY Users may call Relay NM at **1-800-659-8331**.

Environmental Health, *Animal Services Division*
Submitted By Anna M. Sanchez, Marketing Manager,
City Animal Care Center

**Make Albuquerque A Better Community
By Neutering Your Pet!**

Every day in the United States thousands upon thousands of puppies and kittens are born because of the uncontrolled breeding of pets. In Albuquerque we face a similar problem. At the City of Albuquerque Animal Care Center, we received 9,966 puppies and kittens in fiscal year 2006, whether as strays or owner surrenders. Spaying or neutering your pet allows it to live a longer, healthier life and makes for a more affectionate companion. For our community, it helps stop the excessive breeding, which contributes to the overburdening of our shelters and the addition of stray and homeless pets on the streets of Albuquerque. Yet, convincing Albuquerque's citizens of the benefits of spaying and neutering their animals is difficult. Which of these myths do you still believe?

My pet will get fat and lazy:

Spaying and neutering does not contribute to this, however, not exercising your pets and overfeeding them will result in fat and lazy pets. Pet owners should exercise their dogs with walks and not overfeed any of their animals.

My pet should have one litter before spaying or neutering:

Medical evidence indicates just the opposite. In fact, it shows that females spayed before their first heat are typically healthier. Many veterinarians now sterilize dogs and cats as young as eight weeks of age. Check with your veterinarian about the appropriate time for these procedures.

My pet is a purebred:

Surprisingly, so is at least one out of every four pets brought to animal shelters around the country. The City Animal Care Center receives animals that are owner surrenders that are purebred. The bottom line is that there are just too many dogs and cats—mixed breed and purebred.

I don't want my male dog or cat to feel like less of a male or be less protective:

Neutering a male dog or cat has no effect on the pet's basic personality. There is no kind of emotional reaction or identity crisis when neutered. As far as protectiveness, spaying or neutering has no affect on a dog's natural instinct to protect home and family.

I can find "good" homes for all the puppies or kittens:

The truth is finding a truly good and lasting home for pets is very difficult. Many pets end up at the City Animal Care Center once they are grown. Also, in less than one year's time, those pets may have offspring creating more litters and adding even more animals to the population.

At the City Animal Care Center we have thousands of homeless animals that need good homes. Allowing your pet to have litters means one less home for the dogs and cats waiting at the shelter who need a good home. Send your friends and family

members to us to find their next new pet and please report people selling litters in the community. The pets at the City Animal Care Center depend on it.

It's too expensive to have my pet spayed or neutered:

Depending on your animal, the cost varies for spaying or neutering. Check around for price comparisons. The cost for spaying or neutering is a small, one-time expense that has tremendous benefits for your pet, your family, and the community.

There are places in town that can help with low cost spay and neuter. Please refer to the City of Albuquerque Animal Care Center website at <www.cabq.gov/pet> for more information.

With this information in hand, please help Albuquerque become a better community by fixing your pet. These living creatures should not become discarded items, cuddled when cute but abandoned when convenient. Help control the pet overpopulation by taking a proactive approach - fix your pet and make a friend for life by adopting a shelter animal.

For more information about the City of Albuquerque Animal Care Center, call 311 or 768-200



National Hispanic Cultural Center

Submitted By Danny Lopez

Teatro Nuevo México and
The National Hispanic Cultural Center
Present Ray Bradbury's
The Wonderful Ice Cream Suit

Teatro Nuevo México (TNM) and the National Hispanic Cultural Center (NHCC) are proud to announce the opening night of *The Wonderful Ice Cream Suit* on August 31, running through September 3 in the NHCC's Roy E. Disney Center for Performing Arts.

A special, free community outreach performance will be held on Wednesday, August 30 at 2 p.m. *The Wonderful Ice Cream Suit*, written first as a short story and later as a play by Ray Bradbury, was originally set in East Los Angeles, and begins when a con man named Gómez hears that a local clothing store is selling a very handsome—and very special—white suit for \$60. Since Gómez only has \$10 at the time, he finds five other guys to chip in \$10 each. During the course of an evening they each take turns wearing the suit, which magically transforms each of them into the man he dreams of being, but also reveals to them that true happiness may lie somewhere beyond their dreams. *The Wonderful Ice Cream Suit* is a gentle story of discovering what is genuinely important in life.

The production of *The Wonderful Ice Cream Suit* marks another collaboration between the National Hispanic Cultural Center and Teatro Nuevo México.

The Wonderful Ice Cream Suit runs August 31 through September 3. Tickets are now available at the NHCC box office at 1701 Fourth Street SW and through Ticketmaster at all Ticketmaster locations or by calling 883-7800 or <www.nhccnm.org>.

Cultural Services

Library Division
Submitted By Riann Powell



Main Library Hosts Traveling Exhibit from the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum

On August 14, 2006, the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System will open a special traveling exhibition *Fighting the Fires of Hate: America and the Nazi Book Burnings* at the Main Library. This traveling exhibition from the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum provides a vivid look at the first steps the Nazis took to suppress freedom of expression, and the strong response that occurred in the United States, both immediately and in the years thereafter. The exhibition is free and open to the public during library hours.

Fighting the Fires of Hate: America and the Nazi Book Burnings focuses on how the book burnings became a potent symbol during World War II in America's battle against Nazism, and concludes by examining their continued impact on our public discourse. It features post-war evocations of book burnings, films such as *Pleasantville* and *Field of Dreams*, episodes of *The Waltons* and *M*A*S*H*, and the public burning of J.K. Rowling's Harry Potter books.

Fighting the Fires of Hate: America and the Nazi Book Burnings will run through **October 7, 2006** at the Main Library, and then continue its travel around the country. It includes reproductions of period artifacts, documents, and news coverage, along with film, video, and newsreel footage. A lecture and reception will be held on Saturday, August 19 at 2:00 pm, featuring nationally renowned speaker Renee Firestone. For more information on the exhibition and opening reception, visit www.cabq.gov/library or call (505) 768-5115. The Main Library is located at 501 Copper NW, 87102. Hours of operation are **Monday through Thursday and Saturday from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Tuesday and Wednesday from 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.**

Office of Emergency Management

Submitted By Elizabeth Saavedra

“Children & Disasters”

Preparing children for disasters helps everyone in the family accept the fact that disasters can or may happen and it provides the opportunity to identify possible hazards and gather the resources that your family will need to meet your basic needs during and after a disaster.

Begin by discussing the types of disasters that can strike in the area that you live in. Be realistic when identifying the hazards so that preparation will be more effective during and after the disaster.

Children respond differently to disasters depending on their ages. Younger children demonstrate increased anxiety while older children may react to physical and emotional disruptions with aggressive behavior or withdrawal.

Children will often imitate the way adults are coping with emergencies and disasters. They usually detect their parents or caretakers uncertainty and grief. Most children rely on their families or caretaker to provide immediate care for them during an emergency. It's your personal responsibility to have an emergency plan for your family. Before a disaster strikes, have a “family” plan ready.

Have emergency points of contacts ready. In the event of a disaster or emergency have a plan your family can follow if evacuations or

sheltering becomes necessary. Prior to the emergency of disaster, have a pre-determined location to call or meet at that is away from any immediate danger or hazards. Older children may be able to get to any pre-determined site. The younger school age and preschool age children and children in day care facilities will have to rely on school officials and day care providers to take care of their basic, immediate needs during a disaster.

Emergency contact information is characteristically required by school officials and child care facilities. Make sure your contact information is updated and correct. The one and most important concerns you will have is the reassurance that your children are safe and out of harms way.

Take the time with your family to put together “emergency” go-kits. Some of the items you may want to include are:

- At least a 3 day supply of food & water (for each person)
- Prescription medications/medical supplies•First Aid Kit•Portable radio, flashlight & extra batteries•Small folding shovel•Household bleach to purify water•Money (cash) and matches in a plastic bag

Small blankets & extra clothes (one set per family member)
Remember that infants and very young children have special dietary needs. Pack valued personal items for each family member to take if you are required to leave your home during an evacuation. This could include a family toy or blanket or any other item that could provide comfort to an infant or child.

Be prepared to meet your child's emotional needs as well. It's important as adults, to maintain a sense of calm for your children's well being. A young child make ask questions about the event or disaster, so answer their questions simply, without elaborating like your would have to for an older child or adult. Try to understand what is causing any anxieties and fear.

Remember that following a disaster, children are most afraid that.....

- The event will happen again
- Someone may be killed
- They will be separated from their family
- They will be left alone

A disaster could happen anywhere or anytime, while you are at work or your children are in school. Disasters can strike quickly and without warning that could force you to evacuate or even confine you to your home.

Your local first responders and officials will be busy taking care of disaster issues and cannot reach everyone in danger right away.

You will be better able to cope with disasters by preparing in advance and by educating and working with your family as a team. Take these steps to be better prepared:

- Get informed-educate your family
- Make a plan
- Assemble an “emergency” go kit
- Maintain and practice your plan and keep your “go kit” in a ready state
- Make arrangements for family pets and other special needs issues your family may have
- Keep in mind that knowing what to do is your best protection and your responsibility.

For more information, please contact your local emergency management office or local American Red Cross.

Please visit the following web sites:

- <<http://www.fema.gov>>
- <<http://ready.gov/kids>>
- <<http://www.redcross.org>>
- <<http://cabq.gov/emergency>>



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