

# Alta Monte Neighborhood - The Ecology of Multi-Family Housing

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## NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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**Ollies, Kickflips and Slides Rule  
At the Lafayette Skate Park  
In the Alta Monte Neighborhood**

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



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

<u>Neighborhood Association</u>	<u>“Welcome” to Incoming President</u>	<u>“Thanks” to Outgoing President</u>
Downtown	Aaron Moore	Terry Brunner
Four Hills Village HOA	Herb Wright	James Grout
Oxbow Village HOA	Jim Marquez	Richard Shine
Palomas Park	John Ziegler	Gary Oppedahl
South San Pedro	Reyna Luz Juarez	John Ames
University Heights	Ben Roberts	Danny Hernandez
Vista Montecito HOA	Jean Marshall	Susan Keller
West Park	John Nellos	Kevin Hagen

· Valley Gardens Neighborhood Association regained their “R” recognized status on March 27, 2008.

NEW NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION(S)

The San Jose Neighborhood Association is located in City Council District 3; Police Beat – 222/VA; County Commission District 3. The contacts for this association are Joe Green II and Annette Colbert. The San Jose Neighborhood Association became recognized on 4-8-08. Welcome Aboard!!

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

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

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

- February Annual Reports are due: May 1, 2008
- March Annual Reports are due: June 1, 2008
- April Annual Reports are due: July 1, 2008

**ATTENTION:** When submitting your yearly Annual Report please **mail to our physical street address** below:  
Planning Department/Office of Neighborhood Coordination  
**Attention: Dalaina Carmona**  
600 Second Street NW, Rm. 120 (Basement Level)  
Albuquerque, NM 87102

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



## Across The City

### University of New Mexico

#### “The Art of Community Southwest Conference”

Submitted By Ma'ikwe Schaub Ludwig  
Conference Coordinator

The national nonprofit organization, Fellowship for Intentional Community, is sponsoring a three day immersion into the world of Intentional Community and the evolution of cooperative, sustainable culture at the University of New Mexico, from **Friday, May 30 - Sunday, June 1, 2008.**

We are gathering to explore the intersection between community-building, sustainability and cultural change. Topics will include Residential Intentional Community and Guerilla Community Building, Sustainable Urban Regeneration, Permaculture and Ecovillages. The topic of Community will be looked at from many different angles: as part of peace and social justice work, as a spiritual path, as a laboratory for social change, and an antidote to global climate change. Other workshops will teach consensus, conflict resolution and other group dynamic topics, plus look at economics and development issues. The Art of Community Southwest will feature speakers, workshops, tabling and networking events, and a Saturday night banquet and benefit auction. Whether you currently live in community or not, we hope you will be inspired to bring this learning home and make your life more sustainable... and much more fun!

Main speakers include: climate change author Albert Bates of Tha Farm's Ecovillage Training Center, Mary Lou Singleton of the Midwives Alliance of North America, Mark Dubois of the Pachamama Alliance, Laird Schaub of the Fellowship for Intentional Community, author Margo Adair of Tools for Change and Myra Murphy-Jacob of the Sustainable Global Leadership Alliance.

You can register through Brown Paper Tickets, <<http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/26402>>. After April 19, 2008, tickets will be \$110 - \$200, including a few tickets available at the door. There are also discount opportunities for conference volunteers.



For more information, contact Ma'ikwe at <[maikwe@solSPACE.net](mailto:maikwe@solSPACE.net)> or 505-514-8180.

## NM Home Builders Association Steps In

Just a few months ago Joe Calkins was homeless. He had been ordered out of his house at 1313 First Street NW when the city deemed it unsafe. He was living on the streets trying to gather the funds together to repair his home of over thirty years.

Then the *Albuquerque Journal* ran a story about Joe Calkins dilemma and the NM Home Builders Care and its volunteers took notice. They got together with Joy Junction and approached Joe Calkins about a plan they had to help him get back into his home. The group met at the Calkins property on Tuesday, April 8, 2008 to make final preparations to remodel Joe's house to meet city codes.

Home Builders Care Chairperson John Paulson said thousands of dollars in materials and labor were donated. Joy Junction raised about \$1600 and Joe Calkins, himself, saved about \$8000 for the project. Because public outpouring was so huge, the project went from one of meeting city building codes to a “green” project.

Richard Dineen, City Planning Director said it as “nice to see Calkins getting the help he needed”. Dineen acknowledged that it is, “projects like this one show just how big a heart the community has.” Work on the house should be completed in about six weeks. Mr. Calkins, finding himself somewhat bewildered by the public outpouring, said the whole chain of events, “is miraculous.”



The Bad News



The Good News  
Willing and Ready Sponsors



Council O'Malley Lends A Hand

# NEIGHBORHOOD SCOOP

## ACROSS THE FENCE

### The Ecology of Multi-family Housing

*Submitted By Susan Vigil, Planning Intern*

Steel flowers brighten the windiest days, their petals solid stakes in a whirled and tousled garden. What character do we expect from our city's multi-family housing clusters such as the **Alta Monte Neighborhood Association**? Their boundaries are Carlisle to the east; Candelaria to the south; the North Diversion Channel to the west; and Comanche on the North. Good rental housing supports and leads to housing ownership, stable and happy families. The metal flowers, aqua and magenta, cheerfully planted along Alta Monte sidewalks represent the solidity of home for a community of shifting residency.

As a neighborhood composed of multi-family housing, intermixed with storage space, churches and businesses, Alta Monte faces special challenges - chief among them, gathering support and participation for the area's neighborhood association. In 1994, local landlords began organizing the association with door-to-door delivery of 700 flyers, receiving a 3% a response. Efforts to contact absent landlords met with obstacles. Most of the landlords are absentee. Apartment Management companies often act as proxies for building owners. Apartments provide a lucrative tax write off and, thus, owners of multi-family units may have little incentive to profit from their real estate beyond tax credits value. "The major problem is we need a consistent group of landowners to do things in and for the neighborhood" states Ernest Cloud, past Alta Monte treasurer. Sue and Ernest Cloud own two buildings in the Alta Monte area and are advocate members of the Association. Sue is the 2008 treasurer of Alta Monte NA.

Association leaders have worked diligently to make Alta Monte a place worth living. "We've had some really good presidents in Alta Monte that have done a lot for the association," the Clouds agree. For instance, former president, Norma Leeper led efforts to install the colorful "Welcome to Alta Monte Neighborhood" signs, seen at the neighborhood's five entrances. Meeting notifications are now posted on the signs. Alta Monte NA also pushed for the speed bumps installed on Lafayette, Wellesley, and Aztec resulted from Alta Monte's initiative. Alta Monte initiated the creation of Lafayette Park, a fun play area completed in 2008. "Our association asked the city for the park," says Sue, and the park came through. The City Engineers and Parks and Recreation Department worked with our association on drawings, design, and construction. We met and spoke with them often." Further inviting residents outdoors, Thunderbirds Little League Park and Bike Trails along the North Diversion Channel are found at Alta Monte's northwest corner. Apartments in the area offer prices "not real low, but competitive. Alta Monte is located two minutes away from I-40 and I-25. Wal-Mart, restaurants and shopping are very close by. There is a school bus pick-up, of course," Ernest describes.

Businesses such as the Daniels Family Mortuary contribute to the association, tenant participation is unpredictable. In Ernest's opinion, "People live in apartments so they don't have to do mainte-

nance, they are living here to try and save money." The new Alta Monte neighborhood association president, Blas Uriquidez, Jr., may prove him wrong." Though a traveling man and Alta Monte tenant, Blas finds time to pick up trash and abandoned shopping carts in his neighborhood. Abandoned Wal-Mart shopping carts are scattered throughout the apartment lots. Blas is investigating using the Alta Monte NA to collect carts in exchange for a retrieval fee from the Superstore. A clean neighborhood is a productive neighborhood.

Alta Monte is allied with several of Albuquerque's clean city and crime programs. For instance, Nuisance Abatement, assisted with the demolition of boarded up apartments. Local landlords heavily rely upon Albuquerque's Graffiti and Weed Clean Up Programs. Zoning ordinances helped the neighborhood be rid of old cars and rusty equipment. Last but not least, APD's Crime Free Multi-Housing Program, monitored in Alta Monte by Linda Fleisher, Crime Prevention Specialist for the Northeast APD Substation greatly improved safety and ease of management in the area.



The Crime Free Multi-Housing Program offers certification and training in crime prevention through the City of Albuquerque. Its precepts are three-fold: Landlord Training - addressing such questions as how to identify methamphetamine labs, how to conduct background checks and how to structure leases to be intolerant of crime; Crime Prevention

Through Environmental Design Inspections: Compliance includes presence of solid core entry doors, deadbolt locks, and viewing devices; and Posted Certification of Crime-Free Multi-Family Housing Status. Alta Monte Landlords developed relationships with the area's beat cops who frequently attend association meetings to speak about the keeping rentals crime free.

Another issue specific to multi-family housing neighborhoods is trash disposal. Along certain streets, Alta Monte's dense building arrangement leads to parking shortages. Large trash receptacles take up valuable parking space, while roll out containers become cages of litter when solid waste trucks are blocked by street parked cars. Cordell Mounkes, former Vice President of Alta Monte, took on this issue. Cordell's properties on Tyson and Tulane face limited parking. "No truck could get to the roll outs and they would just by pass these receptacles leading to trash build up," explains Cordell. He went to the city to request parking prohibitions on Tyson and Tulane off-street parking, Monday - Friday, 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. He was advised to obtain support from every property owner in the area. Undaunted, Cordell acquired names and addresses of property owners from the County Assessor's Office. He fulfilled the City's petition requirements and the parking restrictions became official. APD's Crime Prevention Specialist, Linda Fleisher's vigilantly enforced the parking restrictions, leading to cleaner streets for everyone.

Dwellings of Transition, like transition zones within ecology, signify the health of a larger society. Through program diversity, community care, and urban amenities, neighborhoods like Alta Monte, will lead to the thriving peoples of tomorrow.

NEIGHBORHOOD SCOOP continued



Patrick Montoya  
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From The Manager's Desk

*"The Time Has Come"*

Beginning with the July newsletter you will begin to see some minor changes to the format and size of the newsletter that our office puts out. We anticipate going from 16 pages to about 10 pages. There are some features that will be eliminated or changed altogether. One of the changes you will note is that the message from the manager's desk will be placed in the newsletter on a quarterly basis as opposed to a monthly basis. Having been in this office for over a year now, I feel I have been able to communicate more effectively with neighborhood associations around the city, especially as I attempt to attend more and more of your annual meetings. However, if I feel a need to place an article in the newsletter on any given month so as to alert you to some particular issue or issues, I will do so.

The past two months I have placed an article regarding the 10 Team Commandments. I thought this was a very informative series to offer you. Therefore, I am placing part three of the series in this month's newsletter.

1. Don't participate beyond attending the meeting (Let them handle things). Then complain that members have no voice.
2. Decline all office and committee appointments. (You're too busy). Then offer vociferous advice on how they should do things.
3. If you're appointed to a committee... (Don't work, it's just a courtesy appointment). Then complain because the organization has stagnated.

4. If you do attend the meetings... (Don't initiate new ideas). Then you can play the "Devils Advocate" to those submitted by others!
5. Don't encourage others to become members... (That's selling). Then complain that the membership is not growing!
6. Don't rush to pay dues... (They're too high anyway). Then complain about poor financial management.
7. Don't read the newsletters... (They're not important). Then complain that you're not informed!
8. Don't volunteer your talents... (That's ego fulfillment). Then complain that you're never asked, never appreciated!
9. If by any chance the organization grows in spite of your lack of contributions, grasp every opportunity to tell everyone how tough it was and how hard you worked in the old days to bring the organization to its present level of success.

Just on a final note. As you know we have had to cancel two ( 2) of our workshops due to lack of interest from the neighborhood association members. We have finalized the workshop schedule for this fall. If you have any ideas or thoughts on how the workshops could be more effective and of interest to you, please let me or someone in our office know.



Don't forget the **Mayor's Spring Clean-up, Saturday, April 25, 2008**. Call Annabelle at **505-761-8138** for details on how to get a dumpster and cleaning supplies for your neighborhood. Do your part to keep Albuquerque beautiful!



**2008 ONC  
Workshop Schedule**

**Neighborhood Association  
Patrol Training  
Rescheduled for  
Saturday, April 26, 2008  
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Plaza del Sol Hearing Room  
(Basement Level)  
600 Second Street NW**

Community Policing is a philosophy that recognizes the mutual dependence and shared responsibility of the police and the community in making Albuquerque safer and more livable. Neighborhood Association Patrols are not in and of themselves community policing, but one tool that may be selected by neighborhoods to maintain or improve safety in the neighborhood.

*Please remember... "25" is the magic number for us to hold our workshops. In order for attendees and presentators at our workshops to benefit from holding our workshops, we need to have at least 25 people sign up to attend. Most workshops charge a fee to attendees – our workshops are **FREE**. We ask that you register for our workshops by **12 noon the day before** the training so we will have enough packets.*

*Please pre-register, by calling **505-924-3914** or register online at [cabq.gov/planning/formsvcs/workshop.html](http://cabq.gov/planning/formsvcs/workshop.html). Registration includes your name, address, telephone number and your association. We appreciate your consideration and cooperation and look forward to meeting you at our workshops.*

Thank you.



NEIGHBORHOOD SCOOP continued



A Message From The Mayor

Martin J. Chávez Mayor of Albuquerque

Public Safety

In 2007, the overall crime rate index has dropped 5.6%. I strongly believe that this reduction can be attributed to the collaborative efforts and teamwork between the Albuquerque Police Department (APD), neighborhood associations, business groups and community leaders. Groups such as the Albuquerque Retailers Assets Protection Association (ARAPA) have had a noticeable effect on reducing the larceny crime rate. My special thanks go to the Target Corporation, an ARAPA partner, who contributed a \$100,000 grant in support of the Safe City initiative. The Safe City funding will allow APD to monitor high crime areas remotely through internet-based cameras mounted near the City's Rapid Ride stations. Another successful program, Problem Solving, targets "Top 5" offenders each month and brings to bear the focused effort of the police force on prolific criminals.

Every so often a project comes along that means so much for people who desperately need services that governments, agencies and private businesses clamor to contribute. The Family Advocacy Center was one of those projects. In less than one year, the City of Albuquerque, APD, the United Way of Central New Mexico and many other organizations and individuals planned, collaborated and constructed a facility that would be a model for others throughout the country for years to come. Victims of domestic violence and sexual abuse are able to access a myriad of services, including medical, legal and social services, in a comforting environment. With multiple agencies on site, the process of accessing services is less bureaucratic and easier to navigate for the victim.

As we bring more citizens and groups into the community policing process, we will not lose sight of my commitment to provide a staffing level of 1,100 officers

to the citizens of Albuquerque. APD has generated an unprecedented level of interest in their drive to attract and retain the finest recruits possible. Instead of one cadet class per year, APD conducted three academy classes last year to help meet this goal, seating as many recruits as possible while still maintaining the highest level of standards.

In the vein of public safety, I recently announced a Bicycling Safety Plan. Bicycling is no longer an activity for recreation; it is turning out to be a major part of the City of Albuquerque's transportation plan. As gas prices continue to increase, bicycling seems to be increasing as a means of transportation for Albuquerque citizens. Bicycling also increases dramatically during the spring and summer months in Albuquerque.

Beginning on April 1, 2008, our Albuquerque Police Department will focus on bicycle safety and enforcement. The primary goal for our police officers is to educate the public on bicycle safety and bicycle programs available to our citizens.

According to the International Police Mountain Bike Officers Association Cyclist Course:

- 1. 15% of all bicycle crashes resulting in death or injury are the result of a collision with a motor vehicle.
- 2. 75% - 80% of the cyclists killed or permanently disabled suffered head or neck injuries.
- 3. In 60% of all bicycle crashes the motorist failed to see the cyclist, yet nearly 100% of the cyclists assumed the motorist saw them.

Here in Albuquerque, I am committed to making the streets safe for our cyclists and providing new and improved trails for all to enjoy, whether it is for the Sunday bicycle enthusiast or for the weekday commuters, all should have a safe ride.

Remember:

All traffic laws apply to bicyclists as well as motor vehicles

If you are a motorist, please be **extra cautious** and **aware** of our Albuquerque bicyclists.

Q-BIKE

Bicycle safety is very important and the City of Albuquerque is also taking steps

to make Albuquerque one of the best and friendliest bicycling cities in the country. Recently, I announced the creation of the Albuquerque Bike Share Program (**Q-Bike**). Q-Bike will make bicycles available for rent to the general public to further promote the use of a multi-modal public transportation system.

The expected outcomes or benefits from the **Q-Bike Program**:

- Ideal for short-distance urban trips due to bicycles advantage over other types of public transportation
- Provides on-demand transportation
- Requires less infrastructure than other modes of transportation
- Are inexpensive to produce and maintain
- Does not add to vehicular congestion
- Does not create pollution in their operation
- Provides user with the added benefit of exercise

I will keep you updated as we receive the various proposals for this program.

Mother's Day Symphony Concert at the Zoo

Now that Albuquerque is getting a little bit warmer and our tulips are popping up all around town, please make time to enjoy your city's parks, BioPark, Aquarium, Zoo and Tingley Beach. These amenities are for you to enjoy and bring your friends and family.

One of the more popular events is our Annual Mother's Day Symphony Concert at the Zoo. If you have never attended, please consider coming to this very popular event.

The annual Mother's Day Concert at the Rio Grande Zoo, sponsored by Lovelace Health System, is scheduled for Sunday, May 11 beginning at 2 p.m. This concert will feature our fabulous New Mexico Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Roger Melone. The NMSO will perform works by Mozart, Sousa, Borodin and more.

For more information on this event, please call **311** or **505-768-2000**.





**A Message From  
Your City Council  
The City's FY 2009  
Budget Process**

*Submitted By Kelly Sanchez-Pare*

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

Each year, the Mayor proposes a budget to the City Council by April 1. This budget includes Enterprise Funds that pay for City services that operate like businesses, such as the City's golf courses, the Albuquerque International Sunport, and Solid Waste Management. It also includes the City's General Fund, sometimes referred to as the City's operating fund, that pays for essential City services such as police and fire protection, family and community services, parks and recreation, and transit.

As an important part of the budget process, the City Council conducts hearings to receive public input on the proposed budget. Citizens are encouraged to participate in the Council budget meetings.

Listed below is a schedule of budget mile

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

**Your City 2007-08 Councilors:** (L to R, back row) Isaac Benton, District 3; Michael Cadigan, District 5; Rey Garduño, District 6; (L to R, middle row) Sally Mayer, District 7; Trudy Jones, District 8; Ken Sanchez, District 1; (L to R, seated) Don Harris, District 9; Brad Winter, President, District 4.; Debbie O'Malley, District 2

stones for the development of the FY/09 budget, as well as the dates and times of the City Council budget meetings.

**April 1, 2008** - The proposed budget for FY/09 is received by the City Council from the Mayor.

**April 7, 2008** - Regular City Council Meeting - the FY/09 Proposed Budget is introduced and referred to the City Council "Committee-of-the-Whole" for three public hearings - 5 p.m. in the Vincent E. Griego Chambers.

**April 15, 2008** - Homeless Services Roundtable Discussion. - 5 p.m. in the Council Committee Room, 9th floor, City Hall.

**April 24, 2008** - Committee of the Whole Meeting to discuss the FY/09 Proposed Budget as it relates to the City's Social Goals - 6:30 p.m. at the Palo Duro Senior Center, 5221 Palo Duro NE. The public is encouraged to attend.

**May 6, 2008** - Committee of the Whole Meeting to discuss the FY/09 Proposed Budget as it relates to the City's Physical Goals - 5 p.m. at the West Mesa Community Center, 5500 Glenrio NW. The public is encouraged to attend.

**May 15, 2008** - Committee of the Whole Meeting to discuss amendments to the FY/09 Proposed Budget - 5 p.m. in the Vincent E. Griego Chambers. Public input is encouraged.

**May 19, 2008** - Regular City Council Meeting for FY/09 Budget adoption - 5 p.m. in the Vincent E. Griego Chambers. Public input is encouraged.



**New Mexico Museum  
of Natural History**

**Education Programs**

The Sandia Mountain Natural History Center is open and free to the public the first Saturday of every month from March to September. From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., you can explore the bird/wildlife observation deck, geocaching, self-guided hikes, nature exhibits, and an orienteering course. Education sessions on specific themes are from 10 to 11 a.m. For more information or directions please contact the SMNHC staff at **505-281-5259** or email [chris.modelski@state.nm.us](mailto:chris.modelski@state.nm.us), or check the website <[NMnaturalhistory.org/smnhc](http://NMnaturalhistory.org/smnhc)>.

**Prehistoric Preschool Spring 2008**




This program is for 3-5 year-olds and their adult companions to explore natural history topics in a supportive and fun atmosphere. Classes include two hours of crafts, songs, games, puppet shows, investigating specimens from the Museum's collections, Museum visits, and a fun and healthy snack. Participants choose to attend all Saturday morning classes from 10 a.m. to 12 noon or Saturday afternoon classes from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Registration form available on Museum website at <[NMnaturalhistory.org](http://NMnaturalhistory.org)> For more information contact Heather MacCurdy, Prehistoric Preschool Instructor at **505- 841-2848** or <[preschool@naturalhistoryfoundation.org](mailto:preschool@naturalhistoryfoundation.org)>

**Dynamic Diggers: May 3**

Explore the subterranean prehistoric world while learning about many of the digging creatures of the past.

**Super Swimmers: May 17**

Investigate the prehistoric oceans, rivers and lakes, and meet the reptiles, amphibians and fish that inhabited these waters.

<b>23 - 30</b>	<b>1 - 7</b>	<b>8 - 16</b>	<b>17 - 31</b>
<p><b>Wednesday, April 30</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•DRB – 9 a.m.</li> <li>•LEPC – 9 a.m.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Thursday, May 1</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•AAB – 9 a.m.</li> <li>•North Valley Coalition – 6:30 p.m.</li> </ul> <p><b>Monday, May 5</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•City Council – 5 p.m.</li> <li>•District 7 Coalition – 7 p.m.</li> </ul> <p><b>Tuesday, May 6</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•SWAN – 6:30 p.m.</li> </ul> <p><b>Wednesday, May 7</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•DRB – 9 a.m.</li> <li>•PAB – 10 a.m.</li> <li>•Westside Coalition – 7 p.m.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Thursday, May 8</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•GWPAB – 8:30 a.m.</li> <li>•POC – 4 p.m.</li> <li>•Feedback Forum – 11:45 a.m.</li> <li>•TAB – 9 a.m.</li> <li>•EPC Study Session – 3 p.m.</li> <li>•SVCNA – 6:30 p.m.</li> </ul> <p><b>Monday, May 12</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•GABAC – 4:30 p.m.</li> </ul> <p><b>Wednesday, May 14</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•DRB – 9 a.m.</li> <li>•SEPC – 9 a.m.</li> <li>•LUCC – 3 p.m.</li> <li>•AQCB – 5:15 p.m.</li> <li>•District 6 Coalition – 7 p.m.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Thursday, May 15</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•EPC Hearing – 8:30 a.m.</li> </ul> <p><b>Monday, May 19</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•City Council – 5 p.m.</li> </ul> <p><b>Tuesday, May 20</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•ZHE – 9 a.m.</li> <li>•GARTC – 4:30 p.m.</li> </ul> <p><b>Wednesday, May 21</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•District 4 Coalition – 7 p.m.</li> <li>•DRB – 9 a.m.</li> <li>•EPC Pre-Hearing – 1:30 p.m.</li> <li>•ADC – 3 p.m.</li> </ul> <p><b>Thursday, May 22</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•District 8 Coalition – 7 p.m.</li> </ul> <p><b>Tuesday, May 27</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•BOA – 9 a.m.</li> </ul> <p><b>Wednesday, May 28</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•DRB – 9 a.m.</li> <li>•LEPC – 9 a.m.</li> <li>•SEPC – 9 a.m.</li> </ul>
			

**2008 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 Street 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 (Basement Level), 600 Second Street NW  
**East Gateway Coalition** - Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center, 501 Elizabeth SE  
**EPC** - Environmental Planning Commission, Plaza del Sol Hearing Room, 600 Second Street NW, Basement Level  
**EPC Pre-Hearing** - Environmental Planning Commission, Plaza del Sol, 600 Second Street NW, Third Fl. Conference Room  
**EPC Study Session** - Environmental Planning Commission, Plaza del Sol, 600 Second Street NW, Third Floor Conference Room  
**FF** - Feedback Forum, Planning Department, Plaza del Sol, Hearing Room, (Basement Level), 600 Second Street NW  
**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.lepcbqbernc.org](http://www.lepcbqbernc.org)> for more info.  
**LUCC** - Landmarks and Urban Conservation Commission, Plaza del Sol, Hearing Room (Basement Level), 600 Second Street NW  
**North Valley Coalition** - Los Griegos Multi-Service Center, 1231 Candelaria NW  
**PAB** - ParaTransit Advisory Board - Alvarado Transportation Center, 100 First Street SW  
**POC** - Police Oversight Commission, City/County Building, Lower Level, 1 Civic Plaza, Fifth and Marquette  
**SEPC** - Special Events Permitting Committee - 6th floor, Cultural Services Department Conference Room, City Hall, Fifth and Marquette  
**SVCNA** - South Valley Coalition of Neighborhoods Associations, Rio Bravo Senior Center, 3910 Isleta Boulevard SW  
**SWAN** - South West Alliance of Neighborhoods, Alamosa Multi-Service Center, 6900 Gonzales SW  
**TAB** - Transit Advisory Board - Sun Van Conference Room, 601 Yale SE  
**Westside Coalition** - Don Newton/Taylor Ranch Community Center, 4900 Kachina NW  
**ZHE** - Zoning Hearing Examiner Offices- 200 Third Street NW, Suite 735, **505-924-3918**; ZHE Hearings are held in the Plaza del Sol Hearing Room, basement level, 600 Second Street NW



**EPC Hearing Notice**

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

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

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

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

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

Please note that the **Pre-Hearing Meeting** will be held on **Wednesday, April 23, 2008 at 1:30 p.m.** in the Planning Conference Room, Third Floor. The **EPC Public Hearing** will be held on **Thursday, May 15, 2008 at 8:30 a.m.** in the **Plaza del Sol Hearing Room (basement level), 600 Second Street NW** for the following cases:

**Citywide**

**All Neighborhoods; 08EPC-40032, Project #1001620**; The Planning Department of the City of Albuquerque, is proposing an Amendment to Section 14-16-2-15(B) ROA 1994 is to reduce from 100% to 60% the maximum gross floor area in an O-1 zone that can be dwelling units pursuant to a conditional use; Randall Falkner at **505-924-3933**, e-mail: <[rfalkner@cabq.gov](mailto:rfalkner@cabq.gov)>.

**Northwest**

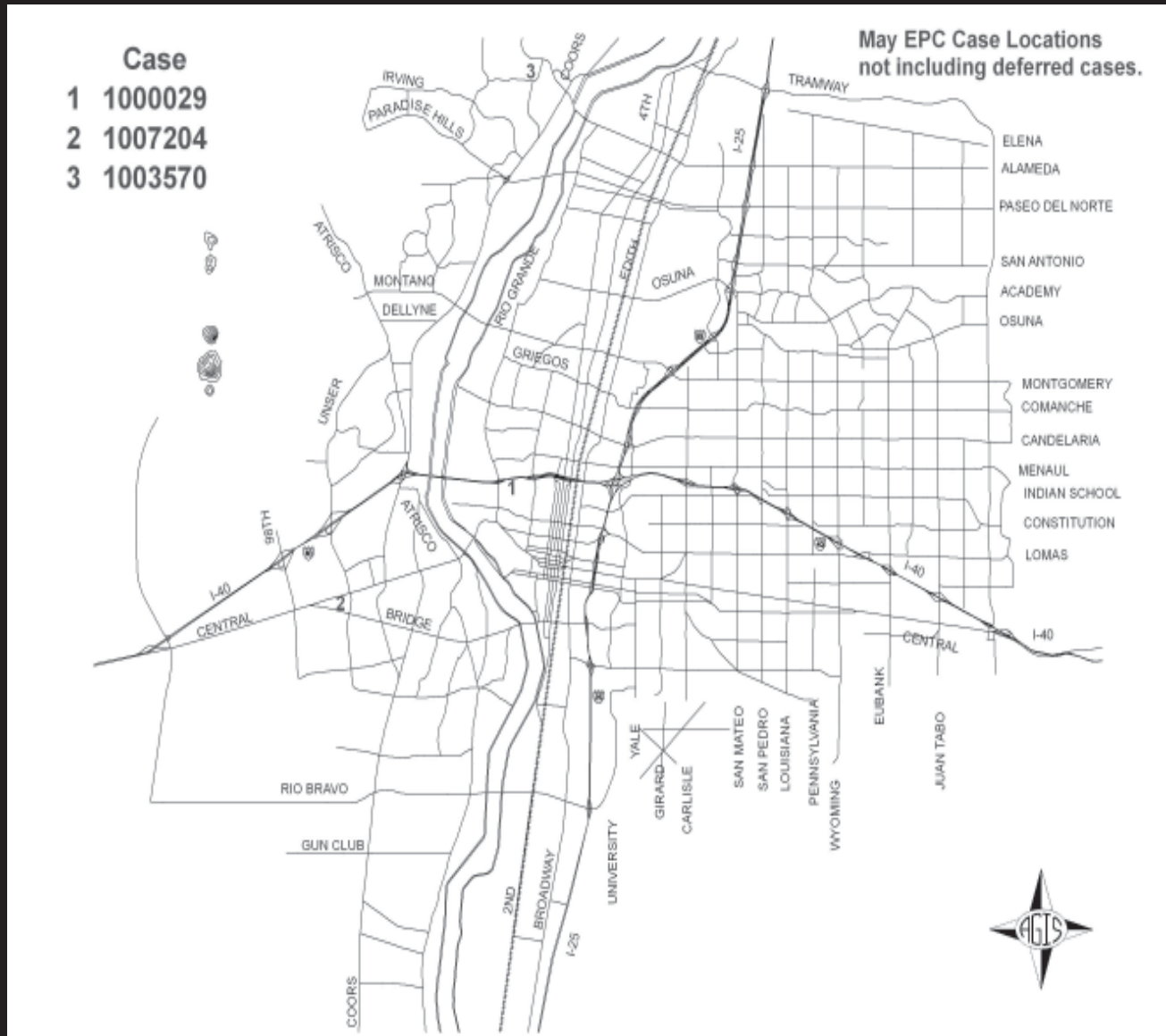
**Cibola Loop** (neighborhood/homeowner association); **08EPC-40036, 40037, 40038, Project #1003570** (case #'s); Approximately 26.4 acre(s) located on the north side of Ellison Drive NW between East Cibola Loop NW and West Cibola Loop NW (location of request); A-13 (zone atlas page #); Mark Goodwin and Associates, PA at **505-828-2200**, agent for The Haskell Company (applicant or agency and phone #); Requests an Amendment to the Site Development Plan for Subdivision, Zone Map Amendment from SU-1/R-2 Uses to SU-1/Senior Housing w/limited Medical Facilities and SU-1/C-1 Permissive Uses, including drive-up service window and a Amendment to the Sector Development Plan Map for a proposed Assisted Living and Elderly Care Facility, dry cleaners, bank, restaurant, coffee shop, veterinarian or childcare center and/or pharmacy or medical offices (action requested); Catalina Lehner at **505-924-3935**, e-mail: <[clehner@cabq.gov](mailto:clehner@cabq.gov)> (city staff planner)

**Broadway Central Corridors Partnership, Citizen's Information Committee of Martineztown, Downtown, Huning Castle, Huning Highland Historic District, Los Duranes, Near North Valley, North Fourth Camino Real Merchants, Raynolds Addition, Rio Grande Blvd, Santa Barbara-Martineztown, Sawmill Area, Thomas Village NA, Wells Park, West Park; 08EPC-40033, Project #1000029**; The Sawmill/Wells Park Sector Development Plan area includes all properties within a geographical area whose boundaries are defined by the boundaries on the North by Interstate (I-40), on the West by Rio Grande Boulevard NW, on the South by Mountain Road NW, and on the East by 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Bellamah Avenue and 8<sup>th</sup> Street NW; H-13-14 and J-13-14; City of Albuquerque, Planning Department at **505-924-3860**, agent for City of Albuquerque, City Council; Request approval of Amending the *Sawmill/Wells Park Sector Development Plan* to address changed condition, establish policies and design standards for streets, re-establishment of the Acequia Madre to Tiguex Park, new requirements for walking and biking trails, recommending zone changes, establishment of a tax increment for development district (TIDD) and identifying funding sources to implement programs and improvements in the Plan area; Carol Toffaleti at **505-924-3345**, e-mail: <[cgtoffaleti@cabq.gov](mailto:cgtoffaleti@cabq.gov)>.

**Southwest**

**Avalon, Los Volcanes, Skyview West, Stinson Tower, Sunrise, Westgate Heights, Westside Merchants; 08EPC-40034 and 40035, Project #1007204**; Approximately 50 acre(s) located on the west side of Unser Boulevard SW between Bridge Street SW and 86<sup>th</sup> Street SW; K-9-10 and L-10; Darren Sowell Architects, LLC at **505-342-6200**, agent for Armstrong Development Properties; Requests a Site Development Plan for Subdivision and Building Permit for the proposed "Unser Crossing", a Large Retail Facility – "Big Box" at this site; Anna DiMambro at **505-924-3924**, e-mail: <[adimambro@cabq.gov](mailto:adimambro@cabq.gov)>.

(Map Is Not To Scale - For Reference Only)



### Upcoming EPC Actions Thursday, May 15, 2008 Hearing

#### EPC – Conditional use in O-1 Office and Institution Zone Text Amendment

*Submitted By Randall Falkner*

A Zoning Code text amendment to limit dwelling units as a conditional use in the O-1 Office and Institution Zone, Section 14-16-2-15 (B) ROA 1994 is scheduled to be heard by the Environmental Planning Commission (EPC) on **Thursday, May 15, 2008**, in the EPC Hearing Room in the basement of the Plaza del Sol Building. The EPC Public Hearing is an all day hearing that begins at **8:30 a.m.** The text amendment to the zoning code is being sponsored by the City of Albuquerque City Council (**Council Bill No. 0-08-20**).

The intent behind the amendment is to reduce from 100% to 60% the maximum gross floor area in an O-1 zone that can be dwelling units pursuant to a conditional use. A staff report for the proposed text amendment (Project #1001620) will first be available at the EPC Study Session on **May 8, 2008 at 3 p.m.** The report will also be available online at [cabq.gov/planning/epc/epcagenda.html](http://cabq.gov/planning/epc/epcagenda.html) on Friday, May 9, 2008. For more information please contact Randall Falkner at **505-924-3933** or e-mail at [rfalkner@cabq.gov](mailto:rfalkner@cabq.gov).

# CITY SCOOP

## News From City Departments



### APD Crime Prevention 505-924-3600

Submitted By Steve Sink



### Safety On The Internet

#### Guidelines for Parents:

Make it a family rule to never give out identifying information – home address, school name or telephone number – on public chat Web Sites or bulletin boards; and be sure you're dealing with someone that both you and your child know and trust before giving out this information via e-mail.

- Get to know the Internet and any services your child uses.
- Never allow a child to arrange a face-to-face meeting with another computer user without parental permission and supervision.
- Never respond to messages or bulletin board items that are suggestive, obscene, belligerent, threatening or make you feel uncomfortable. Encourage your children to tell you if they encounter such messages.
- Talk with your children about what they can and cannot do online.
- Check out blocking, filtering and ratings. Realize that filtering programs can't protect your child from all dangers in cyberspace. Filtering programs are not a substitute for good judgment or critical thinking. With or without filters, kids and their parents need to be Internet savvy.
- Consider keeping the computer in a family room rather than a child's bedroom.
- Get to know your children's online friends just as you get to know all of their other friends.
- National Center for Missing and Exploited Children  
See also <[www.safekids.com](http://www.safekids.com)> and <[www.safeteens.com](http://www.safeteens.com)>

#### If You Suspect a Crime:

- Albuquerque Police Department's Child Exploitation Detail at **505-761-4060**
- 24-hour child pornography tip line, **800-843-5678** and Cyber Tipline, <[www.cybertipline.com](http://www.cybertipline.com)>, maintained by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. U.S. Customs Service Investigates the importation and trafficking of child pornography. Its jurisdiction includes smuggling via the Internet, **800-232-5378**.

#### For Additional Information:

- National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, Alexandria, VA, **800-843-5678**.

•Office for Victims of Crime, U.S. Department of Justice, **202-616-3585** or at <[www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/)>

•National Coalition for the Protection of Children and Families, <[www.nationalcoalition.org](http://www.nationalcoalition.org)>.

•<[www.privacyrights.org](http://www.privacyrights.org)> "Children in Cyberspace" fact sheet.

•<[www.cyberangels.org](http://www.cyberangels.org)> includes "Internet 101, Understanding Cyberspace."

### Vehicle Identification Number Window Etching Event

Window etching of your Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) is an excellent deterrent to auto theft. In a matter of minutes the VIN can be permanently fixed in a corner of each window. Placing the VIN on each window can discourage thieves from dismantling your automobile and reselling the parts, which is one of the primary reasons our vehicles are stolen.

The next VIN Etching Event, co-sponsored by the Albuquerque Police Department, Bernalillo County Sheriff's Department and the NM Auto Theft Prevention Coalition, is scheduled for the following date and location.

Date: **Saturday, May 31, 2008**  
Time: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Location: K-Mart at Carlisle NE and I-40

### Want to Volunteer in Albuquerque?

The Mayor's Office of Volunteerism and Engagement (MOVE) manages a web site that is hosted by the Points of Light Foundation. The web site brings together volunteers with organizations who need volunteers. Search through our database and you're bound to find a way to help that takes advantage of your special talents. If you don't find anything that suits you at this time, you can create a volunteer profile or contact the MOVE office to receive a weekly e-mail of volunteer opportunities.

MOVE provides leadership, resources, and creative programs to mobilize support, connect volunteers, and assist organizations in building capacity to enhance quality of life in Albuquerque. The office promotes and supports effective volunteerism, serves as a resource and coordination center for volunteers, and works as a catalyst in building coalitions and community partnerships. MOVE is currently recruiting and connecting available volunteers with the needs of our city, including—but not limited to civic organizations and charities, the arts, education, health care, children and families, seniors and our environment.

For more information, call us at **505-767-5815** or visit our website at <[www.cabq.gov/move/about](http://www.cabq.gov/move/about)>.

### San Juan-Chama Update

Installation of the large diameter pipelines is now completed on all 15 San Juan-Chama Drinking Water Projects, and construction is also completed on the raw water pump station. Crews are still performing clean-up and minor work such as pouring curb and concrete gutters, repaving some roadways and making some minor adjustments to pipelines and related facilities on the westside. Construction is still going on at the new Water Treatment Plant off Mission Avenue NE and Renaissance Boulevard NE, but this work does not impact traffic.

### Construction Scheduled This Month

#### Northeast Quadrant of Albuquerque

##### **Hermosa Drive NE from Grand Avenue NE to Copper Avenue NE**

Hermosa Drive NE is closed from Grand Avenue NE to Copper Avenue NE through early April for preparation and repaving of the roadway.

##### **Hermosa Drive at Grand Avenue NE and Hermosa Drive at Copper Avenue NE**

Both of these intersections will be closed until repaving is completed in early April.

#### Northwest Quadrant of Albuquerque

##### **Unser Boulevard NW from Vulcan Road NW to Montano Road NW**

Early this month, crews will be finalizing inspection of vaults associated with the Volcano-North Segment pipeline and making final adjustments. Any lane closures will be in the northbound left lane of Unser Boulevard NW between 9 a.m.-3 p.m. or between 7 p.m. - 10 p.m.

#### Southeast Quadrant of Albuquerque

##### **Hermosa Drive SE from Central Avenue SE to Silver Avenue SE**

Hermosa Drive SE is closed to thru traffic from Central Avenue SE to Silver Avenue SE through early April for preparation and repaving of the roadway. Access will be maintained for local residents and businesses.

#### For More Information

If you would like to schedule a presentation on the San Juan-Chama Drinking Water Project for your neighborhood or homeowners association, please call Patti Watson or Shannon Zamarrón at **505-293-2000**.

For more information about the project, visit the website at [www.abcwua.com](http://www.abcwua.com), call **505-293-2000** or e-mail [pattiw@cooneywatson.com](mailto:pattiw@cooneywatson.com).

### Parks - Open Space Division

Submitted By Jodi Hedderig

#### Nature Journaling for Beginners

**Where: Open Space Visitor Center**, 6500 Coors Boulevard NW (between Montañó and Paseo del Norte at the end of Bosque Meadows Road).

**When: Saturday, May 24, 2008 from 9:30 a.m. - 12 Noon**

**Fee: \$10.00**

**Instruction:** Call **505-897-8831** to register

**Contact:** Jodi Hedderig, Parks and Recreation Department, Open Space Division, **505-897-8831**, [jhedderig@cabq.gov](mailto:jhedderig@cabq.gov) or visit [www.cabq.gov/openspace](http://www.cabq.gov/openspace).

During the course of our busy day we may not notice the first spring bloom at the sidewalk edge or the return of the robin's urgent song. We may not even notice that the river has swollen with melted snow or that a winged insect zigzags through the air. Yet, if we take just a few moments to observe the natural world we may be surprised by the profound impact it has on our quality of life.

Nature journaling demands that we slow down, observe, and take note of the color, shape, detail, poetry, and prose of a moment in nature in drawings and words. Artist, Margy O'Brien, says, "My own journals and sketchbooks allow me the pleasure of discovering something for myself, reading directly from nature." She continues, "I gain insight into myself, sharpen my senses and recover from the desensitization of modern life."

Join celebrated artist, Margy O'Brien, on **Saturday, May 24 from 9:30 a.m. to 12 Noon** and learn how to begin your own nature journal. Prior art experience is not necessary. You will need a blank sketch book of your choice, pencils and any art supplies you enjoy using. Please prepare for the outdoors and bring sun protection, water and a portable stool or blanket for your comfort. Workshop fee is \$10.00 per person. Space is limited to 20 people, 10 years old and above. Call **505-897-8831** to register.

Margy O'Brien's artwork can be viewed at the Open Space Visitor Center; at the outdoor wildlife viewing blind, Rio Grande Nature Center State Park; and at the Elena Gallegos Picnic Area, along the 'Cottonwood Springs' ADA/Interpretive Trail.

The Open Space Visitor Center is located at 6500 Coors Boulevard NW between Montañó Road NW and Paseo del Norte NW at the end of Bosque Meadows Road NW. The Center is open Tuesday through Sunday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and closed Mondays. Call **505-897-8831** for more information or visit [www.cabq.gov/openspace/visitorcenter](http://www.cabq.gov/openspace/visitorcenter).



## Legal

Submitted By Naomi Parada  
Alternative Dispute Resolution

The Office of Neighborhood Coordination Neighborhood Liaison attends many facilitated meetings. During an interview with the ADR Office, Stephani Winklepleck discussed her interactions with neighborhood associations during the facilitated meeting process.

### 1. How much work do you do with the neighborhoods before the Facilitated Meetings?

Having worked with the Neighborhood Associations for over twenty years, I feel I know what issues are important to the various neighborhood associations in the city. Most associations are promoting a better neighborhood and community through group action, so that the quality of life in the area shall be in keeping with the social, environmental and cultural needs and interest of the residents.

### 2. Has the Neighborhood Liaison position evolved since 2006?

When the "Neighborhood Liaison" position was first placed in our office in 2006 (with the late Don Newton having the position) he was hoping that everyone would eventually open up to "Communication" by holding these pre-facilitated meetings and holding more facilitated meetings on projects that were being accepted by the Planning Department.

What is does Communication mean?? Communication is a noun – 1) the act or process of communicating; fact of being communicated; 2) the imparting of thoughts, opinions or information by speech, writing or signs; 3) something imparted, interchanged or transmitted; 4) a document or message imparting news, views, information, etc.; 5) passage or an opportunity or means of passage between parties. I feel that we have reached that stage.

With the implementation of the Large Retail Facilities "Big Box" Ordinance (O-06-53), our office is a "key player in getting the ball rolling on everyone communicating on these major retail projects which will impact the various neighborhood associations located throughout the city. Many large retail facilities "Big Box" projects first must have a pre-facilitated meeting with all impacted neighborhood associations and property owners.

### 3. How do you educate the Neighborhoods Association's and the developers about the development process?

To coordinate and strengthen communication between neighborhoods, city planners and the development community on the various projects that will be heard at the various city hearing boards. To plan and deliver training workshops for neighborhoods associations, coalitions and developers on the land use processes which is held twice a year with our "Land Use and Zoning Workshop". To prepare for, attend, and complete follow-up duties for twenty (20) city agency meetings each month (the Pre-Application Weekly Meeting). To support and attend numerous association and coalition meetings each month.

### 4. How do you think developers and neighborhoods could best communicate with each other?

Currently I see more pre-facilitated meetings between the de-

velopment community and the neighborhood associations – people are talking earlier in the process. The applicant wants to work more with the neighborhood associations. To have a better working relationship and to have their input in what they foresee what they would like their neighborhood to have (retail, shops, restaurants, etc.).

### 5. Is there anything you want people to know as your role as Neighborhood Liaison?

Speaking with neighborhood representatives during the day and of course attending the various neighborhood meetings, you listen and hear their concerns. This is what I bring to the table at the weekly Pre-Application Meetings with the development community who are proposing various projects throughout the city.

Working on a daily basis with the ADR Office of the Legal Department - we discuss the various projects that have been recommended for facilitation which include communication with the assigned facilitator, neighborhoods, applicant and city staff. The reports from the facilitated meetings are incorporated into the Staff Report for the various hearing to read which helps them to make a well rounded decision on that particular project.

Stephani can be reached at **505-924-3902** or via e-mail at [swinklepleck@cabq.gov](mailto:swinklepleck@cabq.gov).

## Environmental Health

### Albuquerque-Bernalillo County Air Quality Control Board

#### NOTICE OF WORKSHOP

The Albuquerque-Bernalillo County Air Quality Control Board (Board) will hold a workshop on **Wednesday, April 23, 2008**, from **5 p.m. until 8:15 p.m.** The workshop will be held in the Multi Service Room at the Los Griegos Health and Social Service Center located at 1231Candelaria NW Albuquerque, NM, 87107.

The Board is the federally-delegated air quality authority for Albuquerque and Bernalillo County. Local delegation authorizes the Board to administer and enforce the Clean Air Act and the New Mexico Air Quality Control Act, and to require local air pollution sources to comply with air quality standards and regulations.

This workshop is open to the public. The Air Quality Control Board will be discussing the Environmental Justice Task Force's final report that was presented to the Board on March 12, 2008. The agenda will be available at least 24-hours prior to the meeting. The agenda may be obtained from the Albuquerque Environmental Health Department, Room 3023, Albuquerque-Bernalillo County Government Center. To obtain an agenda, please contact the Environmental Health Department at **505-768-2601**, or in person in Room 3023, Albuquerque-Bernalillo County Government Center, 400 Marquette Avenue NW, Albuquerque, NM, or via e-mail to [jamend@cabq.gov](mailto:jamend@cabq.gov).

Notice to persons with disabilities: If you have a disability and require special assistance to participate in this process, please call **311 (Voice)** and special assistance will be made available to you to receive any public meeting documents, including agendas and minutes. TTY users may request special assistance by calling **1-800-659-8331**.

## Parks and Recreation

Submitted By Jolynn Maestas

### Ready, Set... GO REGISTER For Swim Lessons!

**Registration Begins May 3, 2008!**  
*Pump up your heart and muscles  
as you learn to swim at a City swimming pool!*

Learning to swim is an important skill for youngsters of all ages – for safety and for health. The Aquatics section of the Parks and Recreation Department offers morning and evening classes at 12 pools (5 indoor and 7 outdoor) during the 2008 summer pool season. The cost is \$25 per child for 2-week group lessons.

**Private Lessons:  
\$12 per half hour**

### Indoor pools:

West Mesa Aquatic Center, 6705 Fortuna NW,  
**505-836-8718**

Highland Pool, 400 Jackson SE, **505-256-2096**

Los Altos Pool, 10100 Lomas NE, **505-291-6290**

Sandia Pool, 7801 Candelaria NE, **505-291-6279**

Valley Pool, 1505 Candelaria NW, **505-761-4086**

Registration for summer lessons begins **Saturday, May 3, 2008** at any of the five indoor pools listed above. After the outdoor pools open May 24, register at the pool where you want to take lessons.

### Outdoor Pools:

East San Jose Pool, 2015 Galena SE, **505-848-1396**

Eisenhower Pool, 11001 Camero NE, **505-291-6292**

Montgomery Pool, 5301 Palo Duro NE, **505-888-8123**

Rio Grande City, 1410 Iron SW, **505-848-1397**

Sierra Vista Pool, 5001 Montano NW, **505-897-8819**

Sunport Pool, 2033 Columbia SE, **505-848-1398**

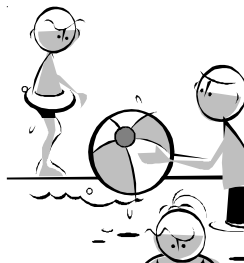
Wilson Pool, 6000 Anderson SE, **505-256-2095**

### Pool Rentals Available For Parties

What a great way to celebrate birthdays, neighborhood block parties, family reunions, or other special events. All pools other than the West Mesa Aquatic Center can be rented at \$50/hour, with a 2 hour minimum. This fee includes lifeguards. Rental reservations must be made at least two weeks in advance. Call **505-768-5300** or **311** for rental information.

### Friday Night Fun!

Cheap date solution: Swim for 25¢ on Friday nights, 6-8 p.m. at all city pools (50¢ at West Mesa). What a great deal!



## Cultural Services

Submitted By Isabelle Zamora

### “Old Town, New Fun”

Please join the “Old Town, New Fun” programs which attract, teach, entertain and inspires residents and visitors to explore historic Old Town Albuquerque. Programs are **FREE** and schedule weekly through spring and summer as follows:

**Wednesdays** – Live music and history honoring the elders

**Thursdays** – Showcase of Albuquerque’s diverse cultures

**Fridays** – Live Latin music and dancing

**Saturdays** – Live poetry, music and workshops

**Sundays** – Theatrical patio performances

**For more information:** Call **505-768-3531** or **311** locally.

## Cultural Services

Submitted By Isabelle Zamora

### World Book Day

Celebrate Día del Libro, World Book Day, April 25 on the Old Town plaza. Events include live poetry, a writing competition, music, and book sales. Meet local authors, purchase books, and enjoy this international celebration. A collaborative program of the City of Albuquerque NHCC and UNM. For a complete listing of events visit [nhccnm.org](http://nhccnm.org) or call **505-246-2261**. This message sponsored by NHCC a tax-exempt organization. Participating authors include:

- Rudy Anaya · V.B. Price · Tony Mares
- Kathryn Córdova · Juan Blea · Maritza Perez
- Margarita Montalbo · Yolanda Nava · Andaluca Quan
- Irene Blea · Ana Baca

### Entertainment includes:

**5 p.m. - 7 p.m.**

Longfellow Latin Dancers and Baton Club

**7 p.m. - 8 p.m.**

National Institute of Flamenco Gazebo

**8:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.**

Kosari APS Marimba Student Ensemble

**6 p.m. - 8 p.m.** - Mariachi Nuevo Mexico throughout Old Town

**For more information:** Call **505-768-3531** or **311** locally.



**Cultural Services**

*Submitted By Connor O'Laughlin, Public Relations*

**Celebrate Heritage Day at Casa San Ysidro  
Saturday, May 17, 2008  
10 a.m. – 4 p.m.**

Casa San Ysidro will celebrate Heritage Day 2008 with entertainment and artist demonstrations on Saturday, May 17 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

This partially reconstructed nineteenth-century home is an important link to the history of New Mexico. As part of the Heritage Day activities the public is invited to tour the rooms of Casa San Ysidro. Inside the adobe walls visitors will find Spanish Colonial furniture, authentic handwoven floor coverings, hand forged iron tools, an impressive loom made in the late 1700s and a New Deal-era hand carved chair. Museum docents will be on hand to answer questions and share the history of this special house.

The grounds surrounding Casa San Ysidro will be filled with weaving and carving demonstrators, children's art activities, churro sheep and bread baking in a traditional horno.

The Historic Old Church, located across the street from Casa San Ysidro, will also have activities in honor of Heritage Day. Admission to both facilities is **FREE on Saturday, May 17.**

Directions to Casa San Ysidro: Take Corrales Road north 3.2 miles, turn west on Old Church Road, the house is just around the bend. For more information call **505-898-3915** or **505-243-7255.**

Casa San Ysidro is owned by The Albuquerque Museum. It is operated under an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Albuquerque, the Village of Corrales, Sandoval County and the State of New Mexico. The Albuquerque Museum is a division of the Cultural Services Department of the City of Albuquerque.

**Animal Welfare**

*Submitted By Rick De Reyes, Marketing Director*

**Microchipping Bridges A Long Distance  
And Reunites!**

If ever there were an argument for the microchipping of pets, it was certainly demonstrated in February. That's when Jade Schulte of Albuquerque was reunited with her cat Miko, after the cat was found two months later and 250 miles away!

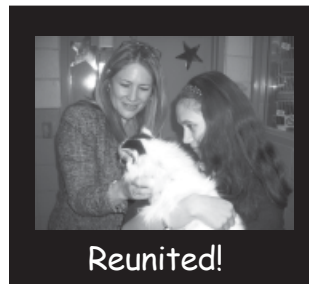
Miko is a one and a half year old female, white and black domestic longhair cat who was living with Jade and her then-fiancé in Albuquerque when three days after Christmas, their home caught fire. Jade was able to corral the dogs as the family got out of the house, but Miko slipped out undetected.

Miko's family figured her for lost, when in early February, Albuquerque Animal Welfare got a call from Donna Straub, Director of Operations for Pueblo, Colorado Animal Services. She said a stray, black and white cat had been found in an area of restaurants along I-25 in Pueblo. When she was scanned

for a microchip, the information showed it was Miko! They don't know how she got there. They can only speculate that somewhere in Albuquerque, she must have hopped on a car or an 18-wheeler that eventually ended up in Pueblo.

However when called, Schulte said she had no way of getting Miko back to town, as the fire had damaged her financially. As it was, she was working two shifts a day as a waitress at the Olive Garden Restaurant at Juan Tabo NE and I-25 just to make ends meet. That's when Pueblo's Straub decided to drive Miko to Santa Fe, where she was picked up by Rick DeReyes of Albuquerque Animal Welfare.

With TV news crews and a newspaper still camera looking on, Jade was finally reunited with Miko at the Olive Garden. Because of Jade's hectic schedule, Miko spent a few more days at Animal Welfare's Eastside Shelter before the two were finally reunited for good.



At last word, the two are living with Jade's mom and are getting used to being a family again!

**The Scoop on Poop**

*Submitted By Bill Pentler, Education Specialist, Open Space*

Spring is beckoning and the urge to get out and enjoy the foothill trails is creeping into even the most lethargic recreational user. The clouds break with the breeze blowing through the multi-layers of clothes reminding us that winter is still clinging, resisting the season's change. Determined to break the winter's dregs, you forge forward to breathe deep the fullness of the moment but there's something wrong. The air is heavier and laden with a foreign odor. With another deep breath and a glance around to confirm the problem, the sun gains ground to sparkle across a seemingly endless array of poop.

The Animal Welfare Department is working with Open Space to assist us in this problem. The city's new HEART laws state that animals must be on leashes no longer than 10 feet when outside of enclosed yards or dog parks and that owners are responsible for the animal's excretions. By the way, that's for both cats and dogs. The Animal Welfare Officers have enthusiastically said that they will patrol the Bosque and foothills areas to help us educate the public with words or, if necessary, handouts (you get the idea) to decrease this potential health risk and social blight to our natural areas.

Land managers, such as the employees of Open Space, hope that signs and bags placed at trailheads combined with common sense and reasoning, will get people to naturally "do the right thing" when out on trails and wilderness areas. The City applauds those of you who take responsibility for your animals but unfortunately you are in a minority. **Thank You!**



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