

"Valley Gardens - the City's farthest southwest Neighborhood"

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New piece of art in Valley Gardens Park

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Across The City

Metro Court

Submitted By Janet Blair



Albuquerque and New Mexico Recognized by MADD for Ignition Interlock Success

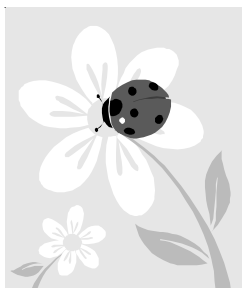
In response to a release by Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) which stated that Albuquerque, New Mexico was the only jurisdiction of fifteen studied to order 100 percent of DWI offenders be monitored following Operation Memorial Day in 2007; Chief Judge Judith K. Nakamura noted that she was not surprised, given the seriousness of DWI and the commitment of Metropolitan Court Judges to reducing the scourge of drunk driving in our community.

The study which was performed on cases filed in the Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court, found that 100 percent of the New Mexico offenders monitored from last Memorial Day were sentenced to have ignition interlocks installed on any vehicles they drove.

Ignition Interlocks are just one of the tools used by the Court to assist in reduction of drunk driving. The Court has been a leader in this area with nationally recognized DWI/Drug Court and its new First Offender Enhanced Supervision Program. A preliminary study after one year of the new program showed that when high risk first offenders are supervised re-arrests for DWI dropped by 50 percent.

“The court now has more than 2,100 defendants with ignition interlocks on their vehicles. Our probation officers monitor their compliance and our judges act on any violations as soon as possible.” said the judge.

Metropolitan Court has obtained continuing funding through the state legislature and grant money from the New Mexico Traffic Safety Bureau for the monitoring program.



NM Museum of Natural History and Science

Submitted By Tim Aydelott

Naturescapes

2008 Naturescapes Photo Salon - Wild Wacky Weather: Drought and Precipitation in New Mexico - Opens June 14, 2008 and runs through September 9, 2008.

Judging for the annual Naturescapes Photo Salon was done on May 27, 2008 and the winners are listed below. The Museum wishes to thank the judges for their support and the participants for their beautiful entries.

Judges:

Jason Stiff, Meteorologist, KOAT-TV

Deirdre Kahn, Meteorologist, National Weather Service

Awards:

First Place - Eric Jones, Edgewood, NM

Second Place - Adele M. Karolik, Nogal, NM

Third Place - Jim Gale, Albuquerque, NM

Honorable Mention - Lisa Tannenbaum, Albuquerque, NM



First Place Photo by Eric Jones titled “April Surprise for Sandias”. Photograph taken on Sandia Crest.

26 people entered a total of 67 photographs. 30 were chosen for the exhibit.

Sample of subjects:

Lighting, spring snowstorms, drought and wildfire, dust storms, ominous clouds, thunderstorms, arroyos beginning to fill with runoff from thunderstorms and snow covered landscapes.

Please contact Tim Aydelott at **505-841-2845** or by e-mail at tim.aydelott@state.nm.us. Visit our website at www.nmnaturalhistory.org.

Planning

Submitted By Russell Brito

Form Based Code

City Council Bill O-07-116, has been substituted with a revised, up-to-date version of the **Form Based Code**. This modified version is a response to many of the issues and comments brought up by City agencies, a Council technical team, and citizens that attended the nine individual District meetings hosted by Council Services staff over the past several months. The Form Based Code is proposed to be part of the Zoning Code's General Regulations and to be implemented through the SU-1 or SU-2/SU-1 processes, which means that a site development plan will be required to accompany any request for one of the five proposed zones. The proposed language has been coordinated with the Comprehensive Plan (Centers and Corridors amendments), the Albuquerque Energy Conservation Code and the City Zoning Code.

The Environmental Planning Commission (EPC) will have its first hearing of the Form Based Code on **Thursday, July 24, 2008 at 6 p.m.** in the Plaza del Sol hearing room located at 600 Second Street NW, basement level. The EPC file is available for review by the public during regular business hours in the Planning Department offices on the 3rd floor of the Plaza del Sol building. The Form Based Code can be viewed in its entirety online at the following City Council web page: <http://www.cabq.gov/council/current-projects-studies/form-based-code/copy_of_form-based-code>.

Planning

Submitted By Maggie Gould

South Yale Sector Development Plan

The **South Yale Sector Development Plan** will be heard by the EPC on **Thursday, July 10, 2008**.

The plan includes the area between University Boulevard SE (west), St. Cyr Avenue SE (north), Girard Boulevard SE, Vail Avenue SE, Ross Avenue SE and Columbia Drive SE (east) and Gibson Boulevard SE (south). The plan proposes design standards, changes in zoning and a list of recommendations for Capital Improvement Projects.

The Plan establishes new zoning for key properties with significant redevelopment potential within the Sector Plan boundary. The new zones are form-based and include design standards to regulate lot layout, building form and use, building articulation, parking, landscaping and signage. Not all properties are rezoned within the plan area. Properties zoned R-1 and properties with SU-1 zoning (the South Yale Business Park, Veloport and Cemetery) maintain their existing zoning. No zone changes are proposed for UNM, CNM and APS owned properties as these properties are not under City jurisdiction.

By establishing new zoning, this plan seeks to implement the community's vision for the area in a manner that encourages appropriate development. This code enables development

outcomes that are more predictable for the developer, property owner, the City Review authorities, and community stakeholders.

The plan is available on-line <<http://www.cabq.gov/planning/advance/southyalesdp.html>>. Comments can be sent to <mgould@cabq.gov>.

NM Museum of Natural History and Science

Submitted By Tim Aydelott

Seven Astronauts Who Walked on the Moon Tell Their Stories in The Wonder of It All

The Wonder of It All, an 82 minute film by Jeffrey Roth, tells a humanistic story about the lives of seven astronauts and how walking on the Moon affected each one personally. Only 12 men in history have walked on the moon and until now there has not been a personal account of how these historical missions affected each man personally in a film. The Wonder of It All recounts the narrative of their journeys from childhood to the present.

The story unfolds as each astronaut talks candidly about his adventure with some never before heard statements. Shot in high definition, The Wonder of It All includes in-depth interviews with seven moonwalkers. Many of the photos in the film were donated from the astronaut's personal collections and have never been seen before.

See a special presentation of the film at **3 p.m. on Saturday, June 21, 2008** in the Lockheed Martin DynaTheater at the New Mexico Museum of Natural History and Science.

Tickets are available at <www.NaturalHistoryFoundation.org> for \$10 adults and seniors and \$7 children 5-13. (Please no children under the age of 5.) Seating is limited. Online tickets sales close at midnight on June 20. Any remaining tickets will be sold at the Museum the day of the event.



APD Crime Prevention
505-924-3600

Submitted By Steve Sink

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, which is sponsored by the Albuquerque Police Department, is scheduled for the following date and location.

Date: Saturday, June 28, 2008
Time: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Location: Target Store
9371 Coors Boulevard NW
Coors and Irving-North of Paseo Del Norte

NEIGHBORHOOD SCOOP

ACROSS THE FENCE

City Mouse, Country Mouse

Part 1 of 2

Submitted By Susan Vigil

This distant place surrounded by green alfalfa and dusty ditch banks is home to a major part of Albuquerque. They will talk brightly to you as you travel down their streets or quietly nod you by a respectful concession between gentle people.

We are curious of what the other thinks of us. When the dust settles there's a modern value of appearances based in the culture of commerce developing in the fields of old New Mexico. The consumer concept of society networks in shops the places you meet your friends see the creations of humans and goods of the earth or simply absorb cultural manifestations outside of your own. Do we want the private adobe brick by adobe brick heritage of our ancestors *and* American popular society?

Annexed to the city since its inception, **Valley Gardens Neighborhood Association** is 15 miles distance from the heart of Albuquerque. A South Valley original, its 551 homes are built on top of tobacco fields. They are located to the East of Coors Boulevard SW, South of Gun Club Road SW, West of Arenal Canal and North of Pajarito Grant, close to Isleta Pueblo. Though an isolated city pocket, Valley Gardens receives waste, sewage, water and city services like any other Albuquerque neighborhood. Albuquerque's Graffiti Removal Services are appreciated and relied upon by area residents. They refer to Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office for criminal response due to the neighborhood's distance from APD substations and a Memo of Understanding between Bernalillo County, the City and the neighborhood.

Recently Valley Gardens welcomed the addition of approximately 35 large new homes, enhancing the mix of housing options in the neighborhood. Frenetic housing development to the East and West of Valley Gardens' neighborhood, propels this once quiet rural area to embrace their growing urbanism and seek the services they require as an Albuquerque community.

Marcella Rael, long standing organizer and former association president and Anthony Smedley, neighborhood family man and Valley Gardens association's current president both acknowledge District 1 Councilor Ken Sanchez and his Policy Analyst Elaine Romero as being "really great for our neighborhood. He (Councilor Sanchez) and Elaine are just very responsive." One call to Elaine and new basketball nets were installed at Valley Garden's Park the next day! Councilor Ken Sanchez obtained neighborhood signs for Valley Gardens focusing the association's identity and notification process.

The ABQ Ride Route 155-Coors stops in the neighborhood every 30 minutes to traverse Coors North to Cottonwood Mall the closest major shopping area. Over the last ten years, speed bumps, high pressure sodium street lights, Valley Gardens' Park remodel, and the 2001 Drainage Project exponentially improved the Valley Garden's neighborhood. Marcella and Anthony agree the 2001 Drainage Project inspired "Pride in our houses. Before the project, we used to get this lake, it was ponding deep" Anthony's thirteen year old son Peter maintains the fun of playing in this favorite paddling pool, markedly his father was less pleased by the challenge of driving through three foot deep water. "Now each yard collects its own drainage and water leaches away rapidly" describes a relieved Anthony.

The 2001 Drainage Project generated demonstrate considerable municipal investment into the area at a cost of \$2000/home for 500 homes.

Valley Gardens Park, an idyllic Cotton Wood Tree green located at the heart of Valley Gardens enhances the uplifting kindness found in the neighborhood. New playground equipment, a gazebo, and a community art piece-blue and mirrored tile inscribed with neighborhood poetry, angels and a crane set in a curving bench designed by Cassandra Reid, complete this park with a sense of love and family.



New homes recently built in Valley Gardens

The Valley Gardens NA itself is a source of esteem in the area. Marcella boasts, "People appreciate the association. We receive great encouragement from the neighbors. We (the board) attribute this to the unity in our neighborhood." The neighborhood association routinely distributes newsletters written in Spanish and English. Anthony's son Peter and his cousin are dispatched through the neighborhood on their bicycles to deliver newsletters. "There is not a door in this neighborhood that me or a member of the board hasn't knocked on." Marcella's claims of neighborhood unity are supported by turnouts at events. Last year's National Night Out produced enough participants to support 8-10 volleyball teams. Local businesses provided pizza, ice cream and other donations for the Night Out event. AGRA a local ornamental plant and vegetable nursery donated prizes to the neighborhoods celebration. AGRA is a leading member of the Rio Grande Growers Association and Inaugural Green House Supplier for Mesa del Sol. Sunday, June 29, 2008 will find the community residents merry making in Valley Gardens Park as residents join together to celebrate the associations ten year anniversary!

With such active and effective community and infrastructure Valley Gardens misses quite sorely only one thing a marketplace.

(to be continued next month.....)



Patrick Montoya

From The Manager's Desk

Coalitions and You

Did you know that there are currently nine coalitions registered with the Office of Neighborhood Coordination. Each of those coalitions are made up primarily of neighborhood associations within the boundaries of most city council districts. On average most coalitions have at least 20 neighborhood associations as members. Your voice, that of your board and your neighborhood association can be magnified many times more when you are part of a coalition. Our office has a listing of the coalitions with names and addresses of the officers. Please contact us if you would like more information.

Membership

Are you like many of the neighborhood associations throughout the city, just having a rough time recruiting new members into your association? Once they have joined is it difficult to keep them involved. You might want to think about a way to remind prospective members as well as many current members, about all the accomplishments of your association. A neighborhood association must tell its story. Some neighborhood associations are good at it and effectively inform their neighbors of all the resources that their association offers. There are many ways to Toot Your Horn. You may look at creating a brochure that can be distributed throughout the neighborhood or at special events and neighborhood gatherings. An annual report is a great tool to help in getting the word out. In

narrative form you can list your accomplishments for the year. You can highlight what the new goals are and mention planned projects for the future. How about thanking your volunteers and trying to recruit new volunteers can also be highlighted in the annual report. Don't forget to provide a detailed financial report as well.

If you can use some help in keeping your board members on their toes you may find that some board member tasks are being forgotten. You may want to reassign board members to different committees or tasks to help generate new interests. Your meeting agenda should allow space at the bottom of the page so you can list tasks, including a notation of the name of the individual who promised to accomplish it. Don't forget to send your agenda out in advance of the meeting. It serves as a reminder for things that need to get done prior to the meeting and gives participants an extra opportunity to show up prepared. Be sure that everyone on your board or committee leaves the meeting with something to do.

Have fun at your meetings and make them pleasurable. Remember snacks are great and please enjoy your summer.

Cultural Services

Submitted By Isabelle Zamora

Artscrawl

Old Town is the site for a major *En plein air* Artscrawl event on **Friday, June 20, 2008 from 5 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**

En plein air is a French expression which means "in the open air" and is particularly used to describe the act of painting outdoors. Visitors are invited to watch them work or bring your camera and sketch pad and join in! Artists and photographers will set up on the Plaza to show their works. Several galleries are on board with special exhibitions and activities. Live musical performances include *Andrew Thomas* on flute from 5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m., harpist *Susan Vigil* at the Weems Gallery from 5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m., classical guitarist *Harry Irizarry* from

5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m., *Alma Flamenco* at the Gazebo from 6 p.m. - 7 p.m. and string quartet *Giovanni* from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

The event is organized by The Albuquerque Art Business Association, presenting Artscrawls in Albuquerque since 1990 <www.artscrawlabq.org> in cooperation with the City of Albuquerque's Cultural Services Department, and the Old Town Merchants Association.

Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System

Submitted By Riann K. Powell

Libraries Host Free Summer Programs for Families and Teens

As part of the 2008 Summer Reading Program, the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System is hosting a variety of free and fun activities for families and teens. June and July are chock full of entertainment, workshops and performances at your local library.

Families – Check out performers like Mr. Stinky Feet, Tales and Trails Storytellers and Magician John Polinko.

Teens – Rock out with the Remus Lupins on **Tuesday, June 24, 2008** at the Wyoming Library. This **FREE** show will prove to be exciting for teens and Harry Potter fans of ALL ages!

This summer the Library is also providing comic and cartoon drawing workshops, origami paper folding classes, rocket and robot programs, and much more for teens.

For a complete listing of all program dates, times and locations, visit the Library's website at <www.cabq.gov/library>. And don't forget to sign up for the Library's Summer Reading Program which runs through July 25. Anyone can join – adults, that means you, too! To find out more about Summer Reading call **505-768-5136 or 311**. TTY Users call Relay NM at **1-800-659-8331**.



A Message From The Mayor

Martin J. Chávez
Mayor of Albuquerque

It's Summer Time!!!!

Summer is here and it is that time of the year again in Albuquerque, it is the perfect time to get out, increase your health and get in shape. Albuquerque has numerous parks and walking trails which provide the perfect opportunity for exercise and increased health. Albuquerque's recently initiated pilot program, Prescription Trails includes about thirty miles of walking and wheel chair accessible and usable paths in and around the metro area; these paths encompass many of Albuquerque's parks as well. For information on or locating these paths please visit www.cabq.gov/parks/prescription-trails.

To help contribute to the health and well being of Albuquerque, on Tuesday, July 1, 2008 we will be opening the third of Albuquerque's fitness centers, Los Volcanes Fitness Center, located at 6500 Los Volcanes NW, come in, get fit and be healthy. According to Men's Fitness Magazine, Albuquerque is the third fittest city in America; so make the commitment to yourself and help Albuquerque become the fittest city in America. The City of Albuquerque along with myself are challenging you to improve your enjoyment of life by becoming healthier and make Albuquerque the fittest city in America by logging onto www.cabq.gov/mayor/fitsignup.html and signing up for the Fit City Challenge.

Along with outdoor recreational opportunities, Albuquerque has many events going on weekly throughout the city from concerts to competitions. Zoo Music concerts at the Rio Grande Zoo will be showcasing regional, national and international performers, performing a

variety of music weekly all summer long. Sunday, May 11, 2008 for the Mother's Day Symphony at the Rio Grande Zoo, we had a great turnout with nearly eleven thousand in attendance. The free Park and Ride service from the Rio Grande Botanical Gardens and Aquarium allows for less hassle with parking and easier transportation to and from the Rio Grande Zoo.

Every Thursday evening of the summer, The Rio Grande Botanical Gardens also hosts their Summer Nights Concert Series that starts at 6 p.m. For five consecutive Friday nights starting June 20, 2008 in the Civic Plaza, the Parks and Recreation Department along with the Cultural Services Department and myself, will be hosting "Civic Cinema". We will be showing classic films such as "Viva Las Vegas" starring Elvis Presley on big screens under the starlight. So bring the family out for a good old fashioned night at the show.

On Saturday, June 7, 2008 we held the *Great Race Down the Rio Grande* in which we had over 525 crafts registered and over 1,500 participants. It has been thirteen years since the last Race Down the Rio Grande and this year all records were shattered. With more water guns in hand than paddles the event was almost more of a water fight than a race. The creativity of Albuquerque was displayed in the complex rafts, not all which stayed afloat, and some decorated with outfits and costumes. Different city departments participated in the event with APD ending up the winner of the five or more participant race. Jay Hart, director of Parks and Recreation, in association with the APD and the AFD combined for a safe and successful family outing in which we plan to repeat in the years to come. We hope to see more participants in the future.

The Film Industry is exploding in Albuquerque, sometimes quite literally! The direct economic spend in our metro region over the last five years is 200 million dollars and growing. The film industry provides high-paying, creative jobs to our citizens and is non-polluting. Filmmakers are coming to Albuquerque

because of the state's attractive film incentives; the city's close proximity to Los Angeles; and the city's wide variety of location looks, from small town to big city; desert to Ponderosa Pines; Victorian homes to ultra-modern abodes. The city has doubled for Colorado, Munich, Pittsburgh, Juarez, central California, Cincinnati, Tennessee, the East Coast, the mid-West and Los Angeles. The City's Film Office strives to keep Albuquerque neighborhoods Film Friendly. For additional information, or if you would like to request a speaker at your next Neighborhood Association meeting, please e-mail Ann Lerner at alerner@cabq.gov.

Take advantage of the summer by increasing your health and enjoying all that Albuquerque has to offer. I hope to see you out there. Please visit www.cabq.gov or call 311 more information on these or any of our great family friendly events.



Legal

*Submitted By Naomi Parada
Alternative Dispute Resolution*

We Can Help!!!

The City of Albuquerque ADR Office wants to know what questions or concerns you have about either the Community Mediation or Land Use Facilitation Program. Please contact Naomi Parada at **505-768-4712** and from your inquiries we will create future articles to answer your questions or concerns.

Additionally, if you would like the ADR Office to come and speak to your or Neighborhood or Homeowner Association about the Community and/or Land Use Programs, please contact Naomi to schedule a meeting time for your organization.



A Message From Your City Council

Submitted By Diana Trujeque

The City of Albuquerque's 2009 Fiscal Year Budget

The City Council recently finalized the City's operating budget for Fiscal Year 2009, which begins Tuesday, July 1, 2008. Because FY/09 is projected to be a very lean year fiscally, the City Council was faced with some difficult choices about which programs and positions to fund for the upcoming year, and was very careful to consider your comments and suggestions in proposing a balanced and prudent budget. As a result, the General Fund budget that the City Council passed and the Mayor signed totals \$474,583,000, which represents a decrease of \$34,115,000, or 6.7%, from last year's budget.

The City Council budget contained the following:

- Funding to restore 31 positions that had been scheduled for deletion in the Mayor's proposed budget. These positions include librarians, bus drivers, 311 operators, and housing and zoning inspectors.
- Enough funding to provide up to a 3.5 percent cost of living increase for non public-safety City employees, and to fully fund the police and fire contracts.
- Funding for much needed storm drainage improvements across the City.

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>.

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

- Enough funding to restore full funding for a domestic violence shelter program which had been cut in the Proposed Budget.
- Funding for Neighborhood and Planning Initiatives to make all of Albuquerque's neighborhoods safer and more livable.
- Funding for eight full-year animal handler positions in the Animal Welfare Department in order to comply with the HEART Ordinance and Humane Society of the United States requirements.
- Funding for a Small Business Support Center in the Economic Development Department.

The Council would like to thank everyone who participated in the process by attending one of the Council's public meetings on the budget or by calling, writing or emailing us your comments. Your participation made a difference!



Planning

Submitted By Carol Toffaleti

EPC Amendments

Amendments to the Sawmill/Wells Park Sector Development Plan are scheduled



to be heard by the Environmental Planning Commission (EPC) on **Thursday, August 21, 2008**. The EPC Public Hearing is an all day hearing that begins at **8:30 a.m.** and takes place in the basement of the Plaza del Sol Building, 600 Second Street NW.

The amendments are sponsored by the City Council (Council Bill R-08-55) to update the plan in light of changed conditions in the area and to help implement public projects. The proposal mainly affects the Sawmill neighborhood and the northwest portion of the Wells Park neighborhood. It includes: roadway connections; policies and standards for streets and recreational trails; re-establishment of the Acequia Madre to Tiguero Park; identifying funding sources to implement proposed and existing programs in the plan, including the establishment of a tax increment for development district (TIDD); and recommendations for future changes to zoning.

Written comments will be accepted by the EPC until 9 a.m. on **Tuesday, August 19, 2008**. The staff report (re: Project #100029) will be available at the EPC Study Session on Thursday, August 14, 2008 at 3 p.m. and online at <<http://www.cabq.gov/planning/epc/epcagenda.html>> beginning Friday, August 15, 2008. For more information, contact Carol Toffaleti, staff planner, at 505-924-3345 or e-mail to <cgtoffaleti@cabq.gov>.



Neighborhood News June/July 2008

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Thursday, June 19 •EPC Hearing – 8:30 a.m.	<u>NO</u> July Meetings for •City Council •District 4 Coalition •District 6 Coalition •District 7 Coalition •Feedback Forum •North Valley Coalition	Wednesday, July 9 •DRB – 9 a.m. •SEPC – 9 a.m. •LUCC – 3 p.m. •AQCB – 5:15 p.m.	Thursday, July 17 •EPC Pre-Hearing – 1:30 p.m.
Tuesday, June 24 •BOA – 9 a.m.		Thursday, July 10 •GWPAB – 8:30 a.m. •TAB – 9 a.m. •EPC Study Session – 3 p.m. •POC – 4 p.m. •South Valley Coalition – 7 p.m.	Tuesday, July 22 •BOA – 9 a.m. •East Gateway Coalition – 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, June 25 •DRB – 9 a.m. •SEPC – 9 a.m. •LEPC – 9 a.m. •EPC Pre-Hearing – 1:30 p.m.		Tuesday, July 1 •SWAN – 6 p.m.	Wednesday, July 23 •DRB – 9 a.m. •SEPC – 9 a.m. •EPC Pre-Hearing – 1:30 p.m.
	Wednesday, July 2 •PAB – 10 a.m. •Westside Coalition – 7 p.m.	Monday, July 14 •GABAC – 4:30 p.m.	Thursday, July 24 •District 8 Coalition – 7 p.m.
	Thursday, July 3 •AAB – 9 a.m.	Tuesday, July 15 •ZHE – 9 a.m. •GARTC – 4:30 p.m.	Wednesday, July 30 •DRB – 9 a.m. •LEPC – 9 a.m.
Friday, July 4 City Offices Closed - Fourth of July			
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> 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 **3rd Thursday of the month**. The hearing notice includes the time, place and date of the hearing along with a brief description of each application on the agenda. Previously, hearing notices were published 15 days before the public hearing. The reason for this change is to meet the advertising requirements for EPC study sessions which occur on the 2nd Thursday of each month. Rather than advertising the hearing and study session separately, a single notice will be prepared to advertise both. Contact the Planning Department at **505-924-3860** if you have questions.

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

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

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

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

Please note that the **Pre-Hearing Meeting** will be held on **June 25, 2008 at 1:30 p.m.** in the Planning Conference Room, Third Floor. The **EPC Public Hearing** will be held on **July 17, 2008 at 8:30 a.m.** in the **Plaza del Sol Hearing Room (basement level), 600 Second Street NW** for the following cases:

Northeast

Del Rey, North Wyoming, Academy Acres North, San Antonio Condo HOA (neighborhood/homeowner association); 08EPC-40058, Project #1001904 (case #'s); Approximately 8.84 acre(s) located on the north side of San Antonio Drive NE between Louisiana Boulevard NE and San Pedro Drive NE (**location of request**); D-18 (**zone atlas page #**); William Burk III, Architect and Lyle Hofferth, Cont. at **505-292-6566 (applicant or agency and phone #)**; Requests a Site Development Plan for Building Permit for a proposed addition to Grace Church of approximately 20,000 square feet and includes Classrooms, Fellowship Spaces and a multi-purpose Gymnasium (**action requested**); Russell Brito at **505-924-3337**, e-mail: <rbrito@cabq.gov> (**city staff planner**)

Bel-Air; 08EPC-40069 and 40070, Project #1002249; Approximately 1.172 acre(s) located on the west side of Carlisle Boulevard NE between Menaul Boulevard NE and Claremont Avenue NE; H-16; Bohannan Huston, Inc. at **505-823-1000**, agent for CRT Partners-Southern Arizona Franchise; Requests a Site Development Plan for Building Permit and an Amendment to the Site Development Plan for Building Permit for a proposed new Jack-in-the-Box restaurant; Randall Falkner at **505-924-3933**, e-mail: <rfalkner@cabq.gov>.

Snow Heights; 08EPC-40064, Project #1006950; Approximately 1.2 acre(s) located on the east side of Wyoming Boulevard NE between I-40 Freeway and Mountain Road NE; J-20; DAC Enterprises, Inc. at **505-294-5243**, agent for Gina Schmidt, d.b.a. – Sierra West, LLC; Maggie Gould at **505-924-3910**, e-mail: <mgould@cabq.gov>.

Alvarado Park, Classic Uptown, Inez, Jerry Cline Park, Quigley Park, Snow Heights, Uptown Progress Team, Winrock South, Zuni; 08EPC-40060, Project #1007316; Approximately 7.5 acre(s) located on the west and east side of Uptown Loop Road NE between Indian School Road NE and Louisiana Boulevard NE; J-19; Denish + Kline Associates at **505-842-6461**, agent for Hunt Uptown LLC II; Requests a Site Development Plan for Building Permit for a proposed 55 dwelling units, 58,000 square feet of retail including restaurants, 67,000 square feet of office and a 200 room hotel with a small conference center and underground parking; Carol Toffaleti at **505-924-3345**, e-mail: <cgtoffaleti@cabq.gov>.

No Neighborhood and/or Homeowner Association(s); 08EPC-40071, Project #1007320; Approximately 10.9 acre(s) located on the northeast side of Hotel Circle NE between Lomas Boulevard NE and Eubank Boulevard NE; K-21; Denish + Kline Associates at **505-842-6461**, agent for Lowes Home Improvement; Requests a Site Development Plan for Building Permit for a proposed Lowes Home Improvement Store, having a heated floor area of approximately 110,000 square feet to which will be attached 35,000 square feet Garden Center; Catalina Lehner at **505-924-3935**, e-mail: <clehner@cabq.gov>.

No Neighborhood and/or Homeowner Association(s); 08EPC-40061, Project 1007317; Approximately 3.56 acre(s) located on the east side of Pan American (south) NE between Comanche Road NE and Montgomery Boulevard NE; G-16; Slagle Herr Architects at **505-246-0870**, agent for New Mexico Educators Federal Credit Union; Requests a Amendment to the Site Development Plan for Building Permit for a proposed four story office building, a freestanding drive thru banking facility and warehouse for the New Mexico Educators Federal Credit Union; Randall Falkner at **505-924-3933**, e-mail: <rfalkner@cabq.gov>.

Northwest

Los Griegos; 08EPC-40057, Project #1007310; Approximately 19,475 square feet located on the east side of 12th Street NW between Belrose Avenue NW and Griegos Road NW; F-14; Beatrix Lopez at **505-247-2552**; Requests a Zone Map Amendment from R-1 to R-2 for a proposed two or three new residential structures; Lorena Quintana-Patten at **505-924-3940**, e-mail: <lpatten-quintana@cabq.gov>.

Coors Trail, Taylor Ranch; 08EPC-40059, Project #1007313; Approximately .5161 acre(s) located on the south side of Bosque Lane NW between Coors Boulevard NW and La Orilla Road NW; E-12; John Friedman, AIA at **505-865-0111**; Requests a Site Development Plan for Building Permit for a proposed 5005 square foot medical office building; Catalina Lehner at **505-924-3935**, e-mail: <clehner@cabq.gov>.

No Neighborhood and/or Homeowner Association(s); 08EPC-40066, 40067 and 40068, Project #1003658; Approximately 5 acre(s) located on the north side of NM 528 between Ellison Drive NW and Corrales Road NW; A-14; Bohannon Huston, Inc. at **505-823-1000**, agent for CRT Partners-Southern Arizona Franchise; Requests a Site Development Plan for Subdivision and Building Permit and a Amendment to the site Development Plan for Building Permit for a proposed new Jack-in-the-Box restaurant; Randall Falkner at **505-924-3933**, e-mail: <rfalkner@cabq.gov>.

Southeast

Elder Homestead; 08EPC-40065, Project #1007319; Approximately .333 acre(s) located on the east side of Arizona Street SE between Gibson Boulevard SE and Eastern Avenue SE; L-18; Ahmet Tiryaki at **505-615-4278**, agent for Richard Soyler; Requests a Zone Map Amendment from C-1 to R-2 for a proposed multi-family building with eight (8) residential units; Carol Toffaleti at **505-924-3345**, e-mail: <cgtoffaleti@cabq.gov>.

Southwest

Avalon, Los Volcanes, Skyview West, Stinson Tower, Sunrise HOA, Westgate Heights, Westside Merchants; 08EPC-40063, Project #1007204; Approximately 50 acre(s) located on the south side of Central Avenue SW and the west side of Unser Boulevard SW between Bridge Street SW and 86th Street SW; K-9-10 and L-10; Darren Sowell Architects, LLC at **505-342-6200**, agent for Armstrong Development Properties; Requests an Amendment to the Site Development Plan for Subdivision for proposed Signage layout for "Unser Crossing"; Russell Brito at **505-924-3337**, e-mail: <rbrito@cabq.gov>.

The following Sector Development Plan will be heard on **Thursday, July 10, 2008** beginning at **3:30 p.m.** in the Planning Hearing Room, Room 160, Plaza Del Sol Building, basement level.

Clayton Heights/Lomas Del Cielo, Kirtland Community, Nob Hill, Silver Hill, Southeast Heights, University Heights, Victory Hills, Yale Village; 08EPC-40072, Project #1007322; K-L-15-16; The *South Yale Sector Development Plan* area includes all properties within a geographical area whose boundaries are defined by the boundaries between University Boulevard SE (west), St. Cyr Avenue SE (north), Girard Boulevard SE, Vail Avenue SE, Ross Avenue SE and Columbia Drive SE (east) and Gibson Boulevard SE (south); City of Albuquerque Planning Department at **505-924-3860**; Request approval of the *South Yale Sector Development Plan* to address proposed design standards, changes in zoning and a list of recommendations for Capital Improvement Projects. The Plan establishes new zoning for key properties with significant redevelopment potential with the Sector Plan boundary. The new zones are form-based and include design standards to regulate lot layout, building form and use, building articulation, parking, landscaping and signage; Maggie Gould at **505-924-3910**, e-mail: <mgould@cabq.gov>.

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CITY SCOOP

News From City Departments

Parks and Recreation

Submitted By Jodi Hedderig

Mark Your Calendars for the Upcoming Events

All events take place at the Open Space Visitor Center located at 6500 Coors Boulevard NW between Montano Road NW and Paseo del Norte NW at the end of Bosque Meadows Road NW. Programs are **FREE** unless otherwise noted. 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.

ONGOING

Traditional Demonstration Garden

Help cultivate a demonstration garden that represents several early farming methods and the foods that were collected and cultivated in New Mexico. This is intended to be an educational garden where groups can actively take part in its development and observe its successes and failures. Farming methods that will be represented are terraced arroyo, waffle garden, cobble mulch garden and orchards. Projects will involve preparing garden areas, planting, mulching, weeding, watering, harvesting, preparing seeds for storage and more. Volunteers should be at least 14 years old or accompanied by an adult. Participants will need work gloves, sun protection, sturdy shoes and water. Groups up to 10 people welcomed. Call **505-897-8831** to find out how to get involved.

JUNE

21 Sharing Southwest Stories for Children -
10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Sharing Southwest Stories for Children explores the world of children's literature with New Mexico and Southwestern authors. Kathy Warren brings characters of the Southwest to life with her dynamic readings and inspires children to create their own stories in words and pictures. The reading will be followed by a "take home" art activity. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

28 Introduction to Papermaking Workshop -
10 a.m. - 12 Noon

Learn the basic steps for making paper from a variety of plants and recycled materials. This class is intended for those with little or no papermaking experience. This is a **FREE** workshop. Call **505-897-8831** to register as space is limited.

JULY

5 Volunteer Training - 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Open Space Visitor Center Volunteers greet visitors, provide information about the Center and the greater Open Space system and help in areas that suit their interests such as

education, gardening, and special events. The training will cover Open Space history and geography, volunteer responsibilities, and a tour of the facility. Call **505-897-8831** to register.

12 Advanced Nature Journaling - 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Learn how to take your nature journaling to a new level with Margy O'Brien. Margy will help you deepen your power of expression by using color. 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 \$15.00 per person. Space is limited to 20 people, 10 years old and above. Call **505-897-8831** to register.

Albuquerque Fire Department

Submitted By Melissa Romero

Fire Awareness!!

For the year of 2007, records show that 85,705 wild land fires occurred in the United States and destroyed 9,328,045 acres. However, the total number of acres burned each year has increased steadily since 1995. As a result, there has been an increasing trend in the size of wildfires, with six of the ten worst seasons in terms of acres burned having occurred since 2000.

Causes of Wildfires

- Lightning
- Volcanic Activity
- Sparks from falling rocks
- *Human Activity* is the primary cause of wild land fires

Every year people are forced to evacuate and lose their homes and possessions because of wildfires. There are precautions we can take to protect our homes and families from this devastating force.

Fire Safe Outside:

- Construct roofs and exterior structures of dwellings with non-combustible or fire resistant materials such as fire resistant roofing materials, tile, slate, sheet iron, aluminum, brick or stone.
- Treat wood siding, cedar shakes, exterior wood paneling and other highly combustible materials with fire retardant chemicals.
- Clear a perimeter of defensible space around homes.
- Clean dead leaves and needles from your roof and gutters.
- Cover chimneys and stovepipes with non-flammable mesh.
- Stack woodpiles 100 feet from all structures.

Fire Safe Inside:

- Install smoke alarms.
- Install smoke alarms in bedrooms if you sleep with the door closed.
- Keep a charged, ABC-type fire extinguisher in the kitchen and garage; make sure family members know how to properly use it.
- Have an evacuation plan and practice it once a month.

Cultural Services

Submitted By Thomas C. O'Laughlin

June at The Albuquerque Museum

In Contemporary Rhythm: The Art of Ernest L. Blumenschein

The art of Ernest L. Blumenschein (1874-1960) is celebrated in the comprehensive exhibition *In Contemporary Rhythm: The Art of Ernest L. Blumenschein*. The exhibition will present 61 major paintings as well as five illustrations and sketches of Ernest L. Blumenschein, one of the founders of the Taos Society of Artists and one of the most accomplished of the group. In Contemporary Rhythm is organized by The Albuquerque Museum, the Denver Art Museum and the Phoenix Art Museum and will be at The Albuquerque Museum, Sunday, June 8, 2008 thru Sunday, September 7, 2008.



Afternoon of a Shepherd, 1939, Oil on canvas, 28 x 50 inches

Courtesy of National Cowboy and Western, Heritage Museum, Oklahoma City; 1976.32

Contemporary Rhythm: The Art of Ernest L. Blumenschein:

Sunday, June 29, 2008

1 p.m., Lecture, *Blumenschein and Modernism*
Jerry Smith, Associate Curator of American Art at Phoenix Art Museum.

In his time, Blumenschein was a highly successful artist known for his support of modern artists and exploration of modernist ideas. In recent years however, his work has rarely been considered outside of a conservative Western American tradition. Join Jerry Smith as he discusses Blumenschein's ongoing dialogue with modernism. **FREE** with museum admission.

32nd Annual Summer Music Festival with The New Mexico Jazz Workshop

The New Mexico Jazz Workshop presents Jazz and Blues and Salsa Under the Stars in the Museum Amphitheater. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Concert runs from 7 p.m. - 10 p.m. All shows occur rain or shine. The Cooperage Restaurant provides food and full bar service.

SALSA UNDER THE STARS

Friday, June 20, 2008 - Calle 66

Friday, June 27, 2008 - Son Como Son

JAZZ AND BLUES UNDER THE STARS

Saturday, June 21 - Todd Tijerina Band, Los Albuquerque Blues Connection, Paul Brodsky (Solo Blues Guitar, Harp and Vocals)

Saturday, June 28 (Tickets \$15, \$12 & \$10) - The Jazz of Rob Mullins

FAMILY ART WORKSHOPS - Saturdays, 1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

All supplies are provided. **FREE** with Museum general admission.

FREE General Admission Days at The Albuquerque Museum.

The first Wednesday of the month is a **FREE** general admission day. General admission to the Museum is also **FREE** every Sunday morning from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Exhibitions

Authentically American, The Taos Society of Artists: The Olson Family Collection - May 12, 2008 – September 7, 2008

The Taos Society of Artists was founded in 1915 by artists drawn to northern New Mexico and included the likes of Oscar E. Berninghaus, William Herbert "Buck" Dunton, Walter Ufer, Joseph Henry Sharp, and Eanger Irving Couse. The group eventually included 21 artists and was disbanded in 1927. Ten artists are represented in this exhibition that accompanies the featured exhibition on the works of Ernest L. Blumenschein, another of the Taos Society of Artists.

Douglas Kent Hall: A Tribute - May 4, 2008 to September 14, 2008

In remembrance, a selection of Douglas Kent Hall's black and white photographs from the permanent collection is on display, as well as a series of mixed media assemblages by Hall entitled *La Frontera*.

Focus on Youth - May 4, 2008 to June 29, 2008

An annual juried show of fabulous photo-based artwork by area high school students. Approximately 100 pieces in black and white, color, and mixed media are on display.

Coffee Talk: Brewing it Up in Albuquerque - through August 10, 2008

Featuring the museum's collection of vintage coffee crates, grinding equipment, and other artifacts illustrating our love for the brown brew.

Brought to Light: A Great Depression Era Photographer's Study of Albuquerque Businesses through July 13, 2008

A photography collection documenting businesses in Albuquerque in the early 1930s.

Cultural Renaissance: 40 Years of The Albuquerque Museum through September 2008

A history of The Albuquerque Museum with selected artifacts and art from the collections.

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Common Ground: Art in New Mexico

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

Four Centuries: A History of Albuquerque

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

Admission: (except as otherwise noted): \$12 adults, \$10 seniors (65+) and students with ID, \$9 New Mexico Jazz Workshop and Albuquerque Museum Foundation members. Children under 12 are **FREE**. Tickets and information, call **505-255-9798**.

Museum Hours: Tuesday – Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Museum admission: \$4 Adults (\$1 discount to NM residents w/ ID), \$2 Seniors (65+), \$1 Children 4-12. Children 3 and under are **FREE**.

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

Parks and Recreation

Submitted By Jodi Hedderig

2008 Open Space Summer Series (cont. from last month's issue)

Albuquerque – Mayor Martin J. Chávez and the City of Albuquerque's Parks and Recreation Department, Open Space Division, invites you for a summer of family fun during our 2008 Open Space Summer Series. All Saturday Series programs take place at the Elena Gallegos Double Shelter Amphitheater and are free with a \$2.00 entry fee. The Elena Gallegos Park is located at the end of Simms Park Road NE, east of Tramway Boulevard NE, just north of Academy Road NE.

We're taking a new direction with the Sunday Hikes by partnering with the Nicodemus Wilderness Project to offer "Leave No Child Inside" programs in the hopes of getting whole families to experience greater aspects of the outdoors. The Sunday Hikes will occur in many different Open Space locations. Please check our website <www.cabq.gov/openspace> under Open Space Events for directions to the individual events or call Bill Pentler at **505-452-5222** for more information.

Saturday SUNSET SERIES at Elena Gallegos Picnic Area

The Saturday Sunset Series will feature talks, demonstrations and shows by some of Albuquerque's best speakers, teachers and performers at the Elena Gallegos Picnic Area Amphitheater on **Saturdays at 7 pm**.

June 28 - History and Hauntings – Facts and stories of the area by the Southwest Ghost Hunters Association.

July 5 - Insects and Spiders of the Area – Educational talk by

Sandra Brantley and David Lightfoot from the UNM Biology Department.

July 12 - Bat Chat – Educational talk by Rob Yaksich from NM State Parks.

July 19 - CumuloNimbus – Musical performance of flutes, drums and storytelling.

July 26 - Birds of Prey – Animal demonstration and talk by Denise Coil of Wildlife Rescue.

SUNDAY HIKES - From varied areas of Open Space

On **Sundays**, starting at **9 a.m.**, unless stated otherwise knowledgeable guides and members of our community lead explorations and offer demonstrations in an assortment of fields and specialties. Hikes with an * will be included in our partnership with the Nicodemus Wilderness Project's Apprentice Ecologist Initiative. We hope that those who attend most or all of the designated hikes will follow through with an Apprentice Ecologist Project and essay. The young, student author of the best essay could win a \$500 scholarship. Our wish for those who don't want to participate in the full program is to nudge you and your family to widen your horizons and begin a lifelong ritual of returning to your newly discovered favorite Open Spaces.

June 29 - *Family Mountain Bike Ride and Clinic – Chuck Malogoti. Meet at Pueblo Montañero for a two hour session. **Bring your bike** for a light to medium ride.

July 6 - *Petroglyphs of Piedras Marcadas – Dr. Matt Schmader, Open Space. Meet at the Piedras Marcadas Canyon Trailhead for a three hour hike.

July 13 - *Volcanoes and Geology – Larry Crumpler, NM Natural History Museum. Meet at the Volcanoes in the Petroglyph National Monument for a two to three hour hike.

July 20 - Albuquerque Overbank Project 10th Anniversary Hike – Nancy Umbreit, Bureau of Reclamation Biologist. Meet at the Bosque Gate on the westside of the river off Cesar Chavez. This is a two to three hour hike. **Pre-registration Required.**

July 27 - *Community Gardening – Ian Simmons of the Rio Grande Community Farms. Meet at Los Poblanos Fields for a two to three hour talk and hike.

DIRECTIONS TO EVENTS:

Candelaria Farms – Located off of Rio Grande Boulevard NW on Arbor Road NW. Arbor Road NW is about four blocks north of Candelaria Road NW. Arbor Road NW dead-ends at the gate to the farm.

Pueblo Montañero – Located on the southeast corner of Coors Boulevard NW and Montañero Road NW. It's the park that has all the wonderful carved sculptures by Mark Chavez.

Piedras Marcadas Canyon – Part of the Petroglyph National Monument. Travel on Paseo Del Norte NW to Golf Course Road NW. Turn north and drive for one half mile. Turn left onto Jill Patricia NW which is kiddy-corner from the French Mortuary. The parking area is behind the strip mall that includes Indy Cleaners, Empire Burrito and a Vet Clinic.

The Volcanoes - Part of the Petroglyph National Monument. Drive on I-40 Freeway west to Exit 149 – Paseo De Volcan NW. Proceed north-4.8 miles turning right on the unpaved road which is a bit rough to the parking area and trailhead.

Los Poblanos Fields – Drive west on Montañero Road NW from Fourth Street NW and turn north on Tierra Viva Road NW. The parking area is on the left.

For the AOP Hike – We will likely meet at the northwest corner of the Hispanic Cultural Center parking lot and carpool to the gate which is located on the south side of Cesar Chavez Road SW on the west side of the river.



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