

South Broadway - A Diverse Portfolio

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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

A Publication Of The Office Of Neighborhood Coordination



New Dwellings at 206 Lewis Avenue SW

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



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

Neighborhood Association

District 4 Coalition
Palomas Park
Sabino Canyon
South Valley Coalition
Vista Grande

“Welcome” to Incoming President

Ron Sissel
Gary Oppedahl
Darci Roark
Patty Grice
Berent Groth

“Thanks” to Outgoing President

Robert Gurule
Robert Gurule
Shelly Davis
Marcia Fernandez
Ted Schmidt

• *Vista Del Mundo Neighborhood Association* regained their “recognized” status on February 28, 2007.

NEW NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION(S)

The *Western Skies Neighborhood Association* is located in *City Council District 1, Police Beat – 158/WS, County Commission District 2*. The contacts for this association are *Linda Dohn* and *Sue McClelen*. *Western Skies Neighborhood Association* became recognized on March 14, 2007. **Welcome Aboard!!**

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

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

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

January Annual Reports are due:	April 1, 2007
February Annual Reports are due:	May 1, 2007
March Annual Reports are due:	June 1, 2007

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

Dear Neighborhood Representatives,

ONC has noticed a rise in the number of NA/HOA’s not turning in their paperwork on or before the 60 days of the due date of their annual meeting. Which, in turn, means your association will either LOSE their “R” recognized status –or– be removed from the NA list. ONC sends out two letters to the two designated contacts as a reminder that your Annual Report form is due to our office by the specific due date listed at the bottom of the letter. Please keep in mind when you lose your “R” status you will **NOT** be notified of any developments that may be occurring in your neighborhood. If you are unrecognized and have not turned in your paper work you’ll be removed off our lists and maps. We have noticed that these unrecognized associations submit their paperwork to be reinstated shortly after they have been removed. Keep in mind when these changes occur they affect ONC as well as the AGIS Division that provides the neighborhood association boundaries on City maps. This is your association so please submit your paper work in a timely manner to avoid your association not being listed.

Thank you for your cooperation on this matter and to all of you who volunteer for your association.

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

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

Cash For Your Association!

Interested in beautifying your neighborhood?

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



**Across The City
Metro Court**

Submitted By Janet Blair



**Getting Married at Metropolitan Court:
Neither Snow Nor Sleet Nor**

Court Closure Stopped These Weddings!

It didn't look very good on the morning of February 14, 2007. There were several inches of snow on the ground and the



schools and other government offices had closed, along with the Metropolitan Court. However, Chief Judge Judith Nakamura knew there were dozens of couples in the City with wedding licenses that said

"February 14, 2004". Even if court was closed, weddings would be performed as scheduled. Volunteer judges came in and so did staff members. Court staff and one judge stayed till 5:30 p.m to finish the ceremonies for 65 couples. Judge Nakamura said, "This is one of the most enjoyable days of the year for most of us judges. It's not often people stand before us happy and celebrating." Here are some of the pictures to prove it.



**Spring 2007
Annual Ditch Trail Cleanup
Please join us.....**

WHO: You, your friends, your neighbors, and anyone else who wishes to volunteer.

WHAT: Ditches with Trails Project – Second Annual Spring Cleanup. Help clear trash, junk, branches, etc. along the banks of drains and irrigation ditches in the North and South Valleys.

WHY: Have fun, get to know your neighbors, get exercise, keep the valley clean, show support for the Ditches with Trails Project.

WHEN AND WHERE: March, April and May. Cleanup events will take place on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon. Come to as many cleanup events as you wish.

WHAT TO BRING: Dress in layers appropriate for spring. Wear sun screen, long sleeves, a hat and heavy gloves. It may be helpful to bring a shovel and/or pitch fork. Water and light snacks will be provided by the Ditches with Trails Project.

WHAT IF THE WEATHER IS BAD? In the event of rain or other inclement weather, events may be rescheduled. Please call **505-344-9742**.

For more information, please visit:

<www.ditcheswithtrails.org> or contact Claude Morelli - **505-344-9742** or <claudemorelli@transnuevo.com>.

Ditches with Trails:2007 Spring Cleanup Events

Saturday, April 21, 2007 - 9 a.m. to noon

- 1. Pueblo Acequia (Village of Los Ranchos NW)**
Sign-in where Green Valley Road NW intersects the Pueblo Lateral. From the Village Hall & Fire Station, go north on Rio Grande Boulevard NW about 0.20 miles to Green Valley Road. Head east on Green Valley about 0.26 miles to the Pueblo Acequia. *Sponsored by the Village of Los Ranchos.*

Saturday, April 28, 2007, 9 a.m. to noon

- 2. Arenal and Atrisco Acequias (near Bridge & Five Points SW)**
Sign-in at Center for Action and Contemplation (1705 Five Points Road SW). *Sponsored by Poplar Acres Neighborhood Association and Center for Action and Contemplation.*
- 3. Arenal and Atrisco Acequias (Near Valle del Bosque Park SW)**
Sign-in at Valle del Bosque Park. From Central Avenue SW, head south on Sunset Road SW about a mile. The park will be on the east side of Sunset SW. *Sponsored by Vecinos del Bosque Neighborhood Association.*
- 4. Gallegos and Harwood Laterals (Los Poblanos / Lee Acres Area NW)**
Sign-in at Grecian Park. From Fourth Street NW, head west on Guadalupe Trail NW and Grecian Road NW, about 0.5 miles. *Sponsored by Los Poblanos Neighborhood Association.*
- 5. Harwood Lateral (south from Griegos Road NW)**
Sign-in near where Freeman Avenue NW crosses the Harwood Lateral. From Griegos Road NW, turn south onto Ninth Street NW. Go south on Ninth Street NW. about 0.25 miles to Freeman NW. Head east on Freeman NW to the Harwood Lateral. *Sponsored by Greater Gardner Neighborhood Association.*

Saturday, May 26, 2007, 9 a.m. to noon

- 6. Griegos Lateral (between Griegos and Candelaria Roads NW)**
Sign-in where Candelaria NW intersects the Griegos Lateral, directly adjacent to Valley High School (1505 Candelaria Road NW). Please note that this is not the Griegos Drain, which intersects Candelaria NW a half mile to the west. *Sponsored by Los Griegos Neighborhood Association.*

The Ditches with Trails Project is a partnership of the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District, Rivers and Trails Program of the National Park Service, North Valley Coalition, and Vecinos del Bosque Neighborhood Association. Supporters include Bernalillo County, Village of Los Ranchos, City of Albuquerque, and WALK Albuquerque. The partners and supporters are working to preserve the existing ditch trail system and strengthen its recreational potential. This community-based effort will ultimately result in a "Ditches with Trails Action Plan."

NEIGHBORHOOD SCOOP

ACROSS THE FENCE

A Diverse Portfolio - The South Broadway Neighborhood Area

Submitted By Susan Vigil

"I like this wonderful place."

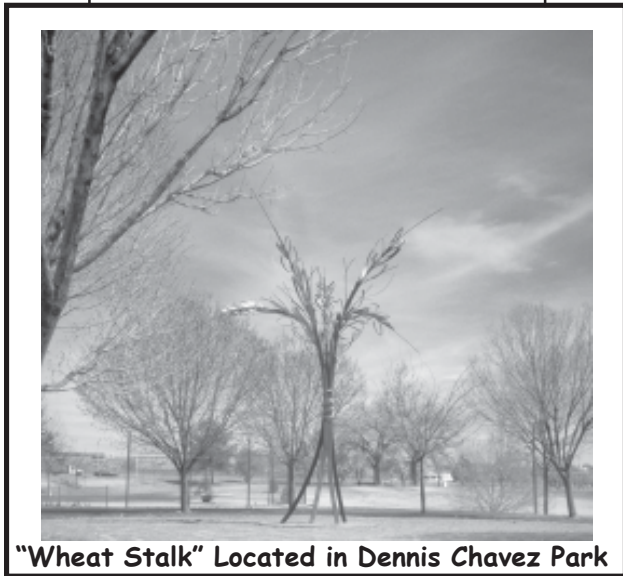
Its heart pounds in the market place, it breathes in the schoolyards and dances at the cultural center. There are no solo acts; all the colors of people, "create a canvas on which others will now paint." 70% Hispanic, 20% African American, 7% Anglo American, and 3% Native American, these cultures synthesize to create a "vibrant, resourceful, yet contemplative" neighborhood. For Diana Dorn-Jones, executive director of the United South Broadway Development Corporation (USBC), the area is a symbol of the extent a neighborhood will go to remain in human dignity and creativity. If the South Broadway neighborhood is a living being, with different organs, abilities, functions and expansions, community activists are physicians - specialists in the medicine of compassion, administering investments, negotiating with politicians, while energizing communities with culture.

The flow of equity is the basis of wealth, maintained as it passes from individual A to individual B in the form of housing. Housing ownership creates wealth by increasing the standard of living, placing other goods in the realm of affordability, and increasing investment prospects in an area. The United South Broadway Corporation directs neighborhood investment, implementing ideals set forth in the South Broadway sector plan. One such investment, affordable housing, maintains family land ties, and curtails gentrification. Four years ago, USBC acquired the largest parcel of vacant land in the area. Across from the South Broadway Cultural Center, passers-by will see the layers of 21 studios, lofts and three bedroom condominiums rising.

Broadway Vistas are designed to show what "a high density development in a neighborhood" can achieve. The sector plan was impeccably followed and local architectural services employed. The housing project is right on the bus line, it addresses vacant lots, and is a neighborhood-based project. The USBC will act as a soft second mortgage, thus decreasing buyers monthly mortgage payments, while the City of Albuquerque provided a

zero-interest, \$2million construction loan. Broadway Vistas incorporates 1,200 square feet of commercial space.

Wealth is further secured in human and ecological investments. Youth and children are considered the neighborhoods greatest resource. South Broadway Neighborhood Association and the USBC founded Albuquerque's Bosque Youth Conservation Corporation, where young people are trained and employed to monitor, improve and main-



"Wheat Stalk" Located in Dennis Chavez Park

tain the Rio Grande ecology. The neighborhood has mapped out its areas - trees, non-plantable, plantable, and infill spaces. Working with the City of Albuquerque and Tree New Mexico, available spots in the neighborhood are replanted. The neighborhood inherited a community garden from Diana Dorn-Jones father. The garden's mission is to develop, in young people, a sense of connection to the environment.

An easy sharing of conversation percolates through the consciousness of residents. Amongst the races, translations between languages are a common street conversation. The bilingual works collection at South Broadways' full sized branch library is the largest in Albuquerque. Librarians here often navigate immigration services for library patrons new to the country. Many times, Spanish speakers appeal to the library staff for assistance navigating immigration services. The Children's library overflows with life brought in by the Albuquerque Zoo, Venezu-

elan storytellers and varied musicians.

The South Broadway Branch Library building is attached, through the gallery, to the more reserved and classic South Broadway Cultural Center. This center thrives in the character of the community. Linda Ulibarri, the Center's director, for 12 years, previously organized Albuquerque Summerfest world ethnicity celebrations. Her experience transfers to the cultural flair seen in the South Broadway Cultural Center's programming. Every June 17 the center celebrates Ishin Ryu in remembrance of the Emancipation Proclamation. This day of freedom is memorialized with African dancing, music and barbecues. Another large community festival arrives close to Halloween. Dia de los Meurtos expels a host of performers, storytellers and craftsman to acculturate the people with traditional Mexican American ceremonies honoring the dead. A large alter is strewn with marigolds and papel piguado, parrot colored prayers for the dead.

The South Broadway Cultural Center's, 314 theatre, is named for Jazz pianist John Lewis. Raised in the South Broadway neighborhood and graduate of UNM, John Lewis is famous for combining the musical element of Classical form with the traditional jazz (largely lost in modern jazz) collective improvisation.

The 3000 square foot South Broadway Cultural Center gallery is a venue for new and emerging artists. Currently, multimedia artwork, an "archaic herd" of string and wire, hot pink fire fairies, and silk green gardens dress the gallery walls. APS teachers participate and design in this annual show. The cultural center intimately concerts with APS educational programs. Admission for most shows is only \$3.50 for children and \$5.50 for adults. Other programs of interest include the Annual Youth Conference on the Environment hosted by the Cultural Center in conjunction with Sandia Labs. School children dance the Ballet Folklorica in May and there are free summer crafts workshops in the center's multi-purpose room, nurturing artistic inheritance between generations.... and between people of all races, incomes and education. Though there are leaders in this neighborhood, the people of the South Broadway neighborhood are the force behind its unification, its ideals, history, and future thriving at the center of Albuquerque.

NEIGHBORHOOD SCOOP continued

Planning Department Project Updates

North Fourth Corridor Plan Update March 2007

Additional public input will be sought over the next month from interested parties to the North Fourth Street Corridor Plan. Facilitated meetings will be used to gather comments to further refine the Plan which is scheduled to be heard by the Environmental Planning Commission on June 14, 2007. For additional information on when and where the meetings will occur, contact Richard Asenap, Metropolitan Redevelopment Agency at 505-924-3478.

Great Streets Facility Plan

Mayor Martin Chavez invites you to a presentation on conceptual design of the Great Street Facility Plan. A public Open House is scheduled on Thursday, April 26, 2007, 2 p.m. to 7 p.m., and Friday, April 27, 9:00 a.m. to 12 Noon at the Winrock Shopping Center. Enter at west entrance, near the Women's Department of Dillard's. HDR consultants will make two presentations one at 3 p.m. and another at 6 p.m.

"Great Streets" are streets that are memorable, creating a desire to visit them again and again. They are visually attractive, comfortable and safe to walk, to shop, to bike or to catch a bus and drive. Small shops, interesting activities, buildings, well placed seating and trees framing the street generate human activity and vitality. A Great Street connects neighborhoods, schools, shopping and entertainment activities in a safe and attractive manner.

Winrock Shopping Center is in the Uptown area and is accessible by public transit. We look forward to seeing you at the open house.

For more information, please call Planning Department Project Manager, Manjeet K. Tangri at 505-924-3356 or on-line at : www.cabq.gov/planning/advance/projects.html>



New Duties and Location For the Zoning Hearing Examiner

The Office of Administrative Hearings was created as part of the FY/07 budget process to provide a single site within City government for all administrative hearing required or allowed by statute or ordinance. The most common hearings for which records readily available are:

- Special Exceptions •Vehicle Seizure •Red Light Violations •School Zone Violations •Abandoned/Inoperable Vehicles •Section 8 Housing Appeals •Wasted Water •Board of Ethics •Labor/Personnel Board

Mailing Address: Office of Administrative Hearings, City of Albuquerque, P.O. Box 1293, Albuquerque, NM 87103

Physical Address: First Galleria Plaza, North Tower, Suite 735 - Tijeras NW between Second Street NW and Third Street NW (Downtown Albuquerque)

Phone: 505-768-4700

Office Hours: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

ZHE Hearings:

At Plaza del Sol, 600 Second Street NW, basement level, on the third Tuesday of every month. For more information visit our website at:

www.cabq.gov/planning/examiner/>

He's Back!



Matthew Conrad Division Manager Albuquerque Code Enforcement Planning Department

Matthew Conrad returned to the Planning Department on March 5, 2007, replacing Steve Chavez who retired in November 2006. You can reach Matthew at 505-924-3454 or email at <mattconrad@cabq.gov>. Welcome back!

AIA Albuquerque

Central Avenue Charette

American Institute of Architects (AIA) Albuquerque is postponing the March 31 charrette on the Central Avenue corridor. AIA will mail a notice with the new charrette invitation in April. Information will also be posted on their website at <www.aiaabq.org>. The FREE movie night scheduled on Tuesday, March 27 at South Broadway Cultural Center is still on as scheduled. Please call AIA office at 505-242-9800 for free tickets.



2007 ONC

Workshop Schedule

Land Use and Zoning

Saturday, April 21, 2007

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

This workshop is designed to increase your knowledge and understanding of all the aspects of the Zoning and Housing Codes, Land Use Matters, Facilitation Issues at the various hearing boards as they relate to neighborhood areas. We utilize the Planning Department division managers, senior staff members and other Department staff to provide this informative training on how the Office of Neighborhood Coordination (ONC) works with each hearing board and neighborhood associations on various projects.

Call Betty at 505-924-3914 for further registration information. Unless otherwise indicated, all workshops are held in the Plaza del Sol Hearing Room, 600 Second Street NW (on the west side of Second Street between Lomas and Roma).

Register on-line at <http://www.cabq.gov/planning/formsvcs/workshop.html>

Please Remember . . .

Registration for all workshops closes at 12 noon the day before the training.

You may register for workshops by calling ONC at 505-924-3914, by fax at 505-924-3913 or on-line at:

<http://www.cabq.gov/planning/nbr/workshop.html>. Please pre-register.

To accommodate all workshop participants, you must be pre-registered to attend these workshops. Registration includes your name, address, telephone number and association. We appreciate your consideration and cooperation.

NEIGHBORHOOD SCOOP continued



A Message From The Mayor

Martin J. Chávez Mayor

Mayor's Conference for Women

The Mayor's Conference for Women held February 17, 2007 had an excellent turn-out. Women of all ages attended this First Annual Conference seeking greater empowerment. Many women presenters attended as well, giving the community's women words of encouragement and tools to move toward their personal goals.

The women who attended received a free tote bag filled with things such as health magazines, literature and discount coupons for use at local businesses. Mothers from the community who attended were able to leave their children with child care staff where the kids were able to play and have fun. Best of all, child care was free.

Guest speakers educated women about a variety of topics and the choices to make to succeed in their own personal destiny. Women attended seminars on how to plan for death or a divorce. They were educated on making financial decisions. One of the seminars was titled "Don't Be Intimidated by Money", which educated women on how to strive for a job they like, instead of a higher paying job that they don't like.

Attendees were also informed on many health issues. They received free blood pressure testing and were advised about how to take better care of themselves to live healthier and overall happier lives.

Agnes Noonan, who is an Executive Director of the Women's Economic Self-Sufficiency Team (WESST Corp.), a statewide economic development organization in New Mexico, spoke to women about owning a small business. Ms. Noonan spoke about the advantages of being able to own a business and also how to get money to afford it. Ms.

Noonan also explained how owning a small business can help women achieve their goals.

Another guest speaker was Diana Dorn-Jones who is a community organizer and a housing and economic development professional, as well as Chief Operating Officer in my last term. Ms. Dorn-Jones helped attending women learn how to buy their own home and how to make it easier for them to afford their own home. Many women think that they cannot afford their own home, when in actuality they can. Ms. Dorn-Jones also explained how home ownership was an essential part in a foundation for a family.

At the end of the conference, women were asked to take a survey on how well the conference helped them. Looking over the results, I am pleased to see that the women of the community would like to see more of these conferences. Several letters have come my way telling me how the guest speakers were in helping them to succeed in their lives.

I would like to thank the women who did so much to make this first conference a success including both presenters and participants. I would also appreciate any feedback about how to make the conference even better next year.

Mayor's Office of Volunteerism & Engagement - MOVE

Submitted By Debra Saine

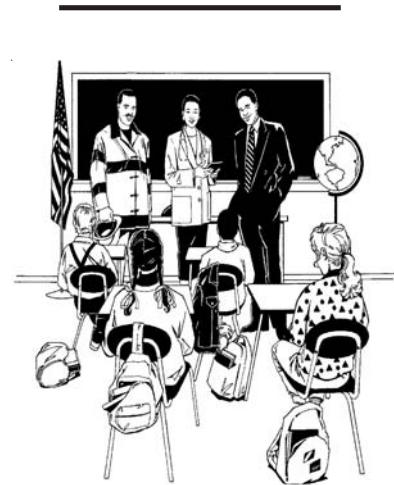
The Mayor's Office of Volunteerism & Engagement (MOVE) serves as a clearinghouse for volunteerism in the greater Albuquerque community. The office partners with its advisory board and other agencies from the private and public sector to promote volunteerism and assist nonprofit agencies with the recruitment, management, and training of volunteers.

MOVE would like to call your attention to one of America's most valuable assets—our volunteers. National Volunteer Week will be held April 15-21, 2007. To emphasize the important role that volunteers play in our community, MOVE surveyed many local nonprofits to find out how many volunteer hours they received in calendar year 2006. Of the 163

nonprofits that responded, a total of 2,005,317 hours were reported, which amounted to more than \$36 million given to the Albuquerque community through volunteerism. These figures are just a sampling of the amount of time dedicated by volunteers since they do not include the hours dedicated by faith-based volunteers, neighborhood associations, school boards, those who volunteer in sports activities, and citizens who volunteer independently rather than through a formalized group.

On another note, the school summer break will be here soon. The City of Albuquerque BioPark is actively recruiting teen volunteers age 14 and older to serve as Nature Guides, Conservation Camp Counselors, and Touchpoolers. For information, go to <www.cabq.gov/biopark>. The Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System is also recruiting volunteers age 12 and older to help with the 2007 Summer Reading Program. For more information, call 505-768-5136 or visit the Library website at <www.cbq.gov/library>. Other volunteer opportunities for youth can be found on the MOVE website at <www.cabq.gov/move> (enter keyword "Youth").

If you would like to learn about short- and long-term volunteer opportunities, please contact Debra Saine at 505-767-5815, OR <dsaine@cabq.gov>, OR better yet, visit <www.cabq.gov/move>.





A Message From Your City Council

Albuquerque's City Council has been hard at work on behalf of the City's residents. Below is a brief summary of some of the efforts and legislations being worked on by each City Councilor:

District 1 – City Councilor Ken Sanchez
Councilor Sanchez has introduced legislation to reduce the fines for getting caught on camera running a red light to be more consistent with the fines if a driver is caught by a police officer. Councilor Sanchez understands the importance of using the tickets to retrain drivers of their bad habits, but, after listening to the voices of his constituents, he also understands that the current, higher fines may be too much for some families to absorb.

District 2 – City Councilor Debbie O'Malley
Council President Debbie O'Malley has worked closely with neighborhoods and developers to solidify universal procedures for 'Big Box' developments. The Large Retail Facility Ordinance, designed to help large retail sites become an asset to both the community and adjoining neighborhoods, is currently in front of the EPC. The EPC expects to make recommendations pertaining to the ordinance at the next EPC meeting in March and will then send these recommendations to the Land Use and Planning and Zoning Committee of the City Council. The Ordinance is currently available on the City Council Web Site at www.cabq.gov/council.com.

District 3 – City Councilor Isaac Benton
Energy Star appliances, low-e windows, better insulation and energy efficient hot water heaters could make Albuquerque a leader in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and addressing global warming. Councilor Benton, along with **Councilors Heinrich and Cadigan**, introduced the High Performance Buildings Ordinance to require all new construction and major renovations to adhere to these inexpensive, higher standards. The legislation adopts the 2006 International Energy Conservation Code, instead of the 2003 code used by the state, allows for LEED-certified projects to have Priority Plan Check Processing at the city level to encourage and

City Council

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

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

expedite energy-efficient construction, and amends the Wood-burning Ordinance to include garbage, paints, paint solvents, treated wood and waste petroleum products as prohibited from being burned.

District 4 – City Councilor Brad Winter
Councilor Winter sponsored a Town Hall meeting on March 6 and listened to constituent concerns and opinions about the red light cameras. Over 150 persons attended and nearly 80 persons shared their opinions and concerns with the Council. Those who strongly support the program and find it flawless as well as those who vehemently oppose it were in the minority. The majority of those who spoke at the Town Hall as well as those who called or wrote in, supported the red light program but had issues including: yellow light timing being too short at red light camera sites; excessive fines and penalties; hearing process flawed; people do not feel that they are receiving due process; difficulty in getting information either by calling or using website; calls not being returned to citizens; unequal distribution of red light cameras in different quadrants of the City; and the need for financial accountability of program. Based on the input heard at the meeting, Councilor Winter is preparing legislation to address citizen issues and concerns.

District 5 – City Councilor Michael Cadigan
Councilor Cadigan was intricately involved in the capital budget process. As a result of negotiations with other councilors, he was able to obtain an additional \$7.66 million in the CIP Floor Substitute for District 5. He succeeded in securing \$5.1 million for a police command station in District 5 and a total of \$2.15 million for the Ventana Ranch Regional Park. He also designated monies for improvements to the Taylor Ranch Library, a new Far Northwest Albuquerque Community Center, and the building of a soccer field at Chamiza Elementary.

District 6 – City Councilor Martin Heinrich
Simply swapping the remaining toilets in Albuquerque to low-flow could save 1 billion gallons of water per year by the year 2024. Councilor Heinrich hopes to reduce some of that waste by requiring all new con-

struction, renovations and property that is sold to have the low-flow toilets and plumbing fixtures installed.


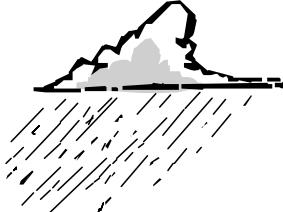
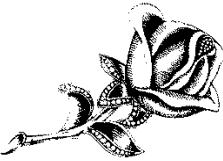
Councilor Heinrich has also introduced legislation to protect archeologically sensitive areas and allow them to be inspected prior to development.

District 7 – City Councilor Sally Mayer
Barking and purring can now be heard at Coronado Center. The next step in Councilor Mayer's struggle to save pets from euthanasia, Lucky Paws, is open. Families can shop for adoptable pets in a friendly environment and take their new family member home with them the same day.

Councilor Mayer also is still fighting to preserve the views and the ambiance of the "Heart of the Heights." She wants to maintain the views of the majestic mountains to the east that her constituents enjoy.

District 8 – City Councilor Craig Loy
Space for the young and the young-at-heart to play and learn from one another is needed in District 8. There is not a full-service community center or a multigenerational center convenient to most of the residents of the area. Councilor Loy has included a multigenerational center in his capital program and has requested funds in the '07 General Obligation bond issue as well as funding from local state legislators. There is \$16 million proposed in the current 2016 Decade Plan and \$1 million was requested for this bond cycle. He also is continuing to work on a district-wide sector plan and will be holding a Town Hall meeting to hear from his constituents soon.

District 9 – City Councilor Don Harris
Most homeowners' and neighborhood associations run well and residents are happy. Some, however, do not. Councilor Harris is fighting to protect the residents in areas where the associations have become out-of-touch with the average resident in the area—associations where the general public is not always aware when meetings are to be held or how to enlist the aid of their association. Councilor Harris has introduced a resolution to create a task force to allow residents a voice if they feel their concerns are not being heard.

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<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, March 21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •District 4 Coalition - 7 p.m. •DRB - 9 a.m. •ADC - 3 p.m. •EPC - Pre-Hearing 1:30 p.m. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, April 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •DRB – 9 a.m. City Council – 5 p.m. •District 7 Coalition – 7 p.m. •Westside Coalition – 7 p.m. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday, April 12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •GWPAB – 8:30 a.m. •TAB – 9 a.m. •Feedback Forum – 11:45 a.m. •POC – 4 p.m. •SVCNA – 6:30 p.m. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday, April 24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •BOA – 9 a.m.
<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday, March 22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •District 8 Coalition - 7 p.m. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday, April 5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •AAB – 9 a.m. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Monday, April 16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •City Council – 5 p.m. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, April 25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •DRB – 9 a.m. •EPC Pre-Hearing – 1:30 p.m. •LEPC – 9 a.m. •SEPC – 9 a.m.
<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday, March 27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •BOA – 9 a.m. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Monday, April 9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •GABAC – 4:30 p.m. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday, April 17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •ZHE – 9 a.m. •GARTC – 4:30 p.m. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday, April 26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •SWAN – 6:30 p.m.
<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, March 28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •DRB – 9 a.m. •LEPC – 9 a.m. •SEPC – 9 a.m. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, April 11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •SEPC – 9 a.m. •AQCB – 5:15 p.m. •DRB – 9 a.m. •LUCC – 3 p.m. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, April 18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •DRB – 9 a.m. •ADC – 3 p.m. •District 4 Coalition – 7 p.m. 	
<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday, March 29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •SWAN – 6 p.m. 			

2007 CALENDAR LEGEND

- AAB** - Airport Advisory Board, Aviation Department Executive Conference Room
- ACTMI** - Advisory Committee on Transit for the Mobility Impaired - Sun Van Conference Room, 601 Yale SE
- ADC** - Albuquerque Development Commission - Hearing Room, Basement Level, Plaza del Sol, 600 Second Street NW
- AQCB** - Air Quality Control Board, Council Commission Chambers, Basement Level, City Hall
- BOA** - Board of Appeals, Plaza del Sol Hearing Room, Basement Level, 600 Second St. NW
- City Council** - Council/Commission Chambers, Basement Level, City Hall
- District 4 Coalition** - Fire Station 20, 7520 Corona NE
- District 6 Coalition** - Cesar Chavez Community Center, 7505 Kathryn SE
- District 7 Coalition** - Sandia High School, Teacher’s Lounge, 7801 Candelaria NE
- District 8 Coalition** - James Joseph Dwyer Memorial Substation, 12700 Montgomery NE
- DRB** -Development Review Board, Plaza del Sol Hearing Room, 600 Second Street NW, Basement Level
- EPC** - Environmental Planning Commission, Plaza del Sol Hearing Room, 600 Second St. NW, Basement Level
- EPC Pre-Hearing** - Environmental Planning Commission, Plaza del Sol, 600 Second St. NW, Third Fl. Conf. Room
- EPC Study Session** - Environmental Planning Commission, Plaza del Sol, 600 Second St. NW, Third Fl. Conf. Room
- FBF** - FeedBack Forum, Planning Department, Plaza del Sol, 600 Second St. NW, Hearing Room, Basement Level
- GABAC** - Greater Albuquerque Bicycling Advisory Committee, City Hall, Room 302
- GARTC** - Greater Albuquerque Recreational Trails Committee - Locations vary, call **505-768-5308** for information
- GWPAB** - Ground Water Protection Advisory Board - Room 302 City/County Building, 400 Marquette NW
- LEPC** - Local Emergency Planning Committee - 11510 Sunset Gardens SW, **505-833-7300** or <www.lepcabqbernc.org> for more info.
- LUCC** - Landmarks and Urban Conservation Commission, Plaza del Sol Hearing Room, 600 Second St. NW, Basement Level
- North Valley Coalition** - Los Griegos Multi-Service Center, 1231 Candelaria NW
- POC** - Police Oversight Commission, City/County Building, Lower Level, 1 Civic Plaza, 5th and Marquette
- SEPC** - Special Event Permitting Committee - 6th floor, Cultural Services Department Conference Room, City Hall, 5th and Marquette
- SVCNA** - South Valley Coalition of Neighborhoods Associations - South Valley BSCO Sheriff’s Substation, 2039 Isleta SW
- SWAN** - South West Alliance of Neighborhoods, Alamosa Multi-Service Center, 6900 Gonzales SW
- TAB** - Transit Advisory Board - Sun Van Conference Room, 601 Yale SE
- Westside Coalition** - Taylor Ranch Community Center, 4900 Kachina NW
- ZHE** - Zoning Hearing Examiner, Plaza del Sol Hearing Room, Basement Level, 600 Second St. NW

EPC Hearing Notice

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

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

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

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

On the 2nd Thursday of each month, the EPC has a Study Session to review the applications scheduled for the all-day public hearing which occurs on the **3rd Thursday of each month**. As with the Public Hearing, **the public is invited** to attend the Study Sessions; however, Study Sessions do not provide an open forum. Discussion is limited to staff and the EPC. Study Sessions regularly begin at **4 p.m.** in the Plaza del Sol Hearing Room. Please call the Planning Department at **505-924-3860** to confirm the Study Session schedule as adjustments are made occasionally.

Please note that the **Pre-Hearing Meeting** will be held on **Wednesday, February 21, 2007 at 1:30 p.m.** in the Planning Conference Room, Third Floor. The **EPC Public Hearing** will be held on **Thursday, March 15, 2007 at 8:30 a.m.** in the **Plaza del Sol Hearing Room (basement level), 600 Second Street NW** for the following cases:

Citywide

All Neighborhoods; 07EPC-0170, Project #1001620; The Planning Department of the City of Albuquerque, is proposing an Amendment to Section 14-16-4-2, a portion of the Zoning Code to change the requirements for approval of a Variance; Stephanie Shumsky at **505-924-3933**.

All Neighborhoods; 07EPC-00201, Project #1001620 and 07EPC-00202, Project #1004831; The Planning Department of the City of Albuquerque, is proposing an Amendment to Section 14-16-1-5, a portion of the Comprehensive Zoning Code and Section 14-14-3-4, a portion of the Subdivision Ordinance associated with a proposed Albuquerque Archaeological Ordinance (O-07-72); Catalina Lehner at **505-924-3935**.

Northeast

Wildflower Area, Alameda North Valley, North Edith Corridor (neighborhood association); 07EPC-00244, Project #1000363 (case #'s); Located on the west side of Balloon Museum Drive NE between Jefferson Street NE and Alameda Boulevard NE (**location of request**); B-17 (**zone atlas page #**); Studio Southwest Architects at **505-843-9639**, agent for City of Albuquerque, Department of Municipal Development (**applicant or agency and phone #**); Requests a Master Development Plan Approval for a reflecting pool at the Anderson Abruzzo Balloon Museum at Balloon Fiesta Park (**action requested**); Carol Toffaleti at **505-924-3345 (city staff planner)**.

Northwest

West Bluff; 07EPC-00226, Project #1005396; Located on the east side of Coors Boulevard NW between Quail Road NW and Pheasant Avenue NW; G-11; Anissa Construction Inc. at **505-250-5434**, agent for M&F ACHO; Requests approval of a EPC Site Development Plan for Building Permit for a proposed 4,200 sq. ft. garage with two interior wash bays; Catalina Lehner at **505-924-3935**.

Riverfronte Estates; 07EPC-00246, Project #1001206; Located on the southeast corner of Valley View Drive NW between Paseo Del Norte NW and Valley View Place NW; C-13; Consensus Planning, Inc. at **505-764-9801**, agent for Alfred Sanchez III; Requests approval of an EPC Site Development Plan for Building Permit for a proposed 16, 000 square foot two (2) story office building; Anna DiMambro at **505-924-3924**.

Piedras Marcadas, Eagle Ranch, Paradise Hills, Las Terrazas, Taylor Ranch, Rancho Sereno; 07EPC-00255, Project #1000762; Located on the north side of Paseo Del Norte NW between Richland Hills Road NW; C-12; Golden Associates, LLC at **505-898-0321**, agent for First Baptist Church; Requests approval of an Zone Map Amendment from SU-1 IP Uses with Exceptions to SU-1 PDA to include C-3 Uses for the First Baptist Church; Stephanie Shumsky at **505-924-3933**.

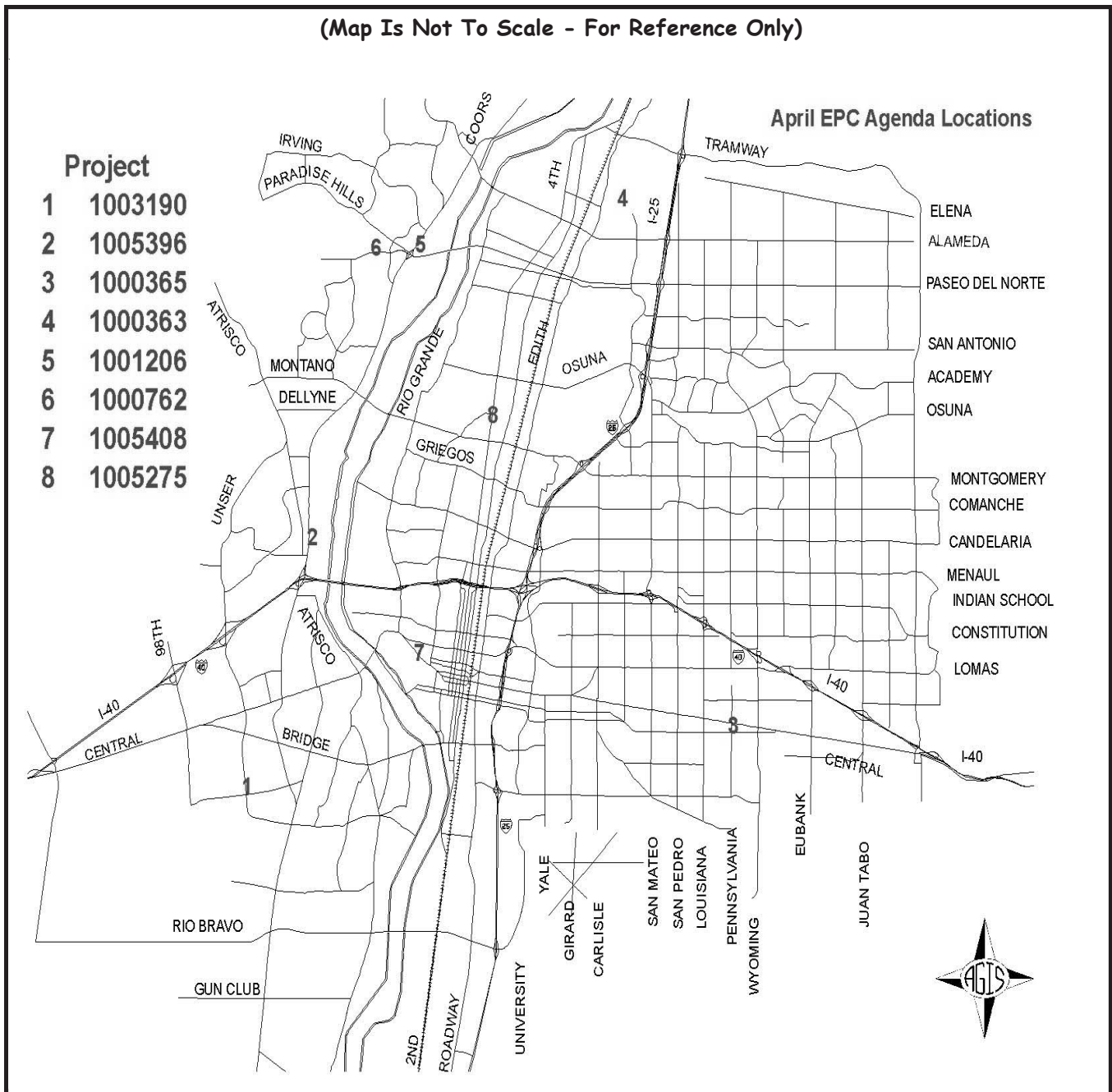
Downtown, Huning Castle; 07EPC-00256, Project #1005408; Located on the north side of Central Avenue NW between 14th Street NW and Laguna Boulevard NW; J-13; Joshua Skarsgard at **505-998-9094**, agent for Cibola Energy Corporation; Requests approval of an EPC Sector Development Plan to the Downtown Neighborhood Area Sector Plan; Carol Toffaleti at **505-924-3345**.

Southeast

Trumbull Village; 07EPC-00241, Project #1000365; Located on the west side of Rhode Island Street SE between Central Avenue SE and Zuni Road SE; K-19; Masterworks Architects, Inc. at **505-242-1866**, agent for Tuan Van Huynh; Requests approval of a Zone Map Amendment from SU-1/C-1 Vehicles Sales to R-LT Townhomes for a proposed six (6) two (2) unit townhomes; Anna DiMambro at **505-924-3924**.

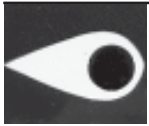
Southwest

Stinson Tower, Westgate Heights, Westside Merchants; 07EPC-00220 and 00221, Project #1003190; Located on the east side of Unser Boulevard SW between Sage Road SW and San Ygnacio Road SW; L-10; Consensus Planning, Inc. at **505-764-9801**, agent for Unser Boulevard Investors Partnership; Requests approval of a Zone Map Amendment from RD/R-1 to C-1 and a EPC Sector Development Plan to the Tower Unser Sector Development Plan; Anna DiMambro at **505-924-3924**.



CITY SCOOP

News From City Departments



APD Crime Prevention

505-924-3600

Submitted By Steve Sink



Auto Theft Prevention

Auto theft is a problem for all Americans, but the citizens of New Mexico face a particular issue that affects our auto theft rate. Due to the fact that we are adjacent to an International Border, we are always ranked high on the list for theft rates. Typically, vehicles are stolen for one of four reasons. They are used to joy ride, sell for parts, commit a crime or driven across the border for resale. Also, more than 2/3 of all auto thefts take place at night between the hours of 1 a.m. and 5 a.m. and over half occur in residential areas including apartment complexes. You can take a variety of steps to insure that you are not a victim of auto theft. Observe the following tips to reduce the chances of your vehicle from being stolen.

- Always roll up your windows, lock the doors, and take the key even if you will be away for a short time.
- Never leave your car running in front of a convenient store or other public area, including in front of your house. Warming up your car in the morning during the winter can make you more vulnerable.
- Park your vehicle in a garage (if possible) or in an area with adequate lighting and good natural surveillance.
- If you put your vehicle in for repairs or in a commercial lot, only leave the ignition key.
- Keep valuables in the trunk or out of site. Don't give a car thief a reason to break in.
- Purchase stereo equipment and other electronic devices that can be removed.

Theft Prevention Device: After years of false alarms, people have stopped paying attention to alarms. Any serious anti-theft device must do more than just make noise. If you want an audio alarm; use it in conjunction with other forms of prevention.

- Kill switch** is a simple toggle device that shuts off the engine's ignition system.
- Steering wheel locks** are visible from outside the car and prevent the steering wheel from being turned more than a few degrees.
- Collars** are devices that prevent the steering column from being stripped.
- Brake locks** prevent the brake from being engaged and therefore the transmission cannot be removed from the park position.

Wheel locks prevent the vehicle from being moved in any direction.

Etching vehicle parts with your VIN number can also be a deterrent. Professional thieves shy away from vehicles that have had the vehicle identification number (VIN) etched into the doors, windows, windshield, engine block, and other parts.

Carjacking has become an easy way to steal vehicles, especially newer model large luxury cars and sport utility vehicles that have alarms and state-of-the-art anti-theft devices. As with any crime, criminals are looking for the path of least resistance. Avoid being a victim of this type of crime by observing the following tips:

- Always drive with windows rolled up and doors locked
- Be aware of you surroundings when stopped at a traffic signal, parking lot, gas station, etc.
- When stopped at a signal, leave space in front of you to allow for evasive action and be prepared to carefully drive away
- Take note of people approaching your vehicle for any reason
- Prior to entering your car – if someone is loitering near the area, keep walking and seek help
- Be alert at a drive-up ATM
- If all else fails – don't resist

The goal in preventing auto theft is to establish multiple layers of protection for your vehicle. Thieves are looking for the path of least resistance. Although no method is foolproof, consider where you park, theft prevention devices, and etching. However, spending money on anti-theft devices does not help if drivers don't follow the basic precaution of locking their cars, taking the key, and activating the anti-theft device.

Auto Theft Prevention and Window Etching Fair

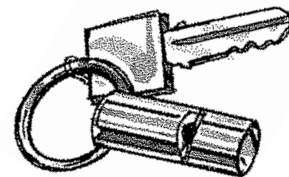
Auto theft rates in the city of Albuquerque have increased 42% during the last year. Thieves steal an average of 600-700 vehicles each month. Do these figures make you want to take steps to protect your vehicle? A multi-jurisdictional effort is underway to help reduce the risk of auto theft. Two Auto Theft Prevention and Window Etching Fairs are scheduled this month.

Saturday, March 24 at the Target parking lot at 9371 Coors Boulevard NW (Coors and Paseo Del Norte) from **10 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

Sunday, March 25 at the Target parking lot at 6100 Paseo Del Norte NE (I-25 and Paseo Del Norte) from **10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

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 vehicle and reselling the parts. Law enforcement and auto theft prevention personnel will also be available to demonstrate products and provide additional advice on how to keep your vehicle from being stolen.

The Auto Theft Prevention and Window Etching Fair's are co-sponsored by the Albuquerque Police Department, Bernalillo County Sheriffs Department, the NM State Police and the NM Auto Theft Prevention Coalition. The best way to prevent your vehicle from being stolen is to layer your protection. Plan to join us on **Saturday, March 24** or **Sunday, March 25** to help reduce the risk of auto theft in Albuquerque.





Submitted By John Stomp

San Juan/Chama Update

Are you ready for a taste of the future? The Albuquerque



Water Utility Authority will make samples of treated surface water available at no charge to neighborhood associations beginning next month.

Because San Juan-Chama water comes from a different source and process than we're used to, these samples are being distributed so that you can taste the difference.

We want to make sure everyone has an opportunity to taste this water, so that the difference will not be a surprise when the project becomes fully operational in 2008.

For more information or to request free water samples for any neighborhood association meetings scheduled in **April 2007 or later**, please contact David Morris at **505-768-2506**.

Meanwhile, construction continues on the San Juan Chama Drinking Water Project. Crews are working hard to install large diameter water pipelines; however, it is important to know that construction must shut down when winds reach 30 miles per hour or more in an effort to control dust. Especially during this windy season, you may notice trucks spraying water on large piles of dirt at various job sites to cut down on blowing dust. Below is a list of anticipated construction areas this month; however **all** construction is scheduled weather permitting.

NORTHEAST QUADRANT OF ALBUQUERQUE

Chappell Drive NE between Singer Avenue NE and Renaissance Boulevard NE

Crews on Raw Water #2 have finished laying pipeline on Chappell Drive NE. Chappell Drive NE is now fully open to all traffic. Crews are laying pipeline heading south from the South Pino Inlet toward Osuna Road NE and traffic is not affected at this time. Once the tunnel under Osuna Road NE begins, increased activity on each side of Osuna Road NE will be noticeable but traffic should not be impacted. The bike path east of Chappell Drive between Singer Avenue NE and Osuna Road NE will be detoured to a newly constructed temporary bike path on the west side of the North Diversion Channel. Once the pipeline crosses Osuna Road, the temporary bike path detour will remain on the west side of the North Diversion Channel almost until the end of construction activities.

Haines Avenue NE between Alvarado Drive NE and San Pedro Drive NE

Haines Avenue NE is currently closed to through traffic from just east of Alvarado Drive NE to just west of San Pedro Drive NE for continuing construction on the Charles Wells Pipeline.

Access will be maintained to all local businesses and residences. Motorists can use Indian School Road NE, Alvarado Drive NE and Hannett Avenue NE as alternate routes.

McKinney Drive NE between Forest Hills Drive NE and Harper Drive NE

As part of the Coronado pipeline, crews have finished laying pipeline on the north side of McKinney Drive NE and have paved the disturbed area between Forest Hills Drive NE and Harper Drive NE. Cleanup continues and striping is scheduled to be completed soon. All lanes of traffic are open north of Harper Drive NE.

McKinney Drive NE between Harper Drive NE and Academy NE

Crews completed laying pipeline cross Harper Drive NE and are continuing south on McKinney Drive NE. Only southbound traffic is allowed on McKinney Drive NE between Cathy Avenue NE and Academy Road NE through late March. Motorists should use San Mateo Boulevard NE or Burlison Drive NE as alternative routes. As crews cross streets and drive-ways with the pipeline, they will coordinate with residents and businesses in advance. Anyone in this area who has special access concerns should call **Shannon Harris at 505-681-9134**.

Phoenix Avenue NE and Chama Street NE

As part of the Charles Wells Pipeline, the intersection of Phoenix Avenue NE and Chama Street NE is completely closed while crews complete curb, gutter, and sidewalk work. Phoenix Avenue NE is closed to Alcazar Street NE. In addition, Chama Street NE is closed for 200 feet north of Menaul Boulevard NE. Traffic on Menaul Boulevard NE is not affected. Motorists can use Claremont Avenue NE, Mesilla Street NE, and Menaul Boulevard NE as alternate routes. Paving is scheduled to take place early in March 2007.

San Pedro Drive NE between Phoenix Avenue NE and Menaul Boulevard NE

One lane of southbound traffic only is allowed on San Pedro Drive NE from Phoenix Avenue NE to just north of Menaul Boulevard NE. Northbound motorists can use Louisiana Boulevard NE or San Mateo Boulevard NE as alternate routes. Crews are scheduled to pave this section of roadway in mid-March 2007. Before this area can be opened to traffic, crews must complete curbs, gutters, sidewalks and general clean-up. This work for the Charles Wells Pipeline is expected to last through early April 2007.

San Pedro Drive NE between Menaul Boulevard NE and north of I-40

Also as part of the Charles Wells Pipeline, traffic is shifted to the southbound lanes with at least one lane of traffic open in each direction. Crews have finished installing the pipeline on the eastside of San Pedro Drive NE between Menaul Boulevard NE and north of Uptown NE. They are preparing the area for paving, which is expected to take place in early March 2007. Motorists can use Louisiana Boulevard NE or San Mateo Boulevard NE as alternate routes.

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San Pedro Drive NE between Palomas Avenue NE and Pino Avenue NE

There is a total closure of the northbound lanes on San Pedro Drive NE between Palomas Avenue NE and south of Pino Avenue NE as part of the Coronado Pipeline. Southbound traffic only is permitted between Palomas Avenue NW and Pino Avenue NE. Beginning March 5, 2007, the intersection of San Pedro NE and Pino Avenue NE will be completely closed. This work is expected to last through approximately March 18 in order for crews to relocate some existing utilities and lay 30" diameter pipeline across the intersection. Motorists can use Louisiana Boulevard NE or the I-25 northbound frontage road as alternate routes.

NORTHWEST QUADRANT OF ALBUQUERQUE

Atrisco Drive NW between St. Joseph's/Ladera and Western Trail NW

Crews are working on asphalt repairs on Atrisco Drive NW. During re-paving activities, traffic will be shifted as needed with flaggers on-site as necessary. Motorists may experience some delays and can use Unser Boulevard NW or Coors Boulevard NW as alternate routes.

Campbell Road NW between Trellis Drive NW and Rio Grande Boulevard NW

Crews are working on the north side of Campbell Road NW as part of the West Valley Pipeline. During working and non-working hours, one lane will be maintained for eastbound traffic only. Westbound traffic will be detoured north on Rio Grande Boulevard NW, west on Candelaria Road NW, and south on Trellis Drive NW. Flaggers will be on hand to control eastbound traffic along Campbell Road NW near the construction zone as needed. **Residents should expect delays.**

Campbell Road NW west of Trellis Drive NW to the Rio Grande River

Crews have completed installation of the large pipeline on the north side of Campbell Road NW but will continue working on vaults in this area as part of the West Valley Pipeline. Two lanes of traffic are open west of Trellis Drive NW to the Bosque.

Candelaria Road NE between the Railroad Tracks and Second Street NW

As part of the East Valley Pipeline, crews have completed the pipeline installation on Candelaria Road NW between the railroad tracks and Second Street NW. Concrete paving and restriping on Candelaria is scheduled to be completed by early to mid-March. Traffic control will be in place on Candelaria Road NW until final work has been completed. Motorists may experience some delays and can use Menaul Boulevard NE as an alternate route.

Edith Boulevard NE between Carmony Lane NE and the Nikanda Road NE

Also as part of the East Valley Pipeline crews have completed pipeline installation in this area and are expected to finish re-paving Edith Boulevard NE by early to mid-March 2007. Traffic is shifted to the west side of the roadway, as needed, with one lane of traffic open in each direction.

Raw Water Pump Station (Northwest corner of Alameda Open Space)

Construction is continuing on the Raw Water Pump Station. Traffic on Rio Grande Boulevard NW may be occasionally delayed for short amounts of time to allow concrete trucks to enter and exit the construction area. While no other traffic impacts are expected, area residents and visitors to the Alameda Open Space may notice ongoing construction activity.

Second Street NW between Candelaria Road NE and south of Mildred Avenue NW

Crews have begun laying pipeline on Second Street NW south of Candelaria Road NW as part of the East Valley Pipeline. Traffic along Second Street NW will be shifted in phases as work progresses. Barriers will be removed as work continues south. All motorists should expect occasional delays and can use Menaul Boulevard NE or Fourth Street NW as alternate routes. The pipeline will be laid in the center of Second Street NW and then in the west half of Second Street NW working from north to south.

Unser Boulevard NW between Western Trail NW and Dellyne Avenue NW

As part of the Volcano pipeline, crews have completed pipeline installation. Unser Boulevard NW may have northbound lane drops from **9 a.m. – 3 p.m. daily Monday – Saturday** until median landscaping is complete. There may also be some asphalt repairs on Unser Boulevard NW between Western Trail NW and Montano Boulevard NW and Atrisco Road NW between St. Joseph's/Ladera NW and Legends NW. Traffic will be shifted as needed with at least one lane of traffic open in each direction.

For More Information or to Schedule a Presentation

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



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Wastewater Utility

Submitted By Brynda Gutierrez



Sewer Use and Wastewater Control Ordinance Changes -GREASE

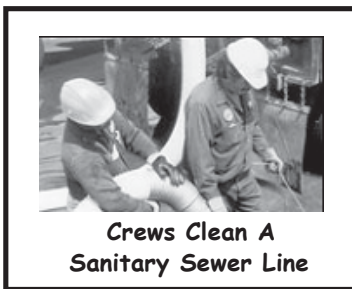
The Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority recently adopted a new **Sewer Use and Wastewater Control Ordinance**. The purpose of the **Sewer Use and Wastewater Control Ordinance** is to protect the Rio Grande, the collection system (sewer pipes), the wastewater reclamation plant, preserve water quality in Albuquerque and Bernalillo County, and enforce EPA regulations.

One of the changes in the new Ordinance is that all restaurants that generate grease are now required to install grease traps. In the past some older restaurants did not have grease traps and were not required to install one. Another change is that restaurants that have an undersized grease traps will have to size their grease traps to meet Code Administration requirements. Undersized grease traps can allow grease and food solids to be discharged to the sanitary sewer system. Please contact the Water Utility's Industrial Waste Engineer at **505-873-7047** for new size specifications for grease traps. Restaurants will have five years to comply with the new **Sewer Use Ordinance and Wastewater Control Ordinance**.

Why is grease such a problem in the Sanitary Sewer System? Sewage overflows from sewer manholes are often caused by grease blockages. Grease buildup in main sewer lines is a major cause in mainline stoppages creating a potential for property damage. Overflows in areas with high pedestrian traffic may increase the risk to public health and safety. In addition, grease causes operational problems at the Southside Water Reclamation Plant (SWRP).

The Water Reclamation Division's Industrial Pretreatment and Pollution Prevention (p2) Program will also be working to educate residents, particularly apartment dwellers to reduce grease. The Water Reclamation Division's Line Maintenance section has collected data that indicates apartment dwellers are contributing a large percentage of the grease that has been found in the sanitary sewer system.

Please call the Industrial Pretreatment section at **505-873-7047**, or **505-873-7032** for more information on the new **Sewer Use and Wastewater Control Ordinance**, or if you have questions about if your restaurant generates enough grease that these regulations apply to your establishment. Residents or restaurants interested in best management practices for managing grease can contact the p2 Program at **505-873-7058**.



Crews Clean A Sanitary Sewer Line

Legal

Alternative Dispute Resolution

Submitted By Naomi Prada



What is the Land Use ADR Program?

The Land Use Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Program is a **voluntary** opportunity to share information, answer questions, identify potential issues, and for developers and neighborhoods to work together to resolve any potential issues through a facilitated meeting process.

Benefits of the program:

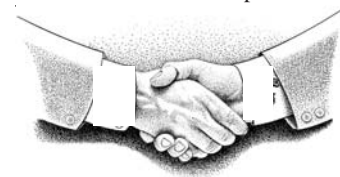
The Land Use ADR Program was designed to provide the following benefits to Neighborhoods and Land Use Applicants:

- An opportunity for the Neighborhood to ask questions and obtain information about the proposed application.
- An opportunity for Applicants to learn about Neighborhood opinions about the project.
- Use of professional facilitators who:
 - Are trained to lead groups through substantive discussions involving multiple points of view, are not City employees and do not have any stake in the outcome of the project,
 - encourage participation from everyone at the meeting,
 - maintain an environment for productive discussion and possible resolution of concerns, and
 - record meeting participant's thoughts, concerns and summarize points of agreement and disagreement in a Facilitated Meeting Report.
- The Planning Department Hearing Boards utilize the Facilitated Meeting Report in considering the concerns, questions, and issues of meeting participants within the context of City Plans, Policies and Ordinances.

Program Process:

Step 1: The ADR Office works with the Office of Neighborhood Coordination, Planning Department Representatives and Applicants and Neighbors to determine the potential need for a Facilitated Meeting. **Step 2:** A neutral facilitator is assigned. **Step 3:** The facilitator will contact the Applicant, as well as, the two official contacts of the affected "Recognized" Neighborhood Associations to determine if there is interest in a facilitated meeting. **Step 4:** If there is interest in a Facilitated Meeting, the facilitator arranges the meeting time, date and location agreeable to the majority of parties. **Step 5:** The facilitator will set an agenda that includes time for the applicant to give a presentation about the proposed application and an interactive segment for answering questions, clarification of issues, and discussion of potential recommendations and agreements. **Step 6:** The facilitator generates a report that includes a summary of the meeting and its outcome. The report will note areas of agreement and issues that remain unresolved.

The City of Albuquerque offers the Land Use ADR Program **free of charge** once the application fee has been filed. If you would like more information please contact the Alternative Dispute Resolution Office at **505-768-4500**.



Environmental Health, Animal Care Center

*Submitted By Anna M. Sanchez,
Marketing Manager, City Animal Care Center*

**Lucky Paws Brings New Experience
to Adopting a Pet**

Mayor Martin J. Chavez and the City of Albuquerque are happy to announce the opening of Lucky Paws in Coronado Mall, the first pet adoption center in a retail environment. Lucky Paws is a 3,000 square foot adoption facility which will provide a friendly, state of the art adoption center as an alternative to visiting the City Animal Shelter.

Lucky Paws is customer service oriented in helping place people with the right pet for their household. The adoption center will feature 37 adoptable pets, including dogs, cats and sometimes exotic animals. All pets are microchipped, sterilized and vaccinated, making the adoption process simple and convenient. These pets live at the mall location, thus increasing their chances of adoption. With cat condos and large dog kennels, the public has an opportunity to have close interaction with the pet of their choice before adopting. Stop by Lucky Paws on your next visit to Coronado Mall and you make walk out with your next best friend!

To learn more about Lucky Paws and all the exciting opportunities of the City of Albuquerque Animal Care Center, visit our website <www.cabq.gov/pets> or call 311.

Cultural Services, Special Events Section

Submitted By Linda Hubley

**Albuquerque Celebrates 301 Birthday!
Fiestas de Albuquerque (1706 - 2007)
and Founder's Day Parade**

The Cultural Services Department/Special Events Section will be celebrating the City's 301st birthday with a FREE two-day event, taking place on **Saturday and Sunday, April 21-22** from 12 noon to 5 p.m. Festivities will be held at Tiguex Park, located at the corner of Mountain Road NW and Nineteenth Street NW (across from the Albuquerque Museum). The "Fiestas de Albuquerque offers an opportunity for Albuquerqueans to celebrate our rich history and unique cultural diversity. This celebration is planned with community in mind. There is something for everyone, so bring your family, friends, and neighbors to enjoy the festivities. This celebration is being held in conjunction with the Cosmic Carnival, a **FREE Family Science Festival on National Astronomy Day, Saturday, April 21**, featuring telescopes and hands-on-science activities.

The Fiestas de Albuquerque two-day celebration will feature activities for all ages:

- Live musical and dance performances
- Fun jumps
- Face painting
- Juggling/magic
- Lots of great food

Main Stage Entertainment Schedule

Saturday, April 21, 2007

Noon – 1 p.m.	Memphis P. Tails
1 p.m. – 2 p.m.	Bill Hearne's Roadhouse Review
2 p.m. – 3 p.m.	Manzanares
3 p.m. – 4 p.m.	Micky Cruz
4 p.m. – 5 p.m.	Cadillac Bob and the Rhinestones

Sunday, April 22, 2007

Noon – 1 p.m.	TBD
1 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Baila Baila
1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Anexo al Norte
2:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.	High Desert Dancers
3 p.m. – 4 p.m.	Cuarenta Y Cinco
4 p.m. – 5 p.m.	Robbie Jude

Saturday, April 21, 2007

11 a.m. – **Founder's Day Parade** - The City's birthday will begin with the Annual Founder's Day Parade. Participants from throughout the city will highlight Albuquerque's proud and distinguished history representing the Native American, Spanish Colonial, Mexican, Territorial, and Statehood eras. The parade will include floats, musical and marching bands, horse/riding groups, antique cars, and much more. Parade route: South on Rio Grande Boulevard NW from Bellamah NW to Romero Street NW, around the Old Town Plaza, San Felipe Street NW to Mountain Road NW and east past Tiguex Park. The parade can be viewed from the Old Town Plaza or Tiguex Park. **Parade entries are being accepted up until April 9, 2007.** Visit www.cabq.gov/crs/specialevents.html to download an application. For more information please call **505-768-3556**, 311 or visit <www.cabq.gov/crs/specialevents.html>.



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