

Avalon - Inside Out

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"It's The Real Thing" - SW Central in Albuquerque - Route 66

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Increasing Communication Between Neighborhood Associations.”



NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS/NEW OFFICERS

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

Neighborhood Association

Antelope Run
Chelwood Vista
Crestview Heights
Greater Gardner
Siesta Hills
Spruce Park
Tanoan Comm. East
Victory Hills

“Welcome” to Incoming President

Amy Smith
Larry Phillips
Colleen White
Kyle Silfer
Leo Bridge
Daniel Laird
Kevin Powers
Feroza Jussawalla

“Thanks” to Outgoing President

Tony Bull
Larry Williams
Matt Forslund
Susan McAllister
Kathy Jones
Rhonda Reynolds
Alexa Tysseling
Steve Schroeder

NEW NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION(S)

NONE AT THIS TIME

Just a Reminder: We will need the original Annual Report AND a copy of the announcement of your Annual Meeting submitted to our office **before** your Annual Report will be approved for the year. Please call Dalaina at **505-924-3906** for further information. Please make sure that you have the correct addresses listed for your officers on your Annual Report. Annual Reports for the following months are due:

May Annual Reports are due:	August 1, 2006
June Annual Reports are due:	September 1, 2006
July Annual Reports are due:	October 1, 2006

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

Thank you.

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

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

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

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

Cash For Your Association!

Interested in beautifying your neighborhood?

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

Across The City



Metro Court



Mediation Program Celebrates 20 Years



Mediation Director Susan Barnes-Anderson and members of her staff, Anna Nevarez and Renee Valdez are celebrating the division's twentieth anniversary at the Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court.



Renee Valdez assists a customer in filling out paperwork for a pro se filing at Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court.

The division members estimate that they have helped resolve some 17,000 cases since mediation was introduced in the court in 1986.

WIN \$\$\$ FOR YOUR ASSOCIATION OR NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

National Night Out
Tuesday, August 1, 2006
Call 505-924-3914 or
505-924-3600

For More Information.

DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER BY
FRIDAY, JULY 28, 2006



Our purpose is to help the city revitalize the West Central corridor. Our roadmap is tied to the West Central Metropolitan Redevelopment Area (WCMRA) and covers an area from Central and the river west to Unser, Unser to I-40 and Old Coors from Central to Bridge SW.



We are a group of hard-working community leaders, residents and business people who have come together to achieve our goal and to make West Central a vibrant, thriving entertainment and business area. Our membership includes presidents of 13 Westside and South Valley neighborhood associations, area merchants and other neighborhood leaders.

AND

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

Live entertainment from the "godfather of New Mexico music", Al Hurricane and his son, Al Hurricane Jr. and lots of other local, community entertainment. Concessions provided by local businesses will be there - bring your umbrellas and lawn chairs.

Thanks to our Sponsors

- South West Alliance of Neighbors (SWAN)
- Alamosa Neighborhood Association
- Crestview Bluff Neighborhood Association
- Los Altos Civic Association
- Skyview West Neighborhood Association
- Stinson Tower
- Neighborhood Association
- Vecinos del Bosque Neighborhood Association
- Westgate Heights Neighborhood Association
- West Mesa Neighborhood Association
- Westside Merchants Association
- Youth Development Incorporated

Be part of the Fun at THINK BIG!

(This is a *free, non-alcoholic* event for all ages)

NEIGHBORHOOD SCOOP

Avalon Neighborhood Association ACROSS THE FENCE



Submitted By Susan Vigil

Tractors and bulldozers, a cosmos of new neighborhoods reaching to prospects beyond the Double Eagle Airport describe Albuquerque's Southwest Central developments. West of Unser and north of Central, Avalon Neighborhood Association epitomizes the character of new South Central neighborhoods.

Constructed six years ago, Avalon features handsome and affordable homes. Its boundaries include 350 new homes and four gated, landscaped mobile home parks. The Avalon census tract approximates the median resident age at 30.4 years old, with 3.1 residents/household. These numbers indicate that predominantly young families with school age children reside in Avalon (West Central Metropolitan Redevelopment Plan, p.13). Following a year of dissolution, Avalon Neighborhood Association re-organized through the City of Albuquerque's Office of Neighborhood Coordination. They elected new officers and rallied community support. Forty-five (45) people attended their most recent association meeting! According to Miguel Maestas, Avalon's Neighborhood Association president, "The most important thing for us is to have a mechanism that involves us in the process. Development is taking place quickly in and around our neighborhood... If we are organized, it ensures development is in our neighborhood's best interest." The Association's city recognition further facilitates Avalon's participation in the South West Alliance of Neighbors (SWAN), and the West Central Community Redevelopment Group (WCCRG).

In the blast of Louis Armstrong's trumpet and shine of Hollywood's cameras, Central Avenue was on route to the Western United States. Touring in their new Chevy's, travelers marveled at New Mexico's treeless landscape and bold geography. They rested at the El Vado Motel, now 60 years old and settled into the earth of the Rio Grande Valley. The historic El Vado motel and other dilapidated structures, low commercial and high criminal activity began to deface south Route 66. The City of Albuquerque is taking action. The West Central

Redevelopment Act (WCRA), administered by Albuquerque Metropolitan Redevelopment Department and funded through the General Fund Community and Local Economic Development Reserve, provides economic and infrastructure support for the south Central area. Avalon encircles Atrisco Business Park,



zoned light-industrial and a primary component of the WCRA. Avalon wants "traffic considerations taken into account, a buffer zone and smooth transitions and landscaping..." designed into the park. To enhance West Central's character, as well as commercial viability, the City is building gateway features across Central and plans to improve streetscapes along Unser. The Central and Coors intersection roof-top radius count indicates an unsustainable consumer base for franchise establishments without accounting for demand from Westgate and the South Valley. Proving the area's commercial viability, the WCCRG partnered with Mayor Martin J. Chávez to refurbish the neighborhood K-Mart, locating a Verizon Wireless Communication in the new storefront and bringing 1400 new jobs to Albuquerque's Westside. Non stop business at the area's new Dions and Carl Jr's testify to the dedication of WCCRG. The WCCRG uses Dions' success as a model to attract more family establishments. In addition to these amenities, at the intersection of Coors and Unser, a ABQ Rapid Ride station busily transports people across the river. The Atrisco Industrial Park will soon include an Eclipse, TemperPedic, and a

Shamrock Foods factory. "We see the ABQ Park and Ride coming in and Verizon Wireless - those are positive things we want to build on," Miguel beams.

Continue to build they will. Undeniably, the southwest side of Albuquerque is under construction. Miguel explains, "More than worrying about too many people, or too many low income housing units, what we really want is for infrastructure to catch up with development. Young families are buying these houses because they are affordable, but the services for these families like parks, schools, libraries, emergency services, police, and infrastructure are years behind." Avalon houses, similar to Los Angeles style homes have small yards and big living quarters. There are 100's of children growing up in Avalon with no place to play outdoors. As a recognized neighborhood association with the City, Avalon will be having a City park constructed in their neighborhood beginning in November. Southwest Albuquerque also faces overcrowded schools and unequal access to facilities. The new Jimmy Carter Middle School alleviates some of Avalon's growing pains. In the upcoming year, 1300 children will attend the new middle school. Before its construction, these 1300 children were bused across I-40 to Painted Sky Elementary on the West side of Unser Boulevard NW and 98th Street NW. Miguel states simply, "We want our children to have equity first, parks, safety and traffic measures." Given their resources, APD's Westside Area Command responds quickly to Avalon's traffic and crime concerns; however, Avalon maintains protection from crime is also the responsibility of the community. Accordingly the association establishes neighborhood watches within their boundaries.

The neatly tended avenues and houses, enthusiastic participation and attitudes of Albuquerque's Southwest communities demonstrate the area's potential. Avalon Neighborhood Association's positive efforts contribute to the revitalization of Historic Route 66 and sustainability of new Westside neighborhoods, propelling us into Albuquerque's prosperous future.

NEIGHBORHOOD SCOOP continued



From The Manager's Desk By Herb Howell

Is Your Neighborhood Back In The Action?

Teachers tell me it is too soon to think of the coming autumn season and the return to school. However, this is the time of year when most neighborhood associations and district coalitions take a month or two off from their regular meetings schedules. It is tough to draw a quorum when people are out of town or not wanting to leave the comfort of the air conditioning to go to an evening meeting.

By now you have received your notification of the National Night Out and it is time to begin planning for your neighborhood event in your local park. This year National Night Out is on August 1, and is always on the first Tuesday of August. During the last two years the participation by neighborhoods has jumped from just over one hundred neighborhood events to around one hundred thirty. This is a healthy growth sign for neighborhood sponsored events in Albuquerque.

During the last few years PNM has made a significant contribution to our neighborhoods by providing one thousand dollars each year which will be divided between neighborhoods in a drawing of participating event sites and the Albuquerque Block Captains. This year we are very proud to add Target Stores to our list of supporters as a Thousand Dollar contributor to our local event. Now the money will be divided in \$100 contributions to ten neighborhood associations and ten block captain groups.

ONC and APD Crime Prevention no longer hold contests to determine the winners, but draw from those associations that register their events with the Office of Neighborhood Coordination at 505-924-3914.

Registration deadline for National Night Out is Friday, July 28, 2006. You must be registered to qualify for the drawing. Now is the time to begin planning your neighborhood event, whether it be a BBQ membership drive, an event inviting Public Safety personnel - kids love fire trucks - or an ice cream social. Parks with playgrounds are ideal drawing venues for family events and renting the inflatable "jumpy things" to enhance the family/community ties in your neighborhood association.

The Office of Neighborhood Coordination staff as well as other key city employees and public safety officers are available to attend your event. Already the invitations are beginning to fill our calendars. If there is anything our office can do to enhance or assist in your event, please call me at 505-924-3905. We are available to you, as a resource or an attendee for your exciting event.



Neighborhood Workshop Corner

Parliamentary Procedures Workshop Saturday, August 26, 2006 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Plaza Del Sol Hearing Room

Using "The Complete Idiot's Guide" and a panel of "seasoned" neighborhood association leaders will share their experiences using Robert's Rules of Parliamentary Procedures at their meetings. This workshop will help you understand, by hearing from people just like you, how simple, easy and effective it is to use Parliamentary Procedures in your neighborhood meetings. Get out the gavel - we'll see you there!

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. Call 505-924-3914 to register.

Attention Readers:

Are Your Association By-Laws Accurate and Current?

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

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

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

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

If we do not receive your amended by-laws by Tuesday, August 1, 2006, we will assume that the current boundaries listed in the by-laws filed with our office are correct.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact Dalaina at 505-924-3906 or e-mail message to <dlcarmona@cabq.gov>. Please send amended by-laws to: COA/Planning/ONC, Attention: Dalaina Carmona, 600 Second Street NW, Room 120 (Basement Level), Albuquerque, NM 87102.

Thank you for your cooperation.

National Night Out Tuesday, August 1, 2006 Call 505-924-3914 or 505-924-3600 For More Information.

NEIGHBORHOOD SCOOP continued



**A Message From
The Mayor**

Martin J. Chávez, Mayor

**Energy and Environmental
Issues Converge In Great
Opportunity Disguised
As A Challenge**

If you've been alarmed of late by gas and electric bill increases, or been stung by high gas prices at the pump, you pretty well know instinctively what the experts have come to believe – the days of cheap energy are pretty well behind us.

Back in February, I convened a town hall on Energy Sustainability because I believe that the “sticker shock” for our energy bills is just a part of a larger problem – too many people on one planet using too much in the way of unsustainable resources.

Fortunately, the news is not all bad for our energy and environmental future. New technologies are coming to the fore, conservation initiatives are getting traction, and we in Albuquerque are particularly well situated to take advantage of it.

I recently took to the US Conference of Mayors something we are calling the 2030 Challenge – that by the year 2030 our buildings will be so efficient they will not be net emitters of even carbon dioxide, the most basic “pollutant” from our heating, air conditioning and power. I am happy to report that the Conference agreed that buildings, being as big a consumer of energy overall as transportation, will be a critical part of our future energy independence and approved my resolution. I am also following up with an executive order for 2030 standards in city buildings, so that we are walking the walk as we go.

Of course we are not just pushing the envelope for conservation. We are particularly well suited for utilization of Solar Power. Some of your neighbors may have test driven solar water heating in

past decades and you can drive around many neighborhoods in town and see the vestiges still on people's rooftops.

This new wave of solar utilization on home rooftops, however, is going to be more about the direct generation of electricity. PNM is now offering homeowners thirteen cents per kw/h that they produce in excess of what they consume, and people around town are starting to take the utility up on this generous offer.

For our part, we in city government are currently testing both heating and direct electric power, and will work at the same time to ensure that this equipment does not unduly detract from the aesthetics of our community as it gets installed.

A large and growing market for photovoltaics will also mean clean new high-wage jobs for Albuquerqueans, as Advent Solar recently announced plans to bring a manufacturing plant to the Mesa del Sol development at the south end of town.

The final report of the Energy Sustainability Town Hall is on the city web site at <www.cabq.gov/mayor/> and it offers us the beginnings of a guide for where and how we should pursue these and other aspects of our clean and sustainable energy future. I want to commend all of the community, industry and other participation that made the town hall such a success and that gave input toward this report.

With our abundant sunshine and our unmatched reservoir of scientific and engineering talent, we are incredibly well positioned to step further up as a global leader in 21st century energy business. And I intend to see to it that both our quality of life and our economic prospects are enhanced as we take up these challenges and turn them into opportunities.

I encourage you to review the report, to consider the role you, your neighbors and colleagues can play, and to get more involved in our emerging new opportunities to get pro-active toward energy sustainability.

Water Utility Department
Submitted By Jean Witherspoon

Update on Arsenic

Arsenic occurs naturally in our drinking water. While concentrations vary in wells throughout the water system, wells on the Alameda Trunk along Paseo del Norte, in the South Broadway area, and on the Westside, have the highest concentrations.

In January 2006, the maximum contaminant level (MCL) for arsenic was lowered from 50 parts per billion (PPB) to 10 parts per billion. For the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility, the MCL will remain at 50 PPB until December 2008 because we have been granted an Exemption to the Arsenic Rule. The exemption gives us time to complete the San Juan-Chama Drinking Water Project, construct an arsenic treatment facility on the west side, and add three new pump stations to Alameda Trunk distribution system. However, we are required to maintain arsenic concentrations at or below 35 PPB to be protective of public health during the exemption period.

It's no small feat to pump and blend waters to maintain levels below 35 PPB, much less lower arsenic concentrations substantially. Our Central Control operators have done just that! Thanks for the good work of the Central Control staff!

For more info on arsenic, go to the Water Quality web site at <www.cabq.gov/waterquality/results/arsenic.html>.





A Message From Your City Council

Office of Council Services Constituent Services Staff Update

The Office of Council Services Constituent division has undergone some changes in an effort to continue to provide prompt and professional service to the citizens of Albuquerque and to assist the City Council.

Norma Galaz-Byers is a new voice in the Office of Council Services reception area. She was hired in June as an Administrative Assistant/Receptionist. Before coming to City Government she enjoyed a long career as international flight attendant for TWA and American Airlines. She is fluent in French, Spanish and Italian. Norma can be contacted at **505-768-3100**.

Lorena Patten-Quintana began her position as a Term Policy Analyst in June. She has a Master's Degree in planning. She is active in the community and enjoys archery and dance. She will be the assistant of **Councillor Don Harris**, helping him to serve the constituents of **District 9**. Lorena can be contacted at **505-768-3123** <lpatten-quintana@cabq.gov>.

Elaine Romero, a native of Albuquerque also joined the constituent services staff in June. She is currently working on completing her Business Management degree while raising her three-year-old son. She brings eleven years of customer service and management experience to the Albuquerque City Council, having worked for T-Mobile. She enjoys watching football, barbecuing, and participating in community events with her family and taking her motorcycle out to enjoy the beautiful State of New Mexico. Elaine will assist **Councillor Ken Sanchez** and the

City Council

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

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

District 1 constituency. She can be contacted at **505-768-3183** or via email at <etromero@cabq.gov>.

Kara Shair-Rosenfield was born in Albuquerque and raised in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania where she became a diehard Steelers fan. After graduating from Boston University in 2004 with her B.A. in Architectural History and Theory, Kara assisted her parents in relocating back to Albuquerque. She began working on political campaigns, quickly fell in love with the city and its people, and decided to make Albuquerque her home. She began working with **Councillor Isaac Benton** in June and is thrilled to have the opportunity to work with the residents of **District 3**, and the Albuquerque City Council. Kara can be contacted at **505-768-3186** <kshair-rosenfield@cabq.gov>.

Kelly Sanchez-Pare - 505-768-3159, <Kelly Sanchez-Pare@cabq.gov> assistant to **Councillor Debbie O'Malley** and the residents of **District 2** will be on maternity leave until the middle of October.

Angelica Solares - 505-768-3105 <asolares@cabq.gov> will assist the Councillor in Kelly's absence. Angelica is an intern in the Office of Council Services and is in the process of earning her Master's Degree in Community and Regional Planning.

Diana Trujeque - 505-768-3101 <dtrujeque@cabq.gov> continues to assist **Councillor Brad Winter (District 4)** and **Councillor Michael Cadigan (District 5)**. She is also manager of the constituent services division of the Office of Council Services.

Javier Benavidez - 505-768-3152 <jbenavidez@cabq.gov>

will continue to assist **Councillor Martin Heinrich** and the residents of **District 6**.

George Marquez - 505-768-3136 <gmarquez@cabq.gov>

is assisting **Councillor Sally Mayer** and **District 7** residents, covering for **Patricia Galindo**, who has been on medical leave since January.

Michael McCann
505-758-3106

<mmccan@cabq.gov>

will continue to assist **Councillor Craig Loy** and the **District 8** constituency.

Mayor's Office of Volunteerism and Engagement (MOVE)

Submitted By Debra Saine



**SAVE THE DATE
FOR
"MAKE A
DIFFERENCE DAY"**

**Friday, October 27 and
Saturday, October 28, 2006**

Mayor Martin J. Chávez' Office of Volunteerism and Engagement, ¡VOLUNTEER! Albuquerque, and community volunteer and business organizations are asking you to get involved in this National Day of Volunteering!

The **MOVE** office is coordinating neighborhood clean ups with the Solid Waste Management Department, Clean City Division. You're invited to participate by conducting a **Neighborhood Clean Up or Graffiti Blitz on Saturday, October 28, 2006** (Graffiti Blitz also available **Friday, October 27**).

For more information, contact Stella Candelaria, <sfcandelaria@cabq.gov> or **505-857-8204**.

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<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday, July 20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •EPC Hearing – 8:30 a.m. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, August 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •AAB – 9 a.m. •DRB – 9 a.m. •District 7 Coalition – 7 p.m. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday, August 10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •GWPAB – 8:30 p.m. •TAB – 9 a.m. •Feedback Forum – 11:45 a.m. •EPC Study Session – 4 p.m. •POC – 4 p.m. •SVCNA – 6:30 p.m. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday, August 17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •EPC – 8:30 a.m.
<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday, July 25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •BOA – 9 a.m. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday, August 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •North Valley Coalition – 7 p.m. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Monday, August 14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •City Council – 5 p.m. •GABAC – 4:30 p.m. •SWAN – 6:30 p.m. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Monday, August 21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •City Council – 5 p.m.
<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, July 26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •DRB – 9 a.m. •LEPC – 9 a.m. •SEPC – 9 a.m. •EPC Pre-Hearing – 1:30 p.m. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Monday, August 7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •City Council – 5 p.m. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday, August 15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •ZHE – 9 a.m. •GARTC - 4:30 p.m. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday, August 22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •BOA – 9 a.m.
<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday, July 27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •District 8 Coalition – 7 p.m. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, August 9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •DRB – 9 a.m. •SEPC – 9 a.m. •LUCC – 3 p.m. •AQCB – 5:15 p.m. •District 6 Coalition – 7 p.m. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, August 16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •DRB – 9 a.m. •ADC - 3 p.m. •LUCC – 3 p.m. •District 4 Coalition – 7 p.m. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, August 23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •DRB – 9 a.m. •SEPC – 9 a.m. •EPC Pre-Hearing – 1:30 p.m.
			

2006 CALENDAR LEGEND

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

EPC Hearing Notice

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

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

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

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

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

Please note that the **Pre-Hearing Meeting** will be held on **Wednesday, July 26, 2006 at 1:30 p.m.** in the Planning Conference Room, Third Floor. The **EPC Public Hearing** will be held on **Thursday, August 17, 2006 at 8:30 a.m.** in the Plaza del Sol (basement) Hearing Room for the following cases:

Citywide

All Neighborhoods; 06EPC-00958, Project #1001620; The Planning Department of the City of Albuquerque, is proposing a Amendment to Section 14-16-3-5 General Sign Regulations and to Sections 14-16-1-5 through 14-16-2-26, 14-16-3-2 through 14-16-3-12; Russell Brito at **505-924-3337**.

All Neighborhoods; 06EPC-00959, Project #1004831; The Planning Department of the City of Albuquerque is proposing to change the language in Sections 14-14-1-6 and 14-14-4-12 of the Subdivision Ordinance; David Stallworth at **505-924-3940**.

Northwest

Monkbridge Gardens, Near North Valley (neighborhood association); 06EPC-00951, Project #1004996 (case #'s); Approximately one (1) acre(s) located on the south side of Candelaria Road NW between Second Street NW and Fourth Street NW (**location of request**); G-14 (**zone atlas page #**); David S. Campbell, Vogel Campbell and Blueher, P.C. at **505-884-8444**, agent for Dominic Idaho Ginder (**applicant or agency and phone #**); Requests approval of an Zone Map Amendment from R-1 to R-C to develop this lot and adjacent lots for homes and small offices, whereby owners could live and work in the same spaces (**action requested**); Maggie Gould at **505-924-3910 (city staff planner)**.

Near North Valley, Sawmill Area, Wells Park; 06EPC-00955 and 00956, Project #1003479; Approximately two (2) acre(s) located on the southeast corner of Twelfth Street NW between Indian School Road NW and I-40 Freeway; H-13; DAC Enterprises, Inc. at **505-294-5243**, agent for Eddie and Christine Lopez; Requests approval of an EPC Site Development Plan for Building Permit and a Zone Map Amendment from R-1 Residential to SU-1 for C-1 Uses for a proposed two (2) story retail and office building with retail shops on the lower floor and offices on the upper floor; Catalina Lehner at **505-924-3935**.

West Old Town; 06EPC-00957, Project #1000122, Approximately three (3) acre(s) located on the east side of Gabaldon Road NW between I-40 Freeway and Mountain Road NW; K-12; ABQ Engineering, Inc. at **505-255-7802**, agent for CV Land and Development; Requests approval of an EPC Sector Development Plan for a proposed major subdivision for single-family dwellings; Petra Morris at **505-924-3433**.

Wells Park; 06EPC-00969 and 00970, Project #1005001; Approximately one (1) acre(s) located on the east side of Sixth Street NW between Constitution Avenue NW and Kinley Avenue NW; J-14; Consensus Planning, Inc. at **505-764-9801**, agent for Jerry Haag; Requests approval of and EPC Site Development Plan for Building Permit and a EPC Sector Development Plan for a proposed Law Office, Court Reporter, Accountant, Architect, Engineer or Doctor's Office; Petra Morris at **505-924-3433**.

Northeast

Montgomery Heights; 06EPC-000954, Project #1002330; Approximately one (1) acre located on the north side of Montgomery Boulevard NE between Carlisle Boulevard NE and I-25 Freeway; F-16; Jim Medley, Architect at **505-292-3514**, agent for Ultimate Car Wash; Requests approval of a EPC Site Development Plan for Building Permit for a proposed two (2) automatic car washes and six (6) self service bay car wash; Maggie Gould at **505-924-3910**.

No Association(s); 06EPC-00967 and 00968, Project #1005000; Approximately five (5) acre(s) located on the north side of Indian School Road NE between Washington Street NE and San Mateo Boulevard NE; H-17; Dekker/Perich/Sabatini at **505-761-9700**, agent for YMCA of Central New Mexico; Requests approval of an EPC Site Development Plan for Building Permit and a Zone Map Amendment from SU-1 for YMCA to SU-1 for C-1 for a proposed addition of the expanded fitness center and state licensed day care facility; Petra Morris at **505-924-3433**.

Southeast

No Association(s); 06EPC-00962 and 00963, Project #1004998; Approximately twelve (12) acre(s) located on the north side of Innovation Way SE between Eubank Boulevard SE and Stephen Moody Street SE; L-21; Consensus Planning, Inc. at **505-764-9801**, agent for GSL Properties, Inc.; Requests approval of an Zone Map Amendment from SU-1 for O-1 to SU-1 for PRD and a EPC Site Development Plan for Subdivision for a proposed fifty-nine (59) single family dwelling units; Stephanie Shumsky at **505-924-3933**.

No Association(s); 06EPC-00964 and 00966, Project #1002802, Approximately two (2) acre(s) located on the south side of Susan Avenue SE between Wyoming Boulevard SE and Moon Street SE; L-20; Garcia/Kraemer and Associates at **505-242-5566**, agent for Tom and Jerry Ranches, LLC; Requests approval of an EPC Site Development Plan for Building Permit and a Zone Map Amendment from M-1 to SU-1 for M-1 Uses and Crematory for a proposed human crematory and a pet crematory in the future; David Stallworth at **505-924-3940**.

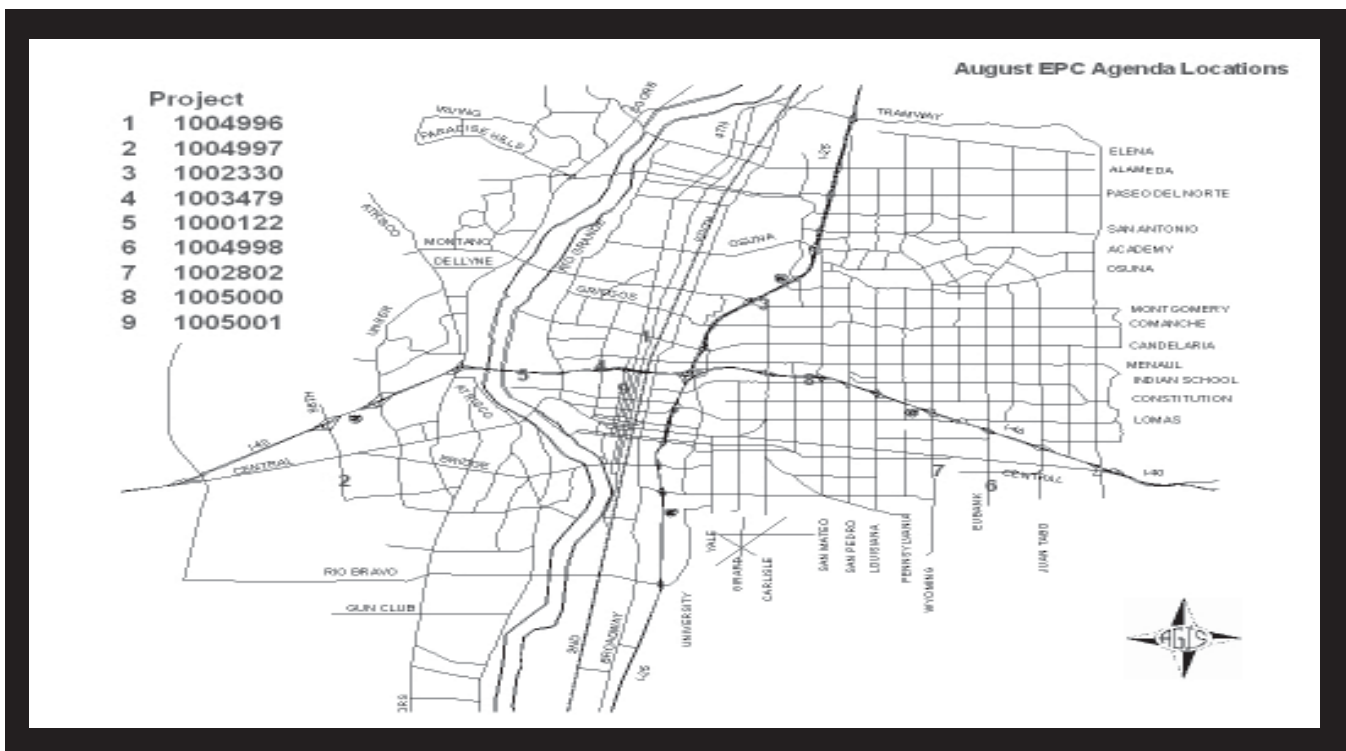
Southwest

Westgate Heights; 06EPC-00952 and 00953, Project #1004997; Approximately two (2) acre(s) located on the east side of 98th Street SW between Tower Road SW and 98th Street SW; L-9; Jim Medley Architects at **505-292-3514**, agent for 98th/Tower Jack, LLC (Ultimate Car Wash); Requests approval of a EPC Site Development Plan for Subdivision and Building Permit for a proposed automatic car wash and five (5) self service bay car wash; Stephanie Shumsky at **505-924-3933**.

Proposed Text Amendments to the Comprehensive Zoning Code

The City of Albuquerque is seeking approval of amendments to Chapter 14, Article 14 of the Revised Ordinances of Albuquerque, 1994 ed., regulating Subdivisions, to include new definitions and methodology relative to subdivision control monuments. This action will be heard at the **August 17, 2006** Public Hearing of the Environmental Planning Commission. Any comments, concerns or questions should be directed to David Stallworth, Staff Planner, at **505-924-3860** (office), **505-924-3339** (fax) or via e-mail at dstallworth@cabq.gov no later than **August 3, 2006**. Public input is appreciated.

The City of Albuquerque is seeking approval of a text amendment to Section 14-16-3-5 General Sign Regulations and to Sections 14-16-1-5 through 14-16-2-26, 14-16-3-2 through 14-16-3-12 to be heard at the **August 17, 2006** Public Hearing of the Environmental Planning Commission. Any comments, concerns or questions should be directed to Russell Brito, Staff Planner, at **505-924-3337**, rbrito@cabq.gov. (No further information on this amendment was available at press time.)



CITY SCOOP

News From City Departments



APD Crime Prevention

505-924-3600

Submitted By Steve Sink



Get Acquainted With Neighbors

At National Night Out 2006

On **Tuesday, August 1, 2006** neighborhoods throughout Albuquerque are being invited to join forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the **23rd Annual National Night Out (NNO) Crime and Drug Prevention Event**. National Night Out, which is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch and co-sponsored locally by the Albuquerque Police Department, APD Crime Prevention Unit and the Office of Neighborhood Coordination. NNO will involve approximately 10,000 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases around the world.

If your block or neighborhood wants to participate in this years NNO and join together with other citizens in our community to send a message to criminals that you are fighting back against crime, gangs and drugs, call **505-924-3914 by Friday, July 28. When you call, please provide your name, address, phone number, neighborhood association (if known) and the exact location of the event, if other than the address listed.** We will compile a list of interested blocks and neighborhoods for elected City officials, Police Area Commands, Crime Prevention personnel, and other City representatives so they can attend as many individual events as possible.

The Albuquerque Police Department will make every attempt to have an officer attend your event. However, due to the large number of expected events, the possibility of a high volume of calls for service, and unplanned emergencies might prevent an officer from arriving. If this should occur, we apologize in advance, but will continue to support your efforts and appreciate the time and dedication you have shown to make your neighborhood a safer place to live.

National Night Out is an excellent opportunity for you and your neighbors to socialize, renew acquaintances, welcome new neighbors,

and to join fellow citizens in our community's fight against crime and our pursuit of a high quality of life. Plan to join us once again for another fun and enjoyable citywide celebration. We look forward to hearing from you by **Friday, July 28 to register.** If you have any questions about the event, please do not hesitate to call **505-924-3600** for further information.



Cultural Services

Submitted By Leslie Venezuela

July at The Albuquerque Museum

Resonance from the Past:

African Sculpture from the New Orleans Collection

See African sculpture from the New Orleans Museum of Art including masks, figurative sculpture, musical instruments, ceramics, textiles and intricate beadwork costumes. Closing August 13.

Sunday, July 23 - 1 p.m.

Lecture by Roslyn Adele Walker, Ph.D.

The museum is pleased to announce a lecture by Roslyn Adele Walker, senior curator of the Arts of Africa, the Americas and the Pacific and the Margaret McDermott Curator of African Art at the Dallas Museum of Art. Ms. Walker will discuss *Anonymous Has A Name: Olowe of Ise*. Olowe of Ise, sculptor of the mounted warrior and a pair of twin images featured in the *Resonance from the Past* exhibition, was a Yoruba artist whose fame in Nigeria extended beyond his hometown. This illustrated lecture will discuss the artist's unique style, the sculptures he created for royal patrons and research on newly discovered works attributed to Olowe of Ise. Free with museum admission.

Admission to the museum is free on Sundays from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

African Film Series - Thursday, July 27

Films are shown in the museum auditorium at 1 p.m. with a repeat showing at 7 p.m. Afternoon films are free with museum admission. There is no admission fee for evening presentations.

Artist Unknown: The Search for African History (50 minutes)
The Priest and the Nganga (29 minutes)
Atumpan: The Talking Drums of Africa (43 minutes)

Saturdays in July - Family Art Workshops - 1 - 2:30 p.m.

July 22 - African Coin

July 29 - Geometric Masks of Africa. All supplies are provided. Free with Museum general admission.

Jazz and Salsa Under the Stars

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

Salsa Under the Stars

Friday, July 21 - Calle 66; **Friday, July 28** - Son Como Son

Jazz Under the Stars

Saturday, July 22 - Chris Dracup/Tommy Elskes Duo and The Memphis P. Tails

Saturday, July 29 - Women's Voices featuring Chris Calloway, Linda Cotton, Hillary Smith, Patty Stephens and Judy Christopher

Abq/Bernco Water Utility Authority*Submitted by John Stomp***July Signals Beginning Of Three New Projects
As Construction Continues On San Juan-Chama
Drinking Water Project**

This month, crews will begin construction on three new projects - the Coronado Pipeline, the Volcano-North Segment pipeline and the Raw Water Pump Station - as construction continues on the San Juan-Chama Drinking Water Project.

Northwest Quadrant of Albuquerque**Palomas Avenue NE from San Pedro Drive NE**

to Louisiana Boulevard NE: As part of the Coronado Pipeline, crews are working on the south side of Palomas Avenue NE, laying a 30" waterline. Upon completion of the pipeline, they will restore and widen the roadway as well as replace much of the curb and gutter on the north side of Palomas Avenue NE. This work is being done this summer and is scheduled to be completed before E. G. Ross Elementary School and Hope Christian School begin classes for the 2006-2007 school year. Palomas Avenue NE is closed to through traffic from San Pedro Drive NE to Louisiana Boulevard NE, with local traffic only allowed. Motorists are asked to use Paseo del Norte to Louisiana Boulevard NE as an alternate route.

At the end of this month, crews are also scheduled to begin laying pipeline along the east side of the northbound I-25 frontage road from Forest Hills Drive NE to Del Rey Avenue NE. More details on this work will be available in the next issue of *Neighborhood News*.

San Pedro Drive NE from Kingston Avenue NE to Montgomery Boulevard NE: Crews are continuing work on the Leyendecker Pipeline, laying pipeline on the west side of San Pedro Drive NE from Kingston Avenue NE to Montgomery Boulevard NE, working north to south. Traffic is shifted to the east side of San Pedro Drive NE with one lane open in each direction. This part of the project is expected to last through the end of the month. Access to all residences in this area will be maintained. Motorists should expect some delays and can use Louisiana Boulevard NE or San Mateo Boulevard NE as alternate routes.

NOTE: Crews are also working in the area of the Leyendecker Reservoir, just north of Montgomery Boulevard NE and across from Andrew Drive NE, but no traffic impacts are expected. This work is scheduled through mid-July.

Union Way NE and Alexander Boulevard NE:

Work is continuing on the East Valley Pipeline. Early this month, crews will lay pipeline across the intersection of Alexander Boulevard NE and Union Way NE. This intersection will be totally closed to traffic for about one week. Access to local businesses, schools and apartments will be maintained through Renaissance Boulevard NE and Culture Drive NE as well as Mission Avenue NE. Motorists can use Renaissance Boulevard NE or Mission Avenue NE as alternate routes.

After this part of the work is completed and the intersection is reopened, crews will continue laying pipeline on the east side of Alexander Boulevard NE, heading north toward Mission Avenue NE. During this portion of the project, one lane of traffic will be open in each direction on the west side of Alexander Boulevard NE. This phase of the project is expected to last through the end of the month.

Candelaria Road NE between Edith Boulevard NE and Commercial Street NE:

Crews are also working on Candelaria Road NE as part of the East Valley Pipeline. They are laying pipeline in the center of Candelaria Road NE between Edith Boulevard NE and Commercial Street NE.

Eastbound and westbound traffic is being maintained on Candelaria Road NE, with one lane of traffic open in each direction. Left turns are allowed in all directions of the intersection of Candelaria Road NE and Edith Boulevard NE. This work is expected to reach Commercial Street NE near the end of July. After July, work will continue west on Candelaria Road NE toward Second Street NW.

Singer Boulevard NE, West of Chappell Road NE:

Crews have begun construction on Raw Water Pipeline #2. Singer Boulevard NE is closed west of Chappell Road NE. Motorists are asked to use Jefferson Street NE and Osuna Road NE as alternate routes. This work, which also includes improvements to Chappell Road NE, is expected to last for approximately six months.

Northwest Quadrant of Albuquerque**Campbell Road NW, East of Rio Grande Boulevard NW:**

Crews are working on Campbell Road NW east of Rio Grande Boulevard NW throughout this month. They will be tying in a new 10" waterline and installing a 66" pipeline. During working hours (7 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday) crews will maintain one lane of traffic in each direction or have flaggers on site to direct traffic in one direction at a time. During non-working hours, one lane of traffic will be maintained in both directions on the south side of Campbell Road NW.

Campbell Road NW, West of Rio Grande Boulevard NW:

The contractor has completed installation of a tunnel across Rio Grande Boulevard NW. Beginning in early July, the contractor will push 60" pipeline through the tunnel. During working hours (7 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday) Campbell Road NW will be completely closed on the west side of Rio Grande Boulevard NW for several hundred feet. During non-working hours, one lane of traffic will be open in each direction on the south side of the road. Motorists should expect delays, and can use Glenwood Drive to Candelaria Road as an alternate route.

Alameda Drain from Second Street NW to Twelfth Street NW:

Crews are also laying pipeline along the Alameda Drain from Second Street NW to Twelfth Street NW, heading west. No traffic impacts are expected due to this work; however access to the Drain may be temporarily restricted.

North of Paseo del Norte from Second Street NW to Fourth Street NW:

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

Rio Grande Boulevard NW near Paseo del Norte NW:

In mid July, crews are expected to repave Rio Grande Boulevard NW near Paseo del Norte NW. This activity will require lane restrictions on Rio Grande Boulevard NW. More information is available by calling **505-242-ROAD (505-242-7623)** or visiting www.sjcdinkingwater.org and clicking on construction updates.

Scheduled for July

The Raw Water Pump Station, which will be located on the northwest corner of the Bachechi Open Space. No traffic impacts are expected.

The Volcano North Segment pipeline, which begins at the intersection of Atrisco Drive NW and St. Joseph's Drive NW/Ladera Drive NW and extends north along Atrisco Drive NW and Unser Boulevard NW to Montano Road NW. Crews are tentatively scheduled to begin work on Atrisco Drive NW. For more information, call **Patti or Shannon at 505-293-2000**.



Water Utility Department
 Wastewater Utility Division
 Submitted By Brynda Gutierrez

The Water Reclamation Division is living up to its name by **reclaiming at least one and a half to two million gallons** of chlorinated effluent a day. Effluent from the treatment plant is diverted to process areas.

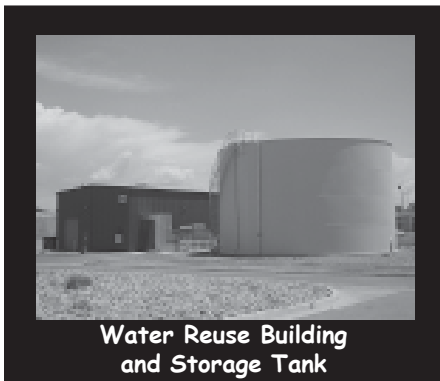


Reusing Water For Landscaping

The reuse water is primarily used for seal water; wash water and cooling heat exchangers, cooling water for generators, dilution water, and for the low pressure gas compressors. In addition, the reuse water is used for

landscaping and fire protection.

The effluent water is treated, chlorinated, and passes through sand filters to remove suspended solids. Three pumps are used to supply water to the Southside Water Reclamation Plant.



Water Reuse Building and Storage Tank

When the facility was activated the Water Reclamation Division's water bill was decreased by **\$22,000**, during the first billing cycle. The Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Department has other water reuse projects planned for businesses in the Journal Center area.

Senior Affairs

City To Sponsor 2006 Senior Olympic Annual Summer State Games

The City's Department of Senior Affairs will host the **2006 Senior Olympic Annual Summer State Games, August 2-6, 2006, at the University of New Mexico campus**. More than 1500 Senior Olympians from across the State are expected to compete in this year's games, which is the final year in the City's two-year commitment to host the event. Due to major renovation on the UNM campus, various venues around Albuquerque will be utilized by the athletes including the new Westside Aquatic Center and Balloon Fiesta Park. The games will commence with the **Celebration of Athletes, on Wednesday, August 2, 7 p.m. at the Rio Grande Zoo**, a new outdoor setting for this moving opening ceremony. More than 1,000

athletes representing approximately 150 communities from throughout the state are expected to take part in the opening parade of athletes.

The 2006 Senior Olympic Annual Summer State Games are the only sanctioned games in New Mexico, which can qualify entrants for the Senior Olympic National Senior Games held every two years. (The 2006 State Games is a qualifying year for National Senior Olympics.) Sports at the 2006 Senior Olympics include: Air Gun; Archery; Badminton; Basketball Free-throw; Bowling, Cycling; Dance; 8-Ball Pool; Field; Fun Events; Golf; Horseshoes; Race Walk; Racquetball; Recreational Events; Road Race; Shuffleboard; Swimming; Table Tennis; Talent Show; Tennis; Track; Triathlon; and Weight Lifting. To be eligible to compete in the State Games, athletes competed at local qualifying competitions and place 1st, 2nd or 3rd in their respective events. Following each 2006 event, Gold, Silver and Bronze medallions will be presented to first, second and third place winners; ribbons will be awarded to fourth and fifth place winners.

"The 2006 Senior Olympic Annual Summer State Games, is the culmination of months of work from Senior Affairs staff and the Department of Parks and Recreation," says Blanca B. Hise, Director, Senior Affairs. "More than 300 volunteers are working along side of staff and event managers, under the guidance of the New Mexico Senior Olympics, Inc., in Roswell, to make this happen."

For more information on how you can volunteer with the 2006 New Mexico Senior Olympic Annual Summer Games or for information on the City of Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Department of Senior Affairs, call April B. Jojola, **505-764-6450**.

Cultural Services

Submitted by Isabelle Zamora

"Around the World in 80 Days,"

Your Passport To Adventure At The Anderson Abruzzo
 Albuquerque International Balloon Museum

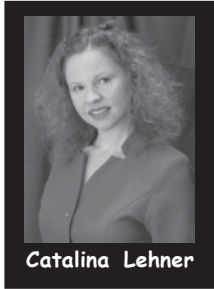
Come each week to fly your imagination in a new country and culture that has a connection with ballooning. Mexico to Brazil, Japan to India, Spain and beyond! Family fun every **Saturday from July 15 through September 23 with a special final touchdown on Sunday, October 1**. Activities begin at 1 p.m. with food sampling and museum tours; and continue on with music, dance, performances, guest speakers, craft projects and more from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.



The Balloon Museum is located at **9201 Balloon Museum Drive NE** (near Alameda and I-25), Albuquerque, New Mexico. "80 Days Adventure" included with Museum Admission - \$4 - adults, \$2 - seniors, \$1- children ages 3-12. For additional information call **311** or **505-768-3556**.

Planning

City's Pre-Management Development Program Participants Graduate



Catalina Lehner

Catalina Lehner came to New Mexico in 1994. She completed a dual Master's degree in Community & Regional Planning and Latin American Studies, and obtained her American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) credential in 2001. She earned undergraduate degrees in Sociology/Anthropology and Spanish from Lewis & Clark College in Portland, Oregon, and attended the University of Costa Rica. Her hobbies include dance, theater, plants, working out and traveling. Catalina and her husband Robert reside in Albuquerque with their pet chinchilla.

PMDP Program Description

The Pre-Management Development Program (PMDP) provides City employees an opportunity to acquire knowledge and develop skills to be a successful public service manager. The PMDP consists of a challenging, in-depth curriculum that is both practical and educational. During the nine month course, students were required to deliver speeches, take exams, write an individual research paper and develop a team project. The City's first PMDP class, consisting of 23 people, graduated on June 21, 2006. Catalina was the class honor graduate (highest point total for the class).

Environmental Health

Submitted by Anna Sanchez, Animal Services Division

Responsible for Pet, Respect the Neighborhood

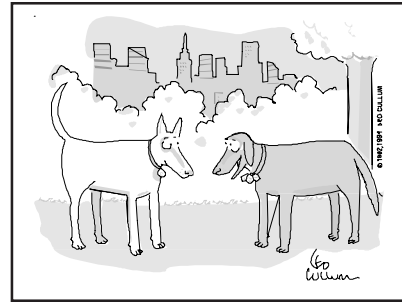
During these warmer months of the year, it is a great time to take your dog for a late evening walk around the neighborhood. However, remembering a few helpful tips will make sure that you and your four legged friend have safe fun in the sun.

Before you head out, check your dog's collar to make sure it is snug-fitting and has current identification. Dogs should not be on leashes longer than 8 feet and they must be kept on a leash when outside your home.

Be careful when exercising your dog. Long walks and games of catch should be saved for cooler mornings or evenings. Short-nosed dogs such as pugs and bulldogs have facial conformation that makes it difficult for them to cool their bodies by panting. Also, make sure your dog has plenty of fresh drinking water.

Keep good neighborly relations by remembering to pick up after your animals. Nothing irritates a neighbor more than dog waste around the neighborhood. Ordinance 9-2-3-8 – states "no person shall allow an animal to defecate upon public property or upon any private property other than the property of the owner of the animal without thoroughly removing and disposing of the feces." Grab a plastic baggie when heading out so you have something handy just in case.

The City of Albuquerque Animal Care Center appreciates your cooperation in ensuring the safety of your dogs and keeping your neighborhood dog friendly.



Office of Emergency Management

By Bruce Sickles, Emergency Operations Center Manager

"Preparing Your Pet for an Emergency and How to Handle Wildlife In A Disaster"

Although two very different issues, we thought we'd address both pets and wildlife since they are closely related. First, we'll discuss pets.

If you are like millions of animal owners nationwide, your pet is an important member of your household. The likelihood that you and your animals will survive an emergency such as a fire or flood, tornado or terrorist attack depends largely on emergency planning done today. And there are several things you should do to prepare Muffy to evacuate.

Some of the things you can do to prepare for the unexpected, such as assembling an animal emergency supply kit and developing a pet care buddy system, are the same for any emergency. Whether you decide to stay put in an emergency or evacuate to a safer location, you will need to make plans in advance for your pets. Keep in mind that what's best for you is typically what's best for your animals.

So what about that kit? Here are some things you should have ready to go at a moments notice:

1. Food: Keep at least three days of food in an airtight waterproof container
2. Water: Just like you, your pets should have three days of water.
3. First Aid Kit: For specifics about your particular pet, ask you veterinarian. But in most cases you should have cotton bandage rolls, bandage tape and scissors, antibiotic ointment, flea and tick prevention; latex gloves isopropyl alcohol and saline solution. Also pack a pet first aid reference book.
4. Back up collar, leash and ID tag. You should also have copies of your pet's registration information, adoption papers, vaccination documents and medical records. It's good idea to place them in a waterproof plastic bag or container.
5. Crate or Pet Carrier: You should plan on evacuating with your pet and having your pet in a crate will make it much easier. Many lessons were recently learned about owners not wanting to leave pets behind in a disaster. Once an evacuation begins, most evacuees will be sent to a rally point. From there,

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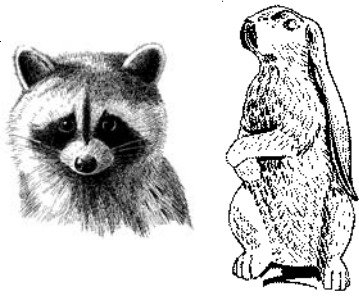
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Animal Control will set up facilities for animals since they cannot go with you to a shelter. Certain exceptions may be made for service animals. 6. A picture of yourself with your pet. If you should become separated from your pet, the picture could help to document ownership. 7. Pack a few toys. This could help reduce stress on your pet.

Make a back-up emergency plan in case you can't care for your animals yourself. Develop a buddy system with neighbors, friends and relatives to make sure that someone is available to care for or evacuate your pets if you are unable to do so. Be prepared to improvise and use what you have on hand to make it on your own for at least three days, maybe longer.

OK, let's say you didn't have to evacuate during a disaster or you've returned from an evacuation to find you have new found friends. Here's some do's and don'ts on handling, or better yet, not handling wildlife.

- Do not corner wild animals or try to rescue them. Call your local animal control office or wildlife resource office. Wild animals often seek higher ground which, during floods, eventually become submerged (i.e., island) and the animals become stranded. If the island is large enough and provides suitable shelter, you can leave food appropriate to the species (i.e., sunflower seeds for squirrels). Animals have a flight response and will flee from anyone approaching too closely. If the animal threatens to rush into the water, back away from the island or you may frighten the animal into jumping into the water to escape from you.
- Do not approach wild animals that have taken refuge in your home. Wild animals such as snakes, opossums, and raccoons often seek refuge from floodwaters on upper levels of homes and have been known to remain after water recedes. If you encounter animals in this situation, open a window or provide another escape route and the animal will likely leave on its own. Do not attempt to capture or handle the animal. Should the animal stay, call your local animal control office or wildlife resource office.
- Beware of an increased number of snakes and other predators. These animals will try to feed on the carcasses of reptiles, amphibians and small mammals that have been drowned or crushed in their burrows or under rocks.
- Do not attempt to move a dead animal. Animal carcasses can present serious health risks. Outbreaks of anthrax, encephalitis and other diseases may occur. Contact your local emergency management office or health department for help and instructions.
- Do not corner wild animals or try to rescue them. Wild animals will likely feel threatened and may endanger themselves by dashing off into floodwaters, fire, and so forth.
- If bitten by an animal, seek immediate medical attention.



Talkin' Trash

Submitted By Tina Trekker



Albuquerque Code Enforcement

In February of 2005 the Housing Code Enforcement Division and the Zoning Code Enforcement Division consolidated which is now known as The Albuquerque Code Enforcement Division, under the Planning Department. The reason for this consolidation was to coordinate enforcement efforts throughout the City of Albuquerque with reference to Housing and Zoning code violations.

This division has always been an active participant with the Mayor's Safe City Strike Force. Our role in the Safe City Strike Force is to assist in targeting crime-ridden properties that have severe violations of Housing and Zoning Codes. Often times we are asked to board-up problem properties when they are vacated due to criminal violations or severe Housing and Zoning code violations. This may also include condemnation and demolition of the property, if conditions warrant.

This year's planning strategy is to dedicate a housing inspector and a zoning inspector assigned to each Council District. This staffing initiative will help establish a rapport among inspectors in the field, City Councilors and neighborhood association contacts to insure effective communication. We plan to have a permanent assignment within these districts by October 2006.

During this year's budget process, the Mayor recommended and the City Council agreed, to add five new zoning positions. These positions were allocated to form a "canvassing or sweep team" that will go to a particular neighborhood, look at every single house, block by block, and cite any Housing or Zoning code violations.

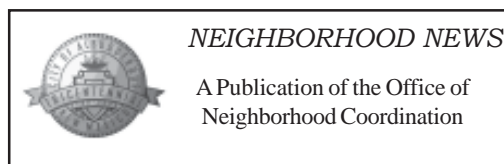
We currently have one team - consisting of five inspectors, who have been conducting these kinds of sweeps over the past year and have found this method to be very successful. It is also a constructive way to gain compliance within a particular neighborhood. A sweep usually consists of surveying approximately 1000 homes - violations are found on about 50% of those properties inspected. Our compliance rate runs about 80% on our initial notification and about 10% compliance on our second notification. There is about 30 days between the first and second notification. The remaining 10% go to court. The entire process takes approximately eight weeks.

In FY05 we completed 16 canvases. Our goal for FY06 is to conduct between 25-30 sweeps. We are working with City Councilors and administrators on a priority list for conducting these sweeps. These sweeps will be incorporated into our regular business operations. The goal is to keep our beautiful City clean and safe.

If you would like to report any Housing or Zoning code violations within your neighborhood contact us through 311, locally or 505-924-3850 we will take your complaint and inspect the problem property within three working days. We are also available to attend neighborhood association meetings. We look forward to working with the Citizens of Albuquerque.



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