

# Welcome To Wells Park!

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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 your hard work, dedication and commitment to improving the quality of life in your neighborhood.

## **Neighborhood Association**

Eldorado Heights  
Enchanted Park  
Hodgin  
Osuna Park  
Quigley Park  
Sonora HOA  
South Guadalupe Trail  
Vista Sandia HOA

## **“Welcome” to Incoming President**

David Coulie  
Eugenia Stettler  
Mary Lou Spells  
Laura Bernd  
Bob Day  
Sandra Mobly  
Margaret (Rab) Freeman  
Tina McWilliams

## **“Thanks” to Outgoing President**

Sharon Busboom  
Barbara Lewis  
Jean Soderberg  
Penelope Hoe  
Vicki Kaplanides  
Valerie Shupe  
Alice Cushing  
Glen Goff

• *Enchanted Park Neighborhood Association regained their “Recognized” status on October 18, 2006.*

### **NEW NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION(S)**

The *North Fourth Camino Real Merchants Association, Inc.* is located in *City Council District – 2, 3 & County, County Commission District – 1, Police Beat – 225,232-234,236,238,239/VA.* The contacts for this association are *Scott Steinberg* and *Pat Hopkins.* The *North Fourth Camino Real Merchants Association, Inc.* became recognized on *October 8, 2006. 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:

September Annual Reports are due:	December 1, 2006
October Annual Reports are due:	January 1, 2007
November Annual Reports are due:	February 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

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

### **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



Planning

Submitted By Manjeet Tangri, Urban Planner and Signe Riche, Shared Vision

Neighborhood Input Sought on Great Streets

On November 27, 28 and 29 the City Planning Department and planning consultants HDR, Inc. will present new information for public comment on the Great Streets Facility Plan. This is a citywide project and all neighborhoods and businesses are invited to participate in these meetings. Participants will help set the criteria for determining the types and location of Great Streets.



The Facility Plan is intended to set design standards and guidelines for street design that improve their functioning as places for all people. It will identify ways to make major streets in Albuquerque more walkable and safe for

pedestrians. An important step in the planning process is to identify streets in the city that have the highest potential for pedestrian activity. Maps show where schools, parks and recreation facilities, senior facilities, hospitals, and commercial areas are located in relation to major streets. Streets, which connect with or have many of these uses in close proximity, may be identified as Great Streets in the plan.

The plan will result in regulatory changes to street standards dealing with lane width, sidewalks, landscaping and other elements of the right-of-way. The plan is expected to set priorities for investing in those changes through the city's capital program and development requirements.

This is the second round of public meetings on the Great Streets Facility Plan. At public meetings in September, participants viewed images of streets in other cities that are noteworthy because of their design for pedestrians and social activity.

While tall buildings and higher densities are appropriate in certain locations, a Great Street can also include buildings two to three stories in height and still function as a pedestrian place.

The public is invited and strongly encouraged to give their comments at any of the following locations from **6:30 to 8:30 p.m. each evening:**

**Monday, November 27,** Barelvas Community Center  
801 Barelvas Road SW

**Tuesday, November 28,** Taylor Ranch Community Center  
4900 Kachina Street NW

**Wednesday, November 29,** Manzano Mesa  
Multigenerational Center, 501 Elizabeth Street SE  
Information? Call Manjeet at **505-924-3356**

OLD TOWN HOLIDAY STROLL

Friday, December 1, 2006

Noon to 9:00 p.m.



The **9th Annual Old Town Holiday Stroll**, one of the largest and best-known events of the holiday season, will be held on **Friday, December 1, 2006, from 12 noon to 9 p.m.**

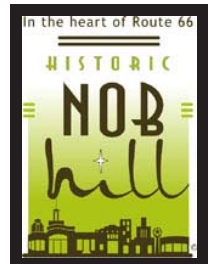
Festivities include music and entertainment throughout Old Town, a pet adoption event at The Dawg House, the lighting of the giant Christmas tree at Plaza Don Luis, a Santa Claus parade around Old Town Plaza with Santa Claus in residence in the evening, **free hot chocolate samples** provided by Flying Star Café and luminarias all evening.

Holiday Stroll buttons will be sold in advance at several **Flying Star Café** locations, with the proceeds to go to **Barrett Foundation**, which provides assistance for homeless women and children. Buttons will also be sold at Old Town Plaza during the Holiday Stroll on December 1. Visitors wearing the Holiday Stroll button will be eligible for discounts on merchandise at participating shops in Old Town.

Two fly-anywhere tickets on Southwest Airlines are the grand prize in a raffle, the proceeds of which will also benefit Barrett Foundation.



**NOB HILL SHOP AND STROLL**  
Thursday, December 7, 2006



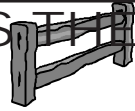
**What:** 12th Annual Nob Hill Holiday Shop and Stroll  
**Where:** Historic Nob Hill Business District along Central Avenue/Route 66 between Girard and Washington (Central Avenue will be closed to auto traffic)  
**When:** Thursday, December 7, 2006, 5-10 p.m.  
**Contact:** KC at 505-255-1115 or <kc@abodenobhill.com>

Join participating Nob Hill businesses in a good, old-fashioned holiday celebration complete with strolling, carolers, luminarias, musicians, refreshments, and St. Nick, too! Find that special gift, taste the wonderful offerings of Nob Hill bars and restaurants, and gather together with neighbors and friends in the historic Nob Hill neighborhood. Come help us create the magic!



# NEIGHBORHOOD SCOOP

## ACROSS THE FENCE



### Welcome To The Wells Park Neighborhood Association

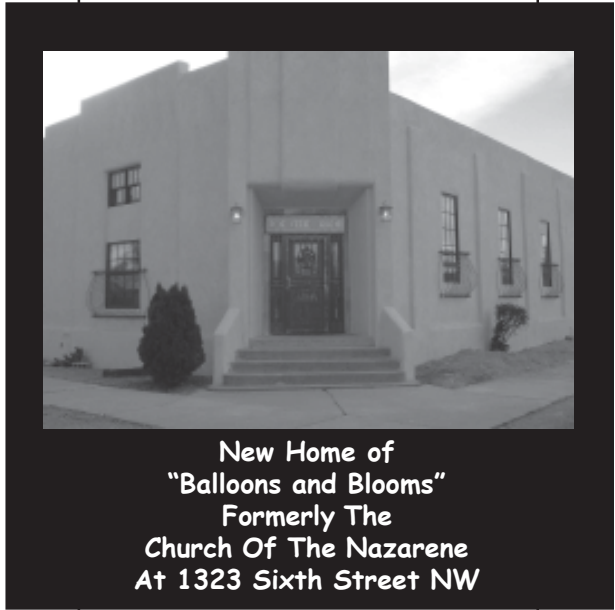
Submitted By Susan Vigil

Physical and historical descriptions express only a piece of our civilized understanding. The community's voices, its loves, and children, possibilities, arts and values are the ephemeral life running through every culture. The imagination of a place and people is unbounded by time or physical conditions. For instance, Wells Park Neighborhood Association, bounded to the north by I-40, to the south by Mountain Road, to the east by the railroad tracks and on the west by Twelfth Street, has known human habitation since 1350 A.D. The Tiwa people settled along this portion of the Rio Grande Valley only to succumb to Spanish households in 1706 at Albuquerque's official inception. The new village was named The Province of Tiguex to retain this title from 1706 to 1879- thus the former appellation of Tiguex Park on Mountain Road now called Tricentennial Park. Wells Park Neighborhood Association and its sister community, Sawmill Area Neighborhood Association, formed the nexus of Albuquerque's development in the last century. Mountain Road NW was called Carnuel Road and connected the downtown city to the Carnuel area in the Sandias. Trees were logged in Carnuel and hauled down Mountain/Carnuel Road to the old Sawmill to be milled for residential building. The Wells Park/Sawmill neighborhoods are currently undergoing Metropolitan Redevelopment Area revitalization with tremendous results. Proximity to downtown business, museums, nightlife, shopping and Old Town places these communities in a crystalline synergy of significance.

I've described the physical conditions and the historical relevance of Wells Park. Where is its true impetus derived from? The land itself is altered and deteriorated from industrial waste facilities that crowd the area. Its residents are strongly dedicated citizens, quality people in Albuquerque poses in abundance. This area's promise is found in the creation process itself that ignites the people to protect and restore the land and remember their history.

Twenty years ago, Wells Park Neighborhood was a slum. Banks refused to finance the largely diverse neighborhood. Its abundant orchards were cut down and acequias were filled in. As an old neighborhood, abandoned buildings and houses lacking electrical and plumbing capa-

bilities were the norm. Homeless people and accommodations moved in and gangs took over the community center. The area's employment centers shut down. Wells Park, however, has seen too many years and changes to slump under the weight of its history, red dogs and purple bankers. At the time, government assistance was distributed like shark feed - first come, first serve. The area's downtown neighborhoods formed coalitions. "So if we had some



New Home of "Balloons and Blooms" Formerly The Church Of The Nazarene At 1323 Sixth Street NW

problem, we would back each other up... We realized... We had common issues - that if we unite the City will listen.

Today, the groups, the vision is unified - there is a common interest in Albuquerque - the bonds keep getting stronger and stronger." These words from Jesse and Fred Sais, champions of Wells Park and long time residents, whose voices are so intertwined it's hard to say who speaks which thought. Jesse's civic involvement began in the early 1980s working with the City to create a sector plan for Wells Park which lead to a Metropolitan Redevelopment Plan. A retired Bernalillo County Officer, Fred is the current president of Wells Park. On November 14, a meeting is called between Wells Park, APD and Nuisance Abatement to discuss persistent homeless populations in the downtown neighborhoods. To name a few Health Care for the Homeless, Saint Martin's Hospitality Center and a Methadone Clinic are located in the neighborhood. In Fred's words, the neighborhood's "vagrancy" platform is that,

"We are responsible for what is in our neighborhood but we will fight tooth and nail if any more are proposed." This is evidenced by the neighborhood's frequent canned food drives and surveillance of liquor establishments in the area.

The neighborhoods willingness to confront the blessings and curses of urbanity reflects their compassion, enthusiasm and sense of community. This dedication has been returned ten fold to the community by the community - its artisan supporters, and interested government parties such as State Representative Rick Miera. Houses valued at \$80,000 ten years ago are now selling for \$200,000. In the balance, however, are life long residents and families who cannot afford the taxes accompanying the increasing value of their homes. They sell to a new demographic of homeowners then have lived there in the past. This is known as gentrification. Economic checks against gentrification are being taken in the area. One step toward keeping the people united and committed to their homes is initiated by the Sawmill/Wells Park Education Committee with appropriated funds by the MRA. Its mission is to "introduce the history of the area and educate the community as a whole, young and old, in the history so that it will be carried on." says Jesse Sais, Education Committee member. Recently the committee hosted a Downtown Neighborhood Fall Festival. Over twenty artisans and neighborhoods participated in the fair and parade.

Aquamarine señoritas with roses in their hair danced down the streets. Community and political leaders cruised in polished roadsters at the forefront of the parade. It was as if the road was made for families and festivities. Their next effort will be to host a Winter Celebration, inviting all of Albuquerque to their homes, to be integrated into a culture and creation that comes from the heart.



More Fun At Fiesta!

NEIGHBORHOOD SCOOP continued



From The Manager's Desk  
Don Newton, Interim ONC Manager

We Are Back Home

Greetings to all!

ONC is back home in our offices in Room 120 of the Plaza del Sol building at 600 Second Street NW. Last week we moved furniture (some new), equipment and files into our renovated offices. New walls, reception area, carpet and paint will greet you when you come to see us. We are now getting settled and reorganized. Thanks to the Planning Department Divisions on the third floor for squeezing us in with them for 90 days. We really appreciated sharing their space.

The Land Use and Zoning Workshop we held Saturday, November 4, had the highest number of attendees that we have ever had for this training. Great presenters combined with eager neighborhood representatives with questions galore made for a quick but fun four hours.

Listening Skills

I have been very busy since the last edition talking to many neighborhood association representatives about internal conflicts within their groups and helping them find their own solutions. I listen hard to both sides of a dispute. Most disputes are said to come about because of poor listening skills. So maybe a gentle reminder of some hints of better listening skills is apropos.

After years of listening to boring history teachers or the chatter of the television, most of us are good at tuning people out. Listening has become a forgotten art. However, a successful neighborhood activist knows how to listen. Really listening to other's concerns - - not just the words being spoken, but what those words mean - - is a skill that takes practice

and hard work. Don't get so caught up in your own ideas that you dismiss what someone else is saying without really listening.

Eight Important Ideas For Being A Better Listener

1. Be prepared to listen.
2. Stop talking.
3. Listen with understanding.
4. Hear the speaker out before judging.
5. Listen to what is *not* said.
6. Listen to *how* something is said.
7. Wait out pauses.
8. Provide appropriate feedback.

Guidelines That Will Make You A Better Listener

- Listen for the unfamiliar. You may just think that you have heard it all before.
- Learn to concentrate. Do not let boredom get you down.
- Rephrase in your own words anything important told to you.
- Shun preconceived ideas.
- Be extra careful to be fair when you disagree.
- Pay attention to details.
- Consider the source of what you hear.
- Listen unemotionally.
- Want to listen. Do not let your ears and eyes wander.
- Do not interrupt. Hear a person out.
- Avoid getting hung up on words. If you are not clear on terms being used, ask the speaker to define them.
- Ask clarifying questions such as
  - o Do you mean ....?
  - o Are you saying that ....?
  - o Could you please be more specific ...?

Most importantly, AVOID endless discussions or arguments about unsolvable items.



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 December 2006 we will assume that the current boundaries listed in the by-laws filed with our office are correct.**

Please send amended by-laws to:  
COA/Planning/ONC, Attention:  
Dalaina Carmona, 600 Second Street NW, Room 120, Albuquerque, NM 87102.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact Dalaina at 505-924-3906 or e-mail message to <dlcarmona@cabq.gov>.

Thank you for your cooperation.



NEIGHBORHOOD SCOOP continued



A Message From  
The Mayor

Martin J. Chávez, Mayor

Holiday Happenings  
in Albuquerque

Albuquerque is a wonderland this time of the year. Our unique high desert weather is changing from mild to brisk to chilly; the cottonwood trees along the Rio Grande create a glowing ribbon of autumnal hues; and families from the South Valley to Sandia Heights, from Ventana Ranch to Four Hills, are looking forward to the Holidays.

The City of Albuquerque is delighted to help celebrate this special time of year by taking part in a variety of family activities. I'd like to invite you to join your fellow neighbors and me at these warm and welcoming seasonal events:

**Twinkle Light Parade - Saturday, November 25, 5:15 p.m., Downtown:** Albuquerque's traditional downtown holiday parade sparked new life when it became a lighted evening event a few years ago with the help of the Joiner Family. This parade is an Albuquerque favorite for families to watch especially with all of the illuminated floats, marching bands and classic cars. This is the perfect time of year to visit the downtown area and enjoy the BioPark. This event starts off the holiday season with lots of joy and cheer.

**River of Lights, Saturday, November 25 - December 31, 2006, Botanic Gardens:** Created by BioPark employees and craftsmen, the stunning holiday displays made up of hundreds of thousands of strings of lights make this the largest walk-through light show in New Mexico. Now in its 9<sup>th</sup> year, it has become a beloved outing for families to share in the spirit of the season. This is a very special way to experience our Botanical Gardens.

**Cultural Programs in Old Town, November 29, December 13, 7 p.m. San**

**Felipe de Neri Church:** Since the success of our "Old Town, New Fun" initiative which began this past May, countless visitors have discovered (and countless residents have rediscovered) the culture and charm of Old Town. Live music, revised zoning and other improvement measures have made Old Town a center for community life once again. During the colder fall and winter months, we will continue to present programs with live music and historical accounts of the Plaza Vieja every other Wednesday in the Historic, and cozy, San Felipe de Neri Church.

**KiMo Performances, *Rigoletto* and *The Nutcracker Ballet in December:*** The Historic KiMo Theatre brings two renowned works to Albuquerque audiences throughout December. In the first, Opera Southwest presents Giuseppe Verdi's famed work *Rigoletto*. The second show, *The Nutcracker*, is Ballet Theatre of New Mexico's presentation of the timeless classic for enthusiasts of all ages.

Shopping in Two of Albuquerque's Signature Neighborhoods: **The Old Town Holiday Stroll, Friday, December 1, 12 Noon to 9 p.m.** Festivities include live music and entertainment, pet adoptions, lighting of the giant tree, refreshments, Santa Claus, luminarias and, of course, shopping! Free Rapid Rides to and from the event. Sponsored by the Old Town Merchants Association.

**The Nob Hill Winter Shop and Stroll: Thursday, December 7 - 3 p.m. to 10 p.m.** A wonderful evening of shopping and fun in the model Route 66 neighborhood, sponsored by the Nob Hill Business Association. It's a Fantastic kick-off to the season in festive Nob Hill, a friendly place to do all of your holiday shopping!

**Luminaria Tour 2006, Sunday, December 24, 5:20 p.m., 5:45 p.m., 6:10 p.m., 6:50 p.m. and 7:15 p.m.** Tours take off from UNM Stadium: Take a magical ride and see the splendor of Luminarias lighting up the Duke City from the convenience and comfort of ABQ Ride coaches.

For these and other events happening in Albuquerque, please call 311 for more information, or visit us online at <[www.cabq.gov](http://www.cabq.gov)>. Have a safe and happy holiday season!

City Council  
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ning, starting with the area's most notorious properties and adding more as they are submitted. "Heart of the Heights" meetings will resume in January, so e-mail, call or write to submit your suggestions for meeting topics to Councilor Mayer.

**District 8 - City Councilor Craig Loy -** Councilor Loy is working with the City's Planning Department and a constituent task force to create a district-wide plan for infill and re-development. The plan, similar to a sector plan, will establish design and construction standards for new construction, particularly commercial construction. Also included will be more specific guidelines for notification procedures. The planning project is anticipated to be completed in twelve months. District 8 residents and neighborhood associations are encouraged to provide input in the plan and attend upcoming public meetings on the project. Please contact Councilor Loy at <[cloy@cabq.gov](mailto:cloy@cabq.gov)> for further information and comments.

**District 9 - City Councilor Don Harris -** Council Vice President Harris is focusing his efforts on redevelopment of East Central Avenue. The redevelopment area includes properties adjacent to Central between Eubank and Tramway. He is also addressing traffic issues in southeast Albuquerque. Recently, the Councilor's legislation to conduct a corridor study south of Central and east of Eubank was approved. The bill also established a moratorium on subdivision approvals in the Tijeras Arroyo in order to conduct open space and cultural site studies. Currently, the Councilor is working with neighborhood representatives and the wireless telecommunication industry to draft an amendment requiring concealment of cell phone towers.

For more information on any of the legislation mentioned, please visit the Albuquerque City Council's webpage at <[www.cabq.gov/council](http://www.cabq.gov/council)>.

## City Council

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

### District 1 – City Councilor Ken Sanchez

- Councilor Sanchez, the Albuquerque Police Department and several surrounding business owners/managers are working closely together to clean up the Westside. A task force has been put in place to attack the problem of the criminal and substance abuse activity around Coors and Central Avenue. Since the last task force meeting, APD has had a much stronger presence in the area, including undercover police and higher security. The number of nuisance calls for vehicle break-ins, vandalism, and individuals under the influence of alcohol has decreased. Councilor Sanchez will continue to work with the constituents of District 1 in addressing concerns and improvements for the area.

### District 2 – City Councilor Debbie O'Malley

- The trend towards the conversion of mobile home parks into market rate housing or commercial developments has displaced some of the City's most economically fragile residents and reduced the City's much needed stock of affordable housing. In order to protect those economically fragile residents, while at the same time protecting the City's supply of low-income housing, Councilor O'Malley has introduced O-06-50, which imposes limitations on the ability of a landlord to evict a mobile home resident. The bill requires eighteen months notice before a landlord can evict a resident. It also contains language that allows for eviction based on conduct that "constitutes an annoyance to other tenants or interference with park management" *only* if that conduct causes other tenants or park management to lose the full legal use of their property.

### District 3 - City Councilor Isaac Benton

- Councilor Benton recently co-sponsored and helped pass legislation that will dedicate funds to construct and operate a Modern Streetcar system in Albuquerque. A longtime proponent of transportation alternatives and multi-modal opportunities, Councilor Benton sees the streetcar

as being the backbone of improved transit throughout the city since it will directly connect to Rapid Ride, the Rail Runner, and new bus lines. Phase one is planned to run from Atrisco Plaza just west of the river, along Central Avenue through the Bio Park area, Old Town, Downtown, the University area and Nob Hill. To learn more about why Councilor Benton feels that this is such an important project for Albuquerque, visit his website:

<[www.cabq.gov/council/ccdist3.html](http://www.cabq.gov/council/ccdist3.html)>.

### District 4 – City Councilor Brad Winter

- In response to citizen input in public comment regarding OC-06-3, MGT of America, Inc.'s Evaluation of the Police Oversight Commission, Councilor Winter suggested to other City Councilors that an Ad-Hoc Citizen Task Force be convened to review the findings of the MGT of America, Inc. evaluation of the Police Oversight Commission and submit a summary of their concerns to the Council. As a result, an Ad Hoc Committee of citizens from six different Council Districts has recently met to begin formulating a report of their findings. The Police Oversight Commission was created to provide oversight of the Albuquerque Police Department and oversee all citizen complaints. In accordance with the Police Oversight Commission ordinance, an independent consultant is selected every four years to undertake a complete evaluation and analysis of the entire Police Oversight Process and recommend any necessary changes or amendments that would appropriately improve the process. Any citizen desiring to have input into this process may do so by contacting a member of the Ad Hoc Committee. This information is available in the City Council Office. Call **505-768-3101** or **505-768-3106** for further information.

### District 5 - City Councilor Michael Cadigan

- Councilor Cadigan continues to work diligently to acquire and preserve open space areas, particularly in and near the Petroglyph Monument. Not only is it a high priority on his requests in the City's Capital Implementation Program but he is working hard with Legislators and the Governor to also acquire funds from the 2007 State Legislature. He will continue to work with State Legislators on the Federal level to obtain open space property on the City's Westside. Councilor Cadigan holds

meetings of District 5 constituents on a regular basis to discuss issues that pertain to that district specifically. The next meeting will be **Thursday, November 30, 2006 at 7 p.m.** in the newly renovated Open Space Visitors Center located at the end of Bosque Meadows Road NW. The meeting will include a tour of the beautiful new center. For more information, call **505-768-3101**.




### District 6 – City Council President Martin Heinrich

- Councilor Heinrich sponsored and saw through the purchase and protection of a large area of open space for Albuquerque's residents known as the Hawkwatch Property in the Sandia Mountains. The area serves as a vulnerable crossing for wildlife between the Sandia and Manzano Mountain ranges and was under severe threat of being sold and developed. Councilor Heinrich also sponsored legislation responding to the rapidly expanding presence of commuter rail trains on Albuquerque railroads. The legislation will allow trains to forego the sounding of warning horns once the City provides the necessary safety measures to prevent vehicle and pedestrian traffic in each crossing area of the rail line. Councilor Heinrich's priorities also include efforts to slow traffic and improve the pedestrian friendliness of District 6 neighborhoods, as can be seen in the recently constructed bulbouts along Central Avenue and a roundabout along Santa Clara SE and Princeton SE.

### District 7 – City Councilor Sally Mayer

- District 7, the Heart of the Heights, has some exciting things going on and Councilor Mayer has been working hard to make sure the residents of the district are well informed and represented. At the October Heart of the Heights Meeting, Mayor Martin Chávez stopped by for an hour of question and answer. November also saw the grand opening of ABQ Uptown; the city's newest shopping eating and eventually living area. Councilor Mayer has been working hard to mediate the wants of the developers and the concerns of the neighboring residents. 400 new jobs have been created in the district and property values will increase, as will the gross receipts taxes collected. Also, the City's problem property on-line tracking system is now up and run-

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<b>23 - 30</b>	<b>1 - 13</b>	<b>14 - 20</b>	<b>20-31</b>
<b>Tuesday, November 21</b> •GARTC – 4:30 p.m.	<b>Monday, December 4</b> •City Council – 5 p.m.	<b>Thursday, December 14</b> •GWPAB – 8:30 a.m.	<b>Thursday, December 21</b> •EPC Hearing – 8:30 a.m.
<b>Wednesday, November 22</b> •DRB – 9 a.m.** •SEPC – 9 a.m.	<b>Wednesday, December 6</b> •AAB – 9 a.m. •DRB – 9 a.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.	<b>Monday, December 25 Christmas Day City Offices Closed</b>
<b>November 23 and 24 Thanksgiving Holiday City Offices Closed</b>	<b>Monday, December 11</b> •GABAC – 4:30 p.m. •SWAN – 6:30 p.m.	<b>Monday, December 18</b> •City Council – 5 p.m.	<b>Tuesday, December 26</b> •BOA – 9 a.m. •LEPC – 9 a.m.
<b>Monday, November 27</b> •City Council – 5 p.m.* (*tentative)	<b>Wednesday, December 13</b> •DRB – 9 a.m. •SEPC – 9 a.m. •LUCC – 3 p.m. •AQCB – 5:15 p.m.	<b>Tuesday, December 19</b> •GARTC – 4:30 p.m. •ZHE – No Hearing in December	<b>Wednesday, December 27</b> •EPC Pre-Hearing – 1:30 p.m.
<b>Tuesday, November 28</b> •BOA – 9 a.m.** •ZHE – 9 a.m.**		<b>Wednesday, December 20</b> •DRB – 9 a.m. •ADC – 3 p.m.	
<b>Wednesday, November 29</b> •LEPC – 9 a.m. •DRB – 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.lepcbqbernco.org](http://www.lepcbqbernco.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, November 29, 2006 at 1:30 p.m. in the Planning Conference Room, Third Floor. The EPC Public Hearing will be held on Thursday, December 21, 2006 at 8:30 a.m. in the Plaza del Sol Hearing Room (basement level), 600 Second Street NW for the following cases:

Alamosa, Alban Hills, Avalon, Bosque Del Rio, Coors Trail, Cottonwood Trails, Crestview Bluff, Eagle Ranch, Grande Heights, La Luz Del Sol, La Luz Landowners, Ladera West, Las Lomitas, Las Terrazas, Laurelwood, Los Volcanes, Oxbow Village, Parkway, Pat Hurley, Piedras Marcadas, Quaker Heights, Rancho Sereno, Richland Hills, Riverfronte Estates, Riverview Estates, Riverview Heights, Route 66 West, S.R. Marmon, Skyview West, Story Rock, Sunrise, Taylor Ranch, Tres Volcanes, Vecinos Del Bosque, Villa De Paz, Villages of Parkwest, Vista Grande, Vista Magnifica Assoc., Vista Montecito, West Bluff, West Mesa, Westside Merchants; 06EPC-01582, Project #1005238; Located on Coors Boulevard NW between Central Avenue NW/SW and Alameda Boulevard NW; G-K-10; B-11, F-11, E-12, D-12, C-13, B-14; HDR Engineering, Inc. at (505) 830-5400, agent for the City of Albuquerque, Planning Department, Advance Planning Division; Requests approval of an EPC Sector Development Plan for recommendation of approval to the City Council for the Coors Corridor Sector Development Plan; Juanita Garcia at 505-924-3349. To Be Heard at the EPC Study Session beginning at 1 p.m. on Thursday, December 14, 2006 in the Hearing Room at Plaza del Sol.

Northeast

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No Association(s) (neighborhood association); 06EPC-01579, Project #1005236 (case #'s); Approximately three (3) acre(s) located on the south side of Zia Road NE between Paisano Street NE and Zena Lona Street NE (location of request); K-22 (zone atlas page #); Nanci Stahlman at 949-939-3920, (applicant or agency and phone #); Requests approval of a Zone Map Amendment from S-1 to RT to construct a forty-eight (48) townhouse development (action requested); Petra Morris at 505-924-3343 (city staff planner).

Stronghurst Improvement; 06EPC-01583, Project #1005239; Approximately two (2) acre(s) located on the west side of Broadway Boulevard NE between Menaul Boulevard NE and Claremont Avenue NE; H-15; Claudio Vigil Architects at 505-842-1113, agent for Mech-Con Investments, LLC; Requests approval of an EPC Site Development Plan for Building Permit to build a 20,730 square foot warehouse office building for four (4) or more tenants; Catalina Lehner at 505-924-3935.

Stronghurst Improvement; 06EPC-01584, Project #1005240; Approximately three (3) acre(s) located on the west side of Broadway Boulevard NE between Menaul Boulevard NE and Claremont Avenue NE; H-14; Claudio Vigil Architects at 505-842-1113, agent for Mech-Con Investments, LLC; Requests approval of an EPC Site Development Plan for Building Permit to build a 42,100 square foot warehouse office building for four (4) or more tenants; Catalina Lehner at 505-924-3935.

Heritage East, Vineyard Estates, North Albuquerque Acres; 06EPC-01580 and 01581, Project #1005237; Approximately two (2) acre(s) located on the south side of Holly Avenue NE between Ventura Street NE and Holbrook Street NE; C-20; Jeff Mortensen and Associates, Inc. at (505) 345-4250, agent for Mark 3S Inc., c/o Mr. Amit Patel; Requests approval of an EPC Site Development Plan for Subdivision and Building Permit for a proposed office building and daycare facility; Petra Morris at 505-924-3343.

**Northwest**

**Downtown; 06EPC-01567 and 01566, Project #1000892;** Approximately one (1) acre(s) located on the north side of Tijeras Avenue NW between 12<sup>th</sup> Street NW and 13<sup>th</sup> Street NW; J-13; Lee Gamelsky, Architects at **505-842-8865**, agent for Charles Benzaquen; Requests approval of an EPC Site Development Plan for Building Permit and a Zone Map Amendment from SU-2/TH to SU-2/SU-1 for Single Family Residence and Restaurant Use w/Beer and Wine *to open an in-home restaurant with a minimum of twenty-four (24) seats indoors and twenty-four (24) seats outdoors open six (6) days a week*; Carol Toffaleti at **505-924-3345**.

**West Bluff, S.R. Marmon, West Mesa, Westside Merchants, Vista Magnifica, Los Volcanes; 06EPC-01585, Project #1002717;** Approximately six (6) acre(s) located on the west side of Atrisco Drive NW between I-40 Freeway and Coors Boulevard NW; H-11; Timothy Flynn-O'Brien at **(505) 242-4088**, agent for West Bluff Center, LLC; Requests an Text Amendment *of the Coors Corridor Plan (CCP)*; Stephanie Shumsky at **505-924-3933**.

**Avalon, Westgate Heights, Westside Merchants, Route 66 West; 06EPC-01586 and 01587, Project #1003794;** Approximately five (5) acre(s) located on the west side of 98<sup>th</sup> Street NW between Central Avenue NW and Volcano Road NW; K-9; Peterson-98<sup>th</sup> Central, LLC at **(505) 884-3578**; Requests approval for EPC Site Development Plan for Subdivision and Building Permit *for a proposed retail and commercial uses, including retail shop space, an auto parts store, possibility of a restaurant and convenience store with gas*; Maggie Gould at **505-924-3910**.

**Sawmill Area, Wells Park; 06EPC-01589, 06EPC-01590, 06EPC-01591, Project #1002981;** Approximately thirteen (13) acre(s) located on the west side of 12<sup>th</sup> Street NW between Sawmill Road NW and Bellamah Avenue NW; J-13; Consensus Planning at **(505) 764-9801**, agent for Cielo at Sawmill; Requests approval of a Zone Map Amendment from SU-2/S-M1 to SU-1 for PRD, EPC Sector Development Plan and EPC Site Development Plan for Subdivision *for a proposed ninety-three (93) townhouses, seventy-two (72) lofts/condominiums and sixty-eight (68) garden homes*; Stephanie Shumsky at **505-924-3933**.

**Southeast**

**South San Pedro; 06EPC-01575, Project #1005021;** Approximately one (1) acre(s) located on the west side of Ortiz Drive SE between Trumbull Avenue SE and Southern Avenue SE; L-18; DAC Enterprises, Inc. at **505-294-5243**, agent for J.C. Peterson; Requests approval of a Zone Map Amendment from P to R-2 *to construct houses, townhouses or medium density apartments*; Carol Toffaleti at **(505) 924-3345**.

**Kirtland Community, Clayton Heights/Lomas Del Cielo; 06EPC-01592, 01593 and 01594, Project #1005243;** Approximately seventeen (17) acre(s) located on the north side of Gibson Boulevard SE between University Boulevard SE between Buena Vista Drive SE; L-15; Consensus Planning at **505-764-9801**, agent for Alliance Residential; Request approval for an EPC Site Development Plan for Subdivision and Building Permit and a Zone Map Amendment from R-1 to SU-1 PRD and C-2 with restrictions *for a proposed mixed-use development with two hundred forty (240) multi-family residential units and sixty (60) units of vertical "townhouse" style apartments w/garages arranged in eight (8) free-standing buildings and one hundred eighty (180) apartments in sixteen (16) free-standing buildings called the "Broadstone Towne Center"*; Catalina Lehner at **505-924-3935**.

**Southwest**

**Westgate Heights; 06EPC-01588, Project #1005242;** Approximately two (2) acre(s) located on the south side of Sage Road SW between Snow Vista Boulevard SW and Reba Road SW; M-9; Tierra West, LLC at **505-858-3100**, agent for Compass Bank; Requests approval for a EPC Site Development Plan for Building Permit *for a proposed 3,600 square foot Compass Bank with a drive-thru*; Stephanie Shumsky at **505-924-3933**.

**Raynolds Addition, Huning Castle, Barelvas; 06EPC-01595 and 01596, Project #1005244;** Approximately one (1) acre(s) located on the east and west side of 14<sup>th</sup> Street SW and north of Coal Avenue SW; K-13; Consensus Planning at **505-764-9801**, agent for K&M Development; Requests approval of and Zone Map Amendment form SU-1 Fraternal Organization (Knights of Columbus Hall and parking lot) to SU-2 for Multi-Family Residential (MFR) and EPC Sector Development Plan amendment to the Huning Castle and Raynolds Addition Sector Plan *for a proposed fourteen (14) town home development*; Maggie Gould at **505-924-3910**.

**Due space constraints this month, we are unable to publish the EPC map for these December cases.  
The map is available on-line at <<http://www.cabq.gov/planning/nbrcoord/newsletter.html>>.**

# CITY SCOOP

## News From City Departments



### APD Crime Prevention

505-924-3600

Submitted By Steve Sink



### Travel Preparation And Safety

*There are traditional times each year that many of us choose to travel to see family and friends as well as enjoy a vacation. Generally, when we go on trips we are less likely to focus on our surroundings and safety. Most of the security resources you can depend on at the office or at home are nonexistent when you travel. Your greatest resource is yourself – your willingness to take precautions, vary your routes, keep a low profile and be alert to suspicious behavior and circumstances. The following tips for securing your residence and travel safety should be observed before and during a trip.*

#### Securing and Preparing Your Residence Before Travel

- Ask a trusted neighbor to watch your residence and report suspicious activity.
- If possible, have a trusted friend or family member stay at your home.
- Install automatic timers on lights, TV's and radios to give the impression someone is home.
- Don't stop mail and newspaper delivery – ask a neighbor to collect. If you have a rollout trash dumpster, have a neighbor place it in the street on pick up day and return it that evening. Also, ask them to park a vehicle in the driveway when ever possible.
- Be extra cautious about locking all doors and windows.
- Make sure trees and shrubs are trimmed to allow for good natural surveillance of your property.
- Make arrangements to have exterior lights on each night.
- Each entrance should have solid core or metal doors and deadbolt locks.
- All primary window locks should be operational and secondary locks should be installed.
- Let neighbors, family and friends know when you plan to return from a trip.

#### Travel and Hotel/Motel Safety

- Always be aware of your surroundings and trust your instincts.
- Lock all personal items in the trunk or away from view – roll up windows, lock doors and take your keys.
- Park in well lit areas with a lot of activity. Park as close to an entrance as possible.
- Rooms should have solid core or metal doors and an eye viewer.
- Change rooms if these items are worn out or not functioning properly.
- Always verify who's at your door. If you are not expecting a visitor, call the front desk if the person claims to be with the facility and do not open the door to strangers or solicitors.
- If you observe suspicious behavior notify hotel/motel personnel or call the police.
- Look for establishments that have the unit doors and walkways enclosed as well as electronic card access verses the outdated door key.
- Turn on the TV or radio when you are away from the room and leave a light on.
- Identify emergency exits and discuss hotel/motel safety and security with family

- members.
- Keep valuables in the hotel/motel safe or leave them at home.
- Carry a minimum amount of luggage and never leave them unattended.
- Carry only those personal items necessary for a particular trip. Use traveler's checks or credit cards when ever possible. Leave local credit cards at home.

- Avoid carrying a purse whenever possible. Place money and credit cards in a front or jacket pocket. If you must carry a purse, carry it close to your body with flap facing inward and place strap around your shoulder (never wrap it around your body or neck).
- Don't display your room key or leave them in places they can be easily stolen.

### Cultural Services

#### Library Division

Submitted By Riann K. Powell



#### Holiday Book Sale

Start your holiday shopping early! On **Saturday, November 11**, the Friends for the Public Library began their **Annual Holiday Book Sale** at the Main Library in downtown Albuquerque. Choose from a large selection of "like new" and gift books including Art, Coffee Table, Southwest, Military History, Religion, Cooking, Crafts, Children's and much more. The sale begins at 10 a.m. and runs through 4 p.m. Admission is \$1, kids and members are free. Proceeds from this and all of the Friends for the Public Library's book sales benefit the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System.

The Friends for the Public Library hold monthly book sales on the second Saturday of every month. The next book sale will be held on Saturday, December 9. They offer great prices on a variety of gently used books, CD's, records, cassette tapes and more. All sales are held in the lower-level activity room of the Main Library, located at 501 Copper Avenue NW. For more information call **505-768-5167** or visit the library's website at [www.cabq.gov/library](http://www.cabq.gov/library).



**Mayor Martin J. Chávez  
And The Joiner Family  
Invite You To The  
2006 Twinkle Light Parade**



Don't miss it - the 2006 Twinkle Light Parade, Saturday, November 25 starting at 5:15 p.m. at Third Street and Central Avenue, Downtown.

For information on entering the parade, call **311** - no fee for qualified entries. Registration deadline for entries is **Friday, November 17, 2006**.

## Office of Emergency Management

By Selena Chavez, Coordinator

Albuquerque Community Emergency Response Team

### Training Citizens in Disaster Preparedness



Were you aware that here in Albuquerque you have the opportunity to join a CERT Team? Have you ever heard about this program? Just what is **CERT**? CERT, better known as **Community**

**Emergency Response Team**, is a program that educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help. CERT members also are encouraged to support emergency response agencies by taking a more active role in emergency preparedness projects in their community.

CERT is about readiness, people helping people, rescuer safety, and doing the greatest good for the greatest number. CERT is a positive and realistic approach to emergency and disaster situations where citizens will be initially on their own and their actions can make a difference. Through training, citizens can manage utilities and put out small fires; treat the three killers by opening airways, controlling bleeding, and treating for shock; provide basic first aid; search for and rescue victims safely; and organize themselves and spontaneous volunteers to be effective.

Albuquerque's CERT program began in January 2006. Our goal was to train and graduate 100 citizens during this calendar year, at least 25 volunteers per quarterly class. As we close out our first year, we are proud to say we have trained 95 citizens here in the Albuquerque area. As the program grows, we have set a goal to train at a minimum 100 citizens a year.

In September, Our CERT members put their training to use. During the summer floods, our team was called upon by the Mayor of Belen to help those whose homes were damaged by flooding. The skills they acquired from our class helped them work together to support those citizens who needed help the most. Our team helped to remove damaged carpet and debris from standing water and move furniture for those who due to their medical conditions could not do it themselves and to the elderly. In all, we helped out three neighborhoods and 28 residents in Belen.

Our volunteers are not only called upon during disasters. Our program offers many opportunities to keep our members involved in and around the community. September 2006 was National Preparedness Month. Our CERTs were involved in a great number of initiatives, with booths at the New Mexico State Fair to Costco's Public Safety Week. Albuquerque's Citizens have shown great interest in our program and that interest is growing along with the sizes of our classes.

The CERT course will benefit any citizen who takes it. Individuals will be better prepared to respond to and cope with the aftermath of a disaster. Additionally, if a community wants to supplement its response capability after a disaster, civilians can be recruited and trained as neighborhood, business, and government teams that, in essence, will be auxiliary responders. These groups can provide immediate assistance to victims in their area, organize spontaneous volunteers who have not had the training, and collect disaster intelligence that will assist professional responders following a disaster.

Albuquerque's CERT graduated their third class October 14, 2006. Our fourth class will begin on **Saturday, January 16, 2007** and graduate **Saturday, February 24, 2007**. Classes are held at the Albuquerque Fire Academy, every Tuesday and Thursday from 6 to 9 p.m.

If you would like to know more about becoming a CERT member, contact the **CERT hotline at 505-833-7293** or check our website at [www.cabq.gov/emergency/cert.html](http://www.cabq.gov/emergency/cert.html).

### Albuquerque Fire Department

Submitted By Mike Paiz, Captain  
Public Affairs Officer, AFD



### A Word to the Wise from AFD

Greetings and Happy Holidays!

As the Holiday Season approaches the Citizens of Albuquerque could be exposing themselves to injury. Turkey fryers are becoming very common, but there are some dangers associated with their use. First, when a turkey is placed in the hot oil, the oil may spill onto the burner creating a fire. Second, pot can tip over spilling hot oil and scalding anyone or anything nearby.

#### *If using a turkey fryer:*

- Place fryer in an area outdoors - away from structures or underneath a covered area such as a porch or garage.
- Do not overheat** the oil.
- Make sure the turkey is fully **thawed** and **free from as much moisture as possible**.
- When placing the turkey in the fryer wear long sleeves and gloves that are fire resistant.
- Keep children and pets away from the cooking area.
- Make sure the oil is completely cooled before properly disposing of it.



**Environmental Health, Animal Care Center**

Submitted By Anna M. Sanchez, Marketing Manager



**Brrr ... It's Cold Outside!**

As the cold weather approaches, the City of Albuquerque Animal Care Center is encouraging pet owners to take these extra precautions to ensure your pets are prepared for winter.

- Don't leave your dog or cat alone in a car during cold weather. A car can act as a refrigerator in the winter, holding in the cold and causing the animal to freeze to death.
- Puppies do not tolerate the cold as well as adult dogs, and may be difficult to housebreak during the winter. If your puppy appears to be sensitive to the weather, you may opt to paper-train him inside.
- Don't leave dogs outdoors when the temperature drops and no matter what the temperature might be, windchill can threaten a pet's life.
- Different breeds of dogs have different sheltering needs. If kept outside, your dog must be protected by a dry, draft-free doghouse that is large enough to allow the dog to sit and lie down comfortably, but small enough to hold in his/her body heat. The floor should be raised a few inches off the ground and covered with cedar shavings or straw. The house should be turned to face away from the wind, and the doorway should be covered with water-proof burlap or heavy plastic. Own a short-haired breed? Consider getting him a coat or sweater with a high collar or turtleneck with coverage from the base of the tail to the belly. For many dogs, this is regulation winter wear.
- A dog or cat is happiest and healthiest when kept indoors. Outdoor animals typically need more calories in the winter which allows their body to produce body heat. Routinely check your pet's water dish to make certain the water is fresh and unfrozen. Use plastic food and water bowls rather than metal; when the temperature is low, your pet's tongue can stick and freeze to metal.
- Warm engines in parked cars attract cats and small wild life that may crawl up under the hood. To avoid injuring any hidden animals, bang on your car's hood to scare them away before starting your engine.
- Antifreeze is a deadly poison and should have a bittering agent. Wipe up spills and store antifreeze (and all household chemicals) out of reach.

The best thing to do for your pets is to keep your dog or cat inside with you and your family and take them out frequently for walks and exercise. Dogs and cats are social animals who crave human companionship. Snuggle up with your pet during the cold winter nights to come.



**Wastewater Utility**

Submitted By Brynda Gutierrez



**Protect The Sewer System and Your Home**

Garbage disposals are convenient, but did you know that garbage disposals can wreak havoc in the sanitary sewer system which can lead to problems in your home. Our natural instinct is to throw food waste down the sink; it is like the age-old adage, "out of sight out of mind." However, when we throw food waste down the drain, and hit the garbage disposal button much of the ground food waste collects in the plumbing trap causing odor, and eventually the food waste is pushed into the collection system causing blockages, increasing odor, and solids loading to the Southside Water Reclamation Plant.

It is best to avoid using the garbage disposal. In fact, some municipalities are banning the use of garbage disposals. In the past, before the invention of the garbage disposal, homeowner used food scraps to feed animals, or used the vegetable waste to compost.



Composting is recycling organic materials such as lawn clippings, vegetable scraps, leaves, etc into a rich soil amendment/conditioner. You can create your own inexpensive compost.

Any ventilated container that is 3 feet by 3 feet by 3 feet is perfect for composting. Some examples of material that can be used for constructing your composting bin include:

- Four wooden pallets on end wired together
- Eight straw bales (stacked 2 high arranged in a square)
- Wood frame with hardware screen
- Stacked cinder blocks (no mortar is necessary)

Compost pile should be located in an area with easy access to water (faucet or garden hose). Use a pitchfork or shovel to turn the pile, and water the pile every week or two to speed up the breakdown of material. Using a two-bin system facilitates turning.

For more information on composting visit the web sites or contact the Master Gardeners below:

**Albuquerque Area Extension Master Gardener  
505-243-1386**

<http://www.nmrecycle.org/nmoro.htm>

<http://www.mastercomposter.com/>



Cultural Services

Submitted by Leslie Venezuela

The Albuquerque Museum

Sordid and Sacred: The Beggars in Rembrandt's Etchings Selections from the John Villarino Collection

A wonderful opportunity to view 35 rare etchings by famed Dutch artist Rembrandt van Rijn. Sordid and Sacred was organized by Landau Traveling Exhibitions, Los Angeles, CA. It will be on display through Sunday, January 7, 2007.

November Activities

Biennial Southwest

The first regional juried exhibition of its kind presenting more than one hundred contemporary art works from New Mexico, Texas and Arizona. On display through Sunday, January 7, 2007.

Biennial Southwest Artist Series

Artist talks in the gallery on Thursdays and Sundays at 2 p.m. during the month of November. Visitors have the opportunity to engage in lively talks with a number of artists exhibiting in the Biennial Southwest exhibition. Each artist will talk for about twenty minutes.

Regular admission applies.

Artist Talks on Thursdays

November 30 - Sylvia Crain, Pat Conway and Marilyn Dillard

Artist Talks on Sundays

November 19 - Theo Helmstadter and Sheilah Wilson

November 26 - Marietta Patricia Leis, Ken Killebrew and Margi Weir

Thursday, November 23

The Museum is closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday Free General Admission Days at The Albuquerque Museum.

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



Submitted By John Stomp

November Brings Continued Construction On San Juan Chama Drinking Water Projects With A Break For Thanksgiving

We're heading into the holidays, but there is no slow down on construction for San Juan Chama Drinking Water Projects. The exception is the Thanksgiving weekend, November 23-26, when most or all of the contractors will not be on the job.

NORTHEAST QUADRANT OF ALBUQUERQUE

Cagua Drive NE north and south of Menaul Boulevard NE

Crews have tunneled under Menaul Boulevard NE at Cagua Drive NE as part of the Charles Wells Pipeline Project. Cagua Drive NE is closed for approximately one block north and one block south of Menaul Boulevard NE. This closure is expected to last through mid-to-late Novem-

ber. Paving for this area is scheduled to start in mid-November. Motorists can use San Mateo Boulevard NE or Louisiana Boulevard NE as alternate routes.

Cagua Drive NE towards Phoenix Avenue NE

As part of the Charles Wells pipeline, crews are working on Cagua Drive NE, heading north toward Phoenix Avenue NE. Work is taking place in three-block segments, with the area under construction closed to through traffic but open to local residences. Paving for this area is scheduled to start in mid-November. Access will be maintained to all local businesses and residences. This phase of the project is expected to last through mid-to-late November.

Candelaria Road NE between Arno Street NE and Second Street NW

Construction is continuing westward on Candelaria Road NE between Arno Street NE and Second Street NW. Crews successfully tunneled under the railroad tracks the weekend of Oct. 27-29 and are currently completing storm sewer tie-ins and installation of large diameter pipeline on the north side of the road. While construction continues on Candelaria Road NE, traffic is shifted to the south side of the road, with two eastbound lanes and one westbound lane of traffic maintained at all times. Motorists may experience some delays and can use Menaul Boulevard NE as an alternate route.

Chappell Drive NE between Singer Avenue NE and Renaissance Boulevard NE

Construction is continuing on Raw Water Pipeline #2. Chappell Drive NE has two-way traffic between Singer Avenue NE and Renaissance Boulevard NE. There is a total closure of Chappell Drive NE between the I-25 Frontage Road and Renaissance Boulevard NE through at least early to mid-November. Motorists should expect delays and can use Jefferson Boulevard NE as an alternate route. Crews have installed a new bridge across the North Diversion Channel north of Singer Avenue NE to support the pipeline. This bridge will eventually include a pedestrian/bicycle pathway in its center.

Del Rey Avenue NE from the Northbound I-25 Frontage Road to San Pedro Drive NE

Crews are laying pipeline on Del Rey Avenue NE from the northbound I-25 frontage road, heading east toward San Pedro Drive NE as part of the Coronado Pipeline. While work is taking place on Del Rey Avenue NE, only one lane of westbound traffic is allowed. Motorists should expect delays and can use San Antonio Drive NE or San Francisco Road NE as alternate routes. This phase of construction is expected to last through December.

Edith Boulevard NE between Carmony Lane NE and Nikanda Road NE

As part of the East Valley Pipeline crews are laying pipeline on the east side of Edith Boulevard NE between Carmony Lane NE and Nikanda Road NE. Traffic is shifted to the west side of the roadway, as needed, with one lane of traffic open in each direction. This phase of the project is expected to be completed by late November.

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

Early this month, crews are scheduled to lay pipeline on the north side of McKinney Drive NE between Forest Hills Drive NE and Harper Drive NE as part of the Coronado Pipeline. Crews will work from north to south, and traffic will be shifted to the southbound lanes of McKinney Drive NE, with one lane of traffic open in each direction. As crews cross streets and driveways with the pipeline, they will coordinate in advance. Anyone in this area who has special access issues should call Shannon Harris at 505-681-9134. This work is expected to last through mid-December.

**Phoenix Avenue NE from San Pedro Drive NE to Chama Street NE**  
As part of the Charles Wells Pipeline, crews are working on Phoenix Avenue NE, moving east from San Pedro Drive NE toward Chama Street NE. While construction is going on in approximate three-block segments, the area of Phoenix Avenue NE under construction is completely closed to traffic. Motorists can use Claremont Avenue NE or Menaul Boulevard NE as alternate routes. This work is expected to last through late December 2006.

**Phoenix Avenue NE and Chama Street NE**

Also as part of the Charles Wells Pipeline, the intersection of Phoenix Avenue NE and Chama Street NE is closed. Phoenix Avenue NE is completely 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. This work is expected to last through late December 2006.

**San Pedro Drive NE between Arvilla Avenue NE and Phoenix Avenue NE**

Crews have begun repaving and are laying the last part of the pipeline on the east side (northbound lane) of San Pedro Drive NE, heading south from Arvilla Avenue NE toward Phoenix Avenue NE as part of the Charles Wells Pipeline. Only **one** lane of **southbound traffic** is allowed on San Pedro Drive NE during construction, which is expected to last through mid to late November 2006. Northbound motorists can use Louisiana Boulevard NE or San Mateo Boulevard NE as alternate routes.

**NORTHWEST QUADRANT OF ALBUQUERQUE  
Alameda Drain between Fourth Street NW and Twelfth Street NW**

Crews are installing large diameter pipeline along the Alameda Drain between Fourth Street NW and Twelfth Street NW. While traffic impacts are expected to be minimal, motorists should expect occasional delays to movement of heavy construction equipment in an out of this area. Crews are also scheduled to begin installing a multi-use pedestrian trail between Second Street NW and Fourth Street NW in the near future.

**Atrisco Drive NW and Western Trail NW**

Through late November, crews will be working in this intersection as part of the Volcano Pipeline. There will be a total closure of the southbound lanes of Atrisco with traffic shifted into the northbound lanes, and one lane of traffic open in each direction. Motorists should expect delays.

**Campbell Road NW East of Rio Grande Boulevard NW**

Crews are wrapping up work in this area in mid to late November, completing paving and landscape installation as part of the West Valley Pipeline. During working hours and non-working hours, crews will maintain one driving lane for both directions of traffic.

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

Crews are continuing to replace an existing sanitary sewer line, which is in poor condition. Following replacement of the sewer line, they will continue installation of the 60" pipeline on the north side of Campbell Road NW as soon as possible. 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 Glenwood Road NW. Flaggers will be on hand to control eastbound traffic along Campbell Road near the construction zone as needed. Residents should expect delays.

**Campbell Road NW west of Trellis Drive NW**

Crews are continuing to replace an existing sanitary sewer line, which was in poor condition. Installation of the 60" tie-in is going on at the

bosque entrance laundryway. Following replacement of the sewer line, crews will continue installation of the 60" pipeline starting at Trellis and going west on the north side of Campbell Road NW. Crews will maintain at least one lane of traffic in each direction west of Trellis Drive NW, or will have flaggers on-site during working hours to direct traffic in one direction at a time. Residents should expect delays.

**Raw Water Pump Station  
(Northwest corner of Bachechi 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.

**Unser Boulevard NW between Western Trail NW and Vulcan Road NW**

As part of the Volcano Pipeline, crews will continue laying pipeline heading north on Unser Boulevard NW. The northbound left lane will be closed, with traffic shifted to the other lane. This work is expected to last through late November.

**Unser Boulevard NW between Dellyne Avenue NW and Montano Road NW**

Also as part of the Coronado Pipeline, crews will lay pipeline heading north on Unser Boulevard NW between Dellyne Avenue NW and Montano Road NW. This work requires the closure of both northbound lanes, with traffic shifted to the southbound lanes and one lane of traffic open in each direction. Motorists should expect delays and can use Coors Boulevard NW as an alternate route. This portion of the work is expected to last through mid to late November.

**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 Jackson at **505-293-2000**. For more information about the project, visit our website at [www.sjcdinkingwater.org](http://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](mailto:pattiw@cooneywatson.com).



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