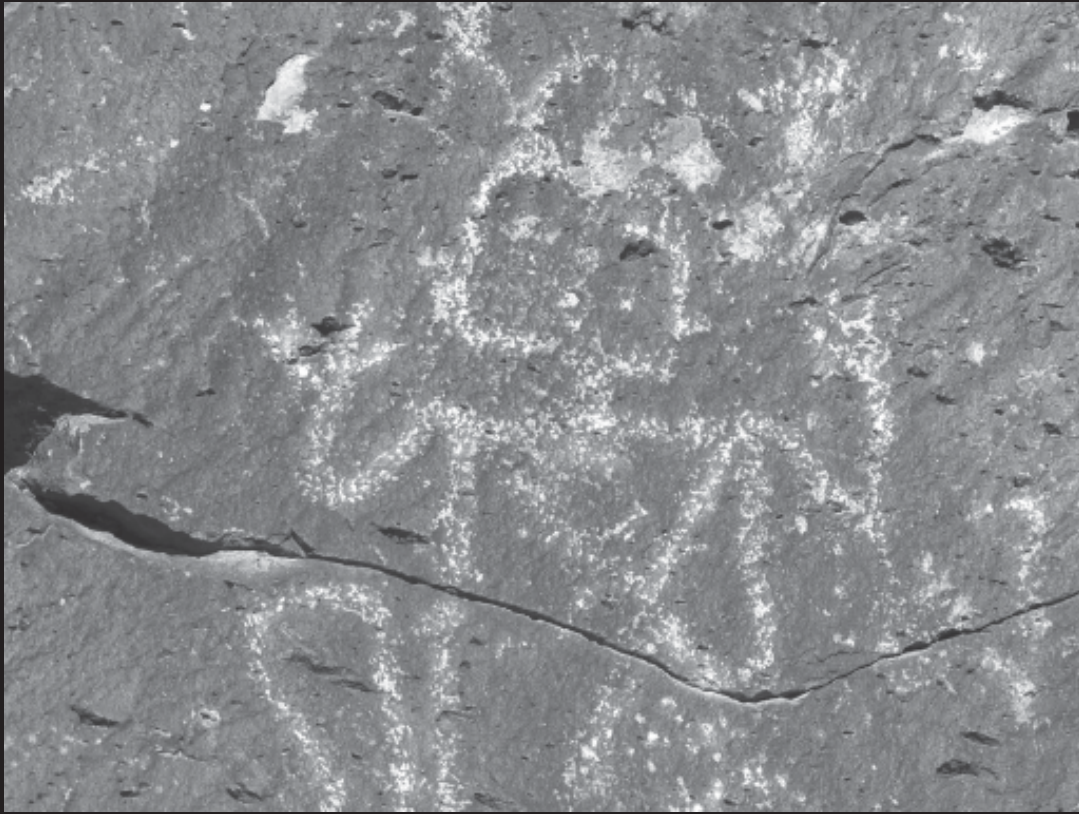


# Taylor Ranch Pays It Forward

June/July 2006

## NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

A Publication Of The Office Of Neighborhood Coordination



**"Warrior" Of The Petroglyphs**

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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

Highlands North  
John B. Robert  
Montgomery Heights  
Near North Valley  
Paloma Del Sol  
Thomas Village  
Vecinos Del Bosque  
Vista Del Norte  
Zuni

### “Welcome” to Incoming President

Ed Manfre  
Sue Hilts  
Robert Swartwood  
George Hutton  
Tony Braunschweiger  
Deborah Ridley  
Irma Ruiz  
Rod Crawley  
Sharon Berlint

### “Thanks” to Outgoing President

Don McLaughlin  
Lori A. Martinez  
Andy Caird  
Ray Gutierrez  
Jim McKim  
Steven Hamp  
Richard Rivas  
Eddie Kurtz  
Davis Lee

### NEW NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION(S)

The *La Cueva Village Neighborhood Association* is located in *City Council District 4, Police Beat – 434/NE, County Commission District 4*. The contacts for this association are *Celina Stoyanof* and *Dave Nufer*. *La Cueva Village Neighborhood Association* became recognized on May 31, 2006. **Welcome Aboard!**

**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 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:

April Annual Reports are due: July 1, 2006  
May Annual Reports are due: August 1, 2006  
June Annual Reports are due: September 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 **857-8060** for more information.

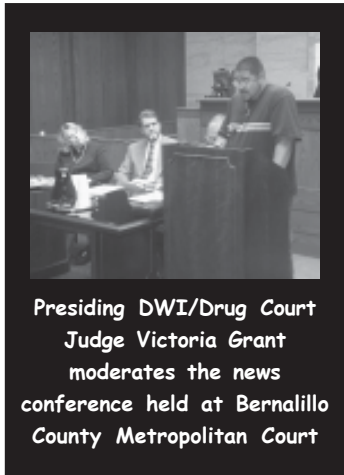
**Metro Court**  
Submitted By Janet Blair



**Across The City**

**DWI/Drug Courts**

There are 31 drug courts in 18 of New Mexico's counties. They operate in District, Metropolitan and Magistrate Court levels. The recommendation is now on the table to establish them in all 33 counties.



Presiding DWI/Drug Court Judge Victoria Grant moderates the news conference held at Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court

"Drug Courts work. We have shown this with an excellent track record here in New Mexico. Our goal is to make sure that drug court services are available to every New Mexican who could benefit from them. Secondly, we want to make sure the courts have sustaining funds to keep them going," said Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court Judge Victoria Grant, the President of the New Mexico Association of Drug Court Professionals and the Presiding Judge of the Metropolitan Court Drug Courts.

"Drug courts have proven to be an extraordinarily effective tool in touching the lives of substance abusers because the program treats more than just addiction," said Chief Justice Richard Bosson of the New Mexico Supreme Court.

Drug court professionals now have a five-year plan to accomplish both goals. It was discussed at a news conference in May at the Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court Ceremonial Courtroom. May was National Drug Court Month and the event was observed with a DWI/Drug Court graduation presided over by Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court Judge Cristina Jaramillo.

The plan was created by the Drug Court Advisory Committee (DCAC) in 2005 as part of a mandate from the New Mexico Supreme Court. The Court has approved the plan and full funding is under consideration by the New Mexico State Legislature.

A drug court is a specially-designed program that combines judicial oversight with drug testing and substance abuse treatment. In addition, there is intense probationary supervision. The formula for this success was first used in the Dade County, Florida, courts in 1989. Here in New Mexico, the first drug court was established in Las Cruces in 1994. The drug courts in operation in this state have success rates even better than the national average.

"The drug court program inspires responsibility in participants and the programs have shown remarkable success in reducing

recidivism. Graduates emerge ready to make substantive, long-lasting changes in their lives," said Bosson. "Within three years after graduation, fewer than 12% re-offend. We want to extend this opportunity to all New Mexicans."

"We are looking at creating 18 new drug courts in underserved counties all around New Mexico. That kind of growth will cost about \$6.15 million over the next four fiscal years," said Justice Bosson. "This plan also includes funding to make sure that existing drug courts have adequate funding to continue and expand their programs. We can reduce re-arrest rates to about one quarter of the national average. This is an investment in community safety we must make."

**311 Citizen Contact Center**

Submitted By Michael Padilla  
General Manager

The City of Albuquerque is pleased to introduce you to our new **311** Citizen Contact Center. The City of Albuquerque now has three primary telephone numbers: **911** for health and safety emergencies; **242-COPS** for police non-emergencies; and, **311** for all other city services. All you have to do is dial **311** or **768-2000** and you will reach our Citizen Contact Center 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

**311** was designed to eliminate the confusion when dealing with city hall, reduce the number of non-emergency calls to **911**, and create a system of accountability across city government. The call center has already handled over 420,000 calls. 98.89% of those calls have been answered in less than 7 seconds. In our desire to drive an exceptional experience every time someone calls **311** we focus on first call resolution. 75% of the time **311** answers the question on the first call. The other 25% of the time we take information so that a city department can solve the issue for you.

**What is 311?**

- A single phone number for all non-emergency City inquiries and services.
- Frequently asked questions (**FAQs**) about locations, hours, fees and City facilities.
- Report abandoned cars, potholes, graffiti, weeds, unsafe City drivers and more.
- Get information on events, classes, recreation programs, and more.
- Obtain direct referrals to the correct department for any City service.
- A fully staffed 24 hour a day, 7 day a week, 365 day a year resource for all non-emergency needs and questions.
- A person will always answer. No more guessing what department to call.
- No more voice mail.
- What can Albuquerque residents expect when they dial **311**?
- Personal service. A person will answer the phone.
- Timely service. 98% of all calls will be answered within 7 seconds.
- Accurate service. All people answering calls will have access to the same information providing consistent responses.
- Efficient service. 75% of all calls will be handled without initial referral to another City department.
- Accountable service. Calls will be monitored and tracked to ensure promised services are delivered.
- There is **no charge** for **311** service when you call from your home or business phone. Cellular service providers may charge for air-time.





# NEIGHBORHOOD SCOOP

## Stewardship In Taylor Ranch

Submitted By Susan Vigil

## ACROSS THE FENCE



If our conception of Albuquerque's Westside includes a poetic element, it is not attributable to Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association's position toward its development. As necessitated by the area's fantastic real estate market piecing in empty acreage lots, Taylor Ranch keeps a constant and practical vigilance over their community's integrity. To ensure Albuquerque's Westside flow and growth, Taylor Ranch supported extending Paseo del Norte and re-stripping Montano. In Taylor Ranch phrases like, "My main concern is that the sector plan is not being observed" (Coors Corridor Plan), or "It's a textbook example of what a park should be." (Mariposa Basin Park) are stated with informed assurance.

Still, among the mesas and vistas that surround the area like the riches of Eldorado, there are stirrings in the wind that tell of strong western characters and journeys into dusk. These figures move in a process so natural the rabbit grass and sage remain undisturbed. History is replete in the efforts of humankind. Taylor Ranch, development industry, and political democracy itself inscribe faith in our human endeavors. Where once hunters and religious people nurtured their families and spirits, The Petroglyph National Monument's banked black rocks cast shadows over the families and new communities in Taylor Ranch.

The appeal of Taylor Ranch is nothing old and nothing new. Last year, an exuberant bonanza including music, parade, rides, and food was hosted by Taylor Ranch to celebrate the neighborhood associations' 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary and Albuquerque's Westside colonization. The area's residents impress a pioneering spirit. According to Brett Lopez, Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association's President, "Taylor Ranch gets in there, rolls up their sleeves and works with the City and community until a reasonable compromise is obtained. Laughing, Brett describes a 50-50 compromise agreement as good, and 60-50 as even better." Another key to this association's success

are its multiple committee divisions including Land Use, Code Violation, and Park Maintenance. Members with a good idea are given a voice; thus, the manifestation of the new community dog-park. Taylor Ranch maintains a powerful voice on the Westside, monitoring infill development and traffic concerns for themselves and surrounding areas. An infill



gold-rush for development, investment and construction are focused on residential units with high density. A Westside joke is that each inch of land is worth a dollar. In the 1960's, Taylor Ranch and the surrounding escarpment were unsystematically divided into parcel strips producing three principle designs: **1.** The Coors Corridor Plan **2.** The Petroglyph National Monument at the base of the volcanic escarpment **3.** The Paseo del Norte extension, pieced out of the monument at the monument's inception to secure access for developers at the top of the escarpment. The Coors Corridor Plan describes a residential and commercial localized concept for development, enfolding within residential zones commercial areas. Otherwise, Taylor Ranch becomes a "bedroom community-just sleep here and go somewhere else to do everything," prophesizes Ceil van Berkel, the association secretary and 20 year resident. Profits raised by residential construction encourage Coors Corridor Plan re-zoning. "Exceptions, exceptions, exceptions to death" bemoans Ceil. The cries of Taylor Ranch's have not fallen on deaf ears. City Councilor Michael Cadigan recently proposed a moratorium on re-zoning in the area.

In the past, Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association has invested tremendous effort to create the Taylor Ranch Community Center, Library, The Mariposa Basin Park, and Petroglyph National Monument. As the roots of Taylor Ranch dug in, the community felt they were responsible for the protection of all the open-space and petroglyphs spread around the bluff. Members of the association witnessed rock art shot to pieces for target-practice or being stolen by marauders. Historical, bicycling, horseback riding, neighborhood associations and other open space actors organized The Friends of the Albuquerque Petroglyphs, dedicated to protecting and establishing the Petroglyph National Monument. They asked how the monument could best integrate into the lives of Albuquerqueans as a place of solitude, recreation, history, education, and ceremony. Representatives Steve Schiff and Jeff Bingamen supervised and supported the establishment of the Petroglyph Monument as a national treasure. Taylor Ranch members hiked up and down the cliffs, seeking an unobtrusive route for a pass over the petroglyphs. Although, from an engineering point of view it is the most expensive route, Paseo del Norte was chosen. About a year ago, housing construction began at the top of the bluff. Taylor Ranch advocates setting buildings away from the bouldered escarpment. As Brett simply states, "For America to have access to the Native American petroglyphs preservation is more important than the view of a new housing development. Ideally, Taylor Ranch envisions the new Volcano Heights development will look like old photographs of Taos Pueblo. In Brett's words the petroglyphs represent "What the Southwest is and will be."

"Open skies and space are my choice...to be independent and to go where you want to go." describes Ceil van Berkel about her home. Albuquerque's evolution reflects these values, its spirits, views, the wide open and long quiet spaces.

NEIGHBORHOOD SCOOP continued



From The Manager's Desk By Herb Howell

Facilitating Communication and Citizen Participation

The Office of Neighborhood Coordination often receives calls from citizens who want to attend a local neighborhood meeting, where they live. In most cases we do not have that information to provide them. We do have an annual calendar of District Coalition meetings. Sometime we receive notice of some neighborhood meetings that was mailed the day after the meeting. This is not timed well enough to increase participation by this office or for those in the neighborhood who do not happen to be on the distribution list for the neighborhood. Timing such as this does not allow ONC to get the word out; or consequently to increase attendance and participation, on your behalf.

I recently had the chance to view the website for the Office of Neighborhood Involvement for the City of Portland, Oregon. It is an extensive website full of current community and city wide issues, Neighborhood Services, and a Neighborhood Meetings and Events Calendar. There were seven pages of listed meetings from the time frame of May 17 to May 31.

Each meeting lists the name of the association, the start time, date, projected ending time, and the address of the meeting. The list includes more than just neighborhood associations. Other community related meetings are also listed. This list is compiled weekly and submitted to the Portland Oregonian newspaper which appears in a weekly column, under community events. See for yourself at <Portlandonline.com>.

ONC is currently looking into setting up a similiar service from our website. We are hoping that we can find software that would enable associations to input their own meeting information. This service

has the potential to increase participation and recruit new members for your neighborhood association.

Trying new strategies, communicating a little more and seeking a broader range of participation are all ways your association can plan now to anticipate future issues, recruit new officers and board members, while increasing your dues paying membership.

Please let me know if you think a service such as this would help your neighborhood association. Call me at 505-924-3905 or email at <hhowell@cabq.gov>. I look forward to hearing from you.



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!

Please Remember . . .

Registration for all workshops closes at 12 noon the day before the training. You may register for workshops by calling ONC at 924-3914, by fax at 924-3913 or on-line at: <http://www.cabq.gov/planning/nbr/workshop.html.>. Please pre-register.

To accomodate 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.

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 Steve at 924-3600 For More Information

NEIGHBORHOOD SCOOP continued



**A Message From  
The Mayor**

Martin J. Chávez, Mayor

**Albuquerque Brain Trust?!**

“Here is the biggest surprise in the top 10. Albuquerque doesn’t get the credit it deserves for brainpower.” This is what Bizjournal.com had to say about Albuquerque in its recent article on the top 10 Brainiest Big Cities.

For those of us living in the City, it’s not such a big surprise. It’s great to see Albuquerque top the list in front of cities like Denver, Boston, Sacramento, San Jose, and it’s great to see Albuquerque finally get the recognition that it deserves for having a highly educated population living here. For those us living here, being Brainy was one of our best hidden secrets, well I guess the cat is out of the bag.

It should come to no surprise especially since the University of New Mexico, Sandia Labs, and Los Alamos Labs all reside, are within 100 miles of the city. This ranking really shows how our population has been shaped by our institutions, and how our city has evolved around these institutions.

However the #1 ranking by *Forbes* Magazine compliments the Bizjournal.com ranking in that we have highly educated folks, and we also have careers for them. With the help of new industries such as aviation, film, and renewable energy Albuquerque can now put its braniacs to use. These industries and many more are the new industries that are fueling Albuquerque’s booming economy and soon enough the rest of the countries.

On June 14, 2006 I had the honor to announce to the public our #10 ranking in Bizjournal.com. As we walked out to the Press Conference, myself and the City Directors wore sunglasses, and listened to the popular 80’s song, “The Future’s So Bright, I’ve Gotta Wear Shades.”

What a better song to symbolize Albuquerque’s new ranking and very bright future.

Albuquerque is truly becoming the destination city for the rest of the country. This last ranking not only shows that we have a high percentage of highly educated, but that people from around the country want to come here, enjoy our beautiful mountains, our genuine people, and our beautiful city. This ranking truly shows that Albuquerque, has an educated population, and the city has a place for them to work.

This ranking can be added to a growing Top 10 rankings for the City of Albuquerque, such as:

—**Albuquerque #1 in Nation for Business and Careers**, *Forbes*, May 2006

—**Albuquerque Ranked Third Smartest City to Live**, *Kiplinger’s Personal Finance*, May 2006

—**Albuquerque Eighth Best City for Relocating Families**, *Worldwide ERC and Primacy Relocation*, May 2006

—**Albuquerque Ranked Second in Poll of Favorite Art Destinations**, *American Style Magazine*, April 2006

“The rankings reflect each community’s collective brainpower, which is tied to its residents’ abilities to innovate, create, compete — and make money.” Bizjournal.com

Good for you Albuquerque!!!!



**Hot Fun In The Summer Time!**



Mayor Martin J. Chávez invites you and everyone in your family to the Balloon Fiesta Park on **Monday, July 3** and **Tuesday, July 4** to commemorate both our nation’s independence and our City’s **300th Birthday**.

We in the Duke City have our own unique way of reflecting the freedoms and bounty the USA represents. Living up to our unique style, the City of Albuquerque is bringing you a **Fourth of July Tricentennial Celebration** . . . two days of music and fun at the scenic Balloon Fiesta Park.

**On Monday, July 3:** Enjoy an evening concert on the lawn with the New Mexico Symphony Orchestra and the Albuquerque Concert Band. Free tickets are available in advance at the Balloon Museum and other select locations. Gates open at 5 p.m.

**On Tuesday, July 4:** Grammy winner Linda Ronstandt headlines a very special day filled with both International musicians direct from our Sister Cities and local entertainers. There will also be plenty of food and excitement for the whole family. And to end the fun-filled day . . . illuminating, world-class fireworks - the best show in the state! Gates open at 3 p.m and admission is only \$1.

There will be **FREE Park and Ride** service available on July 4 from Coors/St. Joseph’s NW and at the NW corner of Coronado Mall. The first buses leave at 2:30 p.m.

Call **311** for more information about the biggest party in our city’s history - the **Fourth of July Tricentennial Celebration!**







### A Message From Your City Council

Since its introduction in early April, the Mayor and the City Council have worked cooperatively on the City's proposed operating budget for the 2007 fiscal year which begins July 1, 2006. On May 22, the City Council gave final approval to a \$473.5 million "consensus" operating budget that reflects the priorities of both the Administration and the Council. Here are some of the highlights of the City's 2007 operating budget:

#### Public Safety

**One thousand one hundred (1,100) sworn police officers** are funded, and an **additional 25 public safety aides** are authorized;

Continued **expansion of the automated red-light program** is funded;

**Fire safety inspections at all APS and private schools**, to be conducted by the Fire Department, are funded;

Additional **Zoning Code Enforcement** staff are funded; and

**\$15.4 million in assistance to the County for the transition to County Management of the Metropolitan Detention Center** is provided.

#### Transit

Development of an enhanced **ADA certification process for Mini-Ride qualification** is funded, as is modified **RapidRide service on Coors** and **additional Westside bus service**;

Funding for **increased security at the Alvarado Transportation Center** and **Park and Ride services for major events at the zoo** is also provided; and

Funding for a **commuter bus route from Rio Rancho** is reserved in the budget.

#### Education and Youth

Funding for an **Education Coordinator** who will help establish a more responsive partnership between APS and the City that will focus on literacy and "troubled" schools and

### 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](http://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.

students is provided.

**Increased hiring for summer community center and recreation programs on the Westside** and for the **re-opening of the Heights and Mesa Verde Community Centers** is provided;

Funding to **sponsor the International Science and Engineering Fair** is included;

#### Animal Care

Funding is provided for the **first phase of a four-year plan to make Albuquerque a live-exit City**;

Staffing and operational costs for two vans offering **no cost/low cost spay/neuter and microchipping services** and **two adoption centers**, one at Coronado Center and one at Cottonwood Mall, are provided, as is **additional funding for education and outreach** to make citizens part of the solution to pet over-population;

#### Libraries

Funding is provided to **develop a four-year facilities plan**, with related technology, for our future library system, as well as funding to increase the **purchase and update of e-materials and Spanish language materials** for City libraries;

#### Energy, Environment and Sustainability

A continued funding commitment is made to **convert the City fleet to alternative fuels** as well as for activities for collaboration in the **development of a private sector LEEDS program for "green" construction**;

Funding for a **wildlife biologist to address our wildlife population** and protect public health is included;

#### Livability

Increased funding is provided for the **War on Weeds**, for additional staffing to **support the City's investment in medians, streetscapes and trails**, and for **Big-I landscaping** to help the City put its "best foot forward" for guests and residents;

Increased funding for **staffing and contractual assistance to expedite the development and updating of area, sector and re-development plans** as well as funding for the **creation of a West Downtown Redevelopment Area** and the **Victory Hills/Clayton Heights MRA plan** is included in the budget;

Increased funding for the **Community Schools Initiative** is reserved in the budget;

The transfer of funding for certain social programs from CDBG funding to Public Safety Quarter Cent funding is included in the budget in order to **free up funding for affordable housing** is included in the budget; and

Funding to **host the Triple-A All Star Game** is provided.

#### Employee Compensation

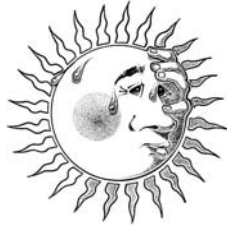
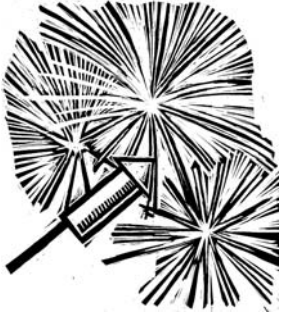
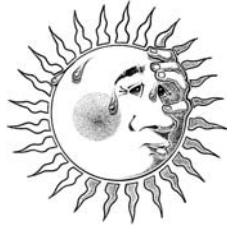
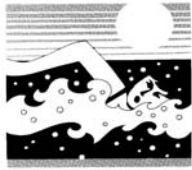
Funding for an **increase in employee compensation of 4.5% for police officers and firefighters, and 3.5% for all other permanent employees** is included in the budget.

### Transit

#### Rapid After Dark

ABQ RIDE is proud to announce the return of Rapid After Dark for a second season. Rapid Ride will travel its entire length along Central Avenue from Unser to Wyoming and then I-40 to Uptown. each Friday and Saturday night until 3 a.m. through September. Paratransit service is also available during these same hours for certified passengers within three quarters of a mile of the Rapid Ride route.

Rapid After Dark passengers can use their monthly bus pass or pay the reasonable \$1 fare each way. Riders can park free at the Uptown Transit Center on America's Parkway or at the Southwest Mesa Park and Ride on the corner of Central and Unser. There will be an ABQ RIDE security guard stationed on each Rapid After Dark vehicle. Rapid Ride service will be every 10 minutes until 8 p.m. and then every 20 minutes between 8 p.m. and 3 a.m.

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<b>Monday, June 19</b> •City Council – 5 p.m.	<b>CITY COUNCIL No Meetings In July 2006</b>	<b>Wednesday, July 12</b> •DRB – 9 a.m. •SEPC – 9 a.m. •AQCB – 5:15 p.m. •LUCC – 3 p.m.	<b>Wednesday, July 19</b> •DRB – 9 a.m. •ADC – 3 p.m.
<b>Tuesday, June 20</b> •ZHE – 9 a.m. •GARTC – 4:30 p.m.		<b>Tuesday, July 4 Independence Day City Offices Closed</b>	<b>Thursday, July 13</b> •GWPAB – 8:30 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>Wednesday, June 21</b> •DRB – 9 a.m. •EPC Pre-Hearing – 1:30 p.m. •ADC – 3 p.m. •District 4 Coalition – 7 p.m.	<b>Wednesday, July 5</b> •AAB – 9 a.m. •NO DRB Hearing •Westside Coalition – 7 p.m.	<b>Tuesday, July 18</b> •ZHE – 9 a.m. •GARTC – 4:30 p.m.	<b>Tuesday, July 25</b> •BOA – 9 a.m.
<b>Monday, June 26*</b> •City Council – 5 p.m. (*Tentative)	<b>Monday, July 10</b> •GABAC – 4:30 p.m. •SWAN – 6:30 p.m.		<b>Wednesday, July 26</b> •DRB – 9 a.m. •LEPC – 9 a.m. •SEPC – 9 a.m. •EPC Pre-Hearing – 1:30 p.m.
<b>Tuesday, June 27</b> •BOA – 9 a.m.			<b>Thursday, July 27</b> •District 8 Coalition – 7 p.m.
<b>Wednesday, June 28</b> •DRB – 9 a.m. •LEPC – 9 a.m. •SEPC - 9 a.m.			

**2006 CALENDAR LEGEND**

- AAB** - Airport Advisory Board, Aviation Department Executive Conference Room, 244-7700
- ACTMI** - Advisory Committee on Transit for the Mobility Impaired - Sun Van Conference Room, 601 Yale SE, 764-8932
- 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, **Richard Dourte, 924-3999**
- GABAC** - Greater Albuquerque Bicycling Advisory Committee, City Hall, Room 302, 768-2680
- GARTC** - Greater Albuquerque Recreational Trails Committee - Locations vary, call 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, 833-7300 or <[www.lepcabqbernco.org](http://www.lepcabqbernco.org)> for more information
- 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, 764-6121
- 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 **3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month**. The hearing notice includes the time, place and date of the hearing along with a brief description of each application on the agenda. Previously, hearing notices were published 15 days before the public hearing. The reason for this change is to meet the advertising requirements for EPC study sessions which occur on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month. Rather than advertising the hearing and study session separately, a single notice will be prepared to advertise both. Contact the Planning Department at **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 **924-3860**.
- On the day of the Hearing, call Planning at **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 **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, June 21, 2006 at 1:30 p.m.** in the Planning Conference Room, Third Floor. The **EPC Public Hearing** will be held on **Thursday, July 20, 2006 at 8:30 a.m.** in the Plaza del Sol (basement) Hearing Room for the following cases:

*Citywide*

**All Neighborhoods; 06EPC-00729, Project #1001620**; The Planning Department of the City of Albuquerque, is proposing a Amendment to Section 14-16-4-4 ROA 1994 – clarifying who has standing to file and pursue administrative appeals of land use decisions and who may represent a person pursuing an administrative appeal of a land use decision, requiring appropriate decorum and correcting an error (*Council Bill Number O-06-28*); Catalina Lehner at **505-924-3935**.

**All Neighborhoods; 06EPC-00767, Project #1004928**; The Planning Department of the City of Albuquerque, is proposing the adoption of Resolution C/S R-04-62 Enactment Number 63-2004. The document represents the City's future policy for the revitalization of the corridor from downtown to the City limits along North Fourth Street. Among the categories addressed are proposed land uses, rezoning, transportation and economic redevelopment. The process included the involvement of residents, business owners as well as professional experts resulting in a realistic and achievable plan for the area (*"North Valley's Main Street" – North 4<sup>th</sup> Street Redevelopment Study: Rank III Corridor Plan*); Richard Asenap at **505-924-3478**.

**All Neighborhoods; 06EPC-00770, Project #1001620**; The Planning Department of the City of Albuquerque, is proposing a Amendment to Section 14-16-3-5 ROA 1994 – Zoning Code general sign regulations to allow Temporary Directional and Identification Signage for New Subdivisions. The intent is to consolidate all the disparate, uncoordinated, illegal directional signs that developers and homebuilders currently erect into one cohesive, attractive and regulated sign program. Language is based largely on existing regulations for transit shelter signage and ongoing discussions with the Central NM Home Builders Association; David Stallworth at **505-924-3940**.

*Northwest*

**Paradise Heights (neighborhood association); 06EPC-00424 and 00425, Project #1002556 (case #'s)**; Approximately four (4) acre(s) located on the west side of Golf Course Road NW between Westside Boulevard NW and Benton Avenue NW (**location of request**); A-12 (**zone atlas page #**); H. Barker Architects at **505-842-6789**, agent for Calabacillas Group (**applicant or agency and phone #**); Requests approval of an EPC Site Development Plan for Subdivision and Building Permit for a proposed self storage facility (**action requested**); Catalina Lehner at **505-924-3935 (city staff planner)**.

**Paradise Hills, Taylor Ranch, Rancho Sereno, Piedras Marcadas, Eagle Ranch; 06EPC-00763, Project #1003272**; Approximately five (5) acre(s) located on the south side of Paseo Del Norte NW between Coors Boulevard NW and Eagle Ranch Road NW; C-13; Consensus Planning at **505-764-9801**, agent for Americ Contractors, LLC; Requests approval of a Zone Map Amendment from SU-1 for C-3 uses to SU-1 for C-3 uses+restricted residential uses for a proposed unique housing product on the upper floors of commercial/office buildings within the development; Maggie Gould at **505-924-3910**.

**Northwest, Con't.**

**Near North Valley; 06EPC-00755, Project #1004923;** Approximately one (1) acre(s) located on the west side of Los Tomases Drive NW between Claremont Avenue NW and Menaul Boulevard NW; H-14; Ashley Santistevan at **505-480-1720**; Requests approval of a Zone Map Amendment from R-1 to R-LT for a proposed two (2), 2000 square foot townhouses on the property; Petra Morris at **505-924-3433**.

**Quaker Heights, Taylor Ranch; 06EPC-00766 and 00764, Project #1001209;** Approximately five (5) acre(s) located on the south side of Unser Boulevard NW between Western Trail NW and Atrisco Drive NW; F-10; Consensus Planning at **505-764-9801**, agent for Clifford Capital Funds, Inc.; Requests approval of a Zone Map Amendment from SU-1 for Neighborhood Commercial to SU-1 for Neighborhood Commercial for a proposed auto body repair facilities; David Stallworth at **505-924-3940**.

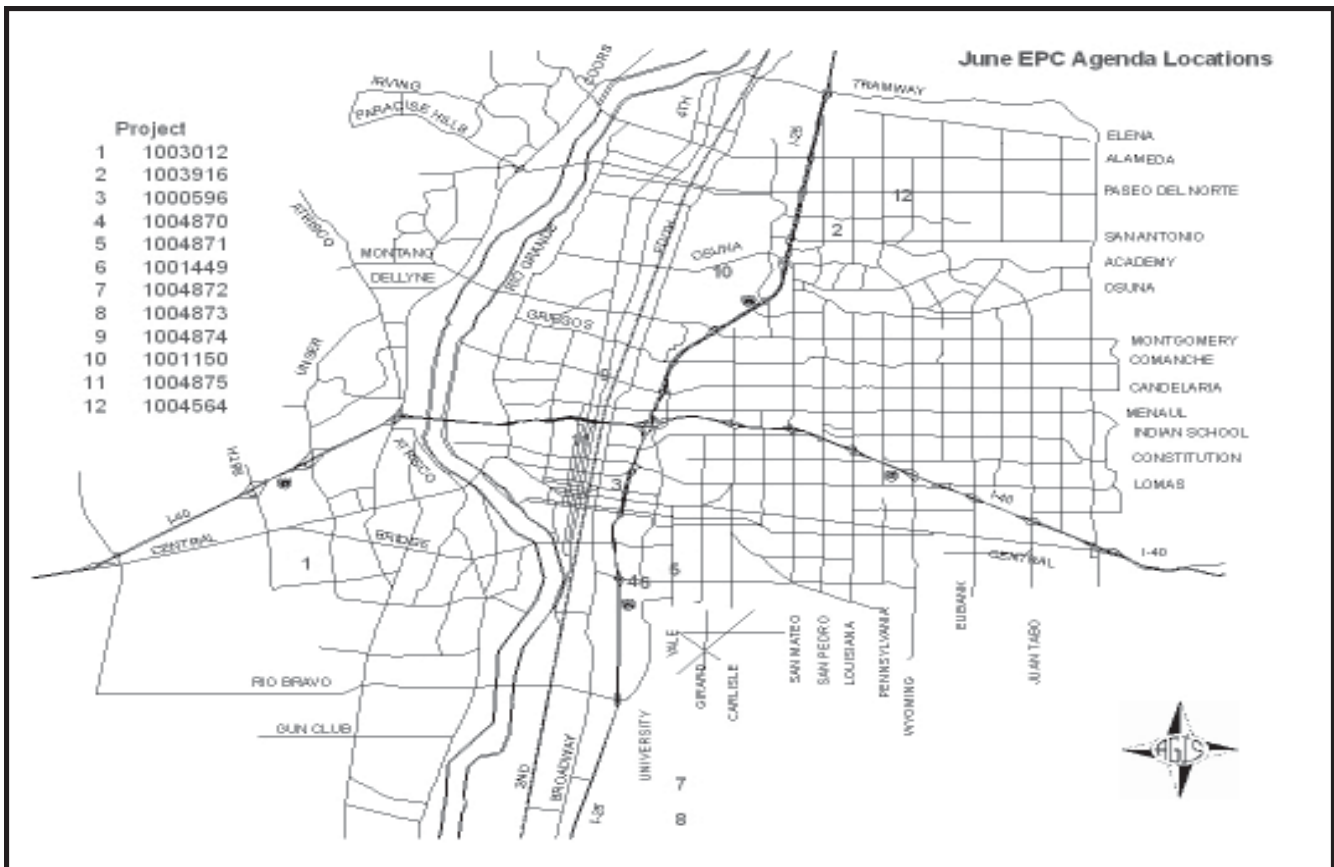
**Northeast**

**Montgomery Park; 06EPC-00756, Project #1004924;** Approximately four (4) acre(s) located on the south side of Homestead Road NE between Montgomery Boulevard NE and San Mateo boulevard NE; G-18; Jeff Mortensen and Associates, Inc. at **505-345-4250**, agent for Hoech Real Estate Corporation; Requests approval of an EPC Site Development Plan for Building Permit for a proposed four (4) Office Buildings – two of the buildings will be 11,000 square foot and the other two will be 7,222 square foot; Petra Morris at **505-924-3433**.

**Nor Este, La Cueva Village; 06EPC-00762, Project #1000163;** Approximately one (1) acre(s) located on the south side of Carmel Avenue NE between Wyoming Boulevard NE and Barstow Street NE; C-19; Jim Clark at **505-242-1866**, agent for Mike Winkeljohn; Requests approval of an EPC Site Development Plan for Building Permit for a proposed development for use as Business or Mercantile occupancies for one to five tenants; Maggie Gould at **505-924-3910**.

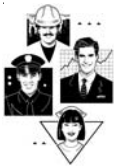
**Southeast**

**University Heights; 06EPC-00765, Project #1004927;** Approximately one (1) acre(s) located on the west side of Harvard Drive SE between Central Avenue SE and Silver Avenue SE; K-16; Consensus Planning at **505-764-9801**, agent for Harvard Mall Partners; Requests approval of a Zone Map Amendment from SU-2/UC and SU-2/R-3-C to SU-2/SU-1 for a proposed mixed use forty-six (46) dwelling unit courtyard development with 7,200 square feet of store front commercial space; Stephanie Shumsky at **505-924-3933**.



# CITY SCOOP

## News From City Departments



### APD Crime Prevention

505-924-3600

Submitted By Steve Sink

#### How To Start A Neighborhood Watch



1. You or a neighbor decides to host an initial Neighborhood Watch Meeting.
2. Whoever is going to host the meeting calls the APD Crime Prevention Office at **924-3600** to provide their name, address and phone number. After making the call, the Crime Prevention Office will send a "starter packet" that will include, among other items, a form to collect information from your neighbors.
3. The host or designee goes up and down the block contacting the neighbors and recording their name, address and phone number on the form. (Note: At least 50% of the homes on the block must be represented at the Neighborhood Watch meeting to qualify for sign placement.)
4. The host then sends the completed list back to the Crime Prevention Office in the self-addressed envelope provided in the starter packet.
5. After the CP Office receives the list from the interested party, a Crime Prevention Specialist will contact the host to set up a date and time for the Neighborhood Watch meeting.
6. The CP Specialist will then assist you with invitations for each person whose name appears on the list. Fliers will also be given to the host to be distributed to neighbors as a "last minute" reminder.
7. At the meeting, the host provides chairs and simple refreshments.
8. The Crime Prevention Specialist will conduct the meeting and towards the end, facilitate the group's selection of a Block Captain who will function as the neighborhood leader and will serve as a contact person for the Albuquerque Police Department.
9. The Block Captain is responsible for contacting new neighbors and for providing updated information to the Crime Prevention Office (Block Captain replacement, etc).
10. The block is now organized and may collectively purchase Neighborhoods Organized Against Crime (NOAC) Street Signs. The signs may be ordered (by the Block Captain only) through the Crime Prevention Office. The Block Captain may also join the Albuquerque Block Captains Association (ABCA). The block can also officially participate in the annual National Night Out celebration held the first Tuesday of August each year.



### Parks and Recreation

Submitted By Bonnie Schmader

#### 2006 Open Space Summer Series

Join the City of Albuquerque's Open Space Division for a summer of family fun during our 2006 Open Space Summer Series. All programs are free with a \$2.00 parking fee. The Elena Gallegos Picnic Area is located at the end of Simms Park Road NE, off of Tramway Boulevard NE, just north of Academy NE. For more information, call **Bonnie Schmader** at **768-5308**.

#### Saturday Sunset Series at Elena Gallegos Picnic Area

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

**June 17** – Wildlife Rescue – Live bird program

**June 24** – Music of Northern New Mexico – Cipriano Vigil NMHC

**July 8** – African Instruments – Camilla Dodson NMHC

**July 15** – Place Names of New Mexico – Bob Julyan NMHC

**July 22** – Dine Folklore in Cultural Context – Sunny Dooley NMHC

#### Sunday Hikes at Elena Gallegos Picnic Area, Pino Trailhead

Starting at **9 a.m.** on some **Sundays** from the Pino Trailhead, guides lead Sunday Hike explorations of the geology, flora and fauna of the Sandia Mountain Foothills.

**June 25** – Geology of the Sandia Mountain Foothills Hike – Jack Babcock

**July 9** – Nature Journaling for Kids – Bonnie Schmader

**July 23** – GPS Workshop – **Registration required** – call **768-5308**

**Wilderness Survival Workshop Series** – contact **Mike Bochnia** at **232-9193** for registration and information.

**July 8** – Tracking – 8 a.m.-11 a.m. Intro to Tracking, 5 p.m.-8 p.m., Field Practice, Elena Gallegos Picnic Area

**July 29** – Primitive Tools and Skills, 3 p.m. – 8 p.m. Elena Gallegos Picnic Area – **Call 232-9193 to register**

#### Open Space Visitor Center Concert Series – 7 p.m.

In addition to programs at the Elena Gallegos Picnic Area, the Open Space Division will also be hosting spring/summer performances, educational and enrichment programs at the new Open Space Visitor Center on Albuquerque's Westside. Call **768-5308** for information and directions.

**July 15** – Two Roses, flute and harp – Donese Mayfield and Bonnie Schmader





## Office of Emergency Management

Submitted By Brian Fields

### “How Prepared Are You For A Flu Pandemic?” (Part II)

**Food and nonperishable items** – Choose foods that will not spoil and require heat in the event the power goes out. Think of foods that will have long shelf life like ready-to-eat canned meats, fruits, vegetables, and soups, protein or fruit bars, dry cereal or granola, peanut butter or nuts, dried fruit, crackers, and canned juices. Make sure you have enough formula and baby food to get through a 10 day period. You have to plan for every member of your family and don't forget about your pets. They are family members too, so ensure you have extra dog food or cat food and extra water for them as well.

**Medical and practical items** – ensure you have enough prescriptions drugs and medical supplies such as glucose and blood-pressure monitoring equipment, soap and water, or alcohol-based hand wash, medicines for fever, such as acetaminophen or ibuprofen, thermometer, anti-diarrheal medication, vitamins, fluids with electrolytes, cleansing agent/soap, flashlight, batteries, portable radio, manual can opener, garbage bags and tissues, toilet paper, and disposable diapers.

With regards to medicine, with the antiviral (Tamiflu and Relenza) in short supply and the government having a hard time acquiring emergency supplies. More and more “scam artists” are advertising the availability. We are seeing reports of citizen's going on line and ordering these antiviral off the web but often find out later is their credit card has been charged, but the company has disappeared; or the drugs they get are not the antiviral. Worse yet, one individual received Tylenol. Again, be cautious and recognize scams. Scammers have picked up a new source of people looking to get something for free!

One other important reminder that should be taken into consideration, especially now more than ever, is not have sick people going into work. Make no mistake: Dragging yourself to work with flu like symptoms could be devastating to those who commute with you and work beside you. Employers will have to cope with absences because of illness, employees need to care for others, and employees reluctance to come to work in fear of getting sick. Businesses must plan for alternative work methods, one option being telecommuting where possible.

One way to start combating the pandemic flu is to start picking up the habits of healthy behavior now. Habits that can help keep you healthy in an outbreak are the same good health habits that can keep you from catching the common cold: maintain a balanced diet, exercise regularly and get sufficient rest. Particularly in a flu outbreak situation, it will be important to wash your hands thoroughly and often, reminding loved ones — especially children — to do the same. Be diligent about covering coughs and sneezes with tissues, teaching any children in your family to do the same. Also teach children to stay away from others as much as possible if they are sick and remember, stay home from work or school if you are sick.

For more information on articles and issues related to the Pandemic Flu, check out the following links:

- Department of Health and Human Services Family Emergency Health Information Sheet: <<http://www.pandemicflu.gov/planguideInformationSheet.pdf>>
- U.S. Government Pandemic Flu: <<http://www.pandemicflu.gov/>>
- CDC on Bird Flu: <<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/avian/>>
- CDC: Bird Flu Travel Warnings: <[http://www.cdc.gov/travel/other/avian\\_influenza\\_se\\_asia\\_2005.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/travel/other/avian_influenza_se_asia_2005.htm)>
- Pacific Disaster Center: Avian Influenza: <<http://www.pdc.org/ai/htmlaihome.jsp;jsessionid=F9630673712AE4963489371DF296FB52>>
- World Health Organization: Bird Flu: <[http://www.who.int/csr/disease/avian\\_influenza/en/](http://www.who.int/csr/disease/avian_influenza/en/)>
- Focus on the Flu: <<http://www3.niaid.nih.gov/news/focuson/flu/research/primer/>>
- City of Albuquerque Office of Emergency Management: <<http://www.cabq.gov/emergency/>>
- City of Albuquerque Environmental Health Department: <<http://www.cabq.gov/envhealth/>>

## MOVE - Mayor's Office of Volunteerism and Engagement

Submitted By Debra Saine

### Plan Now For “Make A Difference Day” Friday, October 27 and Saturday, October 28, 2006

Mayor Chávez' Office of Volunteerism & 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** (Graffiti Blitz also available Friday, October 27). For more information, contact Stella Candelaria at <[sfcandelaria@cabq.gov](mailto:sfcandelaria@cabq.gov)> or **857-8204**.



Submitted By John Stomp and Patti Watson

### June Signals One-Third Completion Of San Juan-Chama Drinking Water Project Pipelines

Five of the San Juan Chama Drinking Water Project's 15 pipelines are now complete. In either late May or early June, crews were scheduled to finish construction on the Rio Grande Crossing Pipeline, the Westside Pipeline and the Eastside pipeline. Already completed are the Don Pipeline-South Segment and the College Pipeline-Middle Segment.

This month, construction is scheduled to start on one additional pipeline – Raw Water Pipeline #2. Crews are continuing work on four additional pipelines in the Northeast and Northwest Albuquerque area.

#### Northwest Quadrant of Albuquerque

##### Osuna Road NE between Pinata Court NE and San Pedro Drive NE; San Pedro Drive NE between Osuna Road NE and Northland Avenue NE

Crews working on the Leyendecker pipeline are continuing to lay pipeline on the south side of Osuna Road NE between Pinata Court NE and San Pedro Drive NE. Traffic on Osuna Road NE in this area is shifted to the north side of the road with one lane of traffic open in each direction. This part of the work is expected to last through the end of June.

Also crews are laying pipeline on the west side of San Pedro Drive NE between Osuna Drive NE and Northland Avenue NE. Traffic is shifted to the east side of San Pedro Drive NE with one lane open in each direction. This work is expected to last through mid to late June. Once crews have reached Northland Avenue NE, they will continue south on San Pedro Drive NE toward Montgomery Blvd. NE. 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.

##### Renaissance Boulevard NE and Union Way NE

Crews are finishing pipeline work on Renaissance Boulevard NE near Montano Road NE and are also crossing Union Way NE with the pipeline in early June. Renaissance Boulevard NE is expected to be fully paved and reopened by early June. Crews will then proceed north, laying the pipeline on the east side of Union Way NE, toward the new water treatment plant under construction just north of Mission Avenue NE. Traffic will be restricted on Union Way NE during this construction. This phase of the project is expected to last through early July. Access to all local businesses and residences will be maintained.

##### Chappell Road NE

In mid to late June, crews are scheduled to begin construction on Raw Water Pipeline #2. Traffic may be restricted on Chappell

Road NE. Additional information should be available soon at <[www.sjcdinkingwater.org](http://www.sjcdinkingwater.org)> or by calling 242-7623.

#### Northwest Quadrant Of Albuquerque Campbell Road NW

As part of the West Valley Pipeline, crews are scheduled to begin work on Campbell Road NW east of Rio Grande Boulevard NW in early June. Crews will be working in the Campbell Road NW from Rio Grande Boulevard NW to Campbell Court NW. One lane of traffic will be maintained in each direction during the day, or, if necessary, the contractor will provide on-site flaggers to direct traffic. One lane of traffic will be open in each direction at night. Access to all local residences will be maintained. Construction hours for this section of Campbell Road NW are 7 a.m. - 6 p.m. Monday-Friday and 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday.

Crews will also bore (tunnel) under Rio Grande Boulevard NW at Campbell Road NW to avoid minimizing disruptions to northbound and southbound traffic on Rio Grande Boulevard NW. In order to perform this work, Campbell Road NW will be closed from Rio Grande Boulevard NW west for approximately 200 yards during the day. Residents can use Glenwood Drive NW to Candelaria Road NW as an alternate route. At night, one lane of traffic will be open in each direction in the construction zone.

Crews are also laying pipeline along the Alameda Drain from Second Street NW to 12<sup>th</sup> Street NW, heading west. No traffic impacts are expected due to this work; however access to the Drain may be temporarily restricted.

#### Scheduled for July

- The Raw Water Pump Station, which will be located on the northwest corner of the Bachechi Open Space;
- 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;
- The Coronado Pipeline, which begins on Academy Road NE, proceed east on Academy Road NE to McKinney Drive NE, then turns north on McKinney Drive NE to Forest Hills Drive NE, then west on Forest Hills Drive NE to just east of the I-25 frontage road, then north to Del Rey Avenue NE, then east on Del Rey Avenue NE to San Pedro Drive NE, then north on San Pedro Drive NE to Palomas Avenue. NE.

#### 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 or Shannon at 293-2000. For more information about the project, <[www.sjcdinkingwater.org](http://www.sjcdinkingwater.org)>. If you would like to be added to our drinking water project information list, call 242-ROAD (242-7623) or e-mail <[pattiw@cooneywatson.com](mailto:pattiw@cooneywatson.com)>.



**Water Utility Department**

*Wastewater Utility Division*

*Submitted By Brynda Gutierrez*



**Water System**

The Authority provides water service to approximately 165,000 customer accounts.

About 100 million gallons are pumped per day from ground-water sources from 29 pump stations and 93 wells and treated prior to storage in 45 reservoirs located throughout the service area. The reservoirs are interconnected by over 2,500 miles of pipelines.

Groundwater from the middle Rio Grande basin aquifer is presently the sole source of water supply used for potable water purposes. However, the Authority has begun construction of a Drinking Water Project which will treat water from the Rio Grande River for potable water use. The Drinking Water Project is part of the Authority's strategic plan to provide for a safe and sustainable water supply through conservation and the conjunctive use of surface water, reclaimed water, and shallow and deep groundwater. The Project will be completed by 2008.

**Water Conservation Program**

A 30% reduction goal was adopted in 1995 to decrease per capita water use from 250 gallons per day to 175 gallons per capita per day. At the end of 2004, utility customers had reduced their use approximately 30% compared with use during the established baseline period. The Authority has adopted a new water conservation reduction goal of 40% to be achieved by 2014.

The components of the Authority's conservation strategy include financial incentives for replacement of high volume toilets with low volume toilets, high water use landscaping with xeriscaping, high water use washing machines with low use models, as well as free water use audits.

**Water Reclamation Division**

The wastewater system consists of 1,700 miles collector pipelines and 26 lift stations that convey wastewater flows by gravity to the Southside Water Reclamation Plant.

The Reclamation Plant provides preliminary screening, grit removal, primary clarification and sludge removal, advanced secondary treatment including ammonia and nitrogen removal, final clarification, and effluent chlorination and dechlorination prior to discharge to the Rio Grande River.

About 55 million gallons of wastewater are treated at the plant per day, and about 62,000 tons of biosolids are reused on 5,000 acres of rangeland per year.

**Rates and Finances**

The operation and maintenance of the water and wastewater system is budgeted as a self sustaining fund for the purpose of determining costs associated with providing water and sewer services.

For Fiscal Year 2006, the approved operating budget is \$138 million and the capital budget is \$140 million. The Authority

considers the budgets, together with the rates necessary to finance the operation and capital improvements, and adopts the budget and rates necessary for the next fiscal year.

For Fiscal Year 2006, operating resources are estimated at \$150 million primarily from rates, fees and fund balance. For audited Fiscal Year 2004, the Authority's capital asset value was \$1.4 billion.

The approved Fiscal Year 2006 budget does not include a rate increase.

A new water rate structure based on a cost-of-service model will be implemented in Fiscal Year 2006. This is the first comprehensive rate analysis to be completed in fifteen years.

In the next newsletter we will learn more about the accomplishments, and future projects of the Water Authority.

**Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System**

*Submitted By Riann Powell*

**Reading Has Never Been So Much Fun!**

Summer break is here and you know what that means...it is time to join the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System's **2006 Summer Reading Club**. Children, teens and adults of all ages are invited to drop by their local library during its hours of operation to register for this free program. The program began on **May 19 and runs through July 21, 2006**.

As an incentive to read for fun during the summer, children and teens collect a prize for every hour they read. For every 10 hours of reading all participants can also enter their name into a raffle for additional prizes. Some of this year's raffle prizes include bikes and gift cards for children and teens, and roundtrip airline tickets for adults.

Throughout the summer, participating libraries will feature free entertainment by magicians, musicians and storytellers. Many of your favorite programs from last year are back, including Sing Along with Mr. Stinky Feet. Don't forget to check out some of the new entertainment as well, like Ticklefish Kid Cool Rock-n-Roll.

For additional information about the Summer Reading Club, including the entertainment lineup, visit the library website at [www.cabq.gov/library](http://www.cabq.gov/library) or call 768-5136.



**Albuquerque Fire Department**

*Submitted By Mike Paiz, Captain*  
Public Affairs Officer, AFD

**July 4, 2006 Safety Tips:** The City of Albuquerque has not banned the use of fire works however, there are some restrictions: **Fireworks can not go higher than 10 feet, or wider that 6 feet in diameter.** They cannot be louder than a toy cap gun. **Bottle rockets of any kind are prohibited.** Children should not use fireworks without adult supervision. Always have a bucket of water, a garden hose or a fire extinguisher available. **If any emergency should arise don't hesitate to call 911.**



**Planning**

**Zone Text Amendments - Land Use Appeals  
Project #1001620 - Case #06EPC-00729**

*Submitted By Catalina Lehner*

The City of Albuquerque is seeking approval of an amendment to Section 14-16-4-4 of the Zoning Code. The amendments are contained in Council Bill O-06-28, which was introduced at City Council on May 15, 2006, and will be heard at a Public Hearing of the Environmental Planning Commission (EPC) on **Thursday, July 20, 2006**. The intent of the bill is to clarify who has standing to file and pursue an appeal of a land use decision, and who may represent a person who is pursuing an appeal of a land use decision. New language is proposed to clarify the following: 1) any person who demonstrates interest and was adversely affected by a land use decision shall have the right to file an appeal, and 2) a person may be represented by an attorney, another representative or him or herself. Submit comments to Catalina Lehner - e-mail at <clehner@cabq.gov> or fax: **505-924-3339** by **Thursday, July 6, 2006**.

**Zone Text Amendments - General Parking Regulations  
Project #1001620 - Case #06EPC-00575**

*Submitted By Russell Brito*

The City Planning Department is proposing text amendments to the Zoning Code for the R-1, R-LT, and R-T zones and the General Parking Regulations. The proposed language is intended to give the City enforceable regulations in residential zones to limit the amount of front yard setback area that can be devoted to vehicle parking. The proposed regulations, in conjunction with the abandoned vehicle ordinance and the nuisance abatement ordinance, will strengthen enforceability against unsightly storage of vehicles in the front yards of residential properties. The proposed language does not prohibit front yard vehicle parking, but would limit it to specific areas and dimensions within the front yard setback area. The language is scheduled to be heard by the EPC on **Thursday, July 20, 2006** for their recommendation to the City Council. The text is available for review in the City Planning Department, Plaza del Sol Building at 600 2nd Street NW, Third Floor.

**Zone Code Text Amendments**

**Project #1001620, Case #06EPC-00770 - Temporary Signage**

*Submitted By David Stallworth*

The City of Albuquerque is seeking approval of an amendment to 14-16-3-5 of the Comprehensive Zoning Code to add a new sign category for temporary directional and identification signage. The intent of this amendment is to regulate developer and homebuilder-related signage, commonly found along public roadways, to foster consolidation, cohesion and attractiveness. This action will be heard at the **Thursday, July 20, 2006** Public Hearing of the Environmental Planning Commission. Any comments, concerns or questions should be directed to David Stallworth at **505-924-3339** or e-mail at <dstallworth@cabq.gov> no later than **July 6, 2006**. Any public input shall be greatly appreciated.

**North Fourth Street Redevelopment Plan Complete**

**Project #1004928, Case #06EPC-00767**

*Submitted By Richard Asenap*

The North Fourth Street redevelopment study is completed. The plan was designed to support a revitalized business corridor that meets the future needs of local residents. It calls for new land uses, enhanced transportation, design standards and re-zoning from down

town to the City limits along Fourth Street. The study is a Rank III Corridor Plan, which will be considered by the EPC on **Thursday, July 20, 2006**. The Plan will be posted on the city website by **Tuesday, June 20, 2006** with instructions on how to comment. For further information contact Richard Asenap at **505-924-3478** or e-mail <rasenap@cabq.gov>.



**Talkin' Trash**

*Submitted By Tina Trekker*



**Mayor's Annual Spring Cleanup a Success**

On Saturday, April 29, 2006 Albuquerque residents were united



**Department Directors and City Staff  
Kick Off the Annual Cleanup**

in the goal to improve their respective neighborhood's quality of life through their participation in the Mayor's Annual Spring Cleanup.

Fifty-nine (59) organizations participated totalling 1,910 volunteers. Sixty-one (61) tons of trash was collected. Volunteers cleaned up city-wide. Those who did not have a particular area to clean, were invited to a staging area located at Coors NW and Sequoia NW. At the staging area, volunteers from UNM's Delta Sigma Pi, Manzano High School, Mayor's Office, Planning and Solid Waste Departments, Girl Scouts and Police/Fire Chiefs cleaned up Coors Boulevard NW. Breakfast burritos, compliments of Taco Cabana, along with free t-shirts and beverages, were distributed to the volunteers.



**UNM's Delta Sigma Pi  
Pitches In**

Although litter appears to get worse in the spring, litter is a year-round problem. Efforts to cleanup Albuquerque need to be taken seriously and the citizens of Albuquerque need to participate and support this effort so future generations can enjoy the benefits of our beautiful city.

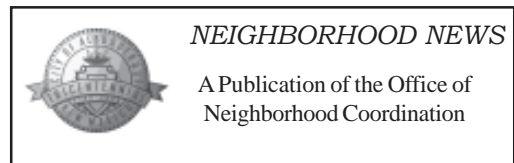


**Volunteers Pick-up Supplies**



The Mayor's Spring Cleanup is an annual event that occurs the last Saturday in April. Thanks For Your Help!

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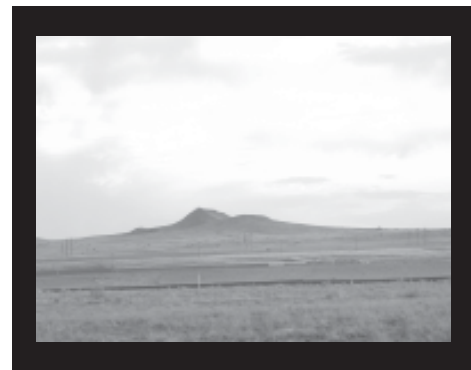
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