

South Valley Neighborhoods and Weed and Seed Celebrate National Night Out 2007

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**National Night Out 2007
At Atrisco Plaza**

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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

Amberglenn HOA
Barelas
Siesta Hills
Tanoan Comm. East

“Welcome” to Incoming President

Greg Everett
Amecus England
Rod Reay
Dennis Mitchell

“Thanks” to Outgoing President

Jerome Trujillo
Cathy Garcia
Leo Bridge
Kevin Powers

New Neighborhood Associations

None at this time

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 924-3906 for further information. Annual Reports for the following months are due:

June Annual Reports are due:	September 1, 2007
July Annual Reports are due:	October 1, 2007
August Annual Reports are due:	November 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

Our Gratitude Runneth Over...

Thanks for making National Night Out a huge success for the South Valley Community and South Valley Weed and Seed Program!

The Co-Chairs of the Weed and Seed Steering Committee are the US Attorney for NM, Bernalillo County and the City of Albuquerque. Other strongly involved parties in the Weed and Seed Program include the NM National Guard, APD from the Westside Area Command, and Sheriff Deputy’s from the Bernalillo County Sheriff’s Department.

Other contributors present at the National Night Out Weed and Seed event include: The ProVenzano family, owners of Pros Ranch and developers of Atrisco Plaza; Valorie Vigil, Director of the City of Albuquerque’s Department of Family and Community Services; County Commissioner Teresa Cordova; Sheriff Darren White; Chief Ray Schultz and Captain Conrad Candelaria, Westside Area Command. Denise Gutierrez from the U.S. Attorneys Office also lent her support and presence to the event.

Youth Development Inc. fully supported National Night Out with supplies and equipment. Miguel Maestas, Executive Director of West Central Community Development Group, emceed this fun and all-encompassing event.

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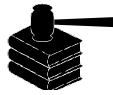
If you have a disability and will need special assistance to benefit from any of the meetings, hearings or workshops, etc., appearing in this newsletter, contact the office sponsoring the event two weeks prior to the date of the meeting you plan to attend. When ever possible, TTY phone numbers will be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

Across The City



Metro Court

Submitted By Janet Blair



Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court's fourth floor construction is now complete. The fourth floor, which was left unfinished when the courthouse opened more than three years ago, has now been built out to accommodate the Court's 19th judge.



The court was able to recycle some surplus construction materials from the original project to save money on the new facilities

which include a jury room, judge's chambers and reception area along with the courtroom itself. Each courtroom floor has room for four judges, but the other three spaces will remain unfinished until needed for new judges.

For more information on the Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court, please contact Janet Blair, Communications Information and Public Outreach at 505-841-9897.



We The People

Submitted By Judith Binder, LWV-ABC

A televised forum for Albuquerque City Council Districts 2, 4 and 8 candidates will be on Public Access Channel 27 at 6 p.m. on Thursday, September 13, 2007. Please arrive early, as the studio doors will close at 5:45 p.m. The Forum for District 6 candidates will be Thursday, September 27, 2007 at 6 p.m.

Officers from the League of Women Voters, Albuquerque/Bernalillo County will moderate the Forums using questions from the studio audience. Following the 6 to 7:30 p.m. telecast, the candidates will remain to mingle with their constituents.

Channel 27 is located on the first floor of the Old County Court House, the southwest corner of Civic Plaza. Please use the ramp in the center of the building.

Again, please arrive early, as the studio doors will close at 5:45 p.m. All guests will be seated on a first come - first served basis and must contact the League office 505-884-8441 to reserve tickets. For more information, please call Judith Binder, LWV-ABC, Skills for Democracy at 505-265-4336.

Words of Wisdom

Submitted By The Gardener's Guild

Don't Succumb To Conventional Methods - Make It Your Way

Reduce/Reuse/Recycle your resources and make the most of your space and energy! What would you do if you had more time? Which projects would ease stress or improve daily routines? Do aspects of your home or current schedule frustrate or complicate new projects? Transform answers to these questions into kinder, supportive rituals or habits. Gardening for better health or time with family and friends will help both you and the environment. Now is the time to make a plan, before seasonal activities begin. Now is the time to make changes that address YOUR priorities — Pursue 'green' strategies that are simply started, and smart for your daily living.

Here are some examples in the garden...

1. Mulch to reduce weeding, watering and improve appearance.
2. Design a simple shade structure if you don't have any: plants and people benefit from some time in the shade.
3. Feed the birds! Seed them up for migration as they store fuel for thousand-mile journeys. Birds will find your bug-infested areas and feast on those, too. Bye bye bad bugs.
4. Use compost worms to ease the chore of composting and reduce waste headed to the dump. It can be easy!
5. Clean out the cabinets, removing your chemical gardening products. Using low-impact fertilizers and pesticides results in a cleaner, safer environment and reduces dependence on petrochemical companies.

NEIGHBORHOOD SCOOP

ACROSS THE FENCE

Bienvenidos

*Submitted By Susan Vigil
Planning Staff Intern*

In a child's mind, every adult is a promising universe, mysterious and wise. As we create our unique perspectives, respect for our elders sometimes dwindles to mistrust. Following thought, innocence and nonconforming dissent equally strive for the promise within.

Models of outstanding citizenship, caring and fairness project a future of faith and exploration, communication and openness to what we can only dream. This is not to say that dissent and nonconformity are not essential elements toward this future; however, myopic and selfish criminal behavior often consumes the joy humans are capable of.

The Westside South Valley Weed and Seed Strategy builds trust between neighbors, the government and its enforcers, health, housing, utilities and financing service providers - animal and environmental custodians and artistic talent in the Alamosa, Armijo, Crestview Bluff, Five Points, Pat Hurley, Vecinos Del Bosque and West Mesa neighborhood areas. In 2004, the program received official recognition status from the Office of Justice Program's Community Capacity Development Office and the U.S. Department of Justice. Its purpose is to support partnerships toward localized efforts to prevent, control and reduce violent crime, drug abuse and gang activity in designated areas. Participation in the Weed and Seed Program consists of neighborhood associations, local and federal law enforcement, elected and appointed officials including the District Attorney's Office, the Bernalillo County Commission, the Department of Family and Community Services and a full-time site-coordinator, Dolores Herrera. Joan Jones, a compassionate volunteer for the Weed and Seed Program, makes weekly trips downtown to follow the trials of notorious southwest side criminals.

From 2004-2005, all but Crestview Bluff neighborhood showed a significant decrease in the number of reported crimes. Then, like a virulent roach, in 2006 crime rates rebounded. This trend reversed in

2007 when incidence of crime fell sharply. Eight months into the year, crime incidences range from a 50% to 94% decline in transgressions as compared to 2006. Crestview Bluff, which experienced growth in crime for the Weed and Seed Programs first three years, now indicates an 89% decline in crime compared to 2006.

Children's painted faces as SpiderMan, bats and fairies smiled through the rain at the Weed and Seed Community National Night Out Event at Atrisco Plaza on August 7. For twenty minutes, heavy



**"Hoodwinked"
NNO 2007 At Atrisco Plaza**

rain drowned the gathering while rope haired clowns painted faces and costumed Ballet Folkloricos tapped across the asphalt like splashes of a rainbow. APD and AFD watched the rain with the fierce eyes of trained emergency officials. Under their focused attention, the rest of us relaxed under tarps, breathing in the wet air. Waiting out the storm under the Drug Abuse and Crime Prevention information shade, I met Joan Jones who eagerly showed me plans for a sloping hill park in the Pat Hurley neighborhood. She's pursued every last detail of the project and construction is now under way. A South Valley neighbor kept me company with details of his wooded property. Three little boys from YDI's Head Start Program beguiled me into taking their picture. Finally, a kindly Animal Control Officer appeared from the fog to compliment my dog. We took a "Bite Out of Crime!"

In the cool, after the rain, I visited booths on Dental and Health Services, APD Hotline, Educational Services, Financial

Consultation Providers, Neighborhood Groups and Support Networks. The Certified Emergency Response Technicians (CERT) struck me as a particularly caring group. Their motto is neighbors helping neighbors. Last year, they dug driveways out of snow, patrolled ditches for fire and enabled two additional fire trucks to be dispatched on the Fourth of July. From this organization, Mike Rose, Bobbie McKenzie and Shey Rose received both the mayoral and presidential awards for their volunteer efforts in Albuquerque.

After some time, City Councilor Ken Sanchez and State Representative Bernadette Sanchez extolled the potential of redevelopment radiating from these neighborhoods as strong community initiative. Once the entertainment began, people clustered around the main arena laughing and greeting one another. Awards were given out.

Appreciating those who demonstrate faith and character in their communities brings honor to our own potentials and endeavors. Robert Sanchez provided vehicles to transport people to and from Atrisco Plaza. Richard Rivas is a key organizer of the Restoration Bike Program. The volunteers repair and donate bikes to youth. Claudia Rivera secured the Ballet Folklorico performers for this event. Charmaine Gutierrez attained placards honoring Weed and Seed's many strong contributors. Loretta Maito secured the Los Florecitas band for this event. Louis Tafoya, president of the Weed and Seed executive board solicited more than twenty awards/gifts from local businesses for this Night Out affair. Ernest Vigil and his staff at the Alamosa Community Center deserve thanks for their contributions to the Weed and Seed Program as well. Eugene Herrera, Dolores's husband, tirelessly constructed this event. Dolores and Joan coordinated volunteers and booths with grace and kindness. Finally, George Montoya stayed at the event until 9:30 p.m. to tow the generator he had secured back to its home. "These efforts are from the heart", says Dolores. They are totally unselfish, loaded with love and joy for the people in the community."



NEIGHBORHOOD SCOOP continued



From The Manager's Desk

Decision Making and Your Neighborhood Association

How does your Neighborhood Association make its key decisions? Is there a system or chain of command required for decisions that represent your Neighborhood Association? In addition what authority does your president have to make decisions? Can the president make decisions without consulting the entire Board of Directors? When it comes to your by-laws can a simple majority be allowed to make changes or do your by-laws require two thirds majority? Who is held accountable if the by-laws are not followed and what procedures do you have in place?

These are but a few questions every day board members must face and try to answer. If you feel like your board has not discussed or addressed many questions regarding the role of the board and by-laws of the association perhaps this is the time of year to take a look and see how the board can serve the best interests of Your Neighborhood and Your Community.

As a member of a Neighborhood Association does any of this matter to you? Many times your neighborhood is involved with issues ranging from weeds and litter to zoning matters. You want to be able to best express the position of your Neighborhood Association and more important you want to be able to justify how your neighborhood came to the final decision or opinion, otherwise you stand the chance of losing your bid before one of the boards or even City Council.

This may also be a good time to look at your by-laws. I have found that many of the Neighborhood Associations are working with by-laws that were either written or revised over 10 years ago. Your Board of Directors has changed and so has your neighborhood. Updated by-laws protect the interests of the community as well as the Board of Directors.

So, for today take a minute to think of all the different types of decisions that must be made. These are decisions that not only affect you but your entire community. List them. You might be surprised that there are more concerns that you expected then break down each question in different categories.

Some categories would be:

- 1. This decision should be made by the entire membership.
2. This decision should be made by the Executive Committee.
3. This decision can be made with permission of the Board by the president.
4. This decision can be made by the president without anyone's approval.

Remember, the Board of Directors and the president has to make decisions that affect hundreds of households. As Albuquerque changes, neighborhoods change. Take every measure possible to do the right thing and to protect your interests in the process.



Dedicated Saturday, August 11, 2007



Neighborhood Workshop Corner

2007 ONC

Workshop Schedule

Neighborhood Association

Patrol Training

APD Training Academy

Saturday, October 20, 2007

9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Community Policing is a philosophy that recognizes the mutual dependence and shared responsibility of the police and the community in making Albuquerque safer and more livable. Neighborhood Association Patrols are not in and of themselves community policing, but one tool that may be selected by neighborhoods to maintain or improve safety in the neighborhood.

Land Use and Zoning Workshop

Saturday, November 3, 2007

9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Plaza del Sol Hearing Room

This workshop is designed to increase your knowledge and understanding of the aspects of the City's Zoning and Housing Codes, Land Use Matters, Facilitation Issues and the various Hearing Boards as they relate to neighborhoods and larger community areas. The Office of Neighborhood Coordination (ONC) utilizes Planning Department Division Managers, Senior staff members and other department staff to provide this informative training on how the ONC interfaces with both hearing boards and neighborhood associations on various projects.

Please Remember . . .

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

Please pre-register.

Call 505-924-3914

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.

NEIGHBORHOOD SCOOP continued



A Message From
The Mayor

Martin J. Chávez
Mayor of Albuquerque

Zoning Enforcement Town Hall

It is no accident that Albuquerque is such a wonderful place to live, work, visit and raise our children. There is so much we have to enhance our quality of life, all of which add to the enjoyment we find here.

It all starts with our neighborhoods and how we protect and enhance them. Thanks to some hard work and good communication between neighborhoods and the city, we are protecting and enhancing a hometown we can all be proud of.

On Saturday August 4, 2007 at the Albuquerque Convention Center, the first ever Zoning Enforcement Town Hall came together. The meeting worked toward the overall goal of keeping our community looking great and running smoothly, and more specifically what we might do better, or differently to accomplish shared goals.

A citizen panel comprised of neighborhood activists shared their real life experiences in working with the City on land use and enforcement issues. These sometimes complicated and controversial matters were given greater clarity and good recommendations came forth.

Don Couchman, who is President of District 8 Coalition, chaired the panel discussion, addressing a wide range of topics. Panel members included: Sandra Richardson, Cherry Hills Civic Association President, Roger Mickelson, East Gateway President, Klarissa Peña, South West Alliance of Neighborhoods President, Dan Serrano, Westside Coalition President and Diana Dorn-Jones, representing the South Broadway Neighborhood Association. This panel brought years of experience dealing with the issues and challenges that neighborhoods face.

I am pleased to say, "thanks" to a great turnout and participation, the Zoning En-

forcement Town Hall was a great success. It was well executed and I look forward to the final report. The resulting positive outcomes will be felt widely in our communities, and those who participated are to be congratulated.

What a great example of individuals and organizations, the public sector and the private, working together in a way that will impact our communities for the better.

Enforcement, at times, can be a real challenge. Streets can become diminished by trash and abandoned or inoperable vehicles, signs in medians or on poles can multiply to annoying unsightly levels, and weeds can swallow sidewalks whole.

Through this Town Hall meeting, concerned citizens brought many issues to our attention. Concerns only the homeowners, with their unique vantage points, could point out. The sheer volume of questions and comments, coupled with a strong turnout, sent a clear message that the community really cares.

A comprehensive *Action Agenda* will be forthcoming based on the ideas and issues brought before the Town Hall meeting. This agenda will be comprised of projects and systemic improvements the City has committed to undertake or is now in the process of addressing.

Community improvements can be a challenge, but with high levels of neighborhood interest and communication, it is made doable. A special thanks to Planning Director Richard Dineen and his dedicated staff and everyone who came out and attended the event. It is only with your input that effective solutions are crafted and then made into reality.

Planning

Proposed Amendments to Zoning Code Section 14-16-3-17, Wireless Telecommunications Regulations.

Amendments have been proposed to Zoning Code Section 14-16-3-17, the City's Wireless Telecommunications Regulations, which pertain to wireless telecommunications facilities (WTFs). There are many types of WTFs. Some are free-standing poles with a ring of antennas. Others conceal their antennas

into existing structures such as buildings or towers.

The proposed ordinance F/S O-06-40, introduced at City Council in April 2007, is now in the Environmental Planning Commission (EPC) process. At its August hearing, the EPC voted to defer the case for 30 days and requested additional input from the neighborhoods.

The proposed changes to the current regulations would accomplish the following: require that all new WTFs use a concealed design (though a waiver would be allowed), continue to allow collocation of antennas on existing WTFs, and encourage siting of WTFs on City owned property. Requirements applicable to view corridors, historic zones and distance between free-standing WTFs are proposed for deletion.

This case is scheduled to be heard at the EPC Public Hearing on September 20, 2007. The Staff planner assigned to this case is Catalina Lehner, who has prepared a report that includes an overview of the proposed ordinance and suggested changes to improve it. Catalina Lehner can be reached at **505-924-3860**.

If you would like to provide written input, please do so by **Wednesday, September 5, 2007** to **505-924-3339** (fax) or <clehner@cabq.gov>.

South Yale - Design Workshop
Sector Development Plan

On **Saturday, September 22, 2007** from **9 a.m. to 4 p.m.** an **all day design workshop** for the South Yale Sector Development Plan will be held at the **Loma Linda Community Center, 1700 Yale SE**.

This is an exciting opportunity to participate in the process to create the vision for your neighborhood. All are welcome to come share ideas and participate in the hands-on workshops to develop the plan. Come be a part of the future of South Yale - the Gateway to Albuquerque!

For more information on this and other related events, please contact Maggie Gould, Project Manager at **505-924-3910**.



City Council

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

A Message From Your City Council

Legislative Update

Listed below is legislation which has been introduced or is being drafted for Council consideration:

O-07-65 - sponsored by Councilor Mayer who continues to actively reflect her constituents concerns by sponsoring the bill, which would increase the fines for illegally parking in a disabled parking space. Sadly, many disabled citizens have not been able to find a disabled parking space to do their every day shopping. This ordinance would stiffen the penalties for those who decide to illegally use a disabled parking space and will be voted on August 20.

R-07-289 - calls for a short moratorium on Menaul Boulevard between Carlisle and Morris is being drafted by Councilor Mayer. She feels that Menaul Boulevard needs some attention and has hired consultants to formalize a street project for Menaul Boulevard. The plans for the project include: view preservation, curb appeal and better conditions for transit and pedestrians. This resolution has already been adopted.

R-07-260 - (co-sponsored with Councilor Martin Heinrich): This bill requests that \$500,000 from the City's Open Space Land Acquisition fund be used to acquire 420 acres of land in the East Mountains that will create a connection to the Gutierrez Canyon Open Space. **Status:** Heard at the Finance Committee on August 13, 2007 and sent to Council with recommendation of Do Pass. To be heard by the full Council on September 5, 2007.

R-07-267 - Councilor Benton sponsored this resolution in order to prohibit the removal of trees from City properties without the approval of the City Forester. The need for this legislation arose when dozens of mature shade trees were removed from the City-owned housing development located at Sunset Gardens and Gonzales SW without the proper consultation taking place. Trees that shade homes can result in significant energy savings for a family, especially in the sum-

mer months, and Councilor Benton wants to make sure that the City is doing everything it can to provide this potential benefit to all residents. **Status:** Adopted on June 18, 2007 with a unanimous Council vote.

R-07-193 - After months of negotiations, led by Councilors Benton and O'Malley, the Council approved a Master Development Agreement with the developers of Mesa del Sol at their August 6 meeting. The major question regarding the agreement was what percentage of workforce and mid-range housing to require the developers to provide at this new, 13,000-acre development, located south of the Albuquerque Sunport. In the end, it was agreed that 20% of dwelling units will be reserved for families with an Area Median Income (AMI) of 50-130%. Benton and O'Malley were also the co-sponsors of O-06-8 and R-06-159, two pieces of legislation related to workforce housing that were enacted earlier this year.

O-07-64 - TIDD Reform bill, Tax Increment Development Districts allow developers to divert up to 75% of property and gross receipts tax dollars to pay for infrastructure within TIDDs. Councilor Cadigan's bill would set limits to where TIDDs can be established and would set conditions by which developers must meet in order to receive approval for a TIDD.

R-07-262 - Resolution requiring the Administration to install a four-way stop at the intersection of Rainbow and Ventana Village.

R-07-263, Resolution directing the Administration to initiate a hydrological study in the Quaker Heights Neighborhood and Investigate the feasibility of extending water and sewer lines and conduct an analysis of paving improvements including installation of curb and gutters.

O-07-91 - Adopting provisions to enhance penalties for registration of gang members who have committed gang related crimes; setting forth notification requirements; providing penalties. Councilor Sanchez is working with the Mayor and the constituents of Albuquerque to ensure the safety of our community by

requiring gang members who have committed crimes to be registered and made public. Councilor Sanchez will be working with the Mayor in offering any registrant who successfully completes a City approved program of gang prevention and intervention shall be deleted from the City's registry.

O-07-82 - Providing for the recovery of costs for providing certain police services - Councilor Sanchez is working with APD in efforts to lessen the number of calls for loud parties, gathering or events that may be a threat to the public peace. If a City of Albuquerque Police Officer responds to a party, gathering or event and while at the scene determines that there is a threat to the public peace, health, safety or general welfare, any person who is responsible for the party, gathering or event is liable for the reasonable costs of a second or subsequent response.

07-269 - Calling upon the Mayor to investigate and report to the Council on outdoor locations where smoking can be permitted away from non-smokers. Councilor Sanchez is looking at amending the Mayor's Executive Order to allow for designated smoking areas away from non-smokers at the Isotopes Park, the Sunport grounds, and other City properties.


Accessing Legislation from the Council's Webpage

There are two different ways to obtain a copy of a bill currently being considered by the City Council.

1. All legislation being considered by the Council is available on the City Council's webpage, at <www.cabq.gov/council> and can be accessed through the City Council's Legislative Information Portal, by clicking Find Legislation, Meetings, Agendas.

2. If you do not have access to a computer a copy of a bill can be purchased for ten cents a page at the City Council Office located at One Civic Plaza, Room 9087.

If you require additional information, please call the City Council Office at 505-768-3100.

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<p align="center">Tuesday, August 28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •BOA – 9 a.m. <p align="center">Wednesday, August 29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •DRB – 9 a.m. •LEPC – 9 a.m. 	<p align="center">Wednesday, September 5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •DRB – 9 a.m. •PAB – 10 a.m. •City Council – 5 p.m. •District 7 Coalition – 7 p.m. •Westside Coalition – 7 p.m. 	<p align="center">Thursday, September 13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •GWPAB – 8:30 a.m. •TAB – 9 a.m. •Feedback Forum – 11:45 a.m. •EPC Study Session – 3 p.m. •POC – 4 p.m. •SVCNA – 6:30 p.m. 	<p align="center">Thursday, September 20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •EPC Hearing – 8:30 a.m.
<p align="center">Thursday, August 30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •SWAN – 6:00 p.m. 	<p align="center">Thursday, September 6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •AAB – 9 a.m. 	<p align="center">Monday, September 17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •City Council – 5 p.m. 	<p align="center">Tuesday, September 25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •BOA – 9 a.m.
<p align="center">**CITY OFFICES CLOSED MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2007 LABOR DAY**</p>	<p align="center">Monday, September 10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •GABAC – 4:30 p.m. 	<p align="center">Tuesday, September 18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •GARTC – 4:30 p.m. 	<p align="center">Wednesday, September 26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •DRB – 9 a.m. •LEPC – 9 a.m. •SEPC – 9 a.m. •ZHE – 9 a.m. •EPC Pre-Hearing – 1:30 p.m.
	<p align="center">Wednesday, September 12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •DRB – 9 a.m. •SEPC – 9 a.m. •LUCC – 3 p.m. •AQCB – 5:15 p.m. 	<p align="center">Wednesday, September 19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •DRB – 9 a.m. •ADC – 3 p.m. •District 4 Coalition – 7 p.m. 	<p align="center">Thursday, September 27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •District 8 Coalition – 7 p.m. •SWAN – 6 p.m.

2007 CALENDAR LEGEND

- AAB** - Airport Advisory Board, Aviation Department Executive Conference Room
- ACTMI** - Advisory Committee on Transit for the Mobility Impaired - Sun Van Conference Room, 601 Yale SE
- ADC** - Albuquerque Development Commission - Hearing Room, Basement Level, Plaza del Sol, 600 Second Street NW
- AQCB** - Air Quality Control Board, Council Commission Chambers, Basement Level, City Hall
- BOA** - Board of Appeals, Plaza del Sol Hearing Room, Basement Level, 600 Second St. NW
- City Council** - Council/Commission Chambers, Basement Level, City Hall
- District 4 Coalition** - Fire Station 20, 7520 Corona NE
- District 6 Coalition** - Cesar Chavez Community Center, 7505 Kathryn SE
- District 7 Coalition** - Sandia High School, Teacher's Lounge, 7801 Candelaria NE
- District 8 Coalition** - James Joseph Dwyer Memorial Substation, 12700 Montgomery NE
- DRB** - Development Review Board, Plaza del Sol Hearing Room, 600 Second Street NW, Basement Level
- East Gateway Coalition** - Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center, 501 Elizabeth SE
- 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.lepcabqbernco.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
- PAB** - ParaTransit Advisory Board - Alvarado Transportation Center, 100 First Street SW
- 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** - Don Newton/Taylor Ranch Community Center, 4900 Kachina NW
- ZHE** - Zoning Hearing Examiner, 200 Third Street NW, Suite 735, **505-924-3918**

EPC Hearing Notice

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

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

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

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

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

Please note that the **Pre-Hearing Meeting** will be held on **Wednesday, August 22, 2007 at 1:30 p.m.** in the Planning Conference Room, Third Floor. The **EPC Public Hearing** will be held on **Thursday, September 20, 2007 at 8:30 a.m.** in the **Plaza del Sol Hearing Room (basement level), 600 Second Street NW** for the following cases:

Northwest

Paradise Hills, Piedras Marcadas (neighborhood association); 07EPC-40034, Project #1006717 (case #’s); Approximately 1.0284 acre(s) located on the west side of Golf Course Road NW between Paseo Del Norte NW and Shelly Road NW (**location of request**); C-12 (**zone atlas page #**); Jack Harris Architects, Inc. at **505-266-6667**, agent for Dr. Gil Fernandez (**applicant or agency and phone #**); Requests a Site Development Plan for Building Permit for a proposed one (1) story Dental Office for two (2) dentists (**action requested**); Catalina Lehner at **505-924-3935 (city staff planner)**.

Paradise Heights; 07EPC-40035, Project #1002556; Approximately 7.67 acre(s) located on the east side of Golf Course Road NW between Westside Boulevard NW and Golf Course Road NW; A-12; H. Barker Architects at **505-842-6789**, agent for 10,800 Golf Course Road, LLC; Requests a Site Development Plan for Subdivision for a dividing lot into six (6) lots; Carol Toffaleti at **505-924-3345**.

Downtown; 07EPC-40036, Project #1006719; Approximately .176 acre(s) located on the east side of 15th Street NW between Orchard Place NW and Lomas Boulevard NW; J-13; Charlene Trujillo at **505-301-0133**, agent for Red Door Homes, Inc.; Requests a Zone Map Amendment from SU-2/TH to SU-2/MRO for a proposed residential/office building; Carol Toffaleti at **505-924-3345**.

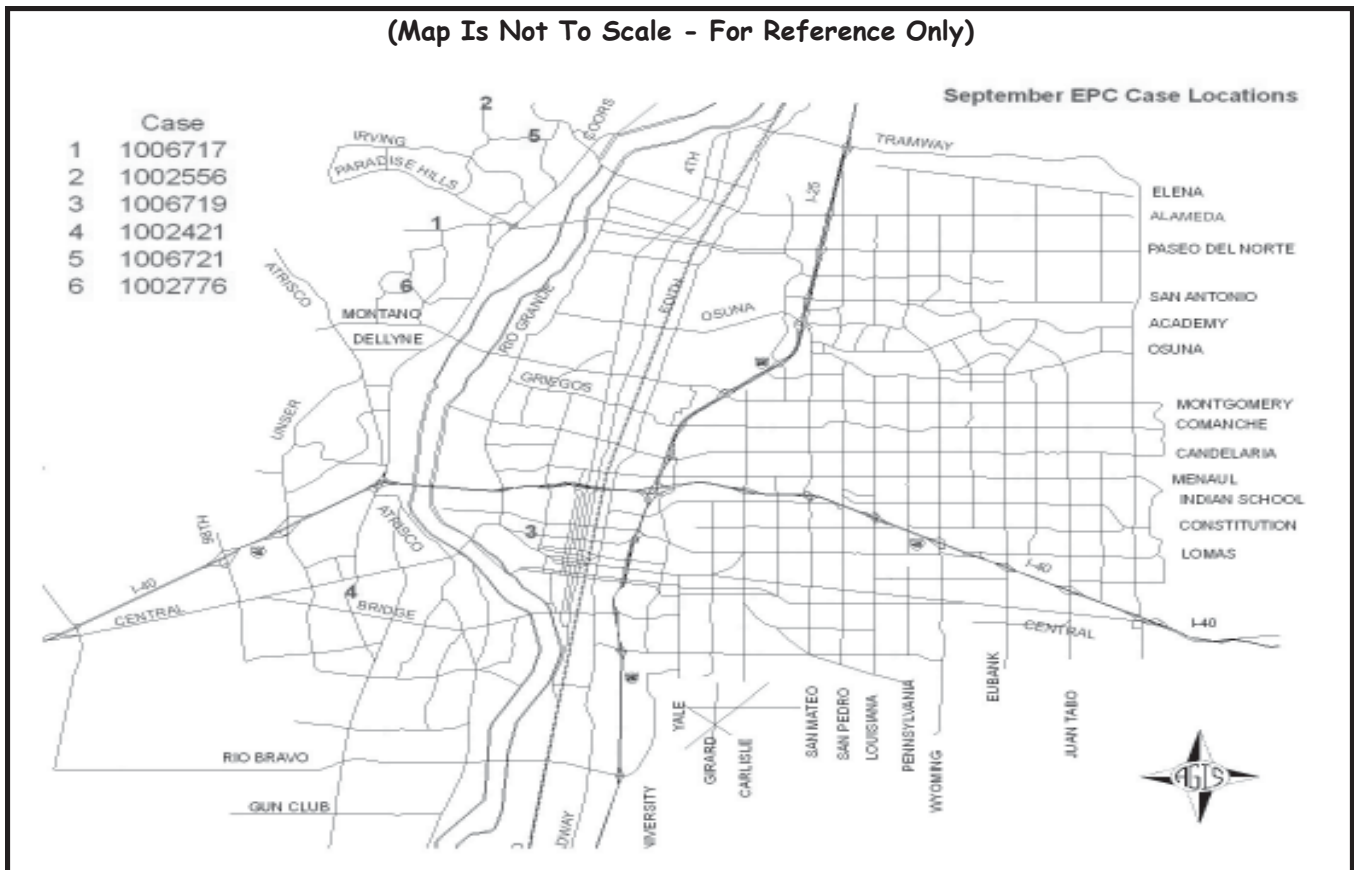
Cibola Loop, Saragossa, Paradise Heights, Cottonwood Heights, Paradise Hills, Seven Bar North; 07EPC-40038, 40039 and 40044, Project #1006721; Approximately 3.4 acre(s) located on the west side of Cibola Loop Road NW between Black Arroyo and Coors Boulevard Bypass NW; A-13; RMKM Architecture at **505-243-5454**, agent for the City of Albuquerque, Police Department; Requests a Site Development Plan for Subdivision and Building Permit and a Zone Map Amendment from SU-1 for R-2 Uses to SU-1 for Police Substation for a proposed new sixth Area Command Headquarters; Anna DiMambro at **505-924-3924**.

Taylor Ranch; 07EPC-40040 and 40041, Project #1002776; Approximately 11.0125 acre(s) located on the west side of Taylor Ranch Drive NW between Montano Road NW and Paseo Del Norte NW; D-11; Dan Rich at **505-304-4516**; Requests a Amendment to a Site Development Plan for Building Permit and Subdivision for a proposed 530 self storage units and a manager’s residence; Catalina Lehner at **505-924-3935**.

Southwest

Alamosa; 07EPC-40037, Project #1002124; Approximately 3.2 acre(s) located on the south side of Delia Road SW between Bataan Drive SW and Gwin Street SW; K-10; Garrett Smith, Ltd. at **505-766-6968**, agent for New Life Homes, Inc.; Requests Site Development Plan for Subdivision for a proposed New Life Homes – 48 Unit Apartment Development; Anna DiMambro at **505-924-3924**.

(Map Is Not To Scale - For Reference Only)



Environmental Health

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

Unscreened Windows – Cat Caution

Cat owners are seemingly unaware of what vets are calling High-Rise Syndrome. During the summer months, cat owners open their windows to enjoy the breeze, but at the same time, put their cats at potential harm. Unscreened windows pose a real danger to cats as they become intrigued by a passing bird or wind-carried leaf, and fall out. These accidents can result in shattered jaws, punctured lungs, broken limbs and pelvises—and even death.

The City Animal Care Center points out these common cat myths:

- Cats have excellent survival instincts and they don't deliberately "jump" from high places that would be dangerous.
- Cats have an incredible ability to focus their attention on whatever can become distracting enough to cause them to lose their balance and fall.
- When cats fall from high places they don't land squarely on their feet. Instead, they land with their feet slightly splayed apart, which can cause severe head and pelvis injuries.
- The City Animal Care Center encourages cat owners to make sure that snug and sturdy screens are installed on all windows and that cats are required to be indoor companions. Cats are susceptible to outside dangers such as cars, other animals and disease if allowed to roam outside.

Interested in adopting a cat or a kitten? Visit our website at <www.cabq.gov/pets> to see photos and descriptions of our adoptable pets.



CITY SCOOP

News From City Departments



APD Crime Prevention

505-924-3600

Submitted By Steve Sink



Child Safety

Home Alone: Being home alone can be a scary proposition for kids and parents. Many parents who work all day are faced with the daunting task of making sure their children are safe and protected before and after school. By following the tips listed below, parents can ease some of the anxiety associated with leaving their children home alone as well as general child safety advise.

- City of Albuquerque Ordinance states that children ten years or less can not be left home alone. Children eleven years or older can legally be left alone. However, regardless of age, make sure your child is mature enough and can comprehend rules to your satisfaction before leaving them alone.
- Can your child be trusted to go straight home after school, easily use the telephone, locks, follow rules and instructions and stay alone without being afraid?
- Parents should teach kids basic safety rules and house rules. They should also know where their children are at all times, what they are doing, and who they are with.
- Instruct your child to check in with a trusted neighbor or call you as soon as they get home.
- Make sure they know how to call 911 in case of an emergency and post important numbers.
- Do they know their telephone number, address, and directions to the home?
- Establish a pre-arranged code word in case someone has to pick them up for you.
- Do they know how to operate all doors and window locks as well as an alarm system?
- Install eye viewers at a level comparable to your children's height.
- Explain to your children to never let anyone into the home or let them know that they are alone.
- Establish set rules about having friends over or going somewhere without your permission.
- Children should never carry their house/apartment key in full view. Place the key in a shirt pocket, sock, or other secure place.
- Teach them never to go into the home if signs of intrusion are noticed (broken windows, ripped screen, open doors).
- Establish a fixed route to and from school and walk that route with your children. Point out designated locations they can go for help including neighbors.
- Encourage them to walk with friends at all times.

- Avoid danger spots like alleys, wooded areas, construction zones, public restrooms, empty buildings and remain in well lit, active locations. Avoid locations where strangers are present.
- If a stranger (anyone they do not know) attempts to follow or grab them, teach them to scream, "Stay away from me" or "This person is trying to hurt me," and run to an established safe place.
- Regularly communicate with your child about unusual incidents, contact with other people, or any event that makes them uncomfortable.

General Safety:

- Children should practice making an emergency call. Rehearse their full name, address, and phone number including area code.
- Teach your child to contact a store clerk or security officer if they are separated from you.
- Teach your child that no one, not even a friend or relative, has the right to touch them in a way that makes them uncomfortable.
- Teach them to never accept a gift or ride from people they do not know.

Vehicle Identification Number Window Etching Event

The auto theft rate in the City of Albuquerque has increased during the last year. Thieves steal an average of 600-700 vehicles each month. Do these figures make you want to take steps to protect your vehicle? Window etching of your Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) is an excellent deterrent to auto theft. In a matter of minutes the VIN can be permanently fixed in a corner of each window. Placing the VIN on each window can discourage thieves from dismantling your automobile and reselling the parts, which is one of the primary reasons our vehicles are stolen.

The next VIN Etching Event, co-sponsored by the Albuquerque Police Department, Bernalillo County Sheriff's Department and the NM Auto Theft Prevention Coalition is scheduled for the following date and location.

Date: Saturday, August 25, 2007
Time: 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Location: AAA New Mexico East Office
10501 Montgomery Boulevard NE
(Montgomery and Morris)





Submitted By John Stomp

San Juan Chama Drinking Water Project Update

Work begins on the final San Juan-Chama Drinking Water pipeline this month and is wrapping up on a number of other pipelines.

Northwest Quadrant of Albuquerque

Alvarado Drive NE from Lomas Boulevard NE to Roma Avenue NE

This month crews will complete installation of a new six-inch waterline, reconnect individual water services, replace curb and gutter and repave the roadway as part of the Charles Wells Pipeline. Access will be maintained to all local residences; however, portions of Alvarado Drive NE will be closed to thru traffic as paving is installed. Motorists can use San Mateo Boulevard NE as an alternate route.

Chama Street NE and Menaul Boulevard NE

Crews are scheduled to repave the roadway at this intersection in mid-July. Traffic restrictions will be in place at this intersection for a short time since the paving is expected to require only a few days.

Marquette Avenue NE between San Mateo Boulevard NE and Hermosa Drive NE

Crews will first install temporary water lines and connection of water services to homes before beginning installation of a large diameter water line as part of the Burton Pipeline project, which begins construction this month. A small crew with small equipment will do the preliminary work and will only partially close the road during the first phase. Once temporary services have been connected, the areas where this work has occurred will be temporarily paved and reopened. Access will be maintained to all businesses. This work is expected to last from mid-to-late August through October 2007.

San Pedro Drive NE and San Francisco Road NE

Sometime this month crews will complete work at this intersection as part of the Coronado Pipeline. Until that time, two-way traffic will be maintained. Barricades will be put up in the area of San Pedro Drive NE and San Francisco Road NE when final work is scheduled.

Northwest Quadrant of Albuquerque

Campbell Road NW between Rio Grande Boulevard NW and the Bosque

As part of the West Valley pipeline, crews are wrapping up landscaping in this area this summer. The roadway is open; however there may be occasional brief delays to allow construction equipment.

El Pueblo Road NW between Edith Boulevard NE and Jefferson Drive NE

This month El Pueblo Road NW will remain closed between Edith Boulevard NE and Jefferson Drive NE as part of work on Raw Water Pipeline #2. Access will be maintained to local

residences. Motorists can use Paseo del Norte NE as an alternate route. El Pueblo Road NE is expected to reopen in August.

Free Water Distribution Passes 250,000 Bottle Mark

In just four months, more than 250,000 bottles of purified San Juan-Chama Drinking water have been given out to more than 600 organizations. Make sure your neighborhood association or homeowners association isn't left out!

Ask for your free samples by visiting <www.abcwua.org> and filling out the request form. The water is being given out because the San Juan-Chama water comes from a different source and process than we're used to and some people can taste the difference. We want to make sure everyone has an opportunity to taste this water, so that the difference will not be a surprise when the project becomes fully operational in 2008.

For More Information or to Schedule a Presentation

If you would like to schedule a presentation on the San Juan-Chama Drinking Water Project for your neighborhood or homeowners association, please call Patti Watson or Shannon Zamarrón at **505-293-2000**. For more information about the project, visit our website at <www.sjcdinkingwater.org>. If you would like to be added to our drinking water project information list, please call:

505-242-ROAD (505-242-7623) or
e-mail <pattiw@cooneywatson.com>.



Water Utility Authority

Submitted By Brynda Gutierrez



Sewer Odor

The current hot weather (including atmospheric pressure) + type of sewage + condition of the sewer line = a not so pleasant odor. This is an equation Odor Control personnel deal with frequently.

There are ten odor control stations in Albuquerque. Odor Control stations add one of two chemicals to the collection system - Ferrous Chloride, Hydrogen Peroxide, or Bioxide. In the past, Chlorine Gas or Hydrogen Peroxide was used to control odors, but Hydrogen Peroxide required large doses used alone, and Chlorine Gas is hazardous in nature. Ferrous Chloride along with Hydrogen Peroxide and Bioxide are used because they are effective for long term odor control.

The effect of the stations is monitored downstream using the concentration of Hydrogen Sulfide present in the sewer line. Samples are taken every five minutes and feed rates are adjusted based on the data collected. The goal at the stations is to reduce sulfides to below 10 parts per million.

Despite our best efforts, environmental conditions change without warning, so if you smell a strong odor of Hydrogen Sulfide (rotten egg odor) in your neighborhood it can be an indication of changing conditions or other problems in the collection system. The most efficient way to contact Odor Control is to call the 24-hour Odor Control hotline at **505-873-7010**. Each person who leaves a phone number will be called back and the odor issue will be discussed to see if anymore can be learned from them and to let them know that we are following up on their call.

Signs are being placed in areas of the City and County where odors may be a concern. This is a key aspect of the Odor Hotline. Some areas may have experienced odors for many years and long time residents may have given up. The signs are meant to invite comments by residents about any sewer odors they are experiencing. The Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority is making a strong commitment to addressing sewer odors.



Legal

Alternative Dispute Resolution

Submitted By Naomi Parada

Landlord/Tenant Mediation

Individuals experiencing problems with their rental situation can find solutions through the help of the City of Albuquerque's Community Mediation Program.

Frequently, issues such as the return of security deposits, payment of outstanding rent, repairs and property clean-up are a part of landlord/tenant disputes.

Mediation provides a setting to discuss the needs of both tenants and landlords so that evictions and lawsuits can be avoided.

Mediation is a voluntary private dispute resolution process in which a trained mediator assists the parties in reaching an outcome that is mutually agreeable. Mediation tends to be less intimidating, takes less time and costs less than arbitration or a court action. A typical mediation lasts two hours and can be scheduled for days, evenings or weekends.

This is a free service that the City of Albuquerque offers to all Albuquerque residents. For more information about this program, please contact the Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Office at **505-768-4500**.

ABQ Ride

Submitted By Jessica Dyer



The Lobo Ride Pass Is Here!

Beginning **Monday, August 20, 2007** – the first day of the fall semester – University of New Mexico students can ride any ABQ RIDE city bus for free by showing a UNM student ID card marked with a Lobo Ride Pass sticker. The stickers are being distributed at multiple locations on campus.

Starting **Monday, August 13, 2007**, stickers will be available from the UNM Parking and Transportation Office, the Student Union Building (SUB) Information Desk and Student Housing. Stickers also will be available from the ABQ RIDE booth on campus during "Welcome Back Days" (Aug. 20-24). Starting **Friday, September 7**, the UNM Bookstore and Lobo Card Office will also be distributing stickers.

To obtain a sticker, students must present a current, printed schedule and their student identification card. All currently enrolled students qualify for the Lobo Ride Pass.

Students have several options when riding the bus to campus. UNM is served by eight different bus routes: 5-Montgomery/Carlisle, 11-Lomas, 12-Constitution Commuter, 16/18-Broadway/University/Gibson, 50-Airport/Downtown, 66-Central, 92-Taylor Ranch Express, 766-Rapid Ride Red Line (Central), and 790-Rapid Ride Blue Line (Montano Plaza to UNM).

For more information on bus routes or schedules, call **505-243-RIDE (7433)** or go online to www.cabq.gov/transit.

Family and Community Services

Albuquerque Reads Needs Volunteers

Incoming kindergarteners at three Title I schools in the city need your help this year. Studies show that if a child is not able to read by third grade, they will most likely drop out of high school. Children in high poverty areas are at greater risk. By volunteering just one hour per week, you can make a difference in a child's ability to read and their success in their school career. You can help ensure that these children graduate with the Class of 2020. Over the last four years, the Albuquerque Reads Program has demonstrated success in preparing students to enter first grade reading at or above grade level. Following the 2006-2007 school year, test results showed Reads students finishing the year with 81% of students at all three schools reading at or above grade level, and another 6% reading almost at grade level. Compare this to 38% reading at or above grade level prior to the implementation of Albuquerque Reads.



Albuquerque Reads is a partnership between APS and the Greater Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce. Albuquerque Reads volunteer tutors work one-on-one with the same two students throughout the school year. One three hour training session is required in September for new tutors. Tutoring runs from early October through early May. Volunteers can commit to a regular time slot one time per week, or work in teams of up to four people to lessen the time commitment. The three schools, Bel-Air Elementary, Atrisco Elementary and Wherry Elementary have a combined kindergarten enrollment of just over 200 students. This necessitates over 300 tutoring slots, as the children are tutored three times per week.

Recruiting volunteers for full coverage is the program's greatest challenge. Please help us meet this need by volunteering! We see better results every year, thanks to the commitment from our volunteer tutors. Help us continue to improve in our fifth year.

Please contact **Nena Perkin** at **505-764-3736**, or by e-mail at nperkin@abqchamber.com for information and enrollment forms. More information may be found at www.abqchamber.com then click on Albuquerque Reads. The enrollment form and informational brochure are also available online at abqchamber.com/content/divisions/LeadershipAndEducation/ABQReads.asp.

View the Albuquerque Reads video at abqchamber.com/content/divisions/leadershipandeducation/albuquerquereadsmovie.asp.

Here is a sampling of what the volunteer tutors think of their experience with Albuquerque Reads:

Sean Martinez, Wells Fargo:

Becoming a tutor has by far been one of the best volunteer efforts I have undertaken. The kids benefit from their tutor's assistance with their reading but from my own experience the tutor benefits even more. I feel a greater understanding for what children deal with these days in school and at home. The kids come to school so eager to learn and the way their faces light up when they see you are there and ready to tutor them is something words cannot describe. I have been a tutor for several different children and can see their progression from the beginning of the year to the end. Some are shy and have problems sounding out words in the beginning, but by the end of the year they can complete a sentence or even a paragraph. This is definitely a program I feel is absolutely worthwhile and worthy of further recognition and volunteer time. I hope anybody who is willing and able will take the time to entertain the idea of volunteering to become a tutor. As for myself, I can say it has definitely benefited me probably more than the students I tutor!

Yolanda Zamora, PNM:

This is my second year participating through PNM and in the program and I just want to say that I have enjoyed it immensely. It is exciting and rewarding to be able to teach these young children how to read and to make a difference in their lives. This can be one way of giving back to others and your community.

Julie Morales, Greater Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce:

Before coming to The Greater Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce I had never heard of Albuquerque Reads. I have now been a tutor for two years, and I have found it to be one of the most rewarding experiences in my life. My first year tutoring I had a hard time adjusting to the time commitment and sometimes wondered if I made a bad choice to participate in the program. By the end of the year I knew that I had made the right decision. I was able to look back at where the children had started at the beginning of the year and I was so proud of how far they had come along. I knew then that it couldn't have been a bad decision to participate in the program. It is amazing how attached you become to these children - their success becomes your success. To see their excitement at what they are able to achieve is so gratifying. I encourage everyone I meet to participate in the program, even if all they can devote is one hour a month. It makes such a huge difference in that child's life.

Bert Benedick, Kiwanis Club of Albuquerque:

This is the third year that our Kiwanis Club of Albuquerque has participated in the Albuquerque Reads Program. Our tutor team agrees that the program gives us a great opportunity to serve our community and to help shape the future of our young people. The Reads Program reinforces our belief that, with practice from the youngsters and with our adult interaction, future challenges in school can be met. We want to help with the demands placed on the family and the student in today's world.



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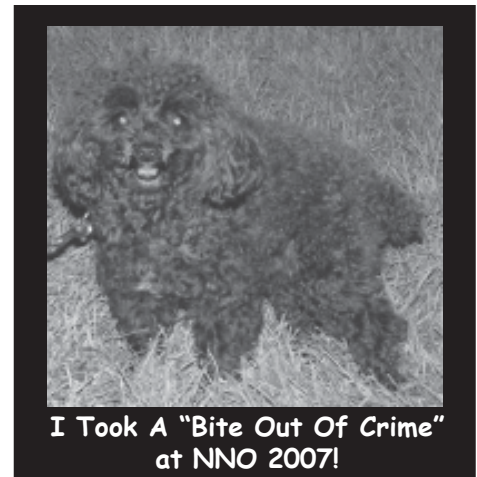
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