



## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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### **McDonald's Building to be Demolished**

It's out with the old and in with the new as an abandoned McDonald's in the South Valley gets demolished this weekend to make room for a 4 ½ acre park owned and operated by Bernalillo County and the Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo Flood Control Authority. The demolition is expected to start at 9 a.m.

**County Commissioner Teresa L. Cordova says the project's goal is to retain the functionality of the surge pond while using the space "to create a beautiful, multi-purpose facility that will serve as a gateway to the South Valley. It is part of my imitative to make drainage ponds throughout the South Valley into multipurpose useable sites for residents."**

A Parks Master Plan which included a design for the South Valley Gateway Park, at the southeast corner of Isleta and Bridge SW, was prepared by University of New Mexico landscape architects using community input gathered at several public meetings in 2006. Detailed construction documents will soon be prepared and funding will be requested from various sources in 2008.

Plans call for a large plaza that could be used to accommodate gatherings or even a farmer's market on the northern edge, a structure to provide shade, gardens, a meadow, amphitheatre, access road, a walking path and parking.

Earlier, the Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo and Flood Control Authority bought part of the property which housed the former La Familia grocery store, had that removed, and installed a storm water surge pond in its place. Bernalillo County purchased the vacant McDonald's later. The two vacated spots will be used for the proposed park.

**DATE: Saturday, October 27, 2007  
TIME: 9:00 am  
LOCATION: Southeast Corner of Isleta and Bridge, SW**

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