



# NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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# NEWS



“A good neighbor is a priceless treasure.”

— CHINESE PROVERB

# FALL INTO AUTUMN IN ALBUQUERQUE!







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# What is a neighborhood association?

And why they matter.



A neighborhood association is a group of residents, property owners, businesses, and non-profits who come together to form a community, and to advocate for and organize activities within a specific geographical area that shares a common identity.

## What Does a Neighborhood Association Do?

A neighborhood association comes together to build relationships, exchange information, discuss concerns, prioritize needs in the area, identify solutions, and work toward a common goal for the good of their community. Each association can positively impact the life of each person within the boundaries of the neighborhood for the better.

## Why Should I Join?

Joining a neighborhood association not only amplifies your voice, but helps create a community with a shared vision and goal. When neighbors come together, it shows that the neighborhood is united and ready to make an impact on their community.

## Neighborhood Associations & Community Policing

Some services that APD provides to neighborhoods interested in community policing include:

- Block Captain Training
- Crime Prevention Specialists
- Neighborhood Patrols
- Neighborhood Watch Programs

## What Is The Office of Neighborhood Coordination?

The Office of Neighborhood Coordination (ONC) helps create and promote healthy and vibrant neighborhoods, and supports residents as they more actively and constructively engage with their community. We assist neighborhoods in utilizing existing resources and maintaining meaningful involvement with local communities and government.

Want to find out if you live within the boundaries of a neighborhood association?  
Call the ONC at (505) 768-3334 or e-mail us at: [onc@cabq.gov](mailto:onc@cabq.gov) and we can connect you to your association, or help you start a new one! ●





# NEIGHBORHOOD-BASED SYRINGE PICKUP INCREASING

**Neighborhoods across Albuquerque have started organizing needle and syringe pick-ups within their local parks and public spaces, as part of ongoing efforts to make our city safer and more attractive.**

One of the first neighborhood groups to organize needle and syringe pickup efforts was the International District

Healthy Communities Coalition (IDHCC), under the guidance of Enrique Cardiel with Bernalillo County, pictured above at left, with Michael Jefferson of the City of Albuquerque.

The IDHCC worked with the City's Environmental Health Department and the County to put together a Safe Needle and Syringe Disposal tip sheet, detailing what to do if you find a needle, how and where to

dispose of needles, and safety equipment needed for safe handling and disposing of syringes.

But the IDHCC has taken it a step further and actively works with residents to go out and safely pick up and dispose of syringes and needles. Safety gloves and equipment are provided, as is training on safe pick-up and disposal techniques, by Cardiel himself.

"It's a positive way to empower residents to take action and make their living areas safe and clean," said Cardiel. "It's good to know that we can call 311 and report needles and have them picked up, but it really makes a difference when neighbors proactively work together to safely pick up these needles."

Cardiel's grass-roots efforts have paid off, with over 3,000 needles collected since May 2018. With the cost of picking up one needle at roughly \$70 - labor, equipment, and time - this represents roughly a savings of \$493,640 to our city.

"What I'm most proud of is that this grass roots effort in working with neighborhoods provides an immediate and positive impact for Albuquerque," said Cardiel. "It also gives us

some control of our immediate environment by making these spaces safer for our families."

The Bel-Air and North Eastern Association of Residents have also teamed up to host a Needle Workshop pickup on Saturday, October 20 in their neighborhood, inspired by other needle pickup efforts in Albuquerque.

The IDHCC has several needle pickups scheduled in the fall, if your neighborhood would like to participate and learn hands-on safety techniques. Contact Enrique Cardiel at: [ecardiel@berncq.gov](mailto:ecardiel@berncq.gov) or Francelli Lugo at [flugol@cabq.gov](mailto:flugol@cabq.gov), to volunteer.

You can also report needles to 311 by phone or by downloading the [OneABQ app](#). •



To learn more about the City's S.H.A.R.P. (Safe Handling and Routing of Paraphernalia) Program and safe needle pickup, visit: [www.cabq.gov/environmentalhealth/sharps-disposal](http://www.cabq.gov/environmentalhealth/sharps-disposal)



# Valley Gardens - A Community Oasis

Tucked away in a beautiful corner of the South Valley, the Valley Gardens neighborhood is a charming mixture of rural homes and urban family residences; older residents who have lived there for 60+ years and young families; a beautiful park that sees numerous neighborhood gatherings; and an overall sense of community.



bystander, then it can happen to anyone in the neighborhood and that's not acceptable. So I went door to door and got neighbors interested and that was how our association started."

The current board of the Valley Gardens Neighborhood Association, pictured

above, consists of: Robert Price, Marcella Rael, Antoinette Dominguez; and Agustín Torres. Together, this small group of four residents have done some amazing things in their neighborhood.

Antoinette Dominguez, President of the Valley Gardens Neighborhood Association, shared her deep love of her neighborhood and her strong connection to the South Valley.

"We've revamped our park through the efforts of our neighborhood,"

"College made me interested in community engagement, and when my husband and I moved here, we wanted to connect with the people who had made their homes and lives here, so I got in touch with the existing association, and sort of took it over," she said with a laugh.



Dominguez continued. "Basketball courts, a walking path for our elderly to get more exercise, flood control walls on our streets, better playground equipment, and best of all, a decrease in the crime we had been seeing," said Dominguez.

Marcella Rael, the first president of the association, was compelled to bring her neighborhood together over 20 years ago, when her son was the victim of a random drive-by shooting just down the street from their home. It was a wake-up call.

"Unfortunately, crime is still an issue, as it is in every neighborhood citywide. But our neighborhood association and neighborhood watch has been instrumental in making this area much safer and I'm very proud of that."

"I thought, if it can happen to my son, an innocent

Working together to get things done is an integral part of how the Valley Gardens neighborhood has been successful in their community work. ●

Albuquerque has an amazing artistic culture, as evidenced in our music and art, and an integral part of this scene includes literature.

Taylor Ranch resident Jared Anaya says "Knowing I live in the same town as two literary treasures - authors Rudolfo Anaya and Tony Hillerman - is just amazing and my #1 reason that Albuquerque is so great!



## WHAT MAKES ALBUQUERQUE GREAT?

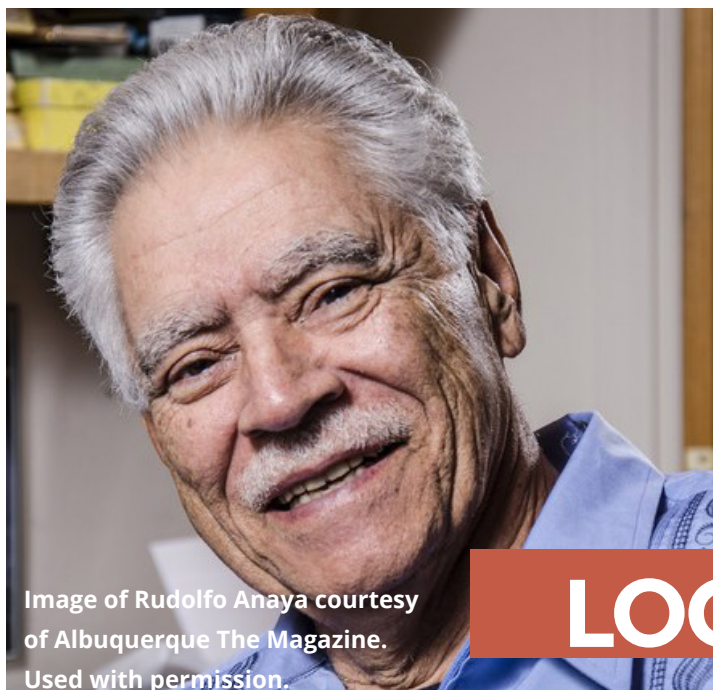


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**Rudolfo Anaya is known as the “Godfather of Chicano Literature.”** An Albuquerque resident for over 6 decades, his books about New Mexico and our city have resonated worldwide. A former teacher, Anaya, whose books have won numerous awards, is most known for his seminal coming of age tale *Bless Me, Última* and the homage to his adopted city titled *Alburquerque*, to name just a few. Anaya lives in northwest Albuquerque and continues to amaze his fans with his clear prose and beautiful descriptions of life in our city.

## LOCAL WRITERS

## ARE TREASURES!

**The late Tony Hillerman is best known for his world-famous novels featuring Navajo detectives Joe Leaphorn and Jim Chee.** A longtime local author, his work showcased the beauty of New Mexico reservations and the Southwest. His love, respect and appreciation for the people of New Mexico, particularly the Navajo Tribe, shines clearly in his wonderful books. An Albuquerque resident since 1966, Hillerman passed away at the age of 83. ●

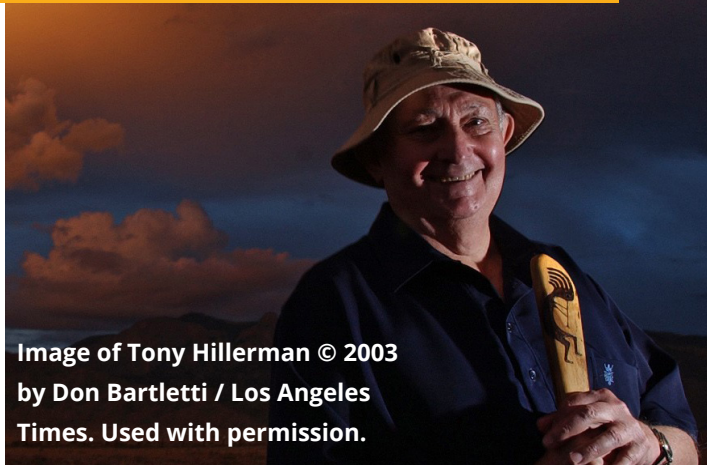


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# FOLLOW-UP ZONE CONVERSIONS

The City of Albuquerque is offering a free, one-year process for property owners to convert their IDO zoning to address five issues that the initial zoning conversion did not fix. See the project webpage for explanations of each issue, including how to look up whether it might apply to your property, and for downloadable information brochures for property owners in English and Spanish: <https://abc-zone.com/post-ido-voluntary-zone-conversion-process>

Zoning will only be converted on eligible properties where the property owner has opted in via the necessary steps. If you think property owners in your area might be interested in this process, your Neighborhood or Homeowner Association can help by spreading the word about this opportunity and helping property owners complete the necessary steps!

If you would like to make an appointment with planning staff or if you would like to request that Planning staff attend an upcoming event in your area, please call 505-924-3860 and ask to speak with a member of the ABC-Z Team or email your request to: [abctoz@cabq.gov](mailto:abctoz@cabq.gov). Planning staff also takes walk-ins on Friday afternoons from 2-4 p.m.

## DO I NEED A ZONE CONVERSION?



**Does your property fall under one of these categories?**

### **NONCONFORMING USE:**

**IS YOUR USE NOT ALLOWED IN YOUR ZONE?**

### **VOLUNTARY DOWNZONE:**

**DO YOU WANT A LESS-INTENSE ZONE CATEGORY?**

### **FORMER SU OR R-D ZONE:**

**DO YOU HAVE AN UNDEVELOPED PROPERTY THAT USED TO BE ZONED SU-1, SU-2, SU-3, OR R-D?**

### **FLOATING ZONE LINE:**

**DOES YOUR PROPERTY HAVE MORE THAN 1 ZONE?**

### **SIZE THRESHOLDS FOR PD OR NR-BP :**

**IS YOUR PROPERTY ZONED PD AND LESS THAN 2 ACRES OR GREATER THAN 20 ACRES? OR ZONED NR-BP AND LESS THAN 20 ACRES?**

## WHAT DO I DO NOW?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, you may be eligible for a free zoning conversion.

Get more information or opt in now at [TINYURL.COM/IDOZONECONVERSION](https://tinyurl.com/idozoneconversion)





# KNOW YOUR ZONE!

Did you know that your zoning changed when the Integrated Development Ordinance (IDO) went into effect on May 17, 2018? You're not alone! All zoning in the City of Albuquerque changed.

Visit this website to look up your zone:  
<https://tinyurl.com/IDOzonelookup>

## KNOW YOUR ZONE

**LOOK-UP**

Go to [tinyurl.com/zonelookup](https://tinyurl.com/zonelookup).  
This is the website developed by the CABQ Planning Department to help you find your zone.

**SEARCH**

Type your address in the search bar and hit enter.  
Be sure to include your quadrant (NE, SE, NW, SW).

**DISCOVER**

Click on your property to see your zone.  
You will see a combination of letters or numbers separated by a dash (R-1B or MX-H).

**KNOW**

Your zone will be described in the in the summary table.  
The IDO has 19 zones in 3 categories: Residential, Mixed-use, and Non-residential.

**Now you know your zone!**

Keep in mind, you may be eligible for a free zone conversion.  
Learn more at [tinyurl.com/zoneconversion](https://tinyurl.com/zoneconversion).

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To find out how the Zone Conversion process works, visit:  
[abc-zone.com/faq/how-can-my-neighborhood-association-help-support-follow-zone-conversion-process](http://abc-zone.com/faq/how-can-my-neighborhood-association-help-support-follow-zone-conversion-process)

# OUTREACH ESSENTIAL FOR SOUTHEAST AREA COMMAND

Community outreach, including "Coffee With A Cop," is the most essential tool in working with residents, businesses and neighborhoods in the Southeast Area Command, and the impact is direct for many residents.


"Recently, a resident researched statutes regarding temporary tags on vehicles, which is has been a safety issue for officers," said Laura Kuehn, Crime Prevention Specialist. "This gentleman put together a packet of information, including statutes in other states and current legislation here in New Mexico, and presented it to our officers so they could, in turn, make a case to our chain of command. That's a direct result



of him meeting our officers at Coffee With a Cop, so we really find this outreach beneficial and encourage residents to participate."

Pictured from left: Lt. John Gonzales, Officer Marcia Benavides, Officer Chris Small, Sgt. Larry Middleton and CPS Laura Kuehn.

# IDO PUBLIC PROCESS TRAINING IN NOVEMBER



A training offered by the ONC for neighborhood leaders and applicants who want to understand the notice and facilitated meetings process in the IDO.



On May 17, 2018 the City of Albuquerque's Integrated Development Ordinance (IDO) took effect. The IDO is a single book that includes all of the land use and zoning regulations that relate to development in Albuquerque.

### **New Meeting Requirements**

In addition to updated land use and zoning regulations, the IDO has implemented a neighborhood meeting requirement for certain application types. Neighborhood meetings are intended as an early, informal opportunity for neighborhood associations to learn about proposed development and for neighbors and applicants to discuss opportunities to address any concerns before the application is sent through the City's review and approval process.

### **New Notice Requirements**

The IDO also requires public notice for various types of development applications that are reviewed by the Planning Department. Public notice includes: Published, Mailed, Posted Sign, Electronic Mail and Web Posting notices. Mailed and electronic mail (i.e. email) notice is the responsibility of the applicant, and both must be sent prior to the submittal of an application to the City.

It is the responsibility of the two designated contacts on file with ONC that receive the public notice, to follow-up and get more information about a project, and disseminate this information to an association's membership.

### **The Training**

How tangibly do these changes impact you? With the IDO in effect for approximately four months now, the Office of Neighborhood Coordination has received direct feedback from neighborhood leaders and applicants regarding the ways in which the changes implemented by the IDO can be more effectively messaged to the public.

More specifically: How can the applicant more clearly describe their project in the public notice process? What does a neighborhood association do once an offer for a neighborhood meeting or a public notice arrives? What do neighborhood associations do with the materials emailed or mailed to them by an applicant? How does an association go about evaluating a proposal per the new IDO requirements?

In light of this feedback, the ONC is working in conjunction with the Planning Department and the Alternative Dispute Resolution Program to organize two training sessions in order to begin to directly address the public feedback.

**Afternoon: Monday, November 5**

**Evening: Tuesday, November 6**

**Where: Plaza del Sol, Basement Hearing Room, 600 2nd Street NW**

We invite applicants and neighborhood association leaders to these two sessions in hopes of bringing more understanding to the notification and review & approval process as prescribed by the IDO, as well as provide an opportunity for individuals to connect and converse about some of the challenges they may be facing.

Keep your eye out for an e-mail from the ONC with additional details regarding this training. If you would like to subscribe to our e-mail list, visit: [cabq.gov/neighborhoods](http://cabq.gov/neighborhoods)

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If you are interested in attending one of these two trainings, call our office at:

(505) 768-3334,

or e-mail an RSPV to:

[onc@cabq.gov](mailto:onc@cabq.gov)



## What Makes Albuquerque GREAT?

Let us know what makes Albuquerque great by e-mailing: [onc@cabq.gov](mailto:onc@cabq.gov) and we'll feature your answer in an upcoming newsletter!



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# HOWDY NEIGHBOR!

## Want to get involved?

If you want to learn more about neighborhood associations, or find out what resources we can bring to your neighborhood, contact us! Our vision is to have an engaged, connected city based on trust with safe, diverse communities that have a voice and feel empowered to address their concerns in a meaningful way.

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