

Neighborhood News

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Mayor of Albuquerque

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Planning Department Announces Route 66 Wayfinding Sign Project Begins



The City of Albuquerque recently awarded a contract to a local design team, EFG Creative, Inc., for a Wayfinding Sign Project on Historic Route 66 in Albuquerque. This project will fund the design, development and construction of Wayfinding Signs along the route also known as Central Avenue the longest, intact, urbanized stretch of Route 66 in the country.

EFG was recommended by 42 applications from the Art Selection Committee of the Albuquerque Arts Board. The total contract which includes design, engineering, fabrication and installation is \$148,000 funded by a New Mexico Department of Transportation Scenic Byways Grant and City matching funds.

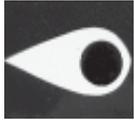
In an effort to foster economic development and preservation efforts along Route 66 in Albuquerque, the Wayfinding Signs will point the way to local attractions and destinations, contributing to the visual landscape along the Mother Road.

“This project is part of the City’s Route 66 Action Plan, which aims to revitalize the “Mother Road” and promote it as a destination for tourists and a great place for locals to live, work and play.” – Mayor Richard J. Berry.

The Wayfinding Signs will be designed and fabricated this Spring and Summer and installed by the end of 2014.

For more information please visit our website at <abqtheplan.gov> or contact Linda Rumpf in the Planning Department at <theplan@cabq.gov> or **505-924-3342**.

“Dedicated to Providing Information About City Government and
Increasing Communication Between Neighborhood and/or Homeowner Associations.”



**APD Crime
Prevention**

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 advice.

- City of Albuquerque Ordinance 12-5-1-A states 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’re doing and who they’re 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 they’re alone but always acknowledge a knock at the door – burglars are looking

for empty homes or apartments. Look outside first and then yell for mom or dad even if no one else is home.

- Establish set rules about having friends over or going somewhere without your permission.
- Children should never carry their house/apartment key in full view.
- Teach them never to go into the home if signs of intrusion are noticed broken windows, screen or doors.
- Establish a fixed route to and from school, bus stops or playgrounds 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.
- If neighborhood children typically walk by your residence on their way to a bus stop, school or playground step outside during those times and watch for unusual or suspicious people or vehicles.

APD Crime Prevention Unit at **505-924-3600**.

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APD Crime Prevention

Submitted By Steve Sink



Vehicle Identification Number Window Etching Event

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 sponsored by the Albuquerque Police Department is scheduled for the following date, time and location.

Saturday, May 17, 2014
9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Cottonwood Mall Parking Lot
10000 Coors Boulevard NW



The window etching is **FREE**. Citizens must provide current vehicle registration.

Cultural Services Department, Special Events

Submitted By Bree Ortiz

Heights Summerfest

Saturday, June 14, 2014 - 5 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. - *North Domingo Baca Park; Wyoming Boulevard NE and Carmel Avenue NE*

Come and enjoy the Heights Summerfest. There will be live entertainment from great local bands and our national headliner The Cherry Poppin' Daddies. Enjoy food and drink from local vendors, a local Microbrew Garden, shopping, free kids' activities and much more. Parking located at La Cueva High School.

Freedom Fourth

Friday, July 4, 2014 - 4 p.m. - 10 p.m. - *Balloon Fiesta Park*

Come celebrate this Fourth of July with the City of Albuquerque at the Balloon Fiesta Park! This **FREE** for all ages event hosts one of the largest firework shows in the state. With live entertainment featuring national headliner Wynonna and the Big Noise, food vendors, a local Microbrew Garden, a car show and free kids' activities. Have dinner with a spectacular view of the main stage and fireworks at the exclusive Firecracker Café (ticket information online).

For more information visit <CultureABQ.com> or call 311.

Department of Senior Affairs

Submitted By Katherine Black



A COMFORT KEEPERS® INITIATIVE

May is Older Americans Month nationally as well as Stop Senior Hunger Month in the City of Albuquerque and Bernalillo County. New Mexico ranks 2nd in the United States for older adult risk of hunger. 11% of older adults are at risk of hunger and 21% of New Mexicans reported not having enough money to buy food in the last year. These numbers are of great concern. In this country of wealth and prosperity no one should go hungry, especially our older adults who can no longer be expected to work and earn a living. The Comfort Keepers' Stop Senior Hunger Initiative is a partnership with the City of Albuquerque, Department of Senior Affairs. This is our 4th annual event which includes an emphasis on preventing malnutrition as well as hunger. Nutrition education is a big part of what we do at the Department of Senior Affairs, which is also Comfort Keepers' focus. Even when someone has money for food, he or she is often not making wise choices for their health and well being.

The Spotlight on Senior Health: Adverse Health Outcomes of Food Insecure Older Americans research study documents the health and nutrition implications of food insecurity among seniors aged 60 and older. The study reveals that senior food insecurity is associated with lower nutrient intake and an increased risk for chronic health conditions.

Compared to food secure seniors food insecure seniors are:

- 60 percent more likely to experience depression.
- 53 percent more likely to report a heart attack.
- 52 percent more likely to develop asthma.
- 40 percent more likely to report an experience of congestive heart failure.

Please help with our food drive this month by donating shelf stable food items at any City Senior Center or at the CASA Kitchen located at 2540 Karsten Court SE. Food will be distributed to "at risk" seniors in June.

ABQ RIDE

Submitted By Rick De Reyes

ABQ RIDE Inaugurates New Transit Center Provides Free Transportation to Veterans with V.A. Hospital Cards and Plans to Unveil a New Look in May.



It had been three years in the making; an intermodal transit hub in Albuquerque's North Valley to serve both ABQ RIDE and New Mexico Rail Runner Express customers. On April 7, with a few snips of a ribbon from different guests, the Montañito Transit Center finally became a reality.



After a soggy groundbreaking last September followed by months of construction the brand new station is now serving Albuquerque's growing North Valley and Montañito/Montgomery river-crossing corridor. The pueblo-revival style rail platform and station cost \$7.1 million (78% federal money, 22% local funding).

"The Montano Transit Center is a welcome addition to the neighborhood which will open a bigger stretch of the North Valley to greater economic development opportunities," said Mayor Richard J. Berry. "It will also bring affordable public transportation to even more Albuquerque residents."

"The New Mexico Department of Transportation is glad that we can help more people access alternative transportation. This new station will provide residents with a new option for connecting with the Rail Runner as well as bus service," said NMDOT Cabinet Secretary Tom Church.

The four acre center features a 290 space parking lot, along with bus bays, bike racks and lockers. **FREE** Wi-Fi service should soon be available. ABQ RIDE's Route #157-Montañito/Uptown/Kirtland will serve the center with numerous stops seven days a week. The New Mexico Rail Runner Express will make seven north and southbound stops at the Transit Center on weekdays, four on Saturdays and

three on Sundays.

"This new Transit Center serves current ABQ RIDE service and is a foundation for planning for future ABQ RIDE service in the North Valley as well as east/west connections such as Montañito-Montgomery and connections to a Rail Runner station," said Bruce Rizzieri, Director of ABQ RIDE. "Its green features such as LED lighting and solar panels, will also serve as a template for similar station construction in the future."

"The Montano Transit Center will become a new spoke in the alternative transportation wheel," said Dewey Cave, Executive Director of the Mid Region Council of Governments. "This new station opens the door for new passengers to use the Rail Runner for both commuting to work and taking the train for leisurely trips to Santa Fe."

G. Sandoval Construction was the contractor for the station. It is experienced at transit related construction as it was also the contractor for Las Cruces' *Mesilla Valley Intermodal Transit Terminal* which opened last December.

On April 18, Mayor Richard J. Berry and ABQ RIDE also announced a new program to benefit veterans with specific medical credentials. Veterans who are enrolled in the Veterans Administration (V.A.) Health Care system and have their Veterans Hospital Identification Card can now ride, **FREE** of charge, on ABQ RIDE buses.



Any veteran with a *Department of Veterans Affairs* identification card or newly issued *U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs* identification card is eligible for **FREE** rides. This also applies to any veterans living in or out of New Mexico, as long as they display a Veterans Identification Card when boarding a bus.

"At the City of Albuquerque, it is our honor to be able to provide this **FREE** service to veterans who are part of the VA Health Care System," stated Mayor Richard J. Berry. "Considering the tremendous sacrifices they have made in

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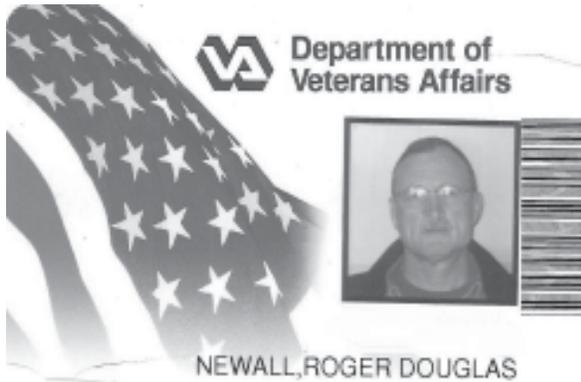
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service to our country, it is a small gesture but one that we hope will be beneficial to them in receiving the medical care that they require.”

“VA Healthcare participants will also have more freedom of transportation by this program to the many other services and opportunities within Albuquerque,” said Roger Newall, the Veterans Affairs Liaison for Mayor Berry. “Perhaps this program will encourage more veterans to enroll in the Veterans Administration Healthcare System to receive the many benefits and services offered.”

Planning for this program began earlier this year between ABQ RIDE and the Mayor’s Office of Constituent Services, as a way to get veterans in the area better access to health care. Veterans with the Identification Card who qualify for paratransit service will also be able to receive **FREE** rides on Sun Van. *Veterans who are not enrolled within the VA Hospital Healthcare System are not eligible for this benefit.*

Samples of the two V.A. Hospital Cards that Veterans must have in order to ride FREE on ABQ Ride



With this program, Albuquerque joins a list of cities such as Chicago, IL, Duluth, OH, Rochester, NY, San Francisco, CA, Oakland, CA and Gainesville, FL which offer **FREE** rides to veterans on both fixed route and paratransit buses.

“We are proud to provide this benefit to a most worthy group of citizens,” said Bruce Rizzieri, Director of ABQ RIDE. “Now, almost all veterans within New Mexico using the V.A.’s Hospital Services can use affordable, public transportation to get to and from their appointments.”

Be watching in mid-May when ABQ RIDE unveils a new look for its new buses! Details to come in next month’s edition of the Neighborhood News!

EPC - continued from page 9

The following EPC Projects will be heard on Thursday, June 12, 2014 beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Northwest

Wells Park, Sawmill Community Land Trust, North Valley Coalition (neighborhood/homeowner association/coalition); 14EPC-40030 and 40031, Project #1001580 (case #'s); Approximately .0715 acres located on the southeast corner of 6th Street NW and Kinley Avenue NW (**location of request**); J-14 (**zone atlas page #**); Robert L. Lucero, Esq., Rodey Law Firm at **505-768-7231**, agent for Roybal-Mack Law, P.C., a New Mexico Corporation (**applicant or agency and phone #**); Requests a Zone Map Amendment from SU-2 for SR to SU-2 for SU-1 for Residential Law Office, Court Reporter, Accountant, Architect, Engineer and/or Doctor Office and a Site Development Plan for Building Permit to allow for the refurbishment of an existing single family home to allow for residential and commercial use (**action requested**); Catalina Lehner at **505-924-3935**, e-mail: <clehner@cabq.gov>. (**City staff planner**)

Taylor Ranch, Westside Coalition of NA’s; 14EPC-40028, Project #1010058; Approximately .43 acres located on the south side of Bosque Plaza between Coors Boulevard NW and Bosque Plaza; E-12; Darren Sowell Architects at **505-342-6200**, agent for Ken Hurt; Request a Site Development Plan for Building Permit for a new office building that will house Dr. Ken Hurt’s orthodontics practice in 3,507 square foot of the building and provide for 1,307 square foot tenant space; Maggie Gould at **505-924-3910**, e-mail: <mgould@cabq.gov>.

**Albuquerque
Fire
Department**

Submitted By Melissa Romero



Tips for Preventing Heat Related Illness

The best defense is prevention. Here are some prevention tips:

- Drink more fluids (nonalcoholic), regardless of your activity level. Don't wait until you're thirsty to drink.
- Don't drink liquids that contain alcohol or large amounts of sugar – these actually cause you to lose more body fluid. Also avoid very cold drinks because they can cause stomach cramps.
- Stay indoors and if at all possible stay in an air conditioned place.
- Wear lightweight, light-colored, loose-fitting clothing.
- NEVER leave anyone in a closed parked vehicle.
- Although anyone at any time can suffer from heat related illness some people are at greater risk than others. Check regularly on:
 - " Infants and young children.
 - " People aged 65 or older.
 - " People who have a mental illness.
 - " Those who are physically ill especially with heart disease or high blood pressure.
- Visit adults at risk at least twice a day and closely watch them for signs of heat exhaustion or heat stroke. Infants and young children of course need much more frequent watching.



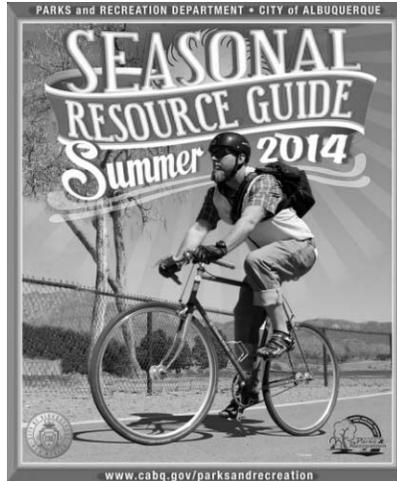
If you must be out in the heat:

- Limit your outdoor activity to morning and evening hours.
- Cut down on exercise. If you must exercise drink two to four glasses of cool nonalcoholic fluids each hour. A sports beverage can replace the salt and minerals you lose in sweat. **Warning:** If you are on a low salt diet talk with your doctor before drinking a sports beverage. Remember the warning in the first "tip" (above), too.
- Try to rest often in shady areas.
- Protect yourself from the sun by wearing a wide brimmed hat (also keeps you cooler) and sunglasses and by putting on sunscreen of SPF-15 or higher (the most effective products say "broad spectrum" or "UVA/UVB protection" on their labels).



Parks and Recreation

Submitted By Paul Hyso



The Parks and Recreation Department's 2014 Seasonal Resource Guide for Summer is here! Check it out online at www.cabq.gov/parksandrecreation or pick up a copy at one of the following locations:

Parks and Recreation Administration Building (1801 4th Street NW).

Jerry Cline Tennis and Recreation Center (7205 Constitution Avenue NE).

Golf Training Center at Balloon Fiesta Park (5000 Balloon Fiesta Parkway NE).

West Mesa Aquatic Center (6705 Fortuna Road NW).

Esperanza Community Bike Shop (5600 Esperanza Drive NW).

Open Space Visitors Center (6500 Coors Boulevard NW).

Main Library: (501 Copper Avenue NW).

Ernie Pyle Library: (900 Girard Boulevard SE).

Tony Hillerman Library: (8205 Apache Avenue NE).

South Valley Library: (3904 Isleta Boulevard SW).

Westgate Library: (1300 Delgado Drive SW).

Don Newton/Taylor Ranch Community Center: (4900 Kachina Street NW).

North Domingo Baca Multi-Generational Center: (7521 Carmel Avenue NE).

Thomas Bell Community Center: (3001 University Boulevard SE).

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Tuesday, May 20 •ZHE – 9 a.m.	NO MEETINGS IN JUNE FOR: •District 6 Coalition •District 7 Coalition •District 8 Coalition •East Gateway Coalition Monday, June 2 •City Council – 5 p.m. Tuesday, June 3 •SWAN – 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 4 •DRB – 9 a.m. •SEPC – 9 a.m. •Westside Coalition – 7 p.m.	Thursday, June 5 •EPC Case Distribution – 3 p.m.	Wednesday, June 18 •DRB – 9 a.m. •SEPC – 9 a.m. •ZHE – 9 a.m. •AHA – 12 p.m. •EPC Pre-Hearing – 1:30 p.m. •District 4 Coalition – 7 p.m.	
Wednesday, May 21 •DRB – 9 a.m. •SEPC – 9 a.m. •AHA – 12 p.m. •District 4 Coalition – 7 p.m.		Wednesday, June 11 •DRB – 9 a.m. •LUCC – 3 p.m.	Thursday, June 12 •EPC Public Hearing – 8:30 a.m. •South Valley Coalition – 6:30 p.m.	Thursday, June 19 •AAB – 8:15 a.m.
Thursday, May 22 •District 8 Coalition – 7 p.m.		Sunday, June 15 •Father’s Day	Tuesday, June 24 •BOA – 9 a.m.	Wednesday, June 25 •DRB – 9 a.m.
Monday, May 26 •Memorial Day - City Offices Closed		Monday, June 16 •City Council – 5 p.m.	<h2 style="margin: 0;">Have a safe summer and fun vacations.</h2>	
Tuesday, May 27 •BOA – 9 a.m.				
Wednesday, May 28 •DRB – 9 a.m. •City Council – 5 p.m. (tentative meeting date, if needed)				

2014 CALENDAR/LEGEND

- AAB** - Airport Advisory Board, Aviation Department Executive Conference Room
- AHA** - Albuquerque Housing Authority, Carnis Salisbury Building, Manuel Cordova Conference Room, 1840 University Boulevard SE, **505-764-3915**
- BOA** - Board of Appeals, Plaza del Sol Hearing Room, Basement Level, 600 Second Street NW
- City Council** - Vincent E. Griego Council Chambers, Basement Level, City Hall
- District 4 Coalition** - North Domingo Baca Multigenerational Center, Community Room, 7521 Carmel Avenue NE
- District 6 Coalition** - EXPO NM, Alice B. Hopes Pavilion on San Pedro NE and Copper NE
- District 7 Coalition** - Grant Middle School, Library, 1111 Easterday NE
- District 8 Coalition** - Holiday Park Community Center, 11710 Comanche Road NE
- DRB** - Development Review Board, Plaza del Sol Hearing Room (Basement Level), 600 Second Street NW
- East Gateway Coalition** - Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center, 501 Elizabeth Street SE
- EPC** - Environmental Planning Commission, Plaza del Sol Hearing Room, (Basement Level), 600 Second Street NW
- EPC Pre-Hearing** - Plaza del Sol, 600 Second Street NW, Third Floor, Conference Room
- EPC Study Session** - Planning Department, Plaza del Sol, Hearing Room, (Basement Level), 600 Second Street NW
- LUCC** - Landmarks and Urban Conservation Commission, Plaza del Sol, Hearing Room (Basement Level), 600 Second Street NW
- SEPC** - Special Events Permitting Committee - 6th floor, Cultural Services Department Conference Room, City Hall, Fifth and Marquette
- SVCNA** - South Valley Coalition of Neighborhood Associations, Sheriff’s Department South Area Command, 2039 Isleta Boulevard SW
- SWAN** - South West Alliance of Neighbors, Alamosa Multi-Purpose Center, 6900 Gonzales Road SW
- Westside Coalition** - Don Newton/Taylor Ranch Community Center, 4900 Kachina Drive NW
- ZHE** - Zoning Hearing Examiner Office - Plaza Del Sol Building, 3rd Floor, **505-924-3894**; ZHE Hearings are held in the Plaza del Sol Hearing Room, (Basement Level), 600 Second Street NW

EPC Hearing Notice

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 Department no later than **9 a.m.** on the **2nd 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 EPC Public Hearing, call the Planning Department at **505-924-3860** and the receptionist will give you the status of the EPC Public Hearing.
- Staff Reports are available at the Planning Department beginning at **3 p.m.** on the **1st Thursday** prior to the EPC Public Hearing.

On the 1st 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 **2nd 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 Planning Department Hearing Room, Plaza Del Sol Building. Please call the Planning Department at **505-924-3860** to confirm the Study Session schedule will happen at the times listed, as time adjustments are made occasionally.

The **EPC Public Hearing** will be held on **Thursday, June 5, 2014 at 3:30 p.m.** in the **Planning Department Hearing Room**, (basement level), **600 Second Street NW** for the following case:

Northwest and Southwest

Alameda North Valley, Alamosa, Alban Hills, Alvarado Gardens, Avalon, Crestview Bluff, Encanto Village, Grande Heights, La Luz Del Sol, La Luz Landowners, Ladera Heights, Ladera West, Las Casitas Del Rio, Las Casitas Del Rio Unit 2 Subdivision, Laurelwood, Los Duranes, Los Volcanes, Oxbow Park, Oxbow Village, Paradise Hills, Pat Hurley, Piedras Marcadas, Quaker Heights, Rancho Encantado, Rancho Sereno, Rio Grande Blvd., Rio Grande Compound, Rio Oeste, Riverfronte Estates, Riverview Heights, S.R. Marmon, Skyview West, St. Joseph Townhouse, Stinson Tower, Story Rock, Taylor Ranch, The Enclave at Oxbow, Thomas Village, Thomas Village Patio, Villa De Paz, Vista Grande, Vista Magnifica, Vista Montecito, Vista West, West Bluff, West Mesa, Western Trails Estates, Windmill Manor Place, North Valley Coalition, South Valley Coalition of NA's, South West Alliance of Neighbors (SWAN), Westside Coalition of NA's; 14EPC-40032 and 40033, Project #1005238; City of Albuquerque, Planning Department at **505-924-3860; the **Coors Coordior Plan** is a Rank 3 Sector Development Plan that provides policies and project recommendations for Coors Boulevard and Coors Bypass and design regulations for adjacent development. The Plan area is an eleven mile long corridor that extends from Bridge Boulevard to Alameda Boulevard. The document includes a major chapter on transportation, additional project recommendations and a Design Overlay Zone with view preservation regulations, but no zoning per se (no land uses). Note that the transportation element is advisory to NMDOT, which controls the Coors Boulevard/Bypass Rights-of-Way. The document is more streamlined than the existing plan adopted in 1984; Carol Toffaleti at **505-924-3345**, e-mail: [**<cgtoffaleti@cabq.gov>**](mailto:cgtoffaleti@cabq.gov).**

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Office of NM Attorney General

Submitted By Doris Aguilar-Budris



Attorney General Gary King Hosts Community Violence Summit
Invites Participation in Event to Learn About Causes and Cures

New Mexicans are concerned about community violence. As seen felt and heard recently we have violence all around us. As Attorney General, I ask you to be as informed as possible. This is why I am asking you to participate in the important and timely **2nd Annual Community Violence Summit in Albuquerque**. The event is scheduled for **Friday, June 27, 2014**, at the **Copper Pointe Church, 10500 Copper Ave NE**. While there is no registration fee for the summit, we ask that you register on our website: ***nmag.gov*** —then follow the link provided.

Community violence includes but is not limited to: Teen Dating Violence; Human/Drug Trafficking; Internet Crimes Against Children; Bullying and Youth Gang Violence. New Mexico ranks 2nd in the nation for death due to child abuse and 6th for neglect — these alone are startling statistics. Then there is human trafficking, modern day slavery that involves controlling a person through force, fraud or coercion to exploit the victim for forced labor, sexual exploitation or both. Human trafficking is a crime that happens in New Mexico often times right under our noses.

The Community Violence Summit will highlight topics such as: Cyber-Bullying in our Schools and Community; Youth and Gun Violence; Sex Trafficking of Minors; Dating Violence; strengthening communities through education; and how to use statistics to create social change. This second Summit will provide us with newly developed best practices; improve the framework for better information sharing; and open more lines of communication among the stakeholders.

I believe it is important that we come together periodically in events such as this to assess where we have been and where we need to go to assure safer communities throughout New Mexico. Please consider this my personal invitation to attend and help us make our state a better place in which to live and prosper.

Gary K. King
New Mexico Attorney General

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.

NM State Association of Parliamentarians

Submitted By Janice Strand



Standing Rules for Productive Meetings

A chairman/presider is greatly assisted in conducting a meeting when there are specific rules for the meeting. These rules are Standing Rules. Standing Rules can be compiled by an executive committee or board of directors and recommended for adoption. This set of rules is adopted by a majority vote at the beginning of a meeting. It is recommended that every member have a copy of the rules; the rules can be read so that everyone is very aware of each rule.

The chairman/presider can then use unanimous consent to adopt the rules and state, "If there is no objection, these standing rules recommended by the executive committee (or board of directors) will be adopted for this meeting." (Pause) "There being no objection, the proposed standing rules are adopted." Standing rules are changed by a 2/3 vote. Standing rules can be suspended by a 2/3 vote.

Sample standing rules are:

1. The meeting shall begin at 7 p.m. and end at 9:30 p.m.
2. The business meeting will continue until the agenda is completed.
3. No tape or other recordings may be made of the proceedings without the expressed approval of the Board of Directors... (or Executive Committee).
4. There will be no conversations between members during the meeting.
5. All motions or amendments shall be written, signed and sent to the secretary on forms provided for this purpose.
6. The voting members for this meeting are _____.
7. A majority of the voting members registered at this meeting shall constitute a quorum. (used for annual or state meetings).
8. The chair shall be empowered to appoint a committee of 3 persons to approve the minutes of this meeting. (when the next meeting is not within the quarter).
9. Only ___ members may vote or speak on the floor of this meeting.
10. No member may speak more than once on any one motion/issue until all members wishing to speak have been heard. No member may speak more than two times on the same motion.
11. Time of each speech is limited to two minutes except as otherwise ordered by the assembly. (choose the amount of time).
12. A member wishing to speak will stand and address the chair and when recognized will give his/her name.
13. All report and other material for the permanent record shall be typed and immediately upon presentation, shall be given to the secretary.
14. Cell phones will be turned off or on vibrate during this meeting.

Adapted from *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, 11th Edition*, (RONR)

The Albuquerque Parliamentarian Unit (APU) offers short twenty-minute parliamentary programs to organizations. Contact Barbara Posler, APU President at **505-268-1210** or <poslong@ymail.com> to schedule a program at your meeting or contact Jan Strand, Treasurer of the New Mexico State Association of Parliamentarians at **505-821-5227** or <jan_str@msn.com>.



NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS
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Neighborhood News is published monthly by the Office of Neighborhood Coordination (ONC), a division of the Planning Department, City of Albuquerque. Articles and information from neighborhood associations and others are welcome.

ONC reserves the right to edit and/or reject any submissions.

***** Submissions Are Due By
 The 5th of Each Month*****

City of Albuquerque

Richard J. Berry, *Mayor*

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