

# Neighborhood News

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**Richard J. Berry**  
Mayor of Albuquerque

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## **ABQ RIDE's 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Luminaria Tour Tickets to Go on Sale Friday, November 28, 2014**

Tickets for ABQ RIDE's 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Luminaria Tour – a Christmas Eve tradition for five decades – will go on sale at 12 a.m. on Friday morning, November 28, 2014 via the website <[www.luminariatour.com](http://www.luminariatour.com)> (which will also be accessible by going to the front page of <[www.myabqride.com](http://www.myabqride.com)>). They can also be purchased starting Friday, November 28 at the *Hold My Ticket* box office at 112 Second Street SW in Albuquerque in the Sunshine Building. The box office is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Saturdays and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Tour which begins and ends at the newly-renovated Albuquerque Convention Center takes approximately 45 minutes and travels through Old Town and Country Club neighborhoods. This year the Tour will not be going through the Los Altos neighborhood in Southwest Albuquerque.

“2014 marks the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Albuquerque's Transit Department actively participating in this New Mexican Holiday Tradition,” said Bruce Rizzieri, Director of ABQ RIDE. “We encourage you to make this Christmas Eve tradition, especially if you've never been on the Tour.”

Cost for the Tour is only \$3 per adult; children 10-18, seniors age 62 and up and persons with disabilities pay only \$1.70. Children nine and under are **FREE** when accompanied by a paying adult. The cost includes a service charge. Tickets will not be sold at the Alvarado Transportation Center. You are encouraged to buy the tickets as soon as possible because in 2013 all Tour tickets were sold out within the first 24 hours of sale.

Tour times are scheduled at 5:30 p.m.; 5:50 p.m.; 6:10 p.m.; 6:45 p.m.; 7:05 p.m. and 7:20 p.m.

Tour goers are encouraged to arrive no later than 20 minutes prior to scheduled departure time and can park for **FREE** at the Convention Center's Eastside Parking Structure at Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard NE and Broadway Boulevard NE.

**FREE** parking will also be available for disabled and special needs individuals at the parking lot located at the northwest corner of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street NW and Marquette Avenue NW (just north of Civic Plaza). For your safety, please follow the signage to the Luminaria Tour.

Parking underneath Civic Plaza is also **FREE**. Please follow the signage to the Luminaria Tour.

For a link to buy tickets or a map of the Luminaria Tour route, go to <[www.myabqride.com](http://www.myabqride.com)> and click on the *Luminaria Tour 2014* link on the front page or go to <[www.luminariatour.com](http://www.luminariatour.com)>.

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Increasing Communication Between Neighborhood and/or Homeowner Associations.”



**APD Crime  
Prevention**

*Submitted By Steve Sink*



**Holiday Safety**

**Shopping and Out in Public**

- Always be aware of your surroundings and trust your instincts.
- Give some thought to what is considered “normal behavior” in a given environment. Example - People do not typically stand around in parking lots. If you notice a suspicious person or activity in a parking lot return to the store ask for an escort and/or notify security or store personnel.
- Always be aware of other people around you and make note of their behavior.
- Walk with authority, purpose and awareness.
- Park your vehicle as close to an entrance as possible and/or park in well lit and active locations.
- Lock all personal items in the trunk or away from view – roll up windows, take the keys and lock the doors.
- Keep all items inside your vehicle away from view. Any thing in full view could potentially be a target of opportunity.
- Have your keys ready when approaching your vehicle and limit the number of items in your hands.
- Get in your vehicle as soon as possible, lock the doors immediately and then get settled. (Note: Continue to be aware of persons in your area and keep your doors locked till you reach your next destination.)
- Remove all visible targets that might make you a victim of a crime - **WOMEN SHOULD NEVER CARRY A PURSE IN PUBLIC.** Rather, carry only those items necessary for a particular trip. (Example - Drivers license, medical card, some form of payment, like a debt card and a little bit of money.) Carry these items concealed from view.

- If you choose to carry a defensive device like pepper spray – have proper training.
- **Panhandlers** – Avoid panhandlers whenever possible. Their behavior could be potentially unpredictable. Do not give them cash or offer any kind of substitute, like food or other types of assistance. In most cases, cash will not be used for what they are suggesting. It will typically be used to support a substance abuse habit. (Note: If you want to assist them make a donation to one of several service providers available.)

**Securing Your Residence Prior to Holiday Travel**

- Ask a trusted neighbor to watch your residence and report suspicious activity.
- If possible, have a trusted friend or family member stay at your home.
- Install automatic timers on lights, TV’s and radios to give the impression someone is home.
- Do not have mail and newspaper delivery stopped. This information could fall into the wrong hands. Ask the trusted neighbor to collect them each day.
- If you have a rollout trash dumpster, have a neighbor place it in the street on pick up day and return it that evening.
- Ask a neighbor to park a vehicle in the driveway when ever possible.
- Be extra cautious about locking all doors and windows. All primary window locks should be operational and secondary locks should be installed.
- Make sure trees and shrubs are trimmed to allow for good natural surveillance of your property.
- Make arrangements to have exterior lights on each night.
- Each entrance should have solid core or metal doors and deadbolt locks.
- Let neighbors, family and friends know when you plan to return from a trip.

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**ABQ RIDE**

*Submitted By  
Rick De Reyes*



**TXT2RIDE Service Now Available  
for All Central Avenue Stops as well as  
Rapid Ride Stops**

If you are at any bus stop on Central Avenue you can now use ABQ RIDE’s TXT2RIDE service to find out when your next two buses are scheduled to arrive. It’s the same service that is available for all Rapid Ride stops.

The 168 stops that are on Central Avenue as well as the 58 Rapid Ride stops in Albuquerque now feature a round, plastic puck with a unique, blue-colored number identifying the location of the bus stop. The puck has a raised, four-digit number attached to the bus stop pole four to five feet above the ground, with most pucks facing the sidewalk. The bus stop number is also provided in Type II Braille below the tactile number.



To use TXT2RIDE (TEXT 2-7433), you simply text your bus stop puck number, a space and the number of your bus route to 2-7433. In as little as 15 seconds, you’ll get a text back with your next two scheduled buses. If the bus stop serves more than one bus route, you’ll need to compose a separate text message for each route.

“With the expansion of TXT2RIDE to Central Avenue stops and ABQ



RIDE’s apps, bus riders can get more timely information than ever about their bus arrivals without calling 311 for information,” said Mayor Richard J. Berry. “It also brings riders closer to regarding ABQ RIDE as their own personal transportation.”

ABQ RIDE doesn’t charge a fee to use the TXT2RIDE service. Normal text messaging rates apply according to your mobile phone service provider and text message plan. ABQ RIDE can also use the TXT2RIDE system to send notices (such as schedule disruptions or routes experiencing delays).

Of course if you have a smartphone, you can use the ABQ RIDE App tell you where your bus is within about 30 seconds accuracy. It also features bus schedules, fares, ABQ RIDE’s website, related websites such as the N.M. Rail Runner and any special alerts regarding the Transit Department/ABQ RIDE. To get a free download of the ABQ RIDE App for your iPhone, iPad, iPod Touch or Android phone, go to <[www.myabqride.com](http://www.myabqride.com)> and click on Transit Mobile Apps on the front page.

“With TXT2RIDE, our riders have unprecedented, quick access to updated information on schedules, bus locations and even alerts,” said Bruce Rizzieri, Director of ABQ RIDE.

**Planning Department**

*Submitted By Catalina Lehner*

**Project #1001620, 14EPC-40070 -  
Proposed Text Amendments to the Zoning Code**

At its regularly scheduled Public Hearing on December 11, 2014, the Environmental Planning Commission (EPC) will consider Text Amendments to Zoning Code Section 14-16-3-5, General Sign Regulations and other Text Amendments (if any) needed to create internal consistency in the Zoning Code. The proposed Text Amendments would apply Citywide.

The proposed Text Amendments would allow existing signs (billboards), within 660 feet of the right-of-way of Interstate 40 and within 660 feet of the right-of-way of Interstate 25 to become electronic signs (billboards) without forfeiting their status as lawful, non-conforming signs. The proposed bill (O-14-25) can be found by searching for it at <<https://cabq.legistar.com/Legislation.aspx>>.

Please contact Catalina Lehner-AICP, Senior Planner, at 505-924-3935 or <[clehner@cabq.gov](mailto:clehner@cabq.gov)> for more information. Please submit any comments to her no later than December 2, 2014.

**Solid Waste Management Department**

Submitted By Bobby Sisneros

*Fall*



**Green Waste Collection**

**City of Albuquerque**  
**Residential Solid Waste Customers**

*Place your Green Waste at the curb on your regular trash collection day during the weeks of December 1<sup>st</sup> - December 12<sup>th</sup>.*

*Place all your green waste (leaves, grass & brush) in trash bags not weighing more than 40 lbs. each. Branches must be cut to 4 feet in length & bundled securely. Have your bags at the curb by 7 am on your trash pick up day.*

**www.cabq.gov/solidwaste**  
**Call 311 for more information**

**Environmental Health Department**

Submitted By Francelli Lugo

**Dining Safely this Holiday Season**

Each year, roughly one in six people in the US gets sick from eating contaminated food. The 1,000 or more reported outbreaks that happen each year reveal familiar culprits like *Salmonella* and other common germs. Salmonella outbreaks are commonly associated with eggs, meat and poultry, but these bacteria can also contaminate other foods such as fruits and vegetables.

Following a few simple rules will help you and your family enjoy dinners this Holiday season.

- Keep kitchen bacteria levels down by regularly cleaning hands, cutting boards, knives and countertops. Before and after handling food wash your hands with warm water and soap for at least 20 seconds. Rinse or scrub fruits and veggies under running water before eating.
- Bacteria spread from cross-contamination so never put cooked, ready-to-eat foods on any surface where raw meat, poultry, seafood or their juices have been.

- Bacteria can survive lower temperatures so be sure you have properly prepared and cooked foods. You can't tell if something is cooked safety by how it looks, so make sure by using a food thermometer (a safe minimum internal temperature of 165 degrees F must be reached to destroy bacteria and prevent foodborne illness).
- Chill leftover food promptly (within two hours is best) and properly because bacteria spread fastest between 40-140 degrees F. Make sure your refrigerator temperature is 40 degrees F or below.

While frozen a turkey is safe indefinitely. However, as soon as it begins to thaw any bacteria that may have been present before freezing can begin to grow again. A package of frozen meat or poultry left thawing on the counter more than two hours is not at a safe temperature. Even though the center of the package may still be frozen, the outer layer of the food is in the "Danger Zone" between 40 and 140 degrees F — at a temperature where foodborne bacteria multiply rapidly.

If you buy a frozen turkey thaw it in the refrigerator or in a pan of cold water (changing the water every half-hour). Never thaw a turkey at room temperature.

It takes time for a large frozen turkey to thaw out in the refrigerator, so allow several days. If you're getting a fresh turkey, buy it one or two days before it will be cooked and keep it refrigerated in the meantime.

Make sure that foodborne illness isn't an unwelcome guest at your Holiday dinner this year.

For more information on Food Safety or to report illness due to eating contaminated food, please contact the City of Albuquerque, Environmental Health Department at **505-768-2600**.

You may also locate additional information on Food Safety at <<http://www.cdc.gov/foodsafety/index.html>>.

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**Cultural Services Department**

Submitted By Isabella Oms

**December Special Events**

**Holiday Stroll**

Friday, December 5, 2014

5 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Historic Old Town

Mayor Richard J. Berry and the City of Albuquerque invite you to revel in the magic of the season with Holiday Stroll! Enjoy the lighting of the Old Town tree, holiday shopping and dining, photos with Santa and live entertainment. There will be **FREE** admission and holiday activities at the Albuquerque Museum, Explora and the New Mexico Museum of Natural History. The Arthritis Foundation of New Mexico benefits from every purchase made at participating merchants all evening. **FREE** parking and shuttle at 18<sup>th</sup> Street NW and Bellamah Avenue NW.

For more information visit <[CultureABQ.com](http://CultureABQ.com)> or call 311.



**Twinkle Light Parade**

Saturday, December 6, 2014

Parade at 5:15 p.m.

Nob Hill Area

Mayor Richard J. Berry and the City of Albuquerque invite you to kick-off the holiday season with the Twinkle Light Parade! The parade is an Albuquerque tradition with 100 festive floats, dancers, car clubs, animals, marching bands and more. View the parade beginning at 5:15 p.m. on Central Avenue heading west from Washington Street to Girard Boulevard on the north side of the street.

For more information visit <[CultureABQ.com](http://CultureABQ.com)> or call 311.



**Albuquerque**

**Fire**

**Department**

Submitted By Melissa Romero



**Sirens Collection Drive for Homeless Students**

The Albuquerque Metro Area Public Safety Agencies have joined forces once again to host a Winter Collection Drive. Currently, there are over 5,000 APS homeless students in the Metro Area. The collection drive is from November 17 - December 3, 2014. Host a mini collection drive in your neighborhood and drop off items at any fire or police station in the city and county as well as several participating businesses.

These kids are living in cars, doubled up in homes or living on the street. Even while homeless they are determined to attend school with the goal of graduating. In 2013, two hundred homeless students graduated high school. With your help we can provide the essential items they need to be successful.

**Donate these essential items:**

**Non-Perishable Food Items**

- Cheese or Peanut Butter Crackers
- Beef Jerky
- Applesauce
- Fruit Cups

**Standard Sized Toiletries**

- Shampoo and Conditioner
- Bar Soap
- Sanitizer

**Packaged Underwear & Socks**

- Cotton items all sizes needed (3-18 years old)

**School Supplies**

- For any age

For a complete list of needed items go to <<http://www.cabq.gov/fire/sirens-collection-drive-for-homeless-students>>.

**Drop-off Locations**

- City Fire Stations: <<http://www.cabq.gov/fire/fire-station-locations>>.
- City Police Substations: <<http://www.cabq.gov/police/contact-the-police/unit-phone-directory>>.
- County Fire Stations: <<http://www.bernco.gov/Fire-Districts/>>.
- County Police Substations: <<http://www.bernalillocountysheriff.com/feildserv.html>>.
- Albuquerque Ambulance 4500 Montbel NE (Montano Road NE and Renaissance NE)

Business Locations - View business collection sites

**More Information**

For additional information on the APS Title I Homeless Project, go to <<http://www.aps.edu/title-i/homeless-project>> and please like our Facebook page at <<https://www.facebook.com/ABQMetroSirensforHomelessStudents>>.

Albuquerque Housing Authority

Submitted By Brian Eagan



**ALBUQUERQUE HOUSING AUTHORITY**  
Empowering people in our community through affordable housing and self-sufficiency opportunities

**Limited Intake of Pre-Applications for Public Housing  
October 21 - December 22, 2014  
Pre-Applications will be taken online at <[www.abqha.org](http://www.abqha.org)>**

The Albuquerque Housing Authority (AHA) will accept pre-applications for Public Housing only from October 21, 2014 through December 22, 2014. Please note this opening of the waiting list is for public housing apartments only and not for Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers. **Pre-Applications for the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program are not being accepted at this time.** Applications will no longer be taken in paper format. To improve access and availability, the application process will now take place online through <[www.abqha.org](http://www.abqha.org)>. AHA is committed to assisting persons with disabilities. If you require reasonable accommodation or other special assistance, please call 505-764-3942 or e-mail <[svillarreal@abqha.org](mailto:svillarreal@abqha.org)>.

**New Playgrounds built at AHA Public Housing sites – time to come out and play!**

60<sup>th</sup> Street Before



60<sup>th</sup> Street After



In the Fall of 2014, the City of Albuquerque, Department of Family and Community Services (FCS) partnered with AHA to fund the installation of new playground equipment and various building maintenance projects including making accessibility modifications to some units at multiple AHA Public Housing sites across Albuquerque (including apartment complexes at: 200 60<sup>th</sup> Street NW, 701 5<sup>th</sup> Street SW, 6100 Harper Drive NE, 3224 Lafayette Drive NE, 9000 Veranda Road NE). These community improvements will encourage Public Housing resident kids to come outside and play. The Capital Improvement Projects were paid for with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

**Albuquerque Housing Authority**

*Submitted By Brian Eagan*

**Emergency Winter Shelter 2014-2015**

The Emergency Winter Shelter provides overnight shelter accommodation and outreach services to those want to engage in supportive services and housing. The shelter opened on Saturday, November 15, 2014 and will be open through March 15, 2015. The shelter accepts single men and women and also women with children ten and under. Transportation is provided from the Albuquerque Rescue Mission to the winter shelter facility every evening and transportation from the shelter back to the Rescue Mission every morning.

**Emergency Van hours begin at 8 p.m. to Midnight and pick-up points are noted below.**

**Pick-up Points heading east:**

- 3rd Street and Iron Avenue.
- Central Avenue and Alcazar Street.
- Central Avenue and Wyoming Boulevard (under the Hillson's sign).
- Central Avenue and Eubank Boulevard (under the Home Depot sign).
- Central Avenue and Juan Tabo Boulevard (north east corner).
- Central Avenue and Tramway Boulevard (next to the United Artists Sign).

**Pick-up Points heading west:**

- Central Avenue and Parsifal Street (in the parking lot).
- Central Avenue and Wisconsin Street (under the stop sign).
- Central Avenue and Louisiana Boulevard (in front of the Fairgrounds).
- Central Avenue and Truman Street (corner of parking lot).
- Central Avenue and Dartmouth Avenue (in front of the substation).
- Central Avenue and Sunset Drive (Vacant lot).
- Central Avenue and Coors Boulevard (Behind bus stop).



Onsite registration occurs at the Albuquerque Rescue Mission located at 525 2nd Street SW (2nd Street SW and Iron Avenue SW) daily from 3 p.m. – 8 p.m. (enter from Iron Avenue SW).

Transportation is also available to the shelter and back to the mission. You may contact the Rescue Mission at the numbers and hours for shelter and ride information.

From 3 p.m. - 8 p.m. call **505-346-4673 ext. 247**

After 8 p.m. call **505-346-4673 ext. 238**

**Contact:**

Darryl K. Clark at **505-346-4673 ext. 248**

Rene Palacios at **505-346-4673 ext. 232**



Quote above from <<http://www.cabq.gov/family/income-eligible-services/homeless-services/>>.

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**Planning Department**

*Submitted By Jack Cloud*

**Project# 100162014EPC-40080  
Text Amendments to the Subdivision Ordinance**

COA Planning Department, agent for COA Council Services, request the referenced above action for Amending the Subdivision Ordinance (14-14-4-5; 14-14-5-1; 14-14-5-2; and 14-14-6-1) to require compliance with the complete Streets Ordinance for new construction and to adopt by reference alternative standards manual for the design of streets.

As part of a City Council initiative to adopt what is known as the Complete Streets Ordinance there is a corollary change proposed to the Subdivision Ordinance. The changes to the Subdivision Ordinance are essentially to provide a reference to the Complete Streets Ordinance for new streets when they get platted, or subdivided, within the Central and Established Urban Areas of the City Comprehensive Plan.

Following is a link with contact information at the City Council Office: <<http://www.cabq.gov/council/projects/current-projects/complete-streets>>.

The basic intent of the proposed Ordinances are to establish engineering and design standards for Complete Streets Projects in order to integrate general purpose roadways, sidewalks, bike lanes, transit amenities, traffic calming and safe crossings. This will help create a balanced transportation system that meets the needs of motorized and non-motorized travelers and persons with disabilities.

**Neighborhood News November/December 2014**

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<b>Tuesday, November 25</b> •BOA – 9 a.m.	<b>NO MEETINGS IN DECEMBER FOR:</b> •AAB •DRB – December 24 •District 4 Coalition •District 6 Coalition •District 7 Coalition •District 8 Coalition •East Gateway Coalition •Westside Coalition •ZHE	<b>Wednesday, December 10</b> •DRB – 9 a.m. •SEPC – 9 a.m. •LUCC – 3 p.m.	<b>Thursday, December 25</b> •City Offices <b>CLOSED</b> - Christmas Day Holiday 
<b>Thursday, November 27</b> •City Offices <b>CLOSED</b> - Thanksgiving Day Holiday 		<b>Thursday, December 11</b> •EPC Public Hearing – 8:30 a.m. •South Valley Coalition – 6:30 p.m.	
<b>Friday, November 28</b> •City Offices <b>CLOSED</b> - Day After Thanksgiving Holiday	<b>Monday, December 1</b> •City Council – 5 p.m.	<b>Monday, December 15</b> •City Council – 5 p.m.	<b>Wednesday, December 31</b> •DRB – 9 a.m.
	<b>Tuesday, December 2</b> •SWAN – 6:30 p.m.	<b>Tuesday, December 16</b> •BOA – 9 a.m.	
	<b>Wednesday, December 3</b> •DRB – 9 a.m.	<b>Wednesday, December 17</b> •AHA – 12 p.m. •DRB – 9 a.m. •EPC Pre-Hearing Discussion – 1:30 p.m.	
	<b>Thursday, December 4</b> •EPC Case Distribution – 3 p.m.		

**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

**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 **2<sup>nd</sup> 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 **1<sup>st</sup> Thursday** prior to the EPC Public Hearing.

**On the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 **2<sup>nd</sup> 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, December 11, 2014 at 8:30 a.m.** in the **Planning Department Hearing Room**, (basement level), **600 Second Street NW** for the following case:

#### *Citywide*

**All Neighborhood and/or Homeowner Associations and Coalitions; 14EPC-40080, Project #1001620**; City of Albuquerque, Planning Department at **505-924-3880**; Text Amendment to the Subdivision Ordinance to Require Compliance with the complete Street Ordinance for new construction; see **page 7 of newsletter for detailed information** on this EPC Project; Jack Cloud at **505-924-3880**, e-mail: <jcloud@cabq.gov>.

**All Neighborhood and/or Homeowner Associations and Coalitions; 14EPC-40081, Project #1001620**; City of Albuquerque, Planning Department at **505-924-3860**; Text Amendment to Zoning Code to allow modification of existing off premise signs within 660' of nearest right-of-way of an Interstate Highway to be converted to Electronic Signs; see **page 3 of newsletter for detailed information** on this Text Amendment; Catalina Lehner at **505-924-3935**, e-mail: <clehner@cabq.gov>.

#### **Northeast**

**Nor Este, The Quail Springs, District 4 Coalition of NA's (neighborhood/homeowner association/coalition); 14EPC-40071, Project #1010273 (case #'s)**; Approximately .888 acres located on the south side of Oakland Avenue NE between Louisiana Boulevard NE and Wyoming Boulevard NE (**location of request**); C-19 (**zone atlas page #**); DAC Enterprises, Inc. at **505-294-5243**, agent for Shakeel Rizvi. (**applicant or agency and phone #**); Requests a Site Development Plan for Building Permit for a proposed 30 bed, assisted living facility (**action requested**); Catalina Lehner at **505-924-3935**, e-mail: <clehner@cabq.gov>. (**City staff planner**)

#### **Northwest**

**La Luz Del Sol, La Luz Landowners, Taylor Ranch, Western Trails Estates, Andalucia, Westside Coalition of NA's; 14EPC-40074 and 40075, Project #1000965**; Approximately 11.7 acres located on the south side of Sevilla Avenue SW between Coors Boulevard NW and Mi Cordelia Drive NW; F-11; Consensus Planning, Inc. at **505-764-9801**, agent for Pulte; Requests a Site Development Plan for Building Permit and a Site Development Plan Amendment for Subdivision for Phase 4 development of Andalucia at La Luz for 45 single-family residential lots; Vicente Quevedo at **505-924-3357**, e-mail: <vquevedo@cabq.gov>.

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**Wells Park, Sawmill Community Land Trust, North Valley Coalition; 14-EPD-40072 and 40073, Project #1006767;** Approximately .6 acres located on the west side of 6<sup>th</sup> Street NW between McKnight Avenue NW and Bezemek Avenue NW; H-14; Consensus Planning, Inc. at **505-764-9801**, agent for Bow & Arrow Brewing Co.; Requests a Site Development Plan for Building Permit to renovate the existing building into a brewery and a Zone Map Amendment zoned S-MI to SU-2/SU-1 for SMI and Brewery Including on/off sale of beer and wine for a proposed microbrewery and taproom; Vicente Quevedo at **505-924-3357**, e-mail: <[vquevedo@cabq.gov](mailto:vquevedo@cabq.gov)>.

**APD Crime Prevention**

*Submitted By Sharanne Press*



**APD VIN Etching Event**

**Saturday, November 22, 2014**  
**9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**

**Target Store (Parking Lot)**  
**6100 Paseo Del Norte NE**  
**(Paseo & I-25)**



**Animal Welfare Department**

*Submitted By Desiree Cawley*



**Holiday Pet Adoption Special Event**

On the day after Thanksgiving celebrate the season by adopting a pet during the **Black Friday 50% off pet adoption** at Lucky Paws in Coronado Mall. Lucky Paws will **open** to the public Friday, November 28 from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Adoption fees will be cut in half on pets who are six months and older.

Reduced pricing will be extended to Saturday and Sunday, November 29 and November 30, during the **Holiday Pet Adoption Special**. The event is featuring an adoption fee of \$20 for dogs and \$10 for cats that are one year or older. The special pricing will be available at **ALL** shelter locations: Eastside, Westside and Lucky Paws. Each adoption will include spay or neuter, all vaccinations required by law and a micro-chip. Visit our website at <[www.cabq.gov/pets](http://www.cabq.gov/pets)>.



**You can drop off your donations at the Animal Welfare Department shelters or go to our web site to find more drop off areas from November 17 to December 21.**



**Thank you for helping bring holiday joy to all pets at the Animal Welfare Department shelters.**

- Eastside Shelter**  
8920 Lomas Blvd. NE
- Lucky Paws**  
in Coronado Mall  
6600 Menaul NE
- Westside Shelter**  
11800 Sunset Gardens SW



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# COORS CORRIDOR PLAN

## **Update on the Coors Corridor Plan - Facilitated Meetings**

The DRAFT Coors Corridor Plan is being heard by the EPC on Thursday, January 8, 2015 after 1:30 p.m. In the meantime you are invited to participate in facilitated meetings that are being held to give residents, businesses and other interested parties an opportunity to raise questions and local concerns about the Plan update with the Project Team. The aim is for everyone to gain a clearer understanding of the Plan's recommendations and stakeholders' positions, and to help resolve issues where possible. The discussions will be documented for the EPC's review and will assist them in coming to a recommendation on the Plan for City Council who are the final decision-maker.

The first meeting focused on the area from Central Avenue to St. Josephs. The next two Meetings are listed below:

### **Meeting 2: Transportation --- MEETING ALREADY HELD.**

- WHEN: Wednesday November 19, 2014, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- WHERE: Don Newton/Taylor Ranch Community Center, 4900 Kachina Street NW
- GEOGRAPHICAL AREA: Coors/Montaña area (Western Trails/Namaste to Paseo Del Norte)

### **Meeting 3: View Preservation Regulations and other Development Design Issues**

- WHEN: Tuesday, December 2, 2014, 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- WHERE: Don Newton/Taylor Ranch Community Center, 4900 Kachina Street NW
- GEOGRAPHICAL AREA: View Preservation area of the Plan (Eastside of Coors, between Namaste and Alameda)

RSVP to <[cgtoffaleti@cabq.gov](mailto:cgtoffaleti@cabq.gov)>. RSVPS ARE CRITICAL SO THAT WE CAN HAVE SEATS AND HANDOUTS FOR ALL ATTENDEES.

The geographic areas and topics for the meetings correspond to issues that have been raised by stakeholders at previous EPC Hearings on the Plan update. Meeting 2 will open with a short presentation by Chris Baca, the transportation consultant for the update. In addition to the City Project Team, agency staff in attendance may be a resource to answer factual questions. Meeting 3 will include a discussion of the latest revisions to the View Preservation regulations proposed by Planning staff. They will be sent prior to the meeting to people who have RSVP'd.

## **Background**

The DRAFT Coors Corridor Plan would replace the plan adopted in 1984. The vision is to protect and enhance both the transportation function and visual quality of the Corridor as it continues to develop over the long term. The DRAFT Plan proposes a multi-modal transportation strategy for the Corridor that would only boost the capacity of the roadway for transit use, such as a Bus Rapid Transit service. Roadway projects are recommended to alleviate traffic congestion "hot spots" north of I-40 and at Montaña and Paseo del Norte. The transportation element of the Plan is advisory to the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT), which controls the Coors Boulevard/Bypass rights-of-way. The Rank 3 Plan also includes design regulations for development adjacent to Coors Blvd. including landscape buffers, connections for pedestrians and cyclists, and limits on structure height and massing. Note that the Plan does not establish or change zoning (land uses) nor affect property-owners' current development entitlements.

## **Note**

If you cannot attend a facilitated meeting, contact the project manager with any questions or to arrange a meeting at the Planning Department: Carol Toffaleti, 505-924-3345, <[cgtoffaleti@cabq.gov](mailto:cgtoffaleti@cabq.gov)>.

To be added to the project email distribution list, e-mail <[cgtoffaleti@cabq.gov](mailto:cgtoffaleti@cabq.gov)>

For further information on the draft Plan and public review process, see the project webpage <<http://www.TinyURL.com/cabq-coorscorridorplan>>.



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