

Neighborhood News

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Richard J. Berry
Mayor of Albuquerque

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A Note from Mayor Richard J. Berry

On October 4, 2011 you will see several items on the ballot that are important to the future of Albuquerque. You'll see general obligation bond questions that benefit public safety, parks, libraries, streets, transportation, museums, cultural facilities and other important aspects of our City. These are part of our regular General Obligation (G.O.) Bond Package. This year there is also Question # 12, a GRT Revenue Bond, which would fund two projects under a new initiative called ABQ the PLAN - a plan to improve our city as we move forward. The projects that would be funded under question #12 are as follows:

- Up to \$25 million for Phase I Improvements to the Paseo Del Norte and I-25 Freeway Interchange to relieve traffic congestion and improve safety and air quality in our region.
- Up to \$25 million for a Multi-Sports Complex that will benefit our citizens and visitors to Albuquerque with world class sporting facilities such as softball, baseball, basketball and others.

The revenues for these projects are already in place in the City's general fund appropriations, meaning there would be **no tax increase to you.**

What is ABQ the PLAN?



ABQ the PLAN is a long-term strategy for investing in our City and planning for a bright future with new opportunities for all of us in the community.

I have proposed that together, as a community, we develop a long range plan for projects that will enhance our entire city by spurring job creation and economic development while increasing the quality of life for us, our children and grandchildren.

Over the past year, I have met with youth groups, senior groups and neighborhood associations. I have spoken at business organizations, government functions, town halls and summer festivals to find out what our citizens want. ABQ the PLAN has also been featured on the City's website and active on Facebook and Twitter providing citizens with

a voice as we move forward.

ABQ the PLAN builds upon existing City assets and planning efforts, leverages partnerships with the private sector and other government entities and invests in our future while honoring our unique heritage. When you think about ABQ the PLAN think about past projects that have made a real and positive difference for Albuquerque such as our Zoo, Botanic Gardens and Aquarium. These projects have helped define us as a community. We can also look at the investment we made with Isotopes Park to see an example of a great public/private partnership.

We have worked with the community on this plan and now on Tuesday, October 4th - you get to vote. You get to decide on the future of our great City – so please get out and vote. To find out where to vote, just go to our City website at <www.cabq.gov> and click on the VOTE emblem or call **311** for a voting location close to you. Thank you, Albuquerque.

“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 advise.

- City of Albuquerque Ordinance 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 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.

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**Albuquerque
Fire
Department**

Submitted By Melissa Romero



Home Fire Safety Checklist

These Are Simple Changes That Could Save Your Life

- **Change Your Smoke Detector Batteries.** The International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) and fire experts nationwide encourage people to change smoke detector batteries at least annually. An easy way to remember to change your batteries is when you turn your clock back in the fall. Replace old batteries with fresh, high quality alkaline batteries such as energizer brand batteries to keep your smoke detector going year-long.
- **Check Your Smoke Detectors.** After inserting a fresh battery in your smoke detector, check to make sure the smoke detector itself is working by pushing the safety test button.
- **Count Your Smoke Detectors.** Install at least one smoke detector on every level of your home, including the basement and family room and most important outside all bedrooms.
- **Vacuum Your Smoke Detectors.** Each month clean your smoke detectors of dust and cobwebs to ensure their sensitivity.
- **Change Your Flashlight Batteries.** To make sure your emergency flashlights work when you need them use high-quality alkaline batteries. Note: keep a working flashlight near your bed, in the kitchen, basement and family room, and use it to signal for help in the event of a fire.
- **Install Fire Extinguishers.** Install a fire extinguisher in or near your kitchen and know how to use it. Should you need to purchase one the IAFC recommends a multi or all purpose fire extinguisher that is listed by an accredited testing laboratory such as Underwriters Laboratory.
- **Plan and Practice Your Escape.** Create at least two different escape routes and practice them with the entire family. Children are at double the risk of dying in a home

fire because they often become scared and confused during fires. Make sure your children understand that a smoke detector signals a home fire and that they recognize its alarm.

- **Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery.** Energizer brand Batteries, IAFC and your local fire department urge you to adopt a simple potentially lifesaving habit: change the batteries in your smoke detector when you change your clocks back to standard time in the fall.

Consider The Following:

- Each day an average of three kids die in home fires - 1,100 children each year. About 3,600 children are injured in house fires each year. 90 percent of child fire deaths occur in homes without working smoke detectors.
- Although smoke detectors are in 92 percent of American homes nearly one-third don't work because of old or missing batteries.
- A working smoke detector reduces the risk of dying in a home fire by nearly half.

Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority

Submitted By Patti Watson



Drought Continues Water Authority Reminds Customers to Reduce Watering for Fall

*Suggests Converting High-Water-Use Turf to Xeriscape to
Earn Rebates on Water Bills*

The Water Authority is reminding customers to cut back on outdoor watering to twice a week that began on September 1, 2011.

Reducing usage as temperatures get cooler will help mitigate the effects of the ongoing drought and will help the Metro area reach its usage goal of 155 gallons per person per day this year.

"Despite one of the driest years in history with only about an inch and a half of rain so far our customers have really

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conserved water” said Katherine Yuhás, the Water Authority’s conservation Officer. “But we don’t have a lot of savings. So it’s vital for our customers to follow the 1-2-3-2-1 “Water by the Numbers” Watering Plan as we enter the fall particularly if we experience a dry autumn.”

Under the 1-2-3-2-1 formula customers are encouraged to water their outdoor landscapes twice a week in September and October and once a week in November until the first hard freeze. Time-of-day watering restrictions where customers can use sprinkler irrigation only between 7 p.m. - 11 a.m. daily, remain in effect through October 31, 2011.

Yuhás said landscapes need less water in the fall because although the days may be warm, night time temperatures drop so soil retains moisture longer. Fall is the perfect time of year for customers to plant because vegetation can establish root systems without the stress of extreme heat.

The Water Authority offers rebates of 75 cents for every square foot of turf that customers replace with qualifying xeric plants. Also the Water Authority recently extended through November 30, 2011 its Double Rebate Program and contest for businesses that replace turf in small areas and on steep slopes. Business customers can earn up to \$1.50 for every square foot of turf replaced in these types of areas and will be entered into a contest to earn up to \$12,000 in rebates on water bills.

In addition, Yuhás pointed out Water Authority customers can earn rebates for outdoor watering equipment such as a multi-setting sprinkler controllers, rain sensors, rain barrels, multi-stream rotor heads for sprinklers and even compost and evaporative cooler thermostats. “If you look at our list of rebates you can usually find something you can do that saves you water and earns a credit on your water bill,” she said.

The Water Authority has established yearly conservation goals pursuant to meeting state permit requirements for the San Juan-Chama Drinking Water Project. Last year’s usage was 157 gallons per person per day and this year’s goal is 155 gallons per person per day.

For more rebate program rules and details, customers can visit <www.abcwua.org> or call 505-768-3655.

Planning Department

Submitted By Carol Toffaleti

Los Duranes Sector Development Plan

On July 7, 2011 the Environmental Planning Commission forwarded a Recommendation of Approval to the City Council for the Los Duranes Sector Development Plan (LDSDP). The LDSDP now moves on to review by the City Council. The plan was introduced at Council on Wednesday, September 7, 2011

and is being reviewed by their Land Use, Planning and Zoning Committee (LUPZ). Plans typically receive two hearings at LUPZ which can then recommend the Plan to Council for approval and one or two hearings at City Council.

The first Public Hearing at LUPZ was held on Wednesday, September 14, 2011 and the second Public Hearing at LUPZ is scheduled for **Wednesday, October 12, 2011 at 5 p.m.** in the **Council Committee Room, 9th Floor of City Hall.**

The public is encouraged to attend the LUPZ and Council Hearings. You may present comments verbally at Hearings and /or send written comments to the Clerk of the Council, Crystal Ortega for inclusion in the file. Written comments may be submitted up to two weeks prior to the next Public Hearing for inclusion in staff reports. Written comments may also be submitted in person the day of the Hearing for consideration. Comments received after a Public Hearing will be included in the case file to be considered at the next step in the approval process.

U.S. Mail:

City of Albuquerque, City Council
Attention: Crystal Ortega
Clerk of the Council
P.O. Box 1293
Albuquerque, NM 87103
E-mail: <cortega@cabq.gov>

A Red Line Version that reflects the adopted conditions from the EPC Notice of Decision is available in sections at: <<http://www.cabq.gov/planning/long-range/LosDuranesSectorDevelopmentPlanUpdate.html>> or in a single document (169 pages) at <<http://www.cabq.gov/council/documents/ldsdp-completeredline-draft-0811.pdf>>.

A hard copy can be obtained from the Planning Department. The EPC Notice of Decision is also available on the first webpage listed (Planning).

For further information, contact: Carol Toffaleti, Planning Department, at 505-924-3345, Fax 505-924-3339 or <cgtoffaleti@cabq.gov>.

Bernalillo County Process

The LDSDP is a joint plan with the Bernalillo County and will also be submitted to the County Planning Commission and Board of Commissioners for review and approval. For more information please contact: Catherine VerEecke, Program Planner, Bernalillo County at 505-314-0387 or <cvereecke@bernco.gov>.

Parks and Recreation

Submitted By Kimberly Selving

The 4th Annual Open Space Urban Farm and Harvest Festival

Celebrating Albuquerque's Agricultural Heritage

WHAT: A Celebration of Open Space, Urban Agriculture, Local Food and Community

WHEN: Sunday, September 18, 2011 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

WHERE: Open Space Visitor Center, 6500 Coors Boulevard NW between Montañero Road NW and Paseo del Norte NW at the end of Bosque Meadows Road NW. The Center is open Tuesday through Sunday from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. and closed Mondays. Visit <www.cabq.gov/openspace/visitorcenter.html>.

CONTACT: Kim Selving by e-mail at <kselving@cabq.gov> or 505-897-8831.

COST: FREE

Did you know that the City of Albuquerque Open Space Division manages over **366 acres of farmland** both for food production and wildlife habitat? We're proud to be a part of Albuquerque's agricultural heritage and for the fourth consecutive year we're celebrating with a **unique event for the whole family**. We've joined forces with local farmers, businesses and conservation organizations to bring attention to local agriculture and help *you* to bring the traditions of farming to your very own backyard!

This year's event includes:

***Entertainment:** Enjoy live music on the shaded patio overlooking our 24 acre working farm/wildlife preserve, including:

- " E. Christina Herr and Wild Frontier.
- " Facinet Bangoura on his balafon.
- " The Red Rooster Trio.
- " A magic show by the Pink Elephant Theater.
- " Children's parade and costume contest.
- " And more!

***Workshops and Presentations:** Learn more about local and traditional agriculture and how to "bring the farm" closer to *your* home!

- " *Featured Presentation:* **Joran Viers** of the Bernalillo County Extension Office will talk about how to extend the life of your garden into the fall and winter.

Other workshops scheduled are:

- " Urban Beekeeping with **Les Crowder**.
- " Composting Demo with Soilutions.
- " Topbar Beehive Assembly Demonstration.
- " Chef's demo.
- " Agriculture Workshops for children.
- " Wildlife Rescue with live raptors.

* *Workshop and music schedules are subject to change. See <www.cabq.gov/openspace> for up-to-date information.*

Food: Healthy food provided by gourmet food cart vendor - the Chopping Block.

Other activities you can enjoy:

- " Bring a shopping bag and purchase local produce.
- " Visit booths from local farmers, businesses, artisans and more!
- " Beekeepers and information about the Open Space, Beekeeping Program.
- " Children's Costume Contest.
- " Hay Bale Ride.
- " Guided Tours of our Demonstration Garden.

See <www.cabq.gov/openspace> for a full schedule of activities.

Submitted By Joanne McEntire

Querencia Green Neighbor Survey

Are you going green in your home and neighborhood? Are you thinking of getting involved with other neighbors to save energy, grow food or find other ways to reduce your cost of living expenses?

Take an online survey at <<http://www.surveymzmo.com/s3/621230/Neighbor-Survey-August-2011>>. It will just take about ten minutes.

Querencia Green is a new organization with a mission to increase connectedness and sustainable practices among Albuquerque residents through the activation of a green neighborhoods movement. Joanne McEntire and Tami Brunk are the co-founders of Querencia Green.

Our vision is to restore querencia — a sense of home and care for place — in Albuquerque neighborhoods. We will accomplish this with neighbors who develop projects that exchange, share and access sustainable food, water, energy, housing and transportation.

The results of the survey will provide us with information on the level of interest in building neighborhood connections and types of green cooperative projects that people want. This will help us identify the services and tools that Querencia Green should focus on first.

Querencia: love of place, care for home, favorite spot.

Friend us at facebook! **querenciagreen**

ABQ RIDE

Submitted By
Rick De Reyes



**One of the Remaining Parts of
Historic Alvarado Hotel Gets
Facelift and Remodel**

*Old Indian Curio Store to Become
Part of Amtrak Offices in
Albuquerque*

Thousands of people pass by it daily; a small weathered California Mission style Building lodged between the Alvarado Transportation Center and the Amtrak/Greyhound Depot. What most don't know is that this is one of the last surviving buildings from the grand old Alvarado Hotel that once graced the area. And it's about to become relevant again with a facelift and a remodel.

Once known as the Alvarado Hotel's Indian Curio Store (in fact the words "Indian Curio Store" are still stenciled on the right rear window ledge). The building at 214 1st St. SW is now being renovated as offices for Amtrak. Work began early June to the interior of the Indian Curio Store and to the roof. Now craftspeople are reapplying the exterior's famous *pebble-dash stucco* which once covered the old Alvarado Hotel (and looks like pebbles covered with a thick glaze) and performing other repairs.

"This project allows Albuquerque to preserve a piece of its history both from an architectural and cultural standpoint," said Mayor Richard J. Berry. "It's also gratifying anytime we can take an historic but dilapidated older property and redevelop it for new use."

The former Indian Curio Store was actually built ten years after the hotel during New Mexico's Centennial Year of 1912. But unlike the Alvarado (which was constructed of wood frame and stucco), it's made of poured, reinforced concrete; one of the first examples of this form of construction in Albuquerque predated only by the 1910 Rosenwald Building at 320 Central Avenue SW.

After the old hotel was torn down the Indian Curio Store served as a ticket office for Amtrak until ticketing was moved into the terminal next door. Once it's finished, it will provide a base for Amtrak crews operating the daily Southwest Chief trains to Chicago and Los Angeles. Last year nearly 72,000 passengers traveled on Amtrak to and from Albuquerque.

"The rehabilitation of the Indian Curio Store shows the usefulness of renovating historical buildings in Albuquerque" said Bruce Rizzieri, Director of ABQ RIDE. "It also adds another new look to the redevelopment of the eastern edge of downtown."

The remodeling is the culmination of a multi-year process involving negotiations between Amtrak, Albuquerque's Transit and Municipal Development Departments and city attorneys. Amtrak is funding 2/3 of the project with the Transit Department using federal funds to pay the rest. The project is costing about \$475,000.

The Indian Curio Store is expected to be finished by mid-September. Two other buildings remain from the heyday of the Alvarado Hotel; the old Freight Building and the Telegraph Office east of the Amtrak/Greyhound Terminal on First Street SW. Both buildings are currently boarded up.

Planning Department

Submitted By Catalina Lehner

Zoning Code Amendment

Project #1001620, 11EPC-40053: Proposed Text Amendments to the Zoning Code – The Environmental Planning Commission (EPC) will consider text amendments to the C-1 Neighborhood Commercial Zone (Zoning Code Section 14-16-2-16) at its regularly scheduled Public Hearing on October 13, 2011.

Currently, the sale of gasoline, oil and liquefied petroleum gas ("retail gas sales") is a permissive use in the C-1 zone. No public hearing is required for permissive uses. The proposed text amendments would make retail gas sales

in the C-1 zone a conditional use, for which a conditional use permit would have to be obtained. Conditional use cases are considered by the Zoning Hearing Examiner (ZHE) at a public hearing. Existing gas stations would not be affected. The proposed text amendments would apply City-wide.

Please contact Catalina Lehner-AICP, Senior Planner at **505- 924-3935** or e-mail to <clehner@cabq.gov> for more information.

Planning Department

Submitted By Randall Falkner

Zoning Code Amendment

Project #1001620, 11EPC-40062: Proposed Text Amendment to the Zoning Code – The Environmental Planning Commission (EPC) will consider a text amendment to the General Sign Regulations (Zoning Code Section 14-16-3-5 (B)(4)(b)(4)) at its regularly scheduled Public Hearing on October 13, 2011.

The changes would allow for two signs for the first ten lots plus one additional sign for each additional, full ten lots, not to exceed six signs total. Sign face area would not exceed 32 square feet in area. Height of signs would be a maximum of four feet above the top of the tallest wall on the lot where it is placed. If walls do not exist on the lot where the sign is placed then the sign height could not exceed eight feet. Identification signs would not be allowed in common areas or in the public right-of-way and could not violate the clear site triangle at any street intersection. Signs would not be displayed prior to the date of recording of the plat and would be removed upon completion of the project. A permit would be required and each sign would be eligible for a two year permit and after that a yearly renewal. Artificial illumination would not be allowed.

Please contact Randall Falkner, Planner at **505-924-3933** or e-mail to <rfalkner@cabq.gov> for more information.

Mayor's Office

Submitted By Linda Rumpf

ABQ the PLAN Projects Overview

(Ballot Question #12)



Paseo del Norte and I-25 Interchange Improvements (Phase I)

The City of Albuquerque proposes investing up to \$25 million in City funds, partnering with State and Federal agencies, to construct Phase I of the Paseo del Norte and I-25 Interchange. The key benefits of the first phase include the construction of flyover bridges to move traffic more freely and reduce the bottleneck effect that drivers currently experience. In addition the project will reduce traffic congestion and improve air quality in the community.

Parsons Brinkerhoff

Multi-Sports Complex

ABQ the PLAN proposes building a regional multi-sports complex for baseball, softball, basketball, volleyball and other sports to provide competition and recreational opportunities for our citizens as well as encourage sports tourism in Albuquerque.

The cost of constructing the facility is approximately \$25 million and is intended to function as an enterprise that does not require significant City funds to cover operating costs. With voter approval the City will conduct a feasibility study to determine the best location for the complex.



How were these projects selected?

A committee comprised of citizens representing each City Councilor and the Mayor reviewed the projects and made recommendations for consideration and ultimately for the voters approval. The Mayor and City Council reviewed the recommendations and chose these two projects for ballot question #12.

Sparks, NV

For more information, visit our website at <www.cabq.gov>.

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Tuesday, September 20 •ZHE – 9 a.m. •GARTC – 4:30 p.m.	NO MEETINGS: •District 6 Coalition •District 8 Coalition	Wednesday, October 12 •DRB – 9 a.m. •SEPC – 9 a.m. •LUCC – 3 p.m.	Thursday, October 20 •AAB – 9 a.m. •East Gateway Coalition – 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, September 21 •DRB – 9 a.m. •District 4 Coalition – 7 p.m.	Tuesday, October 4 •SWAN – 6 p.m.	Thursday, October 13 •EPC Public Hearing – 8:30 a.m. •POC – 4 p.m. •South Valley Coalition – 6:30 p.m.	Tuesday, October 25 •BOA – 9 a.m.
Thursday, September 22 •District 8 Coalition – 7 p.m.	Wednesday, October 5 •DRB – 9 a.m. •City Council – 5 p.m. •Westside Coalition – 7 p.m. •District 7 Coalition – 7 p.m. (NEW location)	Monday, October 17 •City Council – 5 p.m.	Wednesday, October 26 •DRB – 9 a.m. •SEPC – 9 a.m.
Tuesday, September 27 •BOA – 9 a.m.	Thursday, October 6 •EPC Study Session – 3 p.m.	Tuesday, October 18 •ZHE – 9 a.m. •GARTC – 4:30 p.m.	Thursday, October 27 •Northwest Alliance of Neighbors – 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, September 28 •DRB – 9 a.m. •SEPC – 9 a.m.	Monday, October 10 •GABAC – 4:30 p.m. •Columbus Day 	Wednesday, October 19 •DRB – 9 a.m. •EPC Pre-Hearing – 1:30 p.m. •District 4 Coalition – 7 p.m.	
Thursday, September 29 •Northwest Alliance of Neighbors – 6:30 p.m.			

2011 CALENDAR/LEGEND

AAB - Airport Advisory Board, Aviation Department Executive Conference Room
ACCC - Albuquerque Citizens Corp. Council, 1615 University Boulevard NE (Association of General Contractors Building Branch), 505-610-9563 (formally known as the LEPC)
ADC - Albuquerque Development Commission - Hearing Room (Basement Level), Plaza del Sol, 600 Second Street NW
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 - Fire Station 20, 7520 Corona Avenue NE
District 6 Coalition - EXPO NM, African American Performing Arts Center on San Pedro NE & Copper NE
District 7 Coalition - Grant Middle School, Library, 1111 Easterday NE
District 8 Coalition - James Joseph Dwyer Police Memorial Substation, 12700 Montgomery Boulevard 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
GABAC - Greater Albuquerque Bicycling Advisory Committee, City Hall, Room 302
GARTC - Greater Albuquerque Recreational Trails Committee - Locations vary, call 505-768-5308 for information
LUCC - Landmarks and Urban Conservation Commission, Plaza del Sol, Hearing Room (Basement Level), 600 Second Street NW
POC - Police Oversight Commission, City/County Building, Lower Level, 1 Civic Plaza, Fifth and Marquette
SEPC - Special Events Permitting Committee - 6th floor, Cultural Services Department Conference Room, City Hall, Fifth and Marquette
SWAN - South West Alliance of Neighbors, Alamosa Multi-Purpose Center, 6900 Gonzales Road SW
SVCNA - South Valley Coalition of Neighborhood Associations, Sheriff's Department South Area Command, 2039 Isleta Boulevard SW
Westside Coalition - Don Newton/Taylor Ranch Community Center, 4900 Kachina Drive NW
ZHE - Zoning Hearing Examiner Offices - 200 Third Street NW, Suite 735, 505-924-3918; 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 **October 13, 2011** at **8:30 a.m.** in the **Planning Department Hearing Room**, (basement level), **600 Second Street NW** for the following cases:

Citywide

All Neighborhoods and/or Homeowner Associations and Coalitions; 11EPC-40053, Project #1001620; City of Albuquerque, Planning Department at **505-924-3860**; **Proposed Text Amendments to the Zoning Code** – The Environmental Planning Commission (EPC) will consider text amendments to the C-1 Neighborhood Commercial Zone (Zoning Code Section 14-16-2-16); Currently, the sale of gasoline, oil and liquefied petroleum gas (“retail gas sales”) is a permissive use in the C-1 zone. No public hearing is required for permissive uses. The proposed text amendments would make retail gas sales in the C-1 zone a conditional use, for which a conditional use permit would have to be obtained. Conditional use cases are considered by the Zoning Hearing Examiner (ZHE) at a Public Hearing. Existing gas stations would not be affected. The proposed text amendments would apply citywide; Catalina Lehner at **505-924-3935**, e-mail: <clehner@cabq.gov>.

All Neighborhoods and/or Homeowner Associations and Coalitions; 11EPC-40062, Project #1001620; City of Albuquerque, Planning Department at **505-924-3860**; **Proposed Text Amendments to the Zoning Code** – The Environmental Planning Commission (EPC) will consider a text amendment to the General Sign Regulations (Zoning Code Section 14-16-3-5 (B)(4)(b)(4)); The changes would allow for two signs for the first ten lots plus one additional sign for each additional, full ten lots, not to exceed six signs total. Sign face area would not exceed 32 square feet in area. Height of signs would be a maximum of four feet above the top of the tallest wall on the lot where it is placed. If walls do not exist on the lot where the sign is placed, then the sign height could not exceed eight feet. Identification signs would not be allowed in common areas or in the public right-of-way and could not violate the clear site triangle at any street intersection. Signs would not be displayed prior to the date of recording of the plat and would be removed upon completion of the project. A permit would be required and each sign would be eligible for a two-year permit and after that a yearly renewal. Artificial illumination would not be allowed; Randall Falkner at **505-924-3933**, e-mail: <rfalkner@cabq.gov>.

Northeast

Countrywood Area, Nor Este, North Wyoming, District 4 Coalition of NA’s notify (neighborhood/homeowner association/coalition); 11EPC-40057 and 40059, Project #1008952 (case #'s); Approximately 1.6 acre(s) located on the north side of Palomas Avenue NE between Wyoming Boulevard NE and Barstow Street NE (**location of request**); D-19 (**zone atlas page #**); Consensus Planning, Inc. at **505-764-9801**, agent for Guardian Storage VI, LLC (**applicant or agency and phone #**); Requests an Amendment to the Sector Development Plan for a Zone Map Amendment from SU-2/O-1 to SU-2/SU-1/O-1 and Storage and a

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Site Development Plan for Building Permit for the development of a self contained, climate controlled three-story storage building to look similar to an office building (**action requested**); Carrie Barkhurst at **505-924-3879**, e-mail: <kcbarkhurst@cabq.gov>. (City staff planner)

Northwest

Wells Park, Santa Barbara-Martineztown, North Valley Coalition; 11EPC-40060 and 40061, Project #1008042; Approximately .59 acre(s) located on the east side of First Street NW between Kinney Avenue NW and vacated Constitution Avenue NW; J-14; Myers, Oliver and Price, P.C. (John Myers) at **505-247-9080**, agent for Tanager Company, LLC; Requests an Zone Map Amendment from M-2 to SU-1 for Uses Permitted and Regulated Under M-2 and Events Center and a Site Development Plan for Building Permit for continued use of warehouse uses and to permit the expansion of the Property's use into evening and weekends and may serve as a catalyst for revitalizing the neighborhood for non-business hour activities; Chris Hyer at **505-924-3927**, e-mail: <chyer@cabq.gov>.

Southeast

Clayton Heights/Lomas Del Cielo, Kirtland Community, San Jose, South Broadway, Victory Hills, Yale Village, District 6 Coalition of NA's; 11EPC-40029 and 40031, Project #1008786; Approximately 1.35 acre(s) located on the north side of Gibson Boulevard SE between University Boulevard SE and I-25 Freeway; L-15; Dekker/Perich/Sabatini at **505-761-9700**, agent for City of Albuquerque, Department of Municipal Development/CIP (Rhonda Methvin); Requests a Zone Map Amendment from SU-1 for C-2 to SU-1 for Fire Station and a Site Development Plan for Building Permit for a proposed Albuquerque Fire Department, Fire Station #2 to minimize emergency response times in the surrounding community; Randall Falkner at **505-924-3933**, e-mail: <rfalkner@cabq.gov>.

Southwest

Barelas, Broadway Central Corridors Partnership, Citizen's Information Committee of Martineztown, Downtown, Huning Highland Historic District, Raynolds Addition, Santa Barbara-Martineztown, South Broadway, Downtown Action Team; 11EPC-40054, Project #1008957; Approximately one (1) acre(s) located on the north side of Gold Avenue SW between 5th Street SW and 6th Street SW; K-14; Consensus Planning, Inc. at **505-764-9801**, agent for Gold Avenue Realty, LLC; Requests an EPC Review of Land Use for the Downtown 2010 Sector Development Plan for a proposed review and approval for ground floor residential use at 517 Gold Avenue SW of proposed Studio/Loft Apartments on the first two (2) levels of this building; Carrie Barkhurst at **505-924-3879**, e-mail: <kcbarkhurst@cabq.gov>.

NM State Association of Parliamentarians

Submitted By Janice Strand

Parliamentary Pointers

Who was that Henry Robert ???

"It is difficult to find another branch of knowledge where a small amount of study produces such great results in increased efficiency in a country where the people rule, as in parliamentary law." Henry M. Robert

Henry Martyn Robert (1837-1923) was an engineering officer in the US Army – finally attaining the rank of Brigadier General – who was active in church organizations and civic and educational work wherever he was stationed. His interest in parliamentary law began in 1863 when he was stationed in Massachusetts. Without warning he was asked to preside over a meeting and did not know how. He felt that the worst thing he could do would be to decline. "My embarrassment was supreme," he wrote. "I plunged in trusting to Providence that the assembly would behave itself. But with the plunge went the determination that I would never attend another meeting until I knew something of...parliamentary law."

He began gathering information from a variety of sources. In 1874 he was stationed in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and was not able to work on Lake Michigan during the severe winter. He revised a manuscript that he had been working on and was ready to seek a publisher. By the end of 1875, the printing of the *Pocket Manual of Rules of Order for Deliberative Assemblies* (176 pages) was completed. The publisher placed on the cover the title *Robert's Rules of Order*.

Robert paid for the binding of the 4,000 copies and stood the expense of giving 1,000 copies to parliamentarians, educators and church leaders throughout the country. He expected the 300 copies available for sale to last two years during which he planned to prepare a revision on the basis of comments and suggestions from users. This first edition received immediate and enthusiastic acclaim and was sold out in four months. Six weeks after the original publication work was begun on a second edition with sixteen more pages which was ready at the end of July 1876.

Later editions were printed in 1893, 1904, 1915, 1918 and 1921. Henry Robert's first wife died in 1895; his second wife, Isabel H. Robert, published editions in 1943 and 1951.

Henry Robert's grandson, Henry M. Robert III, Trustee for the Robert's Rules Association has been the lead author for the last editions (1970, 1981, 1990, and 2000). **The 11th Edition has been published and will be released in late September 2011 !!** It is hoped that the next article (October/November) will outline the changes in this new edition.

Submitted By Roger Mickelson

How To Get Information About Proposed Legislation.

When citizens were asked whether ignorance or apathy was the major problem in getting people interested in legislation, 83% of the respondents said, "I don't know and I don't care."

City Council. The City Council normally meets on the first and third Monday of the month. Council and Committee schedules are at <http://www.cabq.gov/council/council-meeting-schedules> after 5 p.m. one full business day before the meeting date; preliminary draft schedules are usually posted 4-5 business days prior to the meeting at <http://www.cabq.gov/council/events>.

Agendas can be found at <http://cabq.legistar.com/calendar.aspx>. To get ahead of the game, click on the Minutes link on the right side of the President line to see the "Letter of Introduction." This lists all proposed new legislation and initial disposition (e.g., Council hearing or committees: Land Use, Planning, and Zoning; Finance and Government Operations; Public Service). Copy the Bill designator (e.g., EC-10-190, O-xxx, OC-xxx, R-xxx) of the item you're interested in and go back to the "agendas" page. Click on the Legislation tab at the top of the page. This will take you to another Search page where you can access the proposed legislation for review. Key in the legislation number (e.g., EC-10-190, O-xxx, OC-xxx, R-xxx) in the Search Legislation box and select All Years or This Year in the box to the right of the Search Legislation button. Then tap on the Search Legislation button.

That will take you to another page with the file on that particular Executive Communication (EC-), Ordinance (O-), Resolution (R-), or whatever. Click on the yellow-highlighted file number to go to the history page for that item. You can click on the main item or attachment of interest (e.g., O-2.doc, O-2att.doc) and save it to read more than the brief "title and description" provided on the agenda.

You can read about the meeting results at the same link <http://cabq.legistar.com/calendar.aspx> by clicking on the MINUTES tab on the right side of the line for the meeting of interest.

The process is very similar for Council Committee meetings, agendas and minutes. Use the same pages and links.

Educate yourself and your neighbors...get involved in the process by calling 505-768-3100 or e-mailing Councilors via <http://www.cabq.gov/council/councilors>. Attend Council or committee meetings; testify!

Who else passes laws or levies taxes or influences community matters?

Bernalillo County Commission info http://meetings.bernco.gov/. Click on the Commission Meeting link.

This is a very user-friendly site thanks to the current "open government" commissioners.

Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority <http://www.abcwua.org/> click on Upcoming Events on the right.

Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Government Commission <http://www.bernco.gov/live/results.asp?category_id=6569>. The commission doesn't meet often and no legislation is passed.

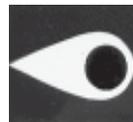
Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo Flood Control Authority <http://www.amafca.org/board/meetings.html>.

Environmental Planning Commission (EPC) <http://www.cabq.gov/planning/epc/epcagenda/html>.

County Planning Commission <http://www.bernco.gov/live/calendar.asp?category=2470>.

Albuquerque Public Schools <http://www.aps.edu/events/events/month>.

Mid-Region Council of Governments (MR-COG) <http://www.mrcog-nm.gov/> and look at CALENDAR on the left side. As a collective governmental body, any "decisions" have to be implemented by City, County or another government entity.



APD Crime Prevention

Submitted By Steve Sink



Be Aware of Your Safety!!!

There has been an increase in non forced entry residential and auto burglaries this summer. Non forced entry residential burglaries are due to citizens leaving their garage doors, windows and front/back doors open and accessible. Close and secure all doors and windows in your home - don't give a criminal an open invitation. The same can be said for vehicular break-ins. Keep doors locked, windows rolled up and remove potential targets from view. Please forward this information to family, friends, co-workers and neighbors.

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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.



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