

Neighborhood News

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Richard J. Berry
Mayor of Albuquerque

Message from the Mayor

The current economic situation calls for drastic measures from city governments across the nation. The reality of this economic downturn forces us to make some difficult financial decisions as I submit my first annual budget since I have taken office. I am pleased to say that I have maintained fiscal responsibility and preserved basic core city services.

I intend for this budget to have as little impact on our city services as possible. There are no proposed closures of city parks, libraries, community centers, senior centers or museums. There will be no increase of recreational fees. For example, our BioPark will still provide low cost recreational activities. Most important the level of police officers and firefighters for public safety remains the same.

During my first few months in office, I implemented a \$19 million savings plan to make sure we kept a high level of fiscal responsibility. I was able to make additional adjustments of \$6 million to account for declining revenues, bringing the total savings plan for the current fiscal year up to \$25 million.

My new proposed budget shrinks the cost and size of government. I believe it is imperative that we lower and establish a new base of government spending that is fiscally sound without raising taxes or cutting basic services.

Since labor costs make up approximately 76% of our General Fund budget, I am saving nearly \$1 million a year in unclassified positions as compared to the prior administration. We have permanently cut 162 vacant positions and will delay the hiring of 88 other positions saving the city \$10 million.

My main savings on labor costs will be an overall reduction of \$10.2 million which equates to an average 3% wage reduction for all city employees. This includes a cut in my salary as well as a cut to my staff's pay. I believe that pay cuts are better than furloughs or layoffs so we do not have a reduction in our quality basic services.

I am excited to launch our new city economic development plan called Thrive!ABQ. Thrive!ABQ means that we first want the city and other institutions to buy locally and help more small businesses increase the sales of their goods and services.

We will make it easier to do business by cutting red tape and offering resources to speed companies through a newly reduced regulatory environment. We will make the city an attractive place for businesses and encourage companies to move their headquarters here.

This strategy will build on our success in technology, tourism and renewable and alternative energy. A new capital fund for economic development will show the country that we are serious about maintaining and improving Albuquerque's reputation as a great place to do business.

The Albuquerque Journal says that I have "taken a responsible and thoughtful look at the city's revenue picture and come up with a plan that provides a reasonable and humane way to balance the budget." We are not done yet but I assure you that our city will continue to be responsible stewards of your tax money. We will keep improving public safety and offer the best in quality basic services. And we will always be a shining example of sustainable economic growth in the Southwest.

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



APD Crime Prevention

Submitted By Steve Sink



How To Start A Neighborhood Watch

1. You or a neighbor decides to host an initial Neighborhood Watch Meeting.
2. Whoever is going to host the meeting calls the APD Crime Prevention Office at **505-924-3600** to provide their name, address and phone number. After making the call the Crime Prevention Office will send a “starter packet” that will include among other items a form to collect information from your neighbors.
3. The host or designee goes up and down the block contacting the neighbors and recording their name, address and phone number on the form. (Note: At least 50% of the homes on the block must be represented at the Neighborhood Watch Meeting to qualify for sign placement.)
4. The host then sends the completed list back to the Crime Prevention Office in the self-addressed envelope provided in the starter packet.
5. After the CP Office receives the list from the interested party a Crime Prevention Specialist will contact the host to set up a date and time for the Neighborhood Watch meeting.
6. The CP Specialist will then assist you with invitations for each person whose name appears on the list. Fliers will also be given to the host to be distributed to neighbors as a “last minute” reminder.
7. At the meeting the host provides chairs and simple refreshments.
8. The Crime Prevention Specialist will conduct the meeting and towards the end facilitate the group’s selection of a Block Captain who will function as the

neighborhood leader and will serve as a contact person for the Albuquerque Police Department.

9. The Block Captain is responsible for contacting new neighbors and for providing updated information to the Crime Prevention Office (Block Captain replacement, etc.).
10. The block is now organized and may collectively purchase Neighborhoods Organized Against Crime (NOAC) Street Signs. The signs may be ordered (by the Block Captain only) through the Crime Prevention Office. The Block Captain may also join the Albuquerque Block Captains Association (ABCA). The block can also officially participate in the annual National Night Out celebration held the first Tuesday of August each year.

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, April 24, 2010
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Sportsman’s Warehouse
1450 Renaissance Boulevard NE

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



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Albuquerque Fire Department

Submitted By Melissa Romero



Wildfires

The wildfire season in the U.S. generally extends from March 1 through November 30. The winter months in New Mexico brought increased moisture which pushed back the wildfire season until the end of May. We cannot become complacent because of the increased moisture.

In 2009, New Mexico experienced 1,278 wildfires which burned 421,481 acres. It is up to us to be aware and responsible in preventing wildfires.

Causes of Wildfires:

- Lightning.
- Sparks from falling rocks.
- Volcanic Activity.
- **Human Activity** is the primary cause of wild land fires.



Every year people are forced to evacuate and lose their homes and possessions because of wildfires. There are precautions we can take to protect our homes and families from this devastating force.

Fire Safe Outside:

- Construct roofs and exterior structures of dwellings with non-combustible or fire resistant materials such as fire resistant roofing materials, tile, slate, sheet iron, aluminum, brick or stone.
- Treat wood siding, cedar shakes, exterior wood paneling and other highly combustible materials with fire retardant chemicals.
- Clear a perimeter of defensible space around homes. Use non-flammable landscaping materials within five feet of the house.
- Clean dead leaves and needles from your roof and gutters.
- Cover chimneys and stovepipes with non-flammable mesh.
- Stack woodpiles 100 feet from all structures.

Fire Safe Inside:

- Install smoke alarms.
- Install smoke alarms in bedrooms if you sleep with the door closed.
- Keep a charged ABC type fire extinguisher in the kitchen and garage; make sure family members know how to properly use it.
- Have an evacuation plan and practice it once a month.



Animal Welfare

Submitted By Rick De Reyes



Mayor and First Lady's Dog Ball Sets Records for Attendance and Money Raised

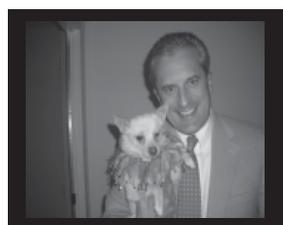
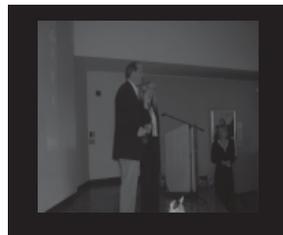
Every year just keeps getting better for the Mayor and First Lady's Dog Ball and this year is no exception. The 7th Annual Dog Ball event on March 27, 2010 once again set records for the number of people attending and for the amount of money raised.

In its first year of sponsorship by Mayor Richard J. Berry and First Lady Maria Berry, the event at the Albuquerque Museum in Old Town sold 171 tickets. That eclipsed last year's record total by a whopping 27 tickets.

With most of the tickets sales, Silent and Live Auction proceeds and donations counted and expenses factored in the Mayor and First Lady's Dog Ball also took in a little over \$18,500. That's another new record for the amount of money raised by the event and eclipses last year's then record total by about \$4,000. "We know we can't adopt our way out of the problem of pet over population," Mayor Richard J. Berry said "It is fantastic that so many people in our community stepped up to the plate to support the Dog Ball. The funds that came that night will directly go to making our spay/neuter program much stronger."

Among the big tickets items in this year's auctions were lunch with Mayor Berry and First Dog Skip who also attended the event and lunch with APD Chief Ray Schultz and a ride-along with the K-9 Unit.

"We're extremely happy with the success of this year's event" said Barbara Bruin, Director of Animal Welfare. "Now, we can continue with our plans to spay and neuter as many pets as possible and thereby reduce the number of homeless pets in Albuquerque."



1st picture....Mayor Berry and MC Terrie Q. Sayre.
2nd picture....CAO David Campbell and canine friend.
3rd picture....First Lady Maria Berry and First Dog Skip.

Solid Waste Management Department

Submitted By Natalie Howard

It's Time for the...2010 Great American Cleanup

Call **505-761-8350** now to sign up your neighborhood, group or organization to clean-up Albuquerque on

Saturday, April 24, 2010
9 a.m. to Noon
Clothes Collection

It's time to clean out your closets and help those in need!

Bring your clean reusable clothing to the
Solid Waste Management Department
4600 Edith NE (Edith at Griegos)

April 1- May 10, 2010

All donations will be given to St. Vincent DePaul Society



A Program of the Solid Waste Management Department

Also sponsored by: NM Clean and Beautiful a program of NM Department of Tourism

Spring Green Waste Collection for City of Albuquerque Solid Waste customers only

On your regular **trash collection day** during the weeks of
May 3 – 7 and May 10 – 14
the City Solid Waste Department will offer **free GREEN WASTE PICKUP.**

City of Albuquerque residents must place their green waste (leaves, grass and brush) in trash bags not weighing more than 40 lbs. each on the curb by 7 a.m. on their **trash pick up day.**

Items must be placed five feet away from the automated trash container.

Branches should be cut to four feet length and bundled securely. The city will not pick up dirt, construction debris, gravel or any other landscape material.

Call **311** for more information.



Parks and Recreation

Submitted By Kinberly Selving



“Meet A Friendly Wolf!”

What: Wolf meet and greet - **The Wanagi Wolf Fund.**

Where: Open Space Visitor Center, 6500 Coors Boulevard NW (Between Montañño Road NW and Paseo del Norte NW at Bosque Meadows Road NW) Look for our brown signs.

When: Sunday, April 18, 2010.

Fee: **FREE** Admission - donations to the Wanagi Wolf Fund accepted.

Contact: Joshua Willis, Parks and Recreation Department, Open Space Division, **505-897-8831**, e-mail: <jrwillis@cabq.gov> or visit our website at <www.cabq.gov/openspace>.

Stephanie Kaylan, the founder and president of the Wanagi Wolf Fund (Non-Profit 501(c)3) has advocated for laws to stop the breeding of these animals. She has been involved in Wolf and Wolf Dog rescue since 1994 and have been nominated for the New Mexico Milagro Award (for Animal Protection) for the past three years. Her beloved canine, Wanagi, died of lymphoma. Wanagi (Lakota) means “the one who guards and protects the spirits of those who have passed onward. I want him and his name to live on, to do good and to save lives.”



Stephanie will be at the Open Space Visitor Center on Sunday, April 18 from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. She will have up to three of her wolves/wolf-dogs for an up close and personal discussion of these beautiful animals and the importance we as humans have in the lives of these animals. We invite you to come and enjoy this informative event.

Cultural Services Department

Submitted By Isabelle Zamora

Friday Night Fun!!!

The first in the series will be on Friday, May 7 from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at Plaza Don Luis on Romero Street adjacent to the Plaza with “International Bluegrass and Folk Music” as the theme. The opportunity to stroll Old Town’s historic streets shop for unique items, dine in the area’s restaurants and listen to performances by two excellent groups is not to be missed. The performances are **FREE!**

Entertainment Lineup

6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Adobe Brothers – an eclectic group of “identical quintuplets” (not really!) that play a wide variety of acoustic music, including bluegrass, Celtic, old-time country, Latin, folk and Western swing—a composite style they refer to as “international bluegrass.” In one form or another they have played together since 1979 performing throughout New Mexico and the Southwest. Their music has garnered many awards for their compositions and instrumentals.

7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Bill Hearne’s Roadhouse Review - Honkytonks, roadhouses, empty whiskey glasses and unrequited love are the brick and mortar of country music and there isn’t a better mason than Bill Hearne. Legally blind since birth, Bill took up the guitar when he was seven. Largely musically self-taught, Bill developed a picking style he calls cross-picking. “*Bill Hearne’s Roadhouse Revue*” includes bassist and vocalist Cathy Faber and Bob Goldstein on lead guitar, mandolin and banjo, with Auge Hays on steel guitar. Their enthusiasm and joy is infectious and audiences everywhere get into the spirit of just pure fun.

Dates and locations for the remaining “First Fridays” are:

Friday, July 2, 2010

Church Street – Classical Theme

Friday, August 6, 2010

Plaza Combra – Gypsy Jazz

Friday, September 3, 2010

Plaza Hacienda – Blues Night

All performances are free and fun and if last year’s crowds are any indication, visitors will want to arrive early to spend time strolling throughout Old Town.

Parks and Recreation

*Submitted By
Kimberly Selving*



Backyard Composting for the NM Climate

- WHAT:** Composting Workshop and Demonstration for beginners.
- WHERE:** Open Space Visitor Center, 6500 Coors Boulevard NW between Montañó Road NW and Paseo del Norte NW at the end of Bosque Meadows Road NW.
- WHEN:** April 17, 2010 from 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.
- FEE:** **FREE!**
- CONTACT:** Kim Selving, Parks and Recreation Department, Open Space Division, **505-897-8831**, e-mail: <kselving@cabq.gov>, website: <www.cabq.gov/openspace>.

How is it that someone can get excited about waste products like apple cores, coffee grounds, banana peels, grass clippings and.... horse manure!? John Zarola is a Compost Specialist and Coordinator for the Bernalillo County Extension’s Master Composter Program. He would like nothing better then to show you how to get jazzed about what you may currently consider a waste product. Learn how to create your own soil amendments. Compost in your soil can reduce your water and solid waste bills, reduce you septic tank load and turn food scraps into a resource during this “**Hands On**” demonstration.

We don’t often consider the wealth of vitamins, minerals and energy that passes through our everyday lives in the form of garbage. Yet a seasoned gardener or farmer will tell you just how important

it is to amend topsoil with such byproducts. What you take out of the soil will need to be replaced. This demonstration will show you the best way to have an effective composting system for our dry New Mexico climate. We will explore different methods of making a compost bin using everything from hay bales to shipping pallets. Every student of this demonstration will walk away with a solid understanding of composting technique and practice. Take home literature will be provided. This is a popular workshop so please call ahead to register at **505- 897-8831**.

Making Workshop with Art Street*

*A Program of Albuquerque Healthcare For The Homeless

- WHAT:** Recycled Art Workshop.
- WHERE:** Open Space Visitor Center, 6500 Coors Boulevard NW between Montañó Road NW and Paseo del Norte NW at the end of Bosque Meadows Road NW.
- WHEN:** April 17, 2010 from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- FEE:** **FREE!**
- CONTACT:** Joshua Willis, Parks and Recreation Department., Open Space Division, **505-897-8831**, e-mail: <jrwillis@cabq.gov>, website: <www.cabq.gov/openspace>.

In this workshop an ArtStreet artist will teach creative techniques and appropriate tools to create three-d shadow boxes from what others consider “trash”. The workshop will be appropriate for children as well as adults. Description of Workshop: Making something out nothing....In this workshop, an ArtStreet artist will teach creative techniques and appropriate tools to create magic from what others consider “trash”: All materials will be provided, BYOT (bring your own “trash”) if you like! Tea tins, Cookie tins, cigar boxes, scrap metal, old nails, wire, etc. are suggestions for useful “trash”.

Explora

Submitted By Ellen Welker

Explora Calendar: April 2010
1701 Mountain Road NW
505-224-8323
<www.explora.us>

Mondays: 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Toddler Time. Every Monday Explora opens an hour earlier for toddlers ages 4 and under to explore early childhood exhibit areas with their adult companions and Explora staff. **FREE** with general admission.

Wednesdays and Thursdays: 2:15 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. Explora Music Jam. Choose an instrument and join in the jam. Adults and kids. **FREE** with general admission.

Daily: Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Sunday from 12 noon - 6 p.m.

Explora Experiment Bar: Engage in various explorations, experiments and activities in science, technology and art for all ages. **FREE** with general admission.

Saturday, May 1 at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Explora's Working Chemist with Len Duda. Experiment with density. For all ages. **FREE** with general admission.

Saturday, May 1 from 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. Science Fair Winners at Explora Annual Explora awards presented at 1:30 p.m. For all ages. **FREE** with general admission.

Sunday, May 2 at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Explora Film: *Insect*. Journey into the magical world of insects. For all ages. **FREE** with general admission.

Saturday, May 8 at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Friday, May 14 at 2 p.m.

Sunday, May 30 at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Explora Film: *Wallace & Gromit: A Grand Day Out*. Popular British stop-motion clay animation. For all ages. **FREE** with general admission

Sunday, May 9 at 3 p.m.

Monday, May 31 at 3 p.m.

Explora Film: *Candy*. Stretchy, crunchy, gourmet or funky, see the variety of methods used to create some of your favorite sweet treats. For all ages. **FREE** with general admission

Tuesday, May 11 at 2 p.m.

Explora Film: *Really Wild Animals*. Visit a tropical rain forest in this National Geographic-produced film. **FREE** with general admission.

Saturday, May 15 and May 22 at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Explora LiveTheater: *Christa McAuliffe-Teacher to Astronaut*. This teacher was the first civilian to be trained as an astronaut. In January 1986, she made her tragic but heroic flight aboard the Challenger space shuttle. Find out in the teacher's own words what made this such an historic flight. **FREE** with general admission.

Sunday, May 16 at 3 p.m. and 4 p.m.

Explora's Working Chemist with Len Duda. Polymers. For all ages. **FREE** with general admission.

Tuesday, May 18 at 3 p.m. and 4 p.m.

Explora Film: *The Way Things Go*. A giant Rube Goldberg machine. For all ages. **FREE** with general admission.

Friday, May 21 from 6:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Explora Adult Night. Theme: Light and Shadow. Call a friend, ask a date, or get a sitter and engage in exhibit activities, see the night sky with TAAS astronomers, and explore 250 transactive exhibits. For adults 18+ only. Admission: \$7 adults, \$5 seniors. Explora members **FREE**.

Sunday, May 23 at 3 p.m.

Explora Film: *Leonardo da Vinci*. A fascinating look at the amazing inventions of this scientist and artist who changed the way we look at both science and art. For all ages. **FREE** with general admission.

Friday, May 28 at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Explora Film: *Between the Folds*. Top "origamists" explain their attraction to the art-science connections of this paper-folding art. For all ages. **FREE** with general admission.

Saturday, May 29 at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Explora Film: *Newton's 3 Laws of Motion*. Watch acceleration, friction and motion in action during thrilling theme park rides. For all ages. **FREE** with general admission.

Monday, May 31 (open Memorial Day)

Explora *Experiment Bar*: Experiment with static electricity and create string art. For all ages. **FREE** with general admission.

Environmental Health Department

Submitted By Therese Martinez-Loner

April 2010

A Healthy Lawn Can Be Environmentally Friendly!

- Tune up your lawn mower for fewer air emissions
- Replace the air filter & spark plug.
- Change the oil. Call 311 & we'll tell you where to take it for recycling.
- Mow in the cool of the morning or evening when Ozone levels are lower.
- Better yet replace it with an electric or push mower!
- Use manual methods to remove weeds; put a neighborhood teen to work! Avoid herbicides.

Mowing Facts

- 1 hour of mowing = driving 350 miles in terms of volatile organic compounds that contribute to Ground-Level Ozone or SMOG!
- 1 gas mower spews 87 lbs. of CO₂ + 54 lbs. of other air pollutants every year.
- Over 17 million gallons of gas are spilled each year refueling lawn and garden equipment – more oil than was spilled by the Exxon Valdez.

City of Albuquerque
 Environmental Health Department
 Air Quality & Vehicle Pollution Management Division
www.ci.albuquerque.nm.us www.abq.gov/ehd
 Make us a call at 311 or visit our website at www.ci.albuquerque.nm.us
 Phone: 505.771.1111 TTY: 505.771.1111

ABQ Film Office

Submitted By Jesse Herron

2010 Is Off To A Great Start!

Two Albuquerque made productions are now airing on cable television: *Breaking Bad* and *In Plain Sight*.

Season 3 of *Breaking Bad* is now showing on the AMC network Sunday nights at 8 p.m. (Comcast channel 65). The Emmy award winning series stars Bryan Cranston.

Season 3 of *In Plain Sight* is currently showing on the USA network Wednesday nights at 8 p.m. (Comcast channel 41). The series stars Mary McCormack.

Both shows are filmed and based in Albuquerque. Watch them weekly to see how many Albuquerque locations you can identify!





City Council

Council staff may be reached at **505-768-3100**. The agenda for an upcoming council meeting may be checked by calling **505-768-3100** after 1 p.m. on the Friday immediately prior to the council meeting. The City Council's fax number is **505-768-3227**. Agendas, Action Items and Summaries are available on the Council's webpage at <www.cabq.gov/council/counsched.html>.

Your City 2010-2011 Councilors: (L to R, back row) Dan Lewis, District 5; Brad Winter, District 4; Debbie O'Malley, District 2; Rey Garduno, District 6; (L to R, middle row) Isaac Benton, District 3; Michael Cook, District 7; (L to R, seated) Don Harris, District 9; Ken Sanchez, President, District 1; Trudy Jones, Vice President, District 8

A Message From Your City Council

Submitted By Diana Trujeque

Council Staff Update

The City election in December not only brought about changes in the Administration but also in the Office of Council Services.

Councilor Dan Lewis was elected to represent District 5. He selected as his Policy Analyst, Sara Westbrook. Sara graduated Summa Cum Laude from Trinity University, majoring in International Studies. She also studied in Santiago Chile, San Miguel de Allende, Mexico, Beijing, China and Buenos Aires, Argentina. Before coming to the City of Albuquerque, she was a PreK Teacher with the United Way of Santa Fe. Sara can be contacted regarding District 5 issues by calling **505-768-3189** or at <swestbrook@cabq.gov>.

Councilor Michael Cook was elected to represent District 7. His selection as Policy Analyst is Tony Duran. Tony received his BA in Political Science at the University of New Mexico and is pursuing his Master of Business Administration at New Mexico Highlands University. Tony has extensive government experience with the State of New Mexico and most recently worked as a Lead Financial Advisor with the New Mexico Finance Authority. Tony can be reached at **505-768-3136** or at <tduran@cabq.gov> regarding District 7 issues.

City Councilor Isaac Benton (District 3) has hired a new Policy Analyst. Diane Dolan has replaced Kara Shair-Rosenfield

who is now a Planning Policy Analyst in the Office of Council Services. Diane received her BA (with honors) in Political Science at the University of Florida. Since relocating to Albuquerque five years ago, she has worked as an Administrative Manager with Integrated Design and Architecture. Diane can be contacted regarding District 3 issues at **505-768-3186** or <ddolan@cabq.gov>.

For contact information for other City Councilors and their staff, visit the City Council Website.

Upcoming Council Action:

The Administration has sent down its version of the 2011-2012 Budget which the Council will review as well as listen to public comment at meetings of the Committee of the Whole over the next few weeks. The final adoption of the budget is scheduled for May 17. For the entire budget hearing schedule, see the City Council website: <www.cabq.gov/council/council-meeting-schedules/council-committee-schedules#cowsched>. Attend a meeting. Let your voice be heard regarding budget issues.

A bill, revising the City's Merit System Ordinance has been introduced by City Councilor Brad Winter. The Administration has also introduced a bill amending the Ordinance. The bills are numbered O-10-2 and O-10-5 respectively.

Mayor's Office

Submitted By Brent Eastwood

New Mexico, It's Not Too Late

You have until April 20, 2010 to fill and mail back your 2010 Census questionnaire. Every year the Federal

Government distributes \$400 billion to tribal, state and local governments based on census data. Please take ten minutes to complete and mail back your census form. Make a difference in your community.

The 2010 Census: A Snapshot

- The census is a count of everyone in the United States; citizens and noncitizens.
- The individual in whose name the housing unit is rented or owned should complete the form on behalf of every person living in the residence; relatives and nonrelatives.
- Complete and mail back the census form as soon as it arrives. Census workers will visit households that do not return the form to take the count in person.

The 2010 Census is easy, important and safe. By law your personal information cannot be shared with anyone.

For more information, visit <2010census.gov>.

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.

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Tuesday, April 20 •ZHE – 9 a.m. •GARTC – 4:30 p.m.	Monday, May 3 •City Council – 5 p.m. •ACCC – 5:30 p.m.	Wednesday, May 12 •DRB – 9 a.m. •LUCC – 3 p.m. •District 6 Coalition – 7 p.m.	Thursday, May 20 •AAB – 9 a.m.
Wednesday, April 21 •SEPC – 9 a.m. •ADC – 3 p.m. •District 4 Coalition – 7 p.m. 	Tuesday, May 4 •SWAN – 6 p.m.	Thursday, May 13 •EPC Public Hearing – 8:30 a.m. •POC – 4 p.m. •COW (Budget Hearing) – 5 p.m. •South Valley Coalition – 6:30 p.m.	Monday, May 24 •City Council (Special Budget meeting if needed) – 5 p.m.
	Wednesday, May 5 •DRB – 9 a.m. •SEPC – 9 a.m. •Westside Coalition – 7 p.m. •District 7 Coalition – 7 p.m.	Tuesday, May 25 •BOA – 9 a.m.	Monday, May 17 •City Council – 5 p.m.
Thursday, April 22 •COW (Budget Hearing) – 5 p.m. •East Gateway Coalition – 6:30 p.m.	Thursday, May 6 •EPC Study Session – 3 p.m. •COW (Budget Hearing) – 5 p.m. •North Valley Coalition – 6:30 p.m.	Tuesday, May 18 •ZHE – 9 a.m. •GARTC – 4:30 p.m.	Thursday, May 27 •District 8 Coalition – 7 p.m.
Tuesday, April 27 •BOA – 9 a.m.	Monday, May 10 •GABAC – 4:30 p.m.	Wednesday, May 19 •DRB – 9 a.m. •EPC Pre-Hearing – 1:30 p.m. •ADC – 3 p.m. •District 4 Coalition – 7 p.m.	Monday, May 31 City Offices Closed - Memorial Day 
Wednesday, April 28 •DRB – 9 a.m.			

2010 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 - Cesar Chavez Community Center, 7505 Kathryn Avenue SE
District 7 Coalition - Sandia High School, Teacher's Lounge, 7801 Candelaria Road 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
North Valley Coalition - Los Griegos Community Center, 1231 Candelaria Road 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 South Valley Area Command Substation, 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

Publication of EPC hearing notices in the *Albuquerque Journal* will now occur on the **Wednesday - 22 days prior** to the public hearing on the **3rd Thursday of the month**. The hearing notice includes the time, place and date of the hearing along with a brief description of each application on the agenda. Previously, hearing notices were published 15 days before the public hearing. The reason for this change is to meet the advertising requirements for EPC study sessions which occur on the 2nd Thursday of each month. Rather than advertising the hearing and study session separately, a single notice will be prepared to advertise both. Contact the Planning Department at **505-924-3860** if you have questions.

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 Dept. no later than **9 a.m.** on the **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 Hearing, call Planning at **505-924-3860** and the receptionist will give you the status of the Hearing.
- Staff reports are available at the Planning Office beginning at **3 p.m.** on the **Thursday** prior to the EPC Hearing.

On the 2nd 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 **3rd 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 Plaza del Sol Hearing Room. Please call the Planning Department at **505-924-3860** to confirm the Study Session schedule as adjustments are made occasionally.

Please note that the **Pre-Hearing Meeting** will be held on **April 14, 2010 at 1:30 p.m.** in the Planning Conference Room, Third Floor. The **EPC Public Hearing** will be held on **May 13, 2010 at 8:30 a.m.** in the **Plaza del Sol Hearing Room (basement level), 600 Second Street NW** for the following cases:

Northeast

South San Pedro, Fair West, District 6 Coalition of NA's (neighborhood/homeowner association/coalition); 10EPC-40015 and 40016, Project #1008255 (case #'s); Approximately 2 acre(s) located on the north side of Central Avenue NE between Cagua Drive NE and Laguyra Drive NE (**location of request**); K-18 (**zone atlas page #**); Consensus Planning, Inc. at **505-764-9801**, agent for NewLife Homes (**applicant or agency and phone #**); Requests a Zone Map Amendment from C-3 and C-2 to SU-1 for C-2/R-2 and a Site Development Plan for Building Permit for a proposed 71 unit development including a community room, laundry room, gym, library, business incubators and both office and retail space at the old Sundowner Motel location (**action requested**); Randall Falkner at **505-294-3933**, e-mail: <rfalkner@cabq.gov>. (**City staff planner**)

South Los Altos, District 6 Coalition of NA's; 10EPC-40017 and 40018, Project #1008256; Approximately 1 acre(s) located on the north side of Central Avenue NE between General Stillwell NE and General Hodges NE; K-20; Consensus Planning, Inc. at **505-764-9801**, agent for NewLife Homes; Requests a Zone Map Amendment from C-3 and C-2 to SU-1 for C-2/R-2 and a Site Development Plan for Building Permit for a proposed 30 unit development including a community room/small business incubator training kitchen, laundry room and office at the old Luna Lodge Motel location; Carol Toffaleti at **505-924-3345**, e-mail: <cgtoffaleti@cabq.gov>.

Northwest

North Fourth Camino Real Merchants, North Valley Coalition; 10EPC-40014, Project #1008254; Approximately .391 acre(s) located on the south side of Gavilan Place NW between Pauline Street NW and 4th Street NW; F-14; Arch+Plan Land Use Consulting at **505-980-8365**, agent for Mario Sanchez; Requests a Zone Map Amendment from RA-2 to R-1 for an additional single family dwelling and to subdivide the property into two lots; Catalina Lehner at **505-924-3935**, e-mail: <clehner@cabq.gov>.

Cultural Services Department

Submitted By Linda Hubley

What's New For The 2010 Season?



Brand new this year is a collaborative effort between the various Growers' Markets and the City to enhance the experience of shopping for local produce and other products by adding live musical performances. "Locally Grown Music" will feature a variety of talented performers from our area in three markets: Nob Hill, Robinson Park and ABQ Uptown on the following schedule:

Locally Grown Music Schedule

- May 27 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. Nob Hill/Morningside Park (Between Lead Avenue SE and Central Avenue SE, east of Carlisle Boulevard SE.)
June 5 9 a.m. - Noon Robinson Park (Between 8th Street NW and 10th Street NW on Central Avenue NW)
June 26 9 a.m. - Noon ABQ Uptown (Louisiana Boulevard NE and Indian School Road NE - northeast parking lot)



Beginning in May, the City is reviving a popular series from the past - Arts in the Park. The events feature a variety of performing and visual arts using the natural beauty of our City parks as settings. Live music and dance, theatrical performances, arts and crafts and more will be part of these neighborhood events that are open to all. The Artisan Market is open to those vendors who have for sale items of original concept, design and execution and made by the vendor themselves. Applications will be reviewed on a first come first served basis. (APPLY NOW!!)

Arts in the Park from 12 noon - 4 p.m.

- Sunday, May 16 Hyder Park - Southeast
Sunday, May 30 Carlos Rey Park - Southwest
Sunday, June 13 Arroyo del Oso Park - Northeast
Sunday, June 27 Mariposa Basin Park - Northwest



Another new offering, "Wine Down Thursdays" will begin June 3 and run through July 29 on the Crossroads Mall extending to the Hyatt Regency Patio to accommodate the crowds. Food, wine, arts and crafts vendors and live music from 4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. will be the perfect way to "wind down" and get ready for the weekend.

For more information on future dates for July to September and updates on all Cultural Services Department special events, please call 311 or visit <www.cabq.gov/crs>. TTY users may call Relay NM or 711.

Environmental Health Department

Submitted By Billy Gallegos

Spring Cleaning? Don't Forget That Medicine Cabinet!

Keep medications out of the wrong hands and out of our drinking water. Drop pills off at the APD Metropolitan Forensic Science Center every Thursday from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at 5350 2nd Street NW, 505-823-4200.

Why?

- o Medications accounted for half of the substances involved in poisoning reported to the New Mexico Poison and Drug Information Center (UNM Health Sciences Center, 2008).
o Pharm parties and home medicine cabinet raids of young adults are a growing problem. Among young adults aged 18 to 25, 55.7% reported that they got the "drug" most recently used from someone they knew and that they did not pay for it (NIDA, 2008).
o Outdated pills and unused prescription drugs in your medicine cabinet can cause injury or death when taken at the wrong dosage or by the wrong person.
o Many drugs begin losing their potency after they have reached the expiration date and others, like tetracycline become toxic once the expiration date has passed. It's important to get rid of them.

What to get rid of?

ANYTHING....

- o Older than the expiration date.
o NOT used in the past 12 months.
o Pulled off the market.
o In broken containers.
o Prescription no longer needed.
o Especially if not in their original container.
o You don't know what it is or what it is used for or who it was for.
o That has changed color, smell, taste or liquids that have separated.

How?

- o Use the City of Albuquerque's Pharmaceutical Disposal Program to get rid of pills such as doctor prescribed and over-the-counter medicines, vitamins, herbal supplements and pet medications. No medications on EPA "P" Or "U" list accepted.
1. Remove all medications from their original containers including pills in foil and place them in a sealable bag.
2. Call the Metropolitan Forensic Science Center to ensure staff availability at 505-823-4200.
3. Take to the Metropolitan Forensic Science Center on Thursdays between 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at 5350 2nd Street NW.
o Dispose of other prescriptions in your regular trash following the steps below:
o Pour medication into a sealable plastic bag.
o Add an absorbent material such as kitty litter, sawdust, coffee grounds to the plastic bag.
o Seal the plastic bag and place into the trash.
o Protect yourself by destroying all identifying information from medical containers before recycling.
o Consult your pharmacist with any questions.
o Check with your local Pharmacies to see if they have a "Take-Back" Program.

Other tips

- o Don't store medicines in a bathroom. Temperature changes and humidity can be hard on medicines.
o Keep in a cool place away from heat and direct light such as a locked dresser drawer or locked box in a closet.
o Remember to keep the cap closed on your bottles.
o Keep pills or ointments in their original packaging.

Transit Department

Submitted By Veronica Valencia



**Mayor Richard J. Berry Celebrates
Transit Center Completion and Breaks Ground
for a New Clinic**

It was a historic day for Albuquerque's Westside when ABQ RIDE buses began operating from the city's newest Transit Center on March 23.

Mayor Berry was joined by City Councilor Ken Sanchez the day before to celebrate the completion of the Central and Unser Transit Center and to break ground for a new University of New Mexico Hospital Clinic just a few feet away.

The three-bay transit center will initially be served by two routes – Route #54 Bridge/Westgate and the #766 Red Line Rapid Ride. Additional routes will provide service to this facility in the future.

"This new Transit Center will help to meet the needs of the growing Westside community and is an investment in Albuquerque's public transportation infrastructure," said Mayor Berry. "Strong, well-planned town centers such as this, provides easier access to jobs, shopping and medical services."

Construction of the \$1.7 million facility began in September 2009 and was paid for by funding from the Federal Transit Administration (82%) and city bonds (18%). There are 187 parking spaces, including six motorcycle and eight ADA spaces, bike lockers, bike racks, benches and a large canopy to provide shelter.

"ABQ RIDE is providing increased accessibility through improved transit service," said ABQ RIDE director Bruce Rizzieri. "This new facility will help handle that growth and lead the way to creating a community with access to high quality transportation."

Additional developments in the area include a retail town center to be situated on the northwest corner of Central and Unser and a library. These projects came about from a charrette process three years ago where the community voiced their needs and desires for the area.

The 16,000 square foot medical clinic will provide primary care, behavioral health and radiology services for the entire family. It also includes a pharmacy, laboratory and community conference room that may be used for community meetings, patient education services and other needs.

"The Southwest Mesa is a great place to live and now the efforts of the community are coming to fruition," said City Councilor Ken Sanchez. "The community has worked very hard to bring retail, medical services and other amenities to the area. Our work is not complete and we will strive to further improve the lives of the residents of the Southwest Mesa."

NM State Association of Parliamentarians

Submitted By Janice Strand



**Use of Postpone to a Certain Time vs
Table of Motion/Issue**

Lay on the Table

The term "table" is often used to allow the motion/issue to be brought up at a later time. "Lay on the Table" in parliamentary terms is defined as a subsidiary motion which, if adopted, interrupts the pending business and permits the group/association to do something else immediately. The motion to "Lay on the Table" must be seconded and adopted by a majority vote; this motion cannot be debated or amended.

Example: this motion is used when an invited speaker arrives and is asked to speak immediately. The /motion/issue "on the floor" is "laid on the table" until after the speaker has completed any remarks and then the motion/issue is "taken from the table" and discussion/debate continues to the vote.

It is advised that a motion/issue not be "laid on the table" until the next meeting! The main reason for this is that there is no item on the agenda under which it would be taken up at the next meeting.

Postpone to a Certain Time/Postpone Definitely

If the desire is to discontinue action on a motion/issue until a later meeting it is advised that someone make the following motion: "I move to postpone this motion until the next monthly meeting." (or until a later meeting). This motion is the motion to Postpone to a Certain Time; the motion can include the statement "and made a Special Order".

The motion to "Postpone to a Certain Time" is defined simply as 'to put off to a later time'; it must be seconded, can be debated and amended and is adopted by a majority vote. A more detailed definition of this subsidiary motion is 'a motion by which action on a pending question can be put off, within limits, to a definite day, meeting, or hour or until a certain event'.

Special Order, an agenda item was covered in an earlier column. If such a motion/issue is made a Special Order, it is taken up before Unfinished Business and General Orders. If the motion/issue is not made a Special Order it is a General Order and is taken up under Unfinished Business and General Orders at the next meeting.

If the next meeting is not within the next three months (within the quarter) it is advised that the motion/issue not be postponed but referred to a committee; the committee can be directed to report with information. In this way, some work will have been carried out on the issue before the next meeting. The committee may be directed to report with an amendment to the motion or a substitute motion (new wording).

Adapted from *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, 10th Edition*, (RONR)

Parliamentary Pointers will appear each month. If you have a parliamentary question that could be covered or would like a "Smart Meeting" presentation on a specific topic at your meeting (for a negotiated fee) contact Jan Strand, PRP, Vice President of the New Mexico State Association of Parliamentarians at **505-466-1326** or **<jan_str@msn.com>**.



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