

Neighborhood News

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Richard J. Berry
Mayor of Albuquerque

Mayor Richard J. Berry, ABQ RIDE and Laguna Pueblo Announce Groundbreaking Program to Train Pueblo's Transit Drivers

New Cooperation Includes Route Connecting Laguna Passengers into Albuquerque

For the first time in its history, ABQ RIDE is teaming with one of New Mexico's historic pueblos to train their transit drivers. Starting January 2012 individuals selected for the new drivers' program by Laguna Pueblo's Shâa'skr'a Transit will train for their CDL (Commercial Driver's License) at ABQ RIDE's Daytona Facility in West Albuquerque.

The partnership also means Shâa'skr'a Transit will live up to its motto of "Taking You Where You Want To Go" by connecting three times on weekdays to Route 66 Casino. Through an agreement with the Pueblo, Rio Metro Route #366 will take Laguna passengers to the Central and Unser Transit Center in Albuquerque. Not only can they connect with UNM Hospital's SW Mesa Center next door, but they can also transfer to ABQ RIDE buses to continue on to such destinations as the University of New Mexico, Central New Mexico Community College, Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute (SIPI) and to local stores and services.

"We're proud to be able to offer our expertise and services to our neighbors at Laguna Pueblo," said Mayor Richard J. Berry. "This partnership underscores the Albuquerque's commitment to work with other communities in New Mexico in mutually beneficent partnerships."

Laguna's Shâa'skr'a Transit Program currently operates two paratransit vans as well as several 15 passenger vans and buses, mostly as a demand response service. It also operates fixed route service from Laguna Pueblo to Grants on Fridays only. All its buses are wheelchair accessible and ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliant.



"This agreement enables us to provide a safe affordable means of transportation connecting community members to needed and desired services," said Richard Luarkie, Governor of Laguna Pueblo. "It also allows us to build our own capacity by leveraging ABQ RIDE's expertise in training our drivers."

Shâa'skr'a (which means "roadrunner" in the Keres language) Transit began serving the six villages of Laguna Pueblo in 1998. It has provided over 143,258 miles services so far this year to community members. It currently serves about 9,500 passengers a year.

"This partnership shows the regional connectivity of ABQ RIDE and how it can benefit other communities in New Mexico," said Bruce Rizzieri, Director of ABQ RIDE.



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Increasing Communication Between Neighborhood and/or Homeowner Associations.”



**APD Crime
Prevention**

Submitted By Steve Sink



Holiday Safety

Shopping and Out in Public

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

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

Securing Your Residence Prior To Holiday Travel

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

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Submitted By Patti Watson



Submitted By Dana Bloomquist

Last Chance for Maximum Rebate on High Efficiency Toilets
Rebate drops from \$200 to \$150 per toilet on January 1, 2012.

Anyone considering a bathroom upgrade should add new toilets to their holiday wish list NOW. Residential and commercial customers of the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority who want to change out their old, high-flow toilets with high efficiency toilets (HETs) must do so by the end of the year to get the maximum rebate available — \$200 per toilet. Starting January 1, 2012, the rebate will be reduced to \$150 per HET.

“The change in toilet rebates is to allow funding for new rebate programs and additional rebates for customers who replace high-water-use landscaping with xeriscaping,” explained Katherine Yuhas, Water Conservation Officer for the Water Authority. Yuhas added, “The price of these types of toilets has come down in recent years as more HETs are manufactured, so the rebate will still pay for many high-efficiency models.”

According to the Environmental Protection Agency, a High Efficiency Toilet uses 1.28 gallons of water or less per flush. Yuhas pointed out that recent studies show that just one HET can save a household as much as 50 gallons per day, which also adds up to lower water bills.

“Toilet flushing accounts for 26.7 percent or more than a quarter of the average family’s indoor water use,” Yuhas said. “Changing out a high-flow toilet with an HET is one of the easiest and most effective things you can do to save water indoors. So, if you’ve been thinking about doing it, now is the time.”

HETs are available at most home improvement stores and plumbing suppliers, and must have the EPA Water Sense logo to qualify for a rebate. Toilet rebate forms are available for download from the Water Authority’s website at <www.abcwua.org>.

Since it began offering toilet rebates in 1995, the Water Authority estimates more than 100,000 high-flow toilets have been replaced by homeowners and businesses. “We know there are still some high-flow models out there and our long-term goal is to have our customers replace all of them,” Yuhas said.

Cold Weather Water Watch
Residents Urged to Be Prepared, Avoid Frozen Pipes

With sub-freezing temperatures predicted the Water Authority reminds its customers that it’s time to shut down sprinkler systems for the winter and to prepare household water pipes for cold weather. Fines can be assessed for allowing water (including sprinkler overspray) to freeze on streets and sidewalks. Property owners can also be held legally responsible for damages and injuries that occur as a result of ice hazards.

During severe cold snaps, Water Authority operators take as many as 200 calls per day from people with frozen and burst pipes. ***Avoid trouble by taking precautions NOW:***

Find the master shutoff valve. The master shutoff valve turns off the water to the entire house. Learn its location and make sure everyone in the household knows where it is. This could be critical if a pipe should burst.

Disconnect and drain outdoor hoses and shut down your sprinkler system. Detaching the hose allows water to drain from the pipe so an overnight freeze doesn’t burst the faucet or the pipe it’s connected to. Insulate faucets exposed outdoor pipes. For sprinkler systems, turn off the automatic timer and bleed the system of water. It’s time to put your landscaping to bed for the winter.

Insulate pipes and faucets in unheated areas. Wrap exposed water pipes in unheated areas (such as the garage, basement, crawl space, or space beneath your mobile home) before temperatures plummet. You can find pipe wrapping materials at any hardware or building supply store. For a high tech solution, consider installing “heat tape” or similar materials on exposed water pipe. Be sure to use only UL-listed products and follow the manufacturer’s instructions carefully.

Seal off access doors, air vents and cracks. Winter winds whistling through overlooked openings can quickly freeze exposed water pipes. DO NOT plug air vents used by your furnace or water heater.

Drip a faucet, open cabinet doors. In *very* cold weather, drip a faucet at the back of the house overnight or if you’re going to be away for an extended period. Open cabinet doors under sinks to allow warm air to circulate around pipes.

What if it’s too late? Pipes can freeze even if precautions have been taken. If a pipe on your property freezes, the Water Authority recommends that you call a licensed plumber to make necessary repairs. If a pipe bursts and you need an emergency water shut-off, **please call 505-857-8250.**

Albuquerque Fire Department

Submitted By Melissa Romero



The Holiday's Bring Additional Fire Danger

This time of year, we put up our trees, decorate our homes, light candles and luminarias to celebrate the holiday with our families and friends. With the addition of flammable and combustible items in and around our homes, comes additional fire safety responsibility. Enjoy yourselves but also be aware of the increased threat of fire. Every year, there are 300 fires and 30 injuries from Christmas trees.

Albuquerque Fire Department offers the following tips for protecting your home and family from fire:

Christmas Trees

- Trees need about an inch cut off the end of the trunk. This will remove the dried end and allow the tree to absorb water.
- Make sure and mount the tree securely and away from any combustible materials or heat sources such as fireplaces or candles.
- Water the tree everyday.
- When the needles get brittle or dull and begin to fall from the tree, it is time for the tree to go back outside.



Decorations

- Use lights that are UL approved. Check every set of lights for broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires and loose connections before using. Throw away anything that is not in perfect condition.
- Use no more than three sets of lights per single extension. Follow the manufacturer's instructions.
- Always turn off all tree lights and decorations before you go to bed or leave your home.



Candles and Luminarias

- Never place a burning candle or luminaria near anything that can quickly ignite, such as curtains, Christmas trees, brush, etc.
- Always keep candles and luminarias away from children and pets as they could get burned if touched.
- Never place candles or luminarias on combustible surfaces such as wood porches or near dry grass or leaves.
- Never light luminarias during windy conditions where the bag could ignite and burning debris could spread the fire.

- Be sure candles have sturdy/stable bases and are placed where they can not be bumped or brushed against.
- Monitor candles and luminarias when burning, never leave the room or go to bed without fully extinguishing the flame.



Smoke Alarms

- Working smoke alarms alerts you to a fire and more than double your chances of surviving a fire.
- Install smoke alarms in every home, on every level, outside each sleeping area and in each bedroom.
- Test your smoke alarms each month to make sure they are working.
- When the smoke alarm sounds, get out fast!



Have an Escape Plan

- Plan your escape know two ways out of every room.
- Have a "safe" spot that everyone goes to across the street.
- Practice at least once a month so everyone knows what to do if a fire does occur.

For more safety tips, go to the City of Albuquerque Fire Department Website at <www.cabq.gov/fire>.

Planning Department

Submitted By Chris Hyer

Proposed Zoning Code Amendment

The City's Planning Department is requesting that Section 14-16-1-5 (definitions) of the Zoning Code be amended. The amendment is intended to address "Film Festivals" in several contexts including the definition of "Adult Amusement Establishments". The term Adult Amusement Establishment is proposed to exclude film festivals when audio or video displays are presented. The term **Film Festival** is proposed to be defined as:

An organized, extended presentation of films in a commercial movie theater, that focuses on a specific film-maker, genre or subject matter, that occurs once in a calendar year in that theater and does not exceed seven calendar days.

This request will clarify inconsistencies that may exist when determining if a film festival would be considered an adult amusement event.

This Zoning Code Amendment will be heard at the January 12, 2012 EPC Public Hearing. Any questions please contact Chris Hyer at 505-924-3927, e-mail <chyer@cabq.gov>.

Planning Department

Submitted By Ed Boles, Deborah Nason

Hotel Parq Central – A Dedicated Historic City Landmark

Mayor Richard J. Berry and the Planning Department unveiled the newly designed City Landmark plaque designating the Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad Hospital currently known at Hotel Parq Central as a City Landmark on December 5, 2011.

“The rehabilitation, restoration and re-purposing of this property is an elegant example of what historic preservation can produce. The City of Albuquerque applauds the valiant efforts of Memorial Ventures, LLC that transformed the property into a first class, boutique hotel” said Mayor Berry.

Originally built in 1926 the property served as a hospital for employees of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway Company. In the 1940’s the name was changed to the AT & SF Hospital. The property was purchased in the 1980’s by a group of psychiatrists who changed the name to Memorial Hospital.

In 2003 the property was purchased by Memorial Ventures, LLC who became “although we didn’t purchase the property with a particular use in mind, we realized we had become stewards of the property,” said co-owner David Oberstein. “We took the job of historic renovation quite seriously. We wanted the highest and the best use of the property - a use that would be more available to the public.”

The underlying theme is that historic buildings come with special potential for financing their return to productive use. With the preservation of the AT & F Railroad Hospital buildings, two neighborhood associations - Broadway Central Corridors Partnership, Inc. and the Huning Highland Historic District Association - were direct beneficiaries of the property’s conversion to a boutique hotel. The hotel project was very *unlikely* to have happened, except for the public-private partnerships that 1) rehabbed Old Albuquerque and 2) formed to rehab the hotel itself. These partnerships hold true even for historic houses whose owners may benefit from state tax advantages when rehabbing or even just re-roofing them.

Such partnerships are often needed to put “white elephant” properties back in service usually in new/different uses. We will see more of these partnerships happening, the De Anza Motor Lodge being the latest example for a historic building rehabilitation. Not coincidentally, the Old Albuquerque High School, Hotel Parq Central, and De Anza all depend on federal historic preservation tax advantages in their financing.

Apart from the neighborhood angle, having another hotel near downtown, UNM and the central Albuquerque hospitals is a plus for the whole local market which is why the City provided industrial revenue bond financing assistance to this hotel and the Hotel Andaluz.



Councilor Isaac Benton, Marc Bertram - co-owner, David Oberstin - co-owner, Mayor Richard J. Berry and C. Robert Campbell, LUCC Chair



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.berncogov/>. 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.berncogov/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.berncogov/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.



Patrick Montoya

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Office of Neighborhood
Coordination,
Division Manager

Message from the Division Manager

I am taking this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May all of your wishes come true and may 2012 be full of happiness for you and your family.

I would also like to say that I have chosen to retire on December 30, 2011. I say this with a heavy heart. I have worked for the past 27 years in the public sector field, having worked 17 years for the City of Albuquerque, four years for the State of New Mexico and six years for the United States Senate.

Throughout those years I have worked with some amazing people, many of them still close friends and I have worked with many wonderful residents of our fine city and beautiful state. I would like to thank all of you for your support, advice, encouragement and most of all for your friendship.

Yes, I will miss the work, my co-workers and the people I interact with on a daily basis but it is now time to start a new chapter of my life.

Take care and the very best to you and the neighborhood you care so passionately for.



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 Garduño, Vice President, District 6; (L to R, middle row) Isaac Benton, District 3; Michael Cook, District 7; (L to R, seated) Don Harris, President, District 9; Ken Sanchez, District 1; Trudy Jones, District 8

A Message From Your City Council

Submitted By Kelly Sanchez-Pare

Swearing In Ceremony

On October 6, 2011 the citizens of Albuquerque re-elected Debbie O'Malley, District 2, Brad Winter, District 4, Rey Garduño, District 6 and Trudy E. Jones, District 8 to serve in their districts. Our elected representatives took their oath of office on Tuesday, December 1, 2011.

The Swearing In Ceremony was held on Thursday, December 1, 2011 at 6 p.m. at the Albuquerque Convention Center. A reception honoring the City Councilors followed.

Family members of incoming officials made the ceremony personal and meaningful. Junior Air Force ROTC Color Guard from Valley High School were the flag bearers. Alexandra Stern, from Eldorado High School, sang the National Anthem. Clare Marie Houliston, from Our Lady of the Annunciation Catholic School, led the Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor Vince Carrillo of Sagebrush Eldorado Community Church gave the Invocation.

Elected City Councilors spoke during the ceremony. President of the Albuquerque City Council, Councilor Don Harris presided over the Swearing In as Master of Ceremonies.

The City Councilors took the following oath of office before taking on the duties of their respective offices:

I _____ (name of oath taker) _____, do solemnly swear to uphold the Constitution and the Laws of the United States of America and the Constitution and the Laws of the State of New Mexico; I furthermore do solemnly swear that I will faithfully, impartially, and sincerely perform my duties as a public servant of the people of the City of Albuquerque, New Mexico, to the best of my ability, so help me God.

The reception afterwards celebrated the accomplishments and re-election of the City Councilors. The citizens of Albuquerque were all welcome to attend.

"The American city should be a collection of communities where every member has a right to belong. It should be a place where every man feels safe on his streets and in the house of his friends. It should be a place where each individual's dignity and self respect is strengthened by the respect and affection of his neighbors. It should be a place where each of us can find the satisfaction and warmth which comes from being a member of the community of man. This is what man sought at the dawn of civilization. It is what we seek today."
-Lyndon B. Johnson

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Parks and Recreation

Submitted By J. Paul Hyso

Parks and Recreation Ladera Golf Construction Special

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<<http://www.cabq.gov/golf>>



Ladera Golf Course Albuquerque's West Side Course

*Contact Ladera Pro Shop for specific green fee reductions at **505-836-4449**.

- Address: 3401 Ladera Drive NW
- Telephone: **505-836-4449**
- Fax: **505-839-2744**
- Restaurant: **505-831-9300**
- PGA Professionals: Sam Zimmerly, Billy Moya
- PGA Apprentice: Wright Zimmerly

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Monday, December 19 •City Council – 5 p.m.	NO MEETINGS - •District 7 Coalition	Wednesday, January 11 •DRB – 9 a.m. •SEPC – 9 a.m. •LUCC – 3 p.m. •POC – 4 p.m.	Wednesday, January 18 •DRB – 9 a.m. •EPC Pre-Hearing – 1:30 p.m. •City Council – 5 p.m. •District 4 Coalition – 7 p.m.	
Tuesday, December 20 •GARTC – 4:30 p.m.			Thursday, January 12 •EPC Public Hearing – 8:30 a.m.	Thursday, January 19 •AAB – 9 a.m. •East Gateway Coalition – 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, December 21 •DRB – 9 a.m.	Monday, January 2 City Offices CLOSED – New Year’s Day		Monday, January 16 City Offices CLOSED – Martin Luther King Jr.’s Birthday	Tuesday, January 24 •BOA – 9 a.m.
Monday, December 26 City Offices Closed - Christmas Day	Tuesday, January 3 •SWAN – 6 p.m.			Thursday, January 26 •District 8 Coalition – 7 p.m.
Tuesday, December 27 •BOA – 9 a.m.	Wednesday, January 4 •DRB – 9 a.m. •City Council – 5 p.m.			Wednesday, January 25 •DRB – 9 a.m.
Thursday, December 29 •Northwest Alliance of Neighbors – 6:30 p.m.	Thursday, January 5 •EPC Study Session – 3 p.m.	Tuesday, January 17 •ZHE – 9 a.m.		
	Monday, January 9 •ACCC – 5:30 p.m.			

2011/2012 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 - North Domingo Baca Multigenerational Center, Community Room, 7521 Carmel 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

The **EPC Public Hearing** will be held on **January 12, 2012 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-40086, 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 Section 14-16-1-5(B) for Adult Amusement Establishment. An establishment such as an auditorium, bar, cabaret, concert hall, nightclub, restaurant, theater or other commercial establishment that provides amusement or entertainment featuring one or more of the following: (1) A live performance, act or escort service distinguished or characterized by an emphasis on the depiction, description, exposure or representation of specified anatomical areas or the conduct of simulation of specified sexual activities; or (2) Audio or video displays, computer displays, films or motion pictures (except those shown as part of a film festival), slides or other visual representations or recordings characterized or distinguished by an emphasis on the anatomical areas or the conduct or simulation of specified sexual activities. Section 14-16-1-5(B) is amended by inserting the following definition in alphabetical order: **FILM FESTIVAL** – an organized, extended presentation of films in a commercial movie theater, that focuses on a specific film-maker, genre or subject matter, that occurs once in a calendar year in that theater and does not exceed seven calendar days; Chris Hyer at **505-924-3927**, e-mail: <chyer@cabq.gov>.

Northeast

Santa Barbara-Martineztown, No Coalition(s) (neighborhood/homeowner association/coalition); 11EPC-40081, Project #1007649 (case #'s); Approximately .2.9968 acres located on the south side of Indian School Road NE between Broadway Boulevard NE and Edith Boulevard NE (**location of request**); H-14 (**zone atlas page #**); The Design Group, Mark Wade, AIA at **505-998-6442**, e-mail: <mwade@designgroupnm.com> agent for Greater Albuquerque Housing Partnership (**applicant or agency and phone #**); Requests a Site Development Plan for Subdivision for a proposed 72 units of multi-family housing and associated community support functions, including a leasing office, day care center and park facility accessible to the public (**action requested**); Randall Falkner at **505-924-3933**, e-mail: <rfalkner@cabq.gov>. (**City staff planner**)

Nor Este, Quivera Estates, District 4 Coalition of NA's; 11EPC-40082 and 40083, Project #1008656; Approximately 6 acres located on the south side of Glendale Avenue NE between Wyoming Boulevard NE and Barstow Street NE; B-19; Mark Goodwin and Associates, P.A., Randy Schmilte at **505-828-2200**, agent for Glendale, LLC; Requests Amending the Sector Development Plan Map and a Site Development Plan for Subdivision for twenty-four (24) proposed Custom Houses; Carrie Barkhurst at **505-924-3879**, e-mail: <kcbarhurst@cabq.gov>.

Northwest

Sawmill Area, Sawmill Community Land Trust, North Valley Coalition; 11EPC-40084 and 40085, Project #1009046; Approximately 7 acres located on the south side of Aspen Avenue NW between Rio Grande Boulevard NW and 12th Street NW; H-13; Mark Goodwin and Associates, P.A. at **505-828-2200**, agent for Sawmill Crossing, LLC; Requests Amending the Sector Development Plan Map and a Site Development Plan for Subdivision for Sawmill Crossings Townhome Development; Randall Falkner at **505-924-3933**, e-mail: <rfalkner@cabq.gov>.

Southeast

Silver Hill, Federation of University Neighborhoods; 11EPC-40080, Project #1009050; Approximately .172 acres located on the west side of Maple Street SE between Lead Avenue SE and Coal Avenue SE; K-15; Garcia/Kraemer and Associates at **505-242-5566**, agent for Gipson Enterprises, Inc.; Requests a Zone Map Amendment from SU-2 DR to SU-2 PR for the property which has been used as a parking lot since 1971 for the Lucaya House Apartments; Carrie Barkhurst at **505-924-3879**, e-mail: <kcbarhurst@cabq.gov>.

EPC Special Public Hearing - Thursday, January 19, 2012

La Luz Del Sol, La Luz Landowners, Taylor Ranch, Rio Oeste, Andalucia, Northwest Alliance of Neighbors, Westside Coalition of NA's; 11EPC-40067 and 40068, 04EPC-01845, Project #1003859; Approximately 23.89 acres located on the east side of Coors Boulevard NW between Montano Road NW and Mirandela Street NW; E-12; Tierra West, LLC at **505-858-3100**, Ronald E. Bohannon, P.E., agent for Silver Leaf Ventures; Requests a Site Development Plan for Building Permit and Amending the Site

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Development Plan for Subdivision for a proposed construction of a 98,901 square foot Wal-Mart Store and the balance of the site will consist of a combination of office and retail uses for a bank, restaurant and office uses on the remaining nine parcels; Catalina Lehner at 505-924-3935, e-mail: <clehner@cabq.gov> -AND- Carmen Marrone at 505-924-3814, e-mail: <cmarrone@cabq.gov>.

At Mayor Richard J. Berry's request - the EPC Hearing for the proposed Wal-Mart Store at Coors Boulevard NW and Montano Road NW has been deferred from Thursday; January 5; 2012 to Thursday; January 19; 2012; beginning at 3 p.m. The EPC Hearing will be held in the San Miguel Room, Upper East Level at the Albuquerque Convention Center, 401 Second Street NW, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

PARKING: Parking is available at the East Albuquerque Convention Center Parking Structure or the Underground Parking Structure at One Civic Plaza. **The City will not validate parking.** Parking is also available at paid private parking structures and meters.

The Planning Department Staff Reports regarding the Wal-Mart Project will be available on-line at <<http://www.cabq.gov/planning/epc/epcagenda.html>> on Thursday, January 12, 2012. Paper copies of the staff report will also be available at the Plaza Del Sol Building, Planning Department, 600 Second Street NW, Third Floor.

For more information contact Catalina Lehner at <clehner@cabq.gov>.

Explora

Submitted By Ellen Welker

Explora calendar events January 2012

All events are free with general admission and open to children and adults (with the exception of Adult Night that is only for adults, ages 18+)

Explora closed on Sunday, January 1, 2012
Open on January 2, 2012

Saturday January 7, 2012
1 p.m. and 3 p.m.
Explora Working Chemist. Examine polymers. **FREE** with general admission

Sunday, January 15, 2012

3 p.m. and 4 p.m.

Explora Working Chemist: Experiment with air pressure. **FREE** with general admission.

Friday, January 20, 2012

Explora Adult Night: "Exploring Architecture"

6:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.

A night designed for adults, 18 and over. Enjoy all of Explora's exhibits and engage in the night's themed activities about architecture. Adults will also see the night sky with astronomers from TAAS (The Albuquerque Astronomical Society), enjoy live music by Entourage Jazz and meet "ham" amateur radio operators that will try to make contact with other countries. Admission is \$8, seniors \$5 and Explora members are **FREE**.

Saturday, January 21, 2012 and Saturday, January 28, 2012

1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Explora Live Theater : *Ferdinand Magellan: Sailing Around the World*. See the one-actor play about the first European to sail around the tip of South America proving that the earth is round. Explora Theater. **FREE** with general admission

Saturday, January 21, 2012

1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Explora's Telescope Amnesty Day

Telescope still sitting in the box? Do you have a new one but don't know how to use it? Bring your scope or buy a new one from Ideas, the Store at Explora and learn how to use it. Join the Explora staff and astronomers from TAAS (the Albuquerque Astronomical Society) and learn how to see the stars and planets. **FREE** with general admission.



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Parks and Recreation

Submitted By Kimberly Selving

“Meet A Friendly Wolf!”

The Wanagi Wolf Fund

WHAT: Wolf meet and greet at The Open Space Visitor Center

WHERE: Open Space Visitor Center, 6500 Coors Boulevard NW at the end of Bosque Meadows Road NW between Montaña Road NW and Paseo del Norte NW.

WHEN: Sunday, December 18, 2011 from 12:30 p.m. – 2 p.m.

FEE: FREE. Donations accepted.

CONTACT: Joshua Willis, **505-897-8831** or by e-mail <jrwillis@cabq.gov>.

FREE Admission, Donations to the Wanagi Wolf Fund accepted. As a seasonal fundraiser you can purchase ornaments or a photo with a wolf!

Stephanie Kaylan, the founder and president of the Wanagi Wolf Fund (Non-Profit 501(c)3), has been trying to help laws passed to stop the breeding of these animals.

“I’ve been involved in Wolf & Wolf Dog rescue since 1994 and have been nominated for the New Mexico Milagro Award (for Animal Protection) for the past 3 years. Wanagi (Lakota) means ‘the one who guards and protects the spirits of those who have passed onward.’

Stephanie will be at the Open Space Visitor Center Sunday, December 18, 2011 from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. / 2:30 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. The Open Space Visitor Center is located at 6500 Coors Boulevard NW between Montano Road NW and Paseo del Norte NW. Look for our brown signs and the “Flyway” sculpture.

NM State Association of Parliamentarians

Submitted By Janice Strand

Parliamentary Pointers

Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised, 11th Edition (2011)

Debate/Discussion

Debate (also called discussion) is a basic right of any member of an organization; this right is an important part of the decisions made by the membership. Debate follows the making

of a motion; without a motion, discussion does not focus on specifics. Without focus, the comments can digress and get way off the main subject; this is hard for the presider/chair to control.

In groups that number more than about twelve members, it is recommended that members indicate that they wish to speak by a raise of hand or by standing and addressing the chair. When called on, they speak. If this procedure is not followed, members often interrupt a speaker. For effective deliberation, all members must listen to the speaker!

Previously the presider, after stating the motion, was advised to state, “Are you ready for the question?” **The 11th Edition suggests the statement, “Is there any debate?” (page 386)** This is more commonly understood.

The maker of the motion has the privilege of speaking first and giving the rationale for the motion. *“In debate, the maker of a motion, while he can vote against it, is not allowed to speak against his own motion. He need not speak at all, but if he does he is obliged to take a favorable position.”* (page 393, the entire section on Decorum in Debate – page 391-394)

Mark your calendar.... “Smart Meetings” workshop, offered by the New Mexico State Association of Parliamentarians is scheduled for Saturday morning, March 31, 2012.

The 2011 edition of *Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised* was released on September 23, 2011. The authorship team of this edition includes Henry M. Robert, III; William J. Evans; Daniel H. Honemann; and Thomas J. Balch. Daniel E. Seabold and Shmuel Gerber were assistants. This edition was published by Da Capo Press, a member of the Perseus Books Group.

Additional changes will be covered in later columns. In the meantime, check out the store on the website of the National Association of Parliamentarians (www.parliamentarians.org) and purchase your copy of the 2011 *Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised* or the 2011 edition of *Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised, In Brief*.

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, Treasurer of the New Mexico State Association of Parliamentarians at **505-466-1326** or <jan_str@msn.com>.





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