

Neighborhood News

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Martin J. Chávez
Mayor of Albuquerque

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We have all read the ominous headlines and had conversations about our current economic situation. At the same time the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) was signed into law and monies are starting to flow. Upon the February 16th signing of the bill by President Obama, I immediately formed ten Stimulus Implementation Teams comprised of stakeholders from the community as well as representatives from city and county government. The Implementation Teams were asked to review the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to identify funding opportunities and maximize the potential reinvestment in the Albuquerque area. These teams include membership from UNM, Sandia National Laboratories, Bernalillo County, Albuquerque Public Schools as well as State officials. Make no mistake the process isn't as easy as just writing checks. There are many federal rules and regulations that must be complied with while ensuring an open and transparent process. The regulations governing the recording and reporting of these stimulus funds are extensive and will be ongoing for years.

We will be working to get this money flowing into our economy swiftly and appropriately. Lowering the unemployment rate is a desired outcome of the stimulus bill and here in the city we are doing everything possible to acquire funding and initiate as many of our "shovel ready" projects as possible. This past month, we kicked off our first project using \$5.6 million in stimulus funding to construct a Pedestrian and Bicycle Bridge at Rio Grande and I-40. Actual construction is expected to begin early this summer.

So far we have confirmed approximately \$30 million that will be coming to the city through established federal funding formula and additionally we are competing with other cities across the nation for ARRA funds through a competitive process. These funds will be directed toward specific programmatic areas of the city such as energy, community development, public safety, etc.

Being accountable for the expenditure of all stimulus funds and experiencing positive outcomes, jobs for our citizens is imperative. To this end we will be creating a website that will track all ARRA funds and projects that have been funded under this bill. When this ARRA site is finalized there will be a link on the city homepage at <www.cabq.gov> please feel free to log on and follow the progress of this historic bill.

A strong community will foster a strong future and with this opportunity we can continue to advance the community that is the City of Albuquerque.

Martin J. Chávez
Mayor

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



APD Crime Prevention

Submitted By Steve Sink



Personal Safety Guidelines

Away From Your Residence:

- Always be aware of your surroundings and trust your instincts.
Be aware of other people around you and make note of their behavior.
Walk with authority and purpose while noticing people and activity around you.
Have your keys ready when approaching your vehicle (and residence) and do not have several items in your hands.
Lock all personal items in the trunk or away from view - roll up windows, lock doors and take keys.
Park in well lit areas with alot of activity. Park as close to the entrance as possible.
Avoid carrying a purse whenever possible. Place wallet and/or money and credit cards in a front pocket or jacket pocket.
If you must carry a purse never leave it open. Carry it close to your body with flap facing inward and place strap around your shoulder.
If you carry a defensive object (pepper spray, etc.) have proper training first.
Use personal body alarm, whistle, etc.
Notify a trusted neighbor or family member where you are going and when you are expected back.
If you notice a suspicious person or activity in a parking lot near your car return to the store and ask for an escort and notify security or store management.

In Your Vehicle:

- Keep all doors locked.
Place purse and other valuables out of sight (when traveling and parked).
Don't travel in curbside lane especially at a stoplight.
Be aware of your surroundings when stopped at a light - be aware of people approaching your car.
Don't stop too close to the car in front of you. Allow enough space to "pull around."
If you are followed drive to a safe, active and well lit location (don't drive home) and quickly leave your vehicle and go inside to call the police and request assistance or stay in the locked vehicle and draw attention.
Use a cell phone to call the police but don't let it distract your driving.
Avoid any confrontation while driving no matter how minor.

At Your Residence:

- Get to know your neighbor and establish trusted relationships. Encourage them to watch out for you, your family and your residence. Consider starting a Neighborhood Watch Program.
Make sure the lighting on the exterior of the residence illuminates the entire area.
Each entrance should have solid core doors and deadbolt locks with a minimum of a one-inch throw.
All primary window locks should be operational and secondary locks should be installed.
Trim all bushes down and up from the ground. Trim trees up 6-8 feet from the ground.
Place lights, radios and TV on timers to give the appearance someone is home when away.
Don't stop mail and newspaper delivery. Have a trusted neighbor collect them and place/remove trash carts in the typical location when away. Also ask them to keep an eye on your residence.
Let neighbors, family and friends know when you will return from a trip.

Contact APD Crime Prevention at 505-924-3600 for additional information.

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Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System

Submitted By Riann Powell



The Library Celebrates Día de los Niños with family programs

The Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System will join in the celebration of Día de los Niños/Day of the Child from April 20 through May 2 this year. Sixteen libraries will host special programs for children, families and school groups that will feature different storytellers and interactive poetry. As a very special treat for children who participate each will be presented with a book of their own to take home (while supplies last).

El Día de los Niños is a celebration of children, families and reading held annually on April 30 that emphasizes the importance of literacy for children of all linguistic and cultural backgrounds. By expanding the Día celebration to two weeks, area libraries give families and school groups from throughout the area a variety of opportunities to participate in one or more of the free programs. To discover a Día celebration near you, visit the library online at <www.cabq.gov/library> or call 311. TTY Users call Relay NM or 711.

Día de los Niños is sponsored by the Friends for the Public Library. To find out more about the Friends and how they support library programming visit them online at <www.friendsforthelibrary.org>.

If your neighborhood association, community group or business would be interested in learning more about the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System, please contact our Speaker's Bureau at 505-768-5115.

Albuquerque Fire Department

Submitted By Melissa Romero

Flood Safety Awareness

Flash floods are the #1 weather related killer with approximately 140 deaths recorded in the U.S. each year. Flooding causes more damage in the United States than any other severe weather related event an average of five billion a year. Flooding can occur in any of the 50 states or U.S. territories at anytime of the year.

Flash flooding is a result of heavy localized rainfall from slow moving intense thunderstorms. Flash floods often result from small creeks and streams overflowing during heavy rainfall. These floods often become raging torrents of water which rip through city streets, arroyos and valleys sweeping everything with them. Flash flooding usually occurs within six hours of a heavy rain event.

In hilly terrain, flash floods can strike with little or no advance warning. Within minutes distant rain may be channeled into arroyos and ravines turning a quiet stream into a rampaging torrent.

Flood Safety Tips

- **DO NOT DRIVE THROUGH FLOODED AREAS** -even if it looks shallow enough to cross! The large majority of deaths due to flash flooding occur with people driving through flooded areas. Water only a foot deep can displace a 1500 lb. vehicle. Two feet of water can easily carry most automobiles. Roads concealed by water may not be intact.
- Do not cross flowing stream on foot where water is above your ankles.
- Do not allow children to play around arroyos, drainage ditches, storm drains or other flooded areas!
- Be prepared! Stay tuned to NOAA Weather Radio for the latest statements, watches and warnings concerning heavy rain and flash flooding in your area, report it to the National Weather Service.

NM Crime Prevention Association

Submitted By Jim Hunter

New Mexico Crime Prevention Association Spring Conference

Friday, April 24, 2009

8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Registration/Social: 8 a.m.

Conference starts at 8:45 a.m.

Conference Information

- Site:** El Pinto Restaurant, 10500 4th Street NW
- Registration Fee:** \$40.00*
- Includes:** Conference Costs, Membership, Lunch, Coffee/Drinks/Soda Breaks
- Register by phone or on-line:** Jim Hunter at 505-897-2939
e-mail: <hunterabq@comcast.net>
- To register and pay by mail:** Mary Lee Martin at 505-298-2513
10305 Chapala Place NE,
Albuquerque, NM 87111

*Neighborhood Watch Block Captains and Neighborhood Association Members \$20.00.

Make Checks Payable to: New Mexico Crime Prevention Association (Registration deadline is Tuesday, April 21, 2009)

Topics

- NM Attorney General and Scams
- APS School Police
- Mail and Identity Theft
- Women and Violence
- Crime Against the Elderly
- Automobile Theft

Who should attend?

Professionals associated with law enforcement, civic groups, crime prevention programs, public and private security, education and welfare programs and citizens interested in crime prevention.

Check us on the web: <www.nmcpa.info> and see updated agendas.

Legal

Submitted By Naomi Parada
Alternative Dispute Resolution

What is the difference between Land Use Facilitation and Community Mediation?

Many of you may be familiar with the Land Use Facilitation process and wondering what the difference is between that and the Community Mediation process. Here are some of the main differences.

Facilitation

- Public Meeting available to anyone who wishes to attend.
- Good for large groups of people wishing to obtain information and discuss concerns.
- Notes are recorded by a facilitator and a report is generated from the meeting.

Mediation

- Confidential – not public meeting where everyone’s role needs to be known and everyone needs to abide by the confidentiality agreement.
- Good for resolving specific issues between individuals
- Mediators help the conversation remain productive and help write the final agreement between individuals. This agreement is a binding contract between individuals of how issues are to be resolved and possibly handled in the future.

If you have any questions about either process, please contact the ADR Office at **505-768-4500** or visit our website at www.cabq.gov/legal/adr.

Department of Family and Community Services

Submitted By Joanna D. Miller

2009 Neil Isbin Scholarship Recipient



Ruben Ortega Jr., a senior at Eldorado High School has been selected by the Albuquerque Human Rights Board to receive the 2009 Neil Isbin Scholarship. The Neil Isbin Scholarship is awarded to a high school senior who has demonstrated a commitment to furthering human rights in Albuquerque.

Ruben has been an active member of the community and has been dedicated to furthering human rights and dignity in Albuquerque. He has lobbied the New Mexico State Legislature for equal rights for GLBT citizens, volunteered for Albuquerque PFLAG, Equality New Mexico and numerous other organizations. Ruben has also served on the Key Club and is President of Eldorado High School’s Gay-Straight Alliance. He is currently in the process of creating a GLBT Mentorship Program.

Ruben plans to attend Cornell University in the fall and study Hotel Administration.

For information on the 2010 Neil Isbin Scholarship, please contact the Albuquerque Human Rights Office at **505-924-3380**.

Cultural Services

Submitted By Isabelle Zamora

Old Town Celebrate Día del Libro

On **Friday, April 24, 2009** from 5 p.m. – 9 p.m., Old Town will celebrate Día del Libro, an international celebration of books. Dia del Libro/World Book Day is celebrated around the world on April 23, 2009 (St. George’s Day). The celebration came about as the result of efforts of an international writers’ union to promote the reading and selling of books in print.

The Old Town event will include performances by students from local schools, including students involved in the UNM Literacy and Reading Program at Dolores Gonzales Elementary School and students from Longfellow Elementary School. Live music and poetry will fill the air, and other entertainment will make it a most festive occasion.

Well known area authors who will be available to visit with fans, sell their books and sign autographs include:

- Pari Noskin Taichert, mystery author of *The Socorro Blast*.
- Christina Orgego, author of the children’s book *The Key to Granpa’s House (her brother, Armando from the popular group “Wagogo” will play guitar as background)*.
- Nasario Garcia, historian and poet who will read from his book, *The Naked Rainbow and Other Stories*.
- Susan Gardener, poet, reading from *Box of Light*.
- Melody Groves, author of historic western fiction books *Border Ambush* and *Sonoran Rage*.
- Jason Yurcic, poet reading from *Odes to Anger*.
- Don Bulles, novelist and historian, author of *New Mexico and Politicians of the Past*.
- Robert J. Torrez, historian and author of *New Mexico in 1876-1877*.
- Jerry R. Davis, author of *Leafing Through My Family Tree*.
- Ana Baca, novelist and author of children’s books *Mama Fela’s Girls* and *Chiles for Benito*.
- Marianne Aweagon Broyles, Native American poetry *The Red Window*.
- Jill Lane, author of children’s book *New Mexico A-Z*.
- Sabra Brown Steinsiek, author of the romance novel *Annie’s Song*.

The event is free and fun for all ages. Enjoy the great atmosphere of Old Town while visiting with authors and learning more about their writing styles. Shop and dine in Old Town’s stores and restaurants and have a great time celebrating the wonderful world of books!

Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority

Submitted By John Stomp

Time-of-Day Watering Restrictions Started April 1, 2009

Albuquerque, March 31 – It's no joke: Time-of-day watering restrictions went into effect April 1. By law Bernalillo County residents may only water their lawns and landscapes before 11 a.m. and after 7 p.m. The restrictions which apply to spray irrigation will be in place until October 31, 2009.

"We have had time-of-day watering restrictions every spring and summer since 2000," said Katherine Yuhas the Water Utility Authority's Conservation Officer. "They play an important role in conservation because watering in the morning or evening prevents water loss to wind and evaporation during the hottest, windiest part of the day."

Deanna Archuleta, Chair of the Water Authority Board said the watering rules make sense for a conservation conscious desert community like Albuquerque.

"Fully 40 percent of our drinking water is used on landscapes so this is an area where conservation can have a big impact," she said. "We are striving to reduce our daily per capita consumption from 161 gallons to 159 gallons this year and we don't want to miss any opportunities for savings."

Archuleta urged water users to apply the time-of-day rules in conjunction with the Water Authority's voluntary "Water by the Numbers" Program which asks customers to water just once a week in March, twice a week in April and May, and three times a week in the summer before ramping down in the fall.

People found in violation of time-of-day watering restrictions can face fines starting at \$20 for a first offense and going up to \$2,000. The fines are the same for violators of the Water Authority's water waste rules which are enforced year round and prohibit users from allowing water to spray or run onto the public right-of-way, regardless of time of day. These rules apply whether

you are washing your car, watering your lawn or draining your swimming pool.

For more information on ways to save water outdoors and on the Water Authority's outdoor conservation rebates, please contact David Morris at **505-768-2506** or Katherine Yuhas at **505-768-3633** or visit our website at www.abcwua.org.

Animal Welfare

Submitted By Rick De Reyes

Largest Pet Adoption Event in New Mexico History

Mayor Martin J. Chávez and Albuquerque Animal Welfare are teaming with the Albuquerque Journal and *Petco* to stage the state's largest ever pet adoption event over the weekend of **April 25 and 26, 2009**.

"Fetch-apalooza" will involve not only Albuquerque shelters and local rescue groups but also rescue groups and shelters from communities such as Rio Rancho, Española Valley, Socorro, Valencia County, Jemez Valley and as far away as Raton.

"Fetch-apalooza's" goal is to find homes for thousands of homeless animals in one weekend as dogs, cats and even some exotic pets will be available for people to meet and adopt.

The weekend will also feature demonstrations, entertainment, speakers, samples and exhibits of pet services and products.

The extent of the homeless pet problem throughout New Mexico is not precisely known but the city's shelters have taken in an average of a little over 27,000 pets the past two years. Statewide according to one study from 2002, the number was about 90,000 lost or abandoned dogs and cats. That's slightly more than the 86,000 pets taken into Los Angeles city and county shelters each year; shelters which serve more than 10 million people.

Any rescue group or municipal animal shelter that's still interested in participating can call **505-379-9396**.

2009 Mayor Chávez' Dog Ball Once Again Sets Records for Attendance and Money Raised for Homeless Pets

The economy may be in a tailspin, but not so the giving spirit among Albuquerque's pet lovers. They came together Saturday, March 28 to raise a record amount of money for the loving pets at Animal Welfare, through its foundation of Albuquerque Kennel Kompadres.

In its sixth year, the Dog Ball once again surpassed expectations for the number of pet lovers and dog guests in attendance. 160 people plus pets attended the event at the Albuquerque Museum of Art and History eclipsing last year's then record total of 147. "I'm so thankful and proud of the Albuquerque community for their support of the Dog Ball" said Albuquerque Mayor Martin J. Chávez. "Even during hard times they opened their hearts as never before to help our homeless pets."

The 2009 Dog Ball also set another record for money raised with a total of over \$16,000. That eclipses last year's total by about \$5,000. In fact both the Live and Silent Auctions chipped in well over a quarter of the final total. Lunch with Mayor Chávez and First Dog Dukes once again brought in the biggest amount during the Live Auction with a \$400 donation. "We so appreciate the undying support of the volunteers for Albuquerque Kennel Kompadres and especially its director, Vickie Fisher," said Jeanine L. Patterson, MS, RN, director of Albuquerque Animal Welfare, "As usual she surpassed herself in making the Mayor's Dog Ball such a successful event in insuring our loving pets will get all the extras they deserve this year."

Albuquerque Kennel Kompadres, the charity arm of the Department of Animal Welfare uses the money to purchase many of the extras that make the temporary stay of homeless pets at the shelters and Lucky Paws more bearable; items such as toys, beds, litter pans, food bowls, soft food, grooming supplies, collars and leashes, crates and adoption event decorations.

Solid Waste Management Department

Submitted By Annabell Gallegos

Talking Trash

What better way to start the New Year than to make a commitment to enhance and maintain the beauty of Albuquerque. Mayor Martin J. Chávez encourages all neighborhood associations to participate in the annual Mayor's Spring Cleanup. Neighborhood Associations, Clubs or Civic groups interested in improving their respective neighborhood's quality of life are asked to participate in the Mayor's Spring Cleanup. This year the cleanup is scheduled for **Saturday, April 25, 2009**. If you are interested in participating, please contact Keep Albuquerque Beautiful at **505-761-8334**.

What does the cleanup involve you ask? Well you get to spend a beautiful Saturday morning out with your fellow civic conscious neighborhood representatives. Keep Albuquerque Beautiful will provide trash bags. Refreshments for all the volunteers will be provided at the staging area which will be at **Wal-Mart, 400 Eubank Boulevard NE** and it is a fun place to meet new people and really help with the ever growing trash problem that is affecting our beautiful city.

As a result of last year's Mayor's Spring Cleanup, (Great American Cleanup) a total of 95,020 pounds of litter was collected by over 2,000 volunteers. Please consider volunteering. Do your part . . . Help us prevent litter in our community.

It's time to clean out your closets and help those in need. Keep Albuquerque Beautiful will be holding its annual clothes collection. Bring your clean, reusable clothing to the Solid Waste Management Department, 4600 Edith Boulevard NE, March 10 – May 10, 2009. *All donations will be given to St. Martin Hospitality Center.* For more information, call Keep Albuquerque Beautiful, **505-761-8334**.

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

On your regular trash collection day during the weeks of **May 4-8, 2009 and May 11-15, 2009** the City Solid Waste Management 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 lengths and bundled securely. The city will not pick up dirt, construction debris, gravel or any other landscape material. Call **311** for more information.

Solid Waste Management Department

Submitted By Jill Holbert

Albuquerque Recycling: Now and In the Future

Mayor Martin J. Chávez has made a commitment with his zero waste initiative to eliminate landfills by 2030, emphasizing waste reduction and recycling rather than disposal. Currently Albuquerque recycles only about 5% of the waste generated by households and businesses thus sending 95% to the landfill.

In order to help meet the Mayor's goal, several innovative residential recycling initiatives will be proposed to City Council this year including a residential rate increase to fund the programs. Currently each Albuquerque household pays a refuse charge of \$10.75 each month. In order to implement cart based recycling, RecycleBank (a recycling rewards program), and Pay-as-You-Throw (PAYT) refuse services, proposed fees include: new 48 gallon refuse cart service would cost between \$12 and \$13 per household per month and 96 gallon refuse cart service would cost between \$14 and \$15 (all charges are inclusive of recycling and environmental fees).

Solid Waste Management Department staff have been busy presenting these recycling proposals to over 70 neighborhood associations throughout December 2008 and January, February and March 2009.

The City has looked to successful recycling programs in other cities and found single stream cart recycling to be shared by the leading recycling cities of San Francisco, Seattle, Austin, San Jose, Tucson, Denver and Toronto, Canada. Chicago has also recently announced a move to single stream cart recycling. Throwing all recyclables together (with the exception of glass in Albuquerque) in a recycling cart and wheeling it to the curb has been shown to be one of the most convenient programs for residents,

resulting in communities diverting 50%, 60% even 70% of their waste from the landfill.

The City is also proposing to implement RecycleBank's valuable rewards program. Like a frequent flier program the more a household recycles, the more points are awarded. These points can be redeemed for coupons from national vendors as well as local goods. This unique program has demonstrated dramatic recycling results in communities where it has been implemented. This approach addresses the need of some residents to be offered more than convenience in order to get them to recycle but to receive rewards as well. The nice part is that avid recyclers are rewarded for recycling too more so in fact because rewards are earned by the amount recycled!

A simple Pay as You Throw (PAYT) program for residential refuse is also being proposed. Under this program a choice between two different size refuse carts will be offered to households at two different monthly fees, with the larger cart priced higher. A 96 gallon cart (current standard size) and a new 48 gallon cart are being proposed. PAYT has been shown to be effective in getting residents to reduce their refuse (thus reducing their refuse bill) by increasing their recycling.

In order to process the anticipated increase in recyclables collected the City must build a new processing facility. The current facility called the Intermediate Processing Facility (or IPF) is small, inefficient and at capacity. The City is evaluating the costs and benefits of whether to enter into a public private partnership to develop and operate the proposed facility or keep it under public operation.

I hope you will join Mayor Martin J. Chávez in the excitement about the future for recycling in Albuquerque and support our efforts in this new direction.

Pay-as-You-Throw: 96 gallon and 48 gallon refuse carts



Cart for single stream recycling



A Message From Your City Council

No article for this month from Council.

Cultural Services

Submitted By Thomas C. O'Laughlin

Robert Hooton/Albuquerque Elders

Albuquerque master artist and arts activist, Robert Hooton's work will be celebrated in an intimate installation, Robert Hooton/Albuquerque Elders, at the Albuquerque Museum of Art and History through May 31, 2009.

The 16 works in this installation (including paintings, assemblage, drawings and prints) are drawn from the museum's permanent collection. Many are recent gifts from the artist's family. According to museum director Cathy Wright, "We are honored that Hooton's family has been so generous to ensure that the artist's career is fully represented in the museum's permanent collection. These works will remain a lasting legacy of Hooton's contributions to our community."

Robert Hooton (1917-2006) studied Architecture at the University of Illinois and worked as an architect for the City of Washington, D.C. During World War II, he served as a draftsman and combat artist for the United States Navy. After his service he studied painting at the University of New Mexico and in 1951 with his wife Peg established Workshop Originals, an art gallery in Old Town Albuquerque. As an arts activist in the community Hooton received a New Mexico Art in Public Places grant and an Albuquerque Arts Alliance Bravo Award for his career retrospective. He also

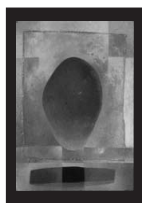
City Council Council staff may be reached at 505-768-3100. The agenda for an upcoming council meeting may be checked by calling 505-768-3100 after 1 p.m. on the Friday immediately prior to the council meeting. The City Council's fax number is 505-768-3227. Agendas, Action Items and Summaries are available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

Your City 2009-10 Councilors: (L to R, back row) Isaac Benton, President, District 3; Michael Cadigan, District 5; Rey Garduño, District 6; (L to R, middle row) Sally Mayer, District 7; Trudy Jones, District 8; Ken Sanchez, District 1; (L to R, seated) Don Harris, District 9; Brad Winter, District 4.; Debbie O'Malley, District 2

served as the first director of the Albuquerque Historical Society Museum (now the Albuquerque Museum). In 1977 he closed Workshop Originals and retired to paint full time. He died in Albuquerque in 2006.

During the 1940's, especially when he lived in Guatemala, Hooton explored narrative in representational drawings and paintings depicting everyday life. Using layers of handmade paper, controlled accidents and universal shapes he juxtaposed organic and rigid geometric structures, celebrating the aesthetic character of subtly contrasting forms. His architectural training influenced the quality of his poignant, explorative and unorthodox mark making which captured the essence of the abstract expressionist movement of the 1950's.

Hooton is a visual poet who recreates spiritually fantastic experiences. His paintings evoke a spirit of Southwestern enchantment and mysticism and transcend the temporal world. During the 1980's, in his acrylic, pastel and colored pencil works Hooton simplified nature's complex forms into elegant shapes that hover in imaginative landscapes. The work calls to mind the sublime encounter and graceful sensitivity of Mark Rothko's color field paintings, the synthetic cubist collages of Pablo Picasso and the philosophy of Zen which emphasizes experiential wisdom realized through meditation.



Red Orb, ca. 1986 Acrylic on canvas and panel Gift of the Hooton Family 2008.41.4

Forest Sonata #2, 1983 Acrylic on panel Gift of the Hooton Family 2008.41.1



The Albuquerque Museum of Art and History, 2000 Mountain Road NW or visit our website at <www.cabq.gov/museum>.

Museum admission: \$4 Adults (\$1 discount to NM residents w/ ID), \$2 Seniors (65+), \$1 Children 4-12. Children 3 and under are FREE. General admission is free first Wednesday of the month and every Sunday from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.



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North Valley Coalition; 09EPC-40019, Project #1007730; Approximately .25 acre(s) located on the north side of Mescalero Road NW between Second Street NW and the Railroad Tracks; G-15; Garcia/Kraemer and Associates at 505-242-5566, agent for David Gonzales; Requests a Zone Map Amendment from R-1 to M-1 to be consistent with the surrounding zoning on Mescalero Road NW; Carol Toffaleti at 505-924-3345, e-mail: <cgtoffaleti@cabq.gov>.

Southeast

East Gateway Coalition; 09EPC-40018, Project #1006606; Approximately .6570 acre(s) located on the east side of Eubank Boulevard SE between Southern Boulevard SE and Central Avenue SE; L-21; Dave Ward/Burger King at 951-491-3421, agent for Jarrod Cooper/Interplan Southwest; Requests a Site Development Plan for Building Permit for a proposed Burger King Restaurant with Drive-Thru; Carol Toffaleti at 505-924-3345, e-mail: <cgtoffaleti@cabq.gov>.

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Monday, April 20 •City Council – 5 p.m.	Monday, May 4 •City Council – 5 p.m. •ACCC – 5:30 p.m.	Thursday, May 14 •GWPAB – 8:30 a.m. •TAB – 9 a.m. •Feedback Forum – 11:45 a.m. •EPC Study Session – 3 p.m. •POC – 4 p.m. •COW #3 Meeting (Markup) – 5 p.m. •South Valley Coalition – 6:30 p.m.	Wednesday, May 20 •DRB – 9 a.m. •ADC – 3 p.m. •District 4 Coalition – 7 p.m.
Tuesday, April 21 •ZHE – 9 a.m. •GARTC – 4:30 p.m.	Wednesday, May 6 •DRB – 9 a.m. •PAB – 10 a.m. •Westside Coalition – 7 p.m. •District 7 Coalition – 7 p.m.		Thursday, May 21 •EPC Public Hearing – 8:30 a.m.
Wednesday, April 22 •DRB – 9 a.m. •SEPC – 9 a.m. •EPC Pre-Hearing – 1:30 p.m.	Thursday, May 7 •AAB – 9 a.m. •COW #2 Meeting (Budget) – 5 p.m.	Monday, May 18 •City Council – 5 p.m.	Monday, May 25 Memorial Day - City Offices Closed
Thursday, April 23 •East Gateway Coalition – 6:30 p.m.	Monday, May 11 •GABAC – 4:30 p.m.	Tuesday, May 19 •ZHE – 9 a.m. •GARTC – 4:30 p.m.	Tuesday, May 26 •BOA – 9 a.m.
Tuesday, April 28 •BOA – 9 a.m.	Wednesday, May 13 •DRB – 9 a.m. •SEPC – 9 a.m. •LUCC – 3 p.m. •AQCB – 5:15 p.m. •District 6 Coalition – 6:30 p.m.		Wednesday, May 27 •DRB – 9 a.m. •SEPC – 9 a.m. •EPC Pre-Hearing – 1:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 29 •DRB – 9 a.m.			Thursday, May 28 •District 8 Coalition – 7 p.m.
			

2009 CALENDAR/LEGEND

AAB - Airport Advisory Board, Aviation Department Executive Conference Room
ACCC - Albuquerque Citizens Corp. Council, 1615 University Blvd. NE (Association of General Contractors Building Branch), **505-610-9563** (formally known as the LEPC)
ACTMI - Advisory Committee on Transit for the Mobility Impaired - Sun Van Conference Room, 601 Yale SE
ADC - Albuquerque Development Commission - Hearing Room (Basement Level), Plaza del Sol, 600 Second Street NW
AQCB - Air Quality Control Board, Council Commission Chambers, Basement Level, City Hall
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 NE
District 6 Coalition - Cesar Chavez Community Center, 7505 Kathryn SE
District 7 Coalition - Sandia High School, Teacher's Lounge, 7801 Candelaria NE
District 8 Coalition - James Joseph Dwyer Memorial Substation, 12700 Montgomery 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 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
FF - Feedback Forum, 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
GWPAB - Ground Water Protection Advisory Board - Room 302 City/County Building, 400 Marquette NW
LUCC - Landmarks and Urban Conservation Commission, Plaza del Sol, Hearing Room (Basement Level), 600 Second Street NW
PAB - ParaTransit Advisory Board - Alvarado Transportation Center, 100 First Street SW
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
SVCNA - South Valley Coalition of Neighborhoods Associations, Rio Bravo Senior Center, 3910 Isleta Boulevard SW
TAB - Transit Advisory Board - Sun Van Conference Room, 601 Yale SE
Westside Coalition - Don Newton/Taylor Ranch Community Center, 4900 Kachina 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 22, 2009 at 1:30 p.m.** in the Planning Conference Room, Third Floor. The **EPC Public Hearing** will be held on **May 21, 2009 at 8:30 a.m.** in the **Plaza del Sol Hearing Room (basement level), 600 Second Street NW** for the following cases:

Northeast

Cherry Hills Civic, Tanoan Community Association of Residents, District 4 Coalition of NA's, District 8 Coalition of NA's (neighborhood/homeowner association/coalition); 09EPC-40022, Project #1007412 (case #'s); Approximately 58.9102 acre(s) located on the south side of Harper Road NE between Ventura Street NE and Wyoming Boulevard NE (**location of request**); E-20 (**zone atlas page #**); John D. Rupley at **505-264-3905**, agent for Hoffmantown Church (**applicant or agency and phone #**); Requests a Site Development Plan for Building Permit for constructing drainage and "park style" landscape improvements (no buildings) for the Hoffmantown Church site (**action requested**); Randall Falkner at **505-924-3933**, e-mail: <rfalkner@cabq.gov>. (**city staff planner**)

Nor Este, Wildflower Area, District 4 Coalition of NA's, North Valley Coalition; 09EPC-40020 and 40021, Project #1000310; Approximately 59.6 acre(s) located on the east side of San Mateo Boulevard NE between Pan American Freeway (I-25 Southbound) and San Diego Avenue NE; B-18; FBT Architects at **505-883-5200**, agent for North I-25 Corporate Center, LLC; Requests a Site Development Plan for Building Permit and Subdivision for a proposed business park with a mix of commercial and office uses that will ultimately enliven and improve a key infill location within Albuquerque city limits; Catalina Lehner at **505-924-3935**, e-mail: <clehner@cabq.gov>.

Northwest

Coors Trail, La Luz Del Sol, La Luz Landowners, Rio Oeste, Taylor Ranch, Westside Coalition of NA's; 09EPC-40023, Project #1000901; Approximately 4.5 acre(s) located on the east side of Mirandela Street NW between Montano Road NW and the Bosque School; E-F-12; Sites Southwest at **505-822-8200**, agent for Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority; Requests and Amendment to the Site Development Plan for Subdivision for a proposed future secondary Waste Water Treatment Plant and related facilities; Catalina Lehner at **505-924-3935**, e-mail: <clehner@cabq.gov>.

North Valley Coalition; 09EPC-40017, Project #1007722; Approximately 1.331 acre(s) located on the west side of Main Street NW between Mountain Road NW and Rio Grande Boulevard NW; J-13; Boys and Girls Club of Albuquerque and Rio Rancho at **505-881-0777**; Requests a Zone Map Amendment from R-1 to C-1 for being compatible with the surrounding zoning in the Old Town area where this property is located; Randall Falkner at **505-924-3933**, e-mail: <rfalkner@cabq.gov>.

Parks and Recreation, Open Space Division

Submitted By Jodi Hedderig

Connecting people to place Earth Day Celebration and Recycled Art Fair



WHERE: Open Space Visitor Center, 6500 Coors Boulevard NW between Montañó Road NW and Paseo del Norte NW.

WHEN: Saturday, April 18, 2009 and Sunday, April 19, 2009 from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

COST: FREE

CONTACT: Jodi Hedderig at **505-897-8831** or by e-mail at <openspace@cabq.gov> or visit our website at <www.cabq.gov/openspace>.

The Open Space Division of the City of Albuquerque Parks and Recreation Department has as part of its multi-faceted mission to protect natural landscapes and cultural resources resulting in an enhanced urban environment that provides habitat for wildlife and outdoor recreation and education for the public. Celebrate where everyday is Earth Day with our **upcycle*** artists and their magical transformations. We are honored to host our first **Recycled Art Fair** as part of a weekend celebration including workshops, demonstrations, music and fun.

- Free “Yoga for the Earth” workshop including conservation project.
- Sustainability workshop with celebrated sustainability guru Bruce Milne.
- Backyard Composting Made Easy, Children’s Birding, Puppet shows for all ages.
- Ancient Tool crafting demonstration, Low Toxicity Printmaking demonstration, “Make and Take” recycled craft projects.

Artists’ work will be for sale at the fair and follows the guideline of 75% recycled/reused source materials in the artwork. Each artist makes a donation to the Open Space Alliance, our non-profit partner supporting our educational programs in Open Space so your purchase is “recycled” into the effort of sustaining our public lands.

* “upcycle” “something attractive and usable that is created from something that would normally be discarded”

Upcycle art “upgrades” the materials that usually are thought of as un reusable. This is in itself an upgrade from recycling (requiring substantial energy resources) and reusing (requiring the item to be close to original form and so easily reusable) Upcycled art was recently recognized in their “most huggable” category on <www.treehugger.com>.

AARP New Mexico

Submitted By Beth Velasquez

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Community Forum

Grandparents who are raising their grandchildren don’t have to go through the process alone. AARP New Mexico plans to co-sponsor a Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Community Forum **Saturday, April 25, 2009** in Albuquerque to provide access to a variety of resources that can help.

“We will provide grandparents or other kinship caregivers, with information on all types of services including health care, public benefits, legal and financial services,” said Stan Cooper, AARP New Mexico State Director.

“Often a relative will find herself responsible for a child unexpectedly due to some type of family emergency. All of a sudden becoming a caregiver can be overwhelming. How do you enroll the child in school? Can you get help with groceries or heating bills? What are the caregiver’s legal rights? These are all questions that we hope through this forum to answer,” Cooper said.

The forum will include booths with a number of service providers on hand to answer caregiver’s questions on a one on one basis across a multitude of areas. The event is **FREE** and open to all grandparents raising grandchildren or other kinship caregivers. **FREE** child care will be provided.

The event will be held at the Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Albuquerque located at 5415 Fortuna Road NW from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. Other sponsors include Outcomes Inc., the New Mexico Aging and Long Term Services Department, Pegasus Legal Services for Children, Advocacy Inc., the New Mexico Financial Literacy Project and the Albuquerque Area Agency on Aging. For more information visit call toll free **1-866-389-5636** and ask for Stan Cooper or Beth Velasquez or visit <www.aarp.org/states/nm>.

The City of Albuquerque does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, disability, age, gender, Vietnam Era or disabled veteran status, sexual orientation or medical condition in employment or in the provision of services.

If you have a disability and will need special assistance to benefit from any of the meetings, hearings or workshops, etc., appearing in this newsletter, contact the office sponsoring the event two weeks prior to the date of the meeting you plan to attend. When ever possible, TTY phone numbers will be listed. TTY users may call any phone number listed in this publication via Relay New Mexico at 1-800-659-8331.

NM State Association of Parliamentarians

Submitted By Janice Strand

Skillful Presiding...Carrying out the Agenda

The presiding officer usually the president of the organization can skillfully set the tone for any meeting. In presiding this officer can lead the group through a productive session.

Call to order on time! –state “The April meeting of the _____ will come to order”.

Quorum – Determine if the quorum stated in the bylaws is present - does not need to be stated.

Reading/Approval of Minutes – “Are there corrections to the minutes?... If there are no further corrections, the minutes are approved as printed/read.” (an assumed motion).

Reports of Officers – Call upon officers who do have reports. Reports are not adopted. The treasurer’s report is filed.... an annual audit report is adopted. An officer report may recommend a motion - the motion is made by another person, not the officer.

Reports of Boards – The report is not adopted - a motion may be brought forth from a board or executive committee. Because the board is proposing the motion, no second is needed.

Reports of Standing and Special Committees – Committee reports are not adopted again, a motion may be brought forth and no second is needed if the committee consists of more than one person.

New Business – “The next business in order is New Business.” The presider recognizes members who are entitled to the floor....after they stand/raise their hand. When motions are made, the presider states the motion and conducts discussion/ debate (covered in a later column).

*****The presider protects the group/assembly from obviously frivolous/dilatory motions and enforces the rules relating to debate.**

*****The presider expedites business by asking for motions and assuming motions** (covered in a later column).

Adjournment – Usually, no motion is needed. ”If there is no further business, the meeting is adjourned.”

Presiding Tips

1. Knowledge is strength. A presider who is familiar with correct usage of parliamentary procedure can skillfully guide a group through many issues in a short time.
2. A skillful presider maintains control over the progress of the meeting...and expedites business by informing the membership of correct procedures....in a diplomatic way!
3. A skillful presider keeps the membership informed by stating the specific issue/motion being considered and the necessary steps to complete the business at hand.

Parliamentary Pointers will appear each month. If you have a parliamentary question that could be covered or would like a “Smart Meeting” presentation on presiding at your meeting, contact the Office of Neighborhood Coordination at **505-924-3914**.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central New Mexico

Submitted By Jessica MacLean

Change a Life by Sharing Yours



“If only I had the time.” That’s what so many potential volunteers think to themselves. Life is so busy. How do you clear an hour a week for mentoring?

For Big Brother Pat, he found time by just including Little Brother Derrick in the things he already liked to do. Pat liked sports and so did Derrick so that gave them a common ground. “We will chase any sort of ball around any sort of field or court,” says Pat.

Today, Pat says the time he spends with Derrick is “the best part of my week” and for Derrick, knowing Pat has helped him grow up strong and self-assured. In the time they’ve known each other, Derrick has grown 10 inches. His grades have improved and he’s looking ahead to college. He’s confident enough to stand up for what he believes in. Most important, Pat has seen Derrick “mature from a boy who maybe didn’t know his place to a leader whether it is on the basketball court or within his group of friends.”

Five years ago when they first started playing sports together, Pat would let Derrick win. Today they’re both winners. The day Pat found the time to volunteer he found a friend and Derrick found a mentor he could laugh with, learn from and depend on.

To find out how you can become a Big Brother or Big Sister to one of the 250 children waiting here in Albuquerque, visit www.InspireAChildToDream.org or call **505-837-9223**.

Metro Court

Submitted By Janet Blair

Two new Judges have been sworn in at Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court

Judge Edward L. Benavidez takes the oath of office from Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court Chief Judge Judith K. Nakamura on February 6, 2009. Josephine Benavidez holds the Bible for her son and his father, Ulbaldo C. Benavidez is witness to the ceremony. Judge Benavidez took the bench in Criminal Division X.



Newly invested Judge Briana Zamora is ceremonially robed by her husband, Kyle T. Nayback at the rotunda investiture held at the Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court on March 27, 2009. She took the official oath from Chief Judge Judith K. Nakamura. Judge Zamora is replacing the retired Theresa Gomez in Criminal Division XIV.





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