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Mayor of Albuquerque

Water Authority Urges Conservation During Dry Spell Announces Annual Time-of-Day Watering Restrictions, Warns of Water Waste Fines

With rainfall below normal and no relief in sight, the Water Authority urged customers to conserve and reminded them that time-of-day watering restrictions are now in place through November 1, 2011. No sprinkler irrigation is allowed between 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. and violators can face fines.

"We have already used about 700 million gallons more this year than we used during the same period last year," said Katherine Yuhas, conservation officer for the Water Authority. "That's enough water to fill more than 1,000 Olympic-sized swimming pools. Just because it's dry doesn't mean we should overreact by putting too much water on our landscapes too soon."

She reminded customers to follow the "Water by the Numbers" Program which recommends watering just two times per week in April and May and watering for about 15 minutes in each zone or area.

"If your yard needs to be watered more than twice a week in April and May you should consider a more desert-friendly landscape," Yuhas said. "We have a great Xeriscape Rebate Program to help you replace high-water-use turf with drought-tolerant plants."

She added that for a limited time non-residential customers can qualify for double rebates for replacing turf in problem areas such as small spaces and steep slopes. Meanwhile customers who plan to keep their grass can get rebates for purchasing irrigation timers and sprinkler heads that will help water more efficiently. Consultations with water-efficiency experts also are available free of charge from the Water Authority. For further details on any of these Programs, customers can call **505-768-3655**.

The Water Authority has established yearly conservation goals pursuant to meeting state permit requirements for the San Juan-Chama Drinking Water Project. This year's goal is 155 gallons per person per day.

"We were at 157 gallons per person per day last year and we can make our goal this year if we work together and only use what we really need," Yuhas said. "It's important to save water now so we're not facing a big deficit when it gets hot this summer."

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APD Crime Prevention

Submitted By Steve Sink

Travel Preparation and Safety

There are traditional times each year that many of us choose to travel to see family and friends as well as enjoy a vacation. Generally when we go on trips we are less likely to focus on our surroundings and safety. Most of the security resources you can depend on at the office or at home are nonexistent when you travel. Your greatest resource is yourself – your willingness to take precautions, vary your routes, keep a low profile and be alert to suspicious behavior and circumstances. The following tips for securing your residence and travel safety should be observed before and during a trip.

Securing Your Residence and Preparing for Travel – Reduce Criminal Opportunity:

- 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. If you have a rollout trash dumpster have a neighbor place it in the street on pick up day and return it that evening. Also ask them to park a vehicle in the driveway when ever possible and collect your mail and newspapers.
- Be extra cautious about locking all doors and windows.
- 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.
- All primary window locks should be operational and secondary locks should be installed.
- Let neighbors, family and friends know when you plan to return from a trip.

Travel and Hotel/Motel Safety:

- Always be aware of your surroundings and trust your instincts.
- Lock all personal items in the trunk or away from view – roll up windows, lock doors and take your keys.
- Park in well lit areas with a lot of activity. Park as close to an entrance as possible.
- Rooms should have solid core or metal doors and an eye viewer. Change rooms if these items are worn out or not functioning properly.
- Always verify who's at your door. If you are not expecting a visitor call the front desk if the person claims to be with the facility and do not open the door to strangers or solicitors.
- If you observe suspicious behavior notify hotel/motel personnel or call the police.
- Look for establishments that have the unit doors and walkways enclosed as well as electronic card access verses the outdated door key.
- Turn on the TV or radio when you are away from the room and leave a light on.
- Request a room closest to the main office – avoid end units. Higher floors are preferred.
- Identify emergency exits and discuss hotel/motel safety and security with family members.
- Keep valuables in the hotel/motel safe or leave them at home.
- Carry a minimum amount of luggage and never leave them unattended.
- Carry only those personal items necessary for a particular trip. Use traveler's checks or credit cards when ever possible. Leave local credit cards at home.
- Avoid carrying a purse whenever possible. Place money and credit cards in a front or jacket pocket. If you must carry a purse, carry it close to your body with flap facing inward and place strap around your shoulder (never wrap it around your body or neck).
- Don't display your room key or leave them in places they can be easily stolen.

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Planning Department

Submitted By Carol Toffaleti

Los Duranes Sector Development Plan

City Councilor Debbie O'Malley and the Planning Department are pleased to announce that the update of the Los Duranes Sector Development Plan (LDSDP) has been submitted to the Environmental Planning Commission (EPC) for their review and recommendation and will be heard on May 5, 2011 at 3:30 p.m.

In the fall of 2008, Councilor Debbie O'Malley, City Council staff and Community by Design (the planning consultant) began work on the update to the LDSDP, adopted in 1976. The County of Bernalillo agreed to join in the planning effort, as the neighborhood includes land under county jurisdiction. The combined planning team worked closely with a steering committee and with the community as a whole to prepare the initial drafts of the LDSDP. In 2010, Councilor Debbie O'Malley asked the Planning Director, Debbie Stover and the Planning Department to finalize the draft LDSDP for submittal to the EPC. Once the City Council receives the EPC recommendations from the City administration, a request for adoption will be introduced at a City Council hearing and then scheduled for study at the City Council Land Use Planning and Zoning Committee. The anticipated timeframe for adoption is November 2011.

The plan articulates the community's visions, goals and strategies to protect what is unique to Los Duranes—its cultural heritage, narrow winding streets and varied lot sizes—and to encourage new development and projects that enhance the neighborhood. The plan contains initiatives which the neighborhood association may pursue, recommends capital improvement projects, and establishes street standards and zoning regulations for new residential development and for commercial properties along Rio Grande Blvd. The existing sector plan boundary remains the same.

[Note: The draft LDSDP will also be submitted to the County Planning Commission for review and recommendation. For more information on the county process, please contact Catherine VerEecke, Program Planner, Bernalillo County at **505-314-0387** or <**cvereecke@bernco.gov**>].

Have a look and have your say: An electronic version of the plan is on the Planning Department website at <**http://www.cabq.gov/planning/long-range/LosDuranesSectorDevelopmentPlanUpdate.html**>. Paper copies can be obtained from the City of Albuquerque Planning Department, 600 2nd Street NW, 3rd Floor, but please call ahead to ensure there is a supply available.

Past this deadline, comments can be included in the packet of materials to the EPC by hand delivering, faxing or e-mailing them **no later than 3:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 3rd or 48 hours prior to the beginning of the hearing** to Madeline Carruthers, EPC Board Secretary, **Hand deliver:** 600 2nd Street NW, 3rd Floor. **Fax: 505-924-3339** or **e-mail:** <**mtafoya@cabq.gov**>.

Planning Department

Submitted By Lorena Patten-Quintana

Text Amendments to the C-1 and C-2 Zones to Allow Permissive Residential Uses Citywide

The City of Albuquerque Planning Department has submitted a request for an amendment to the Zoning Code that will allow and encourage residential dwelling units in appropriate locations in C-1 Neighborhood Commercial and C-2 Community Commercial zones.

Council Bill O-06-53, commonly referred to as the "Big Box Ordinance", last amended the above listed sections of the Zoning Code. The language was changed to allow "residential" as part of a mixed use development as permissive rather than conditionally in the C-1 and C-2 zones for larger acreage sites. The City's intent was to encourage mixed-use development on large retail sites by removing the step of obtaining a conditional use approval for residential.

Unfortunately, there have been no proposals for mixed-use development that includes residential uses over the past five years in any C-1 or C-2 zoned sites. Higher-density residential development is desirable in locations such as transit corridors and activity centers and does not necessarily have to be part of a mixed-use development.

The Planning Department wants to encourage this type of use in appropriate locations, such as activity centers, metropolitan redevelopment areas, and along transit corridors. The Planning Department proposes the subject text amendments to allow residential land uses in C-1 and C-2 zones with the option to have it as part of a mixed-use development, but not as a requirement.

For a full description of the current regulations see the Albuquerque Code of Ordinances, sections 14-16-2-16(A)(7) and 14-16-2-17(A)(8).

The request will go before the Environmental Planning Commission on Thursday, May 12, 2011.

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

Albuquerque Fire Department

Submitted By Melissa Romero

Fire Safety Tips

In 2001, an estimated 99,400 children ages 14 and under were treated in hospital emergency rooms for burn-related injuries. Young children are particularly vulnerable to burn-related injuries and death. Young children's skin is thinner than adults' and can suffer serious burns more quickly.

Keep matches and lighters up high and out of children's sight and reach. Keep kids way from cooking areas, fireplaces and all other open heat sources.

Smoke Alarms save lives. Having a smoke alarm in your home cuts your chance of dying in a fire by nearly half. Test the alarm monthly and change batteries twice a year or when it "chirps".

It is essential for children to learn and practice fire safety tips. Here are some helpful rules to know.

- Plan and practice a home fire escape plan.

- Know what to do when the smoke alarm sounds.

- Stop, Drop, and roll if clothes catch on fire. **STOP** immediately. **DROP** to the ground. **ROLL** over and over, covering your face and mouth with your hands.

- Matches and lighters are not toys. They are for adults only.

- Keep children away from any source of heat to prevent burn injuries.

Department of Senior Affairs

Submitted By April Jojola

CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE BERNALILLO COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SENIOR AFFAIRS

RSVP

Lead With Experience

The Department of Senior Affairs RSVP Program held its annual years of service pining ceremony on February 24, 2011 at Palo Duro Senior Center. Ann Fitzwater received a twenty five year pin. Ann is a retired registered nurse and has been volunteering with RSVP since 1983. At this time she volunteers at the Palo Duro Senior Center taking blood pressure readings. Her other volunteer work includes: Silver Horizons New Mexico, Presbyterian Hospitals, Elder Care New Mexico. She has also volunteered at Bear Canyon and Highland Senior Centers. In addition to volunteering with the organizations just mentioned she has cared for many people in their homes.

The following RSVP Volunteers also received twenty year pins; Janet Moffett, Bear Canyon Senior Center, Alzheimers Association, Ronald McDonald House; Velma Pinckard, Los Volcanes Senior Center; Edward "Bill" Shepherd, Palo Duro Senior Center; David Steinhaus, Bear Canyon Senior Center; Carlotta Ulibarri, Alameda Meal Site; Alice White, Presbyterian Volunteers; and Alice Whitson, Bear Canyon Senior Center. The RSVP program also awarded 27 volunteers with 15 year pins; 61 volunteers with 10 year pins; and 70 volunteers with 5 year pins. RSVP is America's largest volunteer network for people age 55 and older. Join RSVP and you join nearly 500,000 volunteers across the county who are tackling tough issues in their communities.

With RSVP you choose how and where you want to serve. You choose the amount of time you want to give. You choose whether you want to draw on your skills or develop new ones. In short you find the opportunity that's right for you. Approximately 1,222 volunteers serve in the Albuquerque Metropolitan Area through RSVP. In the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, RSVP volunteers contributed 177,412 hours of community service. For more information about RSVP call **505-764-1616** or e-mail <**resandoval@cabq.gov**>.

APD Crime Prevention

Submitted By Steve Sink

Duties of a Block Captain

The key person in any Neighborhood Watch group is the Block Captain. This person is an integral component to keeping the block actively involved in crime prevention efforts as well as the important process of information exchange between neighbors. Many Neighborhood Watch groups flourish but some dwindle while others disappear totally. How successful they are depends on the Block Captain and the support he or she receives from neighbors.

The following is a list of recommended activities for you as a Block Captain. It is not meant to be all-inclusive, because many Block Captains are creative in their approach. (Note: The Albuquerque Block Captains Association [ABCA] is an excellent source of ideas. Any Block Captain is eligible to join.)

1. Periodically monitor the membership of your group. Contact new residents to get them involved and to obtain their support and participation. Update your membership list as needed. Contact the APD Crime Prevention office if you have changes to the roster. If you stop serving as a Block Captain and/or if someone takes over contact our office.

2. Develop a neighborhood communication system to distribute vital information to neighbors pertaining to criminal activity and other concerns that develop in the area. This can be a periodic newsletter, telephone tree, and/or a one-page notice that can be quickly distributed.

3. You are encouraged to arrange for your group to meet socially at least twice per year to exchange information and renew relationships as well as to get acquainted with new neighbors. People who communicate regularly will care more about each other and be more willing to keep an eye out for suspicious behavior. The annual National Night Out (NNO) celebration is one example that will bring your neighbors together.

4. A follow up Neighborhood Watch Program should be conducted every few years or sooner if specific problems are occurring in your neighborhood. This should also be the case if you have several new neighbors. Call the Crime Prevention Office to arrange for a presentation.

5. Encourage neighbors to advise you concerning criminal activity. It is the victim's responsibility to contact the police. However, you can keep a record of break-ins, vandalism, graffiti and/or any activity that becomes a concern for you and your neighbors. Provide this type of information to neighbors at your next block meeting.

6. Your position as a Block Captain does not give you any law enforcement authority. You are simply the person who facilitates the unity of the group, distributes information and coordinates activities. The job you are doing is important and appreciated by the Albuquerque Police Department but it carries no authority.

7. Remember – Our recommendation to all citizens who see a crime in progress or notice suspicious activity is to observe and report from a place of safety. We strongly suggest that you not confront an offender unless you are in immediate danger. This applies to you and your neighbors. We do not want anyone to get hurt or injured trying to apprehend an offender or interfering with an incident other than to report the activity to the police. If you or your neighbors witness a crime in progress or observe suspicious behavior, call **911** (emergency) or **505-242-COPS** (non-emergency). Also, the number for APD reports, records, or information pertaining to an incident is **505-768-2020**.

Cultural Services Department

Submitted By Riann Powell

Spring is here and Arts in the Park is back! Each event features live music and entertainment as well as activities for the kids. There will be art and food available for purchase. All events take place from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Schedule of Events:

•Sunday, May 8, 2011 - Heritage Hills Park, 7015 Venture Street NE

•Sunday, September 11, 2011 – NM Veterans Memorial Park, 1100 Louisiana Boulevard SE

•Sunday, September 18, 2011 – Balloon Museum Park, 9201 Balloon Museum Drive NE

•Sunday, September 25, 2011 – Carlos Rey Park, 10601 Benavides Road SW

•Sunday, October 2, 2011 – El Oso Grande Park, 10600 Osuna Road NE

•Sunday, October 9, 2011 – Ventana Ranch Park, Ventana Hills Road NW and Universe Boulevard NW

For additional information about Arts in the Park visit <**www.cabq.gov/cultural-services**> or call **505-768-3556** or **311**. TTY users call Relay NM or **711**.

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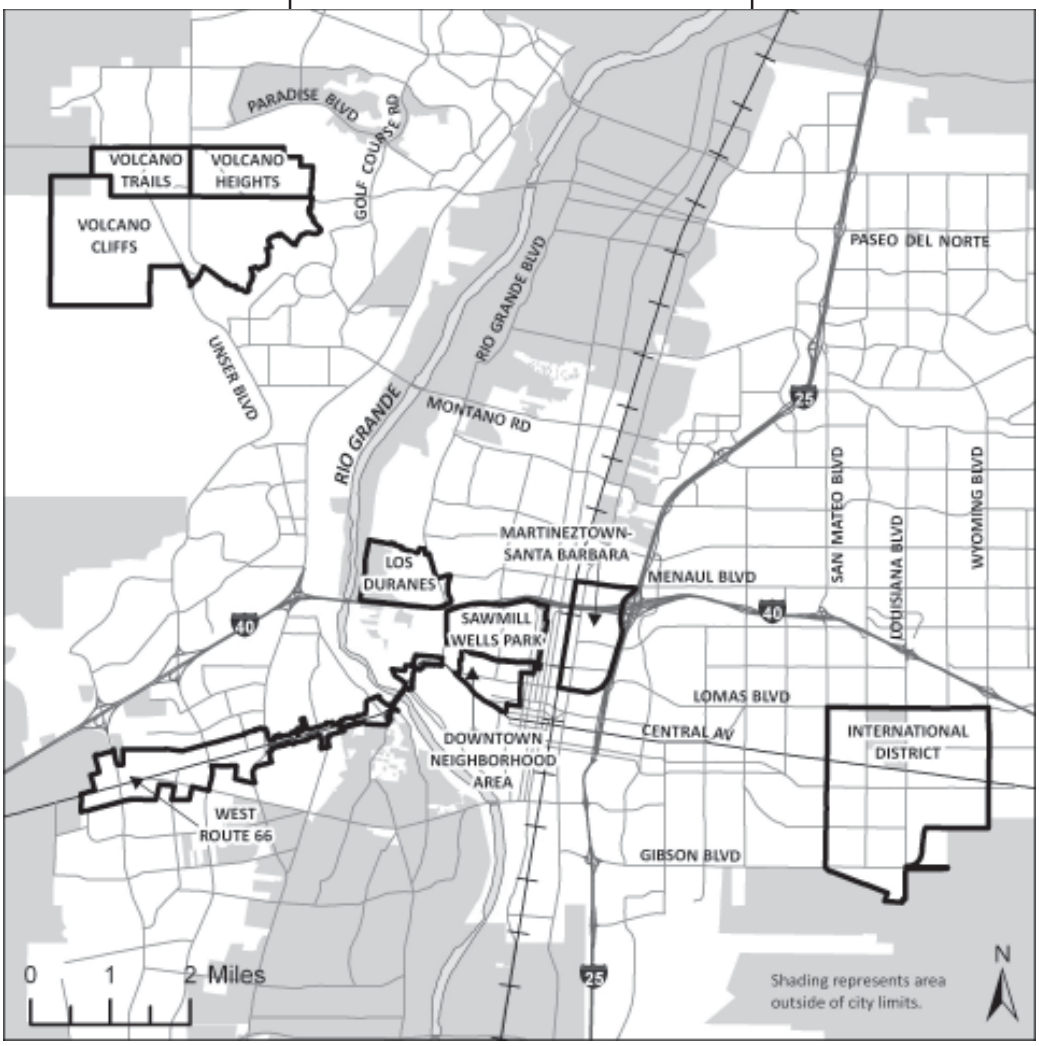
Volcano Mesa Sector Development Plans – This set of three interconnected sector development plans will set land-use, transportation, and open space policies and regulations for the Volcano Mesa area and designate a Major Activity Center near the intersection of Unser Boulevard and Paseo del Norte. This Major Activity Center is intended to provide employment and service opportunities and ease traffic congestion by encouraging mixed-use development for what, until now, has been a mostly residential part of the city. The City's Environmental Planning Commission has forwarded two of these sector development plans – **Volcano Cliffs** and **Volcano Trails** – to the City Council. Volcano Cliffs had its first hearing in the Council's Land Use, Planning and Zoning committee March 30, and was recommended for full Council approval at the committee's second meeting in April. As of this publication, Volcano Cliffs is scheduled to go before the full City Council on Monday, May 2, 2011. **Volcano Trails** is slated to have its first hearing before the Land Use, Planning and Zoning committee on Wednesday, May 11, 2011. The **Volcano Heights** Sector Development Plan is still in development, and expected to be heard at the Environmental Planning Commission later this year. For more information on the Volcano Mesa Sector Development Plans, visit <**http://www.cabq.gov/planning/long-range/VolcanoMesaSectorDevelopmentPlans.html**>.

West Route 66 Sector Development Plan Update – This planning process will update land use, zoning, transportation and design policies and regulations for an approximately four mile stretch of West Central Avenue from Rio Grande Boulevard to the city limits near 106th Street. The City held several listening and visioning meetings for stakeholders from September 2010 to February 2011 and presented findings from those meetings, along with options to implement community goals at a public meeting held in March. Draft plans based on these recommendations will be presented during meetings in May. For more information visit <**http://www.cabq.gov/planning/long-range/wr66sdp.html**>.



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 Andrew Webb

Sector Planning Updates

Residents of seven Albuquerque neighborhoods – ranging from some of its oldest, established communities to areas where development is just beginning – are currently working with City staff to update or develop new Sector Development Plans. These plans, which are typically focused on a single area, neighborhood or street corridor, can include site-specific land use and zoning regulations or changes, design guidelines for housing and other structures, streetscape recommendations and capital project guidelines. They aim to drive quality growth or redevelopment of the city that balances social, economic and environmental goals outlined in higher-ranking plans, such as the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Comprehensive Plan. The following plans are in progress:

Downtown Neighborhood Area Sector Development Plan Update – This Sector Development Plan update will address changes that have occurred and goals achieved since the last planning process more than 30 years ago. Beginning in early 2009, planning staff, consultants and community members developed a draft plan which seeks to preserve the appearance and character of the area, improve walkability and provide guidelines for appropriate in-fill development. This draft plan had its first hearing at the Environmental Planning Commission late last year. The Environmental Planning Commission forwarded a recommendation of approval to City Council during a second hearing April 7. For more information visit <**http://www.cabq.gov/planning/long-range/DowntownSDPUpdate.html**>.

International District Sector Development Plan — This process aims to increase health and safety for residents and visitors in the area from San Mateo to Wyoming and Lomas to the Southern City limits. The resulting could include recommendations on streetscape and land use, catalytic projects to spur commercial development and other policies. Residents of the neighborhoods affected by the plan have met several times since the process kicked off in 2010 and City staff and consultants presented findings from those meetings during a public open house Tuesday, April 12 at the Cesar Chavez Community Center. This meeting was also another opportunity to comment on the project's goals and objectives before the creation of a draft plan. For more information visit <**http://www.cabq.gov/planning/long-range/InternationalDistrict.html**>.

Los Duranes Sector Development Plan Update – This plan, developed in collaboration with Bernalillo County, aims to create standards for new development that protect the existing rural character and agricultural heritage of one of the city's oldest neighborhoods. As of this printing, the draft plan was scheduled to have its first public hearing at the Environmental Planning Commission on Thursday, May 5, 2011. For more information visit < **http://www.cabq.gov/planning/long-range/LosDuranesSectorDevelopmentPlanUpdate.html**>.

Martineztown/Santa Barbara Sector Development Plan Update – City staff and planning consultants have spent two years working with property and business owners to update the 15-year-old sector development plan for this unique neighborhood. The resulting plan could include new recommendations about land use, transportation and street design. Zoning options for this area will be considered during a series of small group meetings in the spring of 2011. For more information visit <**http://www.cabq.gov/planning/long-range/MartineztownSantaBarbaraSDP.html**>.

Sawmill/Wells Park Sector Development Plan Transportation and Design Amendments – This amendment to the existing Sawmill/Wells Park Sector Development Plan includes regulations and recommendations about roadway and streetscape design, connectivity and improved pedestrian and bicycle facilities. A draft of these amendments has been reviewed by neighborhood leaders, and City staff hope to meet with property owners in the area in late April. From there, the proposed amendments will go to the City's Environmental Planning Commission. For more information, contact Tom Menicucci at **505-768-3126** or e-mail to <**tmenicucci@cabq.gov**>.

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NO meeting dates will be listed for April	**Sunday, May 8** **Mother's Day** 	**Monday, May 16** •City Council – 5 p.m.	**Wednesday, May 25** •DRB – 9 a.m.
MAY 2011 **Monday, May 2** •City Council – 5 p.m. •ACCC – 5:30 p.m.		**Tuesday, May 17** •ZHE – 9 a.m. •GARTC – 4:30 p.m.	**Thursday, May 26** •**Northwest Alliance of Neighbors –** 6:30 p.m. •**District 8 Coalition** – 7 p.m.
Tuesday, May 3 •**SWAN –** 6 p.m.	**Monday, May 9** •GABAC – 4:30 p.m.	**Wednesday, May 18** •DRB – 9 a.m. •SEPC – 9 a.m. •EPC Pre-Hearing – 1:30 p.m. •**District 4 Coalition** – 7 p.m.	**Monday, May 30** **Memorial Day -** **City Offices Closed**
Wednesday, May 4 •DRB – 9 a.m. •SEPC – 9 a.m. •**Westside Coalition** – 7 p.m. •**District 7 Coalition** – 7 p.m.	**Wednesday, May 11** •DRB – 9 a.m. •LUCC – 3 p.m. •**District 6 Coalition** – 7 p.m.	**Thursday, May 19** •AAB – 9 a.m.	
Thursday, May 5 •EPC Study Session – 3 p.m.	**Thursday, May 12** •EPC Public Hearing – 8:30 a.m. •POC – 4 p.m. •**South Valley Coalition** – 6:30 p.m.	**Monday, May 23** •City Council – 5 p.m. (tentative meeting date, if needed) **Tuesday, May 24** •BOA – 9 a.m.	**Tuesday, May 31** •City Council – 5 p.m. (tentative meeting date, if needed)

2011 CALENDAR/LEGEND

AAB - Airport Advisory Board, Aviation Department Executive Conference Room
ACCC - Albuquerque Citizens Corp. Council, 1615 University Boulevard NE (Association of General Contractors Building Branch), **505-610-9563** (formally known as the LEPC)
ADC - Albuquerque Development Commission - Hearing Room (Basement Level), Plaza del Sol, 600 Second Street NW
BOA - Board of Appeals, Plaza del Sol Hearing Room, Basement Level, 600 Second Street NW
City Council - Vincent E. Griego Council Chambers, Basement Level, City Hall
District 4 Coalition - Fire Station 20, 7520 Corona Avenue NE
District 6 Coalition - EXPO NM, African American Performing Arts Center on San Pedro NE & Copper NE
District 7 Coalition - Sandia High School, Teacher's Lounge, 7801 Candelaria Road NE
District 8 Coalition - James Joseph Dwyer Police Memorial Substation, 12700 Montgomery Boulevard NE
DRB - Development Review Board, Plaza del Sol Hearing Room (Basement Level), 600 Second Street NW
East Gateway Coalition - Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center, 501 Elizabeth Street SE
EPC - Environmental Planning Commission, Plaza del Sol Hearing Room, (Basement Level), 600 Second Street NW
EPC Pre-Hearing - Plaza del Sol, 600 Second Street NW, Third Floor, Conference Room
EPC Study Session - Planning Department, Plaza del Sol, Hearing Room, (Basement Level), 600 Second Street NW
GABAC - Greater Albuquerque Bicycling Advisory Committee, City Hall, Room 302
GARTC - Greater Albuquerque Recreational Trails Committee - Locations vary, call **505-768-5308** for information
LUCC - Landmarks and Urban Conservation Commission, Plaza del Sol, Hearing Room (Basement Level), 600 Second Street NW
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 Confernce Room, City Hall, Fifth and Marquette
SWAN - South West Alliance of Neighbors, Alamosa Multi-Purpose Center, 6900 Gonzales Road SW
SVCNA - South Valley Coalition of Neighborhood Associations, Sheriff's Department South Area Command, 2039 Isleta Boulevard SW
Westside Coalition - Don Newton/Taylor Ranch Community Center, 4900 Kachina Drive NW
ZHE - Zoning Hearing Examiner Offices - 200 Third Street NW, Suite 735, **505-924-3918;** ZHE Hearings are held in the Plaza del Sol Hearing Room, (Basement Level), 600 Second Street NW

EPC Hearing Notice

Neighborhood Alert – Be aware that public comments at EPC Meetings have a time limitation due to the length of the EPC Hearings. The **48-Hour Rule of the EPC**: All written materials and other documents shall be submitted to the Planning Department no later than **9 a.m.** on the **2nd Tuesday** of the Public Hearing Week. For an Appeal Hearing – no communication with EPC is allowed within five days of the Public Hearing.

In order to make maximum use of the following information – please note:

- Scan the entire list to see if your neighborhood association has a case this month.
- The name and phone number of the developer/agent is listed so that you can easily contact them should you have any questions.
- The assigned staff planner is identified with each agenda item should you need additional information *(i.e., check on the actual placement of your case on the agenda).* All staff may be reached at **505-924-3860**.
- On the day of the EPC Public Hearing, call the Planning Department at **505-924-3860** and the receptionist will give you the status of the EPC Public Hearing.
- Staff Reports are available at the Planning Department beginning at **3 p.m.** on the **1st Thursday** prior to the EPC Public Hearing.

On the 1st Thursday of each month, the EPC has a **Study Session** to review the applications scheduled for the all-day Public Hearing which occurs on the **2nd Thursday of each month**.

As with the Public Hearing, **the public is invited** to attend the Study Sessions, however, ***Study Sessions do not provide an open forum. Discussion is limited to staff and the EPC.*** Study Sessions regularly begin at **3 p.m.** in the Planning Department Hearing Room, Plaza Del Sol Building. Please call the Planning Department at **505-924-3860** to confirm the Study Session schedule will happen at the times listed, as time adjustments are made occasionally.

The **EPC Public Hearing** will be held on **May 12, 2011** at **8:30 a.m.** in the **Planning Department Hearing Room**, (basement level), **600 Second Street NW** for the following cases:

The following EPC Project will be heard AFTER the May 5, 2011 EPC Study Session beginning at 3:30 p.m.

Los Duranes, Thomas Village, Rio Grande Blvd., Near North Valley, Sawmill Area, Sawmill Community Land Trust, Villa De Paz, West Bluff, Westside Coalition of NA's, North West Allaince of Neighbors; **11EPC-40020, Project #1008746**; City of Albuquerque, Planning Department at **505-924-3860**; The purpose of this community planning effort is to update the Los Duranes Sector Development Plan. The DRAFT Los Duranes Sector Development Plan contains visions, goals and strategies, including zoning regulations, which relate to land use and transportation within the residential neighborhood and along Rio Grande Boulevard; Carol Toffaleti at **505-924-3345**, e-mail: <**cgtoffaleti@cabq.gov**>.

The following EPC Projects will be heard on May 12, 2011.

Citywide

All Neighborhoods and Coalitions; **11EPC-40019, Project #1001620**; City of Albuquerque, Planning Department at **505-924-3860**; The City's Planning Department will consider text amendments to Section 14-16-2-16(A)(7) and 14-16-2-17(A)(8) ROA 1994 of the Zoning Code that will allow and encourage residential dwelling units in appropriate locations in C-1 Neighborhood Commercial and C-2 Community Commercial zones. The Planning Department proposes the subject text amendments to allow residential land uses in C-1 and C-2 zones with the option to have it as part of a mixed-use development, but not as a requirement; Lorena Patten-Quintana at **505-924-3940**, e-mail: <**lpatten-quintana@cabq.gov**>.

Northeast

Hodgin, No Coalition(s) (neighborhood/homeowner association/coalition); **11EPC-40017, Project #1002119(case #'s)**; Approximately 1.353 acre(s) located on the south side of Montgomery Boulevard NE between Carlisle Boulevard NE and San Mateo Boulevard NE **(location of request)**; G-17 **(zone atlas page #)**; Dorman+Breen Architects at **505-792-8160**, agent for Peter Schwarz, DVM **(applicant or agency and phone #)**; Requests Amending the Site Development Plan for Building Permit to allow a building addition of a two story addition at the existing Veterinary Clinic and Surgical Specialty Hospital **(action requested)**; Randall Falkner at **505-924-3933**, e-mail: <**rfalkner@cabq.gov**>. **(City staff planner)**

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North Edith Commercial Corridor, No Coalitions(s); **11EPC-40018, Project #1003421**; Approximately 12.5 acre(s) located on the west side of Union Way Drive NE between Renaissance Boulevard NE and Alexander Boulevard NE; F-16; Consensus Planning, Inc. at **505-764-9801**, agent for AMC Development; Requests a Zone Map Amendment from SU- for Church and Related Facilities and Daycare to R-3 for Renaissance Center formerly the First Family Church Site; Carrie Barkhurst at **505-924-3879**, e-mail: <**kcbarkhurst@cabq.gov**>.

North Domingo Baca, North Wyoming, District 4 Coalition of NA's; **11EPC-40023** and **40024, Project #1003532**; Approximately 1.4208 acre(s) located on the north side of Paseo Del Norte NE between Wyoming Boulevard NE and Louisiana Boulevard NE; C-19; Tierra West, LLC at **505-858-3100**, agent for Resolution Equities, LLC; Requests a Site Development Plan for Subdivision and Building Permit for a proposed Firestone Building; Catalina Lehner at **505-924-3935**, e-mail: <**clehner@cabq.gov**>.

North Edith Commercial Corridor, No Coalitions(s); **11EPC-40000** and **40001, Project #1008654**; Approximately 3.36 acre(s) located on the south side of Montano Road NE between Edith Boulevard NE and the Alameda Lateral Drain; F-15; DSA Architects at **505-342-6200**, agent for Headstart Enterprises, LP; Requests Annexation and Establishment of SU-1 for IP Zoning to provide for a coordinated development plan for this area of the community; Carrie Barkhurst at **505-924-3879**, e-mail: <**kcbarkhurst@cabq.gov**>.

Northwest

Avalon, South Valley Coalition of NA's, South West Alliance of Neighbors (SWAN), Westside Coalition of NA's; **10EPC-40070** and **11EPC-40026, Project #1008586**; Approximately 29.3 acre(s) located on the eastside of 98th Street NW between Volcano Road NW and Bluewater Road NW; K-9; Consensus Planning, Inc. at **505-764-9801**, agent for RPS I-25 and Vassar, LLC; Requests Annexation and Establishment of SU-1 for IP Zoning to provide for a coordinated development plan for this area of the community; Chris Hyer at **505-924-3927**, e-mail: <**chyer@cabq.gov**>.

Avalon, South Valley Coalition of NA's, South West Alliance of Neighbors (SWAN), Westside Coalition of NA's; **10EPC-40069 and 11EPC-40025, Project #1008585**; Approximately 76 acre(s) located between I-40 Freeway and Daytona Road NW between 94th Street NW and Unser Diversion Channel; J-9 & K-9; Consensus Planning, Inc. at **505-764-9801**, agent for RPS I-25 and Vassar, LLC; Requests Annexation and Establishment of SU-1 for IP Zoning to provide for a coordinated development plan for this area of the community; Chris Hyer at **505-924-3927**, e-mail: <**chyer@cabq.gov**>.

Southwest

No Neighborhood and/or Homeowner Association(s), South Valley Coalition of NA's, South West Alliance of Neighbors (SWAN), Westside Coalition of NA's; **11-EPC-40021** and **40022, Project #1000650**; Approximately 1.69 acre(s) located on the east side of Coors Boulevard SW between Lamonica Road SW and Rio Bravo Boulevard SW; P-10; Tierra West, LLC at **505-858-3100**, agent for WWB, LLC; Requests a Site Development Plan for Building Permit for a proposed Panda Express Restaurant with a drive thru window and Amending the Site Development Plan for Subdivision to subdivide the existing parcel into three smaller parcels; Chris Hyer at **505-924-3927**, e-mail: <**chyer@cabq.gov**>.

Alamosa, Crestview Bluff, West Side Merchants, South Valley Coalition of NA's, South West Alliance of Neighbors (SWAN), Westside Coalition of NA's; 11EPC-40016, Project #1008743; Approximately .25 acre(s) located on the east side of Old Coors Drive SW between Salvador Road SW and Gallegos Road SW; L-11; DAC Enterprises, Inc. at **505-294-5243**, agent for Victor Lara and Martha Reyes; Requests a Zone Map Amendment from R-2 Multi-Family Residential to C-3 Heavy Commercial to correct a mapping anomaly wherein two zone categories exist on a single lot; Randall Falkner at **505-924-3933**, e-mail: <**rfalkner@cabq.gov**>.

Roadrunner Food Bank

Submitted By AnnaMarie Maez

Roadrunner Food Bank Drop Off Locations

APD Area Command Locations:
Hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday - Friday.

Southeast Area Command, 800 Louisiana Boulevard SE.
Valley Area Command, 5408 2nd Street NW.
Southwest Area Command, 6404 Los Volcanes Road NW.
Northeast Area Command, 8201 Osuna Road NE.
Northwest Area Command, 4051 Ellison Avenue NW.

City of Albuquerque Library Locations:

1) Erna Fergusson Library – 3700 San Mateo Boulevard NE, **505- 888-8100**. Hours: Monday –Thursday – 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday – Saturday – 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday - 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

2) Juan Tabo Library – 3407 Juan Tabo Boulevard NE, **505-291-6260**. Hours: Monday - Closed, Tuesday - Wednesday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Thursday – Saturday - 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday – Closed.

3) North Valley Library – 7704 2nd Street NW, **505-897-8823**. Hours: Monday – Closed, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday - 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday – 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday- Closed.

4) Taylor Ranch Library – 5700 Bogart NW, **505-897-8816**. Hours: Monday – Thursday – 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday – Saturday – 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday – 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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Roadrunner Food Bank is partnering up with some of the Albuquerque Police Department and Library locations throughout the Albuquerque area for drop off locations for individuals in our community who would like to donate non perishable food items.

So just to fill you in…Our goal is to make it easier for donors in our community to give to Roadrunner Food Bank by having barrels in central locations throughout the Albuquerque area. Each location will have a food drive barrel and it will be marked.

Food collected will benefit our hungry neighbors. However we want to make it convenient for anyone in our community to donate food. Donors can either call us or visit our website year round to find these central locations.

Our drivers will pick up the food from these locations on a monthly basis unless that location needs a pick up sooner.

Some questions that may come up: Will the food donor receive a receipt for their food donation? The answer is No, if a food donor would like a receipt the food must be brought to the food bank. Roadrunner will state this on our web page that no receipts will be given at drop off locations.

What if someone wants to donate money? The answer is No, we suggest the donor mail the donation to us.

Non perishable items are the only things that can be dropped off at these locations.

If you have any questions feel free to contact me at **505-349-8921** or via e-mail <**annamarie@rrfb.org**>.

NM State Association of Parliamentarians

Submitted By Janice Strand

Parliamentary Pointers
Quorum

"Do we have a quorum?" asks an organization member. "What is our quorum?" asks another member. "What is a quorum?" asks a new member, unfamiliar with meeting rules.

Webster's New World College Dictionary, 4th edition, 2000 states that a quorum is "the minimum number of members required to be present at an assembly or meeting before it can validly proceed to transact business".

Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, 10th Edition, p. 20 states: "The minimum number of members who must be present at the meetings of a deliberative assembly for business to be legally transacted is the quorum of the assembly. The requirement of a quorum is a protection against totally unrepresentative action in the name of the body by an unduly small number of persons."

The quorum for a monthly meeting, board meeting, or executive committee meeting is usually stated in the bylaws. The bylaws may state a definite number that constitute a quorum. Occasionally bylaws state that a percentage of the membership constitutes a quorum. The disadvantage of this is that if membership fluctuates, the number must be computed dependent upon present membership.

The decision that must be made when establishing a quorum is…. What is the number of members that can be expected to be present and make decisions for the membership? There are organizations that have over 100 members but few turn out for monthly/yearly meetings. The quorum can be 10 or 20 people if that is the largest number that can reasonably be depended upon to be present at a meeting.

Bylaws cannot be suspended; therefore, if the quorum is to be changed, the bylaws must be amended. This is done by giving notice in a meeting announcement or at the meeting before the amendment is to be adopted. It is recommended that the motion to amend be made to "strike out" the stated quorum and "insert" the recommended quorum.

In the absence of a quorum, there are four actions that can be taken.

1. The meeting be adjourned.
2. A member can make the motion to *Fix the Time to Which to Adjourn*. If adopted, this motion makes it possible to have an adjourned meeting to carry out the agenda of this meeting; the adjourned meeting would follow the same agenda set for this meeting. The adjourned meeting must be held before the next regular meeting would be scheduled.
3. The chairman/president can state that there will be a recess until enough members arrive to have a quorum.
4. Steps can be taken to obtain a quorum; members can be called and reminded of the meeting. Business can be transacted when a quorum is reached.

Information can be reviewed in *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, 10th Edition,* (RONR) pp. 334-338.

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 (by an NMSAP member, for a negotiated fee) contact Jan Strand, PRP, Vice President of the New Mexico State Association of Parliamentarians at **505-466-1326** or <**jan_str@msn.com**>. Check the website of the New Mexico State Association at <**www.parliamentarians.org/nm**>.

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