

Neighborhood News

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Richard J. Berry
Mayor of Albuquerque

Greetings,

We are partnering with the U.S. Census Bureau to make sure everyone completes and mail back their Census Form. The questionnaires will go out in mid-March and the forms have only ten non-intrusive questions per member of your household. It takes just ten minutes to complete the questionnaire.

The information collected by the Census is entirely confidential and will not be shared with anyone including other federal agencies and law enforcement. Taking ten minutes to complete and mail back the Census Form is the easiest and most efficient method of participation.

It is important because the federal government distributes more than \$400 billion based on Census data to tribal, state and local governments each year.

The city is doing many things to inform everyone. We have Census posters on all 180 buses of ABQ Ride. Four 15-minute segments have been produced on GOV-TV that will be airing for the next several weeks.

I have recorded public service announcements that you will hear on the radio. You will be able to visit Census Questionnaire Assistance Centers in many of our community centers where Census guides are printed in 59 languages. We are also getting the word out to senior centers and neighborhood associations.

Other things we have done include outreach to Hispanics, Native-Americans, African-Americans, Asian-Americans and other minority groups. We are working with hundreds of churches in the city, promoting "Census In Schools" education instruction with Albuquerque Public Schools and encouraging students to participate in the Census at UNM and CNM.

Remember the Census is important, safe and easy. The questionnaire you fillout and send back helps ensure that our community receives its fair share of political representation and government funding.

By answering ten simple questions in ten minutes you can help improve our schools, roads, hospitals, job-training programs, public transportation and much more.

If you have questions, please go to <www.2010.Census.gov> or call **505-348-5321**.

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



**APD Crime
Prevention**

Submitted By Steve Sink



Identity Theft

Identity theft is one of the fastest growing crimes in our country today. It is also one of the most difficult to detect until it is too late and the damage has been done. The time and energy to correct damaged credit and to re-establish your personal identity is reason enough to take steps to prevent this frustrating crime. The following prevention tips should be considered to protect your identity and to ensure your financial stability.

What Personal Information Should You Protect?

Social Security Number – Date of Birth – Name – Address – Phone Number – Bank Accounts – Mothers Maiden Name – PIN Numbers – Investment Information – Credit Cards – Any Personal Information.

How Thieves Steal Your Personal Information:

- Mailbox tampering – Do not leave out-going mail (especially paid bills) in your mailbox and collect each days mail promptly. If your neighborhood does not have a “common” mailbox with locking doors contact your local post office. Also report any mailbox damage immediately. Thieves will look for bank statements, pre-approved credit applications, utility bills, etc.
- Telemarketing fraud – Do not give out personal information over the phone or over the Internet. Fraudulent callers may pose as government officials, bank and insurance representatives and/or any other “official” sounding and “concerned” person.
- “Dumpster divers” – Criminals may go through your trash to collect information about your personal situation. You should always shred credit cards and utility bills, including receipts and any documents that list your personal information prior to disposal.
- Stealing Your Purse or Wallet – Carry only necessary items for a particular trip.

- Stealing Your Credit Report – An identity thief may pose as an employer, loan officer, landlord or realtor to gain access to your credit report.
- ATM Transactions – Be careful when using an ATM machine. Take special care to prohibit anyone from seeing your PIN number. Do not write your number down – memorize it.
- New tactics – Criminals will try to stay one step ahead of our prevention techniques. Maintain your diligence and continue to be suspicious of a stranger who takes an interest in you.

How To Protect Yourself From identity Theft:

- Do not give your credit card or bank account numbers to anyone over the phone unless you made the call and know the business.
- Do not give your Social Security Number to anyone and don’t have it printed on your checks.
- Shred all your papers with personal information that is no longer needed - including charge receipts, bank statements, expired credit cards, credit offers prior to disposal, etc.
- Reduce the number of cards you carry and don’t carry your Social Security Card or Number, birth certificate, or passport with you except when necessary.
- Check credit card statements and report unauthorized purchases immediately.
- Be aware of people who are nearby when you use an ATM machine.
- When ordering new checks, do not have them sent to your home. Pick them up at the bank.
- Use a “Gel Pen” to write checks. Gel pens are difficult to wash and therefore cannot be reused if your checkbook is stolen.
- **If you are a victim** – Call the three major credit-reporting agencies and have a Fraud Alert placed in your file. Request a report from each source at least once a year to verify accuracy. They are – Equifax (**1-800-525-6285**), Experian (**1-800-397-3742** or regionally at **602-528-7785**), Trans Union (**1-800-680-7289**). The Social Security Administration Fraud Hotline (**1-800-269-0271**) and the Federal Trade Commission Hotline (**1-877-IDTHEFT/438-4338**) are also recommended contacts.

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Albuquerque Fire Department

Submitted By Melissa Romero



Arroyo Rescue

Concrete-lined channels are designed to move water very quickly at 10-30 mph.

- ❖ **Not At All Safe** for water play.
- ❖ Be careful! Even when dry they can flood very quickly.
- ❖ If caught in the flowing water - float on your back - feet downstream.
- ❖ Avoid bridge supports and debris, use feet to push off.
- ❖ Stay floating on your back until the water slows down.
- ❖ Do not try to swim or stand up until the water slows.
- ❖ Stay calm.

River and Ditch Rescue - water can move at 3-6 mph.

If You Are Caught In A River Or Ditch And Need Help:

- ❖ If you are the victim:
 - o Tighten the straps on your Personal Floatation Device (PFD).
 - o Float on your back - feet downstream.
 - o Call for help.
 - o Stay calm.
 - o Reach for a rope or other object when near you.
- ❖ When boating always wear your Personal Floatation Device and make sure others do too.
- ❖ Always look downstream for hazards.
- ❖ Bridges, strainers, debris, dams and jetty jacks are all hazards.
- ❖ Know the route. Where you are going and what side you want to be on.

The Albuquerque Fire Department has eleven Stations that are trained and ready to deploy if needed to a Swift Water Rescue incident.



Animal Welfare

Submitted By Rick De Reyes

The Best Way to Lower Albuquerque's Pet Euthanasia Rates Is through Spay/Neuter



On February 23, Mayor Richard Berry unveiled 2009 statistics that show an alarming number of dogs and cats are flooding City animal shelters and overtaking shelter resources. As a result, thousands of animals had to be euthanized because there are not enough homes to save all these pets.

According to recent data generated by the City of Albuquerque's, Animal Welfare Department, 26,674 animals entered City shelters and of those 10,347 were euthanized and 16,186 were adopted out.

"We need to get a clear message to New Mexicans," Mayor Berry said. "The only way to lower euthanasia rates is to spay and neuter dogs and cats."

The consequences of unaltered pets can be disastrous. One fertile dog or cat can give birth to more than 100 offspring over a five year period further burdening communities like Albuquerque for millions of dollars in services and sheltering programs for homeless pets.

"If we aren't more aggressive about spaying or neutering our pets Albuquerque will never be able to adopt out enough pets to offset the homeless pet population," Barbara Bruin, Director of the Albuquerque Animal Welfare Department said. "We'll just be spinning our wheels as a community if we don't get aggressive about sterilizing dogs and cats."

Right now pet owners have two options: a no-cost spay/neuter through Animal Welfare. Low-income pet owners must qualify. Call **311** to find out. There is a waiting list but it's paring down quickly. Animal Humane New Mexico also offers low-cost spay/neuters based on a co-pay. The cost varies based on the animal. Pet owners must call **505-217-0300** to qualify. There is no waiting list. Applicants can be taken immediately.

Starting in April vouchers will be available for no-cost spay/neuter at a local veterinarian through Animal Welfare. Low-income pet owners must still qualify.

Money for such programs will come in part from Albuquerque Kennel Kompadres through the upcoming Mayor and First Lady's Dog Ball on March 27. Bernalillo County and Albuquerque residents can help by buying tickets available through www.cabq.gov/pets or by making donations to Kennel Kompadres. Pet owners can also reduce the problem by spaying and neutering with local veterinarians.

Solid Waste Management Department

Submitted By Natalie Howard

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

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

Saturday, April 24th

9 a.m. to Noon

CLOTHES COLLECTION

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

Bring your clean, reusable clothing to the

Solid Waste Management Department

4600 Edith NE (Edith at Griegos)

April 1- May 10, 2010

All donations will be given to St. Vincent DePaul Society



A Program of the Solid Waste Management Department

Also sponsored by: NM Clean & Beautiful
A program of NM Department of Tourism

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

On your regular **trash collection day** during the weeks of

May 3 – 7 and May 10 – 14

the City Solid Waste Department will offer **free GREEN WASTE PICKUP.**

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

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

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

Call 311 for more information.



ABQ Film Office

Submitted By Jesse Herron

Greetings from the Albuquerque Film Office

Albuquerque was recently ranked the #1 City in America to make movies and call home by *MovieMaker Magazine*. A number of production films on location and are looking for homes that are “film-friendly.” If you would like to see your property in a starring role, it’s free and easy. Please read below:

1) Send digital pics of the property (interior/exterior, including views, a description of the property and contact details) to the New Mexico Film Office. Follow this link to see detailed information: <<http://nmfilm.com/locals/list-property/index.php>>. They explain everything that they are looking for.

2) Please e-mail the City of Albuquerque Film Liaison, Ann Lerner, the same pictures and information <alerner@cabq.gov>. She will send them to all the location managers in the state. You will also want to read “Guidelines for interacting with production companies” <<http://nmfilm.com/locals/list-property/guidelines.php>>.

Now if they do decide to film at your property they will have to pay you to do so. We can’t help you determine what you should ask for each day of filming but you might want to check out this article that appeared on Forbes.com: <<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/14350424/>>.

Thanks for helping keep Albuquerque film-friendly. If you have any other questions, please don’t hesitate to ask.

Ann Lerner, Film Liaison, **505-401-8761** or by e-mail: <alerner@cabq.gov>.

Carrie Wells, Assistant Film Liaison, **505-331-8347** or by e-mail: <cwells@cabq.gov>.

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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.

APD

Submitted By
Raymond D. Schultz,
Chief of Police



**YOU Have A Role In Helping
The Albuquerque Police
Department Fight Property
Crime**

You've probably heard a lot about property crime in the news lately and I'm writing this article so you know why fighting property crime is important to our City.

According to the Albuquerque Police Department (APD) statistics, property crime constitutes over 85-90% of the offenses reported on a yearly basis. However, property crime is often viewed as a victimless crime making it easier for offenders to commit multiple offenses. When we consider the persons who are involved in committing property crimes we can think of the "80-20" rule. What the 80-20 rule says is that 20% of offenders commit 80% of the crimes. By focusing on property crime and those few offenders committing most of these crimes, law enforcement is able to identify offenders committing multiple offenses.

The APD started publishing a "Top Property Crime Offenders" pull-out page in the *Albuquerque Journal* on the third Friday of each month to let you know about some of the criminals who have active arrest warrants for a committing property crimes in our City. By your helping to be eyes and ears in our community and calling tips into Crime Stoppers at **505-843-STOP**, you can work with the APD to get the message out – Albuquerque is a bad place to commit crime.

To help in fighting crime in your neighborhood consider starting a Neighborhood Watch on your block. This is one of the best ways to reduce crime and you get to know your neighbors at the same time. Call the APD Crime Prevention Office at **505-924-3600** for assistance. **For all current and future Neighborhood Watch Block Captains – A new Internet**

based communications tool is coming soon. This website will allow Neighborhood Watch Block Captains to alert APD and other Block Captains to various crimes and suspicious activities in your community and will be available to Neighborhood Watch Block Captains only. So please take an active role in creating a safer more secure environment by organizing a Neighborhood Watch on your block.

**Parks and
Recreation**

Submitted By
Kimberly Selving



**Lost (and Found)
in Open Space**

What: A show and tell including artifacts and art.

Where: Open Space Visitor Center, 6500 Coors Boulevard NW (Between Montañero Road NW and Paseo del Norte NW at Bosque Meadows Road NW), **505-897-8831**

When: March 2 – April 28, 2010

Contact: Joshua Willis at **505-897-8831**, e-mail to <jrwillis@cabq.gov> or visit our website at <www.cabq.gov/openspace>.

Countless volunteer clean-up efforts have allowed for a pure experience when enjoying Open Space properties. Illegal dump sites, arroyo debris, river garbage and unofficial shooting ranges are just some examples of the sites we target for clean-up. The fringe of the City of Albuquerque is always expanding. Over decades the technologies that we consume and discard have changed significantly. One can stumble across a range of artifacts while walking in an Open Space property. The Native Americans left pot shards, litchis and skillfully crafted tools behind. The Spanish brought with them metals such as copper and steel. The Europeans brought glass bottles, China and enameled utensils. We discover car parts, tools of various alloy and now even plastic products of modernity.

Most members of the Albuquerque Open Space staff have a time or two, come

across an object that triggers curiosity. Often considered garbage these objects are relics from a not so distance past. Slated for clean up one deliberates "Is this garbage or an object with a story to tell?" If the latter is the case chances are the item ends up in one of our offices. This is our opportunity to share some of these findings with you.

Don't miss this opportunity to view the technologies of our past - both ancient and contemporary. Participate in our continued partnership with the natural world and the city in which we live.



**What: Crafting Ancient Tools: A Flint
Knapping Workshop**

Where: Open Space Visitor Center, 6500 Coors Boulevard NW (Between Montañero Road NW and Paseo del Norte NW at Bosque Meadows Road NW), **505-897-8831**

When: Saturday, March 27, 2010 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Course fee: \$20 (Please bring eye protection).

Registration Required Contact: Joshua Willis at **505-897-8831**, e-mail to <jrwillis@cabq.gov> or visit our website at <www.cabq.gov/openspace>.

If you've ever wanted to learn the ancient art of flint knapping then come and spend the day with us making stone points. You keep what you make. We will also cover where to buy your own tools or how to make them yourself and where to get knappable materials.

Course fee includes small flint knapping kit and glass blanks. Other craft materials will be available for sale. You keep what you make. Class also includes a demonstration on how to knap other kinds of materials like obsidian, flints and cherts. Age 12 and older.

This projectile point was made by Otis Price who will be the instructor for this course.

Explora

Submitted By Ellen Welker

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

Monday

9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

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

Wednesdays and Thursdays from 2:15 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.

Explora Music Jam. Choose an instrument and join in the jam. Adults and kids. **FREE** with general admission.

April is Math Awareness Month at Explora... math activities for the experienced and for people and children thinking they're math cursed!

Friday, April 2 at 2 p.m.

Tuesday, April 6 at 2 p.m.

Tuesday, April 27 at 2 p.m.

Explora Film: *Fractals: Hunting the Hidden Dimension*. Explore how these beautiful irregular repeating shapes are associated with art, math and science! **FREE** with general admission.

Saturday, April 3 at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Explora's Working Chemist with Len Duda presents air pressure experiments. For all ages. **FREE** with general admission.

Sunday, April 4 at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

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

Sunday, April 4 from 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Adventures in Science. Explora's Youth Interns (local high school students) will guide you in experiencing science in new and exciting ways. For all ages. **FREE** with general admission.

Friday, April 9 at 2 p.m.

Sunday, April 11 at 2 p.m.

Friday, April 30 at 2 p.m.

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

Saturday, April 10 from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

PoP activities at Explora. Visitors and Albuquerque scientists engage in experiential activities related to the scientists' current work. Meet the scientists that are your neighbors in the community through Portal to the Public (PoP), a National Science Foundation-funded project. For all ages. **FREE** with general admission.

Saturday, April 17 at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Saturday, April 24 at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Explora LiveTheater: *Galileo — Messenger from the Stars*. Discover when this astronomer lived and why did he get locked in his home for over 15 years? Learn about this fascinating man and explore astronomy, pendulums and the earliest telescopes. **FREE** with general admission.

Sunday, April 18 at 3 p.m. and 4 p.m.

Explora's Working Chemist, with Len Duda. Examine chemical reactions. **FREE** with general admission.

Tuesday, April 20 at 2 p.m.

Sunday, April 25 at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Explora Film: *Wallace and Gromit: A Grand Day Out*. Popular British stop motion clay animation. **FREE** with general admission.

Sunday, April 25 from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Create paper marbling. Explora Experiment Bar. **FREE** with general admission.



Environmental Health Department

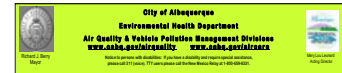
Submitted By Therese Martinez-Loner

March 2010



Bless You & Pass the Tissue!

Yep, it's that time again! We don't have to tell you that our pollen season has begun! Your nose knows. Seasonal pollen reporting starts March 1 and continues until Fall. For the daily pollen count (Mondays-Friday) call 311 or visit www.cabq.gov/cmagpublic to sign up for free email notifications.



APD Crime Prevention

Submitted By Steve Sink

Vehicle Identification Number Window Etching Event

Window etching of your Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) is an excellent deterrent to auto theft. In a matter of minutes the VIN can be permanently fixed in a corner of each window. Placing the VIN on each window can discourage thieves from dismantling your automobile and reselling the parts, which is one of the primary reasons our vehicles are stolen.

The next VIN Etching Event, sponsored by the Albuquerque Police Department.

Saturday, March 27, 2010

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Cottonwood Mall - Parking Lot

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





City Council

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

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

**A Message From
Your City Council**

Submitted By Kara Shair-Rosenfield

**Annual Operating Budget
Approval Process – MARK
YOUR CALENDAR!**

Under the City Charter one of the most important functions that the City Council performs is reviewing, approving, or amending and approving the budget of the City of Albuquerque. The City's budget consists of two parts – a financial plan and a performance plan. It is important that the Council look at both of these two areas when considering the budget – first, that the Council consider the dollars that are being spent to make sure that the City is living within its means and second, that the Council consider how spending those dollars moves the City closer to achieving its goals.

Each year, the Mayor proposes a budget to the City Council by April 1 and the Council has until May 31st to approve or amend and approve it. This budget includes Enterprise Funds that pay for City services that operate like businesses, such as the City's golf courses, the Albuquerque International Sunport and Solid Waste Management. It also includes the City's General Fund sometimes called the City's "operating fund," that pays for essential City Services such as police and fire protection, family and community services, parks and recreation, animal welfare and senior affairs.

As an important part of the budget process, the City Council conducts hearings to receive your input on the proposed budget. You are encouraged to participate in these hearings. This year the Council's "Committee-of-the-Whole" (COW), chaired by City Councilor Don Harris (District 9), is scheduled to meet and will take public comment on the Fiscal Year 2011 proposed budget as follows:

COW #1: Thursday, April 22, 2010 – Social Goals Presentation by the Administration (Departments included: Chief Administrative Officer, Council Services, Cultural Services, Economic Development, Family and Community Services, Fire, Golf, Mayor's Office, Parks and Recreation, Police, Senior Affairs)
Time: 5 p.m.
Location: City Council Chambers, Basement of City Hall
Public Comment Taken? YES

COW #2: Thursday, May 6, 2010 – Physical Goals Presentation by the Administration (Departments included: Air Quality, Animal Welfare, Aviation, City Support, Environmental Health, Finance and Administrative Services, Human Resources, Internal Audit, Legal, Municipal Development, Parking, Planning, Solid Waste, Transit)
Time: 5 p.m.
Location: City Council Chambers, Basement of City Hall
Public Comment Taken? YES

COW #3: Thursday, May 13, 2010 – Budget Mark-Up (Amendments)
Time: 5 p.m.
Location: City Council Chambers, Basement of City Hall
Public Comment Taken? NO


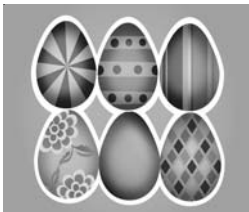


Council Meeting: Monday, May 17, 2010 – Anticipated Final Adoption of FY/2011 Budget
Time: 5 p.m.
Location: City Council Chambers, Basement of City Hall
Public Comment Taken? YES

Special Council Meeting Regarding Budget (if needed): Monday, May 24, 2010
Time: 5 p.m.
Location: City Council Chambers, Basement of City Hall
Public Comment Taken? YES

As you have probably read in the newspaper and seen on the news, the City is anticipating having to reduce its budget by up to \$54 million in FY/2011. The goal of the Council will be to efficiently reduce government costs while maintaining levels of service across the city.



Neighborhood News March/April 2010

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Thursday, March 18 •AAB – 9 a.m.	Thursday, April 1 •EPC Study Session – 3 p.m.	Thursday, April 8 •EPC Public Hearing – 8:30 a.m. •POC – 4 p.m. •South Valley Coalition – 6:30 p.m.	Tuesday, April 20 •ZHE – 9 a.m. •GARTC – 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, March 23 •BOA – 9 a.m.	Monday, April 5 •City Council – 5 p.m.	Monday, April 12 •GABAC – 4:30 p.m.	Wednesday, April 21 •DRB – 9 a.m. •SEPC – 9 a.m. •ADC – 3 p.m. •District 4 Coalition – 7 p.m.
Wednesday, March 24 •DRB – 9 a.m. •SEPC – 9 a.m.	Tuesday, April 6 •SWAN – 7 p.m.	Wednesday, April 14 •DRB – 9 a.m. •EPC Pre-Hearing – 1:30 p.m. •LUCC – 3 p.m.	
Thursday, March 25 •District 8 Coalition – 7 p.m.	Wednesday, April 7 •DRB – 9 a.m. •SEPC – 9 a.m. •Westside Coalition – 7 p.m. •District 7 Coalition – 7 p.m.	Thursday, April 15 •AAB – 9 a.m.	
Wednesday, March 31 •DRB – 9 a.m.		Monday, April 19 •City Council – 5 p.m.	Thursday, April 22 •East Gateway Coalition – 6:30 p.m.
			Tuesday, April 27 •BOA – 9 a.m.
			Wednesday, April 28 •DRB – 9 a.m.

2010 CALENDAR/LEGEND

AAB - Airport Advisory Board, Aviation Department Executive Conference Room
ACCC - Albuquerque Citizens Corp. Council, 1615 University Boulevard NE (Association of General Contractors Building Branch), 505-610-9563 (formally known as the LEPC)
ADC - Albuquerque Development Commission - Hearing Room (Basement Level), Plaza del Sol, 600 Second Street NW
BOA - Board of Appeals, Plaza del Sol Hearing Room, Basement Level, 600 Second Street NW
City Council - Vincent E. Griego Council Chambers, Basement Level, City Hall
District 4 Coalition - Fire Station 20, 7520 Corona Avenue NE
District 6 Coalition - Cesar Chavez Community Center, 7505 Kathryn Avenue SE
District 7 Coalition - Sandia High School, Teacher's Lounge, 7801 Candelaria Road NE
District 8 Coalition - James Joseph Dwyer Police Memorial Substation, 12700 Montgomery Boulevard NE
DRB - Development Review Board, Plaza del Sol Hearing Room (Basement Level), 600 Second Street NW
East Gateway Coalition - Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center, 501 Elizabeth Street SE
EPC - Environmental Planning Commission, Plaza del Sol Hearing Room, (Basement Level), 600 Second Street NW
EPC Pre-Hearing - Plaza del Sol, 600 Second Street NW, Third Floor, Conference Room
EPC Study Session - Planning Department, Plaza del Sol, Hearing Room, (Basement Level), 600 Second Street NW
GABAC - Greater Albuquerque Bicycling Advisory Committee, City Hall, Room 302
GARTC - Greater Albuquerque Recreational Trails Committee - Locations vary, call 505-768-5308 for information
LUCC - Landmarks and Urban Conservation Commission, Plaza del Sol, Hearing Room (Basement Level), 600 Second Street NW
North Valley Coalition - Los Griegos Community Center, 1231 Candelaria Road NW
POC - Police Oversight Commission, City/County Building, Lower Level, 1 Civic Plaza, Fifth and Marquette
SEPC - Special Events Permitting Committee - 6th floor, Cultural Services Department Conference Room, City Hall, Fifth and Marquette
SWAN - South West Alliance of Neighbors, Alamosa Multi-Purpose Center, 6900 Gonzales Road SW
SVCNA - South Valley Coalition of Neighborhood Associations, Rio Bravo Senior Center, 3910 Isleta Boulevard SW
Westside Coalition - Don Newton/Taylor Ranch Community Center, 4900 Kachina Drive NW
ZHE - Zoning Hearing Examiner Offices - 200 Third Street NW, Suite 735, 505-924-3918; ZHE Hearings are held in the Plaza del Sol Hearing Room, (Basement Level), 600 Second Street NW

EPC Hearing Notice

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

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

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

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

On the 2nd Thursday of each month, the EPC has a Study Session to review the applications scheduled for the all-day Public Hearing which occurs on the **3rd Thursday of each month**. As with the Public Hearing, **the public is invited** to attend the Study Sessions; however, Study Sessions do not provide an open forum. Discussion is limited to staff and the EPC. Study Sessions regularly begin at **3 p.m.** in the Plaza del Sol Hearing Room. Please call the Planning Department at **505-924-3860** to confirm the Study Session schedule as adjustments are made occasionally.

Please note that the **Pre-Hearing Meeting** will be held on **March 17, 2010 at 1:30 p.m.** in the Planning Conference Room, Third Floor. The **EPC Public Hearing** will be held on **April 8, 2010 at 8:30 a.m.** in the **Plaza del Sol Hearing Room (basement level), 600 Second Street NW** for the following cases:

Northeast

John B. Robert NA (R), Glenwood Hills NA (R), Eldorado Heights NA (R), Oso Grande NA (R), High Desert Residential Owners Assoc., Eisenhower Area NA (R), Prospector's Ridge Assoc. of Residents (R), Amberglen HOA, Cielito Lindo NA (R), San Gabriel Area NA (R), Peppertree/Royal Oak Residents Assoc., District 8 Coalition of NA's (neighborhood/homeowner association/coalition); 10EPC-40012, Project #1008204 (case #'s); the open space floodplain between Juan Tabo Boulevard and Tramway Boulevard above the John B. Robert Dam (**location of request**); F-22 (**zone atlas page #**); City of Albuquerque, Planning Department at **505-924-3860 (applicant or agency and phone #)**; **Proposed Text Amendments to the Bear Canyon Arroyo Corridor Plan** – The Environmental Planning Commission (EPC) will consider text amendments to the Bear Canyon Arroyo Corridor Plan. The intent of the text amendments is to: *preclude additional trails in the open space floodplain between Juan Tabo Boulevard and Tramway Boulevard above the John B. Robert Dam (action requested)*; Carol Toffaleti at **505-924-3345**, e-mail: <ctoffaleti@cabq.gov>. (**City staff planner**)

Northwest

S.R. Marmon, Westside Coalition of NA's; 10EPC-40010, Project #1000400; Approximately 5 acre(s) located on the south side of Ouray Road NW between Maiden Grass Road NW and Estancia Drive NW; H-11; Native American Housing Consultants, LLC at **505-797-8674**, agent for St. Peter and Paul Church; Requests an Amendment to a Site Development Plan for Building Permit to design and build a Meeting Hall on the church property which will be used by the church congregation for meetings, meals and parties; Randall Falkner at **505-294-3933**, e-mail: <rfalkner@cabq.gov>.

Southwest

Stinson Tower, Westgate Heights, South Valley Coalition of NA's, South West Alliance of Neighbors (SWAN), Westside Coalition of NA's; 10EPC-40011, Project #1008203; Approximately 9.56 acre(s) located on the east side of Unser Boulevard SW between Sage Road SW and Arenal Road SW; M-10; Consensus Planning, Inc. at **505-764-9801**, agent for Unser Sage Partnership; Requests a Site Development Plan for Subdivision for a proposed Marketplace Shopping Center which the applicant would like to have divided into two (2) lots; Randall Falkner at **505-294-3933**, e-mail: <rfalkner@cabq.gov>.

Environmental Health Department

Submitted By Margaret Nieto

Air Quality Information and Presentations Available to NA's and Coalitions

The Air Quality Division of the City of Albuquerque's Environmental Health Department is the federally delegated air quality authority for Albuquerque and Bernalillo County. Local delegation authorizes the Division to administer and enforce the Federal Clean Air Act, the New Mexico Air Quality Control Act and local regulations and to require local air pollution sources to comply with air quality standards and regulations. Representatives from the Air Quality Division are available to present information at your Association or Coalition meetings on air quality topics such as:

- Fugitive dust
- Pollen
- No Burn
- Revised ozone standard and implications for transportation in Albuquerque
- Small business assistance
- Air Quality monitoring
- Permitting

To be notified regularly of air quality developments, regulatory notifications, information regarding the Air Quality Control Board activities you can be added to the Air Quality email listserve. Just contact us with your request and provide your email address to start receiving notices.

For more information, please visit our website at <www.cabq.gov/airquality/index.html> or contact Margaret Nieto at **505-768-2637** or <mnieto@cabq.gov> or Isreal Tavarez at **505-768-1965** or <itavarez@cabq.gov>.

Environmental Health Department

Submitted By Mark DiMenna

Coyotes in Urban Areas

Catching a glimpse of a coyote along a desert roadside during the early morning hours or hearing the yelps and howls of a pack on the hunt not too far outside the light of the campfire are considered rare and memorable brushes with wildlife. For many Albuquerque residents, however, encounters with coyotes may occur on their streets or even in their own backyards often leaving a different impression altogether.

Coyotes are found throughout North America and are extremely versatile at adapting to new environments. They are clever and intelligent animals and can survive on a variable diet of small animals, fruit, insects and even carrion. Coyotes are an important component of the food chain, keeping the populations of rabbits, rodents and other prey in check. Their natural resourcefulness has given coyotes a special significance in the art and stories of Native Americans but it has also allowed them to learn to thrive even among humans. Urban coyotes are still wild animals and typically remain

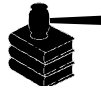
reclusive and fearful of humans but in rare cases they may lose their innate fear of people and become dangerous. Recognizing and understanding habituated behavior is an important component of successful coyote management and coexistence.

The Urban Biology Division of the Environmental Health Department has developed an Integrated Coyote Management Plan for addressing urban coyote issues. As an urban island surrounded by wilderness, Albuquerque is frequently visited by wildlife, including coyotes. Arroyos serve as wildlife corridors allowing some animals to penetrate deep into the city with little notice and coyotes are often spotted in and around arroyos or along the bosque. Residents are encouraged to report coyotes that appear to be acting aggressively or without fear of humans to **311**. Coyotes will frequently walk into residential areas or even into yards in search of food but this is considered normal behavior. Stalking pets or small children or standing their ground when approached or threatened by humans are not normal behaviors for coyotes and may be early signs of habituation or aggression. A wildlife biologist with the Urban Biology Division will interview citizens reporting this type of behavior and will usually visit the site. The City's goal is to encourage harmonious coexistence with wildlife and initial measures are aimed at removing available food and water or other things that may be attracting the coyotes and at reinforcing fear of humans by making loud noises or throwing things like rocks to scare off the coyotes. In most cases, the coyotes can be kept away with a few simple measures and they will continue to avoid humans as a threat rather than seeing them as a food source. Various tips for preventing coyotes from visiting residential areas include feeding pets indoors, keeping pets or children supervised while outdoors and ensuring that food, fruit dropped from trees and trash are not left outside. Additional tips can be found at this website <<http://www.cabq.gov/envhealth/UrbanWildlife.html>>.

In some cases, coyotes may have already become too habituated to being around humans and their innate fear may be overcome. These animals may become more and more bold, preying on small pets in or near yards. These animals will typically not run when spotted or approached by people. As the habituated behavior progresses coyotes may stand their ground when chased or harassed by people and in extreme cases may even attempt to attack humans typically children. This type of behavior is very rare and only three coyote attacks on humans have been reported in New Mexico since 1960 - none were in Albuquerque. Once a coyote has become this aggressive it is usually necessary to remove it from the area and euthanize it. The decision to destroy part of the native wildlife community is difficult and must be justified by documenting verifiable risk to human safety. The Urban Biology Division maintains records of coyote reports and evaluates each instance to determine the risk involved. Urban Biology staff work closely with the Animal Welfare and Open Space Division to ensure thorough and appropriate responses to coyote encounters with public safety and conservation as overarching goals. Coyotes are an important and generally non-threatening part of our natural ecosystems. Through education and careful management we should be able to safely and comfortably coexist with them.

Metropolitan Court

Submitted By Janet Blair



Courts to School Brings DWI Sentencings to Albuquerque High School

Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court's new program Courts to School transformed the Albuquerque High Performing Arts Center into a courtroom. During the two-hour program, Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court Judge Sandra Engel sentenced four DWI defendants in front of a very quiet group of about 200 students. After the sentencing the defendants were asked as part of their agreements with the court to address the student body to explain how the DWI experience changed their lives. Following the court session students were encouraged to ask questions of the judge and criminal justice personnel at the hearing. The response of the students was excellent. They asked pertinent questions that were fielded by Judge Engel, the probation officers and defense attorneys. The Courts to School Program will continue through the end of the school year with events at St. Pius High School (Judge Kevin Fitzwater) and Valley High School (Judge Engel) and possibly Highland High School (Judge Daniel Ramczyk). Plans include continued appearances next school year too.



NM State Association of Parliamentarians

Submitted By Janice Strand



Standing Rules for Productive Meetings

A chairman/presider is greatly assisted in conducting a meeting when there are specific rules for the meeting. These rules are Standing Rules. Standing Rules can be compiled by an executive committee or board of directors and recommended for adoption. This set of rules is adopted by a majority vote at the beginning of a meeting. It is recommended that every member have a copy of the rules; the rules can be read so that everyone is very aware of each rule. The chairman/presider can then use unanimous consent to adopt the rules and state,

"If there is no objection, these standing rules recommended by the executive committee (or board of directors) will be adopted for this meeting." (Pause) "There being no objection, the proposed standing rules are adopted." Standing rules are changed by a 2/3 vote. Standing rules can be suspended by a 2/3 vote.

Sample standing rules are:

1. The meeting shall begin at 7 p.m. and end at 9:30 p.m.
2. The business meeting will continue until the agenda is completed.
3. No tape or other recordings may be made of the proceedings without the expressed approval of the Board of Directors....(or Executive Committee).
4. There will be no conversations between members during the meeting.
5. All motions or amendments shall be written, signed and sent to the secretary on forms provided for this purpose.
6. The voting members for this meeting are _____.
7. A majority of the voting members registered at this meeting shall constitute a quorum. (used for annual or state meetings).
8. The chair shall be empowered to appoint a committee of three persons to approve the minutes of this meeting. (when the next meeting is not within the quarter).
9. Only _____ members may vote or speak on the floor of this meeting.
10. No member may speak more than once on any one motion/issue until all members wishing to speak have been heard. No member may speak more than two times on the same motion.
11. Time of each speech is limited to two minutes except as otherwise ordered by the assembly. (choose the amount of time)
12. A member wishing to speak will stand and address the chair and when recognized will give his/her name.
13. All report and other material for the permanent record shall be typed and immediately upon presentation shall be given to the secretary.
14. Cell phones will be turned off or on vibrate during this meeting.

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

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



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