

Neighborhood News

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Greetings to all Neighborhood Representatives:

Due to technical difficulties this month’s edition of the Neighborhood News newsletter will be done in a different format.

We will only be e-mailing to neighborhood representatives who have e-mail addresses with our office.

Our next issue – the April/May 2011 will be back to its original format and distribution.

Below begins the March/April 2011 Neighborhood News articles.

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2011-2012 City of Albuquerque Budget

By: Diana Trujeque, City Council

The Albuquerque City Council has approved the 2011-2020 Decade Plan for Capital Improvements Bill (R-11-183) which also includes funding for 2011 capital projects. The bond package which will be voted on at the October 2011 Municipal Election is now awaiting Administrative approval and signature. Also in the queue will be the 2011-2012 City of Albuquerque Budget cycle which takes center stage in the spring months of April and May.

Part of the City Council's charge is to revise, review and approve the budget put forth by the Mayor on behalf of the City of Albuquerque. The review process is a lengthy endeavor which takes several weeks to comprehend. The funding available is based on the revenue received through the Gross Receipt Taxes paid into the treasury.

The budgeting process is a two-fold; consisting of the financial plan as well as the performance plan. While equally important, the financial plan sets forth the General Fund that the City has available for "operating" purposes which includes police, fire, parks and recreation, animal welfare and senior affairs and "enterprise" funds which are used to pay for city services such as the airport, solid waste and golf courses. The performance plan takes into account how well the City is meeting its goal of using funds prudently.

The City Council will conduct the budget process in a series of three meetings (COW-Committee of the Whole) to seek input from City departments as well as individuals. Public participation is welcomed and encouraged. The meetings will be held at 5 p.m. in the Vincent E. Griego Chambers of the City/County Government Building beginning in April and concluding in May. The schedule is illustrated:

- **Committee of the Whole – Meeting #1 – Social Goals Presentation**
 - Administration will go over departments such as Chief Administrative Officer, Council Services, Cultural Services, Economic Development, Family and Community Services, Fire, Golf, Parks and Recreation, Police, Senior Affairs and the Mayor's Office.
 - Thursday, April 21, 2011
 - Public Comment – Yes
- **Committee of the Whole – Meeting #2 – Physical Goals Presentation**
 - Administration will go over departments such as Air Quality, Animal Welfare, Aviation, City Support, Environmental Health, Finance and Administrative Services, Human Resources, Internal Audit, Legal, Municipal Development, Parking, Planning, Solid Waste and Transit.
 - Thursday, May 5, 2011
 - Public Comment - Yes
- **Committee of the Whole – Meeting #3 – Budget Mark-Up**
 - Amendments will be received, discussed and voted on by City Council.
 - Thursday, May 12, 2011
 - Public Comment - No
- **City Council Meeting – Monday, May 16, 2011 Final Budget Adoption - FY 2012 Budget**
 - Public Comment - Yes

The **EPC Public Hearing** will be held on **April 14, 2011 at 8:30 a.m.** in the **Planning Department Hearing Room** (basement level), **600 Second Street NW** for the following cases:

Citywide

All Neighborhoods and Coalitions; 11EPC-40013, Project #1001620; City of Albuquerque, Planning Department at **505-924-3860;** The City's Planning Department will consider text amendments to Section 14-16-1-5(B) and 14-16-3-5(A)(C) and (D) ROA 1994 of the Zoning Code in order to update the regulation of Electronic Signs which the amendment is intended to regulate electronic signs and create a yearly permit process for such signs to cover the cost of regulation; Catalina Lehner at **505-924-3935**, e-mail: [<clehner@cabq.gov>](mailto:clehner@cabq.gov).

All Neighborhoods and Coalitions; 11EPC-40014, Project #1001620; City of Albuquerque Planning Department at **505-924-3860;** The City's Planning Department will consider text amendments to Section 14-16-2-17(A)(8)(i) ROA 1994 of the Zoning Code to clarify that the only alcohol that can be sold permissively in a C-1 Zone is Beer and Wine in accordance with the State requirements for a Restaurant Liquor License; Randall Falkner at **505-924-3933**, e-mail: [<rfalkner@cabq.gov>](mailto:rfalkner@cabq.gov).

Northeast

No Neighborhood and/or Homeowner Association(s), No Coalition(s) (neighborhood/homeowner association/coalition); 11EPC-40007 and 40008, Project #1008695(case #'s); Approximately 3 acre(s) located on the southwest corner of Candelaria Road NE and Pan American Freeway NE (**location of request**); H-15 (**zone atlas page #**); William E. Burk, Bill Burk, Third, Architect at 505-292-6566, agent for El Paso Los Angeles Limousine Express, Inc. (**applicant or agency and phone #**); Requests an Zone Map Amendment from M-2 to SU-1/M<-2 and Transit Facility and a Site Development Plan for Building Permit for a proposed Bus Terminal for El Paso Los Angeles Limousine Express, Inc. which operates buses from Mexico, Los Angeles and El Paso through Albuquerque and to and from Denver,

Colorado (**action requested**); Carrie Barkhurst at **505-924-3879**, e-mail: [<kcbarkhurst@cabq.gov>](mailto:kcbarkhurst@cabq.gov). (**City staff planner**)

Northwest

Paradise Hills Civic, Ventana Ranch, Northwest Alliance of Neighbors, Westside Coalition of NA's; 11EPC-40011 and 40012, Project #1007798; Approximately 72.6 acre(s) located on the east side of Universe Boulevard NW between Paradise Boulevard NW and Ventana Road NW; B-10; Consensus Planning, Inc. at **505-764-9801**, agent for City of Albuquerque/AMAFCA; Requests a Zone Map Amendment from R-LT to SU-1/Community park and Related Facilities and approval of a Master Development Plan for Ventana Ranch Community Park that will guide future development of the park through phasing and the provision of design standards; Randall Falkner at **505-924-3933**, e-mail: [<rfalkner@cabq.gov>](mailto:rfalkner@cabq.gov).

Paradise Hills Civic, Taylor Ranch, Northwest Alliance of Neighbors, Westside Coalition of NA's; 11EPC-40006, Project #1008694; Approximately 1.54 acre(s) located on the north side of High Assets Way NW between All Saints Street NW and Paseo Del Norte NW; C-13; DAC Enterprises, Inc. at **505-294-5243**, agent for Legacy Hospitality; Requests a Site Development Plan for Building Permit for a proposed Assisted Living Facility containing thirty (30) rooms and forty-one (41) beds, as well as three small offices for staff; Chris Hyer at **505-924-3927**, e-mail: [<chyer@cabq.gov>](mailto:chyer@cabq.gov).

Southeast

University Heights, Victory Hills, District 6 Coalition of NA's; 11EPC-40010 and 40015, Project #1008698; Approximately .75 acre(s) located on the south side of Garfield Avenue SE between Stanford Drive SE and Columbia Drive SE; K-16; R2 Architectural Design and Consulting, LLC at 505-884-9694, agent for Bob Friggens and Frank Stubbs; Requests a Zone Map Amendment from SU-2 O-1 to SU-2 R-3 and a Amendment to the Sector Development Map for a proposed apartment building to be constructed; Carrie Barkhurst at **505-924-3879**, e-mail: [<kcbarkhurst@cabq.gov>](mailto:kcbarkhurst@cabq.gov).

Wild land Task Force

By Melissa Romero, Albuquerque Fire Department

In line with the Albuquerque Fire Department's (AFD) pursuit to deliver the very best service to the citizens of Albuquerque, the Department maintains over 700 Firefighters with Wild land Fire Qualifications. AFD provides wildfire protection for a large portion of the Rio Grande Valley State Park, the Petroglyph National Monument on Albuquerque's Westside and Albuquerque Open Space areas of the West Mesa and Sandia Foothills.

AFD has four Wild land Taskforce Stations throughout the city. The Taskforce stations are able to respond immediately to Wild land fires in and around the City of Albuquerque with Type I Engines (large pumpers), VI engines (brush trucks) and members with advanced Wild land training. Members of the Taskforce stations undergo many hours of training to prepare them for combating Wild land fire with ground and aerial suppression tactics. AFD also participates in the New Mexico Resource Mobilization Plan. This multi agency plan enables AFD to assist our fellow firefighting agencies in fighting Wild land fires in New Mexico and neighboring states.

Since people cause most wildfires, we all have a part in preventing them. We can be more careful ourselves and whoever and wherever we are we can influence others to use more care with fires.

Remember a little extra care takes only a few minutes of your time and it would prevent a wildfire. To stay current with local fire conditions go to www.srh.noaa.gov/abq/.

Solid Waste Management Department

By: Natalie Howard

Spring Green Waste Collection for City of Albuquerque Solid Waste Management customers on your regular trash collection day during the weeks of May 2 to May 6, 2011 and May 9 to May 13, 2011. The city's 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 pounds 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.

Keep Albuquerque Beautiful is sponsoring the 2011 Great American Cleanup on Saturday, April 30, 2011 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Noon. Registration forms will be mailed to neighborhood and/or homeowner association representatives. If you would like more information, please call **505-761-8334** or visit the Solid Waste Management Department website at www.cabq.gov/solidwaste.

Keep Albuquerque Beautiful is providing grant funds for neighborhood beautification projects. Applications were mailed out the week of March 7, 2011 to all neighborhood and/or homeowner association representatives. The Application deadline is Friday, April 1, 2011. For more information, please call **505-761-8334** or visit the Solid Waste Management Department website www.cabq.gov/solidwaste.

Explora April 2011 Calendar

By: Ellen Welker

April is Math Awareness Month - Visit Explora's Experiment Bar to investigate ratios and proportions.

Mondays – 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

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

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

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

Saturday, April 2 – 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.; Monday, April 11 – 2 p.m. and Sunday, April 24 – 2 p.m.

Explora Film: *Stomp Out Loud. A musical dance troupe's amazing found-object percussion performance.* **FREE** with general admission.

Sunday, April 3 – 2 p.m. and Sunday, April 17 – 2 p.m.

Explora Adventures in Science. Explora's youth interns (local high school students) will guide you in experiencing science in new and exciting ways. **FREE** with general admission.

Sunday, April 3 – 3 p.m.; Tuesday, April 19 – 2 p.m. and Saturday, April 30 – 1 p.m. and 3 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.

Monday, April 4 – 2 p.m.; Thursday, April 15 – 2 p.m. and Friday, April 29 – 2 p.m.

Explora Film: *Mystery of the Senses—Smell. Explore wild scents and learn how an expert "nose" designs a new perfume.* **FREE** with general admission.

Tuesday, April 5 – 2 p.m. and Tuesday, April 26 – 2 p.m.

Explora Film: *Color + Modulation. Colorful, abstract light paintings.* **FREE** with general admission.

Saturday, April 9 – 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Explora Film: *da Vinci Tech. A fascinating look at the amazing inventions of this scientist and artist.* **FREE** with general admission.

Sunday, April 10 – 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Explora PoP Activities. Explora visitors and Albuquerque's scientists engage in hands-on 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. **FREE** with general admission.

Tuesday, April 12 – 2 p.m. and Monday, April 25 – 2 p.m.

Explora Film: *Orangutan Island. Forest School Rescue Center classmates help orphaned homeless orangutan babies.* **FREE** with general admission.

Saturday, April 16 – 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. and Saturday, April 23 – 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Explora Live Theater Performance: *ALBERT EINSTEIN-More Than Just Hair! Enjoy this live interactive drama about the extraordinary life of this great thinker. What would you like to ask him.* **FREE** with general admission.

Sunday, April 17 – 3 p.m. and 4 p.m.

Explora's Working Chemist. What happens when air pressure changes? Explore this and other air pressure questions. **FREE** with general admission.

Monday, April 18 – 2 p.m.

Explora Film: *Really, Really Big Show. One man's encounter with some huge machines.* **FREE** with general admission.

Double Rebate Xeriscape Contest Offers Non-Residential Customers Great Incentives To Convert High-Water-Use Landscapes

By: Patti Watson

The Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority is launching its **X2 Double-Rebate Xeriscape Contest** for **non-residential** customers. All multi-family, commercial, industrial and institutional customers are invited to participate.

Eligible commercial Water Authority customers can earn a double rebate for xeriscaping steep slopes (a ratio of 6:1 or greater) and small areas (less than 10 feet in any dimension) between now and October 31, 2011. That amounts to a water bill credit of \$1.50 for every square foot of qualifying landscape, such as high-water-use turf, converted to xeriscape. A minimum of 500 square feet must be converted.

“In an average year, the Water Authority gives rebates for replacement of more than 400,000 square feet of high-water-use turf,” said Art De La Cruz, chair of the Water Authority and Bernalillo County Commissioner for District 2. “That translates into water savings of about 12 million gallons per year. By focusing on slopes, which can use two to three times more water than flatter landscapes and small areas, which are very hard to water due to overspray, we hope to encourage local businesses to save even more water by addressing these challenging areas.”

Non-residential customers who convert their landscape between now and October 31 can also participate in the Water Authority’s X2 Double-Rebate Xeriscape Contest, which will award prizes of \$12,000 in rebates on water bills for first place, \$8,000 in rebates for second place and \$5,000 in rebates for third place. Xeriscapes will be judged on design and water-saving potential.

The Water Authority offers a free “How-To Guide to Xeriscaping” (available at many home centers and landscape companies). Complete rules and tips are also available on the Authority’s website (www.abcwua.org) by clicking on the “Water Conservation” button and then selecting “Xeriscaping.”

Non-residential customers are encouraged to take advantage of this unique opportunity to help conserve water, receive double credits on their water bills and win up to a \$12,000 rebate credit.

Existing xeriscape rebates will remain in place for residential customers. Rebates also are available for multi-setting sprinkler controllers, rental of equipment for removing grass, rain sensors, pressure regulation valves, pressure vacuum break (PVB) backflow prevention valves, rainwater harvesting barrels, multi-stream rotor heads for sprinklers and compost.

For more information please call Katherine Yuhas, Water Conservation Officer at **505-768-3633** or email [<kyuhas@abcwua.org>](mailto:kyuhas@abcwua.org).

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. Whenever 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.

Two Proposed Text Amendments to the Zoning Code

By: Catalina Lehner and Randall Falkner, Planning Department

Project #1001620, 11EPC-40013: Proposed Text Amendments to the Zoning Code – The Environmental Planning Commission (EPC) will consider text amendments to Zoning Code Section 14-16-3-5, General Sign Regulations, and Section 14-16-1-5, Definitions. The General Sign Regulations currently do not address the various types of electronic signs, which have become more prevalent in recent years. The proposed text amendments would establish a permitting process for electronic signs and require annual permit renewal. Electronic signs would not be allowed in any residential zone or historic district. Associated definitions would be added. The proposed text amendments would apply City-wide. Please contact Catalina Lehner-AICP, Senior Planner, at **505-924-3935** for more information.

Project #1001620, 11EPC-40014: Proposed Text Amendment to Section 14-16-2-16 (A)(8)(i) of the Zoning Code, regarding Alcohol Sales to clarify that package liquor sales are not allowed in a C-1 Zone, City-wide. Section 1. Section 14-16-2-16 (A)(8)(i) ROA 1994 is amended to read as follows: “(i) food and drink for consumption on premises or off, provided:

1. There shall be no drive-in restaurant, and
2. Alcoholic drink may be sold only under a restaurant license for sale of beer and wine, as provided by Section 60-6A-4 NMSA 1978 [+]. [~~except the retailing of alcoholic drink, for on or off premise consumption,~~] [+The sale of beer and wine under a restaurant license, however, is prohibited+] within 500 feet of a community residential program or hospital for treatment of substance abusers [~~is prohibited~~] pursuant to Section 14-16-3-12(A)(11) ROA 1994.”

Please contact Randall Falkner, Planner at **505-924-3933** for more information.

Old Town Celebrates 305th Birthday Popular Annual Founders Day Fiesta Set for April 9, 2011

By: Isabelle Zamora, Cultural Services Department

Each year thousands gather in Old Town to celebrate the birthday of Albuquerque, now 305 years old. Honoring the first families and their ancestors the event that fills the square, patios, courtyards and streets of Old Town pays homage to the five eras that define New Mexico history.

This year, a wide range of entertainment and activities will keep the crowds entertained while they learn about our history and those who contributed to our unique culture. The event begins at noon with live music in many locations throughout Old Town.

Throughout the afternoon live music and dance will be presented at the Gazebo and five designated areas of Old Town will focus on each era, featuring live music, dance, speakers and actors playing the roles of historic figures.

People wearing colorful costumes that represent the eras will parade around the Plaza. Located on San Felipe at Church Street, the Native American Era activities will include Native flute music, United Native Council dancers and pottery demonstrations. The Spanish Era will be honored at Plaza Hacienda with Flamenco dancers and live performance by Charles Aguilar. The Mexican Era at Patio Escondido will feature mariachi music, pottery demonstrations and Folklorico dance.

A special area for children at Plaza Don Luis will feature face painting, arts and crafts and the very popular entertainment group, Clan Tynker, whose juggling, acrobatics and magic enchant visitors of all ages.

Free and fun, Founders Day Fiesta has become a favorite of many Albuquerque area residents and visitors from other locales. A complete schedule will be available soon and visitors are encouraged to choose public transportation to the event. Rapid Ride drops visitors at Central Avenue and Rio Grande Boulevard, just one short block from the festivities.

POETRY IN PLACE

Poetry Workshops and Presentations

By: Jodi Hedderig, Parks and Recreation Department

WHAT: POETRY IN PLACE: Poetry workshops and presentations with local poets and guest, Marc Smith

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

WHEN: March 26, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and March 27, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

FEE: \$5 per workshop; Sunday presentations, **FREE**.

CONTACT: Gina Marselle, Poetry in Place Coordinator, e-mail: <ginamwrites@aol.com> -OR- Jodi Hedderig, Parks and Recreation Department, Open Space Division at 505-897-8831, e-mail: <jhedderig@cabq.gov>, www.cabq.gov/openspace.

The grace, the rugged lines, the spectacular light, the nuance and brilliance of color, the reaching history are elements of the New Mexico landscape that combine to inspire painter, sculptor, photographer, writer and poet. In Albuquerque our abundance of diverse landscapes directly and subtly contributes to our quality of life and our inspiration. Poetry in Place offers people the rare opportunity to explore the land through different styles of poetry taught by local and internationally known poets.

Yasmeen Najmi, local poet and featured Poetry in Place presenter, discovered the local poetry community through Poetry in Place. She says, "It was one of the best things to happen to me on many levels: encouraging me to develop as a writer and, more importantly, I found a new community of soul mates!" She goes on to say, "For me the location of Poetry in Place at Open Space is an opportunity to highlight the poetry of place - our place. The majestic agricultural and riverine landscapes provide inspiration and contemplation for poets during the workshops and readings."

Workshops - Saturday, March 26, 2011 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Local, notable poets such as KENNETH P. GURNEY, ZACHARY KLUCKMAN, SARA ROMAN (a.k.a. SaraOneLove), SAL TREPIEDI, RICHARD OYAMA, MERIMEE MOFFITT and more will teach an assortment of poetry art forms during a full day of workshops. This is a rare opportunity to gain instruction from a variety of New Mexico's own talented poets in one place, at one time.

This year, Poetry in Place is honored to offer a workshop with Marc Smith, the creator and founder of the International Poetry Slam movement. A native of Chicago, Smith introduced performance poetry or Poetry Slam at the Green Mill Tavern in 1986 where readings continue to this day every Sunday night. Smith's performance poetry workshop introduces students to the fundamentals of performing poetry professionally and effectively on stage or in a public forum. By the end of the workshop, the shyest, most inexperienced student will have the confidence to read or recite poetry in front of an audience.

Workshops are \$5 per person, per workshop. Participants may take one or more classes. A portion of the proceeds will benefit Open Space Alliance educational programming. Please bring your own writing materials. Some workshops are approximately 60 minutes in length and some are 90 minutes in length, dependent upon workshop. All ages welcome. Space is limited. Call (505) 897-8831 for reservations. For more information contact Gina Marselle at <ginamwrites@aol.com>.

Presentations on Sunday, March 27, 2011 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

POETRY READING OPEN HOUSE and OPEN MIC hosted by Gina Marselle. Feature Poets will include, but not limited to: Kenneth P. Gurney, Zachary Kluckman, Loretta Trujillo, Georgia Santa-Maria, Sirena Rayes, Jessica Helen Lopez, Yasmeen Najmi, Rich Boucher, Lee Francis, Liza Wolf, Don McIver, Merimee Moffitt, Katrina K Guarascio, Sara Roman (AKA SaraOneLove), Sal Treppiedi, The Cibola High School Poetry Club and The Cleveland High School's Slam Poetry Club.

Parliamentary Pointers

By: Janice Strand, PRP

Committee Reports

All committee reports should in general be submitted in writing. A report can be given orally only if it is brief enough that the secretary can record its substance in the minutes. If written the minutes can state that the report is attached (to the filed minutes that have been approved).

A committee report should always be worded in the third person – that is not using “I report” but “We report”. When given orally by the chairman as a summary of the written report, the statement should be “the report of the Finance Committee”. The report should begin with an identification of the committee submitting it.

If a written committee report is of considerable importance it should be signed by all the members who have agreed with the report. Otherwise, the committee can authorize its chairman to sign the report. By signing the report the chairman certifies that the report has been adopted by the committee. The words *Respectfully submitted* preceding the signature(s) on a committee report is unnecessary and no longer customary.

Reports of committees are called for in the following order:

1. Reports of standing committees are listed first after officer reports on the meeting agenda. These committee reports are listed in the order in which they are listed in the bylaws.
2. Reports of special committees are listed after standing committees; these reports are listed in the order in which the special committees were formed/assigned.

A committee report can end with the presentation of a motion for action on a recommendation; the reporter would state, “Mr. President, on behalf of the committee, I move the adoption of the following motion.....”. This motion does not have to be seconded as the committee (of more than one) has agreed that this motion should be made. The motion should be in writing when given to the President.

If a motion has been referred to the committee, the report can recommend that the motion be amended this report would then move the amendment to the referred motion at the end. The amendment should be in writing when given to the President. Adapted from *Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised, 10th Edition*, (RONR) pp. 493-508

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 e-mail: <jan_str@msn.com>.

How To Start A Neighborhood Watch

By: Steve Sink, Albuquerque Police Department

1. You or a neighbor decides to host an initial Neighborhood Watch meeting.
2. Whoever is going to host the meeting calls the APD Crime Prevention (CP) Office at **505-924-3600** to provide their name, address and phone number. After making the call the Crime Prevention Office will send a “starter packet” that will include among other items a form to collect information from your neighbors.
3. The host or designee goes up and down the block contacting the neighbors and recording their name, address and phone number on the form. (Note: At least 50% of the homes on the block must be represented at the Neighborhood Watch meeting to qualify for sign placement.) (continued on pg 10)

4. The host then sends the completed list back to the CP Office in the self-addressed envelope provided in the starter packet.
5. After the CP Office receives the list from the interested party a Crime Prevention (CP) Specialist will contact the host to set up a date and time for the Neighborhood Watch Meeting.
6. The CP Specialist will then assist you with invitations for each person whose name appears on the list. Fliers will also be given to the host to be distributed to neighbors as a "last minute" reminder.
7. At the meeting the host provides chairs and simple refreshments.
8. The CP Specialist will conduct the meeting and towards the end facilitate the group's selection of a Block Captain who will function as the neighborhood leader and will serve as a contact person for the Albuquerque Police Department.
9. The Block Captain is responsible for contacting new neighbors and for providing updated information to the Crime Prevention Office (Block Captain replacement, etc.)
10. The block is now organized and may collectively purchase Neighborhoods Organized Against Crime (NOAC) Street Signs. The signs may be ordered (by the Block Captain only) through the Crime Prevention Office. The Block Captain may also join the Albuquerque Block Captains Association (ABCA). The block can also officially participate in the annual National Night Out celebration held the first Tuesday of August each year.

APD - Southwest Area Command

By: Commander Macario Page

I am Commander Macario Page and was honored when I was assigned to the Southwest Area Command in April of 2010 by Chief Ray Schultz. I am a 20 year veteran of APD and have worked patrol, investigations, the crime lab and operations. I have enjoyed working with community leaders, businesses and residents to create a positive and safe environment for the citizens of Albuquerque. I have a dedicated and professional team of officers and civilians who work tirelessly to protect and serve citizens throughout the area command.

The department, along with the Southwest Command, has been working to reduce the amount of property crimes committed within the city. Over the last year we were successful in reducing property crimes and will continue to work with the community to have an even greater reduction in 2011. Property crime in the Southwest area has seen a 19% reduction during this same period.

On March 26, 2011 we will be initiating the Strategic Targeted Area Response Team (START) project in Police Beat 124. Community leaders from around the city will team up with officers and visit an estimated 500 homes. These two person teams will go door-to-door informing residents about how to be more involved in their community and how to assist the police department to make their neighborhoods safer. The citizens will also be asked to fill out a short survey with questions about their neighborhood and they will be invited to a follow-up meeting at a later date. This will be the second time the Albuquerque Police Department has used the START project in Albuquerque.

I can be reached at **505-768-2213** if you would like more information in regards to this new project in my area command.

When It Comes To Watering, Enough Is Enough – March Reminder

By: Phyllis Baker

As temperatures climb and spring approaches the Water Authority reminds customers to “Water by the Numbers,” and only give lawns and landscapes as much water as they need. ***That means watering just one day per week in March.***

“Over-watering is like putting two stamps on an envelope that only needs one,” said Katherine Yuhas, the Water Authority’s conservation officer. “It just doesn’t make sense. That’s why we encourage our customers to follow the 1-2-3-2-1, Water-by-the-Numbers formula. It provides enough water for your yard, but not too much.”

Under the Water by the Numbers Program the Water Authority asks customers to pick their own days to water while limiting landscape irrigation to once a week in March, twice a week in April and May, three times a week in June, July and August, twice a week in September and October and once a week in November. Recommended watering duration is 15 minutes or less per zone.

“We must reduce per capita water use in our community under the permit conditions for the San Juan-Chama Drinking Water Project,” Yuhas said. “The Water by the Numbers Program is a great way to meet this goal without having to impose mandatory day-of-the-week watering restrictions.”

In 2011, the per capita usage goal is 155 gallons per person per day.

It Was a Night of Glitz

By: Carrie Wells, Albuquerque Film Office

It was a night of glitz, glam and talent. Filmmaking’s highest honor, the Oscar was handed out to the best of filmmaking at the 83rd Academy Awards. Among the nominees were two films that played a key roll in the vitality of New Mexico’s film industry; the Coen brother’s True Grit and Tim Burton’s Alice in Wonderland.

It is well known that True Grit was shot all over the state of New Mexico in 2010 and the Albuquerque Film Office is happy to congratulate the cast and crew of True Grit on its ten Oscar nominations. Equally wonderful is that the computer-generated visual world of Tim Burton’s Alice in Wonderland was partially created in the heart of downtown Albuquerque. Sony Pictures Imageworks has four locations throughout the globe one of which is located in our beautiful city. Ken Ralston is the Senior Visual Effect Supervisor at Sony Imageworks, he and his creative team were nominated for an Oscar this year for Outstanding Visual Effects. Other nominations for Alice in Wonderland include Art Direction and Achievement in Costume Design. On February 27, 2011, Alice in Wonderland took home two Academy Awards.

In 2008, the film No Country for Old Men (another Coen Brother’s film) won an Academy Award for Best Picture and in 2010 Crazy Heart also picked up a statuette for Best Picture. Both of these films were shot in New Mexico. We would like to thank you for your continued support of filmmaking in New Mexico and look forward to filming in your beautiful neighborhoods in the future.

Please visit the Albuquerque Film Office online at www.filmABQ.com or call **505-768-3283**.

Calendar

March 21 to April 1, 2011

Tuesday, March 22 – BOA – 9 a.m. – Plaza Del Sol Hearing Room, Basement, 600 2nd Street NW
Wednesday, March 23 – DRB – 9 a.m. – Plaza Del Sol Hearing Room, Basement, 600 2nd Street NW
Thursday, March 24 – ZHE – 9 a.m. – Plaza Del Sol Hearing Room, Basement, 600 2nd Street NW
Wednesday, March 30 – DRB – 9 a.m. – Plaza Del Sol Hearing Room, Basement, 600 2nd Street NW
Thursday, March 31 – Northwest Alliance – 6:30 p.m. – Don Newton/Taylor Ranch Community Center, 4900 Kachina Road NW

April 4 to 8, 2011

Tuesday, April 5 – SWAN – 6 p.m. – Alamosa Multi-Purpose Community Center, 6900 Gonzales Road SW
Wednesday, April 6 – DRB – 9 a.m. – Plaza Del Sol Hearing Room, Basement, 600 2nd Street NW
Wednesday, April 6 – SEPC – 9 a.m. – 6th floor, Cultural Services Department Conference Room, City Hall
Wednesday, April 6 – Westside Coalition – 7 p.m. – Don Newton/Taylor Ranch Community Center, 4900 Kachina Road NW
Wednesday, April 6 – District 7 Coalition – 7 p.m. – Sandia High School, Teacher's Lounge, 7801 Candelaria Road NE
Thursday, April 7 – EPC Study Session – 3 p.m. – Planning Department, Third Floor Conference Room

April 11 to April 15, 2011

Monday, April 11 – GABAC – 4:30 p.m. – City Hall, Room 302
Wednesday, April 13 – DRB – 9 a.m. – Plaza Del Sol Hearing Room, Basement, 600 2nd Street NW
Wednesday, April 13 – LUCC – 3 p.m. – Plaza Del Sol Hearing Room, Basement, 600 2nd Street NW
Thursday, April 14 – EPC Public Hearing – 8:30 a.m. – Plaza Del Sol Hearing Room, Basement, 600 2nd Street NW
Thursday, April 14 – POC – 4 p.m. – City/County Building, Lower Level 1 Civic Plaza
Thursday, April 14 – South Valley Coalition – 6:30 p.m. – Rio Bravo Senior Center, 3910 Isleta Boulevard SW

April 18 to April 22, 2011

Tuesday, April 19 – GARTC – 4:30 p.m. – Locations vary – call **505-768-5308** for information
Tuesday, March 19 – ZHE – 9 a.m. – Plaza Del Sol Hearing Room, Basement, 600 2nd Street NW
Wednesday, April 20 – DRB – 9 a.m. – Plaza Del Sol Hearing Room, Basement, 600 2nd Street NW
Wednesday, April 20 – SEPC – 9 a.m. – 6th floor, Cultural Services Department Conference Room, City Hall
Wednesday, April 20 – EPC Pre-Hearing – 1:30 p.m. – Planning Department, Third Floor Conference Room
Wednesday, April 20 – District 4 Coalition – 7 p.m. – Fire Station 20, 7520 Corona Avenue NE
Thursday, April 21 – AAB – 9 a.m. – Aviation Department Executive Conference Room
Thursday, April 21 – East Gateway Coalition – 6:30 p.m. – Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center, 501 Elizabeth Street SE

April 25 to April 30, 2011

Tuesday, April 26 – BOA – 9 a.m. – Plaza Del Sol Hearing Room, Basement, 600 2nd Street NW
Wednesday, April 27 – DRB – 9 a.m. – Plaza Del Sol Hearing Room, Basement, 600 2nd Street NW
Thursday, April 28 – Northwest Alliance – 6:30 p.m. – Don Newton/Taylor Ranch Community Center, 4900 Kachina Road NW