

# Neighborhood News

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**Richard J. Berry**  
Mayor of Albuquerque

Although it is important to recognize that we still face economic challenges as a community, I am excited about the future of Albuquerque. Of course we have made difficult decisions at City Hall in the past year, including reducing the size of government by six percent and cutting more than \$130 million in spending. Because we have continued to control spending, I believe we have a once-in-a-generation opportunity to make game changing improvements to our community and region.

These are times when it would be easy to tread water and wait to plan for the future but that would be a mistake. Cities never stay the same; they invest in themselves and thrive or they stagnate. That is why I am proposing that together, as a community, we develop a long-range plan for public sector investments that not only improve our quality of life, but entice private sector investment, enhance tourism opportunities and foster economic development and job creation. Think Isotopes Stadium, Balloon Fiesta Park and Sandia Peak Tram as examples of game changing private and public sector projects. I am calling this initiative ABQ The PLAN.

To better understand what we hope to accomplish through the plan, we can look to other cities with public sector investments that have paid tremendous dividends. The right projects can make Albuquerque a desirable destination for folks from all over — just think about the economic driver the Balloon Fiesta is for our city. This would not be possible if Albuquerque had not invested in Balloon Fiesta Park.

What could these investments look like? They could be regional competition sports parks for baseball, softball, soccer, basketball, volleyball and other sports. They could be projects that bring the Rio Grande more into our lives. We could kick-start the Paseo Del Norte and I-25 interchange improvements or add Rapid Transit Bus Services on Central from Tramway to 98th Street — tying east to west with the next logical step in mass transit. We could work with the state to make Expo New Mexico a place that provides year round amenities for families to enjoy.

We could tie existing bike trails together into a 50-mile city loop. We could provide a much-needed face-lift for the Convention Center and Civic Plaza to attract more conventioners to Albuquerque. A cultural trail could tie together our tremendous assets such as the National Hispanic Cultural Center, Route 66, the KiMo Theatre, Old Town and our museums, the BioPark and the Rail Yards. The opportunities are endless.

Maybe we can build only a few at a time but if we plan ahead and are wise with our investments these projects could change the face of Albuquerque.

The question is, can we afford to get a few of these large-scale projects off the ground now and put financing mechanisms in place for future projects? Can we make these investments without an increase in taxes? I believe the answer is yes, if we continue to control the cost of city government, use creative and resourceful financing techniques, develop meaningful private sector and inter-government partnerships and offset operational costs by treating these investments as enterprises.

But this can't be just the Mayor's or the City Council's plan. This has to be an Albuquerque Plan, visualized, crafted and embraced by our citizens, community leaders and our public and private sector partners.

In the coming months I will be out in the community, along with city councilors and our staff to get input from our boss — that's you, the citizens of Albuquerque. Let us know what you think, share your ideas. If this is a plan the community believes in, we will take the next steps toward implementation. We are going to have discussions about our future and I hope you will be part

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



APD Crime Prevention

Submitted By Steve Sink



Door-to-Door Solicitation

Illegal or unauthorized door-to-door solicitation presents a possible unsafe situation in the residential setting. Individuals who represent themselves as a legitimate business are often times conducting fraudulent or potentially criminal activity. This type of enterprise is less prevalent today so individual citizens should consider any unexpected knock at the door to be potentially suspicious. The following are suggestions about how to create and maintain a safe and secure residential environment and how to handle the unwanted or unauthorized solicitor.

- The average citizen can define and describe normal behavior and activity in their immediate area or block. Citizens should apply this knowledge to persons walking the neighborhood. Strangers or those people that do not belong should be noticed and observed for suspicious activity. If a person’s behavior is deemed to be abnormal or suspicious, the citizen should call the non-emergency number 505-242-COPS. If someone witnesses a crime in progress, dial 911.
• If the resident receives any knock at the door, they should ALWAYS observe the area through a window or eye-viewer prior to opening the door – even if they are expecting a visitor. If an unfamiliar person is observed outside the residence, the occupant should be very cautious about opening the door. If there is a security screen door with a deadbolt lock in place and the citizen feels comfortable with opening the door they should not engage the individual; rather politely ask them to leave. In the absence of a security screen door they should notify the visitor they are unwelcome and ask them to leave the premises via the locked door and should never allow entry for any reason. Once the person is asked to leave the resident should observe them leaving and be prepared to report suspicious activity to the police.
• It is important to note that a knock at the door should not go unanswered in some manner – whether through the security screen door or the main door. Criminals posing as a legitimate solicitor are looking for an empty house to eventually commit residential burglary. If the criminal breaks into an expected

empty residence and finds an occupant the probability of a violent encounter is high.

- Home Invasions can be the result of a door-to-door solicitor. The criminal knocks on the door and through a variety of techniques persuades the resident to open the door. Once the door is open other individuals appear from obscured locations and force their way into the residence. If someone is at the door claiming to require assistance or some type of help, especially late at night, NEVER OPEN THE DOOR – call 911.
• Citizens who have experienced an illegal solicitor or suspicious person should alert other neighbors in the immediate area.
• It is recommended that no one engage or enter into a discussion about the purchase of items or services from any one who initiate contact with them. If items or services are needed citizens should pursue the purchase through established businesses. All frauds and scams originate from contact initiated by someone else.
• How to verify a solicitor’s legitimacy – All legitimate businesses in the City of Albuquerque must have a permit to operate, this includes the door-to-door solicitor per City Ordinance 13-3-1-1. The Ordinance requires the individual to have on their person a permit that can be produced on request, which includes photo identification. Any solicitor that claims not to have one or has left it in another location should be considered illegitimate. If you desire the right of privacy, posting a No Trespassing or No Soliciting sign on your premises must be observed by the solicitor. Solicitation is permitted only between the hours of 9 a.m. and sunset.

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**Albuquerque  
Fire  
Department**

*Submitted By Melissa Romero*



**Defensible Space**

Defensible space refers to an area between a house and an oncoming wildfire where the vegetation has been modified to reduce the wildfire threat which provides an opportunity for structural protection without risking homeowner or firefighter lives. Defensible space can simply be a properly maintained backyard.

A critical factor in determining whether or not a home will survive a wildfire is the type, amount and maintenance of vegetation surrounding the house. If vegetation is properly modified and maintained a wildfire can be slowed the length of flames shortened and the amount of heat reduced, all of which will assist firefighters in defending a home against an wildfire.

During a major wildfire, it is unlikely there will be enough firefighting resources available to defend every home that is threatened by wildfire so it is important for homeowners to do their part before a wildfire occurs in order to protect their homes.

To create a defensible space routine gardening and landscape maintenance practices such as pruning, moving, weeding, plant removal, appropriate plant selection and irrigation are essential. If your home is on flat land your defensible space distance should extend at least 30 feet from the sides of the house. Make sure the 30-100 feet wide area surrounding the home is LEAN, CLEAN AND GREEN. The vegetation should be kept:

- Lean: small amounts of flammable vegetation.
- Clean: no accumulation of dead vegetation or other flammable debris.
- Green: plants that remain healthy and green during the fire season.

**Tips to make your property defensible against fire:**

- Remove dead vegetation (i.e., dead trees and shrubs, dried grass and flowers, dead branches, fallen leaves, etc.).
- Remove lower branches from mature trees to height of eight feet from ground level. Remove small trees and shrubs growing under mature trees.
- Remove tree branches within 15 feet of a chimney or stove pipe.
- Keep vegetation clear of power lines and decks.

- Selectively thin and maintain remaining vegetation to six inches in height.
- Stack firewood and scrap wood piles at least fifty feet from any structure and clear a way vegetation within ten feet of the piles.
- Check and clean your roof and gutters on all structures several times during the spring and fall to remove debris that can easily ignite from a spark.

**Message from the Mayor - continued from cover**

of the conversation. Please spread the word to your friends and neighbors. The next Town Hall Meetings that are scheduled are as follows:

**Thursday, May 12, 7-8 p.m., Balloon Museum**

**Wednesday, May 18, 7-8 p.m., KiMo Theatre**

**Saturday, May 21, 6 p.m., Summerfest - National Hispanic Cultural Center (Al Hurricane)**

**Saturday, June 18, 6 p.m., Summerfest - Civic Plaza (The Drifters)**

If you can't attend a meeting log onto our site at < [www.cabq.gov/abq-the-plan](http://www.cabq.gov/abq-the-plan) > and fill out a simple to use form indicating which of these projects you think will make Albuquerque an even greater city.

If we do our homework control government costs, get community input, are smart about our financing and choose the right projects, we can put in place a long-range strategy that could survive from one administration to the next. We can change the discussion from "should we invest in our community" to "what will we invest in during this and future administrations."

Yes, times are tough. But now is the time to plan for a brighter future for Albuquerque.

**Parks and Recreation**

*Submitted By Michelle Herrera*

**Summer 2011 Golf Specials**




**Executive /Business Special** - Begins at 2 p.m.  
Monday through Friday 18 Holes with cart \$25.00  
(\$30.00 weekends)

**Golf Happy Hour Special** - Begins at 5 p.m.  
\$15.00 for 9 Holes with 1/2 cart, Valid weekday and weekend

Arroyo Del Oso – Ladera – Los Altos – Puerto Del Sol  
Your Neighborhood, Your Course. **GO PLAY GOLF!!!**

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E-mail: <[golf.feedback@cabq.gov](mailto:golf.feedback@cabq.gov)>

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<p><b>Wednesday, May 25</b> •DRB – 9 a.m.</p>	<p><b>NO June Meetings for:</b> <b>District 6 Coalition</b> <b>District 7 Coalition</b> <b>District 8 Coalition</b> <b>East Gateway Coalition</b></p>	<p><b>Thursday, June 9</b> •EPC Public Hearing – 8:30 a.m. •POC – 4 p.m. •South Valley Coalition – 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Sunday, June 19</b> <b>Father's Day</b></p>
<p><b>Thursday, May 26</b> •Northwest Alliance of Neighbors – 6:30 p.m. •District 8 Coalition – 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Wednesday, June 1</b> •DRB – 9 a.m. •SEPC – 9 a.m. •Westside Coalition – 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Monday, June 13</b> •GABAC – 4:30 p.m.</p>	<div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p><b>Monday, June 20</b> •City Council – 5 p.m.</p>
<p><b>Monday, May 30</b> <b>Memorial Day -</b> <b>City Offices Closed</b></p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p><b>Thursday, June 2</b> •EPC Study Session – 3 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Tuesday, June 14</b> <b>Flag Day</b></p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p><b>Tuesday, June 21</b> •ZHE – 9 a.m. •GARTC – 4:30 p.m.</p>
<p><b>Tuesday, May 31</b> •City Council – 5 p.m. (tentative meeting date, if needed)</p>	<p><b>Monday, June 6</b> •City Council – 5 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Wednesday, June 15</b> •DRB – 9 a.m. •SEPC – 9 a.m. •EPC Pre-Hearing – 1:30 p.m. •District 4 Coalition – 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Wednesday, June 22</b> •DRB – 9 a.m.</p>
	<p><b>Tuesday, June 7</b> •SWAN – 6 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Thursday, June 16</b> •AAB – 9 a.m.</p>	<p><b>Tuesday, June 28</b> •BOA – 9 a.m.</p>
	<p><b>Wednesday, June 8</b> •DRB – 9 a.m. •LUCC – 3 p.m.</p>		<p><b>Wednesday, June 29</b> •DRB – 9 a.m.</p>
			<p><b>Thursday, June 30</b> •Northwest Alliance of Neighbors – 6:30 p.m.</p>

### 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 Conference Room, City Hall, Fifth and Marquette  
**SWAN** - South West Alliance of Neighbors, Alamosa Multi-Purpose Center, 6900 Gonzales Road SW  
**SVCNA** - South Valley Coalition of Neighborhood Associations, Sheriff's Department South Area Command, 2039 Isleta Boulevard SW  
**Westside Coalition** - Don Newton/Taylor Ranch Community Center, 4900 Kachina Drive NW  
**ZHE** - Zoning Hearing Examiner Offices - 200 Third Street NW, Suite 735, **505-924-3918**; ZHE Hearings are held in the Plaza del Sol Hearing Room, (Basement Level), 600 Second Street NW

**EPC Hearing Notice**

**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 **2<sup>nd</sup> 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 **1<sup>st</sup> Thursday** prior to the EPC Public Hearing.

**On the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 **2<sup>nd</sup> 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 **June 9, 2011** at **8:30 a.m.** in the **Planning Department Hearing Room**, (basement level), **600 Second Street NW** for the following cases:

*Northeast*

**Del Norte, District 4 Coalition of NA's (neighborhood/homeowner association/coalition); 11EPC-40033 and 40034, Project #1000177 (case #'s)**; Approximately 18.8 acres located on the south side of Osuna Road NE between I-25 Freeway and San Mateo Boulevard NE (**location of request**); F-17 (**zone atlas page #**); Dekker Perich Sabatini at **505-761-9700**, agent for Cliffs Amusement Park (**applicant or agency and phone #**); Requests a Zone Map Amendment from M-1 to SU-1 for Amusement Park and a Site Development Plan for Subdivision for Cliff's desire to increase their parking capacity to better serve their customers (**action requested**); Chris Hyer at **505-924-3927**, e-mail: <chyer@cabq.gov>. (**City staff planner**)

*Northwest*

**Alban Hills, Taylor Ranch, Northwest Alliance of Neighbors, Westside Coalition of NA's; 11EPC-40027, Project #1002062**; Approximately 2.15 acres located on the west side of Coors Boulevard NW between Paseo Del Norte NW and Montano Road NW; D-13; NCA Architects – Planners at **505-255-6400**, agent for Team Broadcasting, Inc.; Requests a Site Development Plan for Building Permit for a proposed 22,600 square foot office building to be located on the far northern side for one tenant (101.7 The Team), a radio station/office proposing to use 16,800 square foot of the office building; Carrie Barkhurst at **505-924-3879**, e-mail: <kcbarkhurst@cabq.gov>.

**Alamosa, Crestview Bluff, Los Volcanes, Pat Hurley, Skyview West, Vecinos Del Bosque, West Mesa, West Side Merchants, South Valley Coalition of NA's, South West Alliance of Neighbors (SWAN), Westside Coalition of NA's; 11EPC-40030 and 40032, Project #1008787**; Approximately 2.08 acres located on the north side of Central Avenue NW between 57<sup>th</sup> Street NW and 58<sup>th</sup> Street NW; K-11; Dekker Perich Sabatini at **505-761-9700**, agent for City of Albuquerque, Department of Municipal Development/CIP (Rhonda Methvin); Requests a Zone Map Amendment from C-2 to SU-1 for Fire Station and a Site Development Plan for Building Permit for a proposed Albuquerque Fire Department, Fire Station #7 to minimize emergency response times in the surrounding community to provide fire suppression and emergency medical services; Randall Falkner at **505-924-3933**, e-mail: <rfalkner@cabq.gov>.

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*Southeast*

**Clayton Heights/Lomas Del Cielo, Kirtland Community, San Jose, South Broadway, Victory Hills, Yale Village, District 6 Coalition of NA's; 11EPC-40029 and 40031, Project #1008786;** Approximately 1.35 acres located on the north side of Gibson Boulevard SE between University Boulevard SE and I-25 Freeway; L-15; Dekker Perich Sabatini at **505-761-9700**, agent for City of Albuquerque, Department of Municipal Development/CIP (Rhonda Methvin); Requests a Zone Map Amendment from C-2 to SU-1 for Fire Station and a Site Development Plan for Building Permit for a proposed Albuquerque Fire Department, Fire Station #2 to minimize emergency response times in the surrounding community to provide fire suppression and emergency medical services; Randall Falkner at **505-924-3933**, e-mail: <rfalkner@cabq.gov>.

**Juan Tabo Hills, Mirabella-Miravista, Sandia Vista, Singing Arrow, South Los Altos, Terracita, Tijeras Arroyo, Towne Park, Willow Wood, East Gateway Coalition; 11EPC-40028, Project #1001031;** Approximately 277 acres located on the east side of Eubank Boulevard SE between Southern Boulevard SE and Kirtland Air Force Base (KAFB); L-M-21; Joe Slagle, SlagleHerr Architects at **505-246-0870**, agent for Sandia Science and Technology Park Development Corporation; Requests a Text Amendment to the Sandia Science and Technology Park Development Corporation (SSTPDC) Master Development Plan to revise the section to establish free-standing telecommunications facilities as a permissive use; Catalina Lehner at **505-924-3935**, e-mail: <clehner@cabq.gov>.

*Submitted By Roger Mickelson*

### How To Get Information About Proposed Legislation.

*When citizens were asked whether ignorance or apathy was the major problem in getting people interested in legislation, 83% of the respondents said, "I don't know and I don't care."*

**City Council.** The City Council normally meets on the first and third Monday of the month. Council and Committee schedules are at <<http://www.cabq.gov/council/council-meeting-schedules>> after 5 p.m. one full business day before the meeting date; preliminary draft schedules are usually posted 4-5 business days prior to the meeting at <<http://www.cabq.gov/council/events>>.

Agendas can be found at <<http://cabq.legistar.com/calendar.aspx>>. To get ahead of the game, click on the **Minutes** link on the right side of the **President** line to see the "**Letter of Introduction**." This lists all proposed new legislation and initial disposition (e.g., Council hearing or committees: Land Use, Planning, and Zoning; Finance and Government Operations;

Public Service). Copy the Bill designator (e.g., EC-10-190, O-xxx, OC-xxx, R-xxx) of the item you're interested in and go back to the "agendas" page. Click on the **Legislation** tab at the top of the page. This will take you to another Search page where you can access the proposed legislation for review. Key in the legislation number (e.g., EC-10-190, O-xxx, OC-xxx, R-xxx) in the **Search Legislation** box and select **All Years or This Year** in the box to the right of the **Search Legislation** button. Then tap on the **Search Legislation** button.

That will take you to another page with the file on that particular Executive Communication (EC-), Ordinance (O-), Resolution (R-), or whatever. Click on the yellow-highlighted file number to go to the history page for that item. You can click on the main item or attachment of interest (e.g., **O-2.doc, O-2att.doc**) and save it to read more than the brief "title and description" provided on the agenda.

You can read about the meeting results at the same link <<http://cabq.legistar.com/calendar.aspx>> by clicking on the **MINUTES** tab on the right side of the line for the meeting of interest.

The process is very similar for Council Committee meetings, agendas and minutes. Use the same pages and links.

Educate yourself and your neighbors...get involved in the process by calling **505-768-3100** or e-mailing Councilors via <<http://www.cabq.gov/council/councilors>>. **Attend Council or committee meetings; testify!**

#### Who else passes laws or levies taxes or influences community matters?

Bernalillo County Commission info <http://meetings.bernco.gov/>. Click on the Commission Meeting link. This is a very user-friendly site thanks to the current "open government" commissioners.

Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority <<http://www.abcwua.org/>> click on **Upcoming Events** on the right.

Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Government Commission <[http://www.bernco.gov/live/results.asp?category\\_id=6569](http://www.bernco.gov/live/results.asp?category_id=6569)>. The commission doesn't meet often and no legislation is passed.

Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo Flood Control Authority <<http://www.amafca.org/board/meetings.html>>.

Environmental Planning Commission (EPC) <<http://www.cabq.gov/planning/epc/epcagenda/html>>.

County Planning Commission <<http://www.bernco.gov/live/calendar.asp?category=2470>>.

Albuquerque Public Schools <<http://www.aps.edu/events/events/month>>.

Mid-Region Council of Governments (MR-COG) <<http://www.mrcog-nm.gov/>> and look at **CALENDAR** on the left side. As a collective governmental body, any "decisions" have to be implemented by City, County or another government entity.

**Cultural Services Department**

*Submitted By Riann Powell*

**Summerfest On the Road with Four Great Events**

The City of Albuquerque and Mayor Richard J. Berry present Summerfest 2011. This year Summerfest is on the road, traveling to different locations in the city. Join us for four exciting events featuring live music, entertainment, children's activities, food, drink and fun for the whole family. Summerfest admission is always **FREE**.

2011 Summerfest Events:

Saturday, May 21, 2011 from 7 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. at the National Hispanic Cultural Center. Featuring the Godfather of New Mexico Music Al Hurricane and Al Hurricane, Jr.

Saturday, June 18, 2011 from 7 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. at Harry E. Kinney Civic Plaza. Featuring Bobby Hendricks' Drifters.

Saturday, July 23, 2011 from 2 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. in Nob Hill (Central from Girard to Washington). Featuring Maceo Parker, funk and soul jazz saxophonist.

Saturday, August 20, 2011 from 7 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. at Cottonwood Mall. Featuring singer-songwriter Ryan Star.

For additional information about Summerfest visit <[www.cabq.gov/cultural-services](http://www.cabq.gov/cultural-services)> call **505-768-3556** or **311**. TTY users call Relay NM or **711**. Cultural Services Department, Special Events Section.

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**Cultural Services Department**

*Submitted By Isabelle Zamora*

**Old Town Features Major Entertainment in May and June**

The popular series of live entertainment in Old Town returns for the 2011 season with exciting free programs featuring local and regional talent.

The June 10, 2011 "Latin Friday" brings **Humoso** a hot jazz quartet to the Gazebo stage. Four young artists bring the

freedom of musical expression without barriers of specific styles and the blending is magical. The program begins at 6 p.m. at the Gazebo.

June 17, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. the Cuban salsa group **En-Joy** takes the stage at the Gazebo bringing hot, hot Latin beats. The group focuses on traditional Son and modern Timba, two Cuban styles of music. Timba a modern variation of Salsa combines elements of modern music with traditional Son.

And finally on June 24, 2011 "Latin Friday" closes the June schedule with a performance by **Eva Torres and the Cast**. An award-winning artist, Eva and her group bring a wide ranging repertoire that includes Country, Western, Latin, Boogie Blues, Rock and Roll, Standards and Oldies. The performance begins at 6:30 p.m.

Famed Southwestern artist and musician Frank McCulloch returns to the Plaza on Saturday, June 11, 2011 at 11 a.m. for a morning concert featuring McCulloch y sus Amigos. This trio of musicians play Hispanic and Southwestern music with great flair. Following their performance at Noon long time Old Town residents Robert and Estela Miera will be honored in a program entitled "Honoring the Elders."

Saturday, May 14, 2011 is the date for the traditional annual celebration of Filipino culture that begins with a Mass at 5 p.m. and continues with music, dance, colorful costumes and delicious Filipino foods until 9 p.m.

Every Wednesday evening from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. on the Plaza "Wildcard Wednesdays" feature a variety of musical performances that include acoustic, folk, indie, country, pop, jazz, swing and more. Thursdays starting May 12, 2011 from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. bring "Cultural Sunsets," a program that features entertainers from Albuquerque's many ethnic groups performing their own cultural music, dancing and more. From East Indian dance to square dancing, Irish Step to whirling Greek dances, from flamenco to Hawaiian hula, the programs always entertain while helping the audience learn more about each culture's unique contributions. Cultural Sunsets also offers theme-related Arts and Crafts to keep young ones entertained.

Saturdays in Old Town feature strolling mariachi bands as well as musicians in patios and courtyards throughout the area to keep visitors entertained as they shop, dine and stroll. On Sundays visitors are likely to find themselves in the middle of a "shootout" by members of the New Mexico Gunfighters Association. Theatrical and dance performances are scheduled on Sundays throughout the season.

For more information on specific dates/performance in Old Town visit <[www.cabq.gov/cultural-services](http://www.cabq.gov/cultural-services)> or call **311**. TTY users please call **711**.



**NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS**

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