

Neighborhood News

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Richard J. Berry
Mayor of Albuquerque

Message from the Mayor:

I am very pleased to inform you of a huge achievement and milestone for my administration. During my campaign, I pledged repeatedly that I would make every effort to bring a new era of transparency to city government.

This fall we are proud to tell you that our transparency and open government initiatives are under way and they are already successful.

We launched “ABQ View” in late August. ABQ View is a comprehensive transparency website that is already being touted as a national leader in the growing movement toward government accountability.

ABQ View puts our city government at the forefront of what open government should look like for cities around the country. This web site offers citizens a deep and thorough view into how city government is spending its tax dollars.

If you want to learn about how the city spends its money and what its employees are paid and other valuable information that has been hidden in the past then this site is for you. Please visit ABQ View at <http://www.cabq.gov/abq-view>.

Major open government groups that monitor transparency efforts are raving about ABQ View. The Sunshine Review gives the site an A+ grade and exclaims, “With the work done by the Berry Administration, Albuquerque is now the poster child for transparency and we will use this site as a model for other cities and states.”

New Mexico has been ranked as low as 44th for overall transparency in the past and I am proud that our administration has led the state out of the wilderness and into the sunlight in terms of government accountability.

We have not stopped there. We have much more to offer. For example, we are already moving forward on another new program known as “Efficiency, Stewardship and Accountability” (ESA). ESA is designed to accelerate efficiencies, improve stewardship of tax dollars and increase accountability in city government.

ESA seeks to target and root out any wasteful spending and theft of city money or resources. There is a hotline, website and e-mail so you and any citizen, employee or vendor can report tips to ESA. The ESA hotline is **505-768-ESA1**. The ESA e-mail is ESA@cabq.gov. Specific information is detailed on cabq.gov/esa.

This program has the potential to save the city millions of dollars each year. ESA is a team approach to curb fraud and find efficiencies. Citizens and employees are our biggest assets and ESA gives every employee, vendor and citizen a voice to tell us how we can do things better.

My administration would not be successful without you as a watchdog. We want to deliver the highest quality basic services while always striving to be financially responsible as stewards of tax payer dollars. These programs are at the forefront of those goals and we will continue to improve the way we do business for you.

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



**APD Crime
Prevention**

Submitted By Steve Sink



Halloween Safety

The time for monsters, super hero’s and ghosts has arrived again. Halloween is a wonderful part of the changing seasons and we should do every thing possible to ensure the night remains a wonderful experience for our children. Most folks are aware of the need for cautionary steps on this haunted evening particularly in regard to altered treats and safety. Unfortunately, there are dangers associated with this annual goblin festival. The following tips should be considered by all adults and children as a guide to protect our little cherubs during a night of trick-or-treating.

For Parents:

- The safest place is a sponsored event at a mall, school, church or neighborhood event.
- Accompany young children on the route.
- Send older children out with friends, a watch and flashlight.
- Agree to the route and an expected arrival time prior to departure.
- Always check your children’s treats prior to consumption.

For Children and Parents:

- Wear light-colored clothing or costumes.
- Use make-up instead of a mask for better visibility.
- Make a map of the route for you and your parents.
- Carry a flashlight or light stick.
- Stay in your own neighborhood.

- Be respectful of other people and their property.
- Stop only at well-lighted houses.
- Have a parent check the treats before you eat them.
- Start early and end early.
- Use sidewalks or walk facing traffic.
- Always keep a safe distance between you and moving vehicles.
- Stop, look and listen at corners or before crossing the street and walk - don’t run.
- Don’t go between parked cars or crisscross back and forth across the street.
- Never go inside a stranger’s house or apartment no matter what anyone says.
- Don’t carry sharp instruments and never carry a lighted candle or open flame.

Any incident involving injury or violations of the law should be reported to the Albuquerque Police Department by calling **911** (Emergency) or **505-242-COPS** (Non-Emergency).



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Parks and Recreation

Submitted By Nicholas Kuhn

USDA NEWS RELEASE

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**USDA Announces Funding to Expand School
Community Gardens and Garden-Based
Learning Opportunities**

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25, 2010 – Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced that USDA will establish a People’s Garden School Pilot Program to develop and run community gardens at eligible high-poverty schools; teach students involved in the gardens about agriculture production practices, diet, and nutrition; and evaluate the learning outcomes. This \$1 million pilot program is authorized under the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act. A cooperative agreement will be awarded to implement a program in up to five States. To be eligible as project sites, schools must have 50 percent or more students qualifying for free or reduced-price school meals.

”Grass roots community gardens and agriculture programs have great promise for teaching our kids about food production and nutrition at the local level,” said Vilsack. “Learning where food comes from and what fresh foods taste like, and the pride of growing and serving vegetables and fruits that grew through your own effort, are life-changing experiences. All of us at USDA are proud to make this possible.”

Part of a broad USDA effort to provide children with access to a nutritious and safe diet, this initiative also aims to influence healthier choices for all American households. Produce raised in the gardens can be used in the schools’ meals and by student households, local food banks, or senior center nutrition programs.

Through this pilot program, the USDA Food and Nutrition Service seeks to identify models of successful school garden initiatives which then can be marketed to the K-12 community for inspiration, ideas, and replication.

Improving USDA’s child nutrition programs is a top priority of the Obama Administration. Congress is currently considering legislation to bolster the Child Nutrition Act, which authorizes the National School Lunch, School Breakfast, and Summer Food Service Programs. These programs serve nearly 32 million children each school day and work in concert to form a national safety net against hunger. Improving the Child Nutrition Act

is the legislative centerpiece of First Lady Michelle Obama’s Let’s Move! Campaign and was highlighted in the White House report *Solving the Problem of Childhood Obesity Within a Generation*, released on May 11. By passing strong reauthorization legislation, the Administration hopes to reduce hunger, promote access, and improve the overall health and nutrition of children throughout the country. To learn more about the First Lady’s Let’s Move! campaign, visit www.LetsMove.gov.

The grant is available to public and not-for-profit organizations. Grant applications may be submitted by e-mail to: FY2010Prop_PeoplesGarden@fns.usda.gov or through www.grants.gov. The Request for Applications is available on-line at <http://www.fns.usda.gov/fns/outreach/grants/garden.htm>. The deadline for applications is November 8, 2010.

USDA’s Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) oversees the administration of 15 nutrition assistance programs, including the child nutrition programs that touch the lives of one in four Americans over the course of a year. These programs work in concert to form a national safety net against hunger. Visit www.fns.usda.gov for information about FNS and the USDA nutrition assistance programs.

USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer and lender. To file a complaint of discrimination, write: USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410 or call **1-800-795-3272** (voice), or **202-720-6382** (TDD).



**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 is scheduled for the following date, time and location.

Saturday, October 30, 2010
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
AAA New Mexico – East Office
10501 Montgomery Boulevard NE
(Montgomery and Morris)

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

Environmental Health Department

Submitted By Therese Martinez-Loner

**THE WINTER ADVISORY SEASON BEGINS
OCTOBER 1
TAKE THESE EASY STEPS
FOR CLEAN AIR ALL SEASON LONG**

SEASONAL CHANGES CAN AFFECT YOUR VEHICLES PERFORMANCE & OUR AIR QUALITY!

- Pressurize Your Tires
- Check The Tread, Is It Time For New Tires?
- Tune-Up Your Vehicle
- Is It Time To Change Your Oil?
- Is Your Antifreeze Still Good?
- Is Your Car Due For An Emission Test? Test Early To Allow Time For Repairs.

BURN WISE THIS WINTER FOR CLEAN AIR INSIDE & OUT

- ▲ Clean Your Wood Burning Fireplace Or Stove & Keep It Clear of Ash & Soot For Safe Burning & Clean Air
- ▲ Burn Only Seasoned Firewood Never Burn Trash or Treated Wood
- ▲ Call 311 or 768-1972 For the Daily Notification or To Apply For A Burn Exemption
- ▲ Sign Up For Free Burn/No-Burn Notifications at www.cabq.gov/cmaqpublic/cmaqburn.jsp
- ▲ Visit WWW.EPA.GOV/BURNWISE For More Information

Is your wood burning appliance approved by EPA?

City of Albuquerque
Environmental Health Department
Air Quality & Vehicle Pollution Management Divisions
www.cabq.gov/airquality www.cabq.gov/aircare

Richard J. Berry
Mayor

Mary Lou Leonard
Director

Department of Municipal Development

Submitted By Barbara Taylor

2011 General Obligation Bond Program

The 2011-2020 Decade Plan for city-wide capital improvements, which includes the 2011 General Obligation Bond Program is expected to be heard by the Environmental Planning Commission (EPC) on November 18, 2010. At this time the capital program is expected to be early on the agenda but as usual please check before coming downtown. EPC Hearings are held in the basement Hearing Room at Plaza del Sol.

Hard copies of the G.O. Bond Program and Decade Plan may be obtained from the Capital Implementation Division of the Department of Municipal Development. Please call Barbara Taylor at 505-768-3830 or e-mail <btaylor@cabq.gov> for more information.

Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System

Submitted By Riann Powell



Many Stories, Many Voices: A Celebration of Storytelling New Transportation Program Brings School Groups to the Libraries for Free

The Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Public Libraries (ABC Libraries) are partnering with the Storytellers of New Mexico for the 3rd Annual Many Stories, Many Voices: A Celebration of Storytelling. From November 9 – 19, 2010, 15 libraries will host storytelling programs for children, families and school groups featuring New Mexico storytellers. For a full list of storytelling programs visit <www.cabq.gov/library>.

The Friends for the Public Library is excited to announce the launch of the Tom and Jo Thomason Transportation Program in conjunction with Many Stories, Many Voices. The Transportation Program provides an opportunity for students from Title I schools and daycare/preschools serving low-income families in Albuquerque and Bernalillo County to enjoy field trips to the ABC Libraries by funding the cost of their round-trip bus transportation. For information on how to request a free bus trip to the library, call 505-768-5115 or visit <www.friendsforthelibrary.org>.

For more information on all of the library events and services, call 311 or visit <www.cabq.gov/library>. TTY Users call Relay NM or 711. The ABC Libraries are a Division of the Cultural Services Department, City of Albuquerque.



Planning Department

Submitted By Carol Toffaleti

Electronic Sign Survey

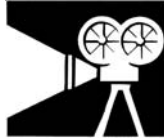
Thank you to the 845 citizens who completed the on-line survey in September. The results will be an appendix in the Electronic Sign Task Force Report that is being presented to City Council on October 18, 2010. The body of the report will be recommending changes to the Zoning Code from the Task Force, per Council Resolution F/S R-10-99.



Contact: Carol Toffaleti, Long Range Planning at 505-924-3345 or <cgtoffaleti@cabq.gov>.

ABQ Film Office

Submitted By Jesse Herron



Neighborhood Association Kudos

The Albuquerque Film Office would like to thank the following associations for welcoming the Disney Channel original movie, *Lemonade Mouth* to their neighborhoods: Indian Moon Neighborhood Association, Downtown Neighborhood Association, Broadway Central Corridors Partnership Inc., Old Town Merchants Association and the Downtown Action Team. The production company contributed \$900 total to these Albuquerque neighborhood associations. Thank you all for your cooperation!

The Albuquerque Film Office is now working to simplify the process of receiving payment from the production companies. We are compiling a collection of signed W-9's from neighborhood associations. We will work on your behalf to submit the proper invoice and W-9 form to the filmmakers. If you would like to help us continue to streamline this process (and your neighborhood organization has a signed W-9), please fax it to the Albuquerque Film Office at **505-768-3280**. If you have any questions please call **505-768-3294**. Thank you for your continued support in keeping Albuquerque film friendly.

Sincerely,

The Albuquerque Film Office

Thank You!!!

Mayor's Office

Submitted By Brent Eastwood

The State of the City

Date: Thursday, November 4, 2010
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Location: Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center
501 Elizabeth SE

Chat with the Mayor

Date: Thursday, November 18, 2010
Time: 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Location: Palo Duro Senior Center
5221 Palo Duro NE

Animal Welfare

Submitted By Rick De Reyes



“Long Term Pets” the Focus at Animal Welfare

They're the pets that often fly under the radar, the ones who've been at Animal Welfare for a few months or more, stray or surrendered by their owners, the aged with problems like deafness and difficulty walking or pets with other special needs. Animal Welfare's Volunteer corps took notice of them a few months ago and started giving them special attention.

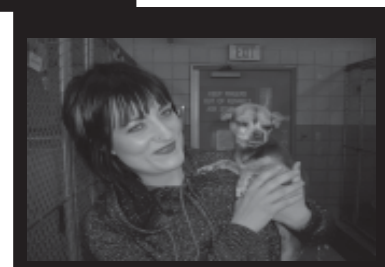
They call it the Long Term Pet plan. With the approval of Animal Welfare Director Barbara Bruin volunteers now keep a list of these pets at both Eastside and Westside shelters and have directed special efforts toward their upkeep and toward getting them adopted. The alternative being that the pets spend the rest of what lives they have at the shelter.

The upshot is that with volunteers taking extra time to play with or walk or foster or just devote quality time to these pets the pets' lives will be enriched. Not to mention volunteers are being enriched just by getting to know these pets better. So that when potential adopters come looking at shelters volunteers will be to tell them about a pet's special characteristics.

As volunteer Shelly Cassell and Long Term Pet Project leader told the Albuquerque Journal, "we are now only limited by funding and volunteer time. I believe that in my lifetime we will not see adoptable animals euthanized but that is not the reality now." But with programs like the Long Term Pet Project that reality is closer than ever before.



Fetchapalooza



HFTH - Workers

Albuquerque Fire Department

Submitted By
Melissa Romero



Children & Fire Safety

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

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

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

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

- Plan and practice a home fire escape plan.
- Know what to do when the smoke alarm sounds.
- Stop, Drop and Roll if clothes catch on fire. STOP immediately. DROP to the ground. ROLL over and over, covering your face and mouth with your hands.
- Matches and lighters are not toys. They are for adults only.
- Keep children away from any source of heat to prevent burn injuries.



Metropolitan Court

Submitted By Janet Blair



Biggest FREE Legal Fair in the State Set for October 28, 2010 at the Albuquerque Convention Center

Free legal advice is usually hard to find but it will be plentiful at the Law-La-Palooza scheduled for October 28, 2010 from noon to 6 p.m. at the Albuquerque Convention Center, Ballrooms B and C.

It will be the biggest free legal fair ever organized in New Mexico.

"A lot of people are out there searching for legal help and they can't afford it.

That's wrong and we want to fix it," said Second Judicial District Judge Clay Campbell one of the organizers for the Second Judicial District Pro Bono Committee.

Dozens of volunteer attorneys and civil legal service providers will be on hand to help with immigration, public benefits, foreclosure, bankruptcy, credit along with landlord-tenant issues, Campbell explained. There will be a special emphasis on veterans' issues and those of public safety workers such as police officers and fire fighters.

"When we talk about justice for all we mean it. This event will provide free legal assistance on many issues," said the judge. Other sponsors include Law Access New Mexico, New Mexico Legal Aid and the University of New Mexico School of Law.

There will be no entry fee and **FREE** parking will be provided for the first 500 customers parking at parking lots at 321 4th Street NW, 2nd and Gold, 5th and Copper and 3rd and Copper. **Bring your parking ticket to the event for validation.**

Planning Department

Submitted By Carol Toffaleti

West Route 66 Sector Development Plan

Councilors Ken Sanchez and Isaac Benton and the City of Albuquerque Planning Department are undertaking an update of the West Route 66 Sector Development Plan (WR66SDP) originally adopted in 1987. The plan area is a corridor along West Central Avenue that extends from the Rio Grande River to I-40 a stretch of almost seven miles.

The character of the corridor varies and it includes unincorporated land in Bernalillo County. (Properties in the county would be governed by the WT66SP if they are annexed into the city.) The new plan will address—and is likely to propose—updates to land use, zoning, transportation and design, based on community input that is received during the planning process. Adoption of the new plan is anticipated to be in 18 months and local firm Strata Design are the consultants.

Upcoming meetings include:

- Tuesday, October 26, 2010 – 6 p.m. – West Mesa Community Center - Second Listening Meeting.
- Saturday, November 13, 2010 - 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.* - Community Work shop.
- Tuesday, December 7, 2010 - 6 p.m.*- Discuss Outcomes of Workshop.
- Saturday, January 22, 2011 - 9 a.m. – noon* – Present Options for Implementation.

* at Alamosa Community Center, 6900 Gonzales Road SW (Coors Boulevard SW and Bridge Street SW)

For more information, see the Planning Department webpage at <<http://www.cabq.gov/planning/long-range/wr66sdp.html>> or contact Carol Toffaleti, Long Range Planning, at 505-924-3345 or <cgtoffaleti@cabq.gov>.



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 Isaac Padilla

Redistricting

City Council boundaries will be altered before the October 2011 municipal election. Under the Open and Ethical Elections Code in the City Charter, the "exploratory period" for District Council candidates begins March 15, 2011. The Census results will not be made available until the first quarter of 2011. The goal of the Council is to move forward with the redistricting process as quickly as possible upon the release of the census data.

Every 10 years the federal government is required to conduct a census by the U.S. Constitution. States, Counties and Municipalities use the information to redraw political boundaries. The City Charter requires the Council to appoint a committee of equal number representatives from each district to review and make recommendations regarding redistricting the Council Districts based on the federal data. Each Council District will have one voting member and one alternate serving on the committee.

The Council is required to provide fair and balanced representation of all geographic areas of the City and provide a total membership that reflects the racial, ethnic and gender makeup of the City's population.

The Committee meetings will comply with the New Mexico Open Meetings Act. Redistricting Meeting dates and times will be posted on the first floor of One Civic

Plaza and on the City's website. The task of the Redistricting Committee is to use the population data from the official 2010 U.S. Census along with any other pertinent information to make a report recommending changes in the Council District boundaries.

After the report is received Council will use the report to draft and pass legislation with the proposed Council boundaries. The Mayor must agree with the legislation passed by the Council. If the Mayor does not agree with the recommendations he can send them back to Council.

Animal Welfare

Submitted By Rick De Reyes



Animal Welfare's Lucky Paws Store in Coronado Center to Remain Open

Despite a sagging economy and the most difficult budget in the city's history, the City of Albuquerque's Animal Welfare Department has found a way to keep *Lucky Paws* in Coronado Mall open for the foreseeable future.

The current FY-2011 budget called for the closure of *Lucky Paws* in order to open the new spay/neuter clinic at the Eastside Shelter. Through a cooperative agreement with Coronado Mall management the popular adoption center will remain open saving thousands of animals' lives.

"When private business and government entities work together we can do great things on behalf of the taxpayers and the abandoned animals that come through

our shelters each year," Mayor Richard J. Berry said. "The partnership with Coronado Mall is one that I am grateful for and look forward to enriching."

Lucky Paws made history when it became the nation's first municipally-owned pet adoption store. Since its opening in February 2007, it has saved the lives of 6,691 pets (through September 1, 2010).

"We are fortunate that Coronado Mall has been understanding of our budget challenges and as good corporate citizens are willing to help us help the homeless animals of Albuquerque," said Animal Welfare Department Director Barbara Bruin.

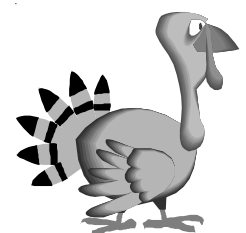
In addition, some private citizens have come forward and started a "Save *Lucky Paws*" effort. The citizens have launched a website aimed at raising funds to keep *Lucky Paws* open.

For more information or to donate, residents can go to <www.savelucky-paws.org> or they can mail donations to Save *Lucky Paws*, P.O. Box 53301, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87153.

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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.

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Wednesday, October 20 •DRB – 9 a.m. •EPC Pre-Hearing – 1:30 p.m. •ADC – 3 p.m.	Monday, November 1 •ACCC – 5:30 p.m. •City Council – 5 p.m. <hr/> Tuesday, November 2 •SWAN – 6 p.m.	Wednesday, November 10 •DRB – 9 a.m. •LUCC – 3 p.m. •POC – 4 p.m. •District 6 Coalition – 7 p.m.	Thursday, November 18 •AAB – 9 a.m. •EPC Public Hearing – 8:30 a.m. •District 8 Coalition – 7 p.m.
Thursday, October 21 •AAB – 9 a.m. •East Gateway Coalition – 6:30 p.m.	Wednesday, November 3 •DRB – 9 a.m. •Westside Coalition – 7 p.m. •District 7 Coalition – 7 p.m.	Thursday, November 11 City Offices Closed - Veteran's Day •South Valley Coalition – 6:30 p.m.	Tuesday, November 23 •BOA – 9 a.m.
Tuesday, October 26 •BOA – 9 a.m.	Thursday, November 4 •EPC Study Session – 3 p.m.	Monday, November 15 •City Council – 5 p.m.	Thursday, November 25 City Offices Closed - Thanksgiving Day
Wednesday, October 27 •DRB – 9 a.m. •SEPC – 9 a.m.	Sunday, November 7 •Daylight Saving Time Ends "Fall Back" <hr/> Monday, November 8 •GABAC – 4:30 p.m.	Tuesday, November 16 •ZHE – 9 a.m. •GARTC – 4:30 p.m.	Thursday, November 26 City Offices Closed - Day After Thanksgiving
		Wednesday, November 17 •DRB – 9 a.m. •SEPC – 9 a.m. •EPC Pre-Hearing – 1:30 p.m. •ADC – 3 p.m. •District 4 Coalition – 7 p.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
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

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

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

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

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

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

The **EPC Public Hearing** will be held on **November 18, 2010 at 8:30 a.m.** in the **Planning Department Hearing Room**, (basement level), **600 Second Street NW** for the following cases:

Citywide

All neighborhood and/or homeowner associations and coalitions; 10EPC-40062, Project #1002358; Barbara Taylor for the City of Albuquerque; The **2011-2020 Decade Plan** for city-wide capital improvements, which includes the **2011 General Obligation Bond Program;** Hard copies of the G.O. Bond Program and Decade Plan may be obtained from the Capital Implementation Division of the Department of Municipal Development; Barbara Taylor at **505-768-3830**, e-mail: <btaylor@cabq.gov>.

Northeast

Countrywood Area, Nor Este, North Wyoming, Countrywood HOA, District 4 Coalition of NA's (neighborhood/homeowner association/coalition); 10EPC-40060, Project #1008527 (case #'s); Approximately 2.04 acre(s) located on the north side of Palomas Avenue NE between Barstow Street NE and Wyoming Boulevard NE (**location of request**); D-19 (**zone atlas page #**); Lenity Group, LLC at **503-399-1090**, agent for Albuquerque Care Group, LLC (**applicant or agency and phone #**); Requests a Site Development Plan for Building Permit for the development of a one story, 65 bed Memory Care/Alzheimer's Facility (**action requested**); Chris Hyer at **505-924-3927**, e-mail: <chyer@cabq.gov>. (**City staff planner**)

Northwest

Paradise Hills Civic, Riverfronte Estates, Westside Coalition of NA's; 10EPC-40056, Project #1008517; Approximately 1.39 acre(s) located on the east side of Eagle Ranch Road NW (9620 Eagle Ranch Road NW) between Irving Boulevard NW and Westside Drive NW; B-13; Melinda B. Byrnside at **770-570-7226**, agent for Verizon Wireless; Requests a Site Development Plan for Waiver for a Wireless Telecommunication Facility (Free-Standing) for a new 75' co-locatable free-standing wireless telecommunications facility along with a Request for Waiver and Landscaping Requirements on subject property; Catalina Lehner at **505-924-3935**, e-mail: <clehner@cabq.gov>.

The Paloma Del Sol, Paradise Hills Civic, Westside Coalition of NA's; 10EPC-40061, Project #1008528; Approximately 13.55 acre(s) located on the west side of Golf Course Road NW between McMahon Boulevard NW and Irving Boulevard NW; A-12; Joshua J. Skarsgard, The Skarsgard Law Firm, P.E. at **505-262-2323**, agent for Montgomery Land Group III, LLC; Requests a Zone Map Amendment from SU-1 (IP) to R-3 for new development to allow for more affordable housing growth in the neighborhood; Randall Falkner at **505-924-3933**, e-mail: <rfalkner@cabq.gov>.

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Tuscany, Westside Coalition of NA's; 10EPC-40058 and 40059, Project #1000936; Approximately 2.92 acre(s) located on the west side of Unser Boulevard NW between McMahon Boulevard NW and Calle Perro NW; A-11; Tierra West, LLC at **505-858-3100**, agent for Diamond Shamrock Stations, Inc.; Requests a Site Development Plan for Building Permit and Subdivision for a proposed construction of a Valero Corner Store and an additional 3000 feet for a commercial building to be built at a later date; Randall Falkner at **505-924-3933**, e-mail: <rfalkner@cabq.gov>.

Southwest

San Jose; 10EPC-40057, Project #1007928; Approximately 2.421 acre(s) located on Wise Recycling SW between Broadway Boulevard SW and Wheeler Avenue SW; M-14; Rick Bennett, RBA at **505-242-1859**, agent for TW Investments; Requests a Zone Map Amendment from SU-2 MR to SU-2 HC for proposed storage facilities on-site for Wise Recycling; Chris Hyer at **505-924-3927**, e-mail: <chyer@cabq.gov>.

Environmental Health Department

Submitted By Therese Martinez-Loner

Walk Score

Walking is the best form of transportation. Best for our environment, pocketbook and waistline. Here's some good news! Did you know that Albuquerque is 21st on the list of America's most walkable cities? With a population of just under half a million people, we achieved a walk score of 53 [www.walkscore.com]. Per the Walk Score website, "cars are the leading cause of climate change" and you know that your feet don't pollute (socks don't count)! The site also says that "that the average resident of a walkable neighborhood weighs seven (7) pounds **less** than someone who lives in a sprawling neighborhood and that one point of Walk Score is worth up to \$3,000 of value of your property." In a study from CEO's for Cities in 13 out of 15 metro areas, higher Walk Scores are directly linked to higher home values. Homes with above-average Walk Scores are worth between \$4,000 – \$34,000 more than similar but less walkable homes.

Walk scores are numbers between 0 and 100 that can be applied to areas as large as an urban center like a city to a community as small as a neighborhood. The number is derived from a patent-pending algorithm that measures how easy it is to live without a vehicle. The scoring program awards points based on the distance from the point of origination to amenities in each category such as community centers, restaurants, places of business, etc. The smaller the distance between destinations and starting points the higher the score. For example if a destination is within 0.25 mile the maximum number of points is awarded. The number of points decreases as the distance approaches one (1) mile. Distances greater than one mile are not scored.

Walk Score	Description
90 - 100	Walker's Paradise – Daily errands do not require a car.
70 - 89	Very Walkable – Most errands can be accomplished on foot.
50 - 69	Somewhat Walkable – Some amenities are within walking distance.
25 - 49	Car Dependent – A few amenities within walking distance.
0 - 24	Car Dependent – Almost all errands require a car.

The number of amenities located within walking distances are assigned a score and the total is summed (added together) and normalized to yield a score. The Table above provides a guide for walk scores and the associated walkability of a community.

Walk scores do not factor in street width or block size. Factors such as topography or geography (hills, valleys, rivers) and community infrastructure (construction, transportation corridors-freeways) are also not considered as is the relative safety of the area. The process is a work in development and the site welcomes your comments.

The website also computes a Transit Score that measures how well a location is served by mass transit. At this time ABQRide is not a participating agency. The website uses transit data from over 100 transit agencies in more than 40 cities that provide open data to software developers. The table below indicates possible scores for communities that do provide open data.

Transit Score	Description
90 - 100	Rider's Paradise – World class public transportation.
70 - 89	Excellent Transit – Transit is convenient for most trips.
50 - 69	Good Transit – Many nearby public transportation options.
25 - 49	Some Transit – A few nearby public transportation options.
0 - 24	Minimal Transit – It is possible to get on a bus.

At this time, only the Amenity and Walk Score applications are free. But, if you want to participate in the program there's an APP (iPhone users only) for that. Say for example, you are aware of a new business or amenity in your community but it's not currently listed on Walk Score. You can download the information with the location latitude and longitudinal information. Your participation has the potential to support your neighborhood businesses and enhance the walkability

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of the community. The site posts 129 APPs for 120 participating transit agencies in cities across the nation; the list also allows the addition of new APPs as they are developed.

Compare your walkable community with other areas in Albuquerque or other cities. For example Downtown Albuquerque has a Walk Score of 88 which is comparable to Five Points in Atlanta, Georgia. Albuquerque is comparable to a city that has more than 5 million people. This information can translate into marketing and growth for our economy.

In the future, applications like this have the potential to provide relocation tools that make communities more attractive because of the walkability of their neighborhoods. Logically, those communities that continue to improve walkability, bike-ability and public transportation will take better steps to improve air quality, public health and the environment.

Your participation on Walk Score also enables your voice to support the 2010 Transportation Bill that will be considered by Congress this year. The Bill is rewritten every ten years and determines how much money will be spent on infrastructure. On average, about \$60 billion is spent on transportation, expanding or maintaining highway systems, creating biking systems and public transportation. Walk Score and Transportation For America <T4America.org>; a growing coalition of state, local, national organizations have formed a partnership to support improved language in the 2010 Bill to improve our transportation systems across the nation. Add your voice and comments at <T4America.org> or <Walkscore.org>.

Cultural Services

Submitted By Eric Werner

Twinkle Light Parade Time is Here Again!

Please join in the fun on Saturday, December 4, 2010 in Downtown Albuquerque. New to this year's event is the Holiday Arts Festival. From noon to 6 p.m., Civic Plaza will be filled with activity. Local artisans will be selling their crafts and there will be holiday food, live entertainment, even pictures with a certain jolly, red-suited northern fellow. The parade will start right from Civic Plaza at approximately 5:45 p.m., right after the official lighting of Civic Plaza. This is the 2nd year of the TLP Neighbor's Cup. In addition to the Cup, the neighborhood association with the best judged entry will receive a cash prize of \$100. Raynold's Addition Neighborhood Association is looking to retain their title from 2009. For more information, or to download an application please visit <cabq.gov/crs/twinklelight> or call 505-768-3556. I can't wait to see you out there. Think Twinkle!

NM State Association of Parliamentarians

Submitted By Janice Strand

Parliamentary Pointers

The motion "Point of Order" calls for enforcement of the regular rules. This motion allows a member to bring attention to the fact that the rules of the meeting are being violated.

It is the right of every member who notices a breach of the rules to insist on their enforcement. The member making the incidental motion of Point of Order is calling upon the chairperson for a ruling and an enforcement of the regular rules of the meeting. This motion must be raised promptly at the time the breach occurs. It can be made while another person is speaking; the motion does not require a second. If the chairperson is in doubt and chooses to not rule, the point of order can be referred to the judgment of the group; the point of order thereby becomes debatable.

Example:

Member: "Point of order."- **or** - "I rise to a point of order."
**Anyone who is speaking takes his seat.

Chair: "Please state your point."

Member: "I make the point of order that the proposed amendment is not germane to the motion."

Chair: "Your point is well taken. The proposed amendment will not be considered." - **or** -

Chair: "The member raises a point of order that the amendment is not germane to the motion. The chair is in doubt and submits the question to the assembly. The motion is..... The proposed amendment is..... the question is, is the proposed amendment germane to the motion?" Those of the opinion that the proposed amendment is germane, say *aye*. Those of the opinion that the amendment is not germane, say *no*. The *ayes* have it and the proposed amendment is in order. The question is on the adoption of the proposed amendment. - **or** - The *noes* have it and the proposed amendment is out of order. The question is on the adoption of the main motion.

It is usually best to put the question so that an affirmative vote will be in favor of allowing the proceedings to continue. The question can be put so that an affirmative vote will uphold the point of order..."Those of the opinion that the point is well taken, say *aye*..." **Making a Point of Order does not give the speaker the right to give information or make a statement.**

Adapted from *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, 10th Edition*, (RONR) pp. 240-247

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



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