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Richard J. Berry
Mayor of Albuquerque

Message from the Mayor

It is my pleasure to send you a holiday greeting. This is an opportunity for all of us to spend time with friends and family and reflect on the important things we do to make Albuquerque a great community.

The city has many wonderful events planned for you and your family as we get close to Christmas and the New Year. You can see millions of sparkling lights and over 100 amazing light displays at the River of Lights — one of New Mexico’s largest holiday celebrations. The River of Lights takes place at the Albuquerque BioPark Botanic Garden and it runs every night from December 17th through the 30th from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. For ticket and parking information call **505-768-2000**.

I hope you take advantage of the city’s terrific restaurants and shopping this month. We’re encouraging people to do their holiday shopping at locally-owned businesses in Old Town, Downtown and Nob Hill. I am happy to announce free parking in Old Town that will be at the surface lot at Rio Grande and Central. The **FREE** parking downtown will be on Central Avenue and Gold Avenue between 1st and 7th streets and in Nob Hill on Central Avenue from Carlisle to Girard.

Don’t forget all the cultural events this holiday season. The KiMo Theater is hosting “The Nutcracker.” On December 14th, the National Hispanic Cultural Center celebrated the Feast of Guadalupe and Popejoy Hall is presenting “A Christmas Carol” and “Mariachi Christmas.” Information on these shows can be found on the City’s Cultural Services website at <cabq.gov/crs>.

The Albuquerque Police Department are increasing their efforts to catch the thieves who prey on holiday shoppers including shoplifters. Police officers will be out in full force to ensure you and your Christmas presents make it home safely. I remind you to lock presents and personal items in your car’s trunk or make sure they are hidden from view. Be careful when you leave your homes for holiday travel. Ask neighbors to watch your residence and be extra cautious by always locking all doors and windows.

Above all, enjoy your time off with family and friends and I wish you a wonderful holiday season and a healthy, prosperous New Year. Thank you for your continued support.

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



**APD Crime
Prevention**

Submitted By Steve Sink



Holiday Safety

Shopping and Out in Public

- Always be aware of your surroundings and trust your instincts.
- Give some thought to what is considered “normal behavior” in a given environment. Example - People do not typically stand around in parking lots. If you notice a suspicious person or activity in a parking lot return to the store ask for an escort and/or notify security or store personnel.
- Always be aware of other people around you and make note of their behavior.
- Walk with authority, purpose and awareness.
- Park your vehicle as close to an entrance as possible or park in well lit active locations.
- Lock all personal items in the trunk or away from view – roll up windows, take the keys and lock the doors.
- Keep all items inside your vehicle away from view. Anything in full view could potentially be a target of opportunity.
- Have your keys ready when approaching your vehicle and limit the number of items in your hands.
- Get in you vehicle as soon as possible, lock the doors immediately and then get settled. (Note: Continue to be aware of persons in your area and keep your doors locked till you reach your next destination.).
- Remove all visible targets that might make you a victim of a crime - **WOMEN SHOULD NEVER CARRY A PURSE IN PUBLIC.** Rather, carry only those items necessary for a particular trip. (Ex. Drivers license, medical card, some form of payment, like a debit card and a little bit of money.) Carry these items concealed from view.

- If you choose to carry a defensive device like pepper spray – have proper training.
- **Panhandlers** – Avoid panhandlers whenever possible. Their behavior could be potentially unpredictable. Do not give them cash or offer any kind of substitute like food or other types of assistance. In most cases cash will not be used for what they are suggesting. It will typically be used to support a substance abuse habit. (Note: If you want to assist them make a donation to one of several service providers available.)

Securing Your Residence Prior To Holiday Travel

- Ask a trusted neighbor to watch your residence and report suspicious activity.
- If possible have a trusted friend or family member stay at your home.
- Install automatic timers on lights, TV’s and radios.
- Do not have mail and newspaper delivery stopped. This information could fall into the wrong hands. Ask the trusted neighbor to collect them each day.
- If you have a rollout trash dumpster have a neighbor place it in the street on pick up day and return it that evening.
- Ask a neighbor to park a vehicle in the driveway when ever possible.
- Be extra cautious about locking all doors and windows. All primary window locks should be operational and secondary locks should be installed.
- Make sure trees and shrubs are trimmed to allow for adequate visibility of your home.
- Make arrangements to have exterior lights on each night.
- Each entrance should have solid core or metal doors and deadbolt locks.
- Let neighbors, family and friends know when you plan to return from a trip.

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Department of Senior Affairs

Submitted By Karen Baker

Manage Your Chronic Disease (MyCD) Program Summary

The goal of the City of Albuquerque's, Department of Senior Affairs' new **Manage Your Chronic Disease (MyCD) Program** is to improve the physical and emotional health of individuals aged 50 years and older with chronic diseases and their caregivers. The **MyCD Program** helps these individuals and/or their caretakers gain self-confidence in their ability to manage their symptoms and understand how their health problems affect their lives.

The **MyCD Program** follows the Chronic Disease Self-Management Program developed by Stanford University's School of Medicine Division of Family and Community Medicine. The **MyCD Program** is a guided workshop delivered once a week for six weeks. Each session lasts for two and one-half hours in community settings such as senior centers, churches, health care facilities, etc. People with different chronic health problems and their caregivers come together to attend these workshops that are facilitated by two trained leaders one or both of whom are non-health professionals with chronic diseases themselves.

Subjects covered include:

- techniques for dealing with problems such as frustration, fatigue, pain and isolation;
- appropriate exercise for maintaining and improving strength, flexibility and endurance; appropriate use of medications;
- communicating effectively with family, friends and health professionals; nutrition;
- and how to evaluate new treatments.

Classes are highly participative where mutual support and success build the participants' confidence in their ability to manage their health and maintain active and fulfilling lives. Participants make weekly action plans, share experiences and help each other solve problems that they encounter in creating and carrying out their individualized self-management program. The COA's **MyCD Program** does not conflict with an individuals' existing health improvement program or treatment plan, but rather is designed to enhance regular treatment and disease-specific education.

Expected outcomes of the COA's **MyCD Program** include improvement in program participant self-reported levels of health, energy, stretching and strengthening exercise and endurance exercise while, concurrently, documenting participant decreases in health distress and hospitalizations.

MyCD workshops are **FREE** and begin in January 2011. The **MyCD Program** runs throughout the year.

Call **505-880-2800** to choose your class and reserve your space today.

Animal Welfare

Submitted By Rick De Reyes

Animal Welfare Unveils New Hours, Partially Unveils New Eastside Shelter

The Animal Welfare Department chose Tuesday, November 30 to make two new changes. The day marked the partial opening of the city's new Eastside Animal Shelter but only for customer service and animal intake. Customer service in the new front lobby area is now open only for people wanting to adopt pets or pay for licenses, microchipping and other services. Customers who need to surrender a pet or bring in a stray animal can do so at the new intake area.

The move by customer service into the renovated Shelter was completed the day before so that construction could begin around the area where customer service had been located in trailers since March 2009.

For now all other areas of the new shelter building will be off limits to all but construction crews. A grand opening for the Shelter is tentatively scheduled for early 2011.

Tuesday, November 30 was also the day Animal Welfare switched to its new winter hours. Kennels and customer service lobbies at each shelter now close a half hour earlier at 5:30 p.m.

Customers wishing to look for a pet are welcomed during the following hours:

Tuesday - Sunday: 10:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

(Customer Service opens at 9:30 a.m.)

Closed Monday

Customers who need to surrender a pet or reclaim one they know is at the shelters can still do so until 6:30 pm at both locations' intake areas seven days a week.

The change will not affect the operating hours at Animal Welfare's Lucky Paws store in Coronado Center. Lucky Paws hours are as follows:

Monday - Saturday: 11:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Sunday: Noon - 6 p.m.

For Animal Welfare's holiday schedule you can log onto www.cabq.gov/pets.



Parks and Recreation

Submitted By Michelle Herrera

City of Albuquerque
Parks and Recreation Department



Richard J. Berry, Mayor

Winter Golf Promotions

Winter Mid Day 18-hole Weekday/ Weekend Special

December 1, 2010 - April 15, 2011
Discount begins at 12:30 PM

Weekday 18 hole round and a
1/2 cart for \$25.00
A \$4.50 savings

Weekend 18 hole round and a
1/2 cart for \$25.00
An \$8.00 savings



Winter Gift Card (Play 18 Holes of Golf. Good anytime and day of the week)

Play 13 Rounds for the
price of 10
(\$250)

Or

Play 10 Rounds for the
price of 8
(\$200)

Purchase cards at 1801 4th St. or
at any of the following golf
courses:

- Arroyo Del Oso
- Ladera
- Los Altos
- Puerto Del Sol

Call 768-5353 with questions

Effective
December 1, 2010 - April 15, 2011

Year Round Daily Golf Course Special

Green Fee, Bucket of Balls, 1/2
Cart, Hot Dog and Drink for
one low price!

Monday - Los Altos \$30
Tuesday - Ladera \$30
Wednesday - Arroyo Del Oso \$30
Thursday - Puerto Del Sol \$20

Promotion Ends 12/31/11



APD

Submitted By Karen Fischer

Don't Be A Victim of Fraud

With alarming frequency citizens are preyed upon by a criminal element that relies on the allure of quick and easy money. Countless scams are perpetrated each day by recruiting unwitting victims to further fraudulent or otherwise illegal acts. Unfortunately it is often the citizens or their banking institutions that suffer the financial loss. In addition the victim could conceivably face exposure to criminal prosecution for their role in the scheme!

Beginning this month the Albuquerque Police Department will be working with partners in Albuquerque's banking industry to educate our citizens about fraud scams that are committed against persons in our community.

Recurrent scams include but are not limited to:

- **Lottery schemes** wherein the victim is generally notified by mail that they are the winner of a sizable cash prize. The notifying party will advise the receiver that taxes must be paid on the winnings before the total amount can be awarded. An accompanying counterfeit check will be enclosed naming the receiver as a payee with a dollar amount that would be considered sufficient to cover taxes. Further instruction directs the receiver to deposit the check into a personal account and then redirect the tax fees via wire or Western Union to an untraceable account.

If you have information about this type of scam or feel that you may be a victim, please contact the New Mexico Attorney General's Office, Consumer Protection Division at **505-222-9100**.

**Albuquerque/
Bernalillo County
Library System**

Submitted By
Riann Powell



Books to the Big Screen Free Film Series

The Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Libraries and the Guild Cinema are partnering to host a free film festival in January 2011. The Books to the Big Screen Film Festival is a celebration of literature and cinema and features three films based on books. Films will be shown at the Guild Cinema, 3405 Central Avenue NE on January 8, 15 and 22, 2011 at 1 p.m.

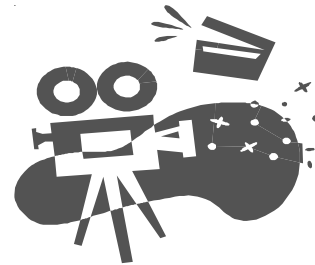
Saturday, January 8, 2011 - The Shawshank Redemption based on the novella *Rita Hayworth and the Shawshank Redemption* from Stephen King's *Different Seasons*. Rated R, 142 minutes.

Saturday, January 15, 2011 - Stand By Me based on the novella *Stand By Me* from Stephen King's *Different Seasons*. Rated R, 89 minutes.

Saturday, January 22, 2011 - Slaughterhouse-Five based on Kurt Vonnegut's novel of the same name. Rated R, 104 minutes.

All shows are **FREE**, but you must have a ticket to attend. Tickets to all films will be available at the Guild Cinema Box Office and the Main Library, 501 Copper Avenue NW beginning December 1, 2010. All movies are Rated R; ages 17 and under must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

For more information on the film festival and tickets call **505-768-5170** or **311** or visit www.cabq.gov/library. TTY users call Relay NM or **711**.



From the Office of Neighborhood Coordination
Staff

*Patrick, Stephani,
Dalaina and
Deborah*

**Albuquerque
Fire
Department**

Submitted By
Melissa Romero



Fireplaces and Woodstoves

- Have a certified chimney sweep clean and inspect your chimney and fireplace or creosote build-up, cracks, crumbling bricks and obstructions.
- Place fireplace or wood stove ashes outdoors in a covered metal container at least three feet away from anything that can burn.
- Don't burn trash including gift wrapping. The wrapping may ignite suddenly and cause a flash fire.

Portable Heaters

Portable heaters need at least three feet of empty space between the heater and everything else like furniture, curtains, papers and people.

- Make sure the heater is UL approved and has a tip-over shut off function.
- Check the cord and make sure it is not frayed. If frayed it is time for a new heater.
- Never use extension cords with portable heaters. It is a common cause of fire.
- An adult must always be present when a space heater is used around children.
- Always turn off portable heaters when family members leave the house or are sleeping.

Christmas Trees

There are 300 fires and 30 injuries resulting from Christmas tree fires each year.

- Trees need about an inch cut off at the end of the trunk. This will remove the dried end and allow the tree to absorb water.
- Make sure and mount the tree securely and away from any combustible materials or heat sources such as fireplaces or candles.
- Water the tree everyday.
- When the needles get brittle or dull and begin to fall from the tree it is time for the tree to go outside.
- There are 300 fires and 30 injuries resulting from Christmas tree fires each year .

Decorations

- Use lights that are UL approved. Check every set of lights for broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires and loose connections before using. Throw away anything that is not in perfect condition.
- Use no more than three sets of lights per single extension. Follow the manufacturer's instructions.
- Always turn off all tree lights and decorations before you go to bed or leave your home.

Candles and Luminarias

- Never place a burning candle or luminaria near anything that can quickly ignite, such as curtains, Christmas trees, brush, etc.
- Always keep candles and luminarias away from children and pets as they could get burned if touched.
- Never place candles or luminarias on combustible surfaces such as wood porches or near dry grass or leaves.

- Never light luminarias during windy conditions where the bag can be ignited and burning debris could spread the fire.
- Keep candles and luminarias away from other decorations.
- Be sure candles have sturdy/stable bases and are placed where they can not be bumped or brushed against.
- Always monitor candles and luminarias when burning, never leave the room or go to bed without fully extinguishing the flame.

Smoke Alarms

- Working smoke alarms alert you to a fire and more than double your chances of surviving a fire.
- Install smoke alarms in every home, on every level, outside each sleeping area and in each bedroom.
- Test your smoke alarms each month to make sure they are working.
- Replace batteries twice a year when daylight savings occurs.
- Replace smoke alarms every ten years or sooner if broken.
- When the smoke alarm sounds, get out fast!

Have an Escape Plan

It is essential to have an escape plan. It could mean life or death.

- Plan your escape know two ways out of every room.
- Have a "safe" spot that everyone meets at across the street.
- Practice at least once a month so everyone knows what to do if a fire does occur.



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 Diana Trujeque

**Councilor Don Harris
(District 9)
Elected President of the
Council for 2011
Rey Garduno (District 6)
is Vice-President**






In accordance with the City Council Rules and Procedures, At the first meeting of the City Council in the month of December of each year, the City Council shall elect one of its members to act as President of the City Council and one to act as Vice-President. Councilor Harris (District 9) was elected President and Councilor Garduno (District 6) was elected Vice-President.

- A. The President shall call the Councilors to order and upon a quorum being present, shall proceed to business.
- B. The President shall possess the powers and perform the duties herein described, to wit the President:
 - (1) Shall preserve order and decorum and have general direction of the Vincent E. Griego Chambers or any location where the City Council holds its meetings.
 - (2) Shall assign bills and have the responsibility for preparation of the agenda and dissemination of the agenda with the public notice for the meeting.

- (3) Shall decide all questions of order subject to a Councilor's right to appeal to the City Council as a whole.
 - (4) Shall speak to points of order in preference to other Councilors.
 - (5) May speak, as other Councilors, on general questions from his or her chair.
 - (6) Shall vote upon all questions in the same manner as other Councilors.
 - (7) Shall announce the result promptly on the completion of every vote.
 - (8) Shall appoint all Committees whether standing, joint, or special, subject to the approval of the City Council except where otherwise indicated. Special committees shall consist of five members. The President shall designate the Chairperson of each Committee subject to the approval of the City Council with the exception of Chair of the Committee-of-the-Whole. The Chair shall be selected by a majority of the City Council.
 - (9) Shall sign all bills passed by the City Council.
 - (10) Shall receive all formal messages and communications from the Mayor and others.
 - (11) Shall serve as Chairman of and designate a selection panel of three (3) additional Councilors to undertake search and preliminary screening of candidates for the position of the Director of Council Services.
 - (12) Shall hold over or refer to the appropriate Standing Committee or Committees any bill or executive communication. Upon the request of the bill's sponsor seconded by another Councilor or upon the vote of a majority of Councilors, a referral may be changed or deleted; if referral of a bill is requested at a meeting other than the one at which it is introduced, the President shall make the referral upon the vote of a majority of the Councilors. The President, at his/her option, may refer appeals, appointments or other matters to the appropriate Standing Committee.
 - (13) Shall have the authority to sign all decisions of the City Hearing Officer regarding the issuance or transfer of liquor licenses pursuant to Section 13-2-3 ROA 1994.
 - (14) Shall have the authority to sign all agreements for professional/technical services entered into by the Council to facilitate its legislative function pursuant to the Purchasing Ordinance.
- C. In the absence of the President, upon his or her inability to act, or upon request of the President, the Vice-President shall preside and shall have all the powers and authority of the President.

Also elected by the Council at its December 6 meeting was outgoing Council President Ken Sanchez as the Chair of the Committee-of-the-Whole

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Monday, December 20 •City Council – 5 p.m.		Thursday, January 13 •EPC Public Hearing – 8:30 a.m. •POC – 4 p.m. •South Valley Coalition – 6:30 p.m.	Wednesday, January 19 •DRB – 9 a.m. •EPC Pre-Hearing – 1:30 p.m. •City Council – 5 p.m.
Tuesday, December 21 •GARTC – 4:30 p.m.		Monday, January 3 •City Council – 5 p.m.	Monday, January 17 City Offices Closed for - Martin Luther King Jr's Birthday
Wednesday, December 22 •DRB – 9 a.m.	Wednesday, January 5 •DRB – 9 a.m. •Westside Coalition – 7 p.m.		Tuesday, January 25 •BOA – 9 a.m.
Friday, December 24 City Offices Closed for - Christmas Day	Thursday, January 6 •EPC Study Session – 3 p.m.		Wednesday, January 26 •DRB – 9 a.m.
Tuesday, December 28 •BOA – 9 a.m.	Monday, January 10 •GABAC – 4:30 p.m. •ACCC – 5:30 p.m.		Thursday, January 27 •District 8 Coalition – 7 p.m.
Friday, December 31 City Offices Closed for - New Year's Day 	Wednesday, January 12 •DRB – 9 a.m. •SEPC – 9 a.m. •LUCC – 3 p.m.	Tuesday, January 18 •ZHE – 9 a.m. •GART – 4:30 p.m. 	

2010/2011 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, 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 **January 13, 2011** at **8:30 a.m.** in the **Planning Department Hearing Room**, (basement level), **600 Second Street NW** for the following cases:

Northwest

Downtown, no coalition to notify (neighborhood/homeowner association/coalition); 10EPC-40071, Project #1003926 (case #'s); Approximately .116 acre(s) located on the west side of 16th Street NW between Lomas Boulevard NW and Fruit Avenue NW (**location of request**); J-13 (**zone atlas page #**); Steve Burstein, ARC Incorporated at **503-842-1254**, agent for Joseph Hoffman (**applicant or agency and phone #**); Requests a Zone Map Amendment from SU-2/SU-1 for Bed and Breakfast to SU-2 for Residential Commercial to revert back to the original zoning in the Downtown Neighborhood Area Sector Development Plan for this parcel of property (**action requested**); Carrie Barkhurst at **505-924-3879**, e-mail: <kcarkhurst@cabq.gov>. (**City staff planner**)

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which is the committee which considers the Mayor's Budget and the proposed Capital Improvements Program.

The first meeting is also the time when the Committees of the Council are appointed. However, the rules were suspended to allow that these committees would be appointed at the next Council meeting (December 20).

For more information on Committees, visit the City Council's website <<http://www.cabq.gov/council/documents/rules.pdf>>.

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. 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.

Planning Department

Submitted By Carol Toffaleti

**Progress on the West Route 66 Sector
Development Plan**

City Councilors Ken Sanchez and Isaac Benton and Mayor Richard J. Berry launched the major update of this sector plan at a kick-off meeting in September 2010. The 1987 plan area encompasses properties along West Central Avenue from the Rio Grande River to I-40, a stretch of almost seven miles that includes land under County jurisdiction. The anticipated timeline for completing the update is December 2011 with Council adoption in early 2012. The City Council and Planning Department are working with local consulting firm, Strata Design on the project.

Two “Listening” Meetings took place in October with residents, property owners and businesses. A range of issues came up, including: signage; pros and cons of different businesses and housing types; how the character of the corridor changes between I-40 and the river; recent improvements to the Bosque area; adjusting the plan boundary to create stronger connections with the east side of the river and capitalizing on “Historic Route 66” for future improvements in the corridor.

At a “Visioning Workshop” in November, participants went through a survey on land uses, urban development and transportation to begin developing a vision, goals and objectives for the new sector plan. They also discussed images of different public spaces, historic Route 66 features and designs for commercial and mixed use development that can be encouraged along the multi-modal corridor. Another Visioning Workshop is scheduled for Tuesday, January 11, 2011 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Alamosa Multi-Service Center. Citizens interested in the future of West Route 66 are invited to participate, as it’s important for the City to get as many ideas and input as possible from stakeholders to shape the new plan.

The City has proposed extending the sector plan boundary eastward across the river to Rio Grande Boulevard. This would establish a consistent approach to development and streetscape improvements west of Old Town, help fulfill the economic potential of the corridor and better serve residents and visitors. A meeting with stakeholders in that area took place in early December.

The City is keeping Bernalillo County informed of the planning process and is open to closer engagement with the County concerning properties within their jurisdiction in the future.

Meanwhile, Strata Design is conducting extensive background research. This includes reviewing existing plans and policies that affect the area, the commissioning of a Retail

Market Study to help inform zoning and other proposed changes to the sector plan and meeting with City staff and other agencies.

Following the second Visioning Workshop in January, the next steps for public participation will be in February/March to formulate goals and objectives for West Route 66 and options for implementing them through the new sector plan. Your participation in future meetings and/or dissemination of information about West Route 66 SDP are appreciated!

Website: <<http://www.cabq.gov/planning/long-range/wr66sdp.html>> for a timeline, notes and handouts from previous meetings and a short survey.

Contact: Carol Toffaleti, Senior Planner, City of Albuquerque Planning Department at **505-924-3345** or by e-mail to <cgtoffaleti@cabq.gov>.



Planning Department

Submitted By Russell Brito

**The City of Albuquerque is Updating the 1990
Martineztown/Santa Barbara Sector
Development Plan**

The Plan area is approximately 548 acres bounded by Menaul Boulevard on the north, Lomas Boulevard on the south, the New Mexico Railrunner Express Railway tracks (NMRX) on the west and Interstate 25 on the east.

This Plan establishes land development regulations and recommends capital improvements to preserve and protect the neighborhood’s historic residential core and existing commercial properties.

The purpose of this Plan is to secure and maintain a balanced and stable economy for the area. The proposed programs, policies and projects will aid in the elimination of current and prevention of future blighted conditions.

Please visit <<http://www.cabq.gov/planning/long-range/MartineztownSantaBarbaraSDP.html>> or call Lorena Patten-Quintana, Planner/Project Manager at **505-924-3940** for additional information.

Sierra Club

Submitted By Stacy Snyder

Low Carbon Diet House Parties: a fun way to save energy, money, and our planet

by Shrayas Jatkar, Sierra Club organizer

The Low Carbon Diet (LCD) helps you put in place a wide range of simple energy-saving measures in your home and your lifestyle. You can learn to reduce your "carbon footprint" a measure of carbon dioxide emissions generated from your use of energy from coal, oil and other fossil fuels.

It's easy and fun to participate. Households organize parties inviting friends, family and neighbors. Getting together helps motivate and support each other in best practices such as hanging clothes to dry and buying locally produced food.

The NM Sierra Club will give a free copy of the Low Carbon Diet Guidebook to everybody who participates in LCD house parties. You will also get a brochure explaining how to take advantage of free rebate programs, tax credits and web resources which reduce the costs of energy-saving measures. To participate in the LCD program or volunteer with the local ABQ Cool Cities campaign, contact local organizer Shrayas Jatkar at 505-243-7767 or by e-mail at <shrayas.jatkar@sierraclub.org>.

*Shrayas and PNM gave our June 2008 program on energy conservation, giving away compact florescent light bulbs for old incandescent bulbs.

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NM State Association of Parliamentarians

Submitted By Janice Strand

Parliamentary Pointers

The motion "Division of the Assembly" is used when a member doubts the result of a voice vote or a vote by show of hands.

Division of the Assembly is used when the result of a voice vote or a vote by show of hands appears close or because the member doubts that a representative number of the members present have voted. In a very small meeting (up to 20 people), the result of a voice vote can be questioned and the chairman or a member can just ask for a show of hands. In an assembly of twenty or more, a Division of the Assembly can be moved;

this requires all persons voting to stand. This can cause a maximum number of members to vote.

The Division must be called immediately following a vote; it cannot be called after the chair has gone on to another issue. The member calling the Division does not have to be recognized by the chairman; he can call for the Division from his seat. No second is required and there is no debate/discussion. There is no vote as to whether to allow the Division.

When the Division is demanded, the chairman immediately takes the vote again, first by having the affirmative rise, then by having the negative rise. If it appears to the chair, when those in the affirmative rise, that the vote will be close, he can count the vote or order it to be counted. If the member desires the vote on the division to be counted, he must make a motion to that effect, which requires a majority vote (or could be treated with Unanimous Consent).

If the chairman is in doubt of a voice vote, he can of his own accord take the vote again by a rising vote.

Example: The chairman announces the result of a vote, "The ayes have it and....."

Member: "Division

Chair: "A division is called for; this requires a rising/standing vote. All who are in favor of the motion....., please rise. (Pause) Thank you. Please be seated. All who are opposed to the motion.... please rise. Thank you. Please be seated. The motion to.... is adopted/has failed. (Announce what will happen as a result of the vote.)

- OR -

Member: "I call for a Division and a counted vote."

Chair: "A Division and a counted vote is called. This incidental motion does require a majority vote. All in favor of taking a rising counted vote, please say "Aye"... and continue.... or "A Division and a counted vote is called; if there is no objection, a rising counted vote will be taken. (Pause) There being no objection, a rising counted vote will be taken. ...(proceed with the rising vote).

Adapted from Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, 10th Edition, (RONR) pp. 270-273.

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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