

Neighborhood News

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Martin J. Chávez
Mayor of Albuquerque

Dear Neighbors,

By now you've become familiar with the school year routines and are watching the days getting shorter as the fall season is becoming more apparent here in the Duke City. Soon the sights and sounds of Albuquerque's most recognizable event will greet us each morning and remind us exactly where we are in the world. The Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta brings hundreds of thousands of visitors from all over the globe to relish in the beauty and awe of our picturesque landscapes. From the lively colorful bosque to the top of our tantalizing yet humble Sandias, Albuquerque comes to life as the seasons slowly change from summer green to autumn orange.

Having the luxury of being a citizen of this great city can lead us to become complacent due to the ease of which we can take in this experience each year. Therefore, I am urging you this year to take full advantage of the beauty and experience that lies before you. You much like I probably know someone or maybe you are someone who has lived in the Albuquerque for many years and has never experienced the Balloon Fiesta, riding the Tram or taking in an evening in our ever advancing Nob Hill area. It happens all too often that we get caught up in our daily routines and forget all that there is to enjoy around us. Soon we will be hanging Halloween decorations, followed by the Holiday Season and then it's a new Year and we're back to square one. So do yourself and your family a favor and go out and enjoy all the magnificence that comes with being an Albuquerque resident.

October's cool weather makes for great outdoor activities and why not begin the fall season with a little walk during Nob Hill's Shop and Stroll where traffic will be blocked off on Central from Carlisle to Dartmouth. This event will happen continuously on the first Thursday of each month beginning October 1, 2009. Another great outdoor event especially for the young ones is the Maize Maze located at the Los Poblanos Open Space field where you can wonder through a Maze in the cornfield. Maize Maze will be going on Friday evenings and weekends until November 1, 2009. The largest event going on in the state will of course be The Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta which begins Saturday, October 3, 2009 and runs until October 11, 2009.

These are just a few of the events going on this fall season and whether you attend or not I hope that you at least take some time to enjoy all that the Duke City has to offer culturally and naturally. It is outings and events such as these that allow us to take time to appreciate the small things that make the City of Albuquerque unique. As always you can get information for any of these events by calling **311** or by logging on to the official City of Albuquerque website at www.cabq.gov.

Sincerely,

Martin J. Chávez
Mayor

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



APD Crime Prevention

Submitted By Steve Sink



Safety on the Internet

Guidelines for Parents:

- Make it a family rule to never give out identifying information... Get to know the Internet and any services your child uses... Never allow a child to arrange a face-to-face meeting... Never respond to messages or bulletin board items that are suggestive, obscene, belligerent, threatening or make you feel uncomfortable... Talk with your children about what they can and cannot do online... Check out blocking, filtering and ratings... Consider keeping the computer in a family room rather than a child's bedroom... Get to know your children's online friends just as you get to know all of their other friends.

If You Suspect a Crime:

- Albuquerque Police Department's Child Exploitation Detail at 505-924-6000. 24-hour Child Pornography Tipline 800-843-5678 and Cyber Tipline, www.cybertipline.com maintained by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

- U.S. Customs Service Investigates the importation and trafficking of child pornography. Its jurisdiction includes smuggling via the Internet 800-232-5378.

For Additional Information:

- National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, Alexandria, VA, 800-843-5678. Office for Victims of Crime, U.S. Department of Justice, 202-616-3585 or at www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/. National Coalition for the Protection of Children and Families www.nationalcoalition.org. www.privacyrights.org "Children in Cyberspace" fact sheet. www.cyberangels.org includes "Internet 101, Understanding Cyberspace".

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, September 26, 2009

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Target Store

9371 Coors Boulevard NW

(North of Paseo Del Norte @ Irving)

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



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Albuquerque Fire Department

Submitted By Melissa Romero



Fire Prevention Week

The Albuquerque Fire Department is teaming up with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) for Fire Prevention Week 2009 – October 4-10 – to urge Albuquerque residents to “Stay Fire Smart! Don’t Get Burned.” This year’s campaign focuses on ways to keep homes fire safe and prevent painful burns.

The statistics are staggering. Each year roughly 3,000 people die as a result of home fires and burns and more than 200,000 individuals are seen in the nation’s emergency rooms for burn injuries.

Burns are painful and can result in serious scarring and even death. When we take extra caution in our homes to ensure that the curling iron is out of children’s reach or pot handles are turned away from the edge of the stove such injuries are entirely preventable. Keeping our homes safe from fire and preventing devastating burn injuries is a healthy change we can make happen.

By following simple safety rules you can “Stay Fire Smart! Don’t Get Burned.”

- Keep hot foods and liquids away from tables and counter edges so they cannot be pulled or knocked over.
- Have a three-foot “kid-free” zone around the stove.
- Never hold a child in your arms while preparing hot food or drinking a hot beverage.
- Be careful when using things that get hot such as curling irons, oven, irons, lamps, heaters.
- Install tamper resistant receptacles to prevent a child from sticking an object in the outlet.
- Never leave a child alone in a room with a lit candle, portable heater, lit fireplace or stove or where a hot appliance might be in use.
- Wear short or close fitting sleeves when cooking.
- Set your hot water temperature no higher than 120 degrees.
- Install anti scald valves on shower heads and faucets.

Fire Prevention Week is actively supported by fire departments across the country. For 85 years fire departments have observed Fire Prevention Week making it the longest running public health and safety observance on record.

Planning Department

Submitted By Paula Donahue

Update... Southwest Albuquerque Strategic Action Plan Adopted and Published

In April 2009, the City of Albuquerque adopted the *Southwest Albuquerque Strategic Action Plan*. The entire plan was adopted as an amendment to the *West Side Strategic Plan*. The *West Side Strategic Plan* has been republished with the Southwest Strategic Action Plan in it.

Specific amendments to sector development plans in the Southwest Albuquerque Strategic Action Plan are now also published in the *Rio Bravo Sector Development Plan*, *Tower/Unser Sector Development Plan* and *West Route 66 Sector Development Plan*.

All Plans are available in paper at the Planning Department publications desk on the ground floor of 600 Second Street NW and electronically at <<http://www.cabq.gov/planning/publications/>>. Electronic publications are listed alphabetically on this website.

If you have questions about the plan amendments, please contact Paula Donahue, City of Albuquerque Planning Department at **505-924-3932** or <pdonahue@cabq.gov>.

Mayor’s Office of Volunteerism and Engagement

Submitted By Debra Saine

Dear Neighborhood Representative:

Friday and Saturday, October 23 and 24, 2009, have been officially proclaimed as Make A Difference Day in Albuquerque. Your neighborhood association is invited to “Make A Difference” by participating in this day of service observed nationwide on either of these dates. This event provides opportunities for Albuquerque citizens to come together and improve our community while teambuilding with friends and neighbors. Volunteers can perform work for local nonprofit organizations and charities, completing such projects as sprucing up a playground, painting a home for a senior citizen or packaging food boxes at a local food bank. Still yet, you can help Restore the Beauty by picking up weeds and litter along the public rights-of-way or parks in your neighborhood.

Last year, some Albuquerque neighborhood associations sponsored neighborhood clean-ups resulting in the collection of thousands of pounds of debris. If your association would like to hold a neighborhood clean-up on Friday or Saturday, October 23 or 24, please contact Debra Saine at <dsaine@cabq.gov>, **505-767-5815**, prior to **October 2**. Arrangements will be made for a dumpster and/or pick up of the debris.

Local nonprofit agencies have submitted a list of projects in which you might be interested. These projects will be posted on the Mayor’s Office of Volunteerism and Engagement (MOVE) website at <<http://www.cabq.gov/move>>. I encourage you and your neighbors to review these volunteer opportunities, call the nonprofit agency contact for particulars and then register online for your association to complete the project for the agency on Make A Difference Day.

For more information about Make A Difference Day, contact the Mayor’s Office of Volunteerism and Engagement, **505-767-5815**.

Sincerely,

Debra L. Saine

Legal

*Submitted By Shannon Watson
Alternative Dispute Resolution*

How the Zoning Hearing Examiner uses Facilitated Meeting Reports

Facilitated meetings are designed for neighbors and applicants to discuss proposed plans before the Zoning Hearing Examiner (ZHE). A facilitator records major subjects from the discussion, such as questions neighbors had about the project, concerns about the proposal and any agreement or disagreement the neighbors have about the proposed plans.

The facilitator sends a report to the Zoning Hearing Examiner Office that summarizes the major questions, concerns, agreements and disagreements that were stated at the meeting. This report becomes part of the case/project record that the Zoning Hearing Examiner considers when he makes the final decision regarding the project.

Based upon the Zoning Code requirements, the Zoning Hearing Examiner makes the final decision whether a project is denied, approved or approved with conditions. During his decision making process, the Zoning Hearing Examiner reviews the facilitated meeting report so that neighborhood questions, concerns, support and opposition are factored into his decision whether to approve or deny the project.

Neighbors are welcome to write their own personal letters in support or opposition of a project for the case/project record and attend the zoning hearing if they choose. However, neighbors should be assured that if they attend a facilitated meeting that their thoughts and concerns will become a part of the record through the report and considered by the Zoning Hearing Examiner in his decision making process.

Department of Municipal Development

Submitted By Michael Riordan

Final Quartercent Program

On October 6, 2009, the citizens of Albuquerque will have several important choices to make at the election polls. One of those decisions is whether or not to continue the ¼ cent Transportation and Infrastructure Program. Since 1999, the program has improved Albuquerque’s roads, trails and mass transit system. This small portion of the City’s gross receipts tax has improved over 2500 lane miles of the approximate 4600 lane miles of existing City residential and arterial streets and added critical lanes to the roadway system such as Golf Course Road, Tingley Drive, Uptown Loop Road and coming this fall, the widening of Wyoming Boulevard. The program goes towards building or improving ten new miles of the nationally recognized trail system we ride our bikes and walk on, like the north diversion channel trail and one of the most recognizable vehicles on the roads today are the red reticulated buses of

the Rapid Ride System. In addition, nine years of collected data show the program has enabled a 28% increase in ABQ Ride service hours on weekends, evenings and weekdays. As a result overall ridership has skyrocketed by 75%. The ¼ Cent Program has also made it possible to offer expanded Rapid Ride and the free D-Ride Service Downtown. The Sun Van which provides para-transit services to disabled and elderly customers has been able to increase its service hours by 19% with a 27% increase in ridership since 2000. Without the program, Albuquerque never would have been able to fund these mass transit advances.

If the ¼ Cent Program is not extended the funding available to maintain our street network will be reduced by 80% and ABQ Ride’s budget will be reduced by \$7.4 million dollars. Other results of not continuing the ¼ Cent Program would be all the roadway improvements which have been made in the last ten years would be lost in five years and potential elimination of weekend/evening ABQ Ride and Sun Van Bus Services. Assuming those cuts, the citizens who use those mass transit services are still going to need to get to their destinations they’re going to get into their cars and drive increasing the volume of vehicles on the roads which in turn will cause the road to deteriorate more quickly.

On the other hand, continuation of the program will provide funding to improve the remaining miles of city streets add approximately another 60 lane miles of new roadways and could bring up to 37,500 additional route hours for mass transit every year. Increasing ridership would raise revenue which would be used to further improve customer service from bus stop maintenance to security.

The continuation of the ¼ Cent Program will not only allow the City to protect our \$1.7 billion dollar taxpayer investment it is projected to create or maintain more than one thousand private sector jobs over the next ten years.

Ultimately, the 25 cents for every \$100 dollars spent benefits everyone whether you ride the Sun Van, the bus, drive on the City’s streets or bike or walk on our trail system. A vote to continue this essential program on October 6, 2009 will help keep the City of Albuquerque moving in the right direction.

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.

Department of Family and Community Services

Submitted By Paul Bonnell

A Marketplace with an ARTitude and Learning to Think Like a Mountain- A Tribute to Aldo Leopold

Saturday, October 24, 2009

9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center
501 Elizabeth SE (just east of Costco, between Eubank SE and Juan Tabo SE, south of Central at the corner of Southern SE and Elizabeth SE).

Please call **505-275-8731**, Citizen Contact Center **311** or **TTY (505) 505-764-6405**

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Rio Grande Community Farm

Submitted By Marika Ray

Maize Maze at Rio Grande Community Farms/Los Poblanos Open Space

For twelve years local residents in the Albuquerque area have flocked to the Maize Maze, Rio Grande Community Farm's annual fundraiser. Every fall during the weekends from Labor Day to Halloween families and couples sharpen up their sleuthing skills and head over to the Maize Maze where they try to successfully navigate their way along miles of pathways. Many strategic checkpoints and maze riddles give attendees clues on how to find their way out of a seven acre field of corn that was cut by a tractor using GPS technology.

This year the maze will be cut in the shape of two Monarch butterflies and its larval stage to provide maze goers with hours of fun. It's a relaxing way to spend a weekend day and support the farm which has been continuously farmed since around 300 A.D. It occupies the original site of Los Poblanos one of the earliest Spanish Colonial settlements in the Rio Grande Valley. It is among the oldest parcels of continually farmed land in the U.S.

One of the main missions of Rio Grande Community Farm (RGCF) is to raise certified organic produce and then sell it locally. The staff at RGCF are passionate about this part of their mission because they know that working with local businesses helps reduce transportation costs while boosting the local economy. Economic research also shows that money that stays in a local economy circulates five times longer. That means a healthier economy and healthier shoppers. The farm currently sells organic produce to the Albuquerque Public Schools and to local retail outlets.

Special Events Weekend

During special event weekends attendees can connect with their ancient roots by exploring the maze in the light of the full moon on Friday and Saturday evening, October 2 and 3, 2009 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. On Saturday, October 3, 2009 from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., participants can hear the enchanting sounds of the Kubatana Marimba Band. Then discover the magnificence of the stars by gazing through telescopes with the help of The Albuquerque Astronomy Society volunteers on Friday, October 23, 2009 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.



For a special Halloween treat you can dress up in your Halloween costume and come to the maze for a scary good time

on Friday and Saturday evening, October 30 and October 31, 2009. No matter what weekend or special event people choose they'll come away smiling.

Affordable Ticket Prices

Knowing the state of economy and how personal budgets are being squeezed this year tickets to the Maize Maze are reasonably priced. Adult tickets (age 12 and up) are \$7/each. Children (age 4 to 11) are \$3/each.

Find out how to become a volunteer

Volunteers over the age of 16 are invited to sign up to help put on Maize Maze. Merchandise and tickets worth \$26 will be offered to each volunteer.

Visit the Rio Grande Community Farm website for more information at <www.riograndefarm.org>.



NM Crime Prevention Association

Submitted By Jim Hunter

New Mexico Crime Prevention Association Conference

Friday, October 16, 2009
from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
El Pinto Restaurant
10500 4th Street NW

To register by phone or online:
Call Jim Hunter at **505-897-2939**
or e-mail: <hunterabq@comcast.net>.

To register and pay by mail:
Mary Lee Martin, **505-298-2513**, 10305
Chapala Pl. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87111

(Make checks payable to **New Mexico Crime Prevention Association**). Check us on the web at <www.nmcpa.info> and see updated agendas.

Explora

Submitted By Ellen Welker

October 2009 Schedule

Explora, 1701 Mountain Road NW, **505-224-8300** or **505-224-8323** or visit our website at <www.explora.us>. All are **FREE** with general admission.

Mondays from 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. Toddler Time. Every Monday Explora opens an hour earlier for toddlers ages four and under to explore early childhood exhibit areas with their adult companions and Explora staff.

Wednesdays and Thursdays from 2:15 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. Explora Music Jam. Choose an instrument and join in the jam. Adults and kids.

Saturday, October 3 at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Working Chemist with Len Duda. Exciting chemistry experiments involving various chemical reactions.

Sunday, October 4 from 2 p.m. - 3 p.m. *Adventures in Science*. Explora Youth Interns guide you in experiencing different aspects of science.

Sunday, October 4 from 3 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Film: The Way Things Go. A giant Rube Goldberg machine.

Tuesday, October 6 from 3 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Film: Really Big Things. One man's encounter with some huge machines.

Thursday, October 9 from 3 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Film: Really Big Things.

Saturday, October 10 at 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Film: Leonardo da Vinci. A fascinating look at the amazing inventions of this scientist and artist who changed the way we look at both science and art.

Sunday, October 11 at 3 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Working Chemist with Len Duda. Exciting chemistry experiments about density.

Tuesday, October 13 from 3 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Film: Insect. Journey into the magical world of insects!

Saturday, October 17 from 12 noon - 4 p.m. *PoP at Explora*. Explora visitors

and Albuquerque scientists engage in hands-on experiential activities related to the scientists' current work. Meet the scientists that are your neighbors in the community through Portal to the Public (PoP), a National Science Foundation funded project. All ages.

Saturday, October 17 at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Film: Insect. Journey into the magical world of insects!

Week of October 18-24 National Chemistry Week at Explora. Celebrate this week by joining us in our Experiment Bar daily for cool chemistry activities.

Sunday, October 18 from 2 p.m. - 3 p.m. *Adventures in Science*. Explora Youth Interns guide you in experiencing different aspects of science.

Friday, October 23 from 3 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Film: *Insect*. Journey into the magical world of insects!

Saturday, October 24 from 1 p.m. - 1:40 p.m. Explora Theater presents: In Defense of Spiders. This interactive courtroom drama will determine the fate of spiders. You decide! Audience members play a part in this test of arachnid justice.

Sunday, October 25 at 3 p.m. Film: Leonardo da Vinci.



The Children's Grief Center

Submitted By Jessica Daly

**The Children's Grief Center:
Offering Hope and Healing**

All too often in the news we hear stories of families shattered by the death of a loved one from accidents and other circumstances who leave behind brothers, sisters, spouses and young children are left to pick up the pieces after the dust settles.

What happens to those children? Where can they turn for comfort and understanding? What can you do to reach out to those children and the hundreds like them, that face the death of a loved each year?

There is a place in our community that offers hope. We would be happy to send a speaker to your neighborhood association meeting this year to explain how this unique, important and free service works. The Children's Grief Center of New Mexico (CGC) is a nonprofit organization that offers regular support groups for children and young people ages 5-25 and their caregivers. CGC offers the families a supportive environment where they can share experiences and feelings and where they don't feel totally alone in their pain. The groups are provided free of charge to the families and they remain free thanks to the commitment of individual donors and a large group of dedicated volunteer group facilitators.

Volunteers attend a rigorous two day training and go through a background screening process. Although many of the volunteer facilitators are mental health professionals at their day jobs, facilitators come from all professional and personal backgrounds. The training is also accredited with 13 CEUs for social workers, counselors and psychologists. Volunteers are assigned to one age group and work with that age group for a minimum of a 12 month period.

Support groups meet every other week throughout the school year in two locations. Tuesday and Wednesday night groups are held at Sunset Mesa School in the Northeast Heights and Thursday groups are held at the Baha'i Center near Coors and I-40. To make things easier for families dinner is also provided each night.

If you know of a family that might benefit from these support groups or are interested in facilitating a group please contact our office. There are other volunteer opportunities available as well. Fundraising, administrative support, marketing and outreach are on-going needs at the Grief Center. Please call **505-323-0478** or visit our website at <www.childrengrief.org> for further information or to make a donation. Remember, the next time you hear of a tragedy in your neighborhood - the Children's Grief Center can help - and you can help the Children's Grief Center.



**A Message From
Your City Council**

Submitted by Gilbert Montano

District 1

In September, the City will break ground on the new Central and Unser Park and Ride Facility. The center will provide secure bicycle storage, 180 parking spaces and a covered waiting area for pedestrians. Red Line Rapid Ride route #766 and the Bridge/Westgate #54 will serve the center. The area will also be patrolled by ABQ Ride security officers.

The center which will cost approximately \$3.5 million will be funded through City appropriations and general obligation bonds. Construction is expected to wrap up in early 2010.

Improving transit on the Westside is an ongoing project for the City. On September 10, 2009 a Community Meeting on Improving Bus Services on the Westside was held at the Alamosa Community Center.

Central and Unser will also be the site of UNM Hospital's Specialized Clinic which will finally bring specialized care to the Southwest Mesa. Officials expect to break ground on that project in late September as well.

In addition, this year's bond cycle requests about \$5.1 million for public libraries, \$650,000 of which would go to design a 20,000 square-foot library at Central and Unser.

District 2

Councilor O'Malley is a strong advocate for planning and below is a snapshot of some of the planning efforts currently going on in District Two.

North 4th Street Rank III Corridor Plan (between Lomas and Solar Road NW) was finally approved by the Environment Planning Commission and has been forwarded to Council. The plan will be introduced and

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 2009-10 Councilors: (L to R, back row) Isaac Benton, President, District 3; Michael Cadigan, District 5; Rey Garduño, District 6; (L to R, middle row) Sally Mayer, District 7; Trudy Jones, District 8; Ken Sanchez, District 1; (L to R, seated) Don Harris, District 9; Brad Winter, District 4.; Debbie O'Malley, District 2

referred to the Land Use, Planning and Zoning Committee in the near future.

4th Street and Montañó Area Improvement Coalition Charrette (Douglas MacArthur to Solar Road NW) – The charrette process continues and a public meeting to review the plan will be held in October. *Input from the neighborhood is requested and highly encouraged* as we move forward through the process.

Sawmill/Wells Park Connectivity Study – The Environment Planning Commission has sent the plan back to Council to be cleaned-up and have a few issues addressed before it is heard by the City Council hopefully in the last quarter of the year.

Los Duranes Sector Plan Update – The update is in full swing and the community has really been working hard to give in put in to the plan.

Downtown Neighborhood Area Sector Development Plan Update – A kick-off of the much anticipated sector plan update is coming before year end.

District 3

Nearly half of the neighborhoods in District 3 are adjacent to and therefore, affected by the University of New Mexico. Whether near North, Main or South Campus, neighborhoods that share boundaries with UNM property deal with traffic, parking, housing, noise and other impacts. UNM's recent proposal to build a 400-500 space parking garage and health clinic off of University Boulevard NE near Las Lomas – just across the street from the historic Spruce Park neighborhood – drew significant opposition from neighbors. In response to concerns he heard Councilor Benton sponsored a Resolution (R-09-278) that called for facilitated meetings between the City, UNM and the Spruce Park and Sycamore neighborhoods and prohibited the City from approving UNM's applications for vacation of right-of-way and changes to roadway systems to serve the parking garage.

The result was an unprecedented effort to bring UNM administrators and planners to the table with neighborhood leaders, City representatives and other elected officials to discuss neighborhood concerns and begin to develop a new more effective way of communicating. At the conclusion of three facilitated meetings, UNM agreed to put their plans to build the parking structure and health clinic on hold indefinitely. UNM and the City also committed to continuing to work with each other and neighborhoods to address and mitigate the aforementioned impacts that additional development of UNM property will bring. Councilor Benton, who coordinated this effort hopes this approach will serve as a model for future consultation with UNM regarding their development plans.




District 4

At their August 19 meeting, the District 4 Coalition of Neighborhood Association's unanimously voted to donate \$400 from their treasury to the Bernalillo County Council PTA Clothing Bank. The PTA Clothing Bank assists students from any Albuquerque Public School (APS) that are referred by their teacher, nurse, counselor or principal needing clothes to attend school. The PTA Clothing Bank serves more than 3,000 APS students annually. Each student receives new underwear, socks and shoes (as needed). They receive a minimum of two complete outfits (uniforms if necessary) to attend school. Depending on the need and season they will receive a light jacket or coat. The students are also given the opportunity to take up to four books as well as a toy and stuffed animal.

The PTA Clothing Bank is located at 1730 University Boulevard SE and depends on both financial and in-kind donations including grants from a variety of sources. They accept **GENTLY** used children's clothing sizes 5 to adult, **new** underwear, socks and shoes.

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<p>Wednesday, September 23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •DRB – 9 a.m. •SEPC – 9 a.m. •EPC Pre-Hearing – 1:30 p.m. 	<p>Thursday, October 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •AAB – 9 a.m. 	<p>Monday, October 12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •GABAC – 4:30 p.m. 	<p>Wednesday, October 21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •DRB – 9 a.m. •EPC Pre-Hearing – 1:30 p.m. •ADC – 3 p.m. •District 4 Coalition – 7 p.m.
<p>Thursday, September 24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •District 8 Coalition – 7 p.m. 	<p>Monday, October 5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •City Council – 5 p.m. 	<p>Wednesday, October 14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •DRB – 9 a.m. •SEPC – 9 a.m. •LUCC – 3 p.m. •AQCB – 5:15 p.m. 	<p>Tuesday, October 27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •BOA – 9 a.m.
<p>Wednesday, September 30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •DRB – 9 a.m. 	<p>Wednesday, October 7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •DRB – 9 a.m. •PAB – 10 a.m. •Westside Coalition – 7 p.m. •District 7 Coalition – 7 p.m. 	<p>Thursday, October 15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •EPC Public Hearing – 8:30 a.m. •East Gateway Coalition – 6:30 p.m. 	<p>Wednesday, October 28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •DRB – 9 a.m. •SEPC – 9 a.m.
	<p>Thursday, October 8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •GWPAB – 8:30 a.m. •TAB – 9 a.m. •Feedback Forum – 11:45 a.m. •EPC Study Session – 3 p.m. •POC – 4 p.m. •South Valley Coalition – 6:30 p.m. 	<p>Monday, October 19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •City Council – 5 p.m. 	<p>Tuesday, October 20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •ZHE – 9 a.m. •GARTC – 4:30 p.m.
			

2009 CALENDAR/LEGEND

- AAB** - Airport Advisory Board, Aviation Department Executive Conference Room
- ACCC** - Albuquerque Citizens Corp. Council, 1615 University Blvd. NE (Association of General Contractors Building Branch), 505-610-9563 (formally known as the LEPC)
- ACTMI** - Advisory Committee on Transit for the Mobility Impaired - Sun Van Conference Room, 601 Yale SE
- ADC** - Albuquerque Development Commission - Hearing Room (Basement Level), Plaza del Sol, 600 Second Street NW
- AQCB** - Air Quality Control Board, Council Commission Chambers, Basement Level, City Hall
- 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 NE
- District 6 Coalition** - Cesar Chavez Community Center, 7505 Kathryn SE
- District 7 Coalition** - Sandia High School, Teacher's Lounge, 7801 Candelaria NE
- District 8 Coalition** - James Joseph Dwyer Memorial Substation, 12700 Montgomery 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 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
- FF** - Feedback Forum, 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
- GWPAB** - Ground Water Protection Advisory Board - Room 302 City/County Building, 400 Marquette NW
- LUCC** - Landmarks and Urban Conservation Commission, Plaza del Sol, Hearing Room (Basement Level), 600 Second Street NW
- PAB** - ParaTransit Advisory Board - Alvarado Transportation Center, 100 First Street SW
- 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
- SVCNA** - South Valley Coalition of Neighborhoods Associations, Rio Bravo Senior Center, 3910 Isleta Boulevard SW
- TAB** - Transit Advisory Board - Sun Van Conference Room, 601 Yale SE
- Westside Coalition** - Don Newton/Taylor Ranch Community Center, 4900 Kachina NW
- ZHE** - Zoning Hearing Examiner Offices - 200 Third Street NW, Suite 735, 505-924-3918; ZHE Hearings are held in the Plaza del Sol Hearing Room, (Basement Level), 600 Second Street NW

EPC Hearing Notice

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

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

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

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

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

Please note that the **Pre-Hearing Meeting** will be held on **September 23, 2009 at 1:30 p.m.** in the Planning Conference Room Third Floor. The **EPC Public Hearing** will be held on **October 15, 2009 at 8:30 a.m.** in the **Plaza del Sol Hearing Room (basement level), 600 Second Street NW** for the following cases:

Northeast

La Mesa, District 6 Coalition of NA's (neighborhood/homeowner association/coalition); 09EPC-40053, Project #1007958 (case #'s); Approximately 7.2 acre(s) located on the south side of Lomas Boulevard NE between Wyoming Boulevard NE and Utah Street NE (**location of request**); K-19 (**zone atlas page #**); Tierra West, LLC at **505-858-3100**, agent for Larry H. Miller Chrysler Jeep Dodge (**applicant or agency and phone #**); Requests an Site Development Plan for Building Permit for redevelopment of the site and allow for the construction of an updated, state-of-the-art facility (**action requested**); Catalina Lehner at **505-924-3935**, e-mail: <clehner@cabq.gov>. (**city staff planner**)

Southeast

Clayton Heights/Lomas Del Cielo, Kirtland Community, No Coalition(s); 09EPC-40053, Project #1007958; Approximately 2 acre(s) located on the south side of Gibson Boulevard SE between Mulberry Street SE and University Boulevard SE; L-15; DAC Enterprises, Inc. at **505-294-5243**, agent for Tafazzul Hussain, AIA; Requests a Site Development Plan for Building Permit and a Zone Map Amendment from C-1 to SU-1 for C-1 Uses and Hotel/Motel for a proposed sixty-five (65) unit Motel; Randall Falkner at **505-924-3933**, e-mail: <rfalkner@cabq.gov>.

Northwest

Wells Park, North Fourth Camino Real Merchants; Sawmill Community Land Trust, North Valley Coalition; 09EPC-40054 and 40055, Project #1007959; Approximately .95 acre(s) located on the west side of 4th Street NW between Summer Avenue NW and Kinley Avenue NW; J-12; Integrated Design and Architecture at **505-243-3499**, agent for Greater Albuquerque Housing Partnership; Requests a Zone Map Amendment from C-2 and SU-1 for PRD with C-1 and O-1 Permissive Use and a Site Development Plan for Building Permit for a proposed mix of residential dwellings and retail/office for a phased project at full build out it will consist of a three-story building containing 36 two-bedroom flats and a 6,587 square feet of retail/office space reflecting Southwest Modern styles; Carol Toffaleti at **505-924-3345**, e-mail: <cgtoffaleti@cabq.gov>.

S.R. Marmon, West Bluff, Westside Coalition of NA's; 07EPC-40097 and 40102, Project #1000264; Approximately 6 acre(s) located on the east side of Coors Boulevard NW and north of Ouray Road NW; H-11; Tim Flynn-O'Brien, Esq. at **505-242-4088**, agent for West Bluff Center, LLC; Requests Site Development Plan for Building Permit for increasing the height and area for signs adjacent to this elevated section of highway (REMANDED TO EPC FROM CITY COUNCIL); Carol Toffaleti at **505-924-3345**, e-mail: <cgtoffaleti@cabq.gov>.

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Toys, books and stuffed animals new and gently used are also appreciated. Financial donations are also greatly appreciated and are tax-deductible. For more information call **505-344-7481** or visit their website at <www.bccpta.org>.

Councilor Winter congratulates the District 4 Coalition for their generosity and involvement in the Albuquerque community.

District 5

On August 17, Councilor Michael Cadigan introduced legislation appropriating \$5 million to the Unser Boulevard Extension Project. This bill is scheduled to be heard by the Finance and Government Operations Committee in mid-September. The \$5 million would come from current quarter cent for transportation infrastructure tax funds. The scope of the project is to design and construct related improvements for two lanes of the 2.3 mile stretch of Unser from Compass Drive to Paradise Boulevard. Coors Boulevard currently serves as the only contiguous North/South principal arterial alternative to I-25 for Westside residents. Completion of the Unser Boulevard would help to reduce the traffic flow along Coors Boulevard and I-25 during peak travel times. Unser Boulevard is also identified to be a principal arterial. Currently, many District 5 residents utilize Universe Boulevard (a minor arterial) as a connector to Unser Boulevard south of Compass which is proving to be problematic as traffic from the Volcano Vista High School exits onto Universe.

District 6

On September 19, 2009, City Councilor Rey Garduño attended the 1st Annual International Festival at Talin World Market (southeast corner of Central and Louisiana). It was a free event and included cultural associations and performances, vendor booths for businesses, service providers, music and dance groups, civic organizations, government agencies, food booths from local restaurants, City and County programs, children's activities and Community Gardens. STEPS (Southeast Team for Entrepreneurial Success) organized this event in collaboration with community groups like the Southeast Heights Health Coalition, District 6 Coalition of Neighborhood Association's, civic organizations, area businesses and service providers, the new UNM Clinic, St. Joseph Community Health, the Asian-American Association, the Loan Fund, Accion, WESST, SBDC and SCORE, the South Valley Incubator, AIBA, City of Albuquerque Office of Economic Development and County, all of whom will promote their programs.

District 7

Councilor Mayer wanted to let you know that there is a new Growers' Market located in the northeast parking lot of ABQ Uptown. This is the parking lot off of the Loop Road across from Trader Joe's.

Fresh local produce is available Tuesdays and Saturdays from 7 a.m. until 12 Noon. The Growers' Market plans to stay open until October 31. June through July shoppers can find an assortment of salad greens - all types of lettuce, kale, spinach, dandelion greens, chard and more. Tomatoes, garlic, beans, beets, carrots, plums, and nectarines are also available. Later in the summer through early fall there will be peppers, cabbage, onions, peaches, berries, and grapes. Come back regularly as the season progresses so you can see the impressive variety of locally grown produce our local farmers have to

offer. Come early for the best choices. You won't be disappointed when you taste the freshness and flavor.

District 8

One of the most used public facilities in District 8 is the Tramway Trail Network. Recently Councilor Jones and other constituents in the trail area were invited to a meeting to discuss what improvements are needed to make the trail even better. The New Mexico Department of Transportation hosted this meeting as they are the responsible agency for the Tramway trail network because the trail is State owned. The State has been fortunate to obtain \$1,000,000 in federal funding to enhance and improve portions of the trail including erosion protection, improvements to pavement drop-offs, reduction in conflict points and possible widening of the trail to provide for greater separation among users. There is still time to provide comments on the improvements by e-mailing Debbie Bauman at <debra.bauman@state.nm.us>. NMDOT is anticipating improvements to begin in spring 2010.

District 8 is lucky to have dedicated legislators that have offered tremendous support to the trail and Councilor Jones hopes the infrastructure improvements reflect their commitment. Historically there have been numerous coordinated efforts by the City and State to maintain and clean the trail area. The City of Albuquerque Solid Waste Management Department has responded to concerns by constituents to clean trash and keep a handle on the weeds in the natural landscape along the trail. Councilor Jones is always happy to help facilitate organized clean up of the area and asks that all users be responsible in their use of this wonderful public facility.

District 9

City Councilor Don Harris and Rey Garduño introduced a bill that would fund a rescue unit for Fire Station 8 located in the Foothills. The bill which came before the Council at its September 9 meeting, would allocate \$380,000 from the photo enforcement fund to establish the rescue unit.

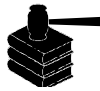
As it stands Station 8 is without a rescue unit and must rely on nearby stations for those services. In 2008, 53.4 percent of all rescue calls went to stations affected by Fire Station 8's lack of a rescue unit. The busiest rescue in the city Rescue 12 is located at Juan Tabo and Central. The second busiest rescue in the city Rescue 5 is located at Central and Pennsylvania. These stations are in the core of the city and they need relief.

A rescue unit employs paramedics who are trained to perform advanced medical procedures such as cardiac monitoring, defibrillation, in-depth patient assessments and drug administration. Station 8, located at 1400 Indian View Place NE, already has the space to accommodate a rescue unit and needs only the funding to get one off the ground.



Metropolitan Court

Submitted By Janet Blair



Ernest Eblen Joins Metropolitan Court As Deputy Court Executive Officer

Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court Administrator Brian Gilmore has announced that Ernest Eblen has joined Metropolitan Court as Deputy Court Executive Officer. He will supervise the Customer Service, Case Initiation and File Maintenance, Compliance and Courtroom Support Services as well as Information Technology Divisions.

Eblen graduated from Cameron University in Lawton, Oklahoma, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business and from Oklahoma City University, School of Law with a Juris Doctor. Eblen who recently served as the Administrative Services Division Manager at the Las Vegas, Nevada Municipal Court also worked as a Judicial Administrator at the Superior Court of Maricopa County in Arizona and practiced law and accounting in Oklahoma.

“Mr. Eblen comes to us with extensive experience in court administration. We look forward to the contributions he will make to Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court,” said Gilmore.

He replaces Mary Louise “Maria” Romero who recently retired after 27 years with the court system.

Metropolitan Court Judge Recognized For Mental Health Court Work By NAMI



The National Alliance for Mental Illness (NAMI) has recently recognized Judge Kevin Fitzwater of the Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court for his community contributions to mental health. Judge Fitzwater is the founder and current presiding judge of the Metropolitan Court Mental Health Court.

NAMI Board Member Lorrette Enochs said Judge Fitzwater was chosen by the organization because he took the initiative to establish the only mental health court in New Mexico.

“We advocate on behalf of individuals living with mental health illness. Mental Health Court diverts some of those individuals into programs that improve their lives. That is why we consider it an important asset to the community,” she said. The Community Supporter nomination is one of four awards given annually by the Domenici Family Awards program.

“I am very pleased to accept this award on behalf the Mental Health Court staff here at Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court. It is through their efforts that we have been able to achieve the results that NAMI has recognized. Together, we work with defendants who have mental health issues in connection with their criminal offenses. It is our goal to return these defendants to roles as contributing members of the community,” said Judge Fitzwater.

Judge Fitzwater was appointed to the BCMC bench in 1997 and established the Mental Health Court in 1998. The Court involves defendants with probation officers, counselors and other community resources in order to help them overcome their mental health issues and resolve their criminal cases.

NM State Association of Parliamentarians

Submitted By Janice Strand

Amendment or Revision of Bylaws...a follow-up to the earlier article on Bylaws

Amendment

The bylaws are the document that contains the organization’s own basic rules that relate specifically to itself as an organization. The bylaws must contain an article that outlines the procedure for amendment.

Article IX. Amendment of Bylaws

These bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting of ___ by a two-thirds vote, provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing at the previous meeting (or sent by US Mail or email to members a stated length of time before the meeting).

When presented, the motion to amend is the main motion to *Amend Something Previously Adopted*; therefore previous notice and a two-thirds vote is required.

Previous Notice Previous notice is giving notice to all members who have the right to be present to vote on the adoption of bylaw amendments or revision. The bylaws (see above) state when the notice is to be given. The correct format for giving the notice for amendments is as follows:

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read

Revision

Changes of the bylaws that are so extensive and general that they are scattered throughout the bylaws should be considered as a substitution of a new set of bylaws and called a *revision*. The notice given is that a new document will be presented and open to amendment as if the organization is adopting bylaws for the first time. The group is not confined to consideration of only the points of change. After consideration, the revision can be rejected altogether.

Careful consideration must be given as a bylaws committee works through the proposal of amendments or a revision. Committee members must include persons of all points of view. *From Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised, 10th Edition*, pages 573-580. **Policies and Procedures will be covered next month.

Parliamentary Pointers will appear each month. If you have a parliamentary question that could be covered or would like a “Smart Meeting” presentation on Amendment or Revision of Bylaws at your meeting, contact the Office of Neighborhood Coordination at **505-924-3914** and we will provide you with the name of a Parliamentarian.



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