

# The Gateway

## Councilor Don Harris, District 9

Hello District 9 Neighbors!

**Project Updates:**

Signal Light at **Central and Elizabeth** installation, construction is now completed. Thank you for your patience throughout the process.

**Southern Blvd** (between Eubank and Juan Tabo) – We are moving forward with installation of street and trail lights for this stretch of road. We will keep you updated when we have a start and end date for this project.

**Manzano Mesa Pickleball Courts** – This Regional Facility will include 18 pickleball courts, construction has begun. Anticipated completion date is April 2017.

**Singing Arrow Community Center** – Currently in the design phase, public meetings will be held for resident input throughout the process. We will keep you updated on the dates and times for those meetings. Construction start date is anticipated for late next year.

**Sponsored Legislation:**

**O-16-11 Vacant Commercial Building Ordinance** (Harris, Davis) – Was heard at the October 26<sup>th</sup> LUPZ hearing, sent to Full Council with a recommendation of Do Pass. This will be heard at our **December 5<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting**. If adopted, O-16-11 would adopt a new article in the zoning code to be known as the “Vacant Commercial Building Ordinance.” The ordinance would outline minimum aesthetic requirements for vacant commercial buildings that don’t exist in the code today. There would be financial penalties for vacant commercial buildings on the registry who aren’t meeting the minimum aesthetic standards outlined in the bill. The bill will also give the City more options to deal with deteriorating or blighted buildings via condemnation. Overall, I hope this will deter buildings from deteriorating and becoming blighted, thus negatively affecting surrounding properties and property values.

We receive a lot of requests for funding on a number of items throughout the year. Over the last year, through District 9 Set-A-Side funds, we were able to fund the following requests:

- APD Foothills Command Security Cameras
- Lomas/Tramway Library Doors
- Lomas/Tramway Library Improvements
- Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center Signs
- Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center Blinds
- Embudo Hills Park Playground Painted
- Tijeras Bio Zone Improvements and Signage
- Elizabeth & Central Traffic Signal
- Four Hills Rd Yield Sign
- Four Hills Arroyo Fencing
- Four Hills Park Safety Improvements
- Singing Arrow Park Trail
- Willow Wood Dead End Sign
- Zia Little League Parking Lot Re-Striping
- Officer Webster Memorial
- 5 Neighborhood Signs
- 2 Neighborhood Traffic Studies –Neighborhood Traffic Management Program

**I hope everyone has a Safe and Happy Holiday Season!**

Sincerely,  
Don Harris

**Upcoming Meetings**

December 5, 2016 5:00pm  
**City Council Meeting**  
Where: One Civic Plaza NW  
Albuquerque, NM 87103  
Vincent Griego Chambers

December 12, 2016 5:00pm  
**Finance & Government Operations Committee**  
Where: Council Committee Room  
One Civic Plaza NW 9th Floor,  
Suite 9081  
Albuquerque, NM 87103

December 14, 2016 5:00pm  
**Land Use, Planning & Zoning Committee**  
Where: Council Committee Room  
One Civic Plaza NW 9th Floor,  
Suite 9081  
Albuquerque, NM 87103

December 14, 2016 6:00pm-7:50pm  
**Foothills Area Command Community Policing Council**  
Where: Holiday Park Community Center  
11710 Comanche Road NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87111

December 19, 2016 5:00pm  
**City Council Meeting**  
Where: One Civic Plaza  
Vincent Griego Chambers

**APD Foothills Area Command**  
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