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Dave Melton
ECC Chair



As the unexpected, but needed summer rains wash away the heat and grime of the big City, we're left to ponder the wonder of Nature and our role in working in conjunction and support of her. We here at the Energy Conservation Council have \$1.187M which the COA will spend on energy conservation, renewable energy, bio-fuels, planting trees, and other ideas the City Departments will come up with over the next few months. If the ideas are as successful as the last funding cycle, the citizens should be proud of the efforts made by their City government.

First, I'd like to congratulate Wayne Evelo, past chairman for a job "well done." Wayne's leadership left the "ship in tip-top shape." Wayne really raised the bar that we can only hope to meet.

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Now Accepting Resumes for ECC Membership

The City of Albuquerque and the ECC are looking for energetic, knowledgeable, people to share their expertise in: renewable energy, alternative fuels, Solar, LEED or any other energy field to assist the ECC in support of the City of Albuquerque's programs. Resumes and letters of interest are being accepted now. See page 3 for information.

2006 ECC Membership

*Dave Melton, Chair
Frank Burcham
Wayne Evelo
Bill Gross
Suzanne Probart
Ronald Rioux
Howard Stephens
Vacant
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ECC Advisory Board

*Jean Arya
Lynn Behnfield-Thomas
Mustaq Kahan
Don Maez
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Chairman's Message Continued...



Second, as world events drive higher energy costs here at home, let's take the initiative to conserve and protect our scarce resources since we now know how hard it to get them and how precarious their regular delivery is. If you're not slowing down, carpooling, keeping your vehicle in optimum condition to conserve fuels, and turning off lights and other equipment, do so now. Not only will you save money for yourself, but also for the tax-payers. With the participation of all of us working together, we can continue to make this the best place on Earth to live and be.

NEIGHBORHOOD SOLAR

The ECC will support and adopt Neighborhood Solar as part of the ECC's renewable energy program. Although the grant has expired, it is important that community outreach and education continue. At a quarterly meeting at the end of June, close to twenty major accomplishments were reviewed and six objectives were recapped as part of the Ten Year Plan. The teams of volunteer professionals, workshops, surveys, innovative presentations, liaisons, financing, concept-building and tools created by Neighborhood Solar are worthy accomplishments to be sustained. Major program successes include: the first performance contract, solar heating for the five year-round indoor swimming facilities, the survey of two million square feet of COA buildings for solar installation appropriateness, and the plan for making the 4th Street Yards "The Solar Compound" for the City. Please contact the Facilities and Energy Management Office for more information at 768-5374.

Calendar

ECC Meetings

September 20

October 18

November 15

December 20

8 a.m. - 10 a.m.

For meeting

locations contact

Connie Tachias at

(505) 768-5345,

Ctachias@cabq.gov

LEED Workshop

October 6

Albq. Hyatt Regency

Downtown

To Register:

[http://www.usgbc.org/Workshops/Workshoplist.a](http://www.usgbc.org/Workshops/Workshoplist.aspx)

[px](http://www.usgbc.org/Workshops/Workshoplist.aspx)

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The Land of

Enchantment

Clean Cities

Annual

Stakeholders

Meeting

October 12th

For more

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[loecleancities@comca](mailto:loecleancities@comcast.net)

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information



Current ECC Members and Advisory Board

HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR LETTER OF INTEREST FOR ECC MEMBERSHIP or AN ADVISORY POSITON

Send your resume and letter to: Gene Bustamante, 1801 Fourth Street Building B, Albuquerque, NM 87102. If appointed by the Mayor and approved by the City Council, you could join this group of talented individuals with a variety of energy experience and background.

ABQ D-Ride and the Biodiesel Rail Runner

Have you taken a ride on the new downtown bus route called “Downtown Get Around” Service began in mid-July and is free of charge to all passengers. “Public transportation in Albuquerque has reached a new level,” said Mayor Martin Chávez. “The “Downtown Get Around” will provide business associates, commuters, tourists and city residents with a cost effective and reliable form of transportation throughout the downtown area.”

The “Downtown Get Around” or “D- Ride” operates in flashy, decorative and distinct buses that highlight downtown landmarks. ABQ RIDE provides seven-minute service with convenient access to some

ECC Mission

“Champions of Albuquerque’s quality of life; promoting cost effective, innovative resource management, energy education and community involvement.”

GOV TV 16

September Show
“Solar Fiesta”

October Show
“Modes of Transportation”

Check out web site
www.cabq.gov/energy/energymatters.html
for show listings.

Congratulations WAYNE EVELO!

ECC Member Wayne Evelo recently won a Community Service Award from the President of the United States for volunteering over 200 hours last year.

ABQ D-Ride Continued...

major downtown destinations such as the courthouses, City Hall, Civic Plaza, the Galeria, the Convention Center and the Federal Building. This route will run Monday through Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. and will be the prime connection for New Mexico Rail Runner Express passengers to connect to downtown businesses.

The Rail Runner will be switching to biodiesel fuel. It will be one of the first commuter rail systems in the country to do so. It will be about 30 cents per gallon cheaper than regular diesel fuel and much cleaner for the environment.

City of Albuquerque to be a “2006 Solar Fiesta” Sponsor

The City of Albuquerque will be a Sponsor to the 2006 Solar Fiesta on September 23, and 24th. There are segments for teachers, kids, industry and events for everyone. The Indian Pueblo Cultural will host the fiesta which is conveniently located off I-40 and 12th Street, from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. There is a \$3.00 admission fee for the exhibit grounds and workshops begin at \$10.00.

There are all day and weekend passes available for purchase, contact the New Mexico Solar Energy Association for more information at 505-246-0400 or visit their website at www.nmsea.org. There is also a PNM bill coupon insert that offers a discount. The City of Albuquerque would like to encourage everyone to attend and meet professionals in the solar industry, find qualified installers, and get answers to questions. We'll see you at the 2006 Solar Fiesta!

Alternative Fuels Vehicle Day at State Fair

The Alternative Fuels Vehicle (AFV) Day at the New Mexico State Fair Expo will be on September 22nd and the **City of Albuquerque** will be there to display some of their vehicles on Main Street. The Land of Enchantment Clean Cities Coordinator Frank Burcham will also be there. Everyone is invited to go visit, see the vehicles, and ask the experts questions regarding AFVs.

Land of Enchantment Clean Cities Annual Meeting

The City of Albuquerque is a stakeholder in the Land of Enchantment Clean Cities program which will be having their annual meeting on October 12th.

Clean Cities Annual Meeting Continued....

Anyone interested in clean, renewable transportation fuels are urged to attend. There will be presentations on alternative and renewable fuels as well



Space is limited please contact Frank Burcham at 505-856-8585 for more information.

TreeCentennial Program to Enhance Life in the City of Albuquerque

The Albuquerque **TreeCentennial Program's** goal is to plant 3,000 trees in honor of the 300 years of Albuquerque history and to plant a living legacy of tree for future generations. The TreeCentennial Program offers Albuquerqueans hands-on opportunities to participate in the planting of Albuquerque's future.

Trees planted for the TreeCentennial will be lasting contribution to the health and well-being of the city and its citizens, by increasing property values, improving air quality, and saving energy by shading buildings, playgrounds, and streets to keep Albuquerque **Cool and Beautiful!** The program is open to all neighborhood associations, civic groups, and others on a first-come-first serve basis. Over 2,500 trees are available now! Get involved and plant a tree! For more information, please contact Tree New Mexico and the Albuquerque Tree Initiative at 265-4554 or tnm@treenm.com.

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