

N eighborhood ews

July 2017



Grow Community With Gardening

Growing a community through sharing resources is essential for any neighborhood, and the Reynolds Addition Neighborhood Association (RANA) brought it to another level when they took over a vacant lot in 2009.

"The lot was an eyesore and we wanted to create something where our neighbors could engage, but that was more fun than a meeting," said Bob Tilley, RANA President. "So we created a community garden, where people can plant their own fruit and vegetables, and share with their neighbors."

Located in west downtown, the community garden has been one of many successful RANA initiatives. Tilley, along with neighborhood residents including Christine Schepker (both pictured at right), started a free bike valet at the Downtown Grower's Market; the monthly RANA Rendezvous in which neighborhood residents visit and highlight a different local business; the "Resilience"



mural at Washington Middle School; the first neighborhood to win a float award in the Twinklelight Parade; and encouraging walkability with a score of 91 at: walkscore.com, to name a few.

"We have an amazing neighborhood and it's a pleasure to interact with residents here," said Tilley. "It's my hope that we can encourage other neighborhoods to do similar projects. If we can, I know others can as well, because we all want safe and beautiful neighborhoods in Albuquerque, no matter what part of town we live."

Love Your Neighborhood? Tell us why!

Whether you live in the Foothills, Taylor Ranch, the North Valley, Westgate, Nob Hill or Downtown, there is something beautiful in every neighborhood in Albuquerque.

In a recent survey taken by the ONC, residents were asked to name their favorite thing about their neighborhood. Responses included:



- Great neighbors
- Proximity to event centers
 - Museums and parks
 - Walkability
 - Peaceful, quiet streets
 - Being close to city centers
- Proximity to UNM and CNM campuses
 - Nearness to I-25 or I-40

Tell us what you think is the best thing about your neighborhood by e-mailing: onc@cabq.gov, with "Favorite Neighborhood Feature" in the subject line, and we will feature it in an upcoming Neighborhood News!



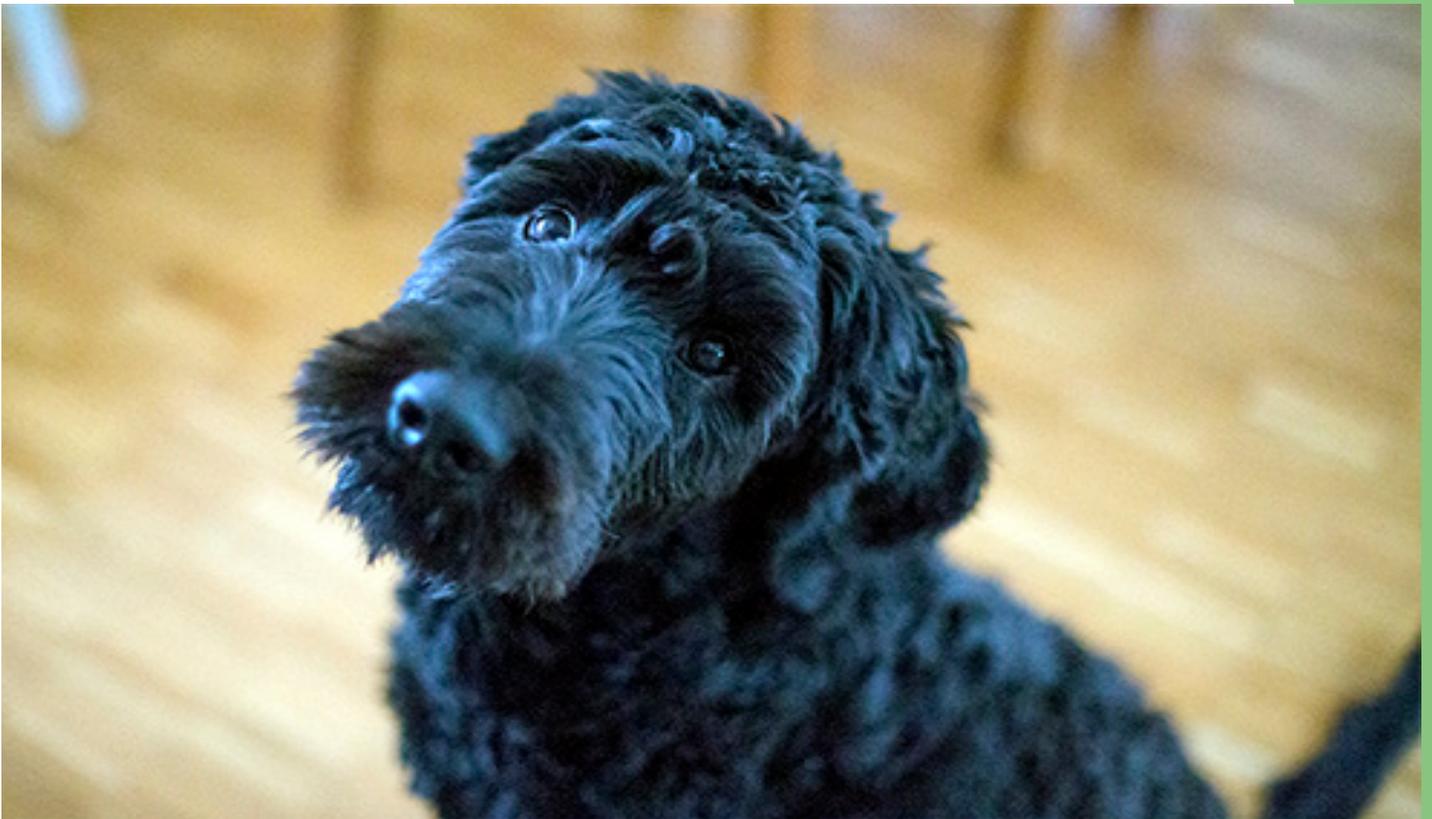
Neighborhood Association of the Month

The Route 66 West Neighborhood Association, originally established in 2001, was reestablished in 2015, with the guidance and support of Councilor Klarissa Peña and a handful of concerned neighbors.

Route 66 West is located on Albuquerque's Southwest Mesa with boundaries encompassing everything within Central Avenue south to DeVargas Road and 122nd Street east to 98th Street.

The next General Meeting will take place Thursday, July 27 at 6:00 p.m., at the Patrick J. Baca Library at Central and Unser.

Planning for the upcoming National Night Out event on August 1 is underway, in conjunction with the Westgate Heights Neighborhood Association. Final details will be forthcoming via Next Door and the Route 66 West Facebook page.



Protect Your Pup From Parvo

It's the time of year when many people want to adopt a furry companion and enjoy the summer weather. However, many dog adopters don't realize the importance of getting all proper vaccinations, including the vaccination for parvo, a highly contagious and often deadly disease that affects puppies and adult dogs.

Canine parvovirus, commonly called parvo, can cause loss of appetite, vomiting, diarrhea, and often, death, in puppies and unvaccinated dogs. But it is preventable if you just vaccinate your puppy or dog against the virus! Vaccinations against parvo are available at all veterinary clinics in Albuquerque.

Adult dogs 1 year and older can get the parvo vaccination once a year when they get their other shots. However, puppies must have a series of 3-4 shots given 3-4 weeks apart to be protected. Just one shot will not protect a puppy against the virus.

Until the vaccination shots are completely finished, limit your puppy's exposure to other dogs, dog parks and other public areas.

If you suspect your house or yard has been infected, clean any possible exposed area with a bleach dilution solution of 1/2 cup bleach in a gallon of hot water, and allow the solution to contact the surfaces for 10 minutes before being rinsed or dried. Regular soaps and disinfectants do not kill parvovirus, and areas that cannot be cleaned with bleach may remain contaminated, so use the bleach solution to make sure.

Animal Welfare recommends not adopting any new, unvaccinated puppies until your current pup and/or dog have been fully vaccinated against parvo and other illnesses, for up to a year afterward. Please remember to always spay and neuter your pets, too!

For more information on pet vaccinations, visit: www.cabq.gov/pets

Question of the Month



Question:

What is the difference between calling 311, 911, and 242-COPS?

Answer:

311 is for any type of general, non-emergency question about city services, such as scheduling trash pickup, bus schedules, locations of city public meetings, adopting a pet at a city shelter, or anything else that is a city service for the public.

911 is for any type of emergency involving an immediate threat to your physical safety or life; any fire or medical emergency; crimes in progress, immediate threats to your property, or a gun-related incident.

242-COPS should be called if you need to file a vehicle accident report, report excessive noise, report a suspected crime that already happened, auto theft, lost items such as cell phones or wallets, harassment or threats, embezzlement, indecent exposure, or fraud.

Smartphone App for APD Debuts

Albuquerque Police Department (APD) recently unveiled its new, non-emergency ABQ Police smartphone app to the public, allowing greater direct communication between law enforcement and the community.

The app, available for free download for iOS at the Apple Store and for Android on Google Play, allows residents to file police reports, receive community alerts, submit live crime tips, and access real-time crime information. The app also allows residents to send photos, and information concerning crimes anonymously and even submit tips directly to Crime Stoppers for possible rewards.

Other great features include: Alerts, Real-Time Crime Maps, APD News, and connections to APD social media, for increased communication and information sharing. Download it today!





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Apply for Public Housing Units Through Mid-July

The Albuquerque Housing Authority (AHA) will accept pre-applications for 3-Bedroom Public Housing Units starting June 15 through July 15. The AHA reminds you that pre-applications will be accepted for public housing apartments only.

Pre-applications will be taken online starting June 15, and paper applications will no longer be accepted. To assist with the online application process, the AHA has two free computers available, by appointment. You can call (505)-764-3953 to schedule time to use the computer to complete the pre-applications. Walk-ins will not be accepted.

You can also complete the online application using a smartphone or tablet.

The AHA reminds you that applicants no longer need to apply in person, nor is any type of supporting documentation required for the pre-application.

There are also several free, publicly accessible computers available for use, if you are not able to make an appointment to use the AHA computers. The list is available online at: www.abqaha.org, or at the AHA Offices at 1840 University Blvd SE.

AHA is committed to assisting persons with disabilities. If you require reasonable accommodation or other special assistance, please call 505-764-3953 or email: morellana@abqaha.org.

For more information on this program, contact the AHA at (505) 764-3920 or visit: www.abqaha.org

ABC-Z Update for July

The Integrated Development Ordinance (IDO) will be reviewed by the Land Use, Planning, and Zoning (LUPZ) Committee on Wednesday, Aug. 16 at 5 p.m. in the Vincent E. Griego Chambers in City Hall.

Public Meetings

ZONING 101

The project team is hosting several meetings this summer to give opportunities to discuss what's changed in the document and answer questions. The meetings will give a general overview of how zoning works and how the IDO is different from the existing zoning code.

- Wednesday, July 26, 5:30-6:30 p.m. – Plaza del Sol, Basement Hearing Room
- Thursday, July 27, 1-2 p.m. – Plaza del Sol, Basement Hearing Room

ASK AN EXPERT CLINIC MEETINGS

These meetings will also give a short summary of major changes in the document since December 2016 and provide 1-on-1 time with a member of the project team to answer questions.

- Wednesday, July 26, 1-2:30 p.m. – Plaza del Sol, Basement Hearing Room
- Wednesday, July 26, 6:30-8 p.m. – Plaza del Sol, Basement Hearing Room

If none of these work for you, email: abctoz@cabq.gov to request an appointment Monday or Friday afternoons or to request a project team member to come speak to your neighborhood.

Committee Hearings

Councilors on the LUPZ committee will take public comments, consider staff responses, recommend changes to the IDO draft, and vote on a recommendation to the full Council about whether to adopt the IDO.



IMPROVING PLACE FROM PLANNING TO ZONING

There will be at least three hearings on the IDO at LUPZ. Please note the hearing dates, locations, and purposes below.

- Wednesday, Aug. 16, 5 p.m., Vincent E. Griego Chambers to take public comments
- Wednesday, Aug. 30, 5 p.m., Council Committee Room (9th floor) to respond to public comments
- Wednesday, Sept. 13, 5 p.m., Vincent E. Griego Chambers to take public comment and finalize recommended changes to the redline draft

LUPZ Draft of the IDO

The project team hopes to have a redline draft of the IDO and updated zoning conversion map based on the EPC's recommended changes posted on the project website (www.abc-zone.com) and available at libraries, community centers, multigenerational centers, and senior centers by July 9, 2017.

Written Comments

Council will take and consider your written comments at any time. To be included in staff responses for consideration by Councilors at the first IDO hearing by the LUPZ committee, please submit written comments by Wednesday, Aug. 9 at 5 p.m.

Send comments to Crystal Ortega, Clerk of the Council

- By email: cortega@cabq.gov
- By mail: P.O. Box 1293, Albuquerque NM 87103



Summer Festivals Are Coming!

FREEDOM 4TH

The City of Albuquerque's annual Freedom 4th returns to Balloon Fiesta Park in a big way on Tuesday, July 4 with country music icon Clint Black set to headline the celebration.

This free, family-friendly event takes place Tuesday, July 4 at Balloon Fiesta Park, from 3-10 p.m., and includes local food vendors, children's activities; a Microbrew Garden featuring craft beer, wine and spirits from 20 local establishments; plenty of musical entertainment; and the state's largest fireworks show. Admission to the rain or shine event is free, and there will be park and rides services at Coronado Mall and Cottonwood Mall.

Freedom 4th Entertainment Schedule

- 3 p.m. - Austin Van
- 4 p.m. - Fair Trade Fusion
- 5:15 p.m. - Westwind Band
- 6:30 p.m. - Bill Palmer's TV Killers
- 7:50 p.m. - Presentation of Colors
- National Anthem
- 8 p.m. - Clint Black
- 9:15 p.m. - Fireworks

Route 66 Summerfest Entertainment Schedule

Miscellaneous entertainment at other stages

8 p.m.
Los Lobos
Main Stage
Girard and Central

ROUTE 66 SUMMERFEST

Later in July, the annual Route 66 Summerfest will once again be held in Nob Hill. The event, featuring world-renowned headliner Los Lobos, will be from 3 to 10 p.m. on Saturday, July 22 and will take place on Central Ave. between Girard Blvd. and Carlisle Blvd.

Returning this year are free Kids' Zone activities such as face painting, climbing walls and inflatables; the Mother Road Art Market showcasing handcrafted goods by local artisans; Cork & Tap microbrew beer garden for folks over 21; plenty of food trucks offering a variety of tasty treats; the Old Route 66 Car Show; local vendors and restaurants; and three stages allowing hours of music from local bands.

Chili Dogs With a Cop Brings Together APD and Neighborhoods

The Los Volcanes Police Substation held its first Chili Dog With a Cop on Friday, June 16, bringing together law enforcement and neighborhood residents to share a chili dog lunch and ideas for community policing. The event also raised funds for one of Albuquerque Police Department's (APD) dispatchers, who was recently diagnosed with cancer.



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