

N eighborhood ews

August 2017



Have Dinner in Your Park!

Dinner in the Park is a weekly community initiative happening at Netherwood Park as part of the Netherwood Park Neighborhood Association's (NPNA) efforts to bring together their residents in a fun and pleasant environment; and also to promote the beautiful and family-friendly park itself.

Started in late March, the weekly Dinner features several local food trucks, live music, and activities such as Zumba classe, face painting, kickbal and Nerf tag, and best of all, the opportunity to meet neighbors and make new friends.

"We were inspired by the weekly food trucks at Hyder Park for Tasty Tuesdays, and wanted to have something similar, that would be fun and encourage people to come out and get to know their neighbors," said Susan Bennett, President of NPNA. "Our board member Chuck Maguire contacted some local food trucks, including Kimo's Hawaiian BBQ, and they are now one of our regular weekly trucks!"

Dinner takes place each Wednesday from 5 - 8pm on the east side of Netherwood Park, along Princeton north of Morrow, and is usually attended by 40-70 people.



"The mix of folks who attend is great, and showcases the diversity of our neighborhood," said Bennett. "We have parents, kids of all ages, grandparents, and we also encourage visitors from other neighborhoods so they can get ideas and maybe do something similar at their parks in their neighborhoods."

For a fun, friendly, and family-oriented activity that is open to everyone, check out the NPNA's weekly Dinner in the Park at Netherwood Park each Wednesday at 5pm. You can enjoy dinner with the residents, pick up dinner to go, or take a blanket and plan to spend a relaxing evening with a great group of neighborhood residents.

Neighborhood Association of the Month

The Singing Arrow Neighborhood Association (SANA), located in the northeastern Foothills Area of Albuquerque, has strong membership and core values focused on neighborhood safety and resident satisfaction.

SANA has implemented a security patrol triad consisting of law enforcement, volunteers, and hired patrols. Volunteer and hired patrols contact APD for issues, thus increasing frequency of patrols. For SANA, security patrols are an essential part of neighborhood security, property value, and resident satisfaction.

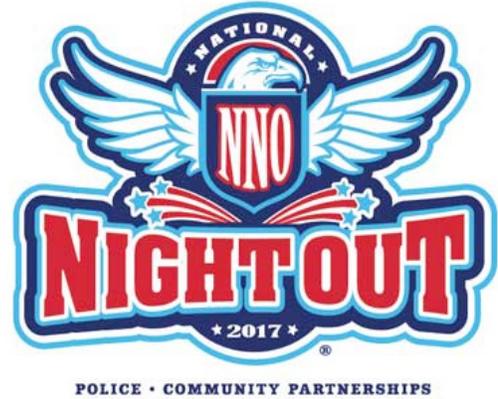
SANA also utilizes Nextdoor to share information with its 187 residents, and relies heavily on its volunteer patrols and private security to keep the neighborhood safe.

Some initiatives the neighborhood is working toward include a redeveloped Community Center; and working with City Councilor Don Harris to survey and possibly develop an archaeological viewing area in the Singing Arrow Park, due to some Spanish artifacts found there in the 70s.

Community gardening is another project the neighborhood is pursuing as part of their overall goal to be the best neighborhood in the City.

Membership is essential for an effective neighborhood association. SANA encourages residents to attend their annual picnic Saturday, Sept. 16, from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. and see more of this beautiful neighborhood.

Learn more about SANA at:
www.abqsana.org



National Night Out!

Neighborhoods and residents are invited and encouraged to attend and participate in this year's National Night Out (NNO), Tuesday, August 1.

A connected community is a safer community, and NNO is an excellent opportunity for you and your neighbors to socialize, renew acquaintances, welcome new neighbors, and join fellow citizens in our community's fight against crime. Come together to strengthen neighborhoods and improve police-community partnerships to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live.

Neighborhoods across Albuquerque and the nation host block parties, festivals, potlucks, cookouts, and many other community events to send the message that our neighborhoods are fighting back against crime.

If you would like to join your neighborhood's NNO event, call 311 to find out details about times and locations across the city.



IMPROVING PLACE FROM PLANNING TO ZONING

ABC-Z Update

The Integrated Development Ordinance (IDO) heads to City Council for review by the Land Use, Planning, and Zoning Committee (LUPZ). The IDO is intended to replace the City's 1970s zoning code and the City's 60+ Sector Development Plans. 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 City Council about whether to adopt the IDO.

Upcoming Hearings on the IDO at LUPZ

- Wednesday, August 16, 5:00 p.m., Vincent E. Griego Chambers - *take public comments*
- Wednesday, August 30, 5:00 p.m., Council Committee Room (City Hall, 9th Floor) - *respond to public comments*
- Wednesday, September 13, 5:00 p.m., Vincent E. Griego Chambers, - *take public responses and finalize recommended changes to redline draft.*

LUPZ Draft of the IDO

Review the LUPZ draft of the IDO, and updated zoning conversion map, online at the project website, at www.abc-zone.com, and available at city libraries, community centers, multigenerational centers, and senior centers.

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 Council:

- By e-mail: cortega@cabq.gov
- By mail: P.O. Box 1293, Albuquerque, NM 87103
- By map: <https://abc-zone.com/ido-zoning-conversion-map>

ART Station Canopies Taking Shape

If you've been through the intersection at Central and Coors lately, you may have seen the massive white bars and canopies that will be among the distinguishing characteristics of most Albuquerque Rapid Transit (ART) stations.



The canopy at Central and Coors is the first one to be installed along the ART route. FabriTec Structures of Dallas, Texas is handling the canopy installations, utilizing marine-grade steel for the framework. The canopies themselves are made of polytetrafluoroethylene, a Teflon®-coated, woven fiberglass membrane that is extremely durable and weather resistant. The canopies are designed to stand up to scorching desert heat, and are fire-resistant, as well.

Crews are currently working on the framework and canopy at Central and Washington, and a stylized canopy will be next for installation at Copper and 6th.

Question of the Month



Question:

How do I report a blighted or nuisance property that is in violation of the zoning code, the housing code, or the weed, litter and snow removal ordinance?

Answer:

If you see a property with broken windows, appears to be vacant, is dilapidated, has no utility hook-ups, has suspected criminal activity, or does not appear to be secure, call 311 and report the property. Be sure to provide the address and a detailed description of the conditions.

The complaint will be routed the Planning Department's Code Enforcement Division where it will be assigned to a Code Enforcement Inspector. The inspector will visit the property to check for violations.

If violations are found, the property owner is sent a notice of violation which details how to come into compliance. An inspector will re-inspect the property, and if compliance is still not met, a pre-criminal summons is sent to the property owner.

The property owner will then receive a criminal complaint and must appear before a Metropolitan Court judge. A judge can

issue fines, issue jail time, grant more time to come into compliance, or take other actions.

If violations render the property uninhabitable, the Planning Department may post it as substandard. If, while compliance efforts are being made by the City, the property becomes unsecured or has an excessive accumulation of weeds or litter, the City may hire a contractor to secure the structure or clean the property and then place a lien on the property for the cost of the work.

If a property contains a criminal element, the Safe City Strike Force and the Albuquerque Police Department (APD) work together to determine violations of the Nuisance Abatement Ordinance. If a property remains substandard for a year and has a record of service calls, and the property owner has not brought the property into compliance, the Planning Department can ask the City Council to approve condemnation. The property can then be demolished and a lien placed for the cost of demolition.

The demolition process is lengthy and can take up to two years. In addition, the City must have funds available to pay for the demolition up front as it will not recoup those funds until the lien is paid by the property owner. Demolition of a standard size residential property can cost between \$15,000 and \$30,000 depending on square footage.

For more details on the Safe City Strike Force and Code Enforcement, visit: www.cabq.gov/planning/code-enforcement

Alamosa Community Center Offers Something For Everyone



The objective is to provide a relaxing atmosphere in which children and students can practice their reading and verbal skills by reading to a trained therapy dog.

The Alamosa Library is one of 18 library branches throughout the city. Each branch offers something for everyone in our community: a variety of classes and craftmaking; computers for public use; programs for students, reading clubs; private study rooms, and of course, thousands of books, CDs and DVDs

The Alamosa Community Center, located off Coors Blvd near Bridge on Gonzales Road, offers a wealth of city and state resources for residents and neighborhoods in the southwest area of Albuquerque.

Among the numerous benefits this multi-use center offers are: UNM health service offices, a fully equipped fitness center, meeting rooms and plenty of parking for attendees, basketball courts, a recently renovated skate and BMX bike park, childcare facilities, a computer lab and printers, and best of all, a large library with its own variety of classes for kids of all ages.

Art classes for schoolchildren as part of summer programs offer kids a chance to get creative with crafts. Live music is on the agenda once a month, if you like a soundtrack to go with your book.

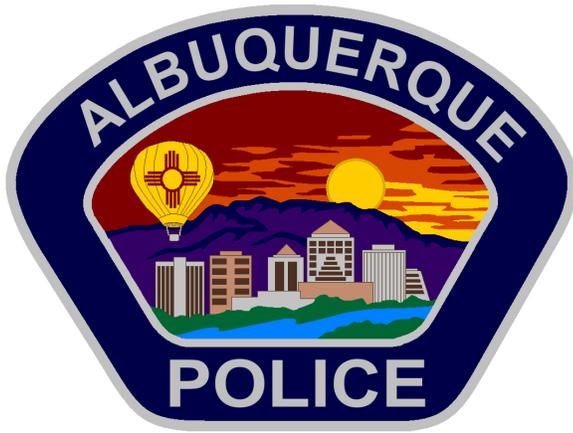
A literacy program called Read to the Dogs also takes place twice a month at the Alamosa Library. Read to the Dogs takes place at several libraries throughout Albuquerque.

to check out.

With a valid library card, city residents can also take advantage of free computer training through Lynda.com, an online computer classroom offering thousands of courses.

To learn more about Albuquerque's library system, visit: www.abqlibrary.org





Home Safety & Neighborhoods: Tips from APD

The concept of force multiplication is simple: having resources in more than one area at a time to address a problem. An example is how neighborhood watch groups act as “eyes and ears” on the ground to aid law enforcement to help deter crime in neighborhoods when law enforcement cannot be there.

Residents can also act as force multipliers for law enforcement and their neighborhoods by simply being a part of the community. A house that looks empty and run down can be an invitation for a criminal, and a neighborhood that has unused parks and community resources can be an invitation for crime to move into that area. The more residents engage with their neighbors and with law enforcement, by walking dogs, being aware of their surroundings, being aware of strangers on their street, and by reporting suspicious activity and crime, the more they will demonstrate that their neighborhood is working together to create safety.

Many criminals are looking for the path of least resistance. A garage door left half-open, a car left running, an unlocked front door - all are small things but can be a larger opportunity for a robbery. Using tactical methods, thieves drive through neighborhoods, assess how many people are home, and see if they themselves are noticed by residents. Engaged neighbors, and secure, lit, and well-kept homes are just a few elements that indicate the neighborhood is a protected place.

“80% of home invasions take place through the front door, usually by the door being kicked in,” said Commander Paul Szych,

Criminal Investigations Division, Albuquerque Police Department. “If you install a metal safety door, you are lowering your chances of a home invasion significantly. Wooden doors are very easy to kick in, even with a deadbolt, so having a metal safety door in the front of your home is the number one security recommendation I would make.”

Home Safety Ideas

- Install a metal security front door
- Install a security system
- Secure your back door and side windows
- Invest in a fence around your property
- Trim bushes and hedges around windows
- Consider wrought iron doors and windows
- Keep your doors locked at all times
- Keep garage doors closed and locked
- Consider cutting the red ball on the end of the safety string for your garage door, which can be reached from the outside and used to open the door and gain entry.
- Meet your neighbors and look out for them
- Report criminal and suspicious activity.

Criminals are less likely to stay in a neighborhood that is patrolled by police.

“We don’t want people to be afraid to leave their homes or to live in fear of crime,” said Commander Szych. “Do what you can reasonably do, in steps, to protect your family and property.”

Working together to ensure safety is an essential part of any neighborhood community, and by engaging with fellow residents, law enforcement, and people in your neighborhood, you can help add that extra layer of security to your home and property.

ONC Debuts New Logo

The Office of Neighborhood Coordination (ONC) debuted its new logo in late July.

Having a logo is a central part of identity, recognition, belonging, unity, and independence. We love our logo because it resembles our core values of:

- Inclusive
- Community-focused
- Relational
- Neighborhood-centered
- Uniquely New Mexico

The logo is clean, simple, and easily recognizable, with every element intentional, purposeful, and has a meaning tied to community building.

Just like our neighborhoods, it is literally made up of people - one in each corner - showing the diversity of people in our community, reaching out and drawing in, and most



importantly, linking together to form something larger than themselves.

Home is at the center, since home is the center of everything that we do to serve, support and celebrate our residents and neighborhoods.

Creating healthy and thriving communities is at the heart of what ONC does. This logo is just the start of the plans and ideas we will implement as we continue, and we hope you are as excited as we are!

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