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Project Brings Trees to Neighborhoods



The NeighborWoods Pilot Project, currently available in Council Districts 2 and 3, has brought beautiful new trees, and a renewed sense of community, to neighborhoods who have applied for this innovative project. The most recent project recipient, the South Broadway Neighborhood Association (SBNA), held their tree planting event on Saturday, November 18, to kudos from neighborhood residents.

“This is not just a tree-planting project,” said SBNA Vice-President Gwen Colonel. “This is a true community-building initiative that brought together so many people who were committed to the same cause - making our neighborhood even better.”

NeighborWoods provides up to 100 trees for their streets, as well as assistance in planting

and maintaining the trees, to the recipient neighborhood.

Commitment to maintaining trees, neighborhood partnering, and community need are among the criteria used to evaluate applications.

The Wells Park Neighborhood in District 2 was the previous recipient of the NeighborWoods Project. District 3 recently finished accepting applications, as well. Both Districts plan to continue accepting NeighborWoods applications into 2018 and beyond.

“Every neighborhood can benefit from this great community project,” said Colonel. “I hope as many neighborhoods apply as possible!”

To learn more, e-mail: vquevedo@cabq.gov



Neighborhood Association of the Month

The Holiday Park Neighborhood Association, restarted in May 2017, is located in the Foothills Area, near Juan Tabo and Chelwood. With a current membership of 35 and serving an area of nearly 600 homes, Holiday Park is poised to actively begin membership recruitment efforts.

“Part of what made us want to reform the neighborhood association was the wave of car thefts and crime in our area,” said NA President Jack O’Guinn. “Enough was enough. My neighbors and myself were fed up and we decided to do something about it.”

Going door-to-door with homemade invitation flyers, he and his wife also utilized Nextdoor.com to invite residents to their first meeting. Six meetings later, their NA has nine elected board members and continues to expand.

“In addition to fighting property crime and promoting community policing, we really wanted to do something to help the elderly and mobility-challenged people in our neighborhood,” said O’Guinn. “They are an integral part of our area, and engaging with them also helps us because it creates that sense of neighborly community that helps everyone in the long run.”



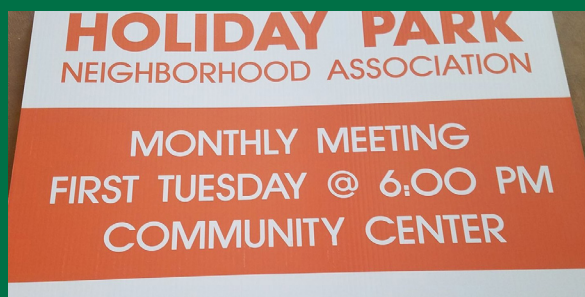
Grocery pickup, pulling weeds, and helping with errands are among some of the senior-focused activities Holiday Park NA have implemented and want to expand upon for their neighbors, creating a true sense of community ownership.

Among the many initiatives the Holiday Park NA is promoting is expanding membership, with an ultimate goal of 50% of their neighborhood households becoming members. With their membership numbers increasing each month, this goal is well within reach for this determined association. They have an active Nextdoor presence and a Facebook page, linked from their website below, and believe in using social media to further share their message and events.

“I wanted to re-start the neighborhood association to address crime issues in our area, but what I’ve also realized is that the community policing goes hand-in-hand with neighborhood outreach,” said O’Guinn. “Our neighborhood is about 50 years old, and that history and connection to our city really makes us want to keep going for another 50 years and beyond with what we are doing.”

To learn more about the Holiday Park Neighborhood Association and what they are doing to promote a safer, kinder and nicer neighborhood in the Foothills, visit:

www.holidayparkna.com





ABC-Z December Update

On Monday, November 13, the City Council voted to adopt the Integrated Development Ordinance (IDO). The IDO updates and replaces the City's 1970s zoning code and the City's 60+ Sector Development Plans, extending many protections for individual neighborhoods citywide.

The IDO will go into effect May 17, 2018. At that time, the city's base zone and 1200+ unique zones will be converted to one of 20 zones in the IDO.

Adopted Legislation

- Ordinance 17-49, which adopted the IDPO and amended other Ordinances in the City's Code of Ordinances to be consistent with the IDO
- Resolution 17-213, which amended other Resolutions in the City's Code of Resolutions to be consistent with the IDO
- Resolution 17-240, which directs the Planning Department to create a process for property owners to participate in a follow-up effort to change zoning from IDO conversion zones to a more appropriate zone (e.g., R-T to R-1 for properties with single-family development)

The IDO Draft with the approved LUPZ Committee Amendments and approved Council Floor Amendments was sent to the Mayor for signature,

who signed it on Thursday, November 16, and then sent to the City Clerk for enactment.

Next Steps

The Planning Department is preparing an enacted version of the IDO that incorporates the amendments, as well as an annotated Blue Line version for those who wish to track the changes. These will be available on the project website.

The Zoning Conversion Map will be updated based on the conversion rules, some of which were amended via LUPZ Committee Amendments and Council Floor Amendments. Note: the current conversion map does not reflect Council's amendments. These changes are shown in the following Conversion Tables.

- Base Zones from the Zoning Code
- SU-1 and R-D Zones
- SU-2 and SU-3 Zones

Request A Zone Change

Within a year of the IDO becoming effective, the Planning Department will submit zone changes to the Environmental Planning Commission/ City Council for their review and decision on behalf of property owners whose properties meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Existing uses made nonconforming by the IDO
- Downzoning by request (e.g. R-T to R-1) in Areas of Consistency designated by the Comp Plan

- Floating zone lines (i.e. a zone line that cuts across one property)
- Formerly Special Use zones (i.e. SU-1, SU-2, or SU-3 zones)
- NR-BP or PD zones made nonconforming as to parcel size
- Floating zone lines (i.e. a zone line that cuts across one property)

To opt-in to this process, put a pin on your property via the Zoning Conversion Map, note the zone you would like to request, and leave your contact information.

Property owners can still come in any time to request a zone change via the standard procedure.

Upcoming Trainings

Planning Department staff will provide several training opportunities for the public and design professionals over the next six months, once the final document is available. Details, dates, and times will be posted on the project website. Special sessions will be provided for Neighborhood Associations in each Community Planning Area.

Visit: www.abc-zone.com to learn more, or e-mail: abcto@cabq.gov to request office hours.

Question of the Month

Q:

What resources does the City offer to help homeless individuals or those in need of assistance, particularly during the cold months and during the holiday season?

A:

The City of Albuquerque has numerous resources available to help those in need.



- The Family and Community Services Department (FCS) offers outreach, shelter and housing programs, transitional and permanent housing programs, and a variety of other services.
505-768-2860
- Albuquerque Healthcare for the Homeless offers free critical health services for indigent men, women and children year-round, including motel vouchers, medical services, dental care, and pharmacy services.
505-242-4644
- Joy Junction offers nondenominational shelter for men, women, and children 24/7/365, and also provides transportation for homeless who are not able to travel to the shelter.
800-924-0569
- St. Martin's Hospitality Center provides motel vouchers, mental and behavior health services, housing, emergency support services, and hands-on employment training services through the Hope Cafe Employment Lab.
505-242-4399
- The Emergency Shelter Grant program, administered through FCS, provides funds to help improve the quality of existing emergency shelters, and creates new shelters.
505-768-2844
- Free meals to those in need are provided daily by Project Share, and St. Martin's.
505-242-5677
- The Barrett Foundation and SAFE House are among providers who specifically help women.
505-243-4887

For links to these resources, and many more, visit:

www.cabq.gov/family/income-eligible-services/homeless-services

Holiday Safety Tips

December can be a very hectic month, preparing for the holiday gift-giving season. Unfortunately, theft also becomes more of an issue, with thieves looking to steal packages from cars, from front porches, and other areas. Below are tips for shopper safety:

- Shop during daylight hours if possible. If shopping at night, go with a friend or family member
- Don't carry a wallet or purse, if possible, and carry minimal cash.
- Stay alert to your surroundings at all times, particularly when walking back to your vehicle carrying bags and packages, and try to avoid overloading yourself.
- If your credit card information is compromised, notify your card holder immediately.
- Beware of strangers approaching you for any reason, particularly in parking lots and at ATM machines.
- Don't leave visible bags and packages in your car if out shopping. Lock valuables in your trunk, lock your vehicle, and engage your car alarm system.
- When walking out to your vehicle, have your keys already in your hand.



Courtesy of Albuquerque Police Department

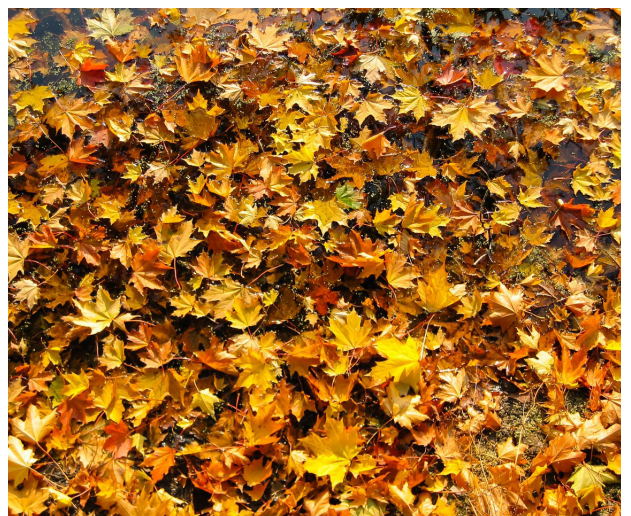
Green Waste Pickup Ongoing in December

The Solid Waste Department is offering free green waste pickup starting Monday, December 4 through Friday, December 15, as part of regular trash and recycle pickup.

Green waste consists of: leaves, grass cuttings, weeds, and tree branches, all of which must be packed into separate trash bags and placed five (5) from trash and recycle bins for pickup.

For more information about green waste pickup, as well as trash and recycling pickup, visit:

www.cabq.gov/solidwaste



What Makes Albuquerque Great?

Among the many world-famous cultural events that Albuquerque is known for, there are also many more community festivals that locals and visitors alike look forward to each year.

Taylor Ranch resident Richard Peña shared his favorite festivals around town and what makes Albuquerque such a great place to live.

“The Balloon Fiesta is a slam dunk, especially from a revenue perspective, but my personal favorite is the Chinese Lantern Festival. So beautiful and unique,” said Peña. “We have so many great festivals from the Lavender to the Celtic to the beer and wine to the arts, year-round. How can you not love that?”



The Chinese Lantern Festival takes place each fall for a 5-week stint at EXPO New Mexico, featuring stunning light and lantern sculptures by Chinese artisans, live performances, traditional Chinese food, and artisanal handicrafts.

“There is so much beauty to be found at our local festivals,” said Peña. “That’s just one of the many things that make Albuquerque great.”

Let us know what makes Albuquerque great by e-mailing: onc@cabq.gov and we’ll feature your answer in an upcoming newsletter!

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