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# NEIGHBORHOOD SEPTEMBER NEVS



## NEIGHBORHOODS HONORED WITH PROCLAMATION

Our neighborhoods are the lifeblood of our city, and on Monday, August 6, they were recognized for their hard work by a Proclamation by the City Council. With over 260 active neighborhood associations, homeowner associations, and coalitions registered with the Office of Neighborhood Coordination (ONC), these groups are dedicated to maintaining safe neighborhoods, quality of life, and devote countless hours each week toward having a positive impact on our community.

Neighborhoods play a vital role in Albuquerque's well-being, and the Proclamation honors the work neighborhood associations do each day. Without their never-ending efforts, commitment and sacrifices, our city would be a much less vibrant place to live. Wording from the Proclamation is used in this edition to highlight the work our neighborhoods do to support community policing, offering representative feedback across nine City Council districts, and for information on how neighborhood areas can be improved.

As part of our appreciation for the work our neighborhoods do, we are dedicating the September edition of the Neighborhood News to their efforts for National Night Out, which took place Tuesday, August 7. There were 190 groups who participated across the city with block parties, barbecues and cookouts, and gatherings in local parks. The ONC thanks everyone who was part of this wonderful community initiative, and we look forward to even more in 2019!









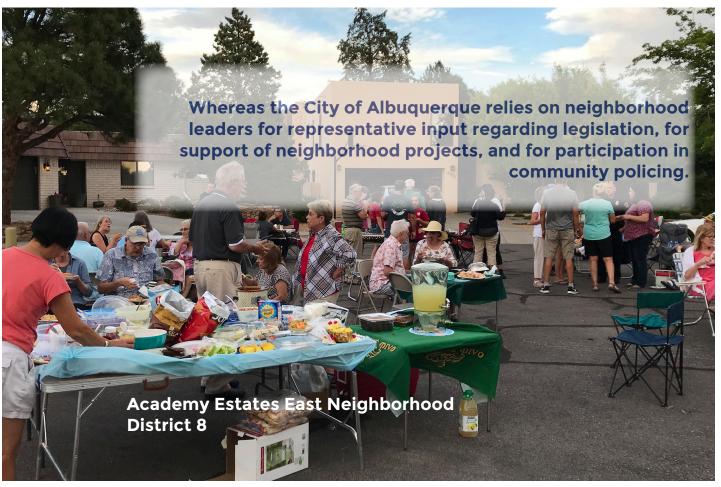






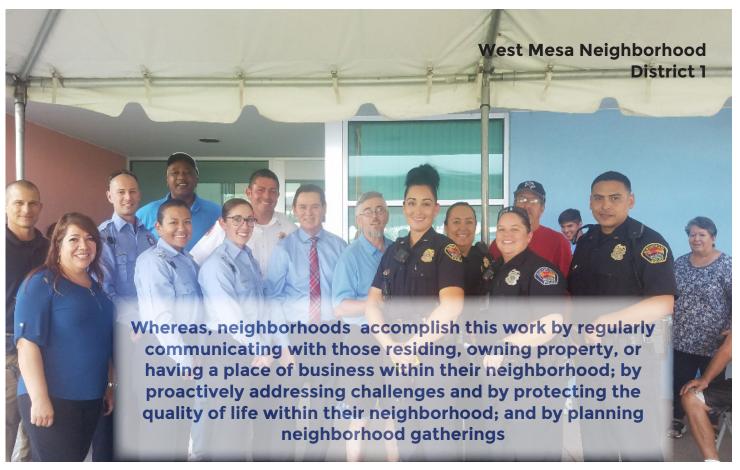














# Each month, the ONC answers a question asked by one of our residents or neighborhood associations



## QUESTION OF THE MONTH

#### Question:

What is National Night Out and how can my neighborhood get involved next year?

#### Answer:

National Night Out (NNO) is a community initiative taking place each year in communities across the nation. It promotes public safety, police and community partnerships, and neighborhood camaraderie, with the ultimate goal of making cities safer places to live.

Albuquerque had 190 NNO events in 2018, the most on record! Participating in NNO gives neighborhoods an opportunity to meet neighbors, establish community connections, meet with police and fire personnel to further ensure block and neighborhood safety, and also talk with city elected officials about what they want to see in their neighborhoods.

There are many different ways your neighborhood can be involved next year! Talk to your neighbors and see if they can help. Think about having a block party, an ice cream social, a cookout or potluck in your or a neighbor's yard or driveway, or think about joining forces with another group and have an event in a nearby park! There are so many ways to be part of this fun community initiative!

We will be promoting NNO again in 2019, so stay tuned! In the meantime, to learn more, visit: <a href="https://www.cabq.gov/nno">www.cabq.gov/nno</a>































## What is a neighborhood association?

### And why they matter.

A neighborhood association is a group of residents, property owners, businesses, and non-profits who come together to form a community, and to advocate for and organize activities within a specific geographical area that shares a common identity.

#### What Does a Neighborhood Association Do?

A neighborhood association comes together to build relationships, exchange information, discuss concerns, prioritize needs in the area, identify solutions, and work toward a common goal for the good of their community. Each association can positively impact the life of each person within the boundaries of the neighborhood for the better.

#### Why Should I Join?

Joining a neighborhood association not only amplifies your voice, but helps create a community with a shared vision and goal. When neighbors come together, it shows that the neighborhood is united and ready to make an impact on their community.

#### **Neighborhood Associations & Community Policing**

Some services that APD provides to neighborhoods interested in community policing include:

- Block Captain Training
- Crime Prevention Specialists
- Neighborhood Patrols
- Neighborhood Watch Programs

#### What Is The Office of Neighborhood Coordination?

The Office of Neighborhood Coordination (ONC) helps create and promote healthy and vibrant neighborhoods, and supports residents as they more actively and constructively engage with their community. We assist neighborhoods in utilizing existing resources and maintaining meaningful involvement with local communities and government.



#### **What Makes 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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# HOWDY NEIGHBOR!

#### Want to get involved?

If you want to learn more about neighborhood associations, or find out what resources we can bring to your neighborhood, contact us! Our vison is to have an engaged, connected city based on trust with safe, diverse communities that have a voice and feel empowered to address their

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