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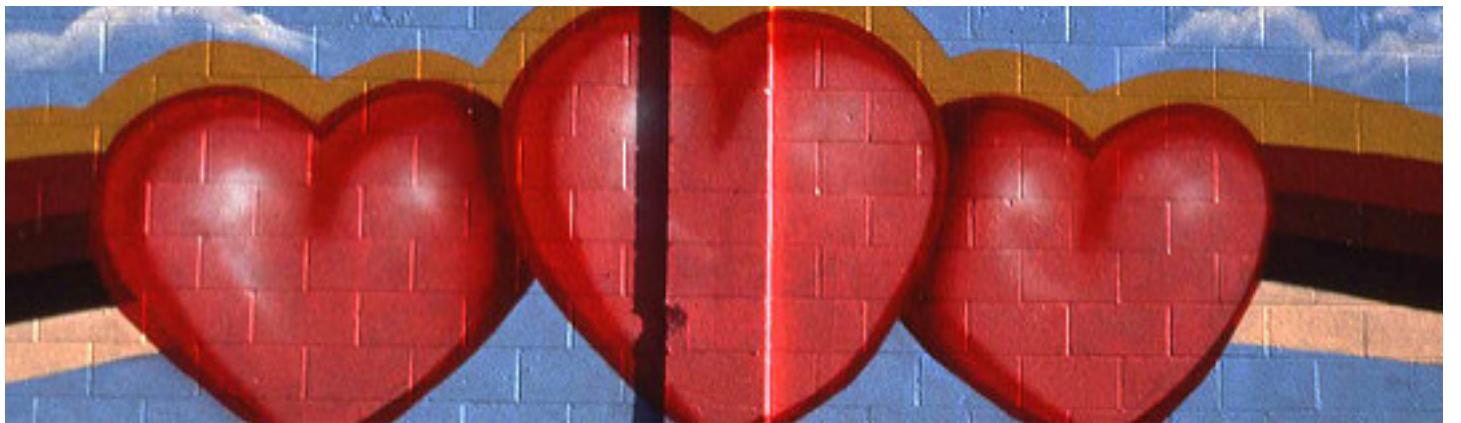
# NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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Public Art Program

## STAYING WARM IN FEBRUARY!





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# Keep Albuquerque Beautiful Gives Back to Community



**By Diane Wikler, Marketing Manager & Public Information Officer  
Solid Waste Management Department**

Keep Albuquerque Beautiful is dedicated to community education initiatives and activities focused on litter prevention, beautification, and recycling. This Spring, in conjunction with the City's Solid Waste Management Department, Keep Albuquerque Beautiful will host two events and continue to inspire our community to build a clean and sustainable future for the City of Albuquerque.

## **Recycle Your Plastic Bags for a Reusable One**

Plastic bags often get caught in recycling machinery and harm the recycling process.

Did you know you can recycle your plastic bags in a different way?

Keep Albuquerque Beautiful and the Solid Waste Management Department are teaming up with Whole Foods for a unique recycling awareness event. Residents who bring a large bag full of plastic grocery bags to Whole Foods between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. on February 23 will receive one free reusable bag, while supplies last. Help us Recycle Right and keep plastic bags out of your blue carts!

**When: Saturday, February 23, 2019**  
**Where: Whole Foods, 5815 Wyoming NE**  
**Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

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# Traveling “Visions” Exhibit A True Treasure for Albuquerque

**By Dr. Shelle Sanchez,  
Director, Cultural  
Services Department**

The Albuquerque Museum was selected as the first of only three U.S. stops for the stunning exhibition “Visions of the Hispanic World: Treasures from the Hispanic Society Museum and Library.

We are more than proud to top such an exclusive list, and can’t emphasize enough how much you don’t want to miss this opportunity to see 200 original works of art spanning more than 3,000 years from the comfort of your own city!

“Visions of the Hispanic World” highlights works from Spain and Latin America

drawn from the Hispanic Society’s renowned Museum and Library collections. The exhibit tells a rich story of cultures settling in Spain and bringing the best and most innovative elements of their heritage to the Iberian Peninsula and the Spanish colonies.

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**Above: Goya y Lucientes, Francisco de  
(1746 Fuendetodos, Spain – 1828 Bordeaux, France);  
The Duchess of Alba; 1797; Oil on canvas**

In Gallery 1 of the museum, you'll find pieces from Ancient, Islamic, Medieval, Golden Age Spain, Colonial, and 19th century Latin America, including works by El Greco, Velázquez, and Zubarán. Gallery 7 features decorative arts from the Ancient Regime and paintings from modern Spain, including works by Goya, Joaquín Sorolla y Bastida, and John Singer Sargent.

This must-see exhibit is on view through March 31. To see an interview about the exhibit, visit:

<https://youtu.be/dda8XgY0Abg>

To learn more about the Albuquerque Museum's other exhibits, visit:

[www.albuquerquemuseum.org](http://www.albuquerquemuseum.org) •

# Comanche Foothills

Originally established in 2000 as the Glenwood Hills South Casa Grande Neighborhood Association, the now-renamed Comanche Foothills is a neighborhood tucked away in the beautiful Foothills Area of Albuquerque, near Tramway and Candelaria. Over 625 households make up this neighborhood, of which approximately 20% are members of the association itself.



we seem to have gotten those issues under control, which allows us to focus on making neighborhood connections and promoting community."

They've done a great job of it, coordinating their annual Easter Egg Hunt at Casa Grande Linear Park each spring; hosting an annual car show (pictured below), participating in the

"Part of why we changed our name was to make it easier for people to remember and hopefully want to join us," said Bill Beck, President of the association. "Comanche Foothills seemed to represent our area more accurately, and was less of a mouthful than Glenwood Hills South Casa Grande," he said with a chuckle.

Great American Cleanup; and holding a large-scale National Night Out event each year. All of these events both bring together neighbors and provide a way to promote membership in the association.

The association has six elected board members, pictured above from left: Bill Beck, Ed Browitt, Terry Rowley, Sandra Harris, Ben Harris, and Karen Cunningham. It's the combined efforts and hard work of these six individuals that have made their association such a powerhouse in City Council District 8.

"We are always trying to increase our membership," said Beck. "It can be a challenge, especially if, like us, your neighborhood has addressed the immediate concerns of crime and traffic. We want to bring people into our



association who also see the value of community, networking, and connecting for good reasons, in addition to addressing problems."

"We originally came together to combat property crime in the area, and problems with speeders and traffic issues, said Harris. "Happily,

To learn more about the Comanche Foothills Neighborhood Association, visit: [www.comanchefoothills.org](http://www.comanchefoothills.org)

Art is an inherent part of Albuquerque's identity and culture, and we are fortunate to have many art pieces adorning our public spaces.

Sawmill Area resident Angelica Saiz shared why Albuquerque's public art is one of the main attractions that make Albuquerque great!



## WHAT MAKES ALBUQUERQUE GREAT?



"I love how public art can be found in the most unlikely places," said Saiz. "Not just hanging on a gallery wall, but it's also on benches, on sidewalks, overlooking parks and street intersections, and even near libraries and on top of community centers, like Loma Linda. "Having such unique and beautiful public art really makes our city so much more beautiful and unique," she said.

The Public Art Program was created by the Art in Municipal Places Ordinance, and is financed by a set-aside of 1% of City construction funds derived from the general obligation bond program, as well as certain revenue bonds.

# PUBLIC

# ART!

The diversity of Albuquerque's public art reflects the beautiful diversity of its residents, reflected in such works as "Southwest Pietá" (at right), numerous mosaics and murals, and sculptures ranging from lifelike bronze human figures to a large red dragon to an infamous "Chevy on a Stick." These works can be seen from the West Side to the Sunport, from Downtown to to the Foothills to Old Town, and all points in between.

[www.cabq.gov/culturalservices/public-art](http://www.cabq.gov/culturalservices/public-art)





Does your property fall under one of these categories?

**NONCONFORMING USE:**

**IS YOUR USE NOT ALLOWED IN YOUR ZONE?**

**VOLUNTARY DOWNZONE:**

**DO YOU WANT A LESS-INTENSE ZONE CATEGORY?**

**FORMER SU OR R-D ZONE:**

**DO YOU HAVE AN UNDEVELOPED PROPERTY THAT USED TO BE ZONED SU-1, SU-2, SU-3, OR R-D?**

**FLOATING ZONE LINE:**

**DOES YOUR PROPERTY HAVE MORE THAN 1 ZONE?**

**SIZE THRESHOLDS FOR PD OR NR-BP :**

**IS YOUR PROPERTY ZONED PD AND LESS THAN 2 ACRES OR GREATER THAN 20 ACRES? OR ZONED NR-BP AND LESS THAN 20 ACRES?**

**WHAT DO I DO NOW?**

If you answered yes to any of these questions, you may be eligible for a free zoning conversion.

Get more information or opt in now at [TINYURL.COM/IDOZONECONVERSION](http://TINYURL.COM/IDOZONECONVERSION)



# FREE ZONING conversions!

by Mikaela Renz-Whitmore, Long Range Manager  
Planning Department, City of Albuquerque

The Planning Department reminds citizens that zoning on all properties in the City of Albuquerque officially converted to one of 20 new zones established by the Integrated Development Ordinance (IDO) in May 2018. Zoning is important because it establishes how you can use and develop your property in the future.

The City is offering a free process to convert zoning to fix 5 issues identified by City Council in [Resolution 18-29](#).

## Batch 1

The first batch of zone conversion rules for 122 properties were submitted to the Environmental Planning Commission (EPC) in November 2018 to be adopted as a text amendment to the IDO. As a legislative process, the EPC makes a recommendation, then the City Council's Land Use, Planning, and Zoning (LUPZ) Committee reviews and makes a recommendation, and the City Council makes the final decision.

On January 10, 2019, the Environmental Planning Commission (EPC) voted to recommend approval to the City Council. The Planning Department is assembling the packet that will head to City Council. Once received, Council staff will schedule the zoning conversions to be introduced at Council and referred to LUPZ. The project website will be updated once the next hearing is scheduled.

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- An interactive map of the 122 properties in Batch 1 is available [online](#).
- A spreadsheet of properties and recommended zoning conversions is available on the project webpage.
- The staff report written for EPC consideration and the EPC's Notice of Decision are available on the [Planning Department webpage](#). (See Project # 2018-1842)

Any comments received by the Planning Department ([abctoz@cabq.gov](mailto:abctoz@cabq.gov)) will be added to the project file for consideration at the next public hearing.

## Batch 2

You still have time to opt in for a zoning conversion! The next and final batch will be submitted to the EPC in May 2019. You can download the Owner Request and Agreement Form from the project website in English or Spanish and submit it to the Planning Department by April 15, 2019.

There are several ways to submit your form:

- In person: Plaza del Sol, 600 2nd St. NW, 3rd floor
- By mail: CABQ Planning Department/Long Range, PO Box 1293, Albuquerque, NM 87103

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### Online Resources

There are numerous resources available online to help you!

- Easy online zoning map to look up your zoning: <https://tinyurl.com/IDOzonelookup>
- A map of eligible properties and Neighborhood Association boundaries: <https://tinyurl.com/zc-eligible>.

As we identify eligible properties, the City is sending postcards to the property owners to inform them of the free zoning conversion opportunity.

If you would like staff to come to one of your Neighborhood Association meetings to explain the process and help property owners fill out the form to opt in, email [abctoz@cabq.gov](mailto:abctoz@cabq.gov) or call 505-924-3860 and ask for the ABC-Z/Long Range team. The team also takes appointments and walk-ins on Friday afternoons from 2-4 p.m.

### Annual Update of the Integrated Development Ordinance

Believe it or not, it's time to start thinking about what changes need to be made to the

Integrated Development Ordinance (IDO). Send your ideas, edits, or comments to Planning staff for consideration of proposed changes. To be most helpful, please reference a particular section in the IDO, if possible, so that staff can best understand your suggestion and email them to: [abctoz@cabq.gov](mailto:abctoz@cabq.gov).

Planning staff is hard at work vetting all the comments received to date and will post a proposed list of changes by early April. Daytime and evening meetings will be scheduled in April and May 2019 to walk through the proposed changes by IDO chapter. Follow-up working sessions for complicated issues will be scheduled as needed in May and June.

The final list will be submitted to the City's review and decision process in July for an EPC hearing in September 2019. •

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**Clothing Drive Focuses on Reuse**  
**While Helping Students in Need**

Keep Albuquerque Beautiful, Locker 505, and Hinkle Family Fun Center, are teaming up to sponsor the 8th annual Recyclothes Event. This year, go green and spring clean!

As you organize your closets, dresser drawers, and even your garages, set aside clean, gently used clothes to benefit the lives of Albuquerque students. Participants who bring a large bag(s) of clean, gently used clothes will receive two free mini golf passes. You can help make a difference in a child's life.

**When: March 23, 2019**  
**Where: Hinkle Family Fun Center**  
**12932 Indian School NE**  
**Time: 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**



Plastic bags often get tangled in recycling machinery.

# NATIONAL SENIOR GAMES COMING TO ALBUQUERQUE!



Albuquerque is delighted to host the 2019 National Senior Games June 14 - 25, with approximately 10,000 athletes expected to participate in 20 different sports over 11 days. Your help is needed to make these athletes and their families welcome to our great city!

If you are interested in volunteering for this great event, e-mail: [volunteer@nsga.com](mailto:volunteer@nsga.com) or call (505) 210-1930 for details. •

More than 3,000 volunteers are needed in areas such as: hospitality, scorekeeping, venue coordination, athlete registration, and awards presentation. Volunteers will typically serve a minimum of four hours and will receive training!



# 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](mailto:onc@cabq.gov) and we'll feature your answer in an upcoming newsletter!



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### Director of Council Services

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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 vision is to have an engaged, connected city based on trust with safe, diverse communities that have a voice and feel empowered to address their concerns in a meaningful way.

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