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# Neighborhood Engagement Process (NEP) Update

Since the first quarter of last year, the Albuquerque City Council and the Office of Neighborhood Coordination (ONC) have been engaged in the Neighborhood Engagement Process, or NEP.

The purpose of the NEP is designed to:

- Identify community needs to inform updates to the Neighborhood Association Recognition Ordinance (NARO)
- Initiate an ongoing dialogue and long-term, reciprocal relationship between the ONC and each of the 263 neighborhood associations

The City Council hired the Social Innovation Strategies Group, a local, minority-owned consultancy to accomplish both of these tasks through a 4-phase process that includes:

- Conducting background research on neighborhood association systems throughout the country,
- Conducting a series of preliminary interviews and surveys with city staff, neighborhood association representatives, and other local stakeholders,
- Tailoring appropriate outreach and engagement to all 263 neighborhood associations based upon each of their capacities and priorities for making recommendations to the NARO, and
- Synthesizing all data collected throughout the NEP/finalizing the report with recommendations for updates to the NARO

Phase I of the NEP was completed in the second quarter of 2018 and involved peer city review of NARO equivalents and conducting preliminary interviews with city staff from all departments whose work relates to the NARO.

Phase II of the NEP was completed at the end of 2018, and involved outreach through a capacity survey and stewardship interviews. The stewardship interviews ranged from neighborhood association presidents who have been involved with their associations for decades to local residents who are engaged in their community but who have had little or no involvement with their neighborhood associations.

Phase III of the NEP has now officially begun with the hiring of Angelo Metzgar as the ONC Manager, and will focus on tailored outreach and engagement sessions with all stakeholders, ranging from smaller tabletop discussions with individual neighborhood associations to larger neighborhood meetings and potentially meetings with multiple associations. Execution of Phase III tasks will vary, depending on the needs of individual neighborhood associations across the City. Outreach to neighborhood associations will commence in the coming weeks, and we anticipate the community dialogue and input sessions to be completed by Fall 2019.

For more information, visit:

<http://www.cabq.gov/office-of-neighborhood-coordination/neighborhood-engagement-process> •



# Free Zoning Conversions!

by Mikaela Renz-Whitmore  
Long Range Planning, Planning

You're running out of time to opt in for a zoning conversion!

Download the Property Owner Request and Agreement Form and submit it to the Planning Department by May 16, 2019.

Find out more on the project website:  
<https://tinyurl.com/zc-project>

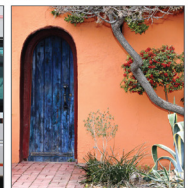
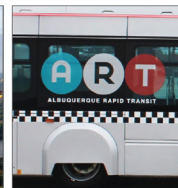
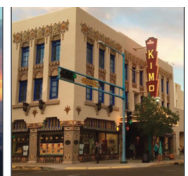
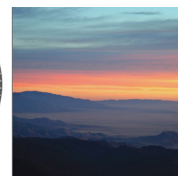
will be scheduled as needed. The final list will be submitted to the City's review and decision process in July for an EPC hearing in September 2019.

Look for updates on the project webpage:  
<https://abc-zone.com>.

## Annual Update of the Integrated Development Ordinance

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

Planning staff is working through all comments received to date and will proposed list of changes by the end of April. Daytime and evening meetings will be scheduled in April, May, and June 2019 to walk through the proposed changes by IDO chapter. Follow-up working sessions for complicated issues



## ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE  
Amended as of May 2018





# Green Waste Pick-Up is Coming!

The Solid Waste Management Department will start its 2019 Spring Green Waste pickup on Monday, April 29, continuing through Friday, May 10.

Solid Waste customers should have their green waste at the curb by 7:00 a.m. on the day of their regular trash collection day. All green waste must be placed 5 feet from trash and recycling containers, as well as any large items scheduled for pick-up.

Green waste includes leaves, grass, branches, weeds, and brush. All green waste must be put in trash bags separate from all other trash or recycling, and each trash bag of green waste should not weigh more than 40 pounds.

Customers that are disposing of branches must cut them into 4-foot lengths and bundle them securely.

The following items are not green waste and will not be picked up:

- Dirt
- Construction debris
- Gravel
- Construction material
- Tree stumps

To learn more about green waste pick-up, call 311 or visit:

[www.cabq.gov/solidwaste](http://www.cabq.gov/solidwaste) •





The culture of our great city is something most everyone agrees upon - they love it! Culture is made up not just of art, literature, and music, but also the people who create it! Los Volcanes resident Krista Perea Mireles shared why she loves not just the unique culture of Albuquerque but also why the people make it such a great place to live!



## WHAT MAKES ALBUQUERQUE GREAT?



“Part of why I love our city is because it has everything you could ever need,” said Mireles. “We not only have sunshine, city life, rural areas, mountains, and gorgeous weather, we also have the most amazing and uncommon group of people who make up Albuquerque!”

Albuquerque is home to nearly 600,000 residents, with a demographic makeup comprised of a wide variety of ethnicities, races, and religion. It’s this variety of backgrounds that make the cultural identity of Albuquerque’s people so remarkable.

IT’S THE

PEOPLE!

“My own ancestors originally came from Spain and Mexico, then moved north into New Mexico and this city, having intermarried with the Native American tribes, with people that came here to work on the railroads, and from all parts east,” said Mireles. “With all that variety, it’s no wonder the people here are as spicy as the food!”





# Summer Youth Programs Offer Inclusive Recreation

**Albuquerque summer youth recreation sign-ups are happening now!**

The City of Albuquerque is focused on providing quality and inclusive activities, including a summer youth program. The 2019 Summer Youth Program is offered for eight weeks, from June through August, at all City community centers through the Department of Family and Community Services (FCS).

The Summer Recreation program starts Monday, June 10 and ends Friday, August 2. Program hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The summer curriculum encompasses activities to promote socialization, health and fitness, and creativity through outdoor adventures, arts and crafts, games, sports, and field trips. Participants are also provided breakfast and lunch on a first-come, first-served basis.

To be eligible, children must be between the ages of 5 through 15. Children who are five years of age at the time of registration, must turn six by September 1, 2019 to be eligible.

Due to the high participant demand for this summer program, FCS utilizes a “lottery-style” selection of participants. The “window” to enter the 2019 summer lottery starts Monday, April 15 and ends Friday, April 26. The summer program is free to all participants who are selected through the lottery process and are registered at a community center. Once registration is full, a waiting list will be kept and maintained for participants not selected. Parents will be notified as space becomes available.

For more information about this program, and other summer programs, please contact 767-5800 and/or visit:

[www.cabq.gov/family](http://www.cabq.gov/family). •





# Tipping Points for Creatives Connects Artists and Resources

by Dr. Shelle Sanchez, Director  
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During a press conference last month, Mayor Tim Keller, along with Cultural Services and Economic Development, announced a new initiative to address business needs and challenges of local artists. *Tipping Points for Creatives* aims to connect local musicians, visual and performing artists, artisans, and other creative entrepreneurs to resources and services that will help them get to the next level and make a living doing what they love.

Artists were asked to complete an online questionnaire about needs to sustain their art and if they would participate in resource-sharing opportunities. Within 24 hours, 100+ artists completed the questionnaire, and within a week, that number grew to 300!

Participants in the next phase will be placed into diverse cohort groups for in-person meetings beginning in April and through 2019. Based on findings from the meetings, the City, Downtown Arts and Cultural District, City Alive, and Keshet Center for the Arts, will finalize a list of services and resources including: personal coaching, professional photography sessions, performance space, and production facilities. ●

Mayor Keller introducing Tipping Points for Creatives during the March press conference





# 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.





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## 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!

# 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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