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Sights and Sounds of

Summer are Back

By Dr. Shelle Sanchez, Director Cultural Services Department

Weekly live music featured at cultural and outdoor venues

Albuquerque is a hotspot for live music throughout the summer. Music lovers have a variety of options -both free and ticketed - to choose from. The Cultural Services Department's Sights and Sounds of Summer kicked off last month when Summertime Old Town returned, bringing free live music to Old Town's gazebo every weekend through August.

The city's signature concert series, Albuquerque Summerfest, started with Heights Summerfest last month, and continues with Route 66 Summerfest in Nob Hill on July 20, Downtown Summerfest on Civic Plaza on August 3, and Westside Summerfest on August 17. All events are free!

The ABQ BioPark's Summer
Nights return to the Botanic
Garden on Thursdays through July
25. The first of the series features
a local favorite, PANdemonium.
Zoo Music concerts take place on
Fridays through July 19. Tickets
can be purchased at:
www.abqbiopark.com.

The New Mexico Jazz Workshop and Music in Corrales will present Saturday afternoons "Unplugged" in the museum's lobby from 2:30-4:30 p.m. on July 13, 27, and August 3. Concerts are included with general museum admission.

Other free, outdoor concerts include Freedom 4th at Balloon Fiesta Park on July 4 featuring the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band followed by the state's largest fireworks show. The High Desert Jazz Band and the Albuquerque Concert Band will host five free evening concerts that feature themes popular with the crowds. Concerts are July 7 and 31, and August 14.

YOU'RE INVITED!

Night Out!

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6



registered for
National Night Out
yet? Now is the
time to get your
neighborhood or
block party
signed up!

National Night Out is an annual, community-building campaign focused on neighborhood safety, community-police partnerships and encouraging connections and camaraderie between neighbors. It aims to bring back a true sense of community while also giving residents and neighborhood associations the opportunity to talk to their local police officers, elected officials and city employees.

Block parties, ice cream socials,

barbecues, house parties and picnics in neighborhood parks are among the many types of fun events you can host!

If you're hosting an event, make sure to register it at:

www.cabq.gov/national-night-out.

These events will be shared with city departments to ensure your event gets visited by APD, AFR, City departments, City Councilors, and and folks from the Mayor's Office. See you in August!



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Community Emergency Response Team Seeking Members

CERT teaches people

safely respond

during a disaster.

Join Albuquerque's Emergency **Response Team!**

Be ready to make a difference by training to be part of Albuquerque's emergency response team! Registration is under way for Albuquerque's Community

Emergency Response Team (CERT) basic training, to be held on Wednesday evenings, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m., September 11 through October 16, with a final disaster skills exercise on Saturday, October 26, 9:00

am – 12:00 pm. The fall training will take place at the City of Albuquerque Emergency Operations Center Building (11510 Sunset Gardens SW).

CERT teaches people how to work together to safely respond to the needs of their neighborhood or workplace in the critical hours following a disaster when professional responders are not immediately available to help. Training topics include disaster

preparedness, how to shut off utilities and use a fire extinguisher, light search and rescue techniques, disaster First Aid, and how to lead a team using the Incident Command System.

Class registration is free and open to community members who are 18 years or

older. Teenagers between 16 to 17 years old may how to work together to participate in the training if accompanied by a parent/guardian. For more information or to register for classes contact the City of Albuquerque Office of Emergency Management, Nick Zubel - Senior Planner, at: nzubel@cabq.gov or (505) 244-8654.

> Volunteers are needed in your neighborhood, so sign up for CERT classes today so that we can make our communities safer, stronger and better prepared! •





Planning Updates for July

Follow-Up Zoning Conversions

Following the adoption of the Integrated Development Ordinance in May 2018, City Council directed the Planning Department to provide a free, one-year process for property owners to request a zone conversion to a zone that better matched the existing uses or prior entitlements on their properties based on five criteria. As of May 2019, the Planning Department received over 1,300 forms from property owners who wanted to take advantage of this opportunity. Maps of all properties and spreadsheets with properties in Batch 1 and Batch 2 are available for review on the project website:

https:// tinyurl.com/ zc-project

Batch 1 was heard by the Land Use, Planning, and Zoning (LUPZ)



https://tinyurl.com/batch1zc-map

Committee on June 12 and will be heard by the City Council on August 5, 2019 at 5 p.m. in the Vincent E. Griego Chambers (a.k.a. City Council chambers). Parking below Civic Plaza will be validated. The zoning conversions will be finalized and added to the Official Zoning Map as soon as possible following final action by the City Council.

The Planning Department submitted the second batch of zoning conversion requests to the City's review and decision process in May 2019.



https://tinyurl.com/batch2zc-map

Batch 2 properties will be reviewed by the Environmental Planning Commission (EPC) at a hearing on July 11, 2019 in the Vincent E. Griego Chambers in the basement of City Hall (a.k.a. City Council chambers). Parking below Civic Plaza will be validated. The regular monthly cases will be first. EPC hearings start at 8:30 a.m. The agenda and staff report are typically posted a week before the hearing here:

https://www.cabq.gov/planning/boardscommissions/environmental-planningcommission/epc-agendas-reports-minutes

If the EPC needs additional time for taking comments, discussion, and voting on a recommendation, a second hearing is scheduled for July 18, 2019 beginning at 8:30 a.m. in the Vincent E. Griego Chambers.

A third backup hearing is scheduled for July 25, 2019 beginning at 8:30 a.m. in the Vincent E. Griego Chambers.

Please check the EPC webpage after the first hearing to confirm whether additional hearings will be needed:

www.cabq.gov/planning/boardscommissions/environmental-planningcommission

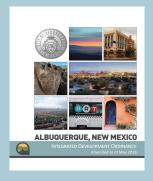
Annual Update of the IDO

The City is committed to improving its zoning code every year. Planning staff will submit technical edits and Council amendments to the Integrated Development Ordinance (IDO) into the City's review and decision process in July for an EPC hearing in September 2019. See proposed changes on the project webpage here:

https://abc-zone.com/ido-annualupdate-2019

The list of proposed updates will continue to grow and change until City Council takes final action for this annual update. You can email your ideas, edits, or comments to abctoz@cabq.gov for consideration throughout this process. To be most helpful, please reference a particular page number or section in the IDO, if possible, so that staff can best understand your suggestion. See the IDO Effective Draft here:

https://ido.abc-zone.com. •



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