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Neighborhoods and City Councilor Team Up for Tree Planting

Albuquerque neighborhood forests make our city more resilient, livable, and beautiful, and the NeighborWoods program helps to restore our City's urban canopy by planting street trees in our neighborhoods. NeighborWoods is also an effective community-building program.

Recently, City Council Vice President Diane Gibson used $40,000 of her set-aside funds for the NeighborWoods project to plant trees in the Mile-Hi and Pueblo Alto neighborhoods, adding to funds donated by the neighborhoods from their member dues. Approximately 130 trees were planted in these areas, with the participation of Tree New Mexico, and the neighborhood association leaders and members.

“It’s a true community collaboration,” said Darcy Bushnell, a neighborhood association leader and advocate. “We were thrilled to have Councilor Gibson help us with the tree funding and also to have her there planting trees alongside us.”

NeighborWoods provides community groups and neighborhoods with many resources for planting trees, including assistance with selecting, planting, and maintaining street trees along street fronts in their neighborhood. The neighborhood commits to providing volunteers to conduct neighborhood outreach, attend tree education classes, plant trees, and water and maintain trees.

To learn more about the NeighborWoods program, visit: https://www.cabq.gov/council/albuquerque-neighborwoods
Downtown neighbors have a unique opportunity to participate in the world’s first Public Safety ECHO project.

Project ECHO (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes) is globally recognized medical model of connecting geographically disconnected care providers through technology to bring them together in a web-based network.

The Downtown Public Safety ECHO is an innovative effort to use this proven model as a tool to increase public safety. This pilot project is led by a multi-disciplinary team of public safety, mental health, community ambassador, business and service providers for people experiencing homelessness.

These stakeholders guide the content and programming to address specific safety concerns. Most recently, the program addressed keeping alleys clear, emergency access, trespassing, broken windows and auto theft.

Additional learning opportunities included presentations on how Naloxone works, the value of meditation, conflict resolution skills and one of the most popular topics addressing de-escalation techniques will soon be repeated.

Whether at work or home, your computer is your access to information on creating a safer downtown today. Neighbors are invited to participate in the programs on Thursday afternoons.

To receive topic announcements and invitations to the web-based meeting platform, please contact Maria Wolfe, Downtown Public Safety ECHO Coordinator at: mwolfe@cabq.gov.

Neighbors Invited To Downtown Public Safety ECHO Weekly Meetings
What does it mean to you to live in a city that is age-friendly? That is the question the Department of Senior Affairs will be asking our community in the coming months as we recommit ourselves to the goal of receiving Age-Friendly Designation and being a proactive member of the network of Age-Friendly Cities.

AARP and the World Health Organization define age-friendly as a community working to become more livable for people of all ages. Albuquerque already offers many services and programs that are considered age-friendly—from those that support adults 50 and older to those that provide opportunities to keep youth safe and engaged. But there is always more we can do.

Over the next few months, the Department of Senior Affairs will build an action plan comprised of stakeholder commitments and community input that will serve as a guide and provide ways to make our City age-friendly. Through that process, we will be focusing on 8 key domains identified by AARP:

- Outdoor spaces and buildings
- Transportation
- Housing
- Social participation
- Respect and social inclusion
- Civic participation and employment
- Communication and information
- Community and health services

But we need your input to ensure the plan works for everyone. That's why we will be gathering community input through an in-person convening, as well as soliciting feedback online. Keep an eye on cabq.gov/agefriendly for information on key dates, areas of age-friendly work identified, and a survey link. We hope you will join us in becoming One Albuquerque Age Friendly!
Follow-up Zoning Conversions

All zoning conversions requested by property owners following the adoption of the Integrated Development Ordinance have been finalized, and staff is working to update the Official Zoning Map. In the meantime, you can check to see whether your zoning conversion was approved on this map: https://tinyurl.com/batch3zc-map.

If you need documentation of the zoning conversion, use the enacted legislation for each Batch together with the page from the Exhibit (the final zoning conversion table).

Annual Update of the Integrated Development Ordinance

In January 2020, the Environmental Planning Commission (EPC) voted to send a recommendation of approval with conditions to City Council for the 2019 annual update of the Integrated Development Ordinance (IDO).

The next step in the City's legislative review/decision process for this text amendment to the IDO is review by the City Council's Land Use, Planning, and Zoning (LUPZ) committee. Staff has prepared a redline version of the document to reflect the Technical Edits.

You can follow this process at the project website: https://abc-zone.com/ido-annual-update-2019.

You can email your ideas, edits, or comments to abctoz@cabq.gov for consideration during the next step in the review/decision 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.

Batch 1
Enacted legislation (O-19-65) + Exhibit: https://tinyurl.com/batch1-legislation

Batch 2
Enacted legislation (O-19-79) + Exhibit: https://tinyurl.com/batch2-legislation

Batch 3
Enacted legislation (O-19-79) + Exhibit: https://tinyurl.com/batch3-legislation
Community Planning Area Assessments: Recommended Order

Planning staff has prepared a recommendation of the order that the 12 City Community Planning Area assessments should be conducted from June 2020 to April 2024. This recommendation was based on an analysis of information that compared factors that indicated the need for more immediate planning attention because of high development pressures, low livability, and high percentages of under-represented and under-resourced residents.

City Council will make the final decision about the order. There will be opportunities for public input at the Council's Land Use, Planning, and Zoning (LUPZ) committee, which will review staff's recommendation and have the opportunity to make its own recommendation to the full City Council, and at City Council meetings where the final decision will be made.

You can read more about the priority analysis and the Community Planning Area assessment process on the project webpage here: https://abc-zone.com/community-planning-area-assessments
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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