



# NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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## “ONE ALBUQUERQUE” CHALLENGE HIGHLIGHTS VOLUNTEERISM

Have you joined in the “One Albuquerque” Challenge yet? This citywide service challenge will celebrate organizations that are working to make a difference in their communities and across the city and encourage everyone to get involved.

The aim is to excite and inspire volunteers of all ages and raise awareness about organizations doing amazing work, and in need of volunteers and resources, year-round. This year’s challenge theme is Connecting Youth and Elders, and there are many ways to get involved!

You can:

- Coordinate a service project for friends and family
- Coordinate a service project for the broader community
- Sign-up to volunteer for an existing project
- Engage from home
- Challenge your friends, family and coworkers to get involved
- Tell everyone how you are rising to the challenge using #ThisIsABQ
- Donate directly to an organization working to connect youth and elders

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# ONE ALBUQUERQUE.....

- Host a supply drive or fundraiser for an organization working to connect youth and elders, such as Teeniors or another group

One of the best ways you can be part of this community-wide initiative is to join in the celebration! Come out to the One ABQ Celebration on Sunday, August 12 from 12:00 noon - 5:00 p.m. at Civic Plaza! Live entertainment will include the great Al Hurricane, Jr., among others, so come out and celebrate service to others!

Visit [cabq.gov/service](http://cabq.gov/service) for updates and information! •



## 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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NOTES FROM THE CITY

# LEARNING RESOURCES FOR BACK-TO-SCHOOL!

**With school starting this month, get your kids connected with our Public Library's free learning, tutoring and homework resources!**

Did you know that our Albuquerque Bernalillo County Public Library offers a wealth of online resources for students of all ages? Whether you're just starting school, heading back as a middle schooler or high schooler, or taking classes as an adult, there's something for everyone!

And all you need is a library card!

Lynda.com is a free online training service for all ages that offers computer literacy, graphic design, and much more.

Teen Zone offers homework help, research resources, online digital libraries of academic content, and tutoring and test preparation.

Brainfuse HelpNow is a resource provided through the State Library, offering students of all ages live online

tutoring and homework assistance in both English and Spanish from 2pm - 11pm, and includes 24/7 access to interactive tests, academic skill assessments and standardized tests.

Cloud Library offers thousands of book downloads that you can access on a computer, a tablet or a smartphone.

There are many learning resources available for all students, so see what you can find, at:

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

# VISTA DEL MUNDO - SAFE AT HOME



In a quiet neighborhood at the base of the Sandia Mountains, a committed group of residents has effected positive changes and community events for all ages. The Vista del Mundo (VdM) Neighborhood Association, part of District 9, has actively rallied for updated playground equipment, a revitalized Open Space and walking trail, new lighting in the beautiful Embudo Hills Park (pictured below right); a Free Little Library, and best of all, the sense of togetherness and community that comes from working together to bring about change.

“Our neighborhood association formed in the late 1990s, and I’m proud to be part of the current board,” said Chris Crum, pictured above second from left, with: Dennis Roach, Alicia Sandoval Gilliam, and Kent Long, who make up most of the neighborhood association board.

Vista del Mundo Neighborhood is located east of Tramway off Lomas, and has approximately 500 residences, many of whom are part of the neighborhood association and most of whom enjoy the many community events coordinated by the association board

members each year at Embudo Hills Park and in other neighborhood areas.

“One of the events I love most is our annual Easter Egg Hunt,” said VdM Vice-President Alicia Sandoval Gilliam. “In addition to it being a really nice community event for families in our neighborhood, it also brings everyone together and gives us that sense of togetherness that’s essential in any neighborhood.”

“We’re grateful to our city councilor and his staff for all the outreach and assistance they provide us,” said VdM President Dennis Roach. “We’re an active association, yes, but our elected official is very involved with our group and we’ve established a great partnership.”

The most recent addition to the neighborhood is the Little Free Library at Embudo Hills Park. Residents and surrounding neighborhoods are invited to take a book or leave a book, to benefit all who live in the area.

“We love our neighborhood so much, and I think all of us feel fortunate to live here,” said Crum. “We’re invested in safety for all, and we feel safe at home!” ●



# 50 MILE LOOP PROJECT UPDATE



The 50-Mile Activity Loop is Albuquerque's longest multi-use trail and bikeway path, and is nearing completion!

Segment 8, near Coors and Eagle Ranch, will feature shared bicycle lanes on the Paseo del Norte Frontage Road; a multi-use trail along Corrales Main Canal and Eagle Ranch; and improved signing and striping. Segment completion is anticipated in August.

The Bridge Boulevard Project in Bernalillo County extends from Coors to Riverside Drain, and is key in the Bridge Boulevard Corridor Redevelopment Plan. This project will take place in various phases., with Phase 1 Tower Road

to include a buffered bike lane. Segment completion is estimated for early 2019.

Construction for the Central/Unser Reconstruction Project runs through July 2019. The intersection will be improved with new signals, buffered bike lanes and trail improvements!

To learn more about this project, visit: [www.cabq.gov/50-mile-activity-loop](http://www.cabq.gov/50-mile-activity-loop) •





From left: Sandy Martínez-Pino, Crime Prevention Specialist; Adam Silverman, Property Owner; Lt. Scott Norris, NW Area Command; and Pete Gelabert, Crime Prevention Specialist.

# BUSINESS COALITION PARTNERSHIP IN NW AREA COMMAND

In any neighborhood, residents want to feel safe in their homes, on their streets, and in businesses. In turn, neighborhood businesses also want to provide a safe and pleasant experience for neighborhood customers.

With that in mind, the Northwest Area Command created a Business Coalition in 2017, aimed at decreasing concerns shared by several businesses along Coors Boulevard. These businesses, ranging from restaurants to retail businesses, experienced shoplifting, theft, and vandalism, and many owners wanted to proactively address these issues.

"We were very pleased to partner with many businesses in the Coors and I-40 area, increasing

patrols, meetings between owners and our Crime Prevention staff, and putting resources in proximity to these businesses," said Lt. Scott Norris of the NW Area Command. "Businesses are an essential part of neighborhoods and their safety is paramount."

**"Businesses are a huge part of our neighborhoods, and we want to do everything we can to help them be safe."**

**LT. SCOTT NORRIS**

Adam Silverman, co-owner of business property at Coors and I-40, spoke highly of the Coalition's work.

"Being in close contact with the NW Area Command and my fellow business owners has really helped address our concerns," he said. "I'd encourage other neighborhood businesses and residents to actively

reach out to their Area Command and be proactive about both personal and business safety."



# **HAZARDOUS HOUSEHOLD MATERIAL DROP- OFF DAY!**



Do you have unused paint, antifreeze, old cleaning supplies or other similar household items lying around or taking up space in your garage or back yard? Why not get rid of them on Saturday, August 18?

That's when the City's Solid Waste Management Department, Department of Municipal Development Engineering Division, Bernalillo County, and Advanced Chemical Transport will jointly host and sponsor a free Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event.

Residents of Albuquerque and Bernalillo County are encouraged to bring their household hazardous waste items on this drop-off day. Examples of household hazardous waste include items that can burn easily (flammable), corrode or irritate the skin (corrosive), or poison humans and animals (toxic.) For more information, call 311 or visit: [www.cabq.gov/solidwaste](http://www.cabq.gov/solidwaste)

Below are items that will be accepted and items that will not be accepted at this event. •

#### ACCEPTED ITEMS

Paint  
Automotive Oil and Gasoline  
Antifreeze  
Cleaning Supplies  
Finishes and Stains  
Aerosols, Pesticides and Herbicides  
Poisons  
Corrosives/Photo Graphics  
Batteries  
Fertilizers and Pool Chemicals  
Fluorescent Light Bulbs  
Mercury

#### ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED

Cylinders  
Fire Extinguishers  
Appliances (Stoves, Refrigerators, etc.)  
Metals and Paper  
Medical Waste and Needles  
Medications  
Computers  
TVs/Stereos/Electronics  
Asbestos  
Ammunition/Gunpowder/Explosives  
Radioactive Materials  
Smoke Detectors

## FREE ZONING Conversions

Long Range staff in the Planning Department should have forms available soon for property owners to opt in to the process for zoning conversions during the one-year window following the adoption of the Integrated Development Ordinance (IDO). You can find forms and learn more about the process at:

[www.abc-zone.com/post-ido-voluntary-zone-conversion-process](http://www.abc-zone.com/post-ido-voluntary-zone-conversion-process) •

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

# QUESTION OF THE MONTH

## Question:

With school starting now in August, how can I donate school supplies to students in need? Are there any school supply drives to which I can contribute items or money?

## Answer:

The City has a school supply drive every August, and you can donate notebooks, pencils and pens at City Hall. You can also donate to the Albuquerque Public Schools Community Clothing Bank. This program serves all students enrolled in APS District and APS Chartered Schools. Items that can be donated are:

- Packages of new socks and underwear (six pairs per package, students can receive up to two packages per school year)
- Shoes via vouchers for shopping at Payless Shoe store
- Clothing via voucher provided to APS for free by Goodwill Industries of NM (students get three outfits per voucher and can get up to three vouchers per school year)
- New or gently used hoodies or light jackets
- Toiletry bags and powdered laundry soap
- School supplies through individual kits and through bulk supplies given to schools
- Prom/Dance and Graduation Outfits for both boys and girls

Donations are accepted year-round. To learn more about donating to Albuquerque Public Schools, visit:

<http://www.aps.edu/community/clothing-bank>

It's not just the weather that makes Albuquerque such an amazing place to live! Tina Bill, a West Side resident of the Los Volcanes neighborhood, shared her thoughts on what makes Albuquerque so great!



## WHAT MAKES ALBUQUERQUE GREAT



"We moved here 30 years ago with no jobs because we loved the culture so much," said Bill. "The Native American and Hispanic cultures were something new to me, and I fell in love with this unique culture and history."

Albuquerque was settled in 1706 by Spanish settlers, whose culture mixed with the indigenous tribes and pueblos who had lived along the Rio Grande for centuries.

## CULTURE AND

## FOOD!

"And of course, our chile is the greatest thing on Earth!" enthused Bill. "I couldn't live without my daily fix of green chile."

Albuquerque's many locally owned restaurants serve a variety of food, and red or green chile is a staple in most of them. Whether you prefer red, green or Christmas, chile is as much part of Albuquerque as sunsets and balloons!





## 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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# 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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