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HAPPY NEW YEAR!



“Tomorrow is the first blank page of a 365-page book. Write a good one.”

- BRAD PAISLEY





The first batch of zone conversions were submitted to the City's review and approval process at the end of November for a hearing before the Environmental Planning Commission (EPC).

The staff report and agenda will be available Thursday, Jan. 3, 2019 on [this Planning Department webpage](#). Comments received after the deadline will be added to the project file for consideration at a future hearing.

For this legislative conversion process, the EPC will make a recommendation, City Council's Land Use, Planning, and Zoning Committee will also review the

conversions, and City Council will make the final decision. Find out about the voluntary zone conversion process at: abc-zone.com/post-ido-voluntary-zone-conversion-process

You and your neighbors still have time to opt in! The next batch will be submitted for review and approval in May. If you would like help designing a flyer tailored to your neighborhood, or have staff come to one of your neighborhood meetings to explain the process and help with the opt-in process, e-mail: abctoz@cabq.gov or call 505-924-3960 and ask for the ABC-Z team, or stop by Fridays from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. ●

DO I NEED A ZONE CONVERSION?



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



WHAT: Environmental Planning Commission (EPC) Hearing on Zone Conversions

WHEN: Thursday, January 10, 2019 @ 8:30 a.m.

WHERE: Basement Hearing Room, Plaza del Sol, 600 2nd St. NW

WHO: Property owners who have requested a zone conversion are welcome to attend.

Attendance is not necessary. Public welcome to attend

<https://abc-zone.com/post-ido-voluntary-zone-conversion-process>

KNOW YOUR ZONE

LOOK-UP



Go to tinyurl.com/zonelookup.

SEARCH



Type your address in the search bar and hit enter.

DISCOVER



Click on your property to see your zone.

KNOW



Your zone will be described in the summary table.

Now you know your zone!

Keep in mind, you may be eligible for a free zone conversion.
Learn more at tinyurl.com/zoneconversion.



DID YOU KNOW YOUR ZONING CHANGED WHEN THE INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE (IDO) WENT INTO EFFECT LAST MAY?

YOU'RE NOT ALONE! ALL ZONING IN THE CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE CHANGED.

**VISIT:
<https://tinyurl.com/IDOzonelookup>**

AND FOLLOW THE STEPS IN THE CHART ABOVE TO FIND OUT YOUR ZONE!



PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNELS CHANGING

From the desk of Cultural Services Director Dr. Shelle Sanchez

In 1984, the Federal Communications Commission mandated the Cable Communications Act, requiring cable operators to earmark channels for public, educational, and government use. Commonly referred to as PEG channels, the City's Cultural Services Department has managed these PEG channels in the past and again welcomes the opportunity

to reinvigorate the work of delivering diverse content with and for diverse audiences.

A new approach invites multiple contractors to create and provide diverse, quality content.

The cable operator exercises little control over content on these channels, which are used for a wide variety of programming,

including but not limited to public meetings, educational programs, and student-produced television programs.

Under the current structure, the City contracts with one entity to provide content for each channel. A new approach invites multiple contractors to create and provide diverse, quality content for the Local Origination Channel and requires an accessible and clear process for community groups and individuals to have a voice on the Public Access Channel.

It's a move that embraces equity and inclusion in our community. The changes will allow a wide-ranging lineup of programming to reach larger and more diverse audiences. Providers will also use online archives, streaming, and other methods to share the content created for these channels to invite broad community participation and access.

The City's Media Resources Division within the Cultural Services Department will now have management and technical duties associated with all PEG channels so that content creators and local producers can focus their resources on quality content rather than day and night operations of a channel.

For those interested in creating content for these channels, request for proposals for Local Origination and Public Access can be found at: <https://basec.sicomm.net/CABQ/>. •



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.

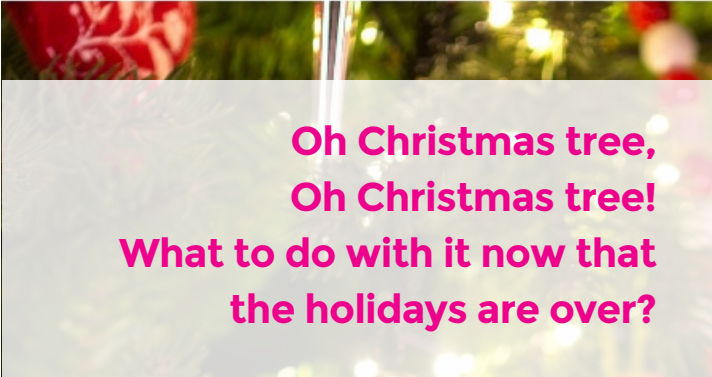
Neighborhood Associations & Community Policing

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. •



Oh Christmas tree,
Oh Christmas tree!
What to do with it now that
the holidays are over?



TREECYCLE IT!

The Solid Waste Management Department, Parks and Recreation, and PNM will recycle Christmas Trees for FREE at three separate locations in Albuquerque beginning Wednesday, January 2 through Sunday, January 13. No artificial trees will be accepted.

PNM Vegetation Management crews and Parks and Recreation staff will grind trees into chips, which can then be used as mulch to provide a better growing environment for plants and landscapes. Residents can pick up the freshly ground wood chips for use in their home landscapes free of charge while supplies last.

Trees may be dropped off between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the following locations:

- Montessa Park Convenience Center, 3512 Los Picaros SE, 873-6607
- Eagle Rock Convenience Center, 6301 Eagle Rock NE, 857-8318
- Ladera Golf Course, Coors and Ladera NW, 888-8115

Please remove all bags, tree stands, decorations and lights from trees before dropping off to be mulched. Limit 5 trees per resident, no commercial customers.

To learn more about TreeCycling or other Solid Waste programs, visit:

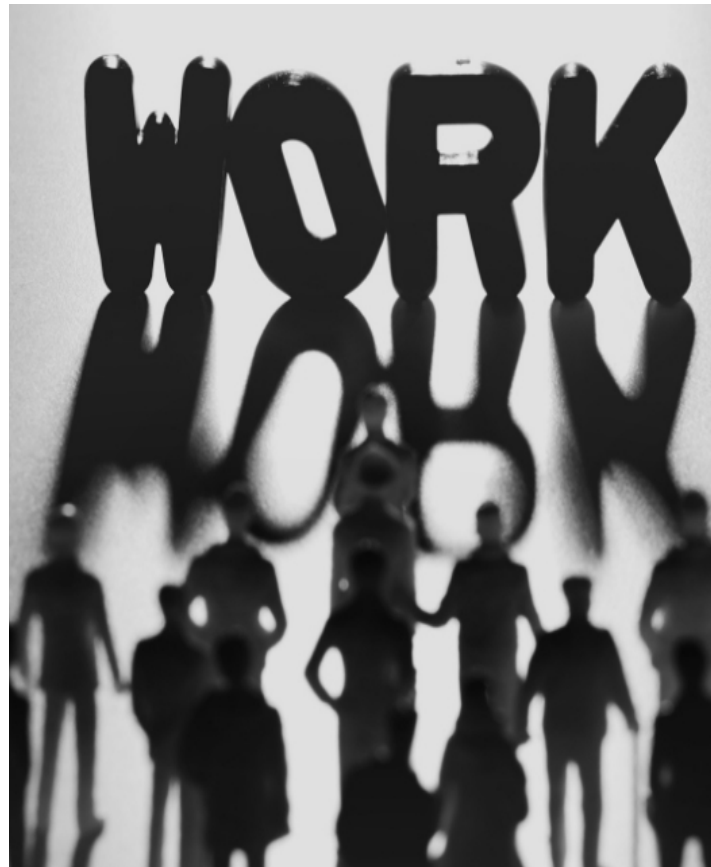
www.cabq.gov/solidwaste •

LOOKING FOR A JOB?

There's Free Help at the Last Place You'd Think!

"Goodwill is nothing more than a thrift store." That's what some people will tell you. But ask the 1,375 New Mexicans, who found community employment this year, and you'll get a very different answer about how Goodwill helps.

It starts with a free program called GoodSkills, which is geared toward New Mexicans who want to work and need to brush up on their job skills. Participants are enrolled in free classes and assigned to an experienced job developer who becomes their support person. Right now, Goodwill offers more free classes than ever before, in four conveniently located training centers.



Some of the classes offered include:

- Computer Basics
- E-mail Essentials
- Microsoft Word
- Microsoft Excel
- Microsoft PowerPoint
- Customer Service
- Employment Skills
- Interview Skills
- Job Search and Applications

Goodwill Industries of New Mexico also wants to remind you that one bag of donations can fund one hour of classes for a fellow New Mexican. Goodwill has 15 conveniently located donation centers and also offers free home pick-up in specific zip codes in the Albuquerque Metro area. Find donation information, locate the Goodwill donation center nearest you or schedule a home pick-up online at www.goodwillit.org.

How Do You Get Around, ALBUQUERQUE?



Did you know that the region's long-range transportation plan is currently being updated?

The plan, called the Connections 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), looks at what our transportation needs will be over the next 20 years in response to expected population and employment growth.

The planning area includes the City of Albuquerque and the larger metro area (roughly from Belen to the south and Rio Rancho and Cochiti Pueblo to the north). The Mid-Region Metropolitan Planning Organization is the agency that leads the plan development along with input from local governments, stakeholders, and the general public.

Input from these partners is being sought to help inform the plan. MRMPO is seeking opportunities to present information about the Connections 2040 MTP to interested groups as well as gather input from a wide variety of people. If you would like a presentation to be given to your group or organization, please contact Tara Cok at: tcok@mrcog-nm.gov or 505-724-3627. •





What Makes Albuquerque GREAT?

Let us know what makes Albuquerque great by e-mailing: 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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