

OPEN SPACE newsletter Mayor Richard J. Berry



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In Praise of Volunteerism A Message from Mayor Richard J. Berry

After the cold of winter passes and the temperatures slowly increase, so too does the visitation to the City of Albuquerque's vast Open Space Network. Every year hundreds of volunteers come out to do much-needed work to spruce up the City's Open Space properties for the summer. The dedication and enthusiasm that these volunteers bring when doing their part to beautify our city never ceases to amaze me.

Each Saturday in April, the Open Space Division conducts large scale clean-ups in the Sandia Foothills. The April Foothills clean-ups saw 175 adults and 104 youth for a total of 279 volunteers participating this spring. During the clean-ups, over 2 miles of trail were improved and maintained, about 1/10 of a mile of new trail was built, 700 pounds of trash and recycling were cleaned up, and volunteers removed over 650 pounds of dog waste. Volunteers included Boy Scout groups, churches, members of local businesses, and citizens of all ages.



After the Foothills clean-up events, National River Cleanup took place on May 21st. A total of 121 volunteers picked up enough trash to fill an estimated total of 124 trash bags, or about 2,640 lbs! Many large items including tires, plastic tarps, five shopping carts, and even car parts were collected as well. The active and motivated recycling crew separated items including five full recycling bags of smashed #1 and #2 plastic, two full recycling bags of aluminum cans, two bags of un-broken and un-contaminated glass bottles, and several bundles of broken-down and uncontaminated corrugated cardboard. Joan Marie Yazze Gallegos, Miss Santa Fe, attended the event to collect cans for her "Cans for Causes" program. While most volunteers cleaned along the bosque in the area of the Central Bridge, some were able to ride in one of the six rafts provided by Kirtland Air Force Base Outdoor Recreation, cleaning trash in the river from Montaño to Central. Additionally, Quiet Waters Paddling led three groups on different sections of the river, collecting an estimated 2,000 pounds of debris. Numerous tires, including a giant tractor tire, several chairs, two huge swimming pool covers, and assorted trash was retrieved. The City of Rio Rancho, the Village of Corrales, and Therese Dorwart's Discovery class of 12 students from East Mountain High School also pitched in.

The Albuquerque Police Department joined the Open Space Division on National River Cleanup day in support of my homeless outreach project. Working throughout the bosque from the Alameda Bridge to Bridge Boulevard, 45 APD officers and members of the APD Crisis Outreach and Support Team and the Crisis Intervention Team provided assistance to numerous homeless citizens living in the bosque.

Ending the Open Space annual spring and summer volunteer events was National Trails Day. This year over 120 dedicated volunteers attended this exciting event. National Trails Day is the most important celebration of trails in the United States. Volunteers worked on 13 projects throughout the Foothills Open Space and nearby Sandia Mountain Wilderness. Volunteers were able to cover a lot of ground and get much needed trail work done, improving recreational opportunities for all our citizens. Several Trails Day projects focused on lands in and around the Elena Gallegos/Albert G. Simms Park. Additional projects included two in the High Desert area south of Elena Gallegos, one at Bear Canyon, one at the Piedra Lisa Open Space, one at the end of Copper, and one at the southern boundary of the Foothills Open Space near I-40, commonly known as "Fooville".

Thank you all for your continued dedication! Visit www.cabg.gov/openspace often to learn about upcoming events and fun tours in Open Space. Please remember to respect your Open Space as it is a fragile ecosystem and what ever you pack in, pack out.

THANK YOU TO OUR GREAT SPONSORS AND PARTNERS!

As we wrap up another successful Open Space spring and summer annual volunteer event season, we want to take a moment to thank the businesses and organizations that have helped us make these events possible, and that have supported volunteers in their efforts to care for Major Public Open Space lands!

Arte de la Mano Salon and Spa, Bueno Foods, the Urban Store, Whole Foods, Riverside Starbuck's Coffee, Starbucks Coffee on Wyoming, the Purple Pink Rhino, 2 Wheel Drive, New Mexico BioPark Society, the Kickstand Bicycle Sales and Service, Nicodemus Wilderness Project, Passage Community Church, Stone Age Climbing Gym, Kirtland Air Force Base Outdoor Recreation, APD (Lt. Gilhooly and Deputy Chief Paul Feist), the Crisis Outreach and Support Team and the Crisis Intervention Team of the Albuquerque Police Department, the Albuquerque Fire Department, the City of Rio Rancho, the Village of Corrales, Quiet Waters Paddling Adventures, Ciudad Soil and Water, the Rotary Club of Albuquerque, the West Central Alliance of Neighbors, the Open Space Alliance, REI, Weston Corporation, General Mills, I Scream Ice Cream, the US Forest Service Sandia Ranger District, REI, the American Hiking Society, Friends of the Sandia Mountains, Sports Systems, Frito Lay, General Mills, RESPEC Water and National Resources, Wolfe's Bagels, Clear 2 Go Filtered Water Bottles, and Great Harvest Breads.

Thanks again for making this one of the most successful years ever!

A Special Thank You to Our Open Space Volunteer Event Prep Crew!

Special recognition is due for a group of Open Space Trail Watch and Visitor Center volunteers who have come out during our annual volunteer events to lend an extra hand to Open Space staff.

We'd like to thank the following volunteers for their extra efforts during the Foothills Cleanups, National River Cleanup, and National Trails Day events. Cheers!

Nancy Koenigsberg, Tom Allen, Diana Breneiser, Debbie Schlueter, Micha Maestas, Erik Peterson, Charlie Wood, Susan and Tony Hunt, Judi Lafleur, Mike Deaten, Joann Huff, Sallie McCarthy, Steven Glass, Linda Dell, Susan Selbin, Lori Floyd, Rozier and





Thank you for your continued dedication to the Open Space program!

The Visitor Center Gallery Presents:



SIGNS OF THE PAST, the Silk Painters' Guild

What: Silk fabric painted with images and symbols from the Middle Rio Grande Valley

Where: Open Space Visitor Center,

6500 Coors Blvd., NW, (Between Montaño & Paseo del Norte at Bosque Meadows Rd.),

505-897-8831

When: July 2nd – Aug. 30th, 2011

Free Admission

OPENING RECEPTION: Saturday July 2nd

1:00 - 4:00 pm

This art exhibition will explore the recent and distant past of the Rio Grande Valley and what it means to be its current users, observers, and caretakers. "New Mexico Silk Painters Guild members use various materials and techniques to turn cloth into art. Salt, alcohol, and sugar are among the list of household supplies we



manipulate to create textural effects on the painted surface. Embossing or etching silk velvet, silk screening, stamping, stenciling of resists or thickened dye, discharge dyeing to lighten or subtract color, immersion dyeing plus various batik and shibori techniques are just a few creative methods we use in our search for personal expression in painting and dying cloth." (Reference from nmsilkpaintersguild.com)

Silk paintings above by Suzanne Visor.

JULY 2011

*ONGOING: FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH, 7:30am. *Guided Bosque Nature Walk*. Registration is recommended one month in advance.

Every Sunday, 8:00am -9:30am. Every Wednesday, 5:30-7:00pm. *Yoga with a View*. Yoga with instructor Jenny Dominque. \$15.00 donation. A portion of the donation benefits the Open Space Alliance.

*July 7th, 9am - 1:00pm. *Tracking in New Mexico*. Learn about tracks, trailing, animal sign, and more. Limited to first 15. FEE: \$20. Registration required.

*July 9th, 9am - 1:00pm. *Tracking in New Mexico*. See listing above.

*July 14th, 10am - 2pm. WILDERNESS SURVIVAL: Observation and Awareness Training. Walking meditations, observation exercises and more. FEE: \$20. 20 people limit.

*July16th, 10am - 2pm. WILDERNESS SURVIVAL: Observation and Awareness Training. See listing above.

*July 21st, 10am-2pm. WILDERNESS SURVIVAL: FRICTION FIRE (PART 1). Learn how to make fire with a bow drill. FEE: \$50.00 for both parts. Part 2 will only be offered once. Workshop topic may change depending on fire danger levels.

*July 23rd, 10am-2pm. WILDERNESS SURVIVAL: FRICTION FIRE (PART 1). See above listing.

*July 30th, 10am-2pm. WILDERNESS SURVIVAL: FRICTION FIRE (PART 2). Learn everything from tuning up your bow drill set to making fire. FEE: \$50.00 for both parts. Part 2 will only be offered once.

AUGUST 2011

*ONGOING: FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH, 7:30am. Guided Bosque Nature Walk. See July listing.

Every Sunday, 8:00am -9:30am. Every Wednesday, 5:30-7:00pm. Yoga with a View. See July listing.

*August 5th and 6th, 10am to 3pm. Comfort in Wilderness for Children. How to be at peace in wild lands for kids 6 to 12 years old. \$15 a day. Limit 10 students per day.

*August 6, 10am. Volunteer orientation for Trail Watch and Adopt-an-Open Space. Become a vital part of Open Space - become a volunteer!

*August 20th, 10am: Open Space Visitor Center Volunteer training. See page 10 for details.

*August 26th, 5:00pm. Open Space Volunteer Appreciation Dinner and Awards. See page 10 for details.

SEPTEMBER 2011

*ONGOING: FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH, 7:30am. Guided Bosque Nature Walk. See July listing.

Every Sunday, 9:00am -10:30am (Please note time change for September). Every Wednesday, 5:30-7:00pm. *Yoga with a View*. See July listing.

September-October 2011. A View With Room Art Exhibit and Sale. See page 11 for details.

September 18th, 10am-4pm. Urban Farm and Harvest Festival. See page 9 for details.

*This event requires pre-registration. Call 897-8831 or email openspace@cabq.gov to register.

The Open Space Visitor Center is located at 6500 Coors Blvd NW between Montaño and Paseo del Norte at the end of Bosque Meadows Rd.

Sweet as Honey

By James Lewis, Associate Planner and Open Space Beekeeper

To start I have to boast that our bees were, in a secret way, featured in the June issue of Sunset Magazine. Although the article is about mead, the magazine reporter visited the Open Space bees at Candelaria Farm for reference and photos. The bees are in full swing now that it is summer and making honey as fast as they can to ensure they will survive next winter.

We all must welcome Larrea Lavoiscia, our beekeeping intern. She was chosen from a selection of nine people that Visitor Center Manager Jodi Hedderig and I interviewed. She has experience with nature and insects as an illustrator for the late Cliff Crawford. Larrea also worked at the SW Museum of Biology at UNM in the entomology division. She will be a great asset for us as we all get comfortable with bees and bee hives. Beekeeping friends of Open Space Chantal Foster and husband Alex allowed us to dig into their hives that are living at Candelaria Farm to split them into two new hives. Both splits we



created in April have queens and are on their way to being productive hives. We most likely won't get any honey from these hives this year, but next year will be a different story.

The workshops with Les Crowder are progressing nicely. We caught a swarm during one class that is now part of the City's beehive collection. Officially we have three hives. During another class we removed a hive from a citizen's outdoor shed. There was probably over 100 pounds of honey under that shed! Stay tuned and before you know it, there may be honey to purchase from our very own bee hives. Until next quarter's installment of Sweet as Honey, stay buzzed!

Tip o' the quarter: Never move a bee hive more than six feet at a time. Unless you move the entire hive at least 3 miles from its current location moving a hive more than six feet will make the bees lose their bearings. As Les Crowder says, "Imagine coming over the hill from the Rio Puerco and Albuquerque is no longer there; just chamisa and sand."

Call for Volunteer Help!

If you have some extra time on your hands and you don't know what to do with it, we can help you! We are seeking volunteers to work as Park Greeters at the Elena Gallegos/Albert G. Simms Picnic Area.

Duties include staffing the information booth and helping greet the public. Rewards include beautiful views, chances to see wildlife, and our profound gratitude.

Call Jim Sattler at 452-5200 or email jsattler@cabq.gov for more information.



Help Open Space Prevent Wildfires This Summer!

On June 28th, 2011 Mayor Richard J. Berry announced the complete closure of the Bosque, Rio Grande Valley State Park, and all Open Space Areas. Below is a list of Frequently Asked Questions regarding the closure.

Why are the Open Space areas closed to the public?

Extreme fire conditions exist throughout the State of New Mexico and in the Albuquerque Metro Area as evidenced by the recent high fire activity. Because of the lack of rain over the past four months, the large amount of dry-vegetative fuels, high temperatures, and high winds, conditions are ripe for disaster. A wildland fire within the city limits or unincorporated areas of Bernalillo County would be devastating to our community and damage the affected open space area for generations.

Which areas are closed?

Call 311 or see www.cabq.gov/open for a list of closed areas.

Are there any Open Space areas still open?

Facilities managed by Open Space that will remain open include: the Open Space Division Administrative Offices and the Open Space Visitor Center. Federally managed areas of the Petroglyph National Monument are still open including: Rinconada Canyon; the Volcanoes Day Use Area; and the National Park Service Las Imagines Visitor Center. The Visitor Center of the Rio Grande Nature Center is currently open (Phone: (505) 344-7240). Bosque access from the Nature Center is closed.

Where in Albuquerque can I take my family to spend some time outdoors?

City parks, public pools and many other recreational facilities in the area are still open to the public. See the City's website for a list of other recreation options, or call 311 for events and activities throughout Albuquerque. Cultural Services also offers excellent summertime fun such as the Zoo and BioPark, and museums. Tingley Beach (managed by Cultural Services), is also open. Citizens can still enjoy all bicycle trails that are outside of the Open Space network. Call 311 for details.

When will the Open Space areas reopen?

All areas are expected to remain closed until the City receives substantial rainfall. The City of Albuquerque will announce the reopening of Open Space areas in a press release and the information will be posted our website.

How can I help?

Call Open Space Dispatch at 452-5206 seven days a week during business hours, or 242-COPS to report trespass, dangerous or illegal activity, smoking, etc. Before you call, take note of important information such as cross streets, addresses, description of activity, etc. To report illegal fireworks, call (505) 833-7390.

What should I do if I see a fire?

- Call 911 if you see fire. Take note of the nearest physical address and/or cross streets.
- Call Open Space Dispatch at 452-5206 seven days a week during business hours, or 242-COPS for non-emergency situations.
- Most importantly, BE SAFE! Never approach smoke or fire. Leave the area as soon as you can and then call 911.

Open Space Summer Series Calendar Saturday Sunset Series

DUE TO RECENT CLOSURES, UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, EVENTS ARE SCHED-ULED TO TAKE PLACE AT THE OPEN SPACE VISITOR CENTER. The Saturday Sunset Series features talks, demonstrations, and shows by some of Albuquerque's best speakers, teachers, and performers.

July 9th: A Thunderous Evening with NM Taiko Without Rain—A concert led by Calvin Kobayashi demonstrating Taiko's long history which blends martial arts choreography and synchronized drumming.

July 16th: Carter, Orr, Higgins – A Songwriter's Showcase. Enjoy an evening of original music from Bill Carter, Dennis Higgins, and Dick Orr who have over 130



years of combined song writing and performance experience. Come listen to this trio's rhythm, vocal harmonies, stories, and songs for a memorable night.

July 23rd: Poetry and Spoken Word – Offerings from a collection of artists led by Gina Marselle.

July 30th: A Field Officer's Views – Animal Welfare – A talk and discussion of the job and activities of a Field Officer by Brenda Alberts of Albuquerque Animal Welfare.

August 6th: Ballads and Runes: An Evening of Ancient Tales and Original Music – Music and Stories with Scott and Johanna Hongell-Darsee and guests Sharon Berman and Juan Wijngaard on hurdy gurdy.

August 13th: African Dance – At the Kiwanis Shelter. A class of dance and demonstration techniques led by Romy Keegan of the maple Street Dance Space.

August 20th: Healing Sounds of the Celtic Harp – A talk and performance by Dave Hoover.

August 27th: Seth Hoffman – A performance of original music by a talented local singer/songwriter whose songs are the stories of our lives, travels, and the many unique characters we meet along the way.

See www.cabq.gov/openspace for a full calendar or call 452-5222 for more information.

Open Space Summer Series Calendar Sunday Hikes

MANY HIKES HAVE BEEN CANCELED DUE TO FIRE DANGER AND RECENT CLOSURES. PLEASE CALL 452-5222 FOR UP TO DATE INFORMATION ON SUNDAY HIKE PROGRAMS.

July 10th: Bosque River Walk – Verne Huser. Meet at 8 am at Pueblo Montano. A 2 hour lecture and hike about the history of the Rio Grande. Bring water and whatever you need for a 2 hour hike.

July 17th: Geology of the Sandias – Geologists Jack and Laurel Babcock. Meet at the Elena Gallegos Pino Trailhead for a 2 hour lecture and hike. Bring water and whatever you need for a 2 hour hike.

July 24th: Placitas Open Space – Meet at 8:30 am. A strenuous hike to one of Open Space's outlying properties. Bring water and whatever you need for a 2 to 3 hour hike. Pre-registration required.

July 31st: The 66 on 66 – Meet at 8:30 am. A strenuous hike to a newly acquired Open Space property. Bring water and whatever you need for a 2 to 3 hour hike. Pre-registration required

August 7th: Bosque Wild Guided Nature Walk –Meet at 7:30 am at the Open Space Visitor Center for a 2 hour hike through the Bosque. Call 897-8831 for pre-registration.

August 14th: Paddlefest - Mike Hayes of Quiet Waters Paddling and Kelly Gossett of New Kayak Instruction. Location to be announced. A 2 to 3 hour introduction to paddlesports. Bring water and clothes you can get wet in. Pre-registration required.

August 21st: Gutierrez Canyon Open Space – Meet at 8:30 am. A strenuous hike to one of Open Space's outlying properties. Bring water and whatever you need for a 2 to 3 hour hike. Pre-registration required.

August 28th: A Day of Mindfulness and Nature – Dug Corpolongo of Albuquerque Buddist Fellowship. Meet at 8:30 am. Carolino Canyon. Wear comfortable clothes, bring water, lunch, and an open mind. Pre-registration required.

DIRECTIONS TO EVENTS:

Copper Trailhead – From Central Blvd or I-40, go north on Tramway to Copper, turn right or east and follow the road to the Open Space parking area.

Carolino Canyon - Exit I-40 at the Tijeras exit and continue south 9 miles on 337 which most know as South Highway 14. Carolino Canyon will come up on your left. The rough address is 10900 Park Access Road, Tijeras but look for the sign designating Carolino.

Elena Gallegos Park - The Elena Gallegos Park is located at the end of Simms Park Road, east of Tramway Boulevard, just north of Academy.

Open Space Visitor Center - Located at 6500 Coors Blvd. between Montaño and Paseo Del Norte.

Poblanos Fields – Drive west on Montaño from I-25 or Fourth Street and turn north on Tierra Viva Road. The parking area is on the left.

Pueblo Montaño – Located on the southeast corner of Coors and Montaño Roads. It's the park that has all the wonderful carved sculptures by Mark Chavez.

For the remaining hikes, please call Bill Pentler at 452-5222 for pre-Registration and directions will be given at that time.

The 4th Annual Urban Farm and Harvest Festival

Celebrating Albuquerque's Agricultural Heritage

The City of Albuquerque Open Space Division presents the 4th Annual Urban Farm and Harvest Festival.

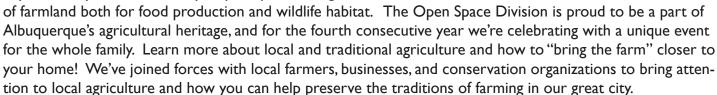
WHAT: A Celebration of Open Space, Urban Agriculture, Local Food, and Community

WHEN: September 18th, 2011, 10am-4pm.

WHERE: Open Space Visitor Center, 6500 Coors Blvd NW between Montaño and Paseo del Norte at the end of Bosque Meadows Rd.

COST: FREE

"The City of Albuquerque Open Space Division is one of the key local agencies involved in the preservation of agricultural lands within the city," said Mayor Richard Berry. Open Space manages over 366 acres



This year's event includes: Booths from local farmers, businesses, and artisans; live music; workshops and presentations; children's parade; hay bale ride; children's arts and crafts; and delicious food. See our website for an updated schedule of activities.



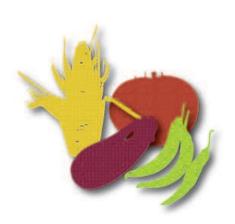
Come explore a 7-acre corn maze, follow dinosaur tracks, dig for bones, and even hunt for dino eggs. Rio Grande Community Farm in partnership with the New Mexico Museum of Natural History &

Science and the City of Albuquerque, Open Space Division are proud to announce the 2011 "DINO" MAIZE MAZE!

SEPTEMBER 3rd - OCTOBER 31st

Fridays 6:00 – 9:00 pm Saturdays 10:00 am – 9:00 pm Sundays 10:00 am – 6:00 pm

Special Event Weekends include: Moonlight Maze, Starlight Maze, Dino Day, Haunted Maze, and more. See www.riograndefarm.org for more details or call 345-4580.





Become an Open Space Volunteer



The City of Albuquerque Open Space Division will be offering volunteer orientations. Please choose from the following dates and register by calling (505) 897-8831. All trainings take place at the Open Space Visitor Center (6500 Coors Blvd. NW which is between Montano Rd and Paseo del Norte and at the end of Bosque Meadows Rd.). Please bring a pen and driver's license.

Saturday, August 6, 10am: Trail Watch and Adopt-an-Open Space programs

Saturday August 20th, 10am: Open Space Visitor Center Volunteer training.

Please contact me with any questions at 897-8865.

Happy Trails, Jodi Hedderig

Open Space Volunteer Dinner & Awards

Yesterday, bosque closure was announced. Immediately Open Space volunteers began calling to find out how they could help. Proactive, committed, caring – that is the profile of the Open Space team. Celebrate this extraordinary group of people on *Friday*, *August 26, 5:00PM* at the Open Space Visitor Center. Enjoy dinner and accolades in the company of fellow Open Space volunteers and staff.

You are invited to bring a guest. Call 897-8865 or email jhedderig@cabq.gov to RSVP by August 12.



CONGRATULATIONS!

to Officer Brandon Rail on his Retirement from Open Space

Officer Rail has provided countless hours of service to the Albuquerque community as an officer with the Open Space Unit. He transferred to Open Space from APD in 2004. His last day of service will be August 31st, 2011.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DEDICATION TO OUR COMMUNITY!

The City of Albuquerque Open Space Visitor Center Presents: THE 6TH ANNUAL "A VIEW WITH ROOM" ART EXHIBITION AND SALE

Through the months of **September and October 2011**, invited artists will display their Open Space landscape paintings. Not only does this art show function as a fundraiser for the Open Space Alliance (OSA), it benefits the Open Space Division's mission and supports continued growth of the land inventory. The community is encouraged to come enjoy these works of art, become a member of the OSA and take a painting home. Each purchase is a donation to the OSA.

Continuing this year.... "Little Gems" a body of small and affordable works that can be taken home immediately. Get here opening day to have your pick of the bounty of work. The paintings sell fast and are an incredible value for the price.



WHERE: Open Space Visitor Center | 6500 Coors Blvd NW between Montaño and Paseo del Norte at the end of Bosque Meadows Rd., 505-897-8831

Get involved in the Open Space Alliance today and contribute to the future of YOUR Open Space!

Your generous contribution to the Open Space Alliance supports OSA's mission of enhancing our quality of life through: heightening public awareness of Open Space lands; building and strengthening partnerships with groups who share Open Space values; promoting conservation, acquisition, and stewardship of Open Space lands; strengthening volunteerism and community outreach programs, and providing financial support.

For information about our current activities, contact Sallie McCarthy, OSA Board President, at mccarthy_sal@hotmail.com

To join, please fill out the information and return the form with your check or money order.

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6500 Coors Blvd. NW (505)897-8831 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Tuesday - Sunday

TO REPORT VIOLATIONS

8:00 am to 6:00 pm, all week (505) 452-5206 (voice/relay) OR 242-COPS