50-Mile Loop

The City of Albuquerque along with Wilson and Company a local engineering firm has finished the 50-Mile Loop Plan document which provides plans to complete and improve a 50-mile bicycling, running and walking trail circling Albuquerque.

The Plan recommends ways to fill in gaps (shown in red) to join with the blue sections (existing trail facilities) to complete the 50-Mile Loop.

“The 50-Mile Loop will be a great asset for Albuquerque to promote health and recreation and provide a destination for tourists.” - Mayor Richard J. Berry.

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Halloween Safety

The time for monsters, super heroes and ghosts has arrived again. Halloween is a wonderful part of the changing seasons and we should do every thing possible to ensure the night remains a wonderful experience for our children. Most folks are aware of the need for cautionary steps on this haunted evening particularly in regard to altered treats and safety. Unfortunately there are dangers associated with this annual goblin festival. The following tips should be considered by all adults and children as a guide to protect our little cherubs during a night of trick-or-treating.

For Parents:

- The safest place is a sponsored event at a mall, school, church or neighborhood event.
- Accompany young children on the route.
- Send older children out with friends, a watch and flashlight.
- Agree to the route and an expected arrival time prior to departure.
- Always check your children’s treats prior to consumption.

For Children and Parents:

- Wear light-colored clothing or costumes.
- Use make-up instead of a mask for better visibility.
- Make a map of the route for you and your parents.
- Carry a flashlight or light stick.
- Stay in your own neighborhood.
- Be respectful of other people and their property.
- Stop only at well-lighted houses.
- Have a parent check the treats before you eat them.
- Start early and end early.
- Use sidewalks or walk facing traffic.
- Always keep a safe distance between you and moving vehicles.
- Stop, look and listen at corners or before crossing the street and walk, don’t run.
- Don’t go between parked cars or crisscross back and forth across the street.
- Never go inside a stranger’s house or apartment, no matter what anyone says.
- Don’t carry sharp instruments and never carry a lighted candle or open flame.

Any incident involving injury or violations of the law should be reported to the Albuquerque Police Department by calling 911 (Emergency) or 242-COPS (Non-Emergency).

APD Crime Prevention Unit at 505-924-3600.
**Legal Department**

Alternative Dispute Resolution  
Submitted By Shannon Beaucaire

**Do You Have A Barking Dog Complaint?**

The City of Albuquerque offers free community mediation to help you resolve the problem. What is Community Mediation? Community Mediation is a dispute resolution process designed for Albuquerque citizens and neighbors to resolve conflict and disputes within their own community. Mediation is private, confidential, voluntary and a cost-effective alternative to court.

Mediators or impartial third parties, assist individuals in finding a mutually acceptable solution to their problem. Mediators do not blame, judge who is right or wrong or make decisions about what should happen. In mediation you and your neighbor are responsible for designing an outcome that works for both of you.

Mediation provides an opportunity to express differences and improve relationships by:

- Reducing communication obstacles in order to define and clarify issues;
- Explore possible solutions; and
- Create solutions that reflect the unique needs and interests of the situation.

Best of all it Works! – Because participants are involved in creating their own solution research shows people are more satisfied with the result and comply with the terms of the agreement.

This is a **FREE** service to all residents in the City of Albuquerque. If you would like more information please contact the Alternative Dispute Resolution Office at 505-768-4500.

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**Albuquerque Fire Department**  
Submitted By Melissa Romero

**Carbon Monoxide**

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, more than 500 Americans die each year from unintentional carbon monoxide poisoning. Because you can’t see it, smell it or taste it you can be overcome by Carbon Monoxide without any warning.

Carbon monoxide is created by any type of burned fuel oil, natural gas, propane, kerosene, wood or charcoal. All of these non-electric appliances produce CO: furnaces, hot water heaters, stoves, space heaters, fireplaces and wood stoves. A car idling in an attached garage creates CO that can seep into the house.

The symptoms of CO poisoning are headaches, fatigue, nausea, dizziness and shortness of breath. These symptoms are often mistaken for the flu. If the above symptoms decline when removed from the home and increase when returned, go to a doctor immediately and get a coHb test. It measures the level of CO in the blood.

Here are some important tips to prevent CO poisoning:

- Have your heating system, water heater and any other gas, oil or coal burning appliances serviced by a qualified technician every year.
- When purchasing gas equipment, buy only equipment carrying the seal of a national testing agency, such as the American Gas Association or Underwriters’ Laboratories.
- Have your chimney checked or cleaned every year. Chimneys can be blocked by debris. This can cause CO to build up inside your home or cabin.
- Install a battery-operated CO detector in your home and check or replace the battery when you change the time on your clocks each spring and fall.
Department of Family and Community Services
Submitted By Marie Chavez

Is Your Home in Need of Repair?

If so the City of Albuquerque’s Home Owner Rehabilitation Program may be able to help.

The Home Owner Rehabilitation Program provides 0% interest loans to qualified homeowners. These loans allow homeowners to address code violations that make homes unsafe, unhealthy and sometimes unlivable. Some of these loans are forgivable and some may need to be paid back depending on the homeowner’s level of income.

What Home Improvements are eligible?
Repairs include but are not limited to:

- Electrical, heating or plumbing installations.
- Hot water heaters.
- Roofs.
- Replacement windows.
- Structural damage.
- Insulation.
- Handicap accessible bathrooms.

Who is Eligible?
Generally, you may qualify for a housing rehabilitation loan if:

- You own and occupy a home within the municipal boundaries of the City of Albuquerque and have lived in the house as your primary residence for at least one year prior to application.
- Your home has code violation(s).
- Your property taxes are paid up-to-date.
- Your household income does not exceed the federal guidelines.

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The Office of Neighborhood Revitalization staff will examine your income and property to determine if you and your house qualify for housing rehabilitation loan assistance.

Funds are Currently Available.
Funds are limited. Please contact the Home Owner Rehabilitation Program for further information to determine if you are eligible to participate in this Program.

Solid Waste Management Department
Submitted By Bobby Sisneros

Fall Green Waste Collection

Solid Waste Management Department residential customers can recycle their green waste for FREE.

When: Monday, December 2, 2013 – Friday, December 13, 2013

Description: City of Albuquerque Solid Waste residential customers can take advantage of FREE green waste pickup. Green waste will be collected on your regular trash collection day during the following weeks:

- December 2 – December 6
- December 9 – December 13

Instructions: Solid Waste Residential customers must place green waste — such as leaves, grass and brush — in trash bags.

- Bags must not weigh more than 40 pounds each.
- Branches must be cut to four-foot lengths and bundled securely.
- Items for green recycling must be placed at the curb for collection by 7 a.m. on the regular trash pickup day.
- Items should be placed five feet away from automated trash containers.

Prohibited Items: Collection crews will not pick up the following items:

- Dirt.
- Construction debris.
- Gravel.
- Construction material.
- Tree stumps.

For more information please visit <www.cabq.gov/solidwaste>.
Coors Corridor Plan Update

Upcoming events:
The City of Albuquerque’s Department of Municipal Development (DMD) and Planning Departments have been working on an update to the 1984 Coors Corridor Plan. You are invited to participate in the following Public Open Houses to learn about the results of this joint effort, ask questions and provide feedback on proposals in the working draft of the plan:

- Tuesday, October 15, 2013, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. – West Mesa Community Center, 5500 Glenrio NW (East of Coors Boulevard NW).
- Thursday, October 24, 2013, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. - Don Newton/Taylor Ranch Community Center, 4900 Kachina Road NW.

Your input will inform the draft plan that is submitted to the Environmental Planning Commission (EPC). We also encourage your involvement and comments throughout the subsequent public review process at EPC and City Council.

Background:
The Coors Corridor Plan is a Rank 3 Sector Development Plan adopted in 1984 that provides policies and regulations for the design of Coors Boulevard/Bypass and adjacent development between Central Avenue and Alameda Boulevard. The process to update the Plan has been underway since 2005, led initially by the Planning Department. The Environmental Planning Commission (EPC) reviewed an earlier draft plan and recommended that a view analysis be conducted along the east side of Coors Boulevard which was completed in 2008. The Planning Department worked with a citizen advisory committee to revise development regulations. This Design Overlay Zone portion of the Plan was put on hold in 2009 for DMD to undertake a transportation study of the corridor, which would address future travel needs in light of worsening congestion in the area. The study was conducted in consultation with NMDOT, MRCOG, Bernalillo County and other agencies and with community input. Staff have since been integrating the results of the planning efforts and studies into a new draft plan guided by the following goals: preserve the transportation function of Coors Boulevard/Bypass; allow sufficient development to support transit as a viable alternative for many trips within the corridor; protect the area’s natural setting and scenic views; and make the policies and regulations clear, reasonable and enforceable.

Design Work Begins

The City has extended the contract with Wilson and Company to design the first section. The project will focus on connecting Nob Hill with the Winrock Mall Area.

The project team will look at on street facilities and possibly a pedestrian bridge in the Pennsylvania area to connect to Winrock. Additional ADA accessibility improvements will be considered at key intersections. Other possible areas of improvement are shown in the map above.

The design project is funded by $150K in Capital Improvement Program funds. The designs for this project will be completed in Spring of 2014. Additional funds will be needed for construction.

For more information please visit the 50-Mile Loop web page at <abqthepan.gov> or <the ABQ the Plan Facebook>.
Mayor Richard J. Berry, ABQ RIDE, 
Rio Metro Break Ground on New Montaño Transit Center

It was more than just a groundbreaking (that started during a downpour) on Thursday, September 12, 2103 near the train tracks on Montaño Road NW between Edith Boulevard NW and Second Street NW. The first shovelfuls of mud turned meant that the much anticipated Montaño Transit Center was finally becoming reality. Mayor Richard J. Berry, ABQ RIDE Director Bruce Rizzieri and a host of guests broke ground on the site of this soon-to-be transit hub in the North Valley, which will serve both ABQ RIDE and New Mexico Rail Runner Express customers.

The $7.1 million station (78% federal money, 22% local funding) will serve Albuquerque’s growing North Valley and Montaño/Montgomery River-Crossing Corridor. The pueblo revival style rail platform features a 291 space parking lot to handle transit riders using ABQ RIDE buses and the New Mexico Rail Runner Express. The center will also feature bus bays, bike racks and lockers and free Wi-Fi Service.

“This new station will bring greater access to affordable, public transportation to a whole new segment of Albuquerque’s population,” said Mayor Richard J. Berry. “It also has the potential to open up the area to more economic development, if not redevelopment of the area.”

G. Sandoval Construction was awarded the winning bid for the construction of the Transit Center in early August. G. Sandoval Construction has offices in Albuquerque and Las Cruces and is the contractor for Las Cruces’ Intermodal Transit Center which opened this summer.

“The Montaño Transit Center is a foundation for planning for future transit service in the North Valley and east/west connections such as Montaño-Montgomery, as well as connections to a Rail Runner station,” said Bruce Rizzieri, Director of ABQ RIDE. “And its green features such as LED lighting and solar panels will serve as a template for similar construction in the future.”

The project is expected to be completed in January 2014.
A Message From
Your City Council

Submitted By Jessica Gonzales

Paseo Del Norte and I-25 Interchange

Shortly after October 13, 2013 the much anticipated construction of the Paseo Del Norte and I-25 interchange will begin. In 2012 with the leadership of Mayor Berry and the City Council, the City secured $50 million voter-approved dollars to kick-start the funding for the project. The State and the County also contributed a combined $34.75 million with an additional $8.25 million from Federal Resources. The combined total of $93 million was enough to start the project and the City was able to move forward with the selection of local “design-build” construction firms, Kiewit New Mexico Co. and Bohannan Huston Inc. /Terracon. Kiewit New Mexico Co.’s resume also includes their help on the Big I Interchange Improvements.

The State Department of Transportation estimates that the project will add over 3,000 jobs to the metro area. Over the next 24 months the project is intended to greatly reduce stop-and-go traffic within the Paseo and I-25 corridor. The proposed safety enhancements will be needed as there have been over 400 traffic accidents within this corridor annually.

Some other benefits of the project include the potential savings of more than 350,000 hours per year of driver travel time, congestion relief on parallel river crossings, improved air quality and an estimated savings of $2.5 million per year in fuel costs for the region over the next 20 years.

The key project improvements in the new design will include:

1. Eliminating a loop road from eastbound Paseo to northbound I-25 and adding a stop light instead.
2. A two lane flyover ramp from northbound I-25 that will provide motorists with two continuous lanes on westbound Paseo del Norte and eliminate the need for traffic to merge into a single lane.
3. A free flow ramp from eastbound Paseo del Norte to southbound I-25 to improve traffic flow during peak morning travel times.
4. An overpass at the intersection of Jefferson and Paseo del Norte to eliminate traffic signals and improve east/west traffic flow.
5. A fourth northbound lane on I-25 from Jefferson to Alameda.

*For further up-to-date information, real time camera views, and travel times please see <http://www.paseoi25.com/>.
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**2013 CALENDAR/LEGEND**

AAB - Airport Advisory Board, Aviation Department Executive Conference Room<br>ACCC - Albuquerque Citizens Corp. Council, 1615 University Boulevard NE (Association of General Contractors Building Branch), 505-610-9563<br>ADC - Albuquerque Development Commission - Hearing Room (Basement Level), Plaza del Sol, 600 Second Street NW<br>BOA - Board of Appeals, Plaza del Sol Hearing Room, Basement Level, 600 Second Street NW<br>City Council - Vincent E. Griego Council Chambers, Basement Level, City Hall<br>District 4 Coalition - North Domingo Baca Multigenerational Center, Community Room, 7521 Carmel Avenue NE<br>District 6 Coalition - EXPO NM, Alice B. Hopes Pavilion on San Pedro NE and Copper NE<br>District 7 Coalition - Grant Middle School, Library, 1111 Easterday NE<br>District 8 Coalition - Holiday Park Community Center, 11710 Comanche Road NE<br>DRB - Development Review Board, Plaza del Sol Hearing Room (Basement Level), 600 Second Street NW<br>East Gateway Coalition - Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center, 501 Elizabeth Street SE<br>EPC - Environmental Planning Commission, Plaza del Sol Hearing Room, (Basement Level), 600 Second Street NW<br>EPC Pre-Hearing - Plaza del Sol, 600 Second Street NW, Third Floor, Conference Room<br>EPC Study Session - Planning Department, Plaza del Sol, Hearing Room, (Basement Level), 600 Second Street NW<br>LUCC - Landmarks and Urban Conservation Commission, Plaza del Sol, Hearing Room (Basement Level), 600 Second Street NW<br>POC - Police Oversight Commission, City/County Building, Lower Level, 1 Civic Plaza, Fifth and Marquette<br>SEPC - Special Events Permitting Committee - 6th floor, Cultural Services Department Conference Room, City Hall, Fifth and Marquette<br>SVCNA - South Valley Coalition of Neighborhood Associations, Sheriff’s Department South Area Command, 2039 Isleta Boulevard SW<br>SWAN - South West Alliance of Neighbors, Alamosa Multi-Purpose Center, 6900 Gonzales Road SW<br>Westside Coalition - Don Newton/Taylor Ranch Community Center, 4900 Kachina Drive NW<br>ZHE - Zoning Hearing Examiner Offices - Plaza Del Sol Building, 7th Floor, 505-768-4503; ZHE Hearings are held in the Plaza del Sol Hearing Room, (Basement Level), 600 Second Street NW
EPC Hearing Notice

Neighborhood Alert – Be aware that public comments at EPC Meetings have a time limitation due to the length of the EPC Hearings. The 48-Hour Rule of the EPC: All written materials and other documents shall be submitted to the Planning Department no later than 9 a.m. on the 2nd Tuesday of the Public Hearing Week. For an Appeal Hearing – no communication with EPC is allowed within five days of the Public Hearing.

In order to make maximum use of the following information – please note:

- Scan the entire list to see if your neighborhood association has a case this month.
- The name and phone number of the developer/agent is listed so that you can easily contact them should you have any questions.
- The assigned staff planner is identified with each agenda item should you need additional information (i.e., check on the actual placement of your case on the agenda). All staff may be reached at 505-924-3860.
- On the day of the EPC Public Hearing, call the Planning Department at 505-924-3860 and the receptionist will give you the status of the EPC Public Hearing.
- Staff Reports are available at the Planning Department beginning at 3 p.m. on the 1st Thursday prior to the EPC Public Hearing.
- On the 1st Thursday of each month, the EPC has a Study Session to review the applications scheduled for the all-day Public Hearing which occurs on the 2nd Thursday of each month.

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As with the Public Hearing, the public is invited to attend the Study Sessions, however, Study Sessions do not provide an open forum. Discussion is limited to staff and the EPC. Study Sessions regularly begin at 3 p.m. in the Planning Department Hearing Room, Plaza Del Sol Building. Please call the Planning Department at 505-924-3860 to confirm the Study Session schedule will happen at the times listed, as time adjustments are made occasionally.

The EPC Public Hearing will be held on November 14, 2013 at 8:30 a.m. in the Planning Department Hearing Room, (basement level), 600 Second Street NW for the following cases:

**Northeast**

ABQ-Park, Alvarado Park, Classic Uptown, Inez, Jerry Cline Park, Mark Twain, Quigley Park, Snow Heights, Uptown Progress Team, Inc., Winrock South, District 7 Coalition of NA’s (neighborhood/homeowner association/coalition); 13EPC-40144, Project #1007099 (case #); Approximately 2.37 acres located on the south side of Menaul Boulevard NE between Mesilla Avenue NE and Pennsylvania Street NE (location of request); H-19 (zone atlas page #); Consensus Planning, Inc. at 505-764-9801, agent for U.S. New Mexico Federal Credit Union (applicant or agency and phone #); Requests a Site Development Plan for Building Permit for a proposed U.S. New Mexico Federal Credit Union with a drive-in that will be 8,000 square foot building to be initially constructed (action requested); Carrie Barkhurst at 505-924-3879, e-mail: <kcbarkhurst@cabq.gov>.

Bel-Air, District 7 Coalition of NA’s; 13EPC-40142, Project #1009838. Approximately .57 acres located on the east side of Carlisle Boulevard NE (2900 Carlisle Boulevard NE) between Candelaria Road NE and Los Arboles NE; H-16-17; Vortex Theatre at 505-463-0440; Request a Zone Map Amendment from C-1 to SU-1 (C-1 and Community Theatre) for relocating the Vortex Theatre which is a non-profit theatre bringing classic and contemporary plays to the city; Catalina Lehner at 505-924-3935, e-mail: <clehner@cabq.gov>.

**Northwest**

Tres Volcanes, Westside Coalition of NA’s; 13EPC-40143, Project #1006864; Approximately 59.2 acres located on the west side of Tierra Pintada NW between Arroyo Vista NW and West Creek NW; H-8; Consensus Planning, Inc. at 505-764-9801, agent for Pulte Group; Requests a Site Development Plan for Subdivision for Phase One of the Watershed Subdivision which will include 214 residential lots; Chris Glore at 505-924-3357, e-mail: <cglore@cabq.gov>.

Kirtland Community, Clayton Heights/Lomas Del Cielo, District 6 Coalition of NA’s, North Valley Coalition; 13EPC-40145, Project #1005243; Approximately .93 acres located on the north side of Gibson Boulevard SE between University Boulevard SE and Buena Vista SE; L-15; Consensus Planning, Inc. at 505-764-9801, agent for H&H Companies, LLC; Requests a Site Development Plan for Building Permit for a proposed Denny’s Restaurant located at the Broadstone Towne Center at 1620 Gibson Boulevard SE; Maggie Gould at 505-924-3910, e-mail: <mgould@cabq.gov>.
New Mexico Crime Prevention Association Conference

Albuquerque, NM

Friday, October 18, 2013
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Registration/Social: 8 a.m.
Conference starts at 8:45 a.m.

CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Site: El Pinto Restaurant
10500 4th Street NW

Registration Fee: $40*

Includes: Conference Costs
           Membership
           Buffet Lunch
           Coffee/Drinks/Soda Breaks

*Neighborhood Watch Block Captains, CERT
and Neighborhood Association Members $25

To register by phone or on-line:
Call Jim Hunter at 505-897-2939
e-mail to: <hunterabq@comcast.net>

To register and pay by mail:
Mary Lee Martin, 505-298-2513
10305 Chapala Place NE
Albuquerque, NM 87111

Make Checks Payable to: New Mexico Crime Prevention Association
(Registration deadline is Oct 15, 2013)

Who should attend?
Professionals associated with law enforcement, civic groups, crime prevention programs, public and private security, education and welfare programs and citizens interested in crime prevention.

Check us on the web: <www.nmcpa.info> and see updated agendas.

New Mexico Crime Prevention Association is an affiliate of the National Crime Prevention Council and the Crime Prevention Coalition of America

(We are unable to accept credit card payment. Please make your payment by check, cash or purchase order, payable to “New Mexico Crime Prevention Association).
Mid Rio Grande Stormwater Quality Team Announces New Website/Call For Photos Campaign

The Mid Rio Grande Stormwater Quality Team (MRGSQT) is launching a call for photos themed “Show Us Your Rio Grande” in support of its newly redesigned website <www.keeptheriogrand.org>. The MRGSQT is asking photographers of all skill levels to think about how the Rio Grande affects their lives and submit a favorite photo of the river with a short story or explanation. The photos can be uploaded to the website and those whose photos are selected will receive a photo credit and be acknowledged in a special news release. The first 50 contributors will receive a free “scoop the poop” pack for the disposal of pet waste. Photo submissions are due no later than Wednesday, October 30, 2013.

“The goal of the photo campaign is to encourage people to appreciate the beauty of the river and to spend time on the MRGSQT website, where they will find educational materials, videos and activities having to do with stormwater quality and preventing stormwater pollution caused by pet waste and other toxins,” said Karen Stearns, AMAFCA Storm Water Quality Manager and MRGSQT Chair.

The new website will also feature Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and provide a number of tips to help keep our stormwater clean.

Many people are not aware that wastewater and stormwater systems are separate and that stormwater does not go into a wastewater treatment plant to be cleaned before flowing into the Rio Grande. The pollutants that get picked up by stormwater as it flows down arroyos, channels and ditches, flow down to the Rio Grande River.

The Mid Rio Grande Stormwater Quality Team was formed in 2004 to cooperatively educate and reach out to residents about how they can reduce stormwater pollution to help “Keep the Rio Grand!” The team includes the Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo Flood Control Authority, Bernalillo County, the City of Albuquerque, the Southern Sandoval County Arroyo Flood Control Authority, the University of New Mexico and the New Mexico Department of Transportation. The Ciudad Soil and Water Conservation District is also a non-voting member.

Interpretation of Bylaws

How is the language in the bylaws of your organization interpreted???

Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised, 11th Edition states, “In preparing bylaws and interpreting them, the following principles of interpretation … may be of assistance.” (p. 588)

Plan to attend a FREE educational program on interpretation of bylaws (p. 588-591)…to gain insight into the details!! Ask the entire board or the entire bylaws committee to attend! See program details below.

1. Ambiguity – Look for statements in various articles that do not agree. Get information on how to resolve this.
2. Meaning – Look for provisions that are susceptible to two meanings. The procedure for resolving this will be outlined.
3. General vs Specific – Look for statements that are general and other statements on the same subject that are specific. Learn which carries authority.
4. Authorized vs Prohibited – A statement of authorization can be carried how far. Get the details on how far and why!
5. Certain Privileges vs Greater Privileges – Where are the limits?? Learn how to state privileges to avoid problems.
7. Definition of Penalty – What terminology is preferred to cover all situations. Learn what terminology is inclusive and will stand being tested.

Wording used when writing, amending or revising bylaws must be carefully considered. It is advised to use “right” clarity and precision in word choice, sentence structure and punctuation. (p. 568) Punctuation has an important effect. “Each sentence should be written so as to be impossible to quote out of context; that is either its complete meaning should be clear without reference to sentences preceding or following…” (p. 568-569)

Mark your calendar and plan to attend on Monday, November 11, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. at the Heights Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 8600 Academy Road NE (Academy Road NE at Moon Street NE, east of Wyoming Boulevard NE). The educational program is FREE to the public, conducted from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., will be “Interpretation of Bylaws” presented by Daniel Ivey-Soto, Professional Registered Parliamentarian. This program will help your organization through the review and amendment of bylaws!

The Albuquerque Parliamentarian Unit (APU) offers short twenty-minute parliamentary programs to organizations. Contact Darlene Couchman, APU President at 505-821-2421 or <couchman@zianet.com> to schedule a program or contact Jan Strand, Treasurer of the New Mexico State Association of Parliamentarians at 505-821-5227 or <jan_str@msn.com>.
Neighborhood News is published monthly by the Office of Neighborhood Coordination (ONC), a division of the Planning Department, City of Albuquerque. Articles and information from neighborhood associations and others are welcome.

**ONC reserves the right to edit and/or reject any submissions.**

**Submissions Are Due By The 5th of Each Month**

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URL for printable Annual Report Form (pdf):
URL for neighborhood association individual maps:
<http://data.cabq.gov/community/neighborhoods/pdf/>
URL for “Neighborhood News” ONC newsletter:
<http://www.cabq.gov/planning/residents/neighborhood-newsletter>
URL for current Department Director List:
URL for Important Telephone Numbers List:
URL for On-going Sector Plans and other Planning Projects:
URL for Building and Safety Permit/Application Information:
<http://www.cabq.gov/planning/our-department/building-safety>

Upon request, the Neighborhood News is available in alternative formats. The Neighborhood News can be accessed at the City’s Website: <www.cabq.gov/planning/nbrcoord/newsletter.html>. (Available in HTML/PDF files, including archived editions.)