

# Neighborhood News

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**Richard J. Berry**  
Mayor of Albuquerque

## Mayor Berry's Community Call to Get Healthy & Fit

The simple act of putting one foot in front of the other makes you healthier, gives you more energy and makes you feel better and younger. Walking is also a great way to make new friends and see this beautiful city we are proud to call home.

We are all so busy it seems difficult and complicated at times to invest in our own well-being. The good news is that is about to change in Albuquerque. Getting healthier does not have to be hard or even complicated. It's as easy as lacing up a pair of shoes and taking a walk. The better news is that we are going to do it together and we are going to have fun and make new friends in the process!

Dr. Barry Ramo and I are challenging you to join us as we walk a few more steps every day on our way to better health with the new "Step It UPAlbuquerque!" initiative.

You can sign up as an individual, group or as a business and get started today!

For this initiative to grow we need team leaders from all over our city organizing regular neighborhood walks. You can be that leader – we need your help. When you sign up at <[stepitupabq.com](http://stepitupabq.com)> you have the option of starting or joining your very own walk groups – for organized daily, weekly or monthly walks – it's up to you.

Be a part of helping our city get healthier and more active. Sign up as a team leader today and get your neighborhood moving!

### Step It UPAlbuquerque!

For a **FREE** pedometer please register at our website <<http://stepitupabq.com>>.

Once registered please print your confirmation email or take in a print out of your My Journal page on the website and exchange it for a pedometer at any of the distribution locations listed on the website.

For more information please contact Amanda Barka at <[abarka@cabq.gov](mailto:abarka@cabq.gov)> or **505-768-3000**.





**APD Crime  
Prevention**

*Submitted By Steve Sink*



**Door-To-Door Solicitation**

Illegal or unauthorized door-to-door solicitation presents a possible unsafe situation in the residential setting. Individuals who represent themselves as a legitimate business are often times conducting fraudulent or potential criminal activity. This type of enterprise is less prevalent today so individual citizens should consider any unexpected knock at the door to be potentially suspicious. The following are suggestions about how to create and maintain a safe and secure residential environment and how to handle the unwanted or unauthorized solicitor.

- The average citizen can define and describe normal behavior and activity in their immediate area or block. Citizens should apply this knowledge to persons walking the neighborhood. Strangers or those people that do not belong should be noticed and observed for suspicious activity. If a person’s behavior is deemed to be abnormal or suspicious the citizen should call the non-emergency number **242-COPS**. If someone witnesses a crime in progress dial **911**.
- If the resident receives any knock at the door they should ALWAYS observe the area through a window or eye-viewer prior to opening the door – even if they are expecting a visitor. If an unfamiliar person is observed outside the residence the occupant should be very cautious about opening the door. If there is a security screen door with a deadbolt lock in place and the citizen feels comfortable with opening the door they should not engage the individual; rather politely ask them to leave. In the absence of a security screen door, they should notify the visitor they are unwelcome and ask them to leave the premises via the locked door and should never allow entry

for any reason. Once the person is asked to leave the resident should observe them leaving and be prepared to report suspicious activity to the police.

- It is important to note that a knock at the door should not go unanswered in some manner – whether through the security screen door or the main door. Criminals posing as a legitimate solicitor are looking for an empty house to eventually commit residential burglary. If the criminal breaks into an expected empty residence and finds an occupant the probability of a violent encounter is high.
- Home Invasions can be the result of a door-to-door solicitor. The criminal knocks on the door and through a variety of techniques persuades the resident to open the door. Once the door is open other individuals appear from obscured locations and force their way into the residence. If someone is at the door claiming to require assistance or some type of help especially late at night NEVER OPEN THE DOOR – call **911**.
- Citizens who have experienced an illegal solicitor or suspicious person should alert other neighbors in the immediate area.
- It is recommended that no one engage or enter into a discussion about the purchase of items or services from anyone who initiate contact with them. If items or services are needed citizens should pursue the purchase through established businesses. All frauds and scams originate from contact initiated by someone else.
- How to verify a solicitor’s legitimacy – All legitimate businesses in the City of Albuquerque must have a permit to operate, this includes the door-to-door solicitor per City Ordinance 13-3-1-1. *The Ordinance requires the individual to have on their person a permit that can be produced on request which includes photo identification. Any solicitor that claims not to have one or has left it in another location should be considered illegitimate. If you desire the right of privacy, posting a No Trespassing or No Soliciting sign on your premises must be observed by the solicitor. Solicitation is permitted only between the hours of 9 a.m. and sunset.*

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**Albuquerque Kennel  
Kompadres, Inc.**

*Submitted By Vickie Fisher*



**Lend a Paw – Be Part  
of the Solution!**

It's that time again. The Mayor and First Lady's Dog Ball. Mayor Richard J. Berry, First Lady Maria Berry and First Dog Skip invite you and your best friend to join them in helping the homeless animals in Albuquerque by being a part of the solution. Proceeds of this year's event will go towards the City's spay/neuter program.

You and your best friend will enjoy a fun evening together. The event begins with Yappy Hour complete with music and games and a doggie spa too. Live and silent auctions highlight a great dinner and a doggie fashion show tops the evening.

The Dog Ball is Saturday, April 6, 2013 at the Marriott Crowne Plaza Hotel. The event is hosted by Albuquerque Kennel Kompadres and the City's Animal Welfare Department. Sponsors are Clark's Pet Emporium and the Marriott Crowne Plaza. Individual tickets are \$100 (dogs are **FREE**). Gather your neighbors, friends or co-workers and purchase a table for 8 for \$750. A portion of each ticket is deductible for income tax purposes.

For more information call **505-897-0464** or dial **#311**. You may buy tickets online at [www.kennelkompadres.org](http://www.kennelkompadres.org).

**Legal**

**Alternative Dispute Resolution**

*Submitted By Shannon Beaucaire*

**The ADR Office would like to hear feedback  
from you about the Land Use Facilitation  
Program and Community Mediation Program.**

We want to make sure our service is meeting your needs. We would like to meet with your group or with you individually to get your input. We can come to you in the evening or whatever time is convenient for you.

Please contact Shannon at **505-768-4660** to arrange a date and time.

**Parks and Recreation,  
Open Space Division**

*Submitted By Kent Swanson*



**The 13th Annual Spring  
Clean-up in the Sandia  
Foothills**

*A Celebration of the Sandia Mountains and Open  
Space*

In the Sandia Foothills Open Space you can enjoy 2,650 acres of high desert landscapes and multi-use trails open to hikers, bikers and horseback riders. The Sandia Foothills is also the gateway to the Sandia Mountain Wilderness and offers many opportunities to enjoy nature. During the month of April you can help protect these landscapes by participating in the **13th Annual Spring Clean-up in the Foothills**. "I urge the citizens of Albuquerque to get outdoors and join the Parks and Recreation Department's Open Space Division in its annual spring cleaning of this local treasure," said Mayor Richard J. Berry.

**WHAT:** Volunteers will do general clean up activities such as trash pickup, trail work and graffiti removal. Donated morning snacks are provided courtesy of the Open Space Alliance and other local organizations and businesses. There will be door prizes awarded for the most unusual trash found each Saturday!

**WHEN:** Work days will be at the following locations east of Tramway Boulevard.

- April 6, 2013 at Copper Avenue NE.
- April 13, 2013 at Indian School Road NE.
- April 20, 2013 at Menaul Boulevard NE.
- April 27, 2013 at the Piedra Lisa Open Space (south of Candelaria Road NE and east of Camino de la Sierra NE)

Volunteers start signing in at 8:30 a.m. and work finishes around 12:30 p.m. Groups are welcome but parking is limited so **PLEASE CARPOOL!** For groups larger than ten people, please register by calling **505-452-5213** or e-mail [jsattler@cabq.gov](mailto:jsattler@cabq.gov).

**BRING:** Work gloves, water, appropriate clothing, sun protection, a sack lunch and sturdy shoes (no sandals).

In conjunction with our Foothills spring cleaning and Earth Day, we're celebrating our **5th Annual Recycled Art Fair Exhibit**. The Fair will take place on **April 27-28, 2013** at the Open Space Visitor Center located at 6500 Coors Boulevard NW.

Call **505-452-5200** or visit [www.cabq.gov/openspace](http://www.cabq.gov/openspace) for more information about this event and other City of Albuquerque Open Space volunteer opportunities.

**Albuquerque  
Fire  
Department**

*Submitted By Melissa Romero*

Neighborhood Association Representatives,

The Albuquerque Fire Department is very interested in speaking at your Neighborhood Association Meetings to communicate our mission, explain our services, fire safety topics, community risk reduction, up-coming department changes and listen to community issues or concerns. The Albuquerque Fire Department will usually assign the local, on-duty Battalion Commander to speak and will take up to 10-15 minutes of time to present information and answer questions.

If you would like to request a speaker, please e-mail AFD Public Affairs Officer Melissa Romero at <[melissaromero@cabq.gov](mailto:melissaromero@cabq.gov)>. Please include a date, time, location and interested topic(s). If the date requested is booked, we will contact you to arrange for an alternate date.

Sincerely,

Fire Chief James Breen

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**Solid Waste Management Department**

*Submitted By Bobby Sisneros*

**2013 Great American Cleanup**

Everyone wants to live, work and play in a clean and green community . . . and it's up to everyone to make it possible and improve the overall quality of life for us all.

We are proud to announce that this year's *Great American Clean Up* will take place on Saturday, April 27, 2013 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Neighborhoods can participate in the 2013 Great American Cleanup by contacting Mila Romero at **505-761-8167**.



**Planning Department**

*Submitted By Brennon Williams*

**Weed Season 2013**

Weed season in Albuquerque is just around the corner! Warmer temperatures result in the growth of all sorts of vegetation both wanted and unwanted. Please remember your responsibility to maintain your property in compliance with City of Albuquerque requirements by ensuring that any weeds with a height or spread of more than four (4) inches are removed from the following areas:

- Within the front, rear and/or side yards of your property;
- Between your property line(s) and the middle of the alley adjacent to your property;
- Between your property line(s) and the curb; or
- The area located ten feet outside your property line(s) if there is no curb (reference Section 9-8-4, ROA 1994).

Thank you in advance for your support and cooperation in protecting your neighborhood and community from blight and deteriorating conditions that have a negative impact on area property values and quality-of-life considerations.

If you have any questions please contact Brennon Williams, Code Compliance Manager at **505-924-3454**, e-mail to <[bnwilliams@cabq.gov](mailto:bnwilliams@cabq.gov)>.





## ABQ RIDE

Submitted By Rick De Reyes



### Want the Next Scheduled Buses for your Rapid Ride Stop? Just TXT2RIDE.

*You Only Need a Cell Phone with Texting to Know When Your Next Two Buses are Due*

In January, ABQ RIDE introduced different smartphone apps to help you easily locate your bus or plan your ride. But what if all you have is a cell phone with texting? Now ABQ RIDE has a way to use that texting to help you quickly find the next *scheduled* buses at your Rapid Ride stop.

It's called **TXT2RIDE** (TEXT 27433). You simply text your Rapid Ride Bus Stop Number (number pucks are currently at every Rapid Ride stop in the city) and after a space, the bus route number to **27433**. For instance, to find the next scheduled buses for the #766 Rapid Ride stop at Louisiana and Lomas, type in **7606 766**. In as little as 15 seconds you'll get a text back with your next two *scheduled* buses. If the bus stop serves more than one bus route you'll need to compose a separate text message for each route.

"**TXT2RIDE**, along with all of ABQ RIDE's smartphone apps, now makes it possible to know where and when your bus is scheduled to be. This is just one way the city is utilizing technology to create efficiencies," said Mayor Richard J. Berry. "This also brings us closer to my goal that citizens regard ABQ RIDE as their own personal transportation."

**TXT2RIDE** was developed in partnership with AT&T's Global Smart Messaging Suite. The cloud-based GSMS application easily integrated with ABQ RIDE's existing Google Transit route data format without any significant modifications. ABQ RIDE can also attach notices to the text message response if a route is on detour or experiencing a delay. ABQ RIDE doesn't charge a fee to use the **TXT2RIDE** service. Normal text messaging rates apply according to your mobile phone service provider and text message plan.

For now only the 58 Rapid Ride stops in Albuquerque have a round plastic puck with a blue-colored number identifying the stop. It's a tactile four-digit number posted on the bus stop pole about five feet above the ground with most pucks facing the sidewalk. The bus stop number is also provided in Type II Braille below the tactile number. This is currently a pilot program. By the end of 2014 all ABQ RIDE bus stops should have this bus stop number puck.

"With the addition of **TXT2RIDE**, ABQ RIDE's 13 million ridership now has unprecedented updated information on bus departures and alerts without needing a smartphone.," said Bruce Rizzieri, Director of ABQ RIDE. "And it can be accessed more quickly than waiting for information from **311**."

*ABQ RIDE is Albuquerque's principal form of public transportation. It boards over 13 million passengers a year and logs a daily average of 160,000 Passenger Miles on its buses.*

## Solid Waste Management Department

Submitted By Bobby Sisneros

### We are proud to announce this year's Spring Green Waste Collection!

Residents can recycle their green waste for **FREE** !

#### When:

May 6, 2013 - May 17, 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:

- May 6 - May 10, 2013
- May 13 - May 17, 2013

#### 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 won't pick up the following items:

- Dirt
- Construction Debris
- Gravel
- Construction Material
- Tree Stumps

For more information please visit <[www.cabq.gov/solidwaste](http://www.cabq.gov/solidwaste)>.

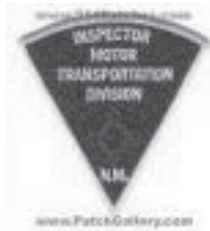
Metro Teen Court

Submitted By Joseph Dorn

Metro Teen Court Public Safety Day 5 at  
Target  
6100 Paseo Del Norte NE  
Saturday, May 25, 2013  
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.



Sponsored by the following organizations:





**City Council**

Council staff may be reached at **505-768-3100**. The agenda for an upcoming council meeting may be checked by calling **505-768-3100** after 1 p.m. on the Friday immediately prior to the council meeting. The City Council's fax number is **505-768-3227**. Agendas, Action Items and Summaries are available on the Council's webpage at [www.cabq.gov/council/counsched.html](http://www.cabq.gov/council/counsched.html).

**Your City 2013 Councilors:** (L to R, back row) Isaac Benton, District 3; Roxanna Meyers, District 2; Trudy Jones, District 8; Don Harris, District 9; Brad Winter, District 4; (L to R, seated) Michael Cook, District 7; Dan Lewis, President, District 5; Ken Sanchez, Vice President, District 1; Rey Garduño, District 6

**A Message From  
Your City Council**

*Submitted By Elaine Romero*

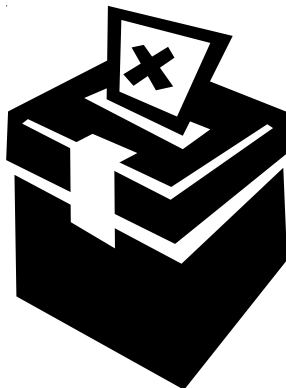
**Special Election on City Charter Amendment Wins**

A Special Municipal Election amending **ARTICLE II, SECTION 7 AND SECTION 8 OF THE ALBUQUERQUE CITY CHARTER** was held on Monday, March 11, 2013. A citizens' group circulated petitions in the Fall of 2012 proposing an amendment to the City Charter. In early December 2012, they were successful in gathering the required 12,091 signatures from registered voters in the City of Albuquerque to put the change on the ballot.

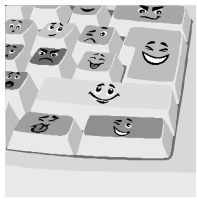

The proposal was to increase the percentage of the vote required to be elected as Mayor or City Councilor. The amendment modified the current election process for Mayoral and City Councilor positions to require 50% rather than the current 40% needed by a candidate to be declared the winner of a race. Currently candidates for Mayor or City Council are elected if they receive the largest number of votes cast for the office and at least 40% of the total number of votes. If no candidate receives 40% of the vote the City has to hold a runoff election. Petitioners proposed increasing the requirement to 50% of the vote and if a candidate does not receive 50% of the votes cast during the regular election a runoff election will be held.

The Special Election was administered as a mail ballot election. There were no Early Voting locations and no polling places on Election Day. The City Clerk began mailing ballots to registered voters within the City on February 12, 2013. Ballots were due back to the City Clerk by 7 p.m. on Election Day, March 11, 2013.

The Office of the City Clerk has reported that the amendment results are 32,055 For and 25,844 Against, winning support of the voters by 55%. City Council District Eight, the Far Northeast Heights was the only District that opposed the amendment by 55%. The biggest margin of support by 71% came from District Three, the far Southwest Mesa.



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<p><b>Wednesday, March 20</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•DRB – 9 a.m.</li> <li>•SEPC – 9 a.m.</li> <li>•EPC Pre-Hearing – 1:30 p.m.</li> <li>•District 4 Coalition – 7 p.m.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Monday, April 1</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•City Council – 5 p.m.</li> <li>•April Fool's Day</li> </ul> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p><b>Wednesday, April 10</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•DRB – 9 a.m.</li> <li>•SEPC – 9 a.m.</li> <li>•LUCC – 3 p.m.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Wednesday, April 17</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•DRB – 9 a.m.</li> <li>•EPC Pre-Hearing – 1:30 p.m.</li> <li>•East Gateway Coalition – 6:30 p.m.</li> <li>•District 4 Coalition – 7 p.m.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Thursday, March 21</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•AAB – 9 a.m.</li> </ul>		<p><b>Thursday, April 11</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•EPC Public Hearing – 8:30 a.m.</li> <li>•POC – 4 p.m.</li> <li>•South Valley Coalition – 6:30 p.m.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Thursday, April 18</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•AAB – 9 a.m.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Tuesday, March 26</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•BOA – 9 a.m.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Wednesday, April 3</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•DRB – 9 a.m.</li> <li>•SEPC – 9 a.m.</li> <li>•Westside Coalition – 7 p.m.</li> <li>•District 7 Coalition – 7 p.m.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Monday, April 15</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•City Council – 5 p.m.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Tuesday, April 23</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•BOA – 9 a.m.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Wednesday, March 27</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•DRB – 9 a.m.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Thursday, April 4</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•EPC Case Distribution – 3 p.m.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Tuesday, April 16</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•ZHE – 9 a.m.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Wednesday, April 24</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•DRB – 9 a.m.</li> <li>•SEPC – 9 a.m.</li> </ul> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>

### 2013 CALENDAR/LEGEND

**AAB** - Airport Advisory Board, Aviation Department Executive Conference Room  
**ACCC** - Albuquerque Citizens Corp. Council, 1615 University Boulevard NE (Association of General Contractors Building Branch), **505-610-9563**  
**ADC** - Albuquerque Development Commission - Hearing Room (Basement Level), Plaza del Sol, 600 Second Street NW  
**BOA** - Board of Appeals, Plaza del Sol Hearing Room, Basement Level, 600 Second Street NW  
**City Council** - Vincent E. Griego Council Chambers, Basement Level, City Hall  
**District 4 Coalition** - North Domingo Baca Multigenerational Center, Community Room, 7521 Carmel Avenue NE  
**District 6 Coalition** - EXPO NM, Alice B. Hopes Pavilion on San Pedro NE and Copper NE  
**District 7 Coalition** - Grant Middle School, Library, 1111 Easterday NE  
**District 8 Coalition** - James Joseph Dwyer Police Memorial Substation, 12700 Montgomery Boulevard NE  
**DRB** - Development Review Board, Plaza del Sol Hearing Room (Basement Level), 600 Second Street NW  
**East Gateway Coalition** - Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center, 501 Elizabeth Street SE  
**EPC** - Environmental Planning Commission, Plaza del Sol Hearing Room, (Basement Level), 600 Second Street NW  
**EPC Pre-Hearing** - Plaza del Sol, 600 Second Street NW, Third Floor, Conference Room  
**EPC Study Session** - Planning Department, Plaza del Sol, Hearing Room, (Basement Level), 600 Second Street NW  
**LUCC** - Landmarks and Urban Conservation Commission, Plaza del Sol, Hearing Room (Basement Level), 600 Second Street NW  
**POC** - Police Oversight Commission, City/County Building, Lower Level, 1 Civic Plaza, Fifth and Marquette  
**SEPC** - Special Events Permitting Committee - 6th floor, Cultural Services Department Conference Room, City Hall, Fifth and Marquette  
**SVCNA** - South Valley Coalition of Neighborhood Associations, Sheriff's Department South Area Command, 2039 Isleta Boulevard SW  
**Westside Coalition** - Don Newton/Taylor Ranch Community Center, 4900 Kachina Drive NW  
**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 **2<sup>nd</sup> 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 **1<sup>st</sup> Thursday** prior to the EPC Public Hearing.

**On the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 **2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month**.

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 **April 11, 2013 at 8:30 a.m.** in the **Planning Department Hearing Room**, (basement level), **600 Second Street NW** for the following cases:

*Northeast*

**North Domingo Baca, District 4 Coalition of NA's (neighborhood/homeowner association/coalition); 13EPC-40101, Project #1003532 (case #'s)**; Approximately .886 acres located on Holly Avenue NE between Louisiana Boulevard NE and Wyoming Boulevard NE (**location of request**); C-19 (**zone atlas page #**); Slagle Herr Architects at **505-228-8707**, agent for Ross Hohr (**applicant or agency and phone #**); Requests a Site Development Plan for Building Permit for a proposed new single story pediatric dentist office – 3150 square foot and a new single story orthodontics clinic – 3520 square foot (**action requested**); Carrie Barkhurst at **505-924-3879**, e-mail: <kcbarkhurst@cabq.gov>. (**City staff planner**)

**No NA/HOA's, North Valley Coalition; 13EPC-40100, Project #1008519**; Approximately 5.5 acre(s) located on the southbound I-25 Frontage Road NE between Montano Road NE and Office Boulevard NE; C-19; Bohannon Huston, Inc. at **505-823-1000**, agent for Motorplex Real Estate Ltd., Co.; Requests a Site Development Plan for Subdivision to divide the approximately 5.5 acres of land into three (3) tracts, one of which will contain the previously approved Cheddar's Restaurant development; Carrie Barkhurst at **505-924-3879**, e-mail: <kcbarkhurst@cabq.gov>.

**Fair Heights, District 7 Coalition of NA's; 13EPC-40097, 40098, 40099, Project #1009600**; Approximately 1.38 acre(s) located at 5600 Alice Avenue NE between Alvarado Drive NE and Cardenas Drive NE; J-18; DAC Zoning and Land Use Services at **505-294-5243**, agent for Southwest Regional Council of Carpenters; Requests a Site Development Plan for Building Permit, Zone Map Amendment from O-1 and Parking to SU-1 for Townhouses – 24 Dwelling Units Maximum and a Site Development Plan for Subdivision for a proposed 24 unit – two and three bedroom townhouses; Chris Hyer at **505-924-3927**, e-mail: <chyer@cabq.gov>.

*Northwest*

**Alvarado Gardens, Rio Grande Blvd., Thomas Village, North Valley Coalition; 13EPC-40104, Project #1009204**; Approximately 1.066 acre(s) located at 2334 Rio Grande Boulevard NW between Matthew Avenue NW and Contreras Place NW; G-12-13; Garrett Smith at **505-766-6968**, agent for Casas Jardines, LLC/Acequia Jardin, LLC; An Administrative Amendment Submittal

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was approved in error and the DRB determined that this Site Development Plan for Subdivision requires EPC Approval for the approved site plan except for the drawing of lot lines for the ten residences at Rio Grande Boulevard NW; Catalina Lehner at 505-924-3935, e-mail: <clehner@cabq.gov>.

**Los Volcanes, Laurelwood, Parkway, South Valley Coalition of NA's, South West Alliance of Neighbors (SWAN), Westside Coalition of NA's; 13EPC-40102, 40103, Project #1006761;** Approximately 8.9 acres located on Fortuna Road NW between 76<sup>th</sup> Street NW and I-40 Freeway; J-10; Consensus Planning, Inc. at 505-764-9801, agent for Lord Constructors, Inc.; Requests a Zone Map Amendment from SU-1 For IP to SU-1 for IP with Truck Sales and Service and a Site Development Plan for Building Permit for a proposed Inland Kenworth Dealership by expanding the project to include two acres and increase the size of the building; Randall Falkner at 505-924-3933, e-mail: <rfalkner@cabq.gov>.

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**Parks and Recreation**

*Submitted By Kimberly Selving*

**Announcing a TEMPORARY CLOSURE** of the  
Open Space Visitor Center for Facility Improvements



**WHAT:** TEMPORARY CLOSURE of the Open Space Visitor Center.

**WHERE:** Open Space Visitor Center, 6500 Coors Boulevard NW between Montaña Road NW and Paseo del Norte NW at the end of Bosque Meadows Road NW.

**WHEN:** Monday, March 4, 2013 – Friday, April 5, 2013.

**INSTRUCTION:** Call 505-897-8831 or visit <[www.cabq.gov/openspace](http://www.cabq.gov/openspace)> for updates.

**CONTACT:** Jodi Hedderig, Parks and Recreation Department, Open Space Division, 505-897-8831, e-mail to <[jhedderig@cabq.gov](mailto:jhedderig@cabq.gov)> or visit our website at <[www.cabq.gov/openspace](http://www.cabq.gov/openspace)>.

The Open Space Visitor Center will be closed beginning Monday, March 4, 2013. Reopening is scheduled for Saturday, April 6, 2013. Improvement to the main entrance road the scale of which prevents cars from driving on the road to access the facility is the reason for the temporary closure.

Improvements will include permeable paving stones on the driveway which will decrease dust, provide a smoother transition onto pavement and is a more sustainable (and less water-intensive) way to manage the roadway. The design will decrease erosion and improve the overall drainage in this part of the facility grounds.

Your patience is appreciated. We look forward to seeing you in April for a full menu of programming, including Attracting Hummingbirds to your Backyard, Permaculture for Kids, the Wanagi Wolf Fund's Wolf Meet and Greet, Volunteer Trainings and of course our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Recycled Art Fair with its companion Gallery Show "Revived! Lost, Found and Reinvented Objects of Art."

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**Reopening on Saturday, April 6, 2013  
at 9 a.m.**



Mid-Region Council of Governments

Submitted By Aaron Sussman



Public Meetings for Paseo del Norte High Capacity Transit Study

The Mid-Region Council of Governments is considering premium transit alternatives for connecting northwest Albuquerque with the North I-25/Journal Center area and other destinations west of the Rio Grande. With congestion on the region's river crossings worsening over time, the Paseo del Norte High Capacity Transit Study is designed to provide an affordable and reliable transit alternative for Westside residents. The next phase of the study considers how the proposed short list of alignments would integrate with existing transit services, travel times to key destinations, operating costs and service characteristics such as frequency.

Two Open House/Public Meetings have been scheduled on Wednesday, March 27, 2013 to present the alternatives and recent progress on the Study.

Open House/Public Meetings

Wednesday, March 27, 2013

Time: 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. (presentation at 12 p.m.)
Location: Dekker/Perich/Sabbatini Offices 7601 Jefferson NE, Suite 100

Time: 4:30 p.m. – 7 p.m. (presentation at 6 p.m.)
Location: Northwest Albuquerque Police Substation 10401 Cibola Loop NW

To learn more about the study please visit the MRCOG website <www.mrcog-nm.gov>. If you would like to provide feedback, have questions about the public meeting or would like to schedule a presentation for your organization or community group, contact Tony Sylvester at 505-247-1750 or e-mail to <tsylvester@mrcog-nm.gov>.

Planning Department

Submitted By Dalaina Carmona

Annual Reports Due to ONC

Just a reminder: As of this publication date, all recognized and unrecognized neighborhood/homeowners associations and coalitions need to submit a "Yearly Annual Report Form for Neighborhood, Homeowner Associations and Coalitions" in order to maintain their "R" recognized and/or "active" status on our list. We will need the original Annual Report and a copy of the announcement of your Annual Meeting submitted to our office before your Annual Report will be approved for the year. Please make sure that you have the correct contact information (i.e., addresses, name, phone numbers and e-mail address) listed for your officers on your Annual Report. Please call Dalaina at 505-924-3914 if you have any questions.

Please mail to: Office of Neighborhood Coordination
Attn: Dalaina Carmona
600 Second Street NW
Room 120, (Basement Level)
Albuquerque, NM 87102

Annual Meeting

- January
February
March
April
May
June
July
August
September
October
November
December

Due to ONC

- April 1
May 1
June 1
July 1
August 1
September 1
October 1
November 1
December 1
January 1
February 1
March 1

FYI: If you post your "Annual Meeting" date on your NA Marquee please take a picture as that will be your proof of notification to ONC when filing your Annual Report Form.

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