

# Neighborhood News

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**Richard J. Berry**  
Mayor of Albuquerque



## Rio Grande Vision and 50-Mile Loop Plans Available for Review



ABQ the Plan is the City of Albuquerque's long-term plan to invest in the future of Albuquerque. ABQ the Plan is about large scale public projects that will increase quality of life for residents, enhance economic development opportunities, promote tourism and spur private sector investments.

### The Rio Grande Vision and the 50-Mile Loop

The City began working with consultant teams in August of 2012 and along with community input we have come up with drafts of the Rio Grande Vision and 50-Mile Loop plans, which will be posted on the City website in Mid-May.

### How to view these plans

Please visit our website at <[ABQthePlan.cabq.gov](http://ABQthePlan.cabq.gov)> to view and comment on these plans. Comments will be accepted until Friday, June 7, 2013. Comments may be emailed to <[theplan@cabq.gov](mailto:theplan@cabq.gov)> or mailed to City of Albuquerque, Mayor's Office, P.O. Box 1293, Albuquerque NM 87103.

### About these plans

The **Rio Grande Vision** is a conceptual plan for the future of the Rio Grande and Bosque with a goal of bringing the river more into our daily lives by connecting people to the Bosque and River, protecting the natural environment through conservation and exciting the community with education and new amenities. The focus is to make improvements in key areas primarily the bridge crossings while keeping the areas in between natural. Please visit the project website <[www.riograndevision.com](http://www.riograndevision.com)> for more information.

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APD Crime Prevention

Submitted By Steve Sink



Personal Safety Awareness

Away from your residence:

- Always be aware of your surroundings and trust your instincts.
Be aware of other people around you and make note of their behavior.
Walk with authority and purpose while noticing people and activity around you.
Have your keys ready when approaching your vehicle (and residence) and do not have several items in your hands.
Lock all personal items in the trunk or away from view - roll up windows, lock doors and take keys.
Park in well lit areas with a lot of activity. Park as close to the entrance as possible.

- Avoid carrying a purse whenever possible. Place wallet and/or money and credit cards in a front pocket or jacket pocket. Carry only items necessary for a particular outing.
If you must carry a purse, never leave it open; carry it close to your body with flap facing inward; and place strap around your shoulder (never wrap it around your body or neck).
If you carry a defensive object (pepper spray, etc.) have proper training first.
Use personal body alarm, whistle, etc.
Notify a trusted neighbor or family member where you are going and when you are expected back.
If you notice a suspicious person or activity in a parking lot near your car return to the store and ask for an escort and notify security or store management.

In Your Vehicle:

- Keep all doors locked.
Place purse and other valuables out of sight (when traveling and parked).
Don't travel in curbside lane especially at a stoplight.
Be aware of your surroundings when stopped at a light - be aware of people approaching your car.
Don't stop too close to the car in front of you. Allow enough space to "pull around."
If you are followed, drive to a safe, active and well lit location (don't drive home) and quickly leave your vehicle and go inside to call the police and request assistance or stay in the locked vehicle and draw attention.
Use a cell phone to call the police but don't let it distract your driving.
Avoid any confrontation while driving, no matter how minor.

At your residence:

- Get to know your neighbor and establish trusted relationships. Encourage them to watch out for you, your family and your residence. Consider starting a Neighborhood Watch Program.
Make sure the lighting on the exterior of the residence illuminates the entire area.
Each entrance should have solid core doors and deadbolt locks with a minimum of a one-inch throw.
All primary window locks should be operational and secondary locks should be installed.
Trim all bushes down and up from the ground. Trim trees up 6-8 feet from the ground.
Place lights, radios and TV on timers to give the appearance someone is home when away.
Don't stop mail and newspaper delivery. Have a trusted neighbor collect them and place/remove trash carts in the typical location when away. Also, ask them to keep an eye on your residence.
Let neighbors, family and friends know when you will return from a trip.

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**Message from the Mayor - continued from front cover**

The **50-Mile Loop** Plan will provide guidance on completing and improving a 50-mile bicycling, running and walking trail around Albuquerque to promote health and recreation and provide a destination for tourists. With city, agency and community input, the project team has arrived at a final 50-mile alignment or route. On the map the sections show existing trail facilities and the sections are the gaps needed to complete the 50-Mile Loop.

In addition, existing infrastructure and safety conditions have been evaluated. The plan also looks at identifying funding sources and amenities.

**Community Involvement**

The City held community meetings for the Rio Grande Vision and the 50-Mile Loop and updates have been posted in neighborhood newsletters, e-newsletters on the City Website, Facebook and Twitter.

In addition, the Rio Grande Vision team formed a steering committee comprised of various community leaders and advocates for the Rio Grande and Bosque and a Technical Committee that included project professionals from the various land and water management agencies (MRGCD, US Army Corps of Engineers, US Bureau of Reclamation, City of Albuquerque Open Space, etc.).

The 50-Mile Loop team also presented to the Greater Albuquerque Bicycling Advisory Committee (GABAC) and Greater Albuquerque Recreational Trails Committee (GARTC), and formed an ad-hoc committee representing these and other trail user groups.



**Legal**

**Alternative Dispute Resolution**

*Submitted By Shannon Beaucaire*

**Community Mediation Program**

Have you ever noticed the things your neighbors do – from the way they mow (or don't mow) their lawns, to the way they let their dog bark all night long – can be an irritation and source of stress? Often times, these minor annoyances are not addressed and



silent resentment begins to build up, leading to additional frustration and anger. Sometimes simply talking with your neighbors isn't enough to work out disputes and you both must find some way to live together despite your differences.

That is where our Community Mediation Program comes in. With the guidance of professionally trained mediators, neighbors can come together in a neutral setting to resolve their dispute in a way that encourages creativity, communication and cooperation. The effectiveness of mediation is directly related to the desire to settle their differences permanently, without the cost and hassle of the alternatives such as lawsuits, police intervention, moving or continued stress. Because mediation is active, requiring the consent and satisfaction of both parties, resolution reached by neighbors is more satisfying because it meets the unique needs and interests of each neighbor.

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

**Cultural Services Department, Special Events**

*Submitted By Alec Jamerson*

**Blues at the Bluseum**

Sunday, June 2, 2013 - 3 p.m. – 9 p.m.

*Anderson-Abruzzo Albuquerque International Balloon Museum*

On Sunday, June 2, 2013 Albuquerque's spectacular Balloon Museum is turning into the "Bluseum" from 3 p.m. - 9 p.m. Join the City of Albuquerque for Blues at the Bluseum featuring TWO national headliners: Lil' Ed and the Blues Imperials Band and Joe Louis Walker! Relax on the Balloon Museum's expansive lawn with its incredible view of the Sandia Mountains while enjoying a great afternoon of blues, food and local microbrews.

Admission: Adults \$12, Children 12 and under \$7. Purchase tickets now at <<http://holdmyticket.com/event/134842>>.

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**Heights Summerfest**

Saturday, June 15, 2013 - 5 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.

*Wyoming Boulevard north of Paseo Del Norte*

New this year! Mayor Richard J. Berry invites you to a blazin' Summerfest in Albuquerque Heights, with hot, live entertainment from several bands including the Big Bad Voodoo Daddy - Rattle Them Bones – 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary tour. Enjoy food and drink specials from local vendors, family activities and more! So, come get your fest on in the Heights this summer!

Admission: **FREE**.

For more information call **311**, visit <[CultureABQ.com](http://CultureABQ.com)> or <<http://Facebook.com/abqspcialevents/events>>.

**ABQ RIDE**

*Submitted By Rick De Reyes*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Round of Public Meetings Continues for Central Avenue Bus Rapid Transit Concept**

The Transit Department, ABQ RIDE, will continue to explore Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Service along Central Avenue with three more public input meetings through the end of May.

Cities throughout the United States are implementing BRT service as a key means of enhancing their respective transportation networks and as a component of urban corridor redevelopment plans a BRT system provides more timely service than a regular bus line through the use of dedicated lanes, at least for a significant portion of the route and strategically-located stations that are not just stops.

During the first round of public meetings in November and December 2012, citizens heard about and gave feedback on what constitutes Bus Rapid Transit. Some of its hallmarks are:

1. Boarding platforms level with the floor of the bus easing and speeding the boarding process.
2. Off-bus fare collection enabling riders to purchase tickets outside the bus reducing waiting time to get on the bus.
3. A smart signal system allowing buses to communicate with traffic signals and reducing delays.

In this second round of public meetings, Transit will present two basic alternatives for how Bus Rapid Transit could be constructed on Central Avenue within the existing curb lines and discuss the balance between transit and the other functions of the street. Transit is seeking public input on such things as:

1. Dedicated lane configurations.
2. What considerations contribute to good station locations?

The remaining public input meetings are scheduled as follows:

• **Wednesday, May 22, 2013, 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.:**  
*Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center – 501 Elizabeth Street SE.*

• **Tuesday, May 28, 2013, 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.:**  
*Alamosa Community Center – 6900 Gonzales Road SW.*

• **Wednesday, May 29, 2013, 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.:**

*Albuquerque Museum of Art and History, Ventana Salon – 2000 Mountain Road NW.*

Look for notices on <[www.myabqride.com](http://www.myabqride.com)>, ads in the Albuquerque Journal and other media with dates, locations and times of future meetings. We value your input. That's why we hope to see you at one of these meetings; to help a growing city plan for a future with even better transit services.

**Planning Department**

*Submitted By Maggie Gould*

**East Gateway Sector Development Plan**

The amendments for the East Gateway Sector Development Plan (EGSDP) propose several minor changes for clarification. These include building standards near single-family residential use, addressing the letter height for signs and clarifying the language in the EG-C-2 zone regarding alcoholic drink sales for on-premise consumption, (e.g., restaurant).

The amendments also propose a process for major and minor deviations from dimensional standards such as setback or height. The EGSDP does not provide a process for deviations. This has presented a problem for sites that cannot comply with standards of the plan as they are current written because of unique lot conditions or other factors.

The proposal would allow deviations of 25% or less to any dimensional standard to be approved by the Planning Director or referred to EPC if deemed appropriate by the Director. This is similar to the current Administrative Amendment process. Deviations of more than 25% would go the Environmental Planning Commission for a Public Hearing.

In order for the Planning Director or the EPC to grant a Deviation, the applicant would have to demonstrate that their project still meets the applicable intent, goals and policies of the EGSDP. None of these proposed amendments will change the underlying zoning designation on any property. These amendments are based on feedback from various stakeholders, including members of the public, property owners, developers, and Planning department staff.

If you have questions, comments or concerns please contact: Maggie Gould at **505-924-3910** or by e-mail to: <[mgould@cabq.gov](mailto:mgould@cabq.gov)>.

**Mayor's Office, M.O.V.E. Coordinator**

*Submitted By Amanda Barka*

**West Central Road Safety Audit: Focus on Pedestrian Safety**

The West Central Road Safety Audit has been an intensive evaluation of pedestrian safety along Central Avenue between Sunset Road and Coors Boulevard. The basic steps of a road safety audit involve forming a multi-disciplinary team to do the evaluation, examining preliminary data – such as crash reports, going out and watching people's behavior on the road and then preparing a report of findings with recommendations.

This past March, seven different City of Albuquerque departments along with Bernalillo County, Mid-Region Council of Governments, New Mexico Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) teamed up for two-and-a-half days of field observations on West Central.

The expectations were high for the field observations since two nationally recognized pedestrian safety experts from the FHWA were leading the effort. However, West Central presented many large challenges.

A few of the findings include:

- High numbers of pedestrians are not crossing at signalized intersections but drivers at signalized intersections are not yielding to pedestrian in the crosswalk.
- Signalized intersections are very far apart and large raised medians facilitated pedestrians crossing mid-block.
- There are many opportunities for motor vehicles to turn into a driveway which introduces opportunities for pedestrian-motorist conflicts.
- Finally, the intersection of Yucca, Central and Old Coors is particularly problematic with the legs from Yucca and Old Coors off-set.

In the next month, the FHWA will present a report of findings and recommendations for West Central. At that time the City of Albuquerque and New Mexico Department of Transportation will see how the recommendations can be implemented.

The team involved in the audit hope to take the experience and see how other roadways can be evaluated for safety improvements.

West Central was selected because of the high numbers of pedestrian-motor vehicle crashes. Other areas in the City were also identified as needing pedestrian safety evaluations.

The impetus behind pursuing an audit came from the FHWA. The City of Albuquerque has been identified as a 'Focus City' for pedestrian safety improvements. This has been due to high numbers of pedestrian fatalities resulting for auto crashes. The City of Albuquerque along with the other agencies involved in the West Central Road Safety Audit are working towards turning this trend around and making roadways in the City safer for everyone.

Although, we encourage people to start walking more, please be safe!



**Please be safe when walking!!!**



**Capital Improvement Program (CIP)**

*Submitted By Donna Prieto-Altamirano*

**Approved 2013 General Obligation Bond Program**

Below is a list of the Approved 2013 General Obligation Bond Program. For a hard copy of the program, you may contact Barbara Taylor, CIP Official, CIP Division, Department of Municipal Development at <[btaylor@cabq.gov](mailto:btaylor@cabq.gov)> or **505-768-3830**. We expect the program to be available on the City's Webpage at <<http://www.cabq.gov/municipaldevelopment/programs/programs>> by the end of May 2013.

<b><u>PROJECT TITLE</u></b>	<b><u>AMOUNT</u></b>
<b><u>DMD / Streets</u></b>	
Lomas Corridor Master Plan	\$500,000
Osuna Road Widening	\$300,000
University Boulevard Multi-Modal Improvements	\$400,000
Unser Improvements (Central to I-40)	\$500,000
Chappell Road	\$500,000
Irving and Universe Intersection	\$400,000
Alameda Boulevard Widening	\$700,000
Reconstruct Major Streets	\$2,000,000
Reconstruct Major Intersections	\$2,000,000
Advance Transportation Planning and Engineering (Streets)	\$400,000
Advance Right-of-Way Acquisition (Streets)	\$1,000,000
Major Paving Rehabilitation	\$4,800,000
Intersection Signalization	\$2,300,000
Albuquerque Traffic Management System/ Intelligent Traffic System (ITS)	\$1,000,000
Bridge Repair	\$900,000
Avalon Reconstruction	\$900,000
Mandatory Sign Replacement (Federal Mandate)	\$1,300,000
Sidewalk Improvements	\$425,000
Safety and Intersection Improvements	\$2,000,000
Traffic Sign Replacement / Pavement Markings	\$1,000,000
Replace Street Maintenance Equipment	\$1,400,000
Street Lighting	\$425,000
Neighborhood Traffic Improvements	\$400,000
Median and Interstate Landscaping	\$2,000,000
Irving Boulevard Widening	\$500,000
Intersection Level of Service (LOS) Project	\$200,000
Great Streets Program	\$400,000
Rainbow Boulevard Improvements	\$500,000
Trails and Bikeways (5% Mandate)	\$1,720,000
North Eubank Blvd. Median Landscaping Renovation	\$150,000
Alameda Blvd. Median Landscaping	\$500,000
Eagle Ranch Road Median Landscaping	\$300,000
Zuni Road Safety Improvements	\$800,000
District 1 Median and Street Improvements	\$750,000
Paseo del Volcan	\$800,000
Santa Barbara / Martineztown Road Safety Improvements	\$150,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$34,320,000</b>
<b><u>DMD / Storm Drainage</u></b>	
NPDES Stormwater Quality MS4 Permit Compliance	\$1,500,000
Martineztown Storm Drain Rehabilitation	\$1,000,000
Pump Station Rehabilitation	\$250,000
Emergency Action Plans for City Dams	\$125,000
Dam Rehabilitation	\$250,000
Advanced Planning and Engineering	\$300,000

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Tower SW Regional Storm Drain	\$800,000
Osuna Blvd Storm Drain	\$900,000
Storm System Water Quality Facilities and Low Impact Retrofit for Municipal Facilities	\$400,000
North Diversion Channel / Indian School Water Quality Pond	\$1,000,000
West Central Storm Drains	\$1,000,000
Loma Hermosa NW Flooding Relief	\$475,000
Mid-Valley Storm Drainage Improvements	\$1,000,000
West I-40 Diversion Channel	\$1,000,000

**TOTAL    \$10,000,000**

### **Parks & Recreation**

Balloon Fiesta Park Improvements	\$1,500,000
Shooting Range Facility Renovation	\$100,000
Swimming Pool Renovation	\$750,000
Park Renovation	\$1,500,000
Open Space Land Acquisition, Fencing and Protection	\$750,000
Recreation Facility and Los Altos Park Development and Renovation	\$650,000
Median and Trail Renovation	\$700,000
New Park Development and Land Acquisition	\$300,000
118th Street Regional Sports Complex Master Plan	\$150,000
Santa Barbara / Martineztown Parks Master Plan	\$45,000
Martineztown Park, Phase 3	\$250,000
Highland Park Renovation	\$400,000
Academy Hills Park Walking Path & Irrigation Improvements	\$200,000
Sid Cutter Memorial	\$175,000
Ridgeview Village Park Renovation	\$200,000
Four Hills Park	\$250,000
West Side Parks	\$2,000,000
Parks and Recreation Department Vehicle and Equipment Set Aside	\$1,000,000

**TOTAL    \$10,920,000**

### **Public Safety**

#### **Fire**

Fire Apparatus Replacement	\$3,295,300
Fire Facility Rehabilitation and Renovation	\$750,000
Cardiac Monitor Replacement	\$910,000
Computer and Communications Upgrade	\$544,700
Fire Station 9 Land Acquisition	\$800,000

**Sub-total    \$6,300,000**

#### **Police**

Marked and Unmarked Vehicle Replacement	\$4,200,000
Expansion of the Emergency Communications Center	\$500,000

**Sub-total    \$4,700,000**

**TOTAL    \$11,000,000**

### **ABQ Ride / Transit**

Revenue and Support Vehicle Replacement / Expansion	\$4,000,000
Transit Facility Rehabilitation	\$350,000
Park and Ride Development, Rehabilitation and Equipment	\$250,000
Maintenance Equipment Upgrades and Improvements	\$400,000
San Mateo / Jefferson Alternative Analysis (Phase I)	\$500,000

**TOTAL    \$5,500,000**

**Community Facilities**

**Animal Welfare**

Animal Shelter Rehabilitation and Equipment	\$600,000
Animal Welfare Renovation and Repair	\$800,000
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$1,400,000</b>

**Cultural Services**

Renovation & Repair (BioPark)	\$3,500,000
Balloon Museum Exhibit Development	\$250,000
KIMO Theatre Renovation	\$100,000
Library Renovation and Repair	\$500,000
Cherry Hills Library Improvements	\$250,000
Juan Tabo Library Improvements	\$315,000
Library Materials	\$2,750,000
Library Automation	\$500,000
Albuquerque Museum History Exhibit Renovation	\$1,200,000
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$9,365,000</b>

**DMD – Facilities, Energy & Security**

Replacement Vehicles (DMD)	\$100,000
City Building Improvement and Rehabilitation	\$900,000
Parking Facilities Rehabilitation and Upgrade	\$100,000
Plaza del Sol Stucco, Phase II	\$50,000
Security Improvements and Rehabilitation	\$50,000
Roof Repairs for City Facilities	\$50,000
High Flow Fixture Replacement	\$50,000
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$1,300,000</b>

**Environmental Health**

Health and Safety Equipment, Vehicles and Facilities	\$355,000
Los Angeles Landfill Remediation	\$200,000
EPA Ozone Mandate	\$50,000
Westside Air Quality Building Rehabilitation	\$145,000
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$750,000</b>

**Family & Community Services**

Renovation and Repair: Existing FCS and Health and Social Service Facilities	\$1,500,000
Pat Hurley Community Center	\$250,000
Dennis Chavez Community Center	\$600,000
Singing Arrow Community Center	\$1,000,000
Westgate Community Center	\$500,000
Vehicle and Equipment Replacement: FCS	\$150,000
Affordable Housing	\$2,500,000
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$6,500,000</b>

**Finance & Administrative Services**

Business Application Technology	\$750,000
IT Infrastructure Upgrade	\$2,000,000
Central Avenue Broadband / WiFi, Phase I	\$1,000,000
3% for Energy Conservation Program	\$3,450,000
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$7,200,000</b>

**Planning**

Comprehensive Community Planning / Revitalization	\$500,000
Electronic Plan Review (ePlan)	\$225,000



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Albuquerque Geographic Information System (AGIS)	\$550,000
Permitting Software	\$150,000
Downtown Revitalization	\$250,000
Railyard Improvements & Renovations	\$350,000
El Vado / Casa Grande Redevelopment Project	\$450,000
West Central Redevelopment Project	\$500,000
North Fourth Street Redevelopment	\$75,000
Downtown Lighting Upgrades	\$300,000
Economic Development / Revitalization	\$1,500,000
East Gateway Metropolitan Redevelopment Area	\$800,000
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$5,650,000</b>

### Senior Affairs

Senior Affairs Facility Renovation / Rehabilitation	\$1,000,000
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$33,165,000</b>

### Council-Neighborhood Set-Aside

#### Council District 1

Public Safety Projects	\$25,000
Senior, Family, Community Center and Community Enhancement Projects	\$175,000
Parks and Recreation Projects	\$200,000
Library Projects	\$400,000
Street Projects	\$200,000
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>

#### Council District 2

Senior, Family, Community Center and Community Enhancement Projects	\$1,000,000
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>

#### Council District 3

Senior, Family, Community Center and Community Enhancement Projects	\$500,000
Parks and Recreation Projects	\$150,000
Library Projects	\$150,000
Street Projects	\$200,000
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>

#### Council District 4

Parks and Recreation Projects	\$400,000
Library Projects	\$100,000
Street Projects	\$500,000
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>

#### Council District 5

Public Safety Projects	\$200,000
Senior, Family, Community Center and Community Enhancement Projects	\$25,000
Parks and Recreation Projects	\$350,000
Library Projects	\$200,000
Street Projects	\$225,000
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>

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**Council District 6**

Public Safety Projects	\$100,000
Parks and Recreation Projects	\$200,000
Library Projects	\$200,000
Street Projects	\$500,000
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>

**Council District 7**

Public Safety Projects	\$125,000
Senior, Family, Community Center and Community Enhancement Projects	\$75,000
Parks and Recreation Projects	\$450,000
Library Projects	\$75,000
Street Projects	\$275,000
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>

**Council District 8**

Parks and Recreation Projects	\$750,000
Library Projects	\$250,000
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>

**Council District 9**

Senior, Family, Community Center and Community Enhancement Projects	\$150,000
Parks and Recreation Projects	\$700,000
Library Projects	\$50,000
Street Projects	\$100,000
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,000,000</b>

**1% for Public Art**

1% for each Bond Purpose for Public Art	\$1,150,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,150,000</b>

**GRAND TOTAL \$115,055,000**

**Albuquerque  
Fire  
Department**

Submitted By Melissa Romero



**Protecting Your Home Before and  
During a Wildfire**

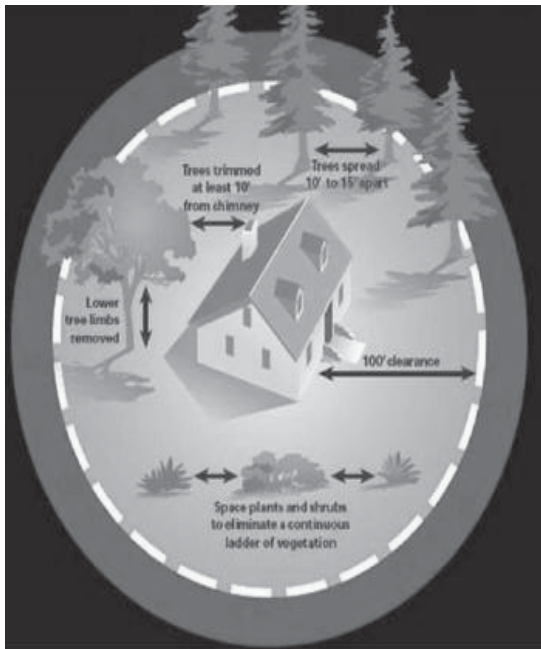
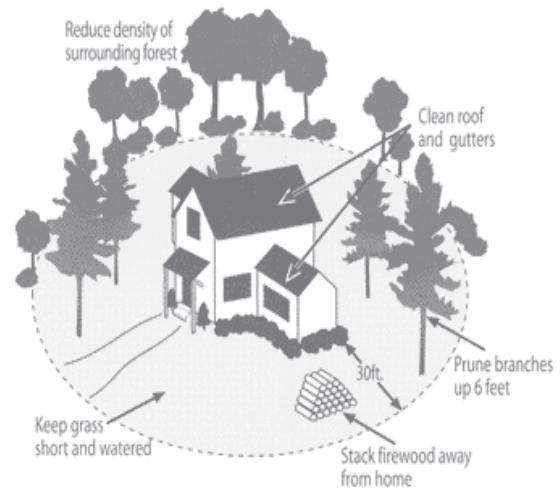
Defensible space refers to an area between a house and an oncoming wildfire where the vegetation has been modified to reduce the wildfire threat which provides an opportunity for structural protection without risking homeowner or firefighter lives. Defensible space can simply be a properly maintained backyard.

A critical factor in determining whether or not a home will survive a wildfire is the type, amount and maintenance of vegetation surrounding the house. If vegetation is properly modified and maintained a wildfire can be slowed, the length of flames shortened and the amount of heat reduced all of which will assist firefighters in defending a home against an wildfire.

During a major wildfire it is unlikely there will be enough firefighting resources available to defend every home that is threatened by wildfire so it is important for homeowners to do their part before a wildfire occurs in order to protect their homes.

To create a defensible space routine gardening and landscape maintenance practices such as pruning, moving, weeding, plant removal, appropriate plant selection and irrigation are essential. If your home is on flat land your defensible space distance should extend at least 30 feet from the sides of the house. Make sure the 30-100 foot wide area surrounding the home is **LEAN, CLEAN AND GREEN**. The vegetation should be kept:

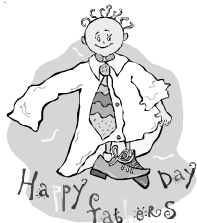
- Lean small amounts of flammable vegetation.
- Clean no accumulation of dead vegetation or other flammable debris.
- Green plants that remain healthy and green during the fire season.



**Tips to make your property defensible against fire:**

- Remove dead vegetation (i.e., dead trees and shrubs, dried grass and flowers, dead branches, fallen leaves, etc.).
- Remove lower branches from mature trees to height of eight feet from ground level also remove small trees and shrubs growing under mature trees.
- Remove tree branches within 15 feet of a chimney or stove pipe.
- Keep vegetation clear of power lines and decks.
- Selectively thin and maintain remaining vegetation to six inches in height.
- Stack firewood and scrap wood piles at least 50 feet from any structure and clear a way vegetation within ten feet of the piles.
- Check and clean your roof and gutters on all structures several times during the spring and fall to remove debris that can easily ignite from a spark.

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<b>Thursday, May 23</b> •District 8 Coalition – 7 p.m.	<b>Monday, June 3</b> •City Council – 5 p.m.	<b>Thursday, June 13</b> •EPC Public Hearing – 8:30 a.m.	<b>Tuesday, June 18</b> •ZHE – 9 a.m.
<b>Monday, May 27</b> <b>Memorial Day - CITY OFFICES CLOSED</b>	<b>Tuesday, June 4</b> •SWAN – 6:30 p.m.	•POC – 4 p.m. •South Valley Coalition – 6:30 p.m.	<b>Wednesday, June 19</b> •DRB – 9 a.m. •EPC Pre-Hearing – 1:30 p.m.
<b>Tuesday, May 28</b> •BOA – 9 a.m.	<b>Wednesday, June 5</b> •DRB – 9 a.m. •Westside Coalition – 7 p.m.	<b>Sunday, June 16</b> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Happy Father's Day</p> </div>	•District 4 Coalition – 7 p.m.
<b>Wednesday, May 29</b> •DRB – 9 a.m. •SEPC – 9 a.m. •City Council – 5 p.m. ** tentative meeting date, if needed	<b>Thursday, June 6</b> •EPC Case Distribution – 3 p.m.		<b>Thursday, June 20</b> •AAB – 9 a.m.
	<b>Wednesday, June 12</b> •DRB – 9 a.m. •SEPC – 9 a.m. •LUCC – 3 p.m.	<b>Monday, June 17</b> •City Council – 5 p.m.	<b>Monday, June 24</b> •City Council – 5 p.m.
			<b>Tuesday, June 25</b> •BOA – 9 a.m.
			<b>Wednesday, June 26</b> •DRB – 9 a.m. •SEPC – 9 a.m.

### 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** - Holiday Park Community Center, 11710 Comanche Road 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  
**SWAN** - South West Alliance of Neighbors, Alamosa Multi-Purpose Center, 6900 Gonzales Road 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 **June 13, 2013 at 8:30 a.m.** in the **Planning Department Hearing Room**, (basement level), **600 Second Street NW** for the following cases:

*Northwest*

**Tres Volcanes, Westside Coalition of NA's (neighborhood/homeowner association/coalition); 13EPC-40115, Project #1006864 (case #'s)**; Approximately 284.4 acre(s) located on Tierra Pintada Boulevard NW between Arroyo Vista Boulevard NW and West Creek Street NW (**location of request**); H-8-9 (**zone atlas page #**); Consensus Planning, Inc. at **505-764-9801**, agent for Pulte Homes (**applicant or agency and phone #**); Requests a Site Development Plan for Subdivision for a proposed 950 dwelling units which is consistent with overall gross density cap of 4.0 du/acre a set by the Westland Master Plan. Approximately 565 units will be senior adult housing and the 385 units will be traditional single family and a 6.7 acre parcel along the Mirehaven Arroyo will be site for a private park/community center/gathering area (**action requested**); Catalina Lehner at **505-924-3935**, e-mail: <clehner@cabq.gov>. (**City staff planner**)

**North Valley Coalition; 13EPC-40113 and 40114, Project #1009681**; Approximately .438 acres located on the north side of Montano Road NW between 9<sup>th</sup> Street NW and Guadalupe Trial NW; F-14; Michael J. Henke at **505-304-3553**; Requests a Site Development Plan for Subdivision and a Zone Map Amendment from RA-2 to SU-1 for PRD for a proposed eight (8) townhomes in the form of two clustered four-plex buildings will be facing each other, flanking a new private stub street accessed from Montano Road NW; Chris Glore at **505-924-3357**, e-mail: <cglore@cabq.gov>.

*Southeast*

**Coronado Terrace, Executive Hills, Four Hills Village HOA, Four Hills Village NA, Juan Tabo Hills, La Mesa Community Improvement, Mirabella-Miravista, Sandia Vista, Singing Arrow, South Los Altos, Terracita, Trumbull Village, Willow Wood, Winterwood Park, East Gateway Coalition; 13EPC-40116, Project #1009415**, City of Albuquerque, Planning Department; Proposed changes in the East Gateway Sector Development Plan for the following amendments propose several minor changes for clarification. These include building standards near single-family residential use, addressing the letter height for signs and clarifying the language in the EG-C-2 zone regarding alcoholic drink sales for on-premise consumption (e.g., restaurant); Maggie Gould at **505-924-3910**, e-mail: <mgould@cabq.gov>.

Cooney, Watson & Associates

Submitted By Doug Stine



Paseo Del Norte/I-25 Interchange Reconstruction Project

The Paseo Del Norte/I-25 Interchange Reconstruction Project has received two important approvals from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) that move the project forward. On April 12, 2013 the project received a Categorical Exclusion (CE) and on April 17, 2013 its Interstate Access Change Request (IACR) was approved.

Under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Federal Highway Administration can grant a Categorical Exclusion when projects do not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment and therefore are excluded from having to undergo an environmental assessment or complete an environmental impact statement.

The Paseo Del Norte/I-25 Interchange Reconstruction Project qualifies for a CE because it will not have a significant impact on planned growth or land use for the area; does not require the relocation of significant numbers of people; does not have a significant impact on any natural, cultural, recreational, historic or other resource; and does not involve significant air, noise or water quality impacts.

The Interstate Access Change Request is required by the FHWA because the project involves modifications to Interstate 25 including construction of a new on-ramp at I-25 and San Mateo, removal of an on-ramp at I-25 and San Antonio; reconstruction of the at-grade intersection at Paseo Del Norte and Jefferson Street as a single-point urban interchange; and construction of additional capacity (lanes) on I-25. All of the Project's modifications are proposed to enhance safety and the flow of traffic on I-25 as well as local area streets.

Governor Susana Martinez said, "I'm pleased that we are moving forward, because this project will bring a number of economic and environmental benefits to central New Mexico. I know everyone is anxious for construction to begin, but I also want to applaud the design team for planning to reconstruct this interchange so that I-25, Paseo Del Norte and Jefferson are as safe and efficient as possible."

"These are important milestones for the Project, and we would like to thank all of the individuals who worked very hard over the past months to complete the required review and analysis required for both the CE and the IACR. An unparalleled amount of collaboration and cooperation has occurred in a very compressed timeframe," said Tom Church, Cabinet Secretary of the New Mexico Department of Transportation.

Albuquerque Mayor Richard J. Berry agreed, adding, "When the City of Albuquerque, State of New Mexico, Bernalillo County and the Mid Region Council of Governments work together there is nothing we cannot accomplish. This is a great team and a terrific Project."

The Project's design group is continuing to work with the three design build teams short listed to bid on construction. The \$93 Million Project will include:

- 1) A free-flow ramp to improve eastbound Paseo Del Norte to southbound I-25 traffic movement during morning peak travel time (7-9 a.m.);
- 2) A flyover ramp to improve northbound I-25 to westbound Paseo Del Norte traffic movement during afternoon peak travel time (4:30-6:30 p.m.);
- 3) An overpass at the intersection of Jefferson Street and Paseo Del Norte to improve east-west access and local traffic flow;
- 4) Bicycle and pedestrian improvements to provide a critical link across I-25 and connect existing paths in the area;
- 5) Improved freeway access for traffic originating east of the Paseo Del Norte/I-25 interchange; and
- 6) I-25 mainline improvements between the Alameda Boulevard and Jefferson Street interchanges to improve safety and traffic flow.

A complete copy of the Categorical Exclusion, the Interstate Access Change Request and the Memorandum of Approval of the Interstate Access Change Request is available on the Project's website at <[www.paseoi25.com](http://www.paseoi25.com)>.

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City Council Office

Submitted By Sara Mancini

Budget

Article VII of the City Charter establishes the requirements for the adoption of the operating budget for the City of Albuquerque. The Mayor was required to propose an operating budget to the Council by April 1, 2013. The Mayor cannot propose expenditures in excess of resources anticipated to be available to the city for that fiscal year. The Council must then hold three public hearings on the Mayor's proposed budget. These hearings allow the Councilors to ask questions of City Department Directors and hear from the public. The Council must approve the balanced operating budget as proposed by the Mayor or amend and approve it by May 31, 2013. If the Council fails to approve a budget within that time frame the budget proposal as submitted by the Mayor is considered to be approved.

We are currently in the middle of the budget process for Fiscal Year 2014. The Council held its first Committee of the Whole (COW) meeting on April 25, 2013 and its second Committee of the Whole (COW) meeting on May 2, 2013. The Council received comments from the public at both of these meetings. The final Committee of the Whole (COW) meeting was held on May 16, 2013. No public comments were taken at this meeting.

During the budget process the Council will hear from constituents passionate about various cultural service programs, parks, libraries, the Animal Welfare Department and the BioPark to name a few. The Councilors will take the Mayor's proposed budget, public participation and comments from department directors into consideration as they form proposed amendments to the Mayor's budget. The Council is expected to amend and adopt a final budget at its regularly scheduled council meeting on Monday, May 20, 2013. Public comment will be taken at this meeting.

The City's budget website is <<http://cabq.gov/budget/annual-budget>>. The Mayor's proposed budget is on this site and a copy of the final budget, once adopted will be available here as well.



NM State Association of Parliamentarians

Submitted By Janice Strand



"Revisiting Decisions Hastily Made!"

"I'm not sure... do we want to carry out the proposed project at this time?" can be heard after a meeting involving a decision that followed little discussion. When members have not had time to fully research issues leading to decisions the motion voted on may not be complete or may not be correct. There are several ways to re-visit such decisions. At the same meeting the motion is adopted or at a later meeting, it is possible to do one of three procedures. The possible procedures are:

1. *Amend Something Previously Adopted.*
2. *Rescind.*
3. *Reconsider.*

These procedures can become rather complicated under specific circumstances but the general directives of each will be covered separately.

*Rescind* "is the motion by which a previous action can be canceled. The effect of *Rescind* is to strike out an entire main motion or rule that has been adopted at some previous time." (*Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*, 11<sup>th</sup> Edition, page 305).

If this procedure to cancel a project is to be carried out at a later meeting, it is important that no part of the project has been started. Any member can make the motion to *Rescind*. The motion can be made at the same meeting during which the original action was adopted or at a later meeting. The person making the motion can state, "I move to rescind the motion that authorized....."

The motion to *Rescind* must be seconded and is debatable; debate can address the merits of the motion which it is proposed to cancel. It is wise to have a parliamentarian's help!! Knowing that a motion to *Rescind* will be used in a meeting a parliamentarian can prepare both the person making that motion and the chairman who will be presiding! This will put both of them at ease.

A two-thirds vote is required to adopt the motion to *Rescind*. 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](mailto:couchman@zianet.com)> to schedule a program.

The motion to *Reconsider* will be covered next month.

Parliamentary Pointers will appear each month. If you have a parliamentary question that could be covered or would like a "Smart Meeting" presentation on a specific topic at your meeting, contact Jan Strand, Treasurer of the New Mexico State Association of Parliamentarians at **505-466-1326** or e-mail to <[jan\\_str@msn.com](mailto:jan_str@msn.com)>.



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