

SILVER HILL NEIGHBORHOOD

Our History

Platted in 1910 across a ridge rising west to east from Sycamore Street to Yale Boulevard and descending from Central Avenue on the north to Roosevelt Park on the south, Silver Hill was recognized in the 1980s to be unique for retaining most of the original texture of an Albuquerque Early Automobile Suburb. Craftsmen-built homes from 1910 to 1935, together with the era's street landscape, and crowned by a boulevard median at the crest of the hill, qualified a portion of the neighborhood to be listed on the **National Register of Historic Places**. A large stretch of the street landscape was restored after the year 2000 through neighbors working with UNM graduate students, Bernalillo County, the City of Albuquerque and state legislators.



Urban village

A small geographic area, Silver Hill provides access to most of the amenities of urban life within easy walking distance. Silver Hill Neighborhood Association (SHNA) is an active organization. We decorate the Silver Hill medians and surrounding properties with luminarias in December. We collaborate with the City of Albuquerque in the semi-annual Keep Albuquerque Beautiful cleanups. SHNA worked closely with the city, county and state to restore the historic landscape on Silver and Gold avenues. The State Historic Preservation Office encourages the restoration, rehabilitation and preservation of our culturally important properties through a state tax credit program that maintains the style and beauty of our homes.



Residents

We are a diverse group. Residents of the neighborhood include working people, retirees, descendants of some of the original residents of Silver Hill, college students, newcomers to the city. We are young, middle-aged, and old. We are of all races and ethnicities. Our occupations cover the entire range of work opportunities in today's economy. Some of us own our homes, some of us rent from others. We all share the same historic, tree-shaded streets and sidewalks and the wonder of a place that is pedestrian-friendly. Dog walkers mix with bicyclists and families with strollers. Our neighborhood makes room for us all.

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The Perks

- Well-built houses dating from the 1920s, '30s and early '40s. The housing stock has “great bones” and is protected under an Historic Overlay Zone.
- State tax credits allow for affordable restoration of historic houses.
- Easy access to Central Avenue bus lines and the Albuquerque Airport via Yale Blvd.
- Walk to Nob Hill, Downtown Albuquerque, and the sports stadiums.
- A variety of restaurants, coffee houses, and shops.
- Abundant green space with shaded, tree-lined medians and a quick walk to '30s-era Roosevelt Park.
- Silver Avenue is designated by the City as a bicycle boulevard (with a posted speed limit of 18 mph!).

The Silver Hill Neighborhood

Association meets monthly on the second Monday at 7 pm at the Heights Community Center, 823 Buena Vista SE.

All are welcome!

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A Few Facts

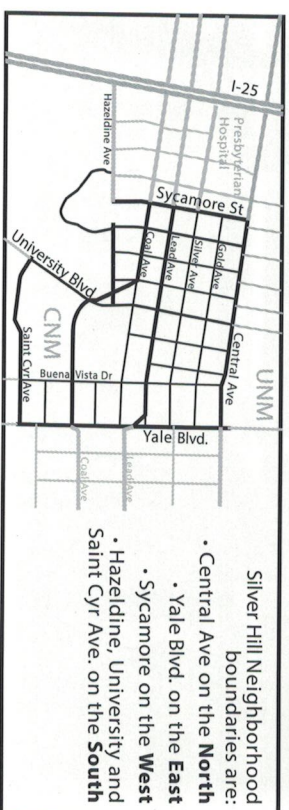
Schools: Monte Vista Elementary, Jefferson Middle, Albuquerque High, St. Charles Borromeo, National Institute of Flamenco, Tierra Adentro Charter, SAHQ Academy, University of New Mexico (UNM) Central New Mexico Community College (CNM), Day-Care facilities at UNM and CNM.

Hospitals: Presbyterian Health Care System, UNM Hospital, Lovelace Hospital, NM Heart Institute

Parks/Recreational Facilities: Heights Community Center, Roosevelt Park, UNM Campus

Major Employers located in or adjacent to Silver Hill: UNM and UNM Research Park, CNM, Presbyterian, Lovelace Health Care Systems

Spiritual Resources: Central United Methodist, St. Thomas of Centerbury, First Presbyterian Church, Albuquerque Zen Center, Albuquerque Islamic Center, St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, University Church of Christ.



Explore Silver Hill Neighborhood



Our neighborhood is densely populated, making it possible for people to get to know each other in a setting of human scale. Think about it - how many neighborhoods in Albuquerque offer residents the opportunity to walk to supermarkets, a post office, a wide variety of restaurants, entertainment venues, businesses, parks, major educational institutions and houses of worship? In how many neighborhoods can one enjoy the benefits of an urban environment without needing an automobile to negotiate clogged freeways? On that score, we've got it made!