



UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER :: WINTER 2019

**Annual Meeting! Sunday, January 13, 2 PM
Outpost Performance Space, 210 Yale SE**

Meet neighbors, elect neighborhood association board members (or join the board yourself), find out what's up in the neighborhood. We'll have representatives from APD and the City.

City planning officials will be present from 1-2 on Sunday, January 13 to meet with individual property owners to discuss any questions about the free zoning conversion process (see article below).

LEAD & COAL: GETTING TO THE ROOT OF THE PROBLEM

Mayor Keller, in response to sustained citizen concern, has created a multi-department task force to identify and implement solutions to safety and health impacts of traffic on Lead and Coal Avenues. UHA and the Nob Hill Neighborhood Association (NHNA) are community members of the task force, whose focus is Lead and Coal between Yale and Washington.

Neighborhood concern about Lead and Coal is, of course, not new. The Lead-Coal redesign project, completed in 2012, was the result of years of community activism, and was advised by a citizens' task force under Mayor Chavez. Unfortunately, the redesign of Lead-Coal did not solve the safety and health problems. On the

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NEW ZONING OF ALL PROPERTIES

On May 17, 2018, most properties in Albuquerque and ALL properties in UHA were rezoned by the Integrated Development Ordinance (IDO). Goals of the IDO include increasing density near "transit corridors" like Central, while also "protect[ing] the quality and character of residential neighborhoods."

Until April 15, 2019, property owners can apply for a free zoning conversion to downzone the property. In UHA, most properties in the 200 and 300 blocks are zoned R-ML (Residential - Multi-family Low Density), which allows houses, duplexes, and apartments, up to 35 feet tall.

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University Heights Association Membership:

Individual (\$5) Household (\$10) Business / Sponsor (\$25)

Pay more or less depending on your ability to pay. All meetings and events are open to everyone, regardless of membership status.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

You do not need to be a property owner to join UHA. Anyone who resides or has an interest in the neighborhood is welcome!

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LEAD & COAL, CONTINUED

contrary, those problems have worsened as Central Avenue traffic is diverted to Lead-Coal as a result of ART. We are especially concerned about lane-departure collisions resulting in out-of-control vehicles onto sidewalks and parkways, and into residential properties.

UHA intends that the Mayoral task force V2.0 get at the root of the problems on Lead-Coal by having it address several fundamental questions:

- 1) Is the Lead-Coal right-of-way in our neighborhood adequate for an arterial roadway?
- 2) Is principal arterial designation appropriate for our narrow, residential streets?
- 3) What are reasonable metrics for traffic safety on Lead-Coal? What metric(s) does the City currently apply?
- 4) In what ways is the City responsible to protect residents from the health impacts of traffic?

Please attend the annual meeting if you want to know more or if you want to get involved. We have requested that the Mayor (and his team) discuss the Lead-Coal concerns, and the Task Force, at a community meeting in the spring of 2019.

ZONING, CONTINUED

The UHA Board is concerned that the increased height and the loss of solar access protections is detrimental to the neighborhood. Some property owners may prefer R-T (Residential Townhouse) zoning (the zoning of most lots in the 400 blocks), which limits building height to 26 feet and allows houses, duplexes, and townhouses.

City planning officials will be present from 1-2 on Sunday, January 13 at the Outpost Performance Space, 210 Yale, SE (before the Annual Meeting begins) to meet with individual property owners to discuss any questions about the free zoning conversion process.

You can also submit questions or request a zoning conversion at:
<http://cabq.maps.arcgis.com/apps/GeoForm/index.html?appid=3ba98c18ce324f3f8fb48897011b43a3>

The IDO and a map of previous and present zoning is at: tinyurl.com/zoneconversion

CITY STREET LIGHT CONVERSION

The City of Albuquerque has contracted with Citelum to convert all City-owned street lights (20,000+) from incandescent bulbs to high efficiency longer-life LED arrays. The LEDs are brighter and require less replacement and less maintenance theoretically leading to less darkness on our City streets. The LED replacements, though brighter, are also better for reducing light pollution. This conversion project is not (yet) affecting the PNM-owned lights. How do you tell which is a City and which is a PNM light? Usually the PNM lights are in residential areas and are mounted to wooden polls with PNM tags. Albuquerque lights are usually metal, adjacent to major roadways, and in relatively new developments. How to report a light outage:

City Lights: Call 311 or (800) 370-0395, for PNM lights: Call (888) 342-5766

For a map that shows which lights are PNM and which are City, visit
<https://www.cabq.gov/abq-streetlights/report-a-streetlight-outage>

About Citelum: <https://www.cabq.gov/council/news/citywide-lighting-project-to-illuminate-albuquerque>

REMINDER: FREE Large Item Pickup—Large items can be picked up for *free* by the City of Albuquerque Solid Waste Management Department. Schedule a large item pickup at your house or apartment by either calling 311 or completing a form online at <https://www.cabq.gov/solidwaste/trash-collection/large-item-pick-up>. Complete guidelines also available online.