



UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER :: SPRING 2019

Spring Cleanup! Saturday, June 15, 8am-12 noon

MEET at the SE corner of Lead and Cornell
(parking lot of the old Farmers Market Building)

We'll have drinks, gloves, trash bags and the GIANT big trash truck—
bring your large items for disposal by 10:45 am

You may not be able to change the world, but you CAN make a difference in our neighborhood.



MEET THE NEIGHBORS MIXER

Last month we hosted our first mixer at Differential Brewing at Yale & Garfield
We had so much fun we're doing it again!

Come meet your neighbors, face-to-face: **4:30-6:30, Sunday, June 9**

LEAD & COAL: Lead-Coal: The Fight to Reclaim our Streets

UHA is planning for the wrap-up of the Mayor's multi-department Lead-Coal task force. Core outcomes of the task force -recommendations from the Department of Municipal Development (DMD) on how to reduce collisions and otherwise improve safety- are expected within the next 1-2 months.

Some elements of the task force already are in implementation. APD months ago began a stepped-up traffic enforcement effort, which recently was joined by BCSO (Sheriff). The Solid Waste Department, which is responsible for parkway maintenance, has for months been addressing sightline problems due to landscaping.

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Send Completed Form and Dues to: Don Hancock, UHA Treasurer, 105 Stanford SE, Albuquerque NM 87106



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UHA Dues
Amount Paid \$ _____

Date: _____

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!

WHAT ABOUT ART?

The Albuquerque Rapid Transit (ART) project, including construction, no buses, diverting traffic to other streets, has had negative impacts on our area and other businesses and neighborhoods along Central Ave. On April 24, Bernie Toon and Andrew DeGarmo from ABQ Ride and Pat Montoya from Municipal Development met with several members of the UHA board to discuss future ART plans. The first diesel bus is to be delivered this summer for testing to see that it meets city requirements before the remaining ART buses are delivered in late 2019 and early 2020, when the service might begin.

NOTE: Ridership on Central Avenue buses has dropped about 33 percent since 2014,



If there is anyone out there that is interested in working on a small group garden, please let Marie know. The garden will be located on the 100 block of Vassar. It would be fun to get together and do some planting, watering, and hopefully harvesting. Please contact her at: Mtsanblas51@gmail.com

LEAD & COAL, CONTINUED

We expect the next phase of this effort to include at least two fronts:

- 1) Implementation of task force recommendations: the Mayor and his team have not yet identified an implementation framework, but just like the task force so far, we intend that it be community-driven.
- 2) An interagency working group: several of the Lead-Coal issues are of a scope beyond CABQ.

A. MR-COG (<https://www.mrcog-nm.gov>) in its role as metropolitan planning organization (MPO), has oversight over roadway functional classification and long term traffic planning. The neighborhoods assert that principal arterial classification is inappropriate for Lead-Coal in our area and that long term planning for traffic along the Central Avenue corridor must reflect that reality.

B. The reconstruction of Lead-Coal Avenues (2010-2012) is a federally funded project. As such, Lead-Coal is subject to Federal oversight, including with regard to environmental impacts of the roadway. The community expects New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to help assure that relevant Federal guidance is applied in order to best protect the safety and health of residents.

Although the task force operates on behalf of the Mayor, he has yet to meet with the community, nor has he publicly endorsed the Lead-Coal effort. Please call and email the Mayor (768-3000, tkeller@cabq.gov, mayorkeller@cabq.gov) and ask him to:

- 1) *Publicly state that the crash situation on Lead-Coal in our area is unacceptable*
- 2) *Publicly commit to make the safety of residents, pedestrians, and bicyclists priority number one in the City's management of Lead-Coal*
- 3) *Meet with the community and its representatives.*

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.