



UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER :: SPRING 2015

***Our Spring Beautification Project Is Almost Here!
Join us: Saturday, May 16, 9 a.m. to Noon***

Greetings UHA Neighbors!

University Heights Neighborhood Association is teaming up with Keep Albuquerque Beautiful & The Solid Waste Department to clean up, haul off, and spruce up our urban oasis. We welcome YOU to be a part of the effort to toss out your large items and join our neighbors as we stroll through the streets and alleyways collecting trash.

UHA Spring Clean Up Day is scheduled **Saturday, May 16th, 9am - Noon**. Keep Albuquerque Beautiful will provide: gloves, vests, litter grabbers, trash bags and Solid Waste will provide a compactor truck to throw all the waste in. We will provide water and snacks too!



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

Bring your energy and volunteer along with everyone to work together to clean up OUR neighborhood!

You are welcome to call me at 505.450.6096 or email at burquejoe2000@yahoo.com

See You Saturday, May 16th,
Joe Gallegos, UHA President

MEETING ABOUT ART – TUESDAY, MAY 5 at 7



That's Albuquerque Rapid Transit – the proposed new bus service on Central. It's created a lot of interest and controversy because of its impacts on neighborhood businesses and traffic on the north-south neighborhood streets and Silver, Lead, and Coal.

A meeting with city officials on November 10, 2014 was attended by dozens of neighborhood residents and businesspeople to view alternative designs and to hear viewpoints about the project. On December 17, the UHA board sent a letter detailing its concerns and necessary components of the system. The letter is on the UHA website at:

<http://www.uhanm.org/resources/BRT%20UHA%20letter%20121514final%20IB%20comments.pdf>

On Tuesday, May 5 at 7 at 120 Vassar, SE (northeast corner of Silver and Vassar), ABQ Ride officials will provide an update about the design and their analysis of impacts of the ART system on the neighborhood.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

LEAD & COAL

Despite the Lead and Coal redesign completed in the summer of 2012, UHA remains concerned about safety along those streets in our neighborhood. Our concerns include: speeding, reckless driving, and multiple collisions, especially at signalized intersections.

In January a collision on Coal and Girard caused a City bus to crash into the home on the southeast corner of that intersection. Residents interviewed by the media at the time reported multiple collisions at that intersection. Because we felt that the City's response to the crash and to the Lead and Coal safety concerns which that episode highlighted was inadequate, UHA wrote to the Mayor and to Municipal Development requesting action to improve and evaluate the situation. Read the letter on the UHA website:

<http://www.uhanm.org/resources/Lead-Coal%20safety%20031615.pdf>

At the time of this newsletter, their only response has been a letter from a City attorney stating that information we requested about collisions and speeding along Lead and Coal in our area was unavailable. UHA plans to further pursue the matter with the City. Our letter, which was copied to the Transit Department also states that our opposition to initial proposals for Central Avenue Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) in our area is in part because of concern that proposed changes to traffic on Central would make safety problems on Lead, Coal and other neighborhood streets worse.

BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR

- Bring in your trash and recycling cans the evening of pick up. It keeps our neighborhood looking less cluttered (and it's the law).
- Weed your yard and the area behind your house in the alley.
- Don't park on the sidewalks. People walk there.
- Don't park in front of any drive way. You can be cited even if it is *your* drive way.
- Don't speed and remind your guests to do the same.
- Pick up your dog's poop. Nobody likes the look or the odor and we don't want it in our drinking water. If it washes into the city drainage system, it goes to the river.
- Call 311 for large item garbage pick up. If you call a few days before our regular Wednesday pick up, a truck will pick it up.

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

Please retain for your records 2015 UHA Membership Dues	University Heights Association Membership		
	Yearly Dues:	<input type="checkbox"/> Neighborhood - \$2/yr	<input type="checkbox"/> Business - \$15/yr
		<input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor - \$10/yr (This sponsorship is for those who want to make a special contribution)	
	Name _____	Phone (____) _____	
	Address _____		

	Email _____		
	You <u>do not</u> have to be a property owner to belong to UHA. <u>Anyone</u> who resides in or has an interest in the University Heights area is welcome.		
\$ _____ paid			