



UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER :: WINTER 2016

******UHA ANNUAL MEETING: SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 2016 at 2pm ******
at The Outpost Performance Space
210 Yale Avenue, SE, Albuquerque NM

HELLO NEIGHBORS,

Visit with our new City Councilor Pat Davis, and representatives from the Albuquerque Police Department at the **UHA Annual Meeting**. NEW Southeast Area Commander, J.J. Griego and Crime Free Specialist, Laura Kuehn will provide focus on our community and answer your questions and concerns for our neighborhood.

We will provide home and personal safety brochures from APD for you to take, use, and share with your family, friends and neighbors. We'll also have calendars from the Water Authority—with fantastic pictures of the Bosque to inspire you.

The UHA board for 2016 will be elected – any member is eligible to be on the board.

Be proactive and do your part to keep UHA a safe & wonderful place to live.

In keeping with tradition, I will bring brownies.

~Joe Gallegos, UHA President 2015



New Round of Dead Tree Removal in UHA parkways

by Joseph Aguirre (UHA Board Member)

In response to a request from UHA, Bernalillo County Commissioner Maggie Hart Stebbins and former City Councilor Rey Garduño have secured equal amounts of County and City funds for a \$10,800 project to remove a number of dead trees from University Heights parkways (the strip of public property between the curb and sidewalk). The trees to be removed were identified in a series of surveys last year. The work will be done by a private contractor and overseen by Joran Viers, City Forester, with the Parks and Recreation Department. Owners of corresponding properties will be notified by door-to-door flyer, by mail, and the list of target trees and addresses will be posted at uhanm.org. Work is expected to begin in the next month or two.

This project is the most recent in a long history of UHA parkway tree removal and tree planting efforts. UHA still has some funds for tree planting, will attempt to increase those funds, and the 2016 board will review and state how those monies can be used this year. In the past, UHA has subsidized the cost of new trees on the parkways for property owners.

As with previous tree removal work, UHA will attempt to make bark mulch from this project available to the community.

SILVER BLVD SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

City Councilor Rey Garduño supported a study of the safety of the Silver Bicycle Boulevard from Yale to San Mateo that was requested by UHA. The study determined that there are too many vehicles traveling too fast (not in compliance with the 18 mph speed limit) and that there are other deficiencies. Through a task force of city officials and neighborhood representatives (including from UHA and Nob Hill) and a public meeting on September 28, 2015, a plan has been developed to address safety issues.

Throughout the study area, additional signs and pavement markings would better identify that Silver is a Bike Boulevard with an 18 mph speed limit. Curb Bulbouts would be constructed at all intersection corners and some alleys (including the PNM substation between Harvard and Cornell), and no parking areas would be better marked with signs and yellow paint.

Between Yale and Girard, north-south streets would have stop signs at Silver, except at Princeton and Cornell, where traffic circles would be constructed to slow the traffic on Silver. At the Yale/Silver



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intersection, a median crossing would be installed to protect bicycles and more clearly delineate the east-west bicycle route. At the Girard/Silver intersection, a median diverter would be installed to allow bicycle through traffic but require vehicles to right turn on and off of Silver, except that southbound traffic could turn left (eastbound), so as to provide access to Nob Hill businesses.

Because of financial resource limits and the immediate need for improvements, the task force recommended that the initial implementation area be from Yale to Carlisle. New Councilor Pat Davis will be asked to provide the funding for that phase, which would hopefully be implemented this summer.

Neighborhood Info and How You Can Stay Connected

By Marlene Brown (UHA Board Member)

It is easier than ever to stay in touch and get things done. There are a couple of great APPs and websites out there to help. Check out NextDoor.com—when you input your address, the APP will know your neighborhood. You’ll find lively discussions about break ins, the bus rapid transit debate and even classified ads where you can find a place to rent or a great place to eat or get your shoes fixed. It is similar to Facebook but focused on neighborhoods. Your address is not given to others and you can opt to get information about adjoining neighborhoods.

Another great APP is ABQ 311. This APP is directly connected to the City of Albuquerque to report issues, see bus schedules, find out about recycling and even keep in sync with local government and City issues. I use this APP regularly to report items left on curbs or in alleys that need to be picked up by the Solid Waste Department. I also report graffiti, weeds and litter issues.

An additional APP, NM Justice, is connected to the local NM ACLU. If you see a situation that you want to capture on your phone that has to do with an injustice, use this APP to record the situation. If the phone is taken from you or destroyed, once the recording is stopped, the footage is automatically uploaded to the ACLU. This easy-to-use APP is also used in other states by the ACLU.

UHA also has a website at UHANM.org, another way to find out what is happening in the UHA. Happy social networking!

Neighborhood Resources

- Dial 311 for non-emergency city and services
- Emergency 911
- APD Non-Emergency 242-2677
- DWI Hotline #DWI (394)
- APD Crime Prevention 924-3600
- Southeast APD Substation 256-2050
- Fire Non-Emergency 833-7300
- Animal Control 768-1975
- City/County Information 768-2000
- Graffiti Hotline 768-4725
- Housing Code Enforcement 924-3450
- Solid Waste 761-8100
- Large Item Pickup 761-8113
- Weeds and Litter 857-8060
- Illegal Dumping 761-8100
- Abandoned Cars 768-2277
- Zoning Violations 924-3850
- Parking Enforcement 924-3950
- Parking Permits 857-8680
- Transit Department 724-3100
- Pothole Hotline 768-4653

Government - Elected Officials

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



Please retain for your records

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!