



UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER SPRING 2021

Meet your neighbors when you join us for the NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN-UP

WHEN: Saturday, June 5th, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.

WHERE: The old Farmer's Market at the corner of Lead and Cornell.

Trash bags, gloves and grabbers are furnished by the City Solid Waste Department.

ON TRASH DAY

1. Don't bag recyclables.
2. Shredded paper is the only thing to have in a bag in the recycling container.
3. If the lids on the trash and recycle containers are propped open with contents, the truck will NOT empty it.
4. Report large item pick-up (mattresses, chairs, couches) by calling 311 or reporting on the 311 app.
5. Items left beside the bins will NOT be picked up.

CITY ASSESSMENT OF UHA (and nearby areas)

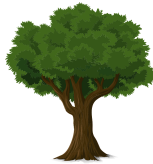
As part of the new Integrated Development Ordinance (IDO), the City is divided into 12 planning areas that are assessed every four years to see what changes might be needed in city plans and policies.

Changes are to be included every fifth year in the Comprehensive Plan Update. UHA is in the Near Heights planning area that runs to Wyoming Boulevard. This is the first assessment because of the diverse population and significant problems.

The UHA board met with the city principal planner at the April board meeting to share a variety of concerns, including about the impacts of Lead and Coal.

The process has mostly been virtual, and you can still participate at:

<https://cpa.abc-zone.com/near-heights>



REMEMBER TO WATER

YOUR TREES

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!

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LEAD-COAL UPDATE

Dear University Heights neighbors,

I have written many Lead-Coal updates for this newsletter over the years, always in my capacity as a UHA board member. This time I am not on the UHA board and, instead, am providing an update in my capacity as spokesperson for the Lead Coal Safety Brigade, an ad hoc group of residents in University Heights and Nob Hill neighborhoods. As of early 2020, the brigade's efforts regarding Lead-Coal are directed around and above the City of Albuquerque. From our perspective, the neighborhoods' 2018-2019 experience with CABQ showed it to be an unserious and unreliable partner for the Lead-Coal problem.

In 2018-2019 the neighborhoods proposed many "solutions" for Lead-Coal. CABQ in response has no serious (i.e. public, written, binding, comprehensive, multijurisdictional and neighborhood endorsed) plan for the Lead-Coal problem.

More than ever, it's clear that serious solutions for Lead-Coal will not advance until underlying systemic impediments are addressed. We need to call out CABQ's recklessness. Block after block after block of high speed crashes onto our sidewalks and into our homes is unconscionable. It puts the lives of residents, pedestrians, and bicyclists at risk every day.

We need to call out the cynical bias in the planning of transportation and development along the Central corridor. Transit oriented development on Central (i.e. ART) is premised on the unmitigated exposure of Lead-Coal neighborhoods to all of the adverse safety and health impacts of traffic. And, the current administration has made clear that its priority for Lead-Coal is to move traffic to and from downtown, not the safety of our families.

Finally, we need to call out CABQ's mismanagement of federal transportation infrastructure projects along the

Lead-Coal-Central corridor. \$32M for a principal arterial roadway (Lead and Coal Avenues Improvements Project, completed 2012) that can't even keep the cars on the road? \$120M+ for a transit system that promotes development on Central at the cost of a demolition derby on Lead-Coal? Did CABQ even divulge the Lead-Coal crash problem in its application for those projects?

In order to address those impediments, we are asking several state and federal government actors to look at the Lead-Coal-ART matter and to intervene to protect our neighborhoods. If you want to walk, bike, drive or live safely in our neighborhood please support this effort.

Call and email New Mexico Attorney General Balderas and State Auditor Colón. Let them know you endorse our April 27 recommendations for a state investigation of the Lead-Coal-ART matter.

Call and email our Congressional delegation (and the CD1 candidates). Ask them to meet with our community about Lead-Coal and to support a federal investigation of this matter.

Although the brigade's efforts for now are not directed at CABQ, we encourage residents and the neighborhood associations to continue to inform the Mayor about conditions on our streets and to ask him to put forward a serious plan for the Lead-Coal problem.

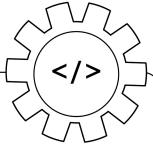
For more information (including details of our April 27 letter to AG Balderas) follow us on Twitter.

Sincerely,
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Lead Coal crash photo album
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