

# UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER

May 2008

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## CHANGES TO THIS YEAR'S SPRING CLEAN-UP

NEW! This year the City is doing a special large item pickup at the same time as our Spring cleanup. Place large items like couches, furniture, mattresses, appliances, etc. **out at the curb by Friday night May 30<sup>th</sup>** and the City will pick them up first thing in the morning Saturday May 31<sup>st</sup> during our annual cleanup. Sorry – no concrete please and no construction materials.

Join us Saturday, May 31st from 7 am to 1:30 pm and help us with some Spring cleaning.



## NEW VISION FOR LEAD AND COAL AVENUES: UPDATE

Lead and Coal re-design took a big next step recently with the selection of Wilson and Company as the engineering contractor for the project's first phase. Generally, Wilson is charged to implement the spring 2007 recommendations of the citizens' Lead and Coal Task Force. More specifically Wilson will study the corridor, recommend an overall design for the full project which is planned to be phased in over ten years, and design first phase improvements.

Wilson and City Department of Municipal Development staff are still finalizing their contract, but Wilson has already started aerial and ground-level mapping of the corridor (from Broadway to Washington) as well as surveying. The newly re-formed Lead and Coal Task Force, comprised of residents from all the neighborhoods along the corridor, has started to meet with Wilson and the City, with a shared intention that residents and neighborhoods will continue to inform and guide Lead and Coal re-design as it moves forward.

The Lead and Coal Task force recommendations can be found in the "New Vision for Lead and Coal Avenues" document, which is available on the Department of Municipal Development page on the City of Albuquerque website (cabq.gov). Tentatively, materials from this phase of the project will be available there as well. Wilson is planning the first of a series of public information meetings, yet unscheduled, but probably this summer.

The vision for Lead and Coal avenues is that they will become "beautifully landscaped, environmentally sensitive, neighborhood, bicycle, and pedestrian friendly streets." Their current one-way traffic flow will continue.

## IMPORTANT UHA DATES

May 27.

Bike Boulevard Public Meeting

May 31.

UHA Neighborhood Spring  
Clean-Up

June 3.

UHA Board of Directors Meeting

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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

It has been said that the only constant is change. And if that is true, then here in the University Heights the old adage is more apt than ever. We're located at the intersection of many different parts of the City: between the University and the airport, between Downtown and Nob Hill, so the constant pressures and flow of change are always with us.

Some of that change, like the mixed commercial and residential development in the Bricklight District on Harvard Drive, has been coming for a while and is now making itself visible as construction gets closer to completion.

Some of you might have also noticed the changes at the old Gilchrist House property on the corner of Cornell and Silver. The houses that were moved from the old Harvard Mall have been renovated and are open as rentals and the restoration of the historic Gilchrist House itself should be starting soon.

Other changes, like the city's Bike Boulevard project on Silver Avenue, will hopefully be under way soon. The project's goal of turning Silver Avenue into a thoroughfare where bicycles and cars can more safely interact, will likely mean some changes to signage on Silver Avenue, and maybe more.

Often people tend to either resist change in an effort to maintain those things they love, or to embrace change out of a hope that what's coming next will be better than what they have now. I've been a member of the University Heights Association board for the last 3 years, and during that time I have always thought that a better approach than just resisting or accepting change is working to channel changes in the neighborhood so they benefit the people in the neighborhood.

Now, as your board President for 2008, I'm asking for you to work with me in channeling the flow of some of the changes we see, and new changes as yet unseen. I ask you to be involved. If you use email, make sure your name is on the email list for the association so you can hear about UHA events. If you receive flyers or notices about events, come out and see what's going on and what you can do to help. If you're not receiving flyers, maybe we could use your help distributing them to folks.

Often I talk to people who think the neighborhood association board is a group of people separate from them, but that's not the case. We need you to help decide where we want our neighborhood to go.

Be heard. Come to the public meeting about the Bike Boulevard project on Silver – at the Heights Community Center on May 27th from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Join in. Come to our neighborhood cleanup on May 31<sup>st</sup> from 7:00 am to 1:30 pm, meet at the Albuquerque Produce Exchange on Cornell and Lead.

Help change our neighborhood for the better. UHA begins with you.

Ben Roberts, President 2008

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### **Questions or Comments about the UHA Newsletter**

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**The UHA Newsletter**

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**May 27.**

Bike Boulevard Public Meeting  
Heights Community Center - 823  
Buena Vista SE - 5:30pm - 7:30pm

**May 31.**

UHA Neighborhood Clean-Up  
ABQ Produce Exchange (formerly the  
Farmer's Basket) -  
301 Stanford SE - 7am to 1:30 pm

**June 3.**

UHA Board of Directors Meeting  
Southwest Research & Information  
Center - 105 Stanford SE - 7pm

## IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

**Dial 311 for non-emergency city inquiries and services**

Emergency	911
APD Non-Emergency	242-2677
DWI Hotline	#DWI (394)
APD Crime Prevention	924-3600
Southeast Substation	256-2050
Fire Non-Emergency	833-7300
Animal Control	768-1975
City/County Information	768-2000
Graffiti Hotline	768-4725
Landlord/Tenant Hotline	256-9442
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 Departments	724-3100
Pothole Hotline	768-4653
Mayor's Office	768-3000

University Heights Neighborhood website  
(coming soon): [www.uhanm.org](http://www.uhanm.org)

City of Albuquerque website:  
[www.cabq.gov](http://www.cabq.gov)  
Bernalillo County website:  
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# UHA Neighborhood Clean-Up

Saturday, May 31

7 am - 1:30 pm

Albuquerque Produce Exchange -  
301 Stanford SE



(formerly the Farmer's Basket)

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**Come out to meet your neighbors and make our neighborhood shine.**

**We need neighbors with pick up trucks!**

What to bring: rakes, gloves, a hat, sunscreen and water.

For more information contact Sherry Smith email: uhanews@yahoo.com or call 232-0056

## JOIN THE UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION!

### -Give To Your Community-

Send Completed Form and Dues to:  
Don Hancock, UHA Treasurer  
2210 Silver SE  
Albuquerque, NM 87106

Please retain for  
your records

2008 UHA  
Membership  
Dues

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ paid

### University Heights Association Membership

**Yearly Dues:**  Neighborhood - \$2/yr     Business - \$15/yr     Student or Senior - \$1/yr  
 Sponsor - \$10/yr (This sponsorship is for those who want to make a special contribution)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

You **do not** have to be a property owner to belong to UHA.  
Anyone who resides in or has an interest in the University Heights area is welcome.