

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER

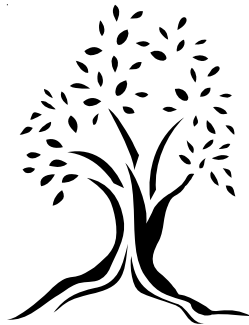
November 2008

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UHA FALL CLEAN-UP SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15.

Join us for the UHA Fall clean-up on November 15, 2008 beginning at 7 AM to about 11am. Just as in the spring clean-up, the Solid Waste garbage trucks will pick up all of your house and yard trash at your curb. Place large items like couches, furniture, mattresses, appliances, etc. **out at the curb by Friday night November 14th** and the City will pick them up first thing the next morning during our annual fall cleanup. Sorry – no concrete and no construction materials please.

Members of UHA and volunteers will assist by moving other trash from alleys and streets to areas easily accessible by the city trucks. We will meet on the west side of the Albuquerque Produce Exchange (Formerly the Farmer's Basket) parking lot at the corner of Coal and Columbia. Have your trash out on the curb by 7 AM and please join us in working to keep our neighborhood clean.



IMPORTANT UHA DATES

November 15.
UHA Neighborhood Spring
Clean-Up

December 13.
Second Saturdays Artisans' Fair
Peace and Justice Center

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NEW VISION FOR LEAD AND COAL AVENUES: CHANGE IS HERE!

After years of neighborhood effort, the re-design of Lead and Coal Avenues got underway at the end of September. Both streets, from Washington to Broadway, were re-stripped to make them consistently 2 lanes and to include a bike lane in most sections. Between I-25 and Broadway, on-street parking also was created.

The intent of the re-stripping work is to immediately implement core recommendations from the spring 2007 report of the Lead and Coal task force and to thereby immediately make progress towards the principal goal of Lead and Coal re-design: traffic calming and improved neighborhood safety.

This is, however, only interim work. Wilson and Company, the project engineers, along with the Lead and Coal citizens task force, now will return their focus to: 1) creating a specific plan for the full re-design of the corridor; and 2) executing full-redesign in a yet designated initial section.

Elements of full design will include: 1) creation or restoration of parkways along both streets (parkway: the landscaped strip

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between the street and sidewalk); 2) addition of traffic calming and pedestrian protection features, such as bulbouts; and 3) improvements to sidewalks.

The "New Vision for Lead and Coal Avenues" 2007 report is available on the Department of Municipal Development page on the City website (www.cabq.gov). A community information meeting regarding Lead and Coal re-design is planned for early 2009. University Heights residents can expect a Lead and Coal update at the yet-scheduled UHA annual meeting (usually late January or early February). Questions or comments by UHA residents about the project can be directed to Joseph Aguirre (jaguirre_87106@yahoo.com).

THE BIKE BOX ON LEAD AND COAL

Wondering what a bike box is? They can be found on the new and improved Lead/Coal corridors and in other locations throughout the city. The bike box is an intersection safety design to prevent bicycle/car collisions, especially those between drivers turning right and bicycles going straight. It is a striped box on the road with a white bicycle symbol inside.

What Motorists Should Know: When the traffic signal is red, motorists must stop behind the bike box. Don't stop on top of or in the bike box. Keep it clear for cyclists to use. No right turns on red at these intersections! When the signal turns green, motorists and cyclists may move through the intersection as usual, with cyclists going first. Motorists turning right on green should signal and watch for cyclists on the right, especially in the bike lane.

What Bicyclists Should Know: When a traffic signal is yellow or red, enter the bike box from the approaching bike lane. Stop before the crosswalk. When the light is green, proceed as normal. Be aware of right-turning motorists, especially while in the intersection.

The main goal of the bike box is to prevent collisions between motorists turning right and cyclists going straight. It's all about visibility and awareness. At a red light, cyclists are more visible to motorists by being in front of them. At a green light, it reminds motorists and cyclists to watch for each other.



ARTISAN FAIR AT THE PEACE AND JUSTICE CENTER

Albuquerque Peace and Justice Center's "Second Saturdays" ARTISANS' FAIR! Saturday, December 13th, 9AM -1PM. There will be live music and Beautiful Arts & Crafts. All are welcome (It's free!).

202 HARVARD DR SE (@ SILVER)

Anyone wishing to have a booth at this, or future Second Saturdays (we do it every month), please call Steven Wanzell: 255-4296.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Achieving real, visible improvement in our community is something that I have focused on in my term as President of the UHA this year. I've spent a lot of time thinking about how we as a volunteer organization with very limited resources can do work that results in concrete changes in the community.

I've come to the conclusion that achieving "real" results given limited resources requires hard work, collaboration, and most importantly a willingness to compromise.

These elements can be seen in the recent lane reduction through the University Heights along Lead and Coal. The problem at hand was how to reduce speeding and improve safety along Lead and Coal, and help cut the number of accidents and cars impacting homes along the roadways.

Now, after almost two years of consistent hard work by representatives from neighborhoods along the Lead Coal corridor collaborating with one-another and the City, we have a solution which reduces Lead and Coal to two lanes while maintaining the one-way nature of the streets. There has been a visible reduction in the amount of speeding on these streets, without significantly reducing their usability for transit between downtown and the Southeast portion of the city.

This is just the first phase of an ongoing project, and it's likely that the same combination of hard work, collaboration and compromise that have been needed to get this far will continue to be needed in the future. I hope you'll be along to help us all benefit from more tangible change in our community.

Finally, I would like to thank the board members of the University Heights Association, who showed up early to help set up tables for the event, served food and drink to folks, and stayed afterwards to make sure tables and chairs were returned, and everything was cleaned up.

Ben Roberts, President 2008

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AUTUMN START TO SPRING GARDEN

Many people feel their own sap rising and take action for spring when the succeeding hot windy dry season is already arriving. You and your plantings can do less work, get a jump start, survive better, and produce more, by preparing during autumn:

- 0) you'll need work gloves, spading fork, shovel, wheelbarrow, weld-wire fencing or untreated wood pallets, bulk compost and manure, seeds of your favorite cool-season crops;
- 1) gather all your weeds, at the very least carefully cutting off and removing all seedheads and forking up perennial roots;
- 2) in a 4-foot wire cylinder or pallet frame, start a new compost pile with alternating 3-6 inch layers of all your kitchen scraps and yard waste including weeds, leaves, trimmings, grass;
- 3) liberally add to your planting beds 3-6 inches of aged compost & manure and fork it in well, then shape and edge to catch and infiltrate water;
- 4) while days are still warm, seed out part of your asparagus (permanent location), beet, broccoli, brussels sprout, cabbage, carrot, cauliflower, chard, collard, kale, kohlrabi, lettuce, mustard, spring and yellow onions, parsley, parsnip, potato, radish, rhubarb (permanent location), rutabaga, spinach, turnip;
- 5) before soil freezes, plant out garlic cloves, which will become full bulbs to harvest in June;
- 6) mulch everything with 3-6 inches of partly broken up straw and leaves, and water well once a week;
- 7) seed a succession of start trays from mid-winter, start hardening them off in late winter, start planting out in early spring.

Depending on our always fluctuating weather, you'll enjoy some early winter greens and roots, many will take off early spring, you'll be harvesting when others are just planting. If you like the idea of sharing garden, work, and harvest with a small neighbourhood group, contact us soon at "ecOasys@hotmail.com" about joining Gardenshare.

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
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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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 15.

UHA Neighborhood Clean-Up
 ABQ Produce Exchange (formerly
 the Farmer's Basket) -
 301 Stanford SE - 7 to 11am

December 13.

Second Saturdays Artisans' Fair
 Peace and Justice Center - 202
 Harvard SE - 9am to 1pm

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
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:
www.uhanm.org

City of Albuquerque website: www.cabq.gov
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UHA Neighborhood Clean-Up

Saturday, November 15

7 - 11 am

Albuquerque Produce Exchange - 301 Stanford SE
(formerly the Farmer's Basket)

Meet at the west side of the parking lot

NEW! This year place large items like couches, furniture, mattresses, appliances, etc. **out at the curb by Friday night November 14th** and the City will pick them up first thing in the next morning.

UHA neighbors will be picking up litter in our alleys and streets. Come out to meet your neighbors and make our neighborhood shine.

We urge neighbors with pick up trucks to help us with large items!

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



UHA BLOCK PARTY THANK YOU'S

Thanks to everyone who attended our annual University Heights Association block party on September 6th.

Special thanks to Allen Lewis and the Brick Light District partners for kindly allowing us to host the block party on the sidewalk in front of the new Brick Light apartments. This proved to be a great location for people to gather, socialize, learn, eat and drink. Thanks also to the businesses that donated food and beverages. The block party wouldn't have been possible without delicious support from The Frontier Restaurant, Saggio's, Papa John's Pizza, Mirai Express, Smith's grocery store on Yale and Coal, Satellite coffee and Keva Juice.

Thanks to the Peace and Justice Center and University Heights Methodist Church for providing chairs and tables for vendors and presenters, to the City of Albuquerque and Wilson and Company for presenting information on the Lead + Coal project, Bike ABQ,



the New Mexico Solar Energy Association for presenting on solar energy, Spencer Nelson from the Albuquerque Safe City project, and Steve Echols for discussing bees and beekeeping in Albuquerque, as well as our local artists who attended. Thanks also to any other groups or individuals we may have omitted who gave of their time or resources for our block party — there were so many great people there that it was hard to keep track of everyone.

If you are interested in being part of next year's block party please contact the University Heights Association board, contact information is located in this newsletter.