

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER

September 2009

Newsletter Contact: info@uhamm.org

ANNUAL UHA BLOCK PARTY SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12.

You are invited to this year's UHA Annual Block Party! This year's celebration will be held on the 100 block of Stanford on Saturday, September 12 from 3-6 pm.

We will have a number of community and city groups join us including the City of Albuquerque Parking Services to issue on street parking permits. For on street parking permits please bring proof of residency and vehicle registration -- for further details please read the insert provided in this newsletter.

Stop by for food and entertainment! Food will be generously donated by our local UHA restaurants. Live music "in the neighborhood of the blues" will be soulfully provided by Burning Moonlight, featuring UHA board member Greg Gould.

FEDERAL STIMULUS DOLLARS MOVE LEAD & COAL RE-DESIGN ONTO THE FAST TRACK

Mayor Chavez announced on August 13 and the City Council approved on August 17 an agreement with the Richardson administration and State Department of Transportation to use \$25 million of federal stimulus funds, and an additional \$7 million of city funds, for Lead Coal redesign. \$4 million of the city funds must be approved by voters as part of the bond issue on the October 6 ballot. The funding will allow: 1) construction of the entire corridor, from Washington to Broadway, as one project (although, of course, one section at a time); 2) construction to start as early as late 2009 or early 2010; and 3) construction to be completed perhaps by the end of 2010.

Wilson and Company are finalizing the design phase of the project and have been meeting with property owners along the corridor to involve them in the planning for work along their homes. Any property owner who has not yet met with Wilson and wishes to should contact Savina Garcia at

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sgarcia@wilsonco.com. Questions or comments about the project can be emailed to Ms. Garcia or to Joseph Aguirre, UHA board member, jaguirre_87106@yahoo.com.



Lead Coal re-design will: 1) incorporate multiple elements to improve roadway safety; 2) landscape both sides of both streets all along the corridor; and 3) incorporate multiple enhancements for bicyclists and pedestrians.

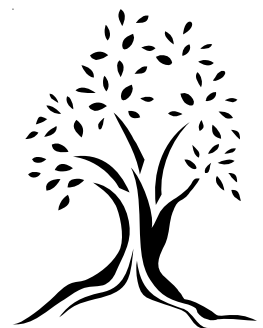
Plans for the project can be accessed online at [ftp.wilsonco.com](ftp://ftp.wilsonco.com). (NOT http). Username: wcea Password: wcea-ftp once you are logged on go to "Lead Coal 95% DRC." A Block by block roadway plan is in Section 3. You may have to make multiple attempts in order to log on. Section 3 documents may be temporarily unavailable if they are being revised.

PLANT A TREE

“If every American planted just one tree, the amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere would be reduced by one billion pounds annually.” -www.TreeNM.com

It is estimated that an additional one million strategically placed trees could save \$10 million in energy costs in a city like Albuquerque. Trees save 10 to 30 percent of total summer air conditioning costs when placed on the west and south side of a building, and save 10 to 25 percent of winter heating costs by allowing sun through leafless branches or blocking winter wind. Trees reduce the “heat island” effect of concrete, asphalt and other hard surfaces by 5 to 10 degrees.

A single tree reduces the same amount of atmospheric carbon dioxide as released by a typical car driven 388 miles! A tree absorbs one ton of carbon dioxide over its normal lifetime. The average person in the U.S. generates approximately 2.3 tons of CO2 every year. Go to www.treenm.com for more information.



Again this spring UHA is managing the tree pruning and planting in the area between the street and sidewalk. The funding support is from the state sponsored by Rep Gail Chasey. Approximately 24 properties will have trees pruned for public safety. And 13 properties will have trees planted. The priority is to plant large shade trees although some properties will be more suited to smaller trees. Another planting is planned in the fall, the prime tree planting time.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Many of us live here in the University Heights for reasons related to the entity which gives our neighborhood its name – the University of New Mexico. Many of us are students, staff or alumni of UNM, and living close to the University, its amenities and the shops, cafes and vibrant life along Central Avenue all contribute to making the University Heights a great place to live. I myself am a UNM alumni, and have lived in various neighborhoods, always within 4 blocks of the university, for the last 14 years.

Unfortunately, neighborhood relations with the University are sometimes strained, and often it is difficult to get good communication with the University on issues like new development, traffic and parking, which by and large are greatly affected by UNM and which in turn affect the neighborhood and its residents.

A few months ago the UHA board met with some representatives from UNM to discuss a revision to the UNM Master Plan, which includes among many new buildings a proposal for a Recreation Center on UNM campus, just East of the Stanford entrance on Central. The UHA board provided feedback about the new Master Plan, particularly impacts for increased traffic on Stanford, and ways the community and the University can work toward solutions. However, as of yet there is no evidence that our feedback has actually been taken into account by the University.

This past week I met with representatives from neighborhoods on all sides of UNM, the Federation of University Neighborhoods, City Councilor Isaac Benton, and other government officials. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the successes and their difficulties in getting timely information, and communication, with the University regarding its development plans. Everyone at this meeting shared the concern for the breakdown between UNM and the surrounding community, and UNM's failure to really take notice of community input on the Master Plan. Out of more than 25,000 students at UNM, less than 10% live on campus – the rest live in surrounding neighborhoods like ours, and elsewhere in the city, and travel to and from UNM. This means the Master Plan affects those beyond UNM's immediate boundaries, and as such should receive proper input from community members. The UNM Board of Regents meets to make a decision on the Master Plan on September 29th, so time is short to make sure our voices are heard.

UNM claims it has had sufficient community input, but I wonder if you feel like your voice has been heard? What I ask of you is to take a few minutes and look at the UNM Master Plan proposal on the web here: <http://frem.unm.edu/PCD/university-planning/master-planning/index.html> and then take a moment to call or write to the UNM Board of Regents and tell them you think that the Master Plan fails to address the issues that have already been clearly and repeatedly raised by surrounding neighborhoods.

Make sure your voice is heard the feedback period for the Master Plan ends on September 10, so please contact Ellen Wenzel, Special Assistant to the Board of Regents at (505) 277 7639 or by email: ewenzel@unm.edu. Or send postal mail to UNM Board of Regents, MSC05 3200, 1 University of New Mexico Albuquerque, NM 87131-0001

Let the Regents know that UNM is an important part of our community, but that the current Master Plan fails to address numerous problems and needs more time to be revised before a final decision is made.

Ben Roberts, UHA President 2009

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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

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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.

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
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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
Bernalillo County website: www.bernco.gov

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UHA Annual Block Party

**Saturday, September 12
3 - 6 pm**

100 Block of Stanford Dr SE

**Enjoy free food, drink, music and good company!
Food has generously been donated by Saggio's,
Frontier Restaurant and more.**

Music by Burning Moonlight.

**Meet your neighbors and the
University Heights Association Board!**

The City of Albuquerque Parking Services will be joining us to issue parking permits to residents who live on streets requiring permits.