



UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS ASSOCIATION NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER WINTER 2015

LETTER FROM UHA PRESIDENT, JOE GALLEGOS

Greetings University Heights Family,

Please join fellow UHA neighbors, renew your membership, learn what is planned to improve our community from our civic leaders, share your visions of projects needed to enhance our quality of life, have fun participating in our neighborhood history video project, enjoy snacks and beverages, relax and visit with everyone, plus cast your vote on UHA bylaw changes and to elect 2015 board members.

WHO: Everyone Living & Loving Our Neighborhood

WHAT: 2015 Annual UHA Neighborhood Meeting & Board Election

WHERE: Outpost Performance Space, 210 Yale Boulevard SE

WHEN: Sunday, January 25, 1:30 p.m.

WHY: Community Unity!

PROPOSED BYLAWS CHANGE

At the annual meeting members will be asked to vote to amend the UHA bylaws, sections 3.A., 3.B., 3.C, and 3.D to eliminate the specific membership dues amounts for neighborhood, business, sponsors, and senior citizens and students and substitute "as determined by the board of directors." The intent of the amendment is to allow the board of directors to periodically change the annual membership dues amounts, since the existing amounts have not changed in more than 30 years. If approved by the majority of voting members at the annual meeting, the change would become effective in January 2016.

NEW TRASHCAN

By Marlene Brown

The University Heights Neighborhood Association is the proud owner of a new, bright red, trashcan located on the NW corner of Cornell and Silver. The trashcan was purchased with funds from a Keep America Beautiful grant and installed by UHA Board members. Because the trashcan was not supplied by the City of Albuquerque it will be emptied by volunteers. If you want to help, please contact UHA.



NEW CENTRAL AVENUE BUSES?

By Don Hancock

Mayor Berry and ABQ Ride have been promoting a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system for Central Avenue from the west side to Louisiana Ave. Later this year, the city will apply to the federal government for approximately \$75 million for the BRT system, about 75% of the construction costs.

UHA and other nearby neighborhood associations support improved mass transit on Central Avenue and throughout the city, and have encouraged people to participate in the various public meetings that have been held during the past two years. On November 10, UHA sponsored an informational meeting with city officials that several dozen neighborhood residents and business people attended to view proposed designs for the BRT in this area, to ask questions, and make comments. On December 19, UHA sent a letter to city officials detailing opposition to current proposed designs and support for alternatives that would improve safety. The UHA letter is online at:
<http://www.uhanm.org/resources/UHA%20BRT%20letter%20121814.pdf>

SILVER BLVD SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

By Don Hancock

For several years, UHA has asked the city to undertake a study of traffic volumes, speeds, and accidents and to then incorporate changes to make the street safer.

On November 13, 2014, officials from the City Council, Municipal Development and Transit departments, and UHA President Joe Gallegos met to discuss existing problems with Silver and the specific things that a traffic study should investigate. This spring a study could be done, including:

1. A count of motor vehicle traffic, speed, and on-street parking
2. A count of bike, pedestrian and skate board traffic and direction they are traveling
3. A clear site safety check where the north-south alleys intersect with Silver
4. Improved pedestrian crossings at Cornell, Stanford and Harvard
5. A field observation as to how well motor vehicles, bicyclists and skate boarders share the road.

UPCOMING NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESSES ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

By Brian Stinar

The University Heights Neighborhood Association is hosting an organizational meeting for businesses located in the neighborhood on **Tuesday, January 20, 7:00 p.m.** at the Hartman + Majewski Design Group office, located at 120 Vassar Drive SE. Our goal with this meeting is to allow business leaders to create an organization which will host events that generally promote business within our borders. If you are involved in business within the University Heights neighborhood, please consider attending!

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

<p>Please retain for your records</p> <p>2015 UHA</p> <p>Membership Dues</p> <p>\$ _____ paid</p>	<p align="center">University Heights Association Membership</p> <p>Yearly Dues: <input type="checkbox"/> Neighborhood - \$2/yr <input type="checkbox"/> Business - \$15/yr <input type="checkbox"/> Student or Senior - \$1/yr <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor - \$10/yr (This sponsorship is for those who want to make a special contribution)</p> <p>Name _____ Phone (____) _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Email _____</p> <p align="center"><small>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.</small></p>
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