



UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER :: SPRING 2018

Spring Cleanup! Saturday, June 2, 9 am-12 noon

***MEET at the SE corner of Lead and Cornell
(parking lot of the old Farmers Market Building)***

We'll have drinks, coffee provided by Winning Coffee, gloves, trash bags and the big trash truck—bring your large items for disposal by 10:45 am



UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS MURAL

Artist Mark Horst and his team are due to complete the Silver Avenue mural (***Honey in the Heart***) on the southside of the PNM substation, in late May.

UHA and the City of Albuquerque Public Arts office are planning a mural celebration event

for sometime this summer. The date was not final in time for this newsletter but will be announced later by a flyer delivered to your door (!), on uhanm.org, and UHA on Facebook.

Please be on the lookout for that invite and join the celebration.

COMMUNITY GARDEN

We have a unique opportunity in the University Heights neighborhood, to create a community garden. The folks that run the Bricklight District on Harvard will provide space, water, soil, and fencing.

Now we need your help. Expertise is appreciated but not necessary.

The site will be on the west side of the 100 block of Harvard. The uninhabited houses will be either moved or demolished soon. Once the houses are gone, we will hold a workshop to build raised beds.

If you want to get your hands dirty and learn about gardening, please email me. ~ Marlene Brown, mbwildwoman@gmail.com

KEEPING IT CLEAN—OUR RIVER, THAT IS

Everything that goes into the storm sewer goes straight into the river - it doesn't get treated first. Storm water is the primary source of river pollution. River pollution negatively affects recreation, the environment and increases the risk of flooding. YOU can do your part to stop river pollution by:

- Preventing sanitary sewer backups by disposing of fats, oil, grease and food debris in the trash, and using a drain screen in showers and sinks to catch hair and solids.
- Never dump waste (including paint and biodegradable cleaners) into or near storm drains!
- Minimize your use of pesticides and fertilizers, and don't use when it might rain within two days.
- Prevent dirt from blowing or washing away
- Take your car to a commercial car wash where the waste water must be treated.
- Pick up after your pets and dispose of their waste in the trash or toilet
- Don't litter, and pick up trash whenever possible
- Fix vehicle leaks

Learn more during a free presentation by the UNM Sustainability Studies Program and the Safety & Risk Services Department on May 31, 2018 6-7pm at the ABQ Center for Peace and Justice, 202 Harvard Dr. SE.

LEAD & COAL, AGAIN, STILL

Excessive speed, increased traffic, and frequent collisions, make Lead and Coal Avenues very unsafe. Additionally, the proximity of Lead and Coal to homes, businesses, and apartments makes collisions even more dangerous and unnerving. These accidents happen on a regular basis destroying both public and private property, putting pedestrians and cyclists at increased risk, and creating an environment that is unsafe.

The negative health consequences from traffic on Lead/Coal include but are not limited to: damage to property, damage to automobiles, hearing loss, breathing problems, and anxiety.

Traffic collisions on Lead/Coal occur weekly, and sometimes multiple times per day—the need for action from the City of Albuquerque is urgent. Though this uptick in vehicular traffic-caused safety problems has been exacerbated by the A.R.T. project on Central, we believe the problem lies primarily in the design of Lead/Coal. Auto collisions and excess speeding has been witnessed and documented since the completion of the Lead/Coal lane reduction in June 2012.

UHA is requesting from the City Council, the Mayor's office, and the Office of Municipal Development a comprehensive safety and health study of the neighborhood impact from traffic on Lead and Coal, and that any sensible recommendations from this study be implemented as quickly as possible.

If you are negatively impacted by Lead/Coal traffic, join us in building a coalition of residents (renters and owners), business owners, and Neighborhood Associations. We also welcome you to help document the many auto collisions on Lead/Coal by uploading your unique photos to our public Google Album (<https://photos.app.goo.gl/TihJCRUFESxQkfF32>), which contains resident-submitted photos of a fraction of the auto collisions on Lead/Coal since June 2012.

Please contact uhna@googlegroups.com if you have any questions, suggestions, photos, or want to be a part of the conversation.



PICK UP THE PACE! The bike share program PACE has popped up in Albuquerque and there are two docking stations in the University Heights neighborhood: on the 100 block of Stanford and the 100 block of Harvard.

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!