

September 2013



ANNUAL GENERAL NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

Thursday, September 19, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

(Refreshments starting at 6:30 pm)

Dennis Chavez Elementary School Cafeteria

**Speaker: Richard Chapman
Owner / Manager Smart Use, LLC
Topic: Water Use & Conservation**

**4 Door Prizes – \$25 Gift Cards for Target, Trader Joes
& Albertsons, plus Membership to HHNA for 1 Year**

ELECTIONS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

WE NEED 2 NEW DIRECTORS!!!!

Nominations will be taken from the floor!

NEW SAFETY PATROL MEMBERS NEEDED

Help keep your neighborhood safe

WE NEED YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

Your information will not be shared

REMINDER – MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL IS DUE

NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

\$15 (The price of a large pizza and a soda)

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News you can use to build a safer, friendlier neighborhood

President's Corner:

On August 7th my neighbors on Palomar alerted me to an anonymous threatening letter they had received from one of their neighbors accusing them of letting weeds grow and that they would possibly be burglarized. *This behavior is unacceptable - it is abuse and bullying and may be liable to criminal prosecution.* If you see a problem that was outlined in the May 2013 Newsletter – call 311 and let the City take care of it through Code Enforcement.

Be aware that your Board of Directors does not send letters to households regarding code violations – we will report them to Code Enforcement or 311 so that we get a tracking number to follow through.

I am delighted to welcome Richard Chapman as our featured speaker. Richard is a contractor for Water Conservation Services to the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Authority. He will offer some advice on home water conservation as well as auditing if you see a large spike in your water bill,

The September Annual General Meeting is important as we hold elections to the Board of Directors. This year we are reelecting Robert Preissler, our Vice President, and Hugh Killin, our Membership Director. However, we do need two new members to fill vacancies. If you can volunteer a couple of hours each month and have skills like newsletter editing or spreadsheets we would strongly encourage you to join our Board – we need your help. Nominations will be taken from the floor.

**Heritage Hills Neighborhood
Association
Board of Directors
2012 – 2013**

**Peter D. Nicholls, President,
353-1996**

**Robert J Preissler, Vice
President, 934-7554**

**Mary Spicher, Treasurer,
856-1732**

**Donna L. Nicholls, Secretary,
205-9177**

**Hugh Killin, Membership,
821-5060**

**Carl Davidson, Zoning,
823- 9237**

**Louise Holmquist,
828-9641**

**Russ Spicher, Safety Patrol,
856-1732**

September is also time to renew your membership of HHNA. Is \$15 too much to ask? **Consider this: the current 150 members are subsidizing the other 850 in our neighborhood that do not support us. Then we incur additional expense doing a Membership drive in November to try to get a few more to join!!**

Crime continues to be at low levels – thanks to our Safety Patrol. We really need more volunteers – a couple of hours per month are all we ask. It protects all of us and if patrols continue to decline our crime rates will go up.

Our Safety Patrol members follow APD guidelines: we use cell phones to communicate with APD or residents as needed and are thus the eyes and ears of your neighborhood. If you think you would like to join us, we would be happy to have you do a ride-a-long with one of our patrols.

APD will be conducting a training class for new patrol members city-wide in January and this is a great learning tool both for patrol duties and personal safety.

We have seen a spike in auto burglaries recently and we did send out 2 e-mail alerts to our current paid members on this. An \$800 TUF shed may be a lot cheaper to store your garage items so that you can keep your cars in the garage rather than on the street.

This is your neighborhood, please do not assume others will step up to keep us safe and informed – it is everyone’s responsibility not just the faithful few that have been helping out for many years.

We all have other responsibilities whether it be a job, volunteering, or other activities with family etc., but so do our Board and Patrol members and it is not fair to them to keep taking on more just because others will not make any effort.

The improvements to the Ventura sidewalks south of San Francisco will start again in November.

Yet again, we must ask you to help us with supplying a phone number and a current email address for each residence. We cannot protect you if we are on patrol and see an open garage door open and do not have a valid phone number **or cell phone number if you do not now have a land line**. Sure we can call 242-cops but it really is a waste of police resources when you should be taking responsibility for your safety and property. **Please check your garage door is closed before retiring for the night, you are risking a possible home invasion.**

If you see trees that are clearly dying and not on private property, please take a moment to call 311.

We hope to see you at the September Annual General Meeting. Best Wishes to all.

Peter D. Nicholls, President.

City Codes that Apply to All City Pet owners:

The HEART Ordinance, or the "Humane and Ethical Animal Rules and Treatment," is the City animal ordinance.

If you do not want to spay or neuter your companion animal, you must purchase an intact animal permit for \$150. Citations are being issued to people whose animals are not in compliance with the ordinance. The penalty is up to \$500 and/or 90 days in jail as determined by a Metro Court judge.

Read the HEART Ordinance text at www.amlegal.com and look under library, and then click on the map for New Mexico and then click on Albuquerque and select “frames”.

Frequently Asked Questions

Does this Ordinance apply to me if I live in a surrounding county? Yes, if your pet is impounded at the City of Albuquerque Animal Welfare Department. 9-2-2-3 Section C: states; "No companion animal owned by a person who lives in Bernalillo County or the surrounding counties of Valencia, Sandoval, Cibola, Santa Fe and Tarrant shall leave any Animal shelter including Animal Welfare without being altered as provided here within."

Is my animal required to be spayed or neutered? Yes, dogs over the age of six months and cats over the age of five months are required to be altered. Exemptions are granted only in cases due to health issues as documented by your veterinarian. Low cost spay and neuter programs are available. The City

also is providing free spay and neuter services to qualified low income households. Call 311 to find out if you qualify.

Is my dog or cat required to have current rabies shot? Yes. You cannot get a license without one.

If I take my dog for a walk, is there a leash length requirement? Dogs should not be on a leash longer than 8 feet accompanied by a person able to control the animal.

Is my pet required to be microchipped? Yes. Your pet must be microchipped. If a pet is lost, the microchip will provide information on how to find the owner. The Eastside and Westside Animal Welfare locations provide microchipping services during business hours at a cost of \$15 per pet microchip. For seniors 65 years of age or older or qualified low income, the pet microchip is free. In order to receive a microchip, you must bring your pet, have proof of ownership, and personal identification with proof of address, if other than what is on your ID.

How many pets can I have? The ordinance allows Albuquerque residents to own six pets, of which no more than four are dogs.

If my animal is picked up by Animal Welfare, will I be able to reclaim my pet intact? If an intact companion animal with a current intact animal permit is impounded twice by Animal Welfare, the intact animal permit will be revoked and the intact companion animal will be required to be altered. If an intact companion animal is impounded twice and must therefore be altered, the permit holder shall pay Animal Welfare to alter the companion animal

How much does an intact permit cost? The price for an intact permit is \$150 per animal. It must be renewed each year.

How much does a litter permit cost? The fee for a litter permit is \$150 and is good for six months.

What are the requirements to adopt an animal from the Animal Welfare Department? You have to be 18 years of age and meet the requirements of a qualified adopter.

Who is a qualified adopter?

- Must be at least 18 years old.
- Has never been convicted of any form of cruelty under any law.
- Has never been convicted two or more times for any violation of the HEART Ordinance or any preceding animal ordinance.



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- Has never had any animal related permit revoked or suspended.
- Has never failed to reclaim an animal from the Albuquerque Animal Welfare Department.
- Has not surrendered an animal within one year of the time of adoption.
- Has never been convicted of child or domestic abuse.

Is my animal required to have a City license? Yes. All animals must be licensed if you live within the City limits. The license must be renewed annually.

§ 9-2-4-3 ANIMAL LIMITS AND RESTRICTIONS.

(E) Defecation. No Person shall allow an Animal to defecate upon public property or upon any private property other than the property of the Animal's Owner without thoroughly removing and disposing of the feces.

This applies to sidewalks and places like Heritage Hills Park where children play. No one wants to track this into their home, either.

§ 9-2-4-7 ANIMAL NOISE. No person shall allow an Animal to persistently or continuously bark, howl or make noise common to its species to the extent that it causes a nuisance or as otherwise prohibited by this Chapter. This provision shall not apply to public Zoos and approved and properly zoned Animal Shelters as defined by this article.



By respecting these codes you help to keep your neighborhood tidy, safe and a pleasant place to live. It also preserves property values – remember the first impression of a potential buyer of a property is **curb appeal – not just the house for sale but those on that street can directly impact the sale of your home.**

If your neighbors are not complying with these codes, call 311 – you may remain anonymous. You are doing your civic duty in making Heritage Hills a great neighborhood.

National Night Out – 2013

This year we had to abandon the individual home hosts for this event which took place on Tuesday, August 6, 2013 due such poor attendance from the neighbors around the host homes in 2012. It really is not fair to have hosts

take the time and effort to do this if there is no support.

However, we are working on a District 4 event to be held at the North Domingo Baca Multigenerational Center for next year. We could not do it this year due to the city having its

Grand Opening of Phase II of the Center.

If you were not able to attend this Phase II opening you missed out on some great food and fun – it was a very well attended event. They put on a lot of great programs – so go along and check out what they have to offer.

HHNA Annual Treasurer's Report:

Starting Balance = \$2440.41

Deposits = \$3226.22

Expenditures = \$2233.34

Balance (8/1/13) = \$3433.29

Bios for Reelection of Incumbent Directors:

Robert J. Preissler:

My family and I have lived in the Heritage Hills neighborhood for 6 years. I have been a member of the Heritage Hills Neighborhood Association (HHNA) for most of those years acting in the role of Vice President. I am grateful for the rewarding experiences I have shared with my fellow board members who share in the role of representing our neighborhood at various community and government events on the city, county and state level when issues can have an impact to our homes and community.

I am particularly proud of being on special committees for past National Night Out (NNO) events where HHNA has partnered with the Nation Night Out organization, local area businesses such a Target, Albuquerque Police Department, Albuquerque and Bernalillo government and most importantly, our NNO host homes.

I believe that it is important for everyone to play a small part in keeping Heritage Hills a great place to live and I ask for your support in continuing as an HHNA Board member.

Hugh Killin:

Hugh has served faithfully on the Board for many years. He is a past President and brings a wealth of knowledge about not only our neighborhood but also of the City to our discussions. With this knowledge he has mentored myself as your current president over these past years and for which I am most grateful.

He currently serves as our Membership Director, making sure our records are up to date – a big task with over 1000 homes in Heritage Hills. He is willing to stay on, and for that we are thankful, but he could use help with the many Excel files that being a Membership Director entails. So if you have some experience with Excel, become a board member along with Hugh and lend a helping hand.

Hugh is also CERT trained – Community Emergency Response Team which is all about helping others in their neighborhood or workplace after and event while waiting for the professional responders. He is also a member of Toastmasters.

HERITAGE HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Heritage Hills Neighborhood Association (HHNA) is a non-profit organization dedicated to making our neighborhood a safer and better place to live. Membership is open to residents and/or property owners and businesses within the boundaries of the Heritage Hills Neighborhood Association area, which is bounded on the West by Barstow, bounded on the North by Paseo del Norte, bounded on the East by Ventura, and bounded on the South by Heritage Hills Park and the adjoining cul-de-sac streets. Your membership dues help to support critical neighborhood activities including:

- The Neighborhood Safety Patrol, which is statistically proven to reduce crime on our neighborhood.
- A voice for our neighborhood at all levels of Albuquerque government, including the Mayor's office, the City Council, City Planning & Zoning Department and the Albuquerque Fire and Police Departments.
- Keeping residents informed on community issues through general meetings, newsletters, e-mail, and flyers.
- Active participation in Coalition 4 (a coalition of all neighborhood associations in City Council District 4).
- Support of activities at the Cherry Hills Library and Albuquerque Public Schools (APS) attended by students from the Heritage Hills neighborhood.
- Support for Albuquerque Fire Department & Albuquerque Police Department substations serving our neighborhood.



Date: _____

Membership: \$15.00 per Year (October-September)

Mail To:

Heritage Hills Neighborhood Association

PO Box 93608

Albuquerque, NM 87199-3608

Last Name(s): _____ First Name(s): _____

Address: _____ Telephone Number: _____

E-mail: _____

Without a telephone number our Neighborhood Patrol will not be able to contact you in an emergency. All information will be used for contact by HHNA only.

Interest:

Board Member Neighborhood Patrol/Crime Prevention

Newsletter Preparation Zoning

Concerns:

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Market Snapshot

Average Days on Market: 146
Selling vs. Asking Price: -4%
Average Sold Price: \$425,000
Number of Homes for Sale: +43%

Have a Question? Get in touch, we happy to help. **Email Me** or call 505-362-2005

Listings

Address	Price	Sq. Feet	Days on Market
1400 W. 10th St. N. # 101	\$245,000	1,000	15
1400 W. 10th St. N. # 102	\$245,000	1,000	15
1400 W. 10th St. N. # 103	\$245,000	1,000	15
1400 W. 10th St. N. # 104	\$245,000	1,000	15
1400 W. 10th St. N. # 105	\$245,000	1,000	15
1400 W. 10th St. N. # 106	\$245,000	1,000	15
1400 W. 10th St. N. # 107	\$245,000	1,000	15
1400 W. 10th St. N. # 108	\$245,000	1,000	15
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