



## **GENERAL NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**

**Thursday, January 31, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm**

**(Refreshments starting at 6:30 pm)**

**Dennis Chavez Elementary School Cafeteria**

**Speaker: Your District 4 City Councilor  
Brad Winter**



**Door Prizes – 2 Gift Cards for Pizzeria Luca**  
***I'LL SEE YOU THERE***

### **Membership Drive:**

First of all, a BIG thank you to all those who responded to our November Membership Drive. It was very successful with our membership doubling. We rely on membership dues to support our activities like this Newsletter; replacing safety Patrol equipment, for example.

You are the ones that make it possible for our Neighborhood Association to continue in existence.

If you are not a member, there is still time to join – please contact any of our Directors and we will be happy to get a form to you.

Please see the write up on Page 4 from Hugh Killin, our Membership Director.

### **President's Corner:**

By the time you read this the Holiday Season will be over. I hope each one of you had a great time with family and friends and that Santa treated you generously.

Many of our neighbors in Heritage Hills put out some really great Christmas lights on their houses and yards. Thanks to each of you for making the neighborhood so attractive this holiday season.

***News you can use to build a safer, friendlier neighborhood.***

The improvements to Ventura have already started with the dirt and weeds being removed from the area between the sidewalk and the roadway and replaced with stone. This is possible thanks to Councilor Winter's using his set-aside money that is available to each city councilor in the city's budget.

If money allows we will also do the same with any areas that are between the sidewalk and the property line. This should look a lot better and reduce the weeds and the cost of repeated spraying to kill them off.

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

**Peter D. Nicholls, President, 353-1996**  
**Robert J Preissler, Vice President, 917-8746**  
**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**

If this Newsletter seems a little different, there are two reasons. The first is that the January edition is now a shorter one which only goes to our paid up members with e-mails and also to others in our address book that have e-mails, but are non-members. The only ones we mail a hard copy to are those members that do not have e-mails. Thus we do a much reduced and therefore cheaper print run. This being the case, we do not include advertisements as it is not fair to those businesses.

The second reason is that with our previous secretary moving out of the neighborhood your President and new Secretary are trying their hand with this our first

Newsletter production.

We are pleased to have Carl Davidson join our Board of Directors. He has been involved with the board for many years as our Zoning Expert and now as a full member he gets a vote as well.

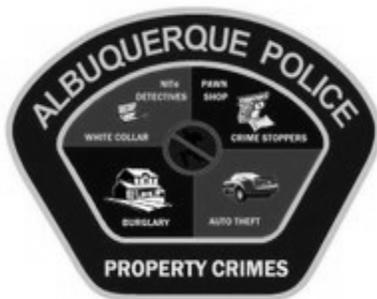
Also joining the Board as secretary is my wife, Donna. She will be an admirable secretary as her attention to detail is excellent. Louise Holmquist also was elected to the Board at the September General Meeting. We are delighted to have her join our monthly deliberations she is already bringing a fresh perspective and ideas.

There is a brief biography of each of these last two later in this Newsletter.

We hope to see you at the January General Meeting.

Best Wishes to all.

Peter D. Nicholls  
President, Heritage Hills Neighborhood Association.



### Online System Helps Residents Keep Track of Valuables

[reportit.leadsonline.com](http://reportit.leadsonline.com) helps Albuquerque citizens safely and securely store important information that is useful in recovering property in the event of a loss or theft

Albuquerque Police Department encourages all residents to use a free online system that will help keep track of valuable --- and invaluable --- personal property. ReportIt is a free, secure online service allowing citizens to record serial numbers and upload images for phones, electronics, and other valuables. Should those items ever be stolen, Albuquerque Police Department says having the information will go a long way in accurately and quickly identifying your property. Citizens can access the site at [reportit.leadsonline.com](http://reportit.leadsonline.com).

The ReportIt service is a part of [LeadsOnline.com](http://LeadsOnline.com), the online system that works with police across the country to track and recover stolen property. The Albuquerque Police Department uses LeadsOnline to help track and recover stolen property ---- everything from jewelry to sporting equipment to electronics, computers, cameras, and other items such as designer clothing, collectibles, and other items with invaluable personal worth. The system allows detectives to search for the items using a variety of parameters, including item descriptions and serial numbers. When an item is sold to a pawn or secondhand shop, the product information is entered in the LeadsOnline database and is immediately viewable by participating law enforcement agencies across the country.

Please read the full article at: [www.cabq.gov/police/news](http://www.cabq.gov/police/news).

**Need a Reliable Pet Sitter  
For your dogs or cats?**

**Contact Karen Airey on  
505-340-6100**

**Rates negotiable**

**New Board Members Bio's:**

**Louise Holmquist:**

I have been a home owner in Heritage Hills since 1994.

I am a retired elementary school teacher from both Albuquerque and Los Angeles. My degrees were earned from the University of New Mexico in 1962 and 1967. I am originally from Minnesota.

My interests included indoor and outdoor activities. I have two small dogs that are great company and keep me busy. Since my retirement, some of my time has been given to tutoring at TV1, and currently at CNM in ESL program. I also participate in the ABQ Reads program at the kindergarten level and volunteer at the Eastside Animal Shelter.

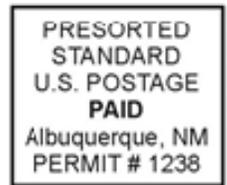
**Donna Nicholls:**

I am a native of Baltimore, Maryland and relocated to Albuquerque in 2007 after visiting New Mexico in 2005. My working career in health care began at Johns Hopkins Hospital in the hematology laboratory performing routine blood tests.

I earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business from the College of Notre Dame of Baltimore and a Master of Science degree in Business from Johns Hopkins University.

My hobbies include world travel and showing purebred cats at cat shows sponsored by The International Cat Association (TICA). Since 1991, I have shown several breeds of cats who have earned regional awards including Tonkinese, Burmese, Balinese (one of which was an International winner) and an Oriental Shorthair. I currently serve at the show manager for the Enchanted Cat Club.

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## Membership

Please consider what the word “Neighborhood” means to you. Having lived in the Heritage Hills neighborhood for 34 years, perhaps it means more to me than to some others. My family chose this neighborhood because it was well located within the City, had well designed City and Utility services, and was connected to the best schools available at that time. We stayed because we felt comfortable with our neighbors. Not everyone has the time to do lengthy tasks for their neighborhood, but some I regard as “heroes” do go out of their way. People like Mike Helton who began the Heritage Hills Safety Patrol 13 years ago. And Leona Schwartzberg who not only served on the HHNA Board for many years, but spent extensive time working with the city on the La Cueva Sector Development Plan which really helps us deal with the irritating interface between Residential and Commercial properties. And Jim Myers who has been the only “registered” Block Captain for Neighborhood Watch in our neighborhood – a job he held for years.

All we ask from others in our neighborhood is a very short list:

To join the neighborhood Association (with a \$15 annual contribution to cover costs.)

To provide current contact Information –specifically a home phone number to allow the Safety Patrol to contact your house with time sensitive security information, and an email address (if available.) This information is protected and not shared.

To read our newsletter and provide us with feedback on what you would like to see in this “three a year publication” or in our general meetings.

And, to recognize that any political strength we have depends on the number of people we represent rather than the number of homes in the community. (This number is reported to the City.)

Please Let Us Hear From You  
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