

March 2017



GENERAL NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

Thursday, March 30, 2017 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm
(Refreshments starting at 6:30 pm)
Dennis Chavez Elementary School Cafeteria

We will have a speaker from Farmers Insurance to educate us about how our Homeowner's Insurance works.

Kendall Magruder will cover topics including

- Will my insurance go up if I make a claim for hail damage?
- the ins and outs of how claims work and what pitfalls to avoid;
- the different types of Endorsements that you have the opportunity to add to your policy that are critical for any homeowner;
- closing the gaps in our homeowner's coverage.

Kendall Magruder - President

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This will not be a sales pitch, it will be designed to educate. We hope many of our neighbors can make it to the discussion!

3 Door Prizes – \$25 Gift Cards for Target, Trader Joe's & Albertsons

NEW PATROL MEMBERS NEEDED – see Page 4

Please email Russ Spicher at charlesruss14@msn.com

WE NEED YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

**Why? So we can contact you when we are on patrol. We do not knock on residents' doors
Your information will not be shared. Please email your phone # to info@hhna.org**

CHANGE IN HHNA LEADERSHIP

Big changes for our association! Longtime HHNA residents and board members, Peter and Donna Nicholls, recently decided to move from their home on Palomar. It's sad news for us, but we're happy for their new endeavors. Peter has been the President of HHNA and Donna the Secretary for many years, and we are so appreciative of their leadership! They did a great job documenting processes and other info for the board so we can continue moving forward in their absence. But we definitely need more help on the HHNA board now.

Would you or one of your neighbors be willing to meet with us a few times throughout the year? We need you to provide input and leadership regarding how we use our funds, the topics that would be most beneficial at the general meetings and in the newsletters, and what activities people would like to see happen - such as the neighborhood garage sale and National Night Out.

Some of the existing board members are willing to fill the vacancies left by the Nichollses, and we'll be discussing and voting on filling those positions at the general meeting on the 30th. We still need others to join with us and help with the roles shown to the right.

Thanks for considering stepping up to help make your neighborhood association strong! Please send an email to info@hhna.org.

**Heritage Hills
Neighborhood Association**
info@hhna.org
Board of Directors
2016 – 2017

Mary Spicher, 856-1732
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Vice President Needed!
More Directors Needed!

Safety Patrol
Russ Spicher, 856-1732

District 4 Coalition Representative
Needed!

Website Editor
Needed!

Newsletter Editor
Needed!



HERITAGE HILLS COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

Saturday, April 22, 2017 - 8:00 am to 1:00 pm

Have some spring cleaning to do? Want to shop for used or discounted goods in a convenient location? April 22 is the date to save! Last April we had a successful neighborhood Garage Sale with 15 to 20 homes participating. This is a chance for each family in Heritage Hills to run its own garage/yard sale OR combine efforts with neighbors on your street, and we can all benefit from joint advertising. Each home can begin or end the sale when they want, and you can even extend your sale into the next day, or have an early bird sale on Friday. Organizational details will be announced on Nextdoor since our next printed newsletter is not until the Fall. If you have questions or would like to help by placing an ad on Craigslist or setting up signs the morning of the sale, please contact christy_burton@hotmail.com.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Tuesday, August 1, 2017

Plan early! Please mark your calendar for this important neighborhood event. From 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday of August, residents in neighborhoods throughout Albuquerque and across the nation are asked to lock their doors, turn on outside lights and spend the evening outside with neighbors and police. Many neighborhoods throughout Albuquerque will be hosting a variety of special events such as block parties, cookouts, parades, visits from police, flashlight walks, contests, youth activities and anti-crime rallies.



HHNA leadership does not organize or fund events for NNO, but we encourage each street to find a way to participate by holding a get together in a neighbor's driveway, for example. It's a great way to meet new neighbors and renew acquaintances with old ones. Please call 311 to register your event with the City so you can have representatives from the police department visit!

CRIME & SAFETY REPORT

January – March 2017

You can find crime statistics for the last 6 months for our neighborhood on the internet at www.crimemapping.com. Type in the school's address as a center point – 7500 Barstow NE – and a map will pop up similar to the one on the next page. You can click on each crime marker to see the type of incident along with the date and time. Heritage Hills had approximately 50 criminal incidents reported to the APD in the last 6 months. You can view various charts and reports based on these reports. **One clear trend is that crime is up during weekdays (M-F) and down on the weekends in our neighborhood.**

Another way to get details about crime in our area is to sign up for Daily Watch Notes from our Area Command. Go to <http://www.northeastareacommand.com>, scroll to the bottom where the newsletter sign up is and enter your information. You will get email messages that look like this:

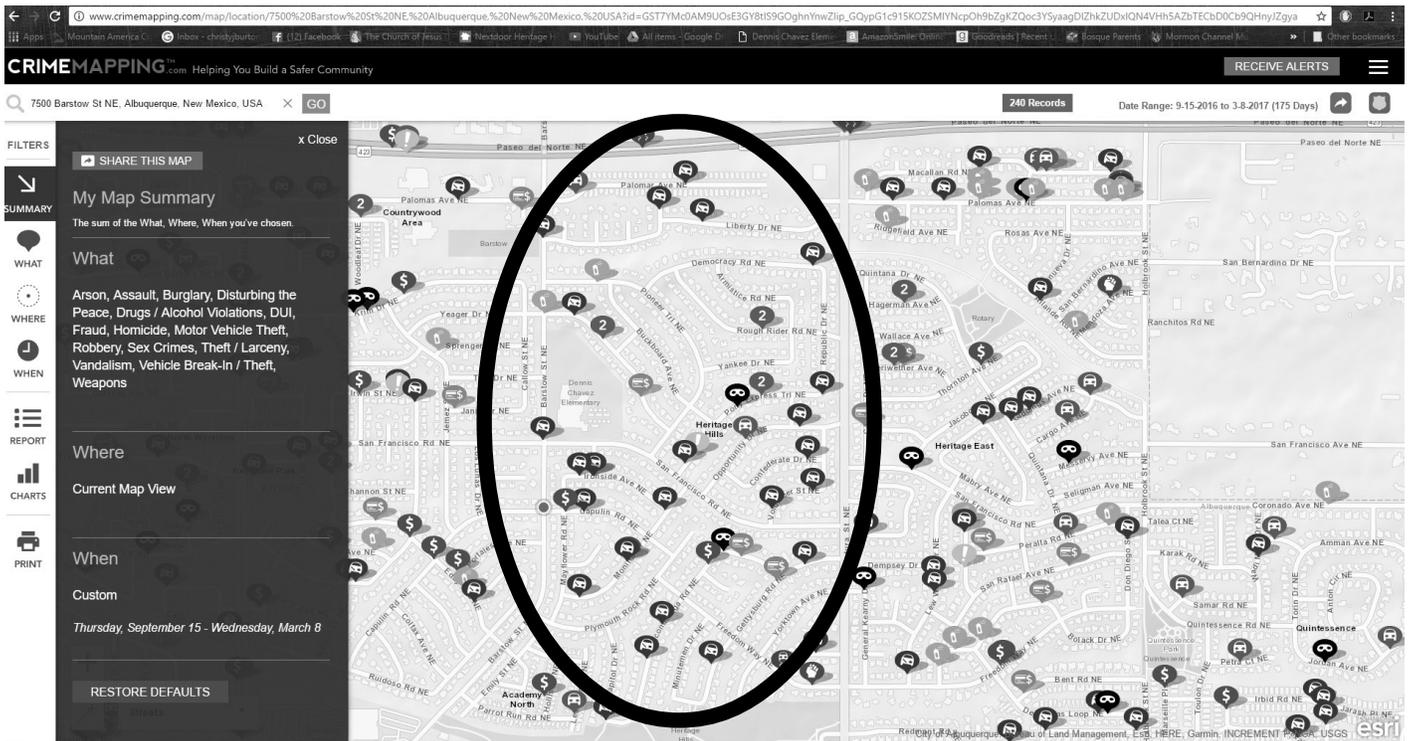
Below are the last 24 hours of Property Crimes in the Northeast Area Command:

There were 5 Auto Thefts: 6200 blk of Indian School, 6200 blk of Mossman, 5800 blk of Harper....

There were 7 Auto Burglaries: 6100 blk of Osuna, 3900 blk of Lafayette Points of entry included broken windows, punched door locks, and pried door locks. Items taken include backpacks, gym bags, wallets, and tools.

There were 2 Residential Burglaries: 3000 blk of Sierra and 7800 blk of Vista Del Arroyo. Points of entry included an open garage and pried open doors. Items taken include tools and other miscellaneous items.

These emails often include useful tips to help keep you from becoming a victim of property crime.



Sample Map from crimemapping.com with Heritage Hills neighborhood circled

Our **safety patrol** drives the neighborhood between 4 and 8 times a month. This is a volunteer group that looks for open garage doors day and night and any suspicious happenings.

As warmer weather approaches and heat builds up in our garages, many of us open our garage doors in the evening to cool down the garage. This becomes a problem when we forget to close the door. An open, unattended garage day or night is an invitation to "the bad guys" to help themselves to our property.

HELP US HELP YOU

E-mail your home or cell phone number to info@hhna.org, especially if you are new to Heritage Hills or you have a new phone number.

The HHNA Neighborhood Patrol needs a number to contact you if there is a situation at your home requiring your attention. Your number will not be used for any other purpose.

HERITAGE HILLS REALTY CORNER

Thinking about buying or selling in our neighborhood? There has been a lot of activity with home sales within Heritage Hills recently. This info is based off the MLS data as of March 11, 2017. There are currently 10 homes Pending "under contract" and 4 others Active "for sale". In the last 6 months, 15 homes have Closed with an average sales price of \$138/SqFt. The range of sale prices has been \$122-155/SqFt - based on size and condition and other factors. In actual dollar amounts, the range has been \$210K - \$280K with an average selling price of \$248K for an average sized home in our neighborhood of 1,760 SqFt.

HERITAGE HILLS ON NEXTDOOR.COM

Did you know 38% of our neighborhood households are signed up on Nextdoor Heritage Hills, a free private social network? It's the easiest way for us to talk online and –

- Organize a Neighborhood Watch Group
- Quickly get the word out about a break-in
- Track down a trustworthy babysitter
- Find out who does the best paint job in town
- Ask for help keeping an eye out for a lost dog



- Find a new home for an outgrown bike
- Finally call that nice man down the street by his first name

Help us build a safer, stronger and happier neighborhood by joining at <http://heritagehillsalbuquerque.nextdoor.com>

CHERRY HILLS LIBRARY SERVICES

More than books! Check out these programs at www.abqlibrary.org/cherryhills

Chess for Beginners all ages

Join us for monthly lessons on the basics of chess taught by Oren Stevens. Registration required.

Chess Club all ages

Join Mr. Rod Avery, coach of the Dennis Chavez Chess Team, for our monthly chess club.

Adult Art Time adults

Meets monthly.

An Itch to Stitch adults

Join our weekly drop-in stitching group! All skill levels welcome!

First Friday Book Group adults

Meets monthly.

Gizmo Garage adults

Learn how to checkout and download library digital material. Bring your device for hands-on help.

Mystery Book Group adults

Meets monthly.

1:1 Genealogy adults

Meet 1:1 with our genealogy consultant to explore your ancestry. Registration required.

Spanish Literature Book Group adults

Meets monthly. Discussion in Spanish.

Tablet 1:1 adults

One on one help with a tablet or library apps. Registration required.

Third Tuesday Book Group adults

Meets monthly.

Master Gardeners adults

Got gardening questions? Consult a Master Gardener. Walk-ins welcome. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Saturdays. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. March – August.

College Knowledge teens

Monthly workshop led by Glenda Durano for college bound students and their parents on various topics.

Baby and Toddler Storytime families

Enjoy an interactive storytime with your child that includes early literacy fun with books, songs, fingerplays and body movement. Weekly Baby and Toddler Storytime is targeted for ages 0 - 3.

Elementary Art/Science ages 6 - 12

Join us each month for art or science activities. Registration required.

Let's LEGO ages 6 – 12

Participate in Lego building around a theme or just for fun. Semimonthly.

Preschool Art/Science ages 3 - 5

Join us each month for fun art or science activities. Child must be accompanied by an adult. Registration required.

Preschool Storytime families

Join in the fun with stories, songs, puppets and more that encourage development of early literacy skills in young children. Weekly Preschool Storytime is targeted for ages 3 - 5.

Read to the Dogs children

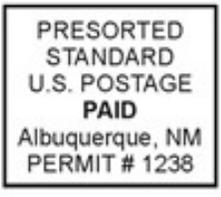
Practice reading with a patient listener. Therapy dogs provide a relaxing space to read without fear of judgment. Semimonthly.

Tween Scene ages 9 - 12

Join us each month for literature based activities, just for tweens! Registration required.

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Heritage Hills Neighborhood Association



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