



Heritage Hills Newsletter

March 2019

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GENERAL NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

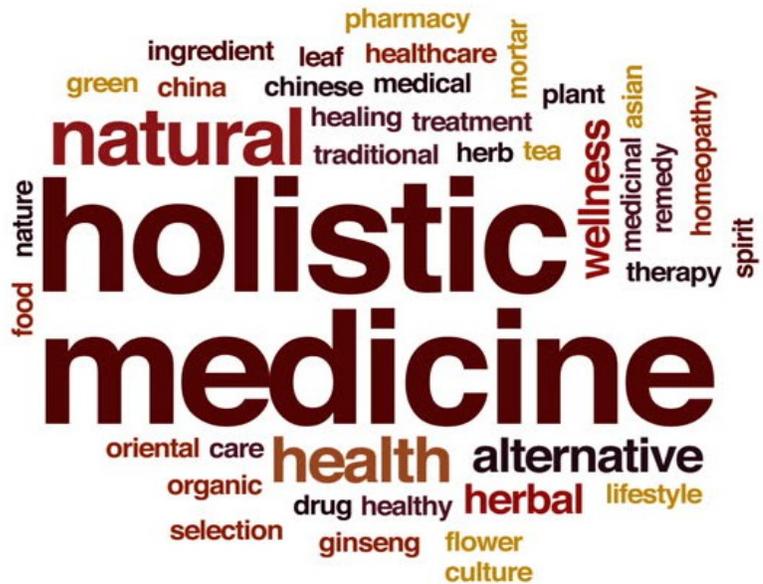
Thursday, March 28, 2019, 7:00 pm to 8:15 pm

** Refreshments starting at 6:45 pm **

Dennis Chavez Elementary Room 7/8

We want to do something a little different at this meeting and present our neighbors with resources for various forms of **Alternative / Integrative / Holistic Medicine.**

Keep reading inside for more details about this special meeting, as well as lots of other useful neighborhood information!



We hope lots of our neighbors will join us on **Thursday, March 28th**. Presenting at our meeting will be several speakers from various holistic medicine businesses in our area. They will briefly talk about services they offer and then be available for questions. Our intent is to provide a very informative and beneficial meeting to all who are able to attend. Have something specific you want to hear about at our meeting?

Send an email to info@hhna.us.

We also want to compile information about these topics on our website, <https://hhna.us/> so it will be a resource for all of us. The website needs some dedicated maintenance, so if this is something you would like to help out with, please be in touch!

We have a couple of volunteers who will be using some of our association funds to provide **teacher appreciation** to Staff and Teachers at Dennis Chavez Elementary School this semester. Your HHNA Board would like to build up our partnership with the school, starting with teacher appreciation. Have other ideas for how we can work with the school to improve our neighborhood? Talk to a board member at our upcoming meeting or send us an email. You can also text or call any of us listed on the front page. We really do like to hear ideas from all of you!

Heritage Hills Neighborhood and Park Safety

The Heritage Hills Neighborhood Association (HHNA) Patrol consists of residents working to provide extra eyes and ears for APD to help reduce crime in our neighborhood and to report public safety concerns to the appropriate authorities. In other words, Neighbors looking after Neighbors. Current patrol members are doing some infrequent daytime patrols. We would be grateful for your participation if you would like to add to our patrols. To make the Patrol a meaningful crime prevention tool we need your help. Contact Russ Spicher, 280-2191 or charlesruss14@msn.com.

We also want to thank our Park volunteers from multiple surrounding neighborhoods who have been opening and closing the gate off of Ventura to keep the parking lot empty over night. This has made a HUGE difference in the amount of noise, litter, and crime that we've seen at the park in the last year. Thank you, Gene & Edie B., Chris H., Brian H., and John W.

Spring Landscaping Recognition

Think your street has the best looking spring gardens? We'd like to recognize neighbors who put that extra effort into beautifying their landscaping this season. If you want to nominate someone for "Fantastic Spring Garden" or perhaps come up with a fun way to run a neighborhood contest, please email us!

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Would YOU be your Street's "Point of Contact" for our Board?

Our Board would like to be better informed about issues of concern to our neighbors in Heritage Hills. In order to do this, we'd like to have people throughout the neighborhood who can update us as needed. For example, giving us a call or sending a text when there's a crime or safety issue on your street, or letting us know when you have an amazing block party so we can write about it in our newsletter!

To be a Point of Contact, you would not need to be on the board or come to any board meetings. It's an easy way to be helpful to your nearby neighbors. Please consider if this is a role you could fill. It would be great to have several of you scattered throughout Heritage Hills, at least one per street!

If this is something you could help with, please contact Homer Gonzales, HHNA Well-Being/Block Captain Coordinator, at 505-235-0215 or Hgabq1985@gmail.com.

Thank you!

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT: Tuesday, August 6, 2019

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. 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!





Heritage Hills Community Garage Sale

Saturday, April 27th, 2018 - 8:00 am to 1:00 pm

Start getting ready for our **4th annual Neighborhood Garage Sale** day. April 27th is the date to save! Our community garage sale is a time when each home in Heritage Hills has the option to run their own garage or yard sale - or combine efforts with neighbors on your street that morning - and we can all benefit from joint advertising. Each home can begin or end the sale when they want. We have had up to two dozen homes participate in past years. It's a great day to shop!

Details will continue to be announced on Nextdoor. *Questions, or if you are willing to set up a donation truck to stop at homes with sales that afternoon to pick up remaining items*, please contact christy_burton@hotmail.com.

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Heritage Hills Real Estate Corner

For the 6 month period ending February 28th, there were 18 closings in Heritage Hills recorded in our local MLS with an average sales price of \$254,069 - or \$148.94/SqFt which is up 4.9% from the same period last year. They were on the market an average of 45 days.

As of March 11th, there are 5 homes Pending (under contract) and 1 home Active (for sale). Contact a local Realtor if you'd like a market analysis done on your home or are considering refinancing and need a good lender referral.

Delivery of Christmas Gift Baskets to First Responders

In appreciation of our local first responders we made gift baskets and distributed them as a thank you from Heritage Hills this recent holiday season. We would like to thank our local fire station for being so friendly and welcoming. They gave us an amazing tour and took the time to educate us about the job. Thank you for being in our community and keeping us safe. Thank you surrounding neighbors for paying your dues because without you, we wouldn't be able to create gift baskets to show our appreciation not only to the fire station but also to local APD that keep our neighborhood safe and happy. If you are interested in helping us out this December with the creation and distribution of the gift baskets, please contact us. We welcome any and all help.

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR LOCAL FIRST RESPONDERS!

Memories from Heritage Hills Long-time Residents

Enjoy these submissions from your neighbors, and please send us more thoughts that we can include in our next newsletter! info@hhna.us

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A good friend and neighbor Austin who has lived on San Francisco since the neighborhood was built had this to say about his experience: He moved into the neighborhood in 1976. Since then, over time he has noticed an increase in crime, which is sad and also a lot of homes have become rental properties which he speculates is because people are unable to afford to buy nowadays. He recalled the elementary school was not in the neighborhood originally but a welcome addition. Adding speed bumps at the same time as the school really helped the neighborhood. He mentioned there has been a lot of growth in and around the area since he has been here which definitely adds to the comfort. Originally there wasn't much of anything past Paseo del Norte. He has stayed in the neighborhood because of the location and its convenience. He also mentioned he has stayed because of the friendly neighbors being engaged with each other and fond memories of many block parties and cook outs. He would like to give a shout out to his friends that have been in the neighborhood a long time. Jim and Barbara that would always host a pot luck for the whole block. Also Don and Dega who did a fantastic job with the neighborhood watch keeping our community safe. And lastly his three best friends that left him, but luckily just into a new home around the corner Star, Rosie, and Virginia for having the best decorations during holidays especially for Halloween.

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We looked at several communities 21 years ago. The location of the house we chose was ideal for us. Two of our neighbors promptly came and introduced themselves. The quiet and neighborliness that we experience in our corner of HH have never lost their appeal. - Martha on Ticonderoga

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We have been in HH 35 years. We love the stability of the neighborhood. It is quiet and we have great neighbors that we love. We feel safe here and love walking the area. Having the added benefit of Trader Joe's, which has the BEST snack food and junk food in the whole world, just one mile down the road is a great added bonus!! We are very thankful for Marcia and Tom, for their thoughtfulness and many prayers down through the years for us and our neighborhood. They continue to pull the neighbors together, sponsoring neighborhood night out and have worked hard keeping us connected. The park has remained a beautiful and clean spot to spend time with family. A big thank you to the association for their continued overseeing of this very special part of HH!! - Joel & Jodi on Ticonderoga

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My wife and I moved into our Merrimac Court home on July 4th weekend, 1991. Shortly after, we knocked on doors and introduced ourselves to our neighbors and learned that like me, most of the other homes had a veteran within. We comprised Army, Navy, Marines and Air Force Vets, and we even had one neighbor that served with the British army. Some years later, when President Bush gave most households a cash gift of \$300 per family, one

of the families offered his neighbors a new American flag. Three years ago we had an Air Force non-com that was renting his Merrimac Court house while stationed at Kirtland air base. The family of 4 comprised the mother, and two sweet kids, and the oldest, a boy, was named Huey, after the helicopter that his father crewed in as a gunner. On Flag Day, Huey took pride in raising a flag at a short ceremony attended by most of the cul-de-sac's neighbors, which was followed by a back yard picnic. Over the ensuing years, most of veterans moved on and the few remaining vets continue to raise our flags on each of America's public holidays. We remain proud veterans in our unique Heritage Hills.

which actually helped to sell us on the house. Then after moving in, realized the peaceful feeling of quiet while being in the city with everything we need so close by. The neighbors however, remain the best part of being in a great neighborhood that feels like an extended family. - Kelley & Mike on Palomar



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What we love about HH: We're second owners, buying the house when it was about 3 years old. Immediately felt welcomed by our dear neighbors

Be Sure to Check Out Nextdoor

<https://nextdoor.com/neighborhood/heritagehillsalbuquerque--albuquerque--nm/>

Our membership on Nextdoor Heritage Hills is growing! As of March 2019, we have 739 neighbors online, representing 54% of homes out of our 1,018 homes. Nextdoor is an excellent website for giving and receiving recommendations for various home services. It's free to participate, with limited advertisements, and you can select which emails you receive or if you just want to check the website from time to time.

Nextdoor is also the best way for our association to spread news to all our neighbors, since we only mail newsletters twice a year and upkeeping an email list is too big of a task for our small board. Use the link above or type Nextdoor into Google and sign up using your address – it will automatically assign you to the correct neighborhood. Hope to see you online!





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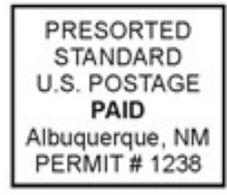

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