

September 2017



GENERAL NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

Thursday, September 28, 2017 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

(Refreshments starting at 6:30 pm)

Dennis Chavez Elementary School Room 7 & 8 (SW side of school)

*** Note room change as the Cafeteria will be occupied ***

Park in lot off Barstow or lower lot off San Francisco

Topics: Home Security Cameras

Neighborhood Watch Programs

Heritage Hills Park Safety

Guest: Councilor Brad Winter

We will have various neighbors show us how their home security cameras and systems work and give us information about how and where to purchase. This won't be a sales pitch, but simply a sharing of information. If you would like to share about your system, please contact Christy Burton at christy_burton@hotmail.com or text 307-4058.

DID YOU KNOW? Heritage Hills neighborhood has 4 active neighborhood block watch programs, but many more blocks are without a captain and program. It's easy to set up a program on your block. Come learn why your block needs one and how to get it going. You may already know someone on your street who would make a perfect captain!

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

Please Renew / Start your Membership Today

See the back of this newsletter for a membership form.

PAYING YOUR \$15 MEMBERSHIP

We have several ways to make it convenient to pay your membership dues. Of course, we are happy to accept cash or a check made out to Heritage Hills Neighborhood Association, either by bringing it to the General Meeting in September, or by mailing it to the address shown on the last page of the Newsletter. Please include the Membership Form on the last page of this newsletter!

To pay for your membership online using a credit card:

1. Go to our web page at <https://hhna.us/>
2. Look on the black menu bar below the photo of the Sandias and click on the link to open the page "Become a Member"
3. Scroll down and click on the blue link "[Membership Dues Online Payment](#)"
4. Click on the black eagle and follow the prompts to fill in the information as required including the CVV – the security code on the back of your credit card
5. Click on the green "Place Order"
6. Review your confirmation of order page and print for your record.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

We live in a great neighborhood and have much to be thankful for! There are also issues of concern that we need to address. As Joni Eareckson Tada stated, "Perspective is everything when you are experiencing the challenges of life." As a quadriplegic who has risen above incredible physical and emotional challenges, she can say that with authority. She learned to paint and write with her teeth and has authored almost 50 books, recorded musical albums, and been in multiple movies. Joni has received 6 honorary Doctors and is an international advocate for disabled people. Talk about perspective!

There are issues with crime in our neighborhood and security in our park that we need to address, but we should be thankful we're not dealing with the aftermath of hurricanes. A large number of homeowners in Heritage Hills have new roofs as a result of the major hail storm we experienced last fall, but our homes weren't flooded or destroyed. It's just good to keep our challenges in perspective so we can proactively address the areas that need attention while remaining thankful and generous toward those around us in much more difficult situations.

A major initiative we're undertaking as an association to more proactively address issues in our neighborhood is to have a Block Captain (BC) on every street and have an active Neighborhood Watch program. Block Captains serve as a point of contact for the neighbors on their street. They can facilitate communication between neighbors and help create a sense of community. Another major role of a BC is to bring street level issues/concerns/ideas up to the attention of board. With over one thousand homes in our neighborhood, there's no way we can effectively represent and serve everyone on our own. So we're going to be relying on the BCs to help us

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(2-year term up for renewal)

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stay informed. There are already a few in place who are doing great things like hosting National Night Out (NNO) events. You can read more in this newsletter or hear more about it in person at our General Meeting on September 28th. If you're interested in being a BC or know someone on your street who is already unofficially serving in this role, please let us know.

There has been a significant increase in unwanted activity in our Heritage Hills Park - especially at night. Several of our neighbors who live along the north side of the park have been impacted by the noise at night, beer bottles and other trash left on the ground, and a general disturbance to what has historically been a very peaceful park. We are working with the city and APD to address these issues, but we're also looking for volunteers who regularly visit the park who could help us open the gate to the park early in the morning or close it at night - even once per week. If you have concerns or ideas or an interest in helping out, please let us know.

We'll also be discussing various security camera systems at our General Meeting. There are some inexpensive but feature-rich and easy to use systems on the market now. Did you know you can even make your recordings available to help APD fight crime when it's captured on your security system? Come hear what others are doing and share your own experience.

We need and value your input. Please feel free to contact any of the board members at anytime and/or come to the General Meeting. Thanks for helping make Heritage Hills a great neighborhood!

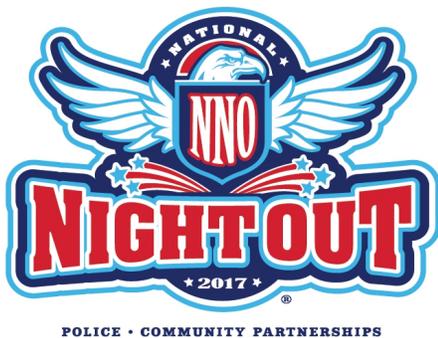
John Woods
President, Heritage Hills Neighborhood Association

HERITAGE HILLS REALTY CORNER

Thinking about buying or selling in our neighborhood? There's been a lot of activity in our local neighborhood just like there has been throughout the whole city. As of September 7, 2017, there were 8 homes actively for sale and 5 homes pending (under contract) in Heritage Hills according to our local MLS. For the 6 month period beginning on March 1st, there have been 30 home sales completed with an average closing price of \$244K (or \$139/SqFt for a 1761 SqFt home). The range of prices was \$190K to \$330K (or \$115/SqFt to \$166/SqFt depending on size and condition). So welcome to the roughly 3% of our neighbors who are receiving this newsletter for the first time!



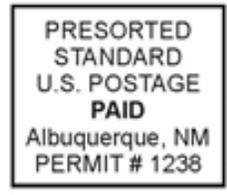
NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2017 REPORT



This year's National Night Out was on Tuesday, August 1st. National Night Out (NNO) is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, better places to live. Here's one report from a neighborhood event held this year, from Deb Gibson on Democracy: *"We had our National Night Out Celebration for our block (Democracy, Republic, Executive, and Armistice). We had a good turnout including many new neighbors who have moved in to the neighborhood this year. We had plenty of*

food, games, and of course the bouncy house which is always a crowd-pleaser for the kids! We had a visitor from the city, 2 police officers, and a group of APD detectives come too! It was great visiting with our neighbors both new and old, watching the kids play, and enjoying a night out together!"

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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, renters 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. You can pay online at www.hhna.us

Date: _____ Membership: \$15.00 per Year (October-September)
Mail To:
Heritage Hills Neighborhood Association
PO Box 93608
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Last Name(s): _____ First Name(s): _____

Address: _____ Telephone Number: (H)(C) _____

E-mail: _____ For e-mailing the Newsletter or other critical information

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.