

Letter from the President

Hello Neighbors,

APRIL 2011



Your Neighborhood Association is in jeopardy! We have seen the, same board members for years now; I have now been the president for over 8 years and have served the board for 12 years. All other board members have served for several years also. Needless to say, most of us are in Burn Out mode. We will need more neighbor involvement in order to continue. We need **NEW BLOOD, DIFFERENT IDEAS and MORE INVOLVEMENT** if this association is to stay intact. It really does make a difference having the voice of a neighborhood association when situations arise. The voice of thousands is much greater than that of one, so keep this in mind and get involved. Once we are gone the voice is gone also.

Our crime stats are just 50/50. I'm sure everyone would love to have 0% crime stats and we really could see that if neighbors would form a (serious) Neighborhood Watch on their block and report ANY & ALL suspicious activity. Nothing is better than police presence in a neighborhood, so call, call, call!

Our neighborhood is getting older and it sure is starting to show. Please mend fences, trim trees & shrubs and in general take pride in your home, it only takes a little elbow grease. This will ensure a beautiful neighborhood for years to come; it is all up to the homeowners!

The Backyard Post may soon only be available on the website. This will not only save on the feet of those of us that deliver them but it will also save the paper and printing costs for SR Marmon Elementary and is much more environmentally friendly. With that said, this may just be the last paper newsletter that you receive. Keep watching the signage on Ouray/64th and Ladera/72nd for updates on this matter. We will be looking into an option for those of you that request a printed newsletter; I understand not everyone may have access or likes to get information online.

I am looking forward to seeing a large turnout at our Annual Meeting on Thursday, April 28th, 6:30pm at the SR Marmon Elementary School cafeteria. Please enter through the main doors on 72nd and Juniper.

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SRMNA Crime Statistics

January thru March P^h,
2011

- 3 Auto Burglaries
- 7 Residential Burglaries,
- 4 Auto Thefts,
- 3 vandalisms

We need to work together to beat the crime in our area, it cannot be done alone)

West Side Coalition of Neighborhood Associations News

Jan Wilson has been attending the monthly meetings and representing our Association at the WSCONA. She will be posting general information regarding the meetings on our website.



Remember to mail your \$12.00 annual dues as soon as possible. If you are not currently enrolled as an Association member you can complete the membership form on the back of this newsletter to join.

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We Need You ...

to attend our **Annual Meeting on Thursday, April 28th 6:30 pm in the SRM Elementary School cafeteria.** All residents of the neighborhood are encouraged to attend - you do *Not* have to be a paying member of the Association. The attendance at this meeting could determine what direction our Neighborhood Association will take in the future, and even whether or not the Association will continue at all! There is a lot to talk about, and we will want to hold elections for our Board membership.

We have also invited the following guests:

- **Misty Salaz**, Community Representative for UNM Hospitals. Ms. Salaz will present the UNMH community "report card."
- **Toby Baca** of the Albuquerque Fire Department, with a talk entitled "I Didn't Know the Fire Dept Did That Too." He will discuss the various services that AFD provides for the community.
- **Senator Bernadette Sanchez**, our State Senator.

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Dog Park Now Open

Pet Owners now have an attractive place to exercise and socialize their dogs at the largest dog park in Albuquerque. The park is located on the corner of Ouray and Ladera.



Please help keep our neighborhood dean by pulling your weeds. When walking your pets, please carry a disposable bag in the event that you need to "scoop the poop." Thank you!

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