

The Heritage East Herald

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HEAR's Mission: Heritage East Association of Residents is committed to preserving and enhancing the beauty, safety, and enjoyment of our neighborhood.

HEAR President's Report

Once again, our Spring general membership meeting was a great success, highlighted by Mayor R.J. Berry's presentation. He spoke about the coming changes to I-25 and Paseo del Norte and highlighted his vision for ABQ, The Plan. Afterwards he took questions from those in attendance on topics ranging from recycling, to water conservation, and red light cameras. A nice representation of Heritage East Residents was there to show the Mayor that we are an active and engaged neighborhood association.

By now you will have noticed the new landscaping rock installed in the parkway's along Ventura between San Francisco and Paseo del Norte. This is phase one of the upgrade being provided as part of Councilor Brad Winter's capital improvement budget. Phase 2, south of San Francisco, is expected to begin later this year. Thanks to Councilor Winter for appropriating this funding for our neighborhood after our request to him for this improvement.

Once again, the HEAR Board is looking for ways to improve our neighborhood with your dues. If you have any suggestions, please contact any board member. One of our next projects will be to repaint the wall at Ventura Estates, the southernmost portion of Heritage East. We also continue to hire local students to pick up weeds and litter twice a month all summer long and once a month in the winter.

HEAR is still providing nightly neighborhood security. We remain the only neighborhood association in Albuquerque to provide that service with voluntary dues. Last fall, we switched to weekday daytime patrols during the Christmas season. Heritage East is obviously not totally crime free, but we have one of the lowest crime rates in the city for any neighborhood of our size. Of course, the best possible deterrent to crime is to keep your eyes and ears on the street and watch out for your neighbor and yourself.

HEAR General Membership Meeting

HEAR will be holding the next General Membership Meeting on October 17, 2013. Light refreshments will be provided. All Heritage East residents are invited and encouraged to attend!

Date: Thursday October 17th

Time: 7:00 p.m. (join us at 6:30 p.m. for a meet and greet)

Location: North Domingo Baca Multi-Generational Center, 7521 Carmel NE (west of Wyoming, just north of Paseo del Norte.

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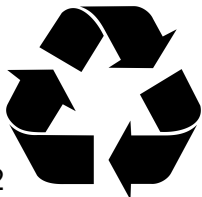
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If you haven't yet paid your 2013 dues (still only \$20!), a handy membership form is included as part of this newsletter. Last year our final count was approximately 640 HEAR members, one of the largest voluntary neighborhood membership enrollments in the City. Your membership is your voice in matters that affect your neighborhood! If you have a new resident in your neighborhood and wish to introduce them to our association, please notify Ann Crandall and she will provide you with a newsletter and enrollment information.

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Aluminum Recycling Report

January 2013-46 lbs., \$27.60
 February 2013-141 lbs., \$91.65
 March 2013-128 lbs., \$83.20
 April 2013- 105 lbs, \$68.25
 May 2013- 134 lbs., \$87.10
 Year totals for 2007 through 2012
 2007- 1,058 lbs., \$568.74
 2008- 1080 lbs., \$602.37
 2009- 1,198 lbs., \$406.68
 2010- 1,245 lbs., \$818.02
 2011- 1,110 lbs., \$847.28
 2012- 1,178 lbs., \$744.30



The price per pound has fluctuated from a low of 25 cents per pound in March of 2009 to a high of 70 cents per pound for several months in 2011 and 2012. The price per pound for the last three months has been 65 cents per pound.

Next recycling date:

Saturday July 6, 2013

Please save your recyclable aluminum (cans, foil etc.) for HEAR's monthly recycling collection every first Saturday of the month from 8:30-11:00 a.m. at Rotary Park (7725 Quintana Dr.). All proceeds benefit HEAR. If you can't make it to the park, call Susan Tackman, HEAR Recycling Chair at 822-8761 to arrange an alternative way to donate your aluminum.

Thanks to everyone who participates in our recycling program!

- Susan Tackman

New Blue Recycling Carts Arriving in June

Our neighborhood has just begun receiving the new blue recycling carts. Clear recycle bags will no longer be distributed. A few pointers: Place your cart 5 ft. away from all obstructions including cars, poles, and additional carts. Don't load your cart with more than 100 pounds. The lid of your cart must close with ease. All approved items can be placed in the cart loosely; including cardboard (do not bag anything). As with the other refuse carts, they must be out at the curb by 7:00 a.m. on collection day. *Acceptable items* include: all white and colored writing paper, computer paper, magazines, newspapers including inserts, junk mail, corrugated cardboard, cereal/cracker boxes, books(hard or soft cover), paper egg cartons, soda boxes, milk cartons/juice boxes, phone books, food and pet cans, soda/beer cans, pots and pans, small metal appliances, plastic milk jugs, bleach bottles, plastics #1-#7 (crates, hampers, toys), all plastic bottles and jugs with a screw top lid or that have a neck smaller than the base, two liter bottles, cell phones, cameras, peripherals (keyboard, mouse, cables), and rechargeable batteries. *Prohibited items*: glass, hazardous waste, scrap metal such as metal pipe, hangers, wires, or automotive parts, hot ashes, concrete, rocks, gravel, or wood, pizza boxes, snack food bags (like chips or popcorn bags), fast food containers, cups or wrappers, styrofoam or styrofoam peanuts, plastic furniture, plastic grocery bags, plastic film, plastic wrap or dry cleaning bags, grass, leaves, plant trimmings, tree branches, computer monitors, and TV's. For more information, call 311.

- Stephanie Goodrich, Secretary



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Neighborhood Security Update

Dear Friends and neighbors,

This will be a brief update. I'm simply going to give you data based on U.S. Security's patrol "Incident Reports". I should note that ALL of these reports were for "open garage doors". They cover the date range from March 2013 through May to date.

There were 34 (Thirty Four) open garage doors during this period!!

Please be diligent about checking your garage door before turning in so you can avert the dreaded 'doorbell ring' in the wee small hours of the night. Thank you!

- Neil Schwartz, HEAR Vice President

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Crimeview Community

APD provides an online tool that average citizens can use to see what crime incidents have been reported in their neighborhood by type and date range. For Heritage East, there were 41 of the following incidents reported between January 1, 2013 and May 31, 2013.

- burglary: 27 (11 house, 16 auto)
- auto theft: 2
- vandalism: 8
- traffic accidents: 2
- disturbance: 2

Source of information:
crimeview.cabq.gov



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HEAR President's Report (cont. from pg. 1)

If you don't already know by now, Cynthia Benedict took over the duties of newsletter coordinator. In addition to the excellent job she does in that capacity, she also sends out notices to HEAR members regarding items of interest, including reports of vandalism or other criminal activity in the area. If you would like to be on this list, please include your e-mail notification with your membership form. Thanks, Cynthia, for taking on this important voluntary position for HEAR.

Finally, we are in the process of reestablishing a website for HEAR. Thanks to training and assistance from Karl Benedict (yes, that's Cynthia's husband), HEAR hopes to be back on line later this summer.

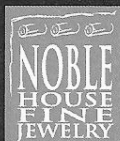
Summer is finally here and the Spring winds have been replaced by June sunshine and yard projects! Enjoy the great weather and stay safe!

- Doug Crandall, HEAR President

New Street Signs in the Neighborhood

Did you notice something different in the neighborhood? The HEAR board discussed the issue of street-name signs that were unreadable, bent, or missing. Some stop signs were faded and in need of replacement. We contacted the City by calling 311 and faxing a list of 30 different signs needing attention. Within one week the signs were replaced. The street name signs were replaced with the new larger-print signs. Did you notice? This neighborhood takes pride in being one of the nicer areas to live in Albuquerque. Please let the

board know of any issues we can address. Thank you Dave Allen and Stephanie Goodrich for taking the lead on this project. Also, a big THANKS to the City for the prompt attention to our request!



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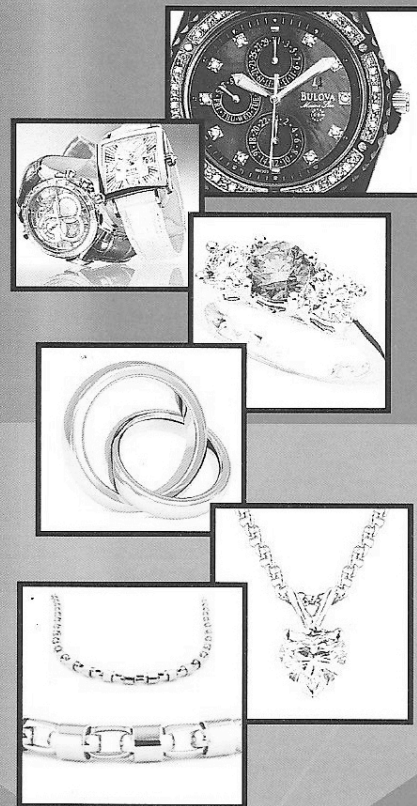
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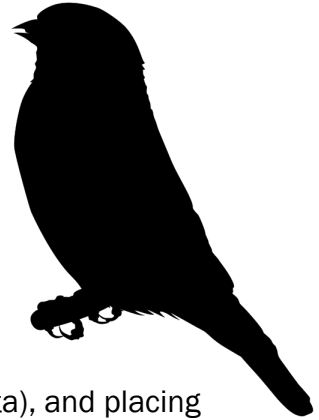
Loose Diamonds

Watches



For The Birds

Summer is almost here and is even drier than last year. Many of the Winter birds such as the dark-eyed Juncos have moved up into the cooler mountains for the summer, and the latitudinal migrants are still moving north. Summer residents such as Bullock’s Oriole, Lesser and American Goldfinches, and Green-tailed Towhee are back. Permanent residents such as House Finch, House Sparrow, Northern Flicker, Mourning, White-winged, and Eurasian Collared Doves, Western Scrub Jay, Bushtit, and Say’s Phoebe, as well as Summer residents need places to nest. You can help them by providing suitable nesting habitat such as trees and shrubs, and further help them to succeed by putting out clothes dryer lint for nest lining, ground egg shells for calcium, and especially water.



For providing water I recommend using a large, shallow plant saucer (terra cotta), and placing a stone in the middle of it. That allows the birds a place to perch while drinking. By placing the dish on the ground, it can also be used by ground feeders such as doves and quail.

Don’t forget the Hummingbirds, mostly Black-chinned. They come readily to sugar water feeders hung in the shade to slow down fermentation. A solution of one part sugar to 4 parts water is all that is needed. Don’t use honey. It can cause a fungal growth in Hummingbird’s throats. Also, don’t use red dye in the water. Hummers can find the feeder on their own. Have a good summer and enjoy the birds in your yard.

- Bob Buttery



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Words of Wisdom

Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass on a summer day listening to the murmur of water, or watching the clouds float across the sky, is hardly a waste of time.

John Lubbock

Weed Season is upon us!

Thank you to our volunteers that came out on Saturday April 27th, to rake, pick up debris, and help beautify Heritage East. Or, you may be a resident who cleaned up your own property that day - neighbors working together help keep our HEAR neighborhood clean and beautiful. Be ready for the weedy season. Our warmer temperatures result in growth of new vegetation, both wanted and unwanted. Please remember it is your responsibility as a homeowner to maintain your property in compliance with City of Albuquerque Weed and Litter Ordinance.

Weeds with a height or spread of more than (4) inches should be removed in the following areas:

Within the front, rear and/or side yards of your property.

Between your property line(s) and the curb.

The area(s) located ten feet outside your property line(s) if there is no curb (reference Section 9-8-4, ROA 1994).

Owners are responsible for keeping the area between the sidewalk and curb (parkway) free of weeds and debris. The City of Albuquerque does NOT maintain these areas. Property owners must keep their lots in neat and orderly conditions at all times.

Thank you for your support and cooperation in maintaining your property free from weeds and debris. Weeds have a deteriorating and negative impact on all our HEAR property values and quality of life considerations.

- Ann Crandall, HEAR Beautification Committee

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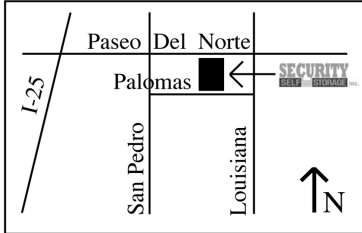
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Email Address: _____

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