

“Preserving and enhancing the beauty, safety, and enjoyment of our neighborhood.”

Announcements

Next General Membership Meeting
 Thursday, April 20
 7:00-8:00 pm
 North Domingo Baca Multi-Generational Center
 7521 Carmel Ave. NE Albuquerque, NM 87113

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President’s Message



We’re in another year of HEAR and we look forward to working with all of our neighbors in building a better neighborhood. Who do I mean by “We”??? I hope that “We” is all of us - all 1249 households in our neighborhood. While we all benefit from the dedication and hard work of our Hear Board and volunteers (check out page 3 for a partial list) and the financial support provided by our members (**now is the time to renew your membership or sign up for the first time - info on the back page**) the quality of our neighbor-

hood is the responsibility of all of us, individually and as a group.

As much as we’d like to be able to just sit back and enjoy a nice quiet, peaceful existence in our part of the city - the reality is that we’re living in times of increased property crime, limited capacity for the City to respond to our needs, and increased demands on all of us for our attention and effort. While our security patrols (entirely underwritten by HEAR member dues) provide *some* support - they *do not* replace our attention and effort to secure our own property and look out for our neighbors. No number of security patrols, or activities organized by our Board, volunteers and members can replace the eyes, ears, and ideas of our community.

What can you do?

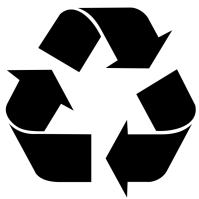
- *Get involved:* come out for one of our neighborhood events - the next week’s general membership meeting, our upcoming neighborhood cleanup, National Night Out in the Fall
- *Get creative:* come up with some ideas for how we can improve our neighborhood (a big shout out to **Janet Aaron** for bringing in some great ideas *and* helping us move forward on them) and share them with the

Board

- *Volunteer*: Join the Board, help organize one of our events, or come up with something you'd like to spearhead
- *Get to know your neighbors*: Perhaps the most important thing you can do is to take the time to get to know your neighbors and look out for each other.

All of these things help us to become more than 1249 individual homes - instead working as a community that comes together to accomplish things that we can't do alone. Let's get out there and do it.

– Thanks - *Karl Benedict*, HEAR President

Aluminum Recycling Report

Thanks to Susan Tackman for continuing to run our monthly aluminum recycling effort

For all of 2016: 1,047 pounds, \$459.21

And for 2017 so far:

January - 79 pounds, \$35.55

February - 105 pounds, \$52.50

March - 60 pounds, \$30.00

Next recycling date: Saturday May 6, 2017

Please save your recyclable aluminum 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.

NOTE: while it can still be recycled, **aluminum foil must now be separated from the aluminum cans**. Thanks for your help with separating the foil and cans prior to bringing them to the park.

Thanks to everyone who participates in our recycling program!

Treasurer's Report

Thus far our New Year membership drive has produced 331 memberships, with a big jump in March with 259 new memberships. So far this represents almost 27% of the homes in the Heritage East neighborhood. Please keep encouraging your neighbors to join, it helps all of us. The income for the year has been \$9,384.89, all but \$200.13 from recycling and \$.55 in interest of which has come from memberships and contributions. Expenses thus far are \$4,219.55. The neighborhood security patrol continues to be the largest expense (\$3,219.39), but expenses such as the membership drive flyer printing and mailing (\$598.16), monthly beautification work (\$300), and the PO Box (\$102) are significant, required, and important.

– *Jeff Figiel*, Treasurer

Security Update

As you all know, HEAR contracts with TRU Security to provide daily patrols of our neighborhood.

Our neighborhood is rather large – approx. 1250 homes – and for the purposes of patrolling, it is broken into three sections. Each of the three sections is patrolled once each night for twenty to thirty minutes, every day of the week. And, TRU provides daily Patrol Reports which include the streets/parks patrolled; any open garage doors found, and any suspicious people/cars seen. In the case of the parks – Rotary & Heritage – if there are cars parked, after hours, they will have them leave.

Another very important part of their service is that they will very quickly respond to calls from residents who see and report any suspicious activity. Generally, their response is much more timely than APD.

HEAR pays \$1075 per month for this service. (The Board of Directors put out a RFQ to have a designated full time neighborhood patrol. The annual cost quoted was \$475,200.00 per year, plus tax! The board unanimously agreed that HEAR could NOT afford that amount.)

On the positive side, the majority of our neighbors are very happy to have the association provide this service. But, as the saying goes: “You can’t please all of the people all of the time”. And, sadly, if you are an unfortunate victim of a burglary or a car break-in, well, chances are you will understandably not be happy!

The reason I bring this up, is that on several such unhappy occasions, I’ll see a report on the publication “Next Door”, of a car break-in or a home burglary where the unfortunate neighbor asks the question: “Where was TRU Security when I needed them?” Which is a completely reasonable question.

Unfortunately, the answer is simply this: Given the patrol frequency and duration, the odds of the patrol officer being there at the exact time of an incident is, well, pretty low. The fact is,

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even APD rarely catches bad guys in the act of committing a crime.

Does this mean we should save HEAR’s money and forgo having a security patrol? Personally, I think not. And, I think most of us would agree. Just knowing they are patrolling our neighborhood and are available when called, helps me to rest a bit easier. I sincerely hope that that’s the case for you, too!

If you have any questions about our security service come to our *General Membership Meeting* on Thursday April 20 to talk with the membership, Board, and TRU Security.

– Neil Schwartz, HEAR Vice President

Email Updates



To receive email updates between HEAR newsletters please include your email address when you fill out the form to join or renew your membership. If you address changes let us know at hear.newsletter@gmail.com.

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Heritage East Association of Residents (HEAR) Membership Form

If you have already sent in your dues for 2017, **Thank You!**

You may use this form to *renew* your membership or *join for the first time*.

You can also sign-up and pay online at: <http://hear-online.org/online-membership-form>



Last Name(s) _____

First Name(s) _____

HEAR Street Address _____

Physical address in the neighborhood

Email Address _____

For delivery of email notificatoins from the Association. Please differentiate between "1" and "0" (zero) and similar letters

Alternative Mailing Address _____

If you would like the Neighborhood Newsletter delivered to a different address than your HEAR Street Address

Phone Number: Home _____ Other _____

Notes or Comments

Membership Dues are \$25/calendar year per household. Please make your check or money order out to HEAR and mail it, along with this form to:

HEAR, PO Box 92465, Albuquerque, NM 87199-2465