

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

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Announcements

Next General Membership Meeting
New Date Tuesday October 15, 2019
 6:30-7:00 pm meet and greet, meeting 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



Heritage East continues to be a highly sought after neighborhood. Although there is property crime, it is one of the lowest in the NE Heights. We can continue to keep Heritage East a prime location with high resale

value homes, but it doesn’t happen by itself. It happens by people keeping up their properties,

such as minimizing weeds, maintaining nice yards, upkeep of buildings, etc. In addition to driving safely, watching out for each other especially children and the elderly. Plus, reducing abandoned cars, minimizing the parking of RVs on the street and putting trash cans out of sight after they are emptied. We all enjoy this or we all suffer from it. If we work together by looking at the big picture and treat each other with respect and kindness, we will keep our neighborhood one of the best in the NE Heights.

I view “paying it forward” or “looking at the

greater good” as something real. Everyone will need a helping hand at one time or another. Great neighbors do that for each other...my neighbors do that for each other from borrowing tools, to helping pour concrete, noticing if there is a natural gas smell and getting to the bottom of it, watching homes or watering plants when they're on vacation, and even help by pulling weeds. Connections we make in our neighborhoods can be some of the most rewarding.

I challenge you to take some time to look critically at your property, your relationship with neighbors, and see what can be done to better your home and your relationships with your neighbors. Again, we will all need help at some point in our lives and the connections we make may allow all of us to live rich lives.

Thanks, *Jeff Figiel*

Aluminum Recycling Report



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

For all of 2018: 1091 pounds of aluminum were collected for a total of \$545.26.

Through September of 2019, we have taken in 882 pounds of aluminum.

Next recycling date: Saturday October 5, 2019

Please save your recyclable aluminum for HEAR's monthly recycling collection on the first Saturday of every month from 8:30-11:00 a.m. at Rotary Park (7725 Quintana Dr.). All proceeds benefit HEAR. You can just put your bagged aluminum in the red pickup truck with the HEAR sign on it ... sometimes Susan is even there to give you a big cheerful Thank You. 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 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!

Upcoming Election Info

Early Voting at 19 sites starts on October 19 and goes through November 2, Monday through Saturday, 8 am to 8 pm. All of these sites will be part of the 69 sites that will be open on election day - Tuesday November 5. The nearest early voting site to the our neighborhood is at 6600 Holly Avenue NE Suite B-6. For more information call 505-243-8683 (the County Clerk), email clerk@berncogov, or online at www.berncogov/elections.

Freedom Way traffic calming study accepted by the city



The city has decided to accept our petition and perform the Freedom Way traffic calming study. There are many studies happening in the city and although we are on the priority list it still could take some time. Watch for the Mailchimp emails to let you know when the city is requesting neighborhood input. Mailchimp is a service we use to quickly send out emails to those who have joined the Neighborhood Association and provided their email addresses. We currently have approximately 733 neighbors on our email list.

– *Jeff Figiel*, HEAR President

The Upcoming General Membership Meeting



Our Fall general membership meeting is always an excellent opportunity to come together as a neighborhood and discuss issues of importance and take care of the business of our Association. Our upcoming membership meeting on *Tuesday October 15 from 7:00-8:00 pm (the meet-and-greet starts at 6:30) at the North Domingo Baca Multi-Generational Center (7521 Carmel Ave. NE)* will have a full agenda including:

- Councilor Brad Winter - City Council update
- Nicholas Pederson- Environmental Scientist - City of Alb. Environmental Health Dept.
- Treasurers' Report
- Freedom Way Traffic Calming study update
- Defined Fitness update
- PNM substation update
- National Night Out
- Weeds and sidewalks
- District 4 Candidates Introductions: Ane Romero, Brook Bassan, Athena Christodoulou
- Public Financing issue on ballot - Scotti Romberg



Treasurer's Report and Membership Update



We start the fall with \$19,856.90 in our accounts. Paid memberships for 2019 stand at 178 (Thank you). So far this year we have received \$4,580.72 from memberships and gifts and \$545.26 from recycling. To date we have had expenses of \$2,717.23, primarily for the newsletter (\$928.61), refreshments and activities for the combined National Night Out with Quintessence Neighborhood and the new signs for advertising it (\$1,098.95). Additional expenses were donations to the APD Horse Fund (\$50) and the APD Chaplain's Fund (\$200), the HEAR website (\$192), the HEAR PO Box (\$120), gift cards (\$75) and miscellaneous supplies and refreshments (\$52.67). Membership total is a little low compared to previous years so now is the time to renew or sign up for a membership for the first time.

You can renew or become a new member of HEAR for 2019 through the HEAR online membership form (hear-online.org/online-membership-form) and pay the same amount

by credit card through our secure online payment system as you would pay by check – without having to write a check, download and print the paper form, stuff it in an envelope, put a 55¢ stamp on it and put it in the mail. Doesn't that sound a lot easier? Go ahead, *give it a try*.

Of course, you can still pay by check and send the membership form on the back of this newsletter or online if you'd prefer. If you have any questions about the online form or credit card payment, please email Jeff Figiel at hear.president@gmail.com or Bill Spahn at hear.treasurer@gmail.com.

– Bill Spahn, 2019 Treasurer



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Two sounds of Autumn are unmistakable ... The hurrying rustle of crisp brown leaves blown along the street by a gusty wind, and the gabble of a flock of migrating geese.

– Hal Borland

And the Sun took a step back, the leaves lulled themselves to sleep and Autumn was awakened.

– Raquel Franco

Email Updates



To receive updates between HEAR newsletters via email please include your email address when you fill out the form to join or renew your membership. If your email address changes or

you would like to be added to our email list, please contact our newsletter coordinator at hear.newsletter@gmail.com and provide a current email address.

National Night Out 2019



National Night Out is held annually on the first Tuesday in August. It is designed as a time for us to come together as a neighborhood to socialize, meet new neighbors, share stories and improve partnerships with our police, fire and rescue departments and community representatives.

We had a strong turnout of neighbors and friends from both our Heritage East and Quintessence neighborhoods in spite of the rain storm that came along just before our event this year at Rotary Park.

We welcomed visits from:

- Members of the APD Horse Patrol,
- The new Commander, Paul Duran, from the Northeast Police Substation,
- Fireman and paramedics from Fire and Rescue Department Station 20
- The Deputy Chief of HR who oversees all of the Fire and Rescue substations across Albuquerque,
- Deputy Director, Mike DeMenna from Environmental Health/Urban Wildlife
- District 4 City Councilor Brad Winter and his Policy Analyst Dawn Marie Emillio,
- And a representative from City of Albuquerque – One Albuquerque

We had an ice cream vendor (who was quite busy all evening) and we served over 130 bags of popcorn along with beverages. There were lawn games and police officer and fire truck photo-ops. But most of all, it was about getting out

to enjoy the evening and bringing us together as a neighborhood. Our Heritage East neighborhood is one of the largest in Albuquerque and includes over 1,200 households across six subdivisions. Thank you to everyone who came out to Rotary Park - adults, teens, kids, and dogs alike. When we come together we strengthen our neighborhood as a whole.



NNO - Having fun is hard work. – image credit - Bob Hall



NNO - The rain before the fun. – image credit - Bob Hall



NNO - Who wants some ice cream? – image credit - Bob Hall



NNO - Frozen treats for all. – image credit - Bob Hall



NNO - Horsing around. – image credit - Bob Hall

*I can smell Autumn dancing in the breeze.
The sweet chill of pumpkin, and crisp sun-
burnt leaves.
– Ann Drake*



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HEAR Board Members Wanted

The Heritage East Association of Residents is looking for volunteers to be a part of the HEAR Board of Directors. If you want to be involved with continually improving our neighborhood by finding solutions to neighborhood issues, being a resource for your neighbors, keeping our neighborhood clean, planning social events or being a leader in our neighborhood, this is an opportunity for you. The HEAR Board works with the Police Department, City Councilors, County Commissioners and other city personnel in addition to many of our neighbors and surrounding neighborhoods to stay abreast of new neighboring businesses, crime and overall quality of life issues within and outside Heritage East.

It's rewarding to be part of a group that directs activities for our whole neighborhood. The Board meets 9 times per year for 90 minutes at North Domingo Baca Multigenerational Center. The terms are for 2 years but can be longer if you de-



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sire. We currently have 7 members but can have as many as 11. Please consider joining the Board. If this sounds like something for you, please contact me at 289-3943 - Jeff Figiel, HEAR President



- Albuquerque Citizen Contact Center - many questions related to the services below can be answered by calling this number - 311 - cabq.gov/311/
- City Council - 768-3110 - cabq.gov/council/
- Solid Waste - (505) 761-8100 - cabq.gov/solidwaste
- Albuquerque Police Department Northeast Substation - 823-4455
- Poison and Drug Information - 272-2222
- Mayor's Office - 768-3000
- Zoning violations - 924-3850
- North Domingo Baca Multigenerational Center - 764-6475

Other Services

- PNM - Electric Emergency or Power Outage - (888) 342-5766
- PNM - Customer Service - (505) 246-5700 or (888) 342-5766
- New Mexico Gas Company - Gas Leaks or Emergencies - 888-NM-GAS-CO (888-664-2726)
- New Mexico Gas Company - 505-697-3335 or 888-NM-GAS-CO (888-664-2726)
- CenturyLink - Technical Support - 877-348-9007
- CenturyLink - Order Phone Service - 800-475-7526
- Comcast - Customer Service - 800-934-6489
- Water Utility Department - Emergencies (Water/sewer) - 857-8250
- Water Utility Department - Customer Billing (Water/sewer) - 768-2800
- Water Utility Department - Water Conservation - 768-3655

Useful Contact Numbers

Neighborhood Security

- Police/Fire/Rescue Emergency - 911
- Non-emergency Police Phone Number - 242-COPS (2677)

City Services

Schools

- Hubert H. Humphrey Elementary School - (505) 821-4981
- Eisenhower Middle School - (505) 292-2530
- La Cueva High School - (505) 823-2327

HEAR Officers and Volunteers

President	Jeff Figiel	289-3943	hear.president@gmail.com
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Board Member	Janet Aaron		
Board Member	Phyllis Martinez		
Board Member	Bob Hall		
Recycling	Susan Tackman	822-8761	
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Heritage East Association of Residents (HEAR) Membership Form

If you have already sent in your dues for 2019, **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 updates. Please differentiate between "1" and "0" (zero) and similar letters

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