

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

Announcements

Next General Membership Meeting

Thursday, April 18

7:00-8:00 pm

North Domingo Baca Multi-Generational Center

7521 Carmel Ave. NE Albuquerque, NM 87113

Volunteer to serve on the HEAR Board or take on an interesting neighborhood project

Save the Date

- April 27, Great American Cleanup. 9:00 am to noon throughout the neighborhood. Meet at Rotary Park.
- August 7 - National Night Out
- October 18 - HEAR General Membership meeting

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President's Message



Allow me to introduce myself. My name is Jeff Figiel. I'm the new HEAR president. I moved into Heritage East in 1992 and have been on the board for more than 10 years including 4 years as the treasurer. I recently retired from Sandia Labs and am planning on continuing the terrific leadership of our neighborhood association. I'd like to first thank Karl Benedict for being the HEAR President for the past few years. Secondly, I am grateful for our current board members who will help me lead the association. The current members are Dave Allen, Paul Jessen, Phyllis Martinez, and a couple of new members, Janet Aaron and Bill Spahn.

Great neighborhoods do not happen by accident. The people living in the area and the surrounding areas make it that way. Being a good neigh-

bor by knowing those in your neighborhood gives a sense of belonging to something bigger than yourself. We all want a safe, clean and friendly street, park and neighborhood for ourselves, our families, and those who visit. Maintaining our properties by pulling weeds, trimming trees, and general upkeep keeps our neighborhood beautiful and maintains property values for everyone. Heritage East has always been a neighborhood that people want to move into. Our public schools are some of the best in the city. Our neighboring developments also help us to be desirable including Tanoan, Quintessence, Cherry Hills, Heritage Hills, and Vineyard Estates. The people from these communities share the same concerns and values as neighbors who live in Heritage East. We collaborate with them on many issues related to our neighborhood.

Your neighborhood association will strive to keep Heritage East a desirable neighborhood to live. We will utilize all the resources available to us to keep our neighborhood the best it can be.

Recent zoning issues that we have been involved with are the O'Reilly Auto Parts store, the Holly Senior Center next to Albertson's, and the Albertson's sign change. These are moving forward or have been completed. We are keeping an eye on the traffic surrounding the area of Walgreens and O'Reilly Auto Parts store.

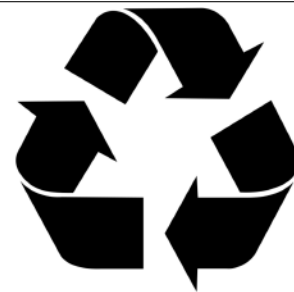
The spring membership meeting is scheduled for April 18th at the North Doming Baca Multi-generational Center. All residents of Heritage East are welcome to attend.

We'll keep you informed through occasional Mail Chimp emails, through this newsletter, and on our website, <http://hear-online.org>.

Thanks, *Jeff Figiel*



Aluminum Recycling Report



Be a Good Neighbor – Walkability of Heritage East

The beautiful Albuquerque weather allows our residents and the residents of our neighboring communities to be outside almost all year long, walking, running, bicycling just to name a few. Trees, bushes and shrubs interfere with the ability to maneuver the sidewalks in our beautiful neighborhood. Please take the time and evaluate the need to trim these and keep our neighborhood walkable. A height of 7 feet from the sidewalk and a few inches in from the sidewalk allows for people to walk side by side without dodging branches or getting caught on thorny bushes.

– Thanks, *Jeff Figiel*. HEAR President

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

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

For the first three months of 2019, we took in 297 pounds of aluminum, for a total of \$147.10.

Next recycling date: Saturday April 6, 2019

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. You can just put your bagged aluminum in the red pickup truck with the HEAR sign on it. You can just place you aluminum in the bed of the truck ... 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!

Treasurer's Report



We closed 2018 out with \$17,432 in our accounts. Memberships were 396 (Thank you). We took in \$10,140 from Memberships and had expenses of \$3772. The expenses were primarily for newsletters, neighborhood beautification. But additional items such as the new Heritage East Flag for Rotary Park, Thank you/gift cards and refreshments for the combined National Night Out with Heritage East and Quintessence Neighborhoods and Website costs. Our Neighborhood cleanup crew began college this fall and are no longer working for HEAR. I am glad to announce that Bill Spahn and has agreed to take on the Treasurer responsibilities for HEAR. Bill has been in Heritage East for more than 25 years. Welcome to the Board. To date we have 13 2019 members, and \$18,166.39 in the HEAR accounts. **Now is the time to renew your membership, or sign up for the first time.**

– *Jeff Figiel*, 2018 Treasurer and *Bill Spahn*, 2019 Treasurer

The Upcoming General Membership Meeting



Our Spring 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 *Thursday April 18 from 7:00-8:00 pm at the North Domingo Baca Multi-Generational Center (7521 Carmel Ave. NE)* will have a full agenda including:

- Counselor Brad Winter - City Counsel Update
- APD Representative
- Albuquerque Neighborhood Traffic Management Representative
- Safety while shopping speaker
- Treasurers Report
- New Board member vote
- Median work
- Upcoming Neighborhood activities
 - April General Meeting
 - Neighborhood Cleanup
 - NNO
 - October General Meeting
- Any other issues that you want to discuss.

Slow Down Albuquerque – Freedom Way

Due to numerous complaints about speeding on Freedom Way and the safety of our children, pedestrians, bicyclists and neighbors. A request was submitted to the City of Albuquerque Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NMTP) to evaluate for traffic calming measures. The City staff in Traffic Engineering Division will collect and evaluate traffic data and identify needs. The criteria used to determine a need for traffic calming measures include:

- Crashes that might be corrected if traffic calming is built
- An 85th percentile speed (in either direction) of at least 30 miles per hour. 85th percentile is the speed that 15% of traffic exceeds. For example if a street has 1000 vehicles traveling on it per day and an 85th percentile of 30 miles per hour, it means that 150 of those vehicles are traveling faster than 30 mph.
- Peak hour directional volume of 400 vehicles. This means that during the busiest traffic hour of the day, one direction of movement has at least 400 vehicles, which would be unusual for a typical residential road.
- Cut-through traffic of 25% or more during peak traffic hour. If at least 25% of the traffic passes from one end of the study area to the other without stopping, then the road meets this criteria.

A road or street must meet two of the above criteria to qualify for traffic calming. If fewer than two are met, we will get a letter telling us that Freedom Way road doesn't qualify for traffic calming.

If the evaluation determines action should be taken, the neighbors on Freedom must become involved to determine acceptability

of measures and 2/3 of the effected households will have to sign the petition to allow for any implementation of calming measures. Priorities and budgets also play a part in any actions. The NMTP manual can be found the City of Albuquerque Website - <http://www.cabq.gov/neighborhood-traffic-management-program/documents/ntmp-policy-final-2015-lowres.pdf/view>.



Board member Dave Allen at the inaugural hanging of our new neighborhood flag at Rotary Park.

Save Money and Time When You Pay for Your 2019 HEAR Membership



Now you can renew (or become a member for the first time) 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 forms if you'd prefer. If you have any question 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.

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 after you have sent in your membership dues, please contact our newsletter coordinator at hear.newsletter@gmail.com and provide an updated address.

Update on the September 7 Garage Door Damage Incident

Overnight on September 7 nearly two dozen homes in our area experienced damage to their garage doors or landscaping (allegedly) by an adult and two juveniles driving a stolen truck ([ABQ Journal Article - https://www.abqjournal.com/1218121/police-arrest-2-after-stolen-truck-crashes-into-homes-in-ne-albuquerque.html](https://www.abqjournal.com/1218121/police-arrest-2-after-stolen-truck-crashes-into-homes-in-ne-albuquerque.html)). All three were arrested and the court cases continue to work their way through the legal system. Here is an update on the state of the cases as of early January when a meeting was held at the DA's office with victims of the crime.

The case is being handled by Evan Cochnar (office - 222-1189) & Joey Montoya (Cell - 505 389-6473) as the prosecutors handling the case against the charged adult. ADA Alicia Papone is prosecuting the juveniles.

One of the juveniles has pled guilty and was placed on probation. The second juvenile has been held in detention since his 9-7-18 arrest (as of 1/3/19). He has had issues with law enforcement prior to the September 7, 2018 incident

and the Juvenile Judge agreed to keep him detained. He is scheduled for trial in April 2019.

The adult was released on pre-trial release at the lowest level supervision by a District Court Judge even though the prosecutors filed a “Preventative Detention” Motion to the Judge. She felt his criminal history did not merit detention. He has been indicted on 57 felony counts. The Grand Jury was sufficiently outraged by his action that they requested that the DA’s Office add the conspiracy charges. His trial has been scheduled for November 2019.

The 26 victims are mandated by the State Law to be interview by the Defense lawyers and are to be subpoenaed for these meetings in the near future. If the witness/victims do not show up for the meeting with the defense, the charged criminal count must be dismissed. Out of the 26 victims who were mailed invitation letters only four (4) showed up for the 1/3 meeting.

The DA’s urged all the victims to show up in force to impress the Judge so he does not give any slack to the defendant at sentencing. The prosecution is seeking prison time. A Plea Agreement is pending.



HEAR Officers and Volunteers

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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