

President’s Message



Winter in the Albuquerque North East Heights has been relatively mild this year. The wind, however, has been a constant...so much so that the daffodils are beginning to poke through the ground, which tells me that Spring

can’t be far away. Indeed, the sounds of leaf blowers and trimmers can be heard on the weekends. Adults and kids on bicycles and scooters can be seen cruising down our streets, socially distanced hikers are out stretching their legs on the many trails around Albuquerque, and you can still ski and snowboard in the Sandia Mountains or Santa Fe. What a great place we live in.

Heritage East neighborhood is a terrific location with wonderful people, very walkable streets for exercise and socializing, three parks within walking distance, and beautiful homes throughout. This doesn’t happen by chance; families with similar wants and desires (such as well-kept homes, high quality schools, and increasing property values) choose to live in Heritage East.

As coronavirus cases decrease due to vaccine distribution and continued caution, we’ll begin seeing our neighbors and friends once again. Sixty-nine new families arrived in 2020 and we look forward to meeting them. We should all make time to safely greet our new neighbors as soon as possible. This is what makes and maintains great neighborhoods.

Getting involved with your local community to any extent that fits your lifestyle is a wonderful way to take ownership and show pride in our neighborhood. From joining the Board of Directors, assisting in our activities such as newsletter production, volunteering to maintain the Ventura Medians or the Neighborhood cleanups, coming to the National Night Out, or just by becoming a member of HEAR -- any way you would like to be involved would be great.

Articles in this newsletter will focus on our responsibilities for keeping our neighborhood a great place to live, from weed and yard maintenance, to RV parking.

We’ll see you around the Neighborhood.
Jeff Figiel, HEAR President

Announcements

Next General Membership Meeting - April 15, 7:00 pm - see story for connection information

April General Membership Zoom Meeting

While we hope that we will be able to meet face-to-face in the Fall, we’re having another Zoom Virtual General Membership Meeting this Spring. There have been many developments and activities around the neighborhood and we’ll share them with you during this meeting. Below is all the information you need to attend. You can join through your web browser or the Zoom desktop application. Everyone will be muted at the beginning of the session and you can submit questions during the meeting using the chat function

Time: April 15, 2021 07:00 PM Mountain Time

Meeting Link: <https://nmepscor.zoom.us>

Meeting ID: 958 4517 9654

Passcode: 331928

RV parking in Heritage East

RV parking in Heritage East has grown substantially during the past 10 years. The Heritage East Covenants prohibit the parking or storage of any RV on the property and the City of Albuquerque prohibits the parking of any RV on the street. The City of Albuquerque [Integrated Development Ordinance \(IDO\)](#)

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section 4-3(F)(16) *Parking of Recreational Vehicle, Boat and/or Recreational Trailer* provides a clear description of RV parking requirements, which I have abbreviated below. The full IDO can be found on the City's web site and the relevant section searched for in the interactive ordinance interface.

The RV must be parked either (1) inside an enclosure, (2) outside in a side or rear yard, or (3) outside in a front yard with the unit perpendicular to the front curb and the body of the vehicle at least 11 feet from the curb and not extending over any part of a sidewalk. Please abide by these requirements and be cognizant of your neighbors.

Registering your security cameras

The City of Albuquerque and the Bernalillo County District Attorney's Office, in conjunction with the Albuquerque Police Department and the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Department, are partnering to create the county's first-ever security camera map. These agencies are encouraging business owners and residents to provide information about their security cameras to assist officers and prosecutors with the investigation and prosecution of crime in Bernalillo County.

By participating in this program, you will help law enforcement agencies more quickly identify where video evidence might exist when investigating crimes in your area.

Registration is easy and no one has access to your cameras. If a department needs assistance with a crime in our area and your camera is identified, they contact with you to request access to recorded footage. Interested parties can register at <https://www.cabq.gov/scan>.

Keeping our neighborhood walkable



Heritage East is a highly walkable neighborhood as demonstrated daily by the many walkers on our streets. Please be aware of your trees and shrubs and be sure they are kept trimmed so they don't block any of the sidewalk and don't force passersby to bend or duck below branches. Also, please keep cars from blocking sidewalks to protect both those using the sidewalk and your vehicle.

Thanks for keeping our neighborhood

walkable and safe.

Calling all business owners

HEAR is going to revive the welcome baskets for new neighbors in Heritage East and we would like to try

something new. We are encouraging Heritage East residents to do business with business owners who live in and around the neighborhood. HEAR would like to make a list of these businesses and their contact information and share this resource with our new neighbors. In addition to contact information, any small advertising promotional items such as magnets, pens, notepads etc., you would like to put in a Welcome Basket will also be accepted. The HEAR Board will personally deliver these to new neighbors throughout Heritage East. Deb Redford, the HEAR Vice President has graciously volunteered to be the coordinator for the Welcome Baskets. To provide your contact information and any items for the welcome baskets please email Deb at deb@debredfordhomes.com.

Seeking Adopt a Median volunteers



The Keep Albuquerque Beautiful Adopt A Median program was established to help interested volunteers maintain and improve the beauty of their neighborhood medians. HEAR has been involved for about a year and

a few of the medians are adopted, but more volunteers willing to manage a median are always needed. Adoption requires maintenance and beautification work such as picking up litter and weeding. You can contact the City of Albuquerque at <http://keepalbuquerquebeautiful.com/AdoptAMedian.html> to become a volunteer.

Weed, litter and snow removal ordinance

Weeds have been a constant problem in Heritage East and throughout Albuquerque. Weeds are particularly vexing right after the spring rains, but can be an issue any time of the year if they are not managed. To



encourage compliance with the city ordinance on weeds, a number of letters have been sent out to households from HEAR and some reported through 311. When our properties are maintained, the entire neighborhood looks beautiful and our property values remain high. We all win.



Excerpts below describing the ordinance are taken directly from the cabq.gov website (<https://www.cabq.gov/planning/code-enforcement-zoning/nuisance-weed-removal>):

The [Weed, Litter and Snow Removal Ordinance \(§ 9-8-1\)](#) is intended to promote general health, safety and welfare for Albuquerque by prohibiting the maintenance or accumulation of plants determined to be of major allergenic significance, those which constitute a fire hazard when wind collected, or those which otherwise present a hazard or nuisance to inhabitants of the city. Further, the ordinance is intended to promote the growth of native and other grasses/plants whose root structures tend to aid in stabilizing the soil and reducing dust.

Because this ordinance is law with enforcement that can include court appearances, fines and even jail time, it's vital that you do not ignore any notices of violation that you may receive. If you do receive a violation notice and need more time to tend to the violation or there are circumstances you need to discuss, please call the Code Enforcement Inspector listed at the bottom of the notice. The inspector needs to speak with you in order to make accommodations for your request. If you feel you have received a violation notice in error, please call and the situation can be discussed with the inspector.

The rules of the city ordinance:

- Remove any weeds with a height or width of more than 4 inches from the following areas:
 - The front, rear or side yard of your property
 - From the property line all the way to the curb, including the sidewalk. If you don't have a curb adjacent to your property, then the area 10ft outside of your property line
 - From your property line to the middle of the alley adjacent to your property
- The following plants are considered "weeds" per the ordinance: Pigweed, Russian Thistle, Ragweed, Lamsquarter, Kochia, London Rocket, Flix weed, Tansy Mustard, Spurge, Silverleaf Nightshade, Field Bind Weed, Purslane, Hoary Cress, yellow Foxtail and Green Foxtail (pictures available at cabq.gov).

Treasurer's Report



During calendar year 2020 we received 356 paid memberships (Thank You) totaling \$9,068.08, donations of \$485.20. and \$864.87 from recycling. After spending \$12,694.30

on Heritage East beautification projects, wall repair and the like, \$2,548.68 on newsletters and \$1,096.47 on miscellaneous items to support HEAR, such as the website, the P.O. Box and volunteer recognition, we ended the year with \$13,324.14 in our bank accounts.

So far this calendar year, we've added \$4,240.72 from 171 paid memberships (again, Thank You) and spent \$641.52 on newsletters and \$185.01 on welcome bags, which brings our bank account total to \$16,266.75. We haven't had any big projects yet this year, mainly due to the weather and COVID. If you're a person that has ideas on how to efficiently spend our funds to improve our neighborhood, the best way to be heard is to join the HEAR board. It's pretty easy to join and, at least for the foreseeable future, the meetings are virtual.

We at HEAR understand how hard the last year has been both emotionally and financially and greatly appreciate all the support we've received. Here's hoping for better things to come our way soon.

Bill Spahn - 2021 Treasurer

Never mistake knowledge for wisdom. One helps you make a living; the other help you make a life.
- Eleanor Roosevelt -

Recruiting HEAR Board Members

I am very proud of the HEAR Board of Directors, as they have taken the approach that we can always improve our already great neighborhood. This team has both long standing and new members, providing us with steadfast experience and the spark of new ideas. Building an open, cohesive, positive team that believes in trying new things and being the core of continuous improvement of our neighborhood is exciting. If you think you might be interested in being part of the HEAR Board Directors and contributing to the direction of the activities of Heritage East, please contact me at HEAR.president@gmail.com.



Jeff Figiel - President

Recycling update



HEAR Aluminum recycling occurs the first Saturday every month from 8:30 am until 11:00 am in the parking lot of Rotary Park in Heritage East. A HEAR Recycling magnetic sign is affixed to the pick-up truck collecting

the aluminum. All aluminum is eligible for recycling, but aluminum cans should be bagged separately from any other aluminum, such as foil, roasting pans, and pie plates. Pet food cans that do not have white lining are generally not aluminum. As a rule of thumb, if a magnet sticks to a can, it is NOT aluminum.

During the past 14 months, HEAR has collected over 1500 pounds of aluminum for recycling. Although the current rates for recycled aluminum are very low, the recycling efforts have still added over \$432 to our account. We should also take delight that we have kept 3/4 of a ton of aluminum out of our landfill. We can all do our part to keep Albuquerque beautiful.

Susan Tackman - Recycling coordinator

More information at the CABQ.gov website. <http://www.cabq.gov/solidwaste/recycling/acceptable-materials>

What you can put in your recycling bin

Do Recycle

Paper

- Newspapers/Magazines
- Junk Mail
- Office Paper
- Corrugated Cardboard
- Cereal/Cracker Boxes
- Milk and Juice Boxes
- Phone Books
- Books
- Brown Paper Bags
- Paper Egg Cartons

Plastic

- #1-#7 Plastics Bottle/Tubs
- Rigid Plastics (toys, hampers, etc.)

Metal

- Aluminum Cans
- Tin Cans
- Foil & Pie Pans
- Small Electronics
- Pots & Pans
- Small Appliances

Do Not Pace in Bin

- Yard Waste/Wood
- Pizza Boxes
- Glass
- Garbage
- Food
- Hazardous Waste
- Sharp Metal
- Wrapables/Hoses/Cords
- Batteries/Light Bulbs
- Motor Oil Bottles
- Medical Waste/Needles
- Styrofoam
- TVs/Computer Monitors
- All Plastic Bags

Recycling Glass

Please **do not** put glass in your blue recycle bin. Glass can be recycled in the designated yellow bin at one of the City's numerous drop-off locations (nearest being in the Albertson's parking lot at Pasel del Norte and Ventura)

Cobb Salad Sandwiches (contributed by Carolyn Wallen)

makes 4 sandwiches

1/4 C mayonnaise

1/2 t horseradish

1/4 t basil

4 croissants, split

lettuce leaves

1 tomato, sliced

4 cooked bacon strips, halved

4 slices deli ham

3 hard-boiled eggs, sliced

In a small bowl combine the mayonnaise, horseradish, and basil.

Spread the mixture over the cut side of the croissant bottoms.

Heritage Hills Park Gatekeepers Needed

Since April 2018, a group of neighbors have been closing and opening the gate at Heritage Hills park.

These neighbors took action after it became apparent that the park was being used for illegal activities at all hours during the day and night. Activities include littering, drinking, fighting, injuries, drugs, shootings, and multiple calls to 911 with emergency vehicles responding to the various situations.

Our efforts have been successful in making the park safer and cleaner.

We need to increase our volunteer base.

If you are interested in helping your neighborhood by assisting, when possible, with opening and securing the gate located on the Ventura side of Heritage Hills Park please call Paul Jessen at (505) 313-3684, Ken Ferguson at (505) 822-0513, or John Woods at (505) 550-0899.

HEAR Real Estate Update



We moved into the Heritage East Neighborhood in November of 2018 and have really enjoyed the friendly neighbors, amenities, and overall feel of Heritage East. The boundaries of Heritage East are Paseo Del Norte

to the North, Ventura to the West, the Jay Yogeshwar Trail to the South (which separates Heritage East from Tanoan) and Holbrook to the East.

69 New Neighbors purchased homes in Heritage East in 2020. Prices ranged from \$245,000 for a 2 Bedroom/2 Bath Townhome up to \$568,500 for a Detached 5 Bedroom/4 Bath Home. There are currently 5 homes under contract in 2021.

Average days on the market for homes in Heritage East decreased from 42 days in 2019 to 16 days in 2020. Average sales prices in Heritage East increased from \$356,096 in 2019 to \$380,899 in 2020.

The inventory of existing homes is very low, buyer demand is very high and interest rates are still historically low. The factors create a "Sellers Market" in which sellers can sell their homes for top dollar but may have a difficult time finding a home to purchase. With historically low interest rates, lenders are inundated with sellers re-financing their homes.

Market changes in the Greater Albuquerque Area, January of 2021 compared to January of 2020:

- Pending sales for detached homes are up 20.6%
- Average sales prices for detached homes are up 17.4%
- Inventory of existing detached homes for sale is down 60.3%
- Average days on the market is down 44.4%

Joe Jenkins, Associate Broker

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City and County Newsletters

Communication is Key to knowing what is going on in your city and county. Below are a few of the newsletters I receive regularly that keep me abreast of what is happening in and around Albuquerque and Bernalillo county. They are a valuable resource. Many can be subscribed to so they arrive in your email monthly.

Albuquerque Office of Neighborhood Coordination (ONC) - <https://www.cabq.gov/office-of-neighborhood-coordination>

Bernalillo Neighborhood Coordination - <https://conta.cc/2QqMEoz>

North East Community Police Council - <https://www.cabq.gov/police/community-policing-council>

Mayor Tim Keller newsletter Albuquerque One - <https://www.cabq.gov/mayor/newsletters>

Jeff Figiel, HEAR President

Keeping Up With HEAR Happenings



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.

HEAR has additional ways to get information about our neighborhood activities, resources, and neighborhood social networking. Please check them out:

HEAR Website - <https://www.hear-online.org>

Twitter - https://twitter.com/hear_online

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/HearOnline>

Next Door - <https://nextdoor.com>

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Elected Officials Contact Information

Mayor Tim Keller - <https://www.cabq.gov/mayor>

APD Crime Prevention Specialist (NE Area Command) -
Franchesca Perdue - fperdue@cabq.gov

District 4 City Councilor - Brook Bassan - bbassan@cabq.gov

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State Senator Mark Moores - mark.moores@nmlegis.gov

State Representative Marian Matthews - marian.matthews@nmlegis.gov

State Representative Bill Rehm - bill.rehm@nmlegis.gov

Useful Contact Numbers

Neighborhood Security

Police/Fire/Rescue Emergency - 911

Non-emergency Police Phone Number - 242-COPS
(2677)

Albuquerque Police Department Northeast Substation -
823-4455

City Services

Albuquerque Citizen Contact Center - many questions
related to the services below can be answered by calling
this number - 311 - <http://cabq.gov/311/>

City Council - 768-3110 - <http://cabq.gov/council/>

Solid Waste - (505) 761-8100 - <http://cabq.gov/solidwaste>

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

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	(505) 856-0042	hear.president@gmail.com
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Secretary	Paul Jessen		
Treasurer	Bill Spahn		hear.treasurer@gmail.com
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Board Member	Joe Jenkins		
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Board Member	vacant		
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Heritage East Association of Residents (HEAR) Membership Form

If you have already sent in your dues for 2021, **Thank You!**

You may use this form to renew your membership or join us 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 similar letters/numbers - e.g. between 1/l and O/0

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**