



EPNA Bulletin



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Repeated Calls to 311 Gets Results

When the weeds in the abandoned lot at 11812 Lexington NE got up to 5 feet, the city decided to step in and take them down to bare earth. When it was pointed out that the city could become liable for injuries to those who were taking the lot as a shortcut to the arroyo, they weighed their options and sent a crew to the property to cut all the weeds down. This is the same property where the elderly owner died in a fire in 2013.

The city has failed to recognize that the back wall that borders on the arroyo is a safety hazard for the many youngsters to take that shortcut to the arroyo. Vandals destroyed the wall in 2015 and were caught on surveillance video, but APD declined to view the video or even file a report.

Persistence Does Pay: Candelaria Being Repaired

The intersection of Chelwood Park and Candelaria, which has long been a hazardous stop due to poor maintenance and poor design, is finally being repaired. The city cannot afford to change the design of the approaches to the intersection, but the Road Department is milling down the huge bumps in the asphalt surface and will be resurfacing the intersection. Drivers have reported losing control of their vehicles, particularly when the surface is wet or when a thin layer of ice covers the pavement. Rapidly approaching the intersection also causes loss of control. Braking under those conditions has been especially dangerous. The Safety Inspector agreed that this intersection has been a hazard for several years.

Medicaid Is Not Free

Federal law requires that the cost of long-term medical care be repaid from the estates of certain Medicaid recipients. If the Medicaid recipient is 55 years of age or older when receiving Medicaid support for long-term services, the recipient's estate (the property that is left after the recipient's death) will be used to pay the State of New Mexico back any money that was spent on the Medicaid recipient's care. These costs can include: nursing home care, in-home or community-based services, doctor services, hospital expenses and prescription drugs.

WHY:

Because the State of New Mexico receives federal AND state tax funding for its Medicaid program, the federal government's Estate Recovery Law (42 U.S.C. § 1396P (B)(4)(A)) requires the state to attempt this recovery. State Statutes: the Medicaid Estate Recovery Law can be found in Chapter 27, Article 2A; and the Uniform Probate Code can be found in Chapter 45. For more information:

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Overheard

While standing in the long line at the Caracol Early Voting Center at Tramway and Montgomery on Wednesday, 10/26 the following was overheard from an obviously distraught voter after voting:

GOD HELP US!

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Did You Know:

- The city will replace or repair a damaged garbage bin. Call 311
- ALL VETS AND SURVIVING SPOUSES OF VETS
The state constitution was revised in 2004 that allows all veterans and their spouses to claim the veteran's exemption on their property tax. The wartime service requirement has been removed. This could reduce your assessed value by up to \$4000. Call toll-free 866-433-8387 to contact the NM Veterans Service Commission for further information.
- Pet owners: Please take some time to clean up after your pets. Residents are reporting animal feces are littering the sidewalks and yards. This is a very serious health hazard. Our new Pet Waste Station is up and operating at the east end of Ross Enchanted Park.
- The Solid Waste Department requests that customers separate multiple bins, i.e., the black and blue bins from each other by a minimum of 3 feet at the curb to allow sufficient room to operate the mechanical arms on the trucks. Failure to keep this distance could result in your bins being overturned as the truck pulls away.
- APDs Jill Garcia suggests that you keep a watch on your neighbors' garage doors and alert your neighbor if it is open or ajar. The open garage door is the one of the easiest entries to your home.



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Important Phone Numbers and Web Links

Abandoned Cars Hotline (Public Property).....311 or 768-2277	Park Maintenance & Park Lighting 311
Abandoned Cars (Free Towing - Private Property)877-7573	Park Maintenance (Normal work hours)..... 311 or 857-8650
ABCWUA (Water Utility Authority)842-9287	Park Maintenance (Rick Tye - Emergency)..... 971-5667
Animal Control311	PNM - 24 hr (Electrical Emergency) 246-5911
APD Status Reports http://www.cabq.gov/police-reports/	Poison & Drug Information 272-2222
Bernalillo County Clerk http://www.bernco.gov/clerk . 468-1291	Police (Non-Emergency Dispatch) 242-COPS 242-2677
Biological Parks (Zoo - Aquarium)311	Police - Foothills Command - 12700 Lomas NE 332-5240
Burn/No-Burn Advisory311 or 768-BURN	Police Meth Alert Hotline..... 764-6384
City Councilor Trudy Jones768-3106	Police Telephone Reporting Unit 768-2030
Cockroach Hotline873-7009	Police - File/View Police Reports Online:.. http://www.cabq.gov/police/
APD Crime Reports http://crimeview.cabq.gov/	Pothole Repair 311 or 857-8025
Crimestoppers843-7867-STOP	Power Lines Down (PNM - 24 hr) 246-5911
Crisis Center, Agora (Rape, Suicide, Violence, etc.)....277-3013	Recycling Information 761-8100
Dumping on Private or Vacant Lots924-3850	Report Illegal Parking - 242-COPS 242-2677
EMERGENCY- Police / Fire / Rescue911	Residential Trash - Large Item Pick Up (Free) 311
EPNA Quarterly Newsletter Online (Mar., Jun., Sep. & Dec.)	Stop Signs Damaged or Missing 311
(Use upper case where shown) http://www.nmia.com/~ratrudo/EPNA	Street Lighting Not Working - PNM 246-5700
Gang & Narcotics Unit875-3500	Traffic Light Malfunction/Timing 311 or 857-8028
Gas Leaks - (GasCoNM - 24 hr)246-7300	Trash Cart Damaged 311
Graffiti Hotline311	Trash Collection Problems 311 or 761-8100
Hazardous Household Waste Hotline.....345-1650	Water or Sewer Emergencies 311 or 857-8250
Inoperable Vehicles on Private Property924-3850	Voter Registration http://www.bernco.gov/clerk 468-1291
Illegal Fireworks833-7390	Weed & Litter (Major Streets & Medians) 311 or 857-8060
Neighborhood News (Office of Neighborhood Coordination)	Weed & Litter (Private Property/Vacant Lots) 311 or 924-3850
http://www.cabq.gov/planning/nbrcoord/newsletter.html	Zoning Violations 924-3850

Topics For Newsletters

At times, it is difficult to choose which topic to include in the current newsletter. Events seem to occur in clusters. Prioritizing these events tends to give the appearance of not caring which items are published and which items are not. If it is important to you, it is important to the Enchanted Park Neighborhood Association. To emphasize that policy, I would like to hear from you about the items that you feel are important to you. Within the realm of being non-confrontational and non-antagonistic, (I know that eliminates a huge number of topics) please let me know your thoughts about our neighborhood. Some neighborhoods force their residents into a conformity through covenants and regulations that obscure the cultures and history of their residents. We want to completely avoid this. If you wish to attract a specific demographic neighbor, that may appear to make sense. But the last time I checked, I believe that profiling was not legal.

You are invited to suggest topics that interest you for inclusion in the EPNA Newsletter. Keep in mind that the publication schedule is every three months (March, June, September and December). Try to avoid topics that might require a timely response. If you wish, you can remain anonymous, or you can be acknowledged with your own byline. (Your name) Specify your preference when you submit your topic for consideration. All topics submitted for consideration are subject to editing when necessary. Please call Bob Trudo at 299-6449 or email your suggestion to ratrudo@nmia.com to submit a topic.

Neighborhood Volunteers

EPNA has routinely enlisted the assistance of neighborhood volunteers who deliver this Newsletter to each address wishing to receive it in hard copy form. Initially, we have tried to assign only one street to each volunteer to keep the individual load low for each volunteer. Over the years, our list of volunteers has slowly dwindled to the point where several volunteers have indicated they could handle more than one street. With 16 streets within EPNA, it is a considerable task to deliver each newsletter to the entire neighborhood. The total each quarter is 675 double-sided copies. We ask our volunteers to respect those neighbors who do not wish to receive the newsletter in hard copy form. That option is spelled out in the membership form. Walking the delivery route is also an opportunity to identify any hazards that might affect your neighbors safety, such as broken water meter covers, rocks or glass in the street, etc. We encourage our volunteers to report these to 311 or to one of our EPNA officers or directors. Several volunteers have agreed to deliver to multiple streets when others have become ill or are otherwise unable to deliver the newsletters for their street. If you have some spare time to help deliver the EPNA newsletters for a single street every three months, please contact Bob Trudo at 299-6449. An average street consisting of about 35-40 residences takes about 30-40 minutes to deliver the newsletters. This issue is typical. If you are unable to deliver to your assigned street, please call Bob Trudo at 299-6449 so he can locate an alternate volunteer.