



EPNA Bulletin



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Neighbor Against Neighbor

Follow-up:

The neighbor who was caught on surveillance video physically attacking his neighbors and who was banned by the courts from returning to the neighborhood has returned to Albuquerque from out of state. According to his neighbors, he has vowed revenge, but has not yet been seen in the area. Instructions from the court judge to the neighbors were clear to call 911 and report the offender as a violent person in violation of a court order. That should trigger an immediate response from APD. It is sad that this has escalated to this level, but it appears that our government had degenerated to the point where the rights of the criminal outweigh the rights of the law-abiding citizen. It has become commonplace for the criminal to taunt the police and "dare" them to shoot the offender. Unless and until the punishment fits the crime, criminals will continue to ignore the meager punishment they receive.

Did You Read The Insert In Your PNM Bill?

Follow-up:

The Public Regulation Commission (PRC) drastically cut back the amount of money they would have allowed the Public Service Company of New Mexico (PNM) to collect in their Rate Increase Proposal. The PRC cited insufficient justification as the reason. PNM balked at that reasoning, and it now appears that the courts may have to determine which entity is right. This could become a long, protracted case.

Obstructing the Identity Thief

For most of us, placing the Insurance and Registration documents in your vehicle's glove box is a common practice. If you are ever pulled over by law enforcement, those documents are the first items they request. Few of us realize that the people breaking into your vehicle also know you will likely leave those documents in your vehicle. Think a bit outside the box. APD recommends that you keep your documents in an envelope and take them with you whenever you leave your vehicle. For some, this may be more of a hassle than you want to address. If you must keep the documents within the vehicle, such as on a trip or an extended drive, consider an alternate location inside the vehicle. Try to reject a location that might store a weapon such as the spare tire well. Each vehicle is different, but I am sure you can think of a good, obscure location where that envelope would hide well. If you are subsequently pulled over by law enforcement, explain that you are following suggestions to reduce your susceptibility to identity theft by hiding the documents within the vehicle and invite the officer to accompany you to the document location. This will become a non-standard traffic stop, so don't be startled to see the officer put his hand on his weapon and keep you under full surveillance.

New Fire Hydrant Installed at Tahiti and Lexington

The water was turned off for about three hours in mid-August to allow the crew from the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Authority (ABCWUA) to tap into the main water line feeding the residents and businesses to the north of the arroyo. This tap resulted in the installation of a new fire hydrant on the northwest corner of Tahiti St and Lexington Ave NE. Those of you who are living or working in that area may want to check with their insurance companies for a possible reduction of fire insurance premiums. Years ago, fire insurance premiums were tied to the fire hose distance from your residence or business to the nearest fire hydrant. Some insurance companies have moved away from that policy in residential areas - others have not. Why did it take so long to add this hydrant? While not officially going on record, ABCWUA seemed to cite the high concentration of elderly patrons at the Bingo Parlor a few yards down the street on Lexington. This is pure speculation since they did not answer my query.

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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 Control 311	PNM - 24 hr (Electrical Emergency)246-5911
APD Status Reports http://www.cabq.gov/police/reports/index.html	Poison & Drug Information272-2222
Bernalillo County Clerk http://www.bernco.gov/clerk . 468-1291	Police (Non-Emergency Dispatch) 242-COPS242-2677
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-COPS242-2677
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 - PNM246-5700
Gang & Narcotics Unit875-3500	Traffic Light Malfunction/Timing 311 or 857-8028
Gas Leaks - (GasCoNM - 24 hr)246-7300	Trash Cart Damaged 311
Graffiti Hotline 311	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)857-8060
Neighborhood News (Office of Neighborhood Coordination)	Weed & Litter (Private Property/Vacant Lots)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 editorial editing. 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 about 675 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.