



FALL 2023 WRAP-UP NEWSLETTER

900 households within the boundaries of Carlisle, Indian School,
the North Diversion Channel and 1-40 to the North



From the President

BILL GANNON

YIKES! Almost 2024! So much happened in 2023 and we have much to look forward to in the new year.

We are very lucky to have a volunteer NPNA board who are engaged and care deeply for the quality of life here framed by an appreciation of Netherwood's past and for wisely going forward.

What I like is the generational turnover we experience here.

Young families with their children can walk the neighborhood saying howdy to neighbors who may have built their house here in 1956. We strive to foster community through annual events such as the July 4th in the Park, the Chuck Maguire Memorial Golf Scramble, Balloon Blast, Netherwood Park Bites food truck nights, neighborhood yard sale, an annual meeting and daily fun at the Tennis Club. We encourage any small business to set up shop to expand experiences to our residents.

We try to work with the City of ABQ to improve safety, traffic, air, water and quality of life. There are regular discussions with local schools and neighboring associations such as Summit Park and North Campus.

Our NPNA board is only 9 people and we need your involvement. This can be through an annual donation, volunteering to help with events, becoming a block captain, or serving on the board. This will be especially important in the coming year as we attempt to address the speed and walking hazards along Indian School, homelessness, trash and crime in general. As well as the continuation of our community events and improvements in our park.

2024 is going to be a great year and *you* will make it even better

TO KEEP YOU INFORMED, WE'RE
TRANSITIONING TO A QUARTERLY
ONLINE NEWSLETTER FORMAT!
WE'RE EXCITED TO SHARE ALL THE
INFO WITH YOU FROM THE
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Balloon Blast & Eclipse

After a long, hot summer, the Fall brought us amazing weather to finally get out and enjoy our neighborhood and park again.

The 51st annual Balloon Fiesta provided the background to our own Oct 14th NPNA Balloon Blast in the park. The Fiesta even joined us as we had a hot air balloon loaded with passengers, land safely, right in our park.

This year was extra special as it coincided with a rare Solar Eclipse. Around 300 people decked out in their official viewing glasses, joined us for coffee, donuts and breakfast burritos as the impressive Ring of Fire dimmed the sky.

We were most fortunate to have California resident, **Hector Vasquez**, an astronomer with **Sidewalkastronomers.org**, came to ABQ for the solar event and brought his telescope and viewing equipment along. He kindly shared his love of astronomy and his equipment for all of us to have amazing, up-close views of the eclipse. He even shared his event photos that you can see on this page.

Thanks Hector for your excitement and enthusiasm and to everyone for a great neighborhood event.





Board Meetings Fall wrap up

The Board met three times since our last newsletter and discussed current and upcoming business for our neighborhood.

One discussion was held over the subject of solar panels. A local, employee-owned solar company made a presentation and explained how the power supply meets the needs of the neighborhood. Board members caution you to thoroughly review solar vendors' history and BBB ratings before signing any contracts for service. Becoming a bit more energy independent can be a positive, both environmentally and economically, especially with all the sun we get!

Our legislators are lining up to ask for Netherwood Park funding from the upcoming January 2024 budget session meeting in Santa Fe.

We also had the Director of ABQ Parks and Recreation department, Dave Simon, and his team outline plans for new irrigation system for Netherwood Park. This could impact the use of our park for as much as six months.

A children's play area is also a concept the city is considering for the park in late 2024. The city will seek input from residents, especially around the park. Your NPNA board will host the City of ABQ Parks & Rec Team at the Tennis Club on Saturday, January 20, 2024, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm for their presentation.



We also noted that separately donated funds sponsored the newly installed benches in remembrance of neighbors who passed away recently: Chuck Maguire and Dr. Rebecca Adler. These benches are located on the East side of the park and are now in regular use.

The board dealt with a number of routine things, reviewing the budget, crime statistics, web site maintenance, and some minor changes to the NPNA Bylaws as required by the City Office of Neighborhood Coordination. Updated bylaws were passed during a meeting of members held during the Balloon Blast.



around the netherwood



**Tenderlove Community Center
celebrated 10 years in our neighborhood!**

This 501(c)(3) is located next to Don Mickey designs on Girard.

Founded by Debbie Johnson, Tenderlove aims to serve women and families.

Programs focus on teaching job and life skills and providing assistance to find permanent housing.

Tickets are now available online for their Gala fund-raising event on February 10, 2024

Check out their website:
tenderlovecommunitycenter.org



How?

- REPORT CRIME
- CONTACT US
- MAKE DONATIONS
- SEE UPCOMING EVENTS



**THE BOARD REQUESTS
THAT NEIGHBORS RESPOND AND REPORT
WHAT CRIMES/EVENTS THEY SEE**

- GO TO NPNA WEBSITE AND FOLLOW CRIME TAB
- GO TO APD WEBSITE DIRECTLY OR APD APP AND FILE A CRIME REPORT
- CALL 242-COPS OR 911 AND REPORT YOUR CRIME
- DO NOT CONFRONT CRIMINALS OR TAKE ACTION INTO YOUR OWN HANDS.
- KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS AND KEEP IN TOUCH WITH YOUR BLOCK CAPTAINS.
- BLOCK CAPTAINS CAN PROVIDE SUMMARIES TO THE BOARD.
- THE MORE CRIMES DOCUMENTED BY APD, THE MORE PATROLS THE NEIGHBORHOOD RECEIVES



MORE INFO

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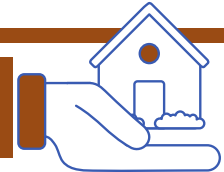
- BOARD MEETINGS
EVERY SECOND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH
(EXCEPT FOR JULY AND DEC)

**CITY PARKS DEPT COMMUNITY MEETING
SAT JANUARY 20, 2024 2-4PM TENNIS CLUB**

- URBAN FOREST CLEAN-UP
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 10, 2024
- BIKE PATH CLEAN-UP
TBD 2024
- ANNUAL MEETING
SUNDAY MARCH 17, 2024 TENNIS CLUB
- ABQ GREAT AMERICAN CLEAN-UP (INDIAN SCHOOL)
APRIL 20, 2024
- NP BITES FOOD TRUCKS IN THE PARK START
TBD JUNE 2024
- JULY 4TH IN THE PARK- ACTIVITIES AND PARADE
- ANNUAL NP YARD SALES
SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 14, 2024
- NP BITES FOOD TRUCKS IN THE PARK END
TBD AUG 2024
- ANNUAL CHUCK MAGUIRE GOLF SCRAMBLE
SEPTEMBER 28, 2024
- BALLOON BLAST IN THE PARK
OCTOBER 12, 2024
- DECEMBER 2024 - NO BOARD MEETING



SUPPORT YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD WITH AN ANNUAL DONATION



**NPNA WELCOMES NEW AND OLD NP RESIDENTS AND ENCOURAGES ALL TO MAKE
A SUPPORTIVE ANNUAL DONATION OF \$20 PER HOUSEHOLD.**

FILL OUT THIS FORM AND WRITE A CHECK **PAYABLE TO: NPNA**

MAIL TO CHERYL GERWIN, NPNA TREASURER 1711 STANFORD NE 87106

NAME (S): _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ **EMAIL ADDRESS:** _____

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**THANK
YOU!**