



Fall 2024 newsletter

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



From the president

ZEPHYR RENNER

As a neighborhood we have much to celebrate.

Our Neighborhood Association held a vote in order to obtain a formal position on the proposed playground in Netherwood Park as requested by the city, and we had record levels of participation. Over and over again we were thanked by neighbors for giving them an opportunity to have a voice in this process. Over 500 people participated in the vote and as a consequence, our newsletter will now reach a broader segment of our community.

Our neighbors have a better sense of the mix of opinions and perspectives held within even our small neighborhood boundaries. You delivered a historically democratic and clear vote that honors our diversity and the neighborhood is better because of your participation. The decision now lies with the City and our elected officials for further consideration. If you want it to happen or not happen, please reach out to them.

Next time you see Partha Louise or Dave Broudy, both previous members of the NPNA board, thank them for stepping up to fill NPNA board vacancies and provide their wisdom and experience to our organization.

Now, before we get to next summer and everyone asks, "*Where are the food trucks?*" Well, low sales cut the season short. We need to figure out how to keep this lovely community get-together going next year. If you have any ideas either for how to make the food trucks and music a bigger success, or for other events that might get everyone out in the park, please let us know.

In the spirit of celebrating our neighborhood's diversity and traditions, we eagerly anticipate the Chuck Maguire Memorial Golf Scramble and Balloon Blast in the park.

Hope to see you there! -Zephyr

TO KEEP YOU INFORMED, WE'VE TRANSITIONED TO A QUARTERLY ONLINE NEWSLETTER FORMAT! WE'RE EXCITED TO SHARE ALL THE INFO WITH YOU FROM THE NETHERWOOD.

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Balloon Blast in the park

Sat Oct 12th
7-10 am



Join your neighbors for breakfast burritos, coffee, hot cocoa and Oh yes, BALLOONS! Bring your chair, blankets, kids and furry friends to watch the balloons and maybe have one land right in the park!

Fiesta Fanatics Cleanup Event

Sat Sept 28 9am - 12pm



TRASH, GARBAGE, RUBBISH!

THESE ARE ALL BASICALLY THE SAME THING AND ARE DEGRADING OUR ENVIRONMENT. THE EPA ESTIMATES THAT THE AVERAGE AMERICAN PERSON GENERATES A LITTLE OVER 4 POUNDS OF TRASH DAILY. IF EACH ONE OF US PICKED UP ONE PIECE OF TRASH EACH DAY IT WOULD MEAN OVER 300 MILLION PIECES OF LITTER REMOVED FROM THE ENVIRONMENT EVERY DAY. THINK OF THE RIPPLE EFFECT THIS WOULD CAUSE. **YES! WE CAN CHANGE THE WORLD.** YOU MAY NOT HAVE CAUSED THE PROBLEM, BUT IT FEELS GOOD TO BE A PART OF THE SOLUTION.

THE CITY OF ABQ SOLID WASTE DEPT COMMUNITY-DRIVEN EVENT TAKES PLACE ONE WEEK AHEAD OF THE 52ND ANNUAL BALLOON FIESTA. THIS MASSIVE, CITY-WIDE CLEANUP HOPES TO MAKE OUR BEAUTIFUL CITY SHINE AS WE GET READY FOR OUR FAVORITE TIME OF YEAR. WE NEED YOUR HELP TO MAKE OUR OWN NP NEIGHBORHOOD SHINE!

RSVP BY SEPT 18 TO JOIN THE NP TEAM
SARAMILLS@COMCAST.NET
505-450-6712

THE CITY PROVIDES BAGS, GLOVES AND WASTE PICKUP



NPNA Board Meetings Wrap up

- The Board met two times (there is no July meeting) since our last newsletter and discussed current and upcoming business for our neighborhood.
- Lots of event planning! July 4th in the Park's parade, games, food, and music. The Aug 31st community garage sale sign postings and signups and organizing the Sept 28th Chuck Maguire Memorial Golf Scramble.
- The Indian School safety committee progressing with North Campus and Summit Park NA members who will meet to address safety concerns along Indian School Road.
- The 2024 ABQ Bikeway and Trail Plan which proposes a robust network of on-street bikeways and paved multi-use trails across the city. Visit <https://www.abqbikeplan.com/docs> for more details.
- Discussions on inviting our elected officials and representatives to NPNA meetings to discuss their initiatives and how NPNA can offer support, while also addressing NPNA concerns.
- Two Elected NPNA Board vacancies were filled and passed by consensus. Current board members Sara Mills became VP and Bill Gannon became Secretary. Partha Louise and David Broudy joined as Members-at-Large. Some interesting details on Partha, her and her husband, Karl, built their NP house in 1994 on only one of 3 lots available. Both of them have been on the board, and when Partha was president the neighborhood East of Girard was incorporated into the NPNA
- City crime mapping site is not available. APD is working on acquiring a new system but no details available at this time.
- Mutt Mitts. A City program to provide parks with dog poop bags. Several volunteers from the board will commit to a two-year term to ensure the bag stations remain well-stocked. Zephyr is checking with City for additional details on the program.
- Status of the former Whole Foods building. Currently being used as a Spirit Halloween store. The owners of the building have contracted with Modulus Architects to redesign the building to prepare for leasing to a number of other businesses and also develop the site for at least one drive-thru business.

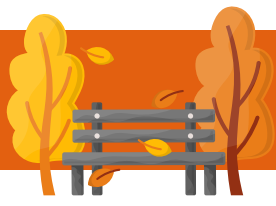
around the netherwood



Psst! Guess what?

Netherwood Park has a book club, and it has been meeting up since 1990!

Imagine, they gather monthly at a cozy restaurant to chat about their latest literary obsessions. If you're ready to embark on a bookish adventure, contact Mary Lipscomb for all the details! 505-255-4031 mlipsco38@aol.com.



Netherwood Park Playground

The Netherwood Park Neighborhood Association Board was asked in March by Dave Simon, Director of Parks and Recreation Department, City of Albuquerque to provide a formal position statement on the creation of a playground in Netherwood Park. While the NPNA Board may have wished to stay out of the middle of a potentially divisive vote, it was our responsibility both to all of our neighbors and our relationship with the City to provide a clear answer on the playground. Thankfully the City's Neighborhood Association Recognition Ordinance (NARO) and our bylaws provide the framework for arriving at a formal position statement that is democratic and inclusive.

Question: *Should the City of Albuquerque, Department of Parks and Recreation, investigate the possibility of a playground somewhere within the bounds of Netherwood Park?*

RESULTS OF THE SURVEY:

- **Strong Voter Turnout:** The NPNA experienced high voter turnout, indicating significant community engagement and interest in the playground proposal.
- **Result:** With 493 ballots, 301 (61%) in favor of exploring the playground and 192 (39%) against. This suggests a diverse community with strong interest on this issue.
- **Democratic Process:** The NPNA Board emphasized the democratic nature of their process, highlighting the use of ample notice, electronic voting, last-day drop-off votes, and the validation of membership information.

- **Formal Position:** The NPNA Board clarified that they have no power to make the final decision on the playground and that their role is to provide this valuable input to the City's decision-making process.
- **Encouragement for Dialogue:** The NPNA Board encouraged neighbors to broaden their perspectives and engage in dialogue with those who hold differing opinions.
- **Increased Community Engagement:** The high voter turnout suggests that the playground proposal has increased community engagement and neighborhood awareness
- **Potential for Future Community Initiatives:** The success of this voting process could be a model for future community initiatives and decision-making.

The playground decision will be made by our elected officials and city administrators. It's a City park, and funding comes from the public. Being able to provide this much more democratic result was made possible by the recently revised NARO law governing neighborhood associations thanks to our City Councilor, Tammy Fiebelkorn.

The vote did highlight the complexity of the issue and the need for further discussion and deliberation by our elected officials. The NPNA Board's formal position and encouragement for dialogue are important steps toward fostering a more inclusive and informed community.

Between the NPNA Board and you, the neighbors, this was a job well done.

How?

- REPORT CRIME
- MAKE DONATIONS
- CONTACT US



**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. YOU CAN BE A BLOCK CAPTAIN!
- THE MORE CRIMES DOCUMENTED BY APD, THE MORE PATROLS THE NEIGHBORHOOD RECEIVES



MORE INFO

NETHERWOODPARK.ORG

NETHERWOODPARK@GMAIL.COM

Don't forget

BOARD MEETINGS

EVERY SECOND WED OF THE MONTH
(EXCEPT FOR JULY AND DEC)

ANNUAL NP COMMUNITY YARD SALES

SAT AUG 31 2024 8AM TO 12PM

ANNUAL CHUCK MAGUIRE GOLF SCRAMBLE

SAT SEPT 28, 2024 9AM TO 12PM

GENERAL ELECTION EARLY VOTING

OCT 8 THRU NOV 2, 2024

GENERAL ELECTION TUES NOV 5TH



BALLOON BLAST IN THE PARK

SAT OCT 12, 2024 7 - 10AM

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 TO SUPPORT ALL OF OUR COMMUNITY EVENTS.

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

MAIL TO CHERYL GERWIN 1711 STANFORD NE ABQ 87106

NAME (S): _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ **EMAIL ADDRESS:** _____

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_____ **I WILL JUST READ IT AT NPNA WEBSITE**

_____ **PLEASE EMAIL NEWSLETTERS TO:** _____

_____ **I PREFER A MAILED COPY**

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**THANK
YOU!**