



# SINGING ARROW NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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## SANA NEWSLETTER - JANUARY 2024

### ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THE SINGING ARROW NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (SANA)

**YET?** We invite you to join if you are a homeowner, renter or business within the area west of Four Hills Road, north of the Tijeras Arroyo, east of Juan Tabo Boulevard (excluding the Four Hills Mobile Home Park), and south of Central Avenue. **It's easy and FREE to join - There are no membership dues!** Just complete the 2024 Membership Application attached to this Newsletter and send it, or email a copy to, the contact information above.

If you were a member in 2023 and have not yet renewed your membership for 2024, please send an email to: [abqsana@gmail.com](mailto:abqsana@gmail.com) and request that your membership be renewed for 2024. Thank you!

### UPCOMING SANA MEETINGS

You are welcome and invited to attend and speak at any and all SANA meetings. Board of Directors and Neighborhood Meetings are typically held at the Singing Arrow Community Center and begin at 6:00 pm. Please attend our meetings - we would like to know what issues in Singing Arrow are important to you!

#### February 8 - Board of Directors Meeting

#### February 29 - Neighborhood-wide Meeting Speakers:

**RENEE GROUT**, City Councilor for District 9, representing the far Southeast and Foothills including the Singing Arrow Neighborhood, and Rachel Miller, Policy Analyst in Renee Grout's office.

**DOUG SMALL**, Director of Public Affairs in Mayor Tim Keller's Office.

**ALBUQUERQUE POLICE DEPARTMENT** representatives.

#### March 14 - Board of Directors Meeting

#### April 4 - Board of Directors Meeting

#### April 11 - Annual Neighborhood Meeting

New Directors will be elected to the Board of Directors at this meeting. Please use the contact information above if you are interested in serving on the Board to help improve the Singing Arrow Neighborhood. You must be a current member of SANA to vote.

#### May 9 - Board of Directors Meeting

### WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OR NEAR OUR NEIGHBORHOOD?

**RENEE GROUT, City Councilor for District 9 which includes the Singing Arrow Neighborhood, and Vice President of the Albuquerque City Council, reports in her January East Gateway News:**

**Franklin Plaza** - Redevelopment is curtailed due to evidence of chemical contamination at the north end of the property. The New Mexico Environmental Health Department will investigate and direct remediation efforts, including notifying neighbors when appropriate. The property is for sale.

**Central Avenue Corridor** - Councilor Grout continues to work with private sector developers to market the entire corridor for redevelopment; she believes there is no better land value for development dollars than Franklin Plaza and the Route 66 corridor.

**Legislative Session** - Councilor Grout's office has requested more than \$14M in state capital outlay for projects in District 9, including:

Tijeras Arroyo Education Center . . . . .	\$3.5M	Shade Structures in Six Parks . . . . .	\$650,000
Manzano Mesa Pickleball Complex . . . . .	\$2.0M	Juan Tabo Hills Park Phaze III . . . . .	\$800,000
Juan Tabo Storm Drainage . . . . .	\$1.875M	Trail Connection Juan Tabo to Kirtland AFB . .	\$400,000
Central Avenue Lighting . . . . .	\$1.5M	Embudo Hills Park . . . . .	\$250,000
Central Avenue Gateway Sign . . . . .	\$1.0M	Four Hills Activity Loop . . . . .	\$232,000

To subscribe to the [East Gateway News](https://www.cabq.gov/council/find-your-councilor/district-9) for more information about these and other projects or issues, go to <https://www.cabq.gov/council/find-your-councilor/district-9>.

If you wish to support any of the above projects, please contact your Representative and Senators:

Senator Mimi Stewart @ [mimi.stewart@nmlegis.gov](mailto:mimi.stewart@nmlegis.gov) Senator Antoinette Sedillo Lopez @ [a.sedillolopez@nmlegis.gov](mailto:a.sedillolopez@nmlegis.gov)  
Representative Meredith Dixon @ [meredith.dixon@nmlegis.gov](mailto:meredith.dixon@nmlegis.gov)

## IN OTHER SINGING ARROW NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS...

**Singing Arrow Playground Project:** The landscape architect for the playground is expected to have options to present at a community meeting this spring. The neighborhood request to have play areas for big kids and little kids has been incorporated into the plan, and there will be plenty of space for both. The current budget for this project is approximately \$400,000. The final budget will be dependent upon the final playground plan.

**Bus Terminal:** The ABQ Transit Department is currently working on buying the land for a new bus terminal to be located at what is now a storage facility at the southwest corner of Dorado and Central. Taco Bell will stay where it is.

**Starbucks:** The site plan for a new Starbucks on Tramway in the Smith's parking lot has been submitted to the EPC and is pending approval.

**MultiCultural Festival:** Councilor Grout will once again co-sponsor the MultiCultural Festival scheduled for May 11 and the Singing Arrow Community Center.

## OTHER LOCAL MEETINGS AND EVENTS OF INTEREST

**Albuquerque City Council Meeting,** February 5 at 5:00pm in the Vincent E Griego Council Chambers, basement level of the City of Albuquerque Government Center, 1 Civic Plaza NW.

**East Gateway (District 9) Coalition Meeting,** February 1 at 5:30pm at the Singing Arrow Community Center.

**Family Sweetheart Dance, Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Ctr,** February 23, 4:30-7pm, signup at front desk.

**Foothills Community Policing Council Meeting,** February 12 from 6-7:50pm at the Singing Arrow Community Center. Eric Olivas, District 5 County Commissioner and APD Commander Shawn Garrett will present reports.

**Our Lovely Craft Fair - Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Ctr,** February 10, 10-2pm, crafts, entertainment & food trucks.

**Seniors Valentine's Day Dance,** February 8 from 4-7pm, Dinner @ 5pm, Los Padillas Community Center, 2117 Los Padillas Rd SW, \$5 entrance fee, DJ, photo booth, call 505-458-7600.

**Tijeras BioZone Guided Hike,** February 2 from 10am to noon. Open Space Educators will lead a 1-mile guided hike through the Tijeras Arroyo nestled between the Sandia and Manzano Mountains. Meet at the Tijeras BioZone Education Center, 15600 Central SE. Free but registration is required. Contact Ellie Grisham at [egrisham@cabq.gov](mailto:egrisham@cabq.gov) or call 505-768-4959.

## DID YOU KNOW ABOUT THESE?

**San Miguel de Laredo de Carnue:** There is an historical archeological site within Singing Arrow. Its boundaries are marked by the black metal fence running along the south end of the Community Center, the east end of the Singing Arrow Park and Playground and along the north rim of the Tijeras Arroyo. It was established in 1763 by the governor to serve as a protective settlement for Albuquerque. Settlers included "Spaniards, there were several coyotes, mixed bloods, and a handful of genizaros, the Hispanicized Indians,' who received land from the Carnue land grant in exchange for defending the migration pass from the Tijeras Canyon into the middle Rio Grande valley, including Albuquerque. Some artifacts and partial structures remain on the site; several local organizations are working to improve the site with signage and arrange docent tours.

For more information and fascinating stories about San Miguel de Laredo de Carnue, please go to: <http://www.canondecarnuelandgrant.org> and <https://www.bernco.gov/planning/wp-content/up>.

**Tijeras Arroyo Cultural Corridor:** Right in our backyard, this biozone and open space corridor runs from Eastern Albuquerque along the Historic Route 66, through Tijeras Canyon, and up into the Sandia Mountains. It now includes new access points, trails, landmarks, cultural sites and educational features, and it officially exists to ensure the conservation of wildlife, native plants, soil and water, and culture and history. There is substantial detailed information at <https://www.cabq.gov> and check out <https://www.storymaps.arcgis.com> to learn how this living cultural landscape is being protected for current and future generations. .

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## WHAT NUMBER SHOULD YOU CALL ANYWAY???

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Non-emergency reporting - 311

Non-emergency Police - 242-COPS

Any and all emergencies - 911

### OTHER LOCAL NEWS SOURCES

We encourage you to be interested, informed and maybe even involved about local and state issues and events - it's your community, city, county, state and tax dollars. Following are some links to news sources related to our community to which you may want to subscribe (although they are not endorsed nor the content guaranteed by SANA).

[ABQ Journal @ https://www.abqjournal.com](https://www.abqjournal.com)

[Albuquerque Business First @ https://www.bizjournals.com/albuquerque](https://www.bizjournals.com/albuquerque)

[City Desk ABQ @ https://www.Citydesk.org/subscribe](https://www.Citydesk.org/subscribe)

[NewsBreak Albuquerque @ https://www.Newsbreak.com](https://www.Newsbreak.com) > albuquerque

[Office of Neighborhood Coordination Weekly eNews @ https://cabq.gov/office-of-neighborhood-coordination](https://cabq.gov/office-of-neighborhood-coordination)

[Source New Mexico @ https://sourcnm.com](https://sourcnm.com)

[The Paper @ https://ABQ.news](https://ABQ.news)

### SINGING ARROW COMMUNITY CENTER

**Join** the Singing Arrow Community Center, if you have not done so already. There is a fitness room, computer lab, game room and youth and adult programs. To register for membership or programs, go to the Community Center itself, or register online at: [play.cabq.gov](http://play.cabq.gov) > memberships.

**And there's more:** When you visit the Community Center, note the artifacts displayed in the floor cases in the main hall. These artifacts are on loan courtesy of Maxwell Museum of Anthropology, University of New Mexico and the City of Albuquerque, Parks and Recreation, Open Space Division, and they date back 7500 years ago.

**Mark your calendars** for the 2nd Annual Multicultural Arts Festival at the Community Center on Saturday, May 11 from 11am to 2pm. The Community Center is seeking local artists to display and/or sell their art. The theme is "Your Culture. Your Community." The festival is expected to feature music, performances, food trucks, bounce house, outside games for kids, and more. It promises to be a wonderful community, arts and fun event for the whole family!

**THANK YOU TO SPROUTS FARMERS MARKET** in the Four Hills Shopping Center for generously supporting our Neighborhood Holiday Cookie Exchange Party in 2023! Please shop at Sprouts Farmers Market!

### WHY BELONG TO THE SINGING ARROW NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (SANA)?

According to our Bylaws, the purpose of SANA shall be to enhance the quality of life in the neighborhood in keeping with the social, environmental, and cultural needs and interests of its residents and property owners. SANA identifies the following actions as means for furthering this purpose:

- a. fostering efficient and transparent communication among residents, property owners, businesses and the City of Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, and the State of New Mexico on issues related to the Singing Arrow Neighborhood;
- b. informing SANA members of issues that may affect life in Singing Arrow;
- c. establishing and improving pathways to member participation;
- d. hosting community meetings that strive toward interactivity and member participation and that foster civil and neighborly relationships;
- e. presenting an official position to the City of Albuquerque and other government entities when providing a position that is in the interest of Singing Arrow, and identifying whether the position has been reached by the General Membership of SANA or by the Board of Directors;
- f. promoting safety in the community;
- g. preserving the historical character and landmarks of the neighborhood;
- h. undertaking appropriate actions in addition to those listed above.

### CURRENT SANA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Laurie Williams (President)  
Wanda Umber

Joseph Hogan (VP)  
Linda Slutz

Dolores Crollett (Treasurer)

Meg Beck (Secretary)

Singing Arrow Neighborhood Association is a New Mexico incorporated nonprofit corporation.