

SINGING ARROW NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATE FROM COUNCILOR RENE GROUT

Legislation

Councilor Grout has been working on ways to make the independent motels in the area cleaner and safer for the neighborhood and for visitors. She tried several different approaches to the problems over the past year, but it became apparent that AFR and the Fire Marshal's Office, APD, ACS, motel owners, and social service providers who handle motel vouchers all needed to be together in the same room at the same time to make a real impact. She sponsored R-24-5, which started a working group of these stakeholders to explore all the issues and recommend solutions. The group started meeting last week, and will have recommended changes to the City's Overnight Lodging Ordinance within six months.

Councilor Grout has also been working to fight human trafficking in Albuquerque. Awareness is the key. She is working on a resolution that will require City employees to be trained to recognize the signs that a person is being trafficked for sex or labor, and know resources that are available to help. The resolution will also direct the Aviation and Transit departments to place signs on buses and in airport and bus station restrooms to educate the public about the signs of human trafficking. She hopes to have this resolution ready for introduction at the April 15 Council meeting.

R-24-35 was introduced at the April 3 Council meeting. This resolution directs the Administration to prepare a report on all the City contracts with local providers for services to homeless people. Not all contracts are approved by City Council, so it's been difficult to get a clear handle on how much the taxpayers are spending on these services and exactly what services are being provided.

Spring is in the air, and that means it's time for the Integrated Development Ordinance (IDO) annual update! Councilor Grout introduced some amendments to the City's zoning code based on feedback from constituents:

- Eliminating the loophole that allows cannabis microbusinesses to be closer than 600 feet from another cannabis retail shop. The change will also remove cannabis retail as an allowable use in Mixed-Use Transition zones next to neighborhoods.
- Not allowing boat and RV parking in front yards. If the amendment passes, boats and RVs will have to be parked in backyards or side yards only.

There will be hearings on these and other changes at the Council's Land Use, Planning, and Zoning committee starting on April 10. The full packet of changes is available on the City's website at <https://abq-zone.com/>. If you have any questions about these or any other changes, please call Councilor Grout's office at 505-768-3123. We welcome your feedback!

Singing Arrow Playground

The playground designers at Groundworks Studios have come up with a Nature Play design concept to integrate with the park's proximity to the Tijeras Arroyo Open Space. They are creating detailed graphics with play equipment options to present to the neighborhood. Councilor Grout's office will work with the Singing Arrow Neighborhood Association to schedule and advertise that community meeting within the next month.

Franklin Plaza

Councilor Grout's first priority when she took office two years ago was to buy the Franklin Plaza property at the northeast corner of Central and Juan Tabo and build a new home for Fire Station 12 there.

Through the City's long due diligence process, evidence of a chemical spill was discovered at the north end of the property. Rather than expose taxpayers to the cost and potential liability of remediating the site, the City has decided to walk away from the deal. Albuquerque Fire & Rescue is looking for another property in the area and hopes to have a purchase agreement in the spring. All documentation about the spill has been turned over to the New Mexico Environment Department, which will investigate, notify neighbors, and direct remediation efforts.

Urban Enhancement Trust Fund Board

A District 9 representative is needed for the Urban Enhancement Trust Fund Board. This City fund grants awards to cultural projects in Albuquerque. Its board of directors establishes guidelines for project selection and evaluates project proposals. For more information or to apply for this position, visit the fund website at <https://www.cabq.gov/urban-enhancement-trust-fund>.



The Singing Arrow Community Center and Councilor Grout will host the Singing Arrow Multicultural Arts Festival on Saturday, May 11, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Outdoor events in Singing Arrow Park will include the Bao Lion Dancers, the Zuni Water Strider dancers, Flamenco, and more. Activities inside the community center will include artists showing and selling their work and entertainment from local bands. There will be food trucks, a kids' corner, and a whole lot of fun!



Councilor Grout's third annual Touch A Truck will be held on Saturday, June 15, from 10 a.m. to noon at Franklin Plaza. This will be an opportunity for kids of all ages to get close to fire trucks, police vehicles, road maintenance machinery, and more! Parks & Rec will set up their climbing wall, Animal Welfare will have a pet adoption event, and City departments will be on hand with activities for the kids and information about their summer programs.

NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATE FROM YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES

Have you wondered what is happening at the "old" Singing Arrow Child Development Center at 13001 Singing Arrow Avenue SE? ABQ Youth and Family Services reports that it is being renovated with a new and improved playground and new exterior paint. A classroom is scheduled to reopen in mid-May. An additional classroom and a minor interior refresh are expected within the next 3 months. For information, call 505/767-6500 or go to: <https://www.cabq.gov/family/child-and-family-development>.

APD FOOTHILLS AREA COMMAND

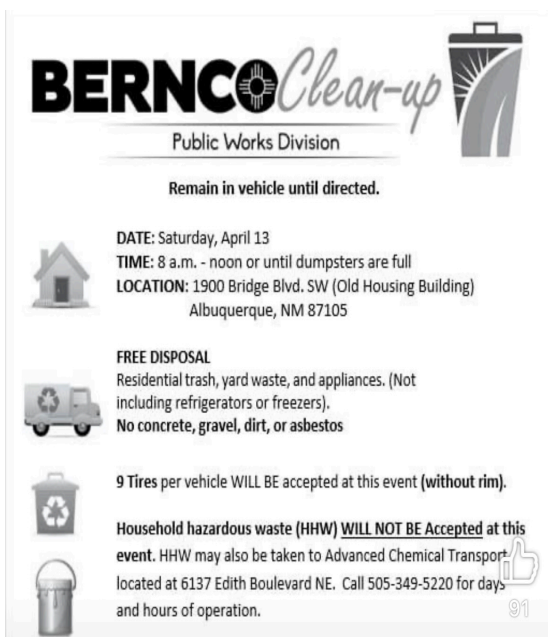
The Singing Arrow Neighborhood falls within the APD Foothills Area Command, the boundaries of which are: the Sandia Foothills to the east, Kirtland Air Force Base to the south, Eubank Boulevard to the west, and San Antonio NE to the north.

SANA has entered into a partnership with the APD Foothills Area Command and has recently been assigned an officer to assist with ongoing or unresolved issues. Please contact SANA at the contact information at the head of this Newsletter if you are aware of such issues.

WHAT ELSE IS HAPPENING IN OR NEAR OUR NEIGHBORHOOD?

There's lots going on for you and your family - mostly FREE! Check it out!!

- **April 11 (Thursday) 6pm-7:30pm, Singing Arrow Neighborhood Association (SANA) Annual Meeting:** at the Singing Arrow Community Center.
- **April 12 -13 (Friday and Saturday) 10am to 5pm, Fiber Arts Fiesta:** presented by the ABQ Fiber Arts Council at Expo NM; exhibits, vendors, classes; \$10 per person.
- **April 13 (Saturday) 8am-noon (or until dumpsters full), Bernco Clean-up:** dispose of residential trash, yard waste, and appliances (not fridges or freezers), no concrete, gravel, dirt or asbestos. Also no household hazardous waste will be accepted.



BERNCO Clean-up
Public Works Division

Remain in vehicle until directed.

DATE: Saturday, April 13
TIME: 8 a.m. - noon or until dumpsters are full
LOCATION: 1900 Bridge Blvd. SW (Old Housing Building)
Albuquerque, NM 87105

FREE DISPOSAL
Residential trash, yard waste, and appliances. (Not including refrigerators or freezers).
No concrete, gravel, dirt, or asbestos

9 Tires per vehicle WILL BE accepted at this event (without rim).

Household hazardous waste (HHW) **WILL NOT BE Accepted** at this event. HHW may also be taken to Advanced Chemical Transport located at 6137 Edith Boulevard NE. Call 505-349-5220 for days and hours of operation.

- **April 15 (Monday) 5pm, Albuquerque City Council Meeting:** in the Vincent E Griego Council Chambers, basement level of the City of Albuquerque Government Center, 1 Civic Plaza NW.
- **April 17 (Wednesday) noon-1pm, Jazz Goes to the Movies, Juan Tabo Library:** FREE, join a pianist/vocalist and drummer for a performance featuring jazz standards that started as movie themes.
- **April 18 (Thursday) 3:30pm, LEGO/Duplo Club:** FREE, at the Lomas Tramway Library, every 3rd Thursday; age 4+.
- **April 19 (Wednesday) 8:30am-12:30pm, 50+ Senior Tech Connect:** at the Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center; explore today's technology with prizes, fun, refreshments, demonstrations and hands-on learning. Pre-registration not required - just come. For more information call 505/275-8731.

- **April 20 (Saturday) 9am-3pm, ABQ VIN Etching:** at 2800 Vassar Drive NE, conducted by the APD Auto Theft Unit. Be sure to bring your current registration, insurance and driver's license.
- **April 20 (Saturday) 10:30-11:30, Earth Day Family Craft:** FREE, celebrate Earth Day and make an earth troll! Water your troll and watch its hair begin to grow; at Lomas Tramway Library.

- **April 20 (Saturday) 1pm, Read to the Dogs:** FREE, at the Lomas Tramway Library; ages 5-12.



April 20 (Saturday) 9am-2pm, Earth Day Clean Up: meet at the Four Hills Shopping Center between the gas station and Sprouts for tools and supplies to clean up our beautiful communities along NM-14 and East Central along Route 66.

- **April 20 (Saturday) 6pm, Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini & The Rite of Spring:** New Mexico Philharmonic at Popejoy Hall; 5pm Pre-Concert Talk; for tickets call 505/323-4343 or go to: www.nmphil.org.
- **April 25 (Thursday) 3-4pm, Learn to Grow:** at Lomas Tramway Library; join an Open Space Educator to learn the basics of gardening and the history of Albuquerque agriculture along the way; for ages 18+.
- **April 27 (Saturday) 10am to noon, Planting for Pollinators:** FREE; learn how to attract bees, butterflies and other pollinators to your garden; presented by Common Edge Habitat Field at the ABQ City Open Space Visitor Center, 6500 Coors Blvd NW, Bosque Mdws Road; call 505-768-4950 to sign up.
- **May 4 (Saturday) 10:30am-12:30pm, Cinco De Mayo Party!** FREE at Lomas Tramway Library, crafts, games and treats, and a pinata!
- **May 6 (Monday) 5pm, Albuquerque City Council Meeting:** in the Vincent E Griego Council Chambers, basement level of the City of Albuquerque Government Center, 1 Civic Plaza NW.
- **May 11 (Saturday) 11am - 2pm, 2nd Annual Multicultural Arts Festival - Your Culture. Your Community:** at the Singing Arrow Community Center, with music, performances, food trucks, bounce house, outside games for kids, and more.
- **May 12 (Sunday) 10am-3pm, 50th Anniversary Historic Home and Garden Tour:** presented by Downtown Neighborhoods Association; walking tour starts at Lew Wallace School and all houses are within blocks of one another; \$20 per person at the door.
- **June 14 (Friday) 1-4pm and June 15 (Saturday) 10am-4pm, The Golden Age of Jazz ABQ Garden Center Flower Show:** FREE; presented by the Council of ABQ Garden Clubs.
- **June 15 (Saturday) 10am-noon, Touch-A-Truck:** Franklin Plaza.

COMMUNITY POLICING COUNCILS

Have you heard about the Community Policing Councils but didn't really know what they were? *From the cabq.gov website* Community Policing Councils are designed to foster better policing and community practices and community-police relationships. The goal of each Community Policing Council (CPC) is to engage in candid, detailed and meaningful dialogue between the ABQ Police and the citizens they serve. Councils are independent from the City and Police Department. They are encouraged to formally recommend changes to ABQ PD policies and procedures. They are also asked to make recommendations and identify concerns, problems, successes and opportunities within each area command and for the department as a whole.

CPCs are composed of members from the subject community and voting members. All attendees (members) are encouraged to submit recommendations, provide input concerning recommendations, ask questions and submit topics for discussion.

The Singing Arrow Neighborhood is within the Foothills Command, which meets from 6-8pm on the 2nd Monday of every month at the Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Community Center, 501 Elizabeth St SE (dates and times are subject to change - please call 505/366-1389 to confirm meeting dates, times and locations). You are invited and welcome to attend!

CONGRATULATIONS TO JOSEPH HOGAN



Joseph Hogan, Vice President of SANA, received a Certificate of Completion from the ABQ Citizen Police Academy in December 2024. *According to the cabq.gov website:* The Citizen Police Academy is designed to teach citizens about the philosophy, policies and guiding principles of law enforcement and ethical conduct governing police services in our community. Students receive classroom instruction by personnel from many police department divisions which may include presentations and demonstrations from Homicide, Crime Lab, Narcotics, K-9 and SWAT. Joe Hogan is committed to the success of the Singing Arrow Neighborhood,

particularly from the standpoints of crime and homelessness. Congratulations Joe for your dedication!

NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY PATROL

Are you concerned about crime in the Singing Arrow Neighborhood? Are you interested in having a neighborhood safety patrol? In the past, the Singing Arrow neighborhood contracted with a company to provide patrol services. Residents were required to financially support this program. If you are interested in supporting a neighborhood patrol, please email us at: abqsana@gmail.com.

NEIGHBORHOOD CHICKEN CO-OP

Mark Burton, a resident of Singing Arrow Neighborhood, has offered to coordinate a neighborhood chicken co-op. He writes: "According to city regulations, you can have up to 15 chickens (including one rooster) in all parts of Albuquerque. That said, in my average to large Albuquerque backyard, I'm pretty happy with six chickens. See <https://abqmom.com/home-lifestyle/food/backyard-chickens>

Join the neighborhood chicken co-op for help when you're out of town with: collecting eggs, watering and feeding, letting out during the day and securing at night.

Predators include coyotes, foxes, bobcats, raccoons, skunks, hawks, owls, snakes.

<https://grubblyfarms.com/blogs/the-flyer/common-chicken-predators-how-to-prevent-them>

Tips for starting chickens.

- Pick a coop for the number of chickens you want:
<https://www.tractorsupply.com/tsc/catalog/chicken-coops-pens-nesting-boxes>
- Tijeras Feed Store has a wide variety of chicks Mar-May (2024 list is already posted)
<https://www.facebook.com/p/Western-Mercantile-100057030206898/>
- Keep chicks warm with a heat lamp for about a month
- Integrate with other chickens at about 5 months
- Tijeras Feed Store has chicken feed and scratch (they also love cat food)
- Clip wings to contain chickens in fenced area:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=750NtdtUgWI>
- Chickens lay for about five years and live about 10 years
- The friendlier breeds make great pets
- <https://www.backyardchickencoops.com.au/blogs/learning-centre/top-20-chicken-breeds-for-your-backyard-coop>

If you are interested in joining a neighborhood chicken co-op, please contact Mark Burton directly at 505/609-9609.

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: <https://www.play.cabq.gov> > memberships.

SANA MEMBERSHIP

Have you renewed your 2024 SANA Membership yet? It's easy and FREE! Please email SANA at the email address at the top of this Newsletter and indicate that you wish to renew your membership.

If you wish to join SANA as a new member, it's easy and FREE for you too! Please use the contact information above and we will email a registration form to you.

WHAT NUMBER SHOULD YOU CALL ANYWAY???

Non-emergency reporting - **311** Non-emergency Police - **242-COPS** Any and all emergencies - **911**

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