

# General Neighborhood Meeting Thursday September 29, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Dennis Chavez Elementary School Cafeteria

Refreshments with Meet and Greet starting at 6:30 pm (San Francisco entrance)

- Our September Program-"Who Called the Fire Department?"
- President's Corner
- Neighborhood Association Elections!
- National Night Out After Action Report and Treasurer's Report

#### "Who Called the Fire Department?"

This September's Heritage Hills Neighborhood Association general membership meeting will include a presentation from Toby Baca of the Albuquerque Fire Department. Your local firefighters would like to strengthen the bond between firefighters/fire paramedics and the community we so proudly serve. They say::

"Countless times while responding to emergency calls, we hear 'Who called the fire department?' or 'I didn't know firefighters did that, too.' Hearing these words over and over made us realize we need to do a better job informing our community about what we do every day. In 2010 we responded to over 6,000 calls a month, of which 85% were medical emergencies. What better way to communicate than through our Neighborhood Associations. We will give a short presentation on the different types of services firefighters/fire paramedics provide and address concerns and answer any questions your neighbors may have. Albuquerque firefighters are committed to serving the citizens of our community and thank you for the privilege."

HHNA always seeks to include presentations that are helpful to our community. As with every HHNA presentation, we will provide time for questions and answers. We encourage you to bring any questions which you might have.

Robert Preissler. Vice President, HHNA

### President's Corner - September 2011

Greetings to all our Neighbors.

Summer is over and finally we are getting some rain - too little, too late, but we will take whatever we can get. I hope that you all had a great summer and that your vacation plans went well.

Saturday, June 11 saw the grand opening of the Phase 1 of the North Domingo Baca Multigenerational Center on Carmel Avenue off of Wyoming north of Paseo. This event was attended by over 4000 people and had lots of events, especially for our younger family members. Mayor Richard Berry and our District 4 Councilor, Brad Winter, were on hand to perform the ribbon cutting. It is thanks to their hard work that this Center is finally built and open. It has only taken 14 years to accomplish. If you haven't had a tour of the Center, please do so soon and check out the many activities, classes and food offerings they have available. Membership is \$13 annually and it is a remarkable deal! Phase 2 is in progress, so there is a lot to look forward to

. The construction on Eubank is also complete. The County did a remarkable job - not only is this is a huge improvement but, they were ahead of schedule and under budget. This means that the next phase, from Paseo north to

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# President's Corner September 2011- cont.

Wilshire is going to happen soon. The landscaping is great and the storm water drainage they have installed is going to be a huge safety benefit during our monsoon season.

Our Albuquerque Police Department NE Command has a new commander. Bonnie Montoya took the place of Beth Paiz who was promoted to Deputy Chief. I have had the pleasure of meeting Bonnie: she is knowledgeable, energetic and will be a great motivator and mentor to her officers. One of her first tasks was to appoint Sharanne Press as our Crime Prevention Specialist. We are fortunate to have a relatively low crime rate in Heritage Hills and that is due in part to the officers patrolling in the neighborhood as well as several officers living here.

The Heritage Hills Safety Patrol is also instrumental in keeping you all safe. The only reason we are able to continue these patrols is by the dedication of a handful (literally) of volunteers who are willing to give up their quality time to make this possible. We are always in need of new blood – so if you can help out with 2 hours per month and make it possible to increase the number of patrols we can do, please give Russ Spicher a call on 856-1732.



This year's National Night Out Against Crime went very well. Robert Preissler, our Vice President, has written elsewhere about this in your Newsletter. However, I do want to thank him for heading a committee of our Board Members (Lee, Peter & Hugh) who worked very well together to make this such a success. Remember, we will be drawing the prizes of Gift Cards at the September Annual General Meeting so please be there to collect your prize.

Also at the September Annual General Meeting, we will be holding elections for members of our Board of Directors. We are glad to have on the Ballot: Robert Preissler, our current Vice President, Doug Boggess, our current Secretary and Hugh Killin, our past President. However, this means we have 3 vacant Board Member positions vacant and would love to have some volunteers to fill these. If you can give up 2 hours each month for a Board Meeting and help out the rest of the Board members with some of the tasks that need doing periodically, we would love to have you join us and bring your ideas for making the Neighborhood an even better place to live.

It is important for me to thank our advertisers. Their loyalty over the years has helped us make these Newsletters possible. At a cost of up to \$1800 per year these Newsletters are an important investment in keeping you informed about what is going on in our neighborhood.

September is also the month to renew you annual membership, or join if you are not currently a member. Of the 1000 homes in our Neighborhood – less than 10% are members – an appalling commentary on the lack of care and concern for keeping the neighborhood safe and viable. Please make every effort to renew or join. These dues are put to good use – consider the fact that we needed to replace 6 of the big roadside signs advertising our General Meetings at a cost of over \$600. Now simple math tells me that if we only have 100 homes as members at \$15 each, we only brought in \$1500 in membership dues last year.

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### President's Corner September 2011- cont.

Fortunately we sell advertising space and this helped offset this cost as well as the printing and mailing costs of the Newsletter (\$600, 3 times per year). Please do your part in keeping our finances afloat so we can continue to support the activities we have in place in keeping you informed and safe.

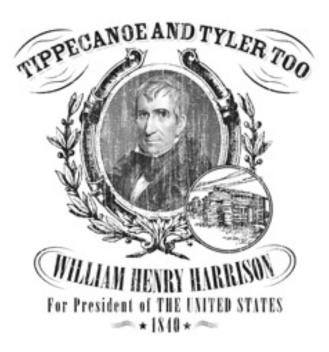
I hope to see many of you at the September Annual General Meeting. Have a great Fall and Holiday Season.

Peter D. Nicholls President, HHNA

## Elections to the Heritage Hills Neighborhood Association Board of Directors

September sees our Annual General Meeting. One of the most important tasks at that meeting is to elect members to our Board of directors. This year we have 3 incumbents seeking reelection. A brief bio is provided below for each of them.

However, we also have 3 vacancies to fill to bring us up to our full complement of 9 members. It is essential to fill these positions to bring a wide range of ideas to our discussions so that we can represent you and the neighborhood in the best possible way.



#### Elections-cont.

Is being a Board member difficult or requiring special knowledge? Absolutely not. Time involvement is 2 hours per month to attend our Board meetings and some additional work in preparing for events such as National Night Out. All of us have the knowledge base of concern to make the neighborhood a better place to live and that is the only requirement needed to be successful as a Board member. That said, if you have an expertise in almost any field, that can add a further dimension to our discussions. Board positions are for a 2 year term. Please consider joining us. Let me know wither before the General Meeting, or we will be happy to take nominations from the floor at the General Meeting.

Standing again are incumbents as follows:

#### Robert Preissler:

Robert has just completed his first 2 year term on the Board and has been our vice President for both of those years. He has brought a wide experience base to our meetings and is a great organizer with a clear vision of what needs to be done. This was especially true with our planning for National Night Out this past August. His leadership made this a most successful event and it was a pleasure for those of us on that committee to work with him.

#### Doug Boggess:

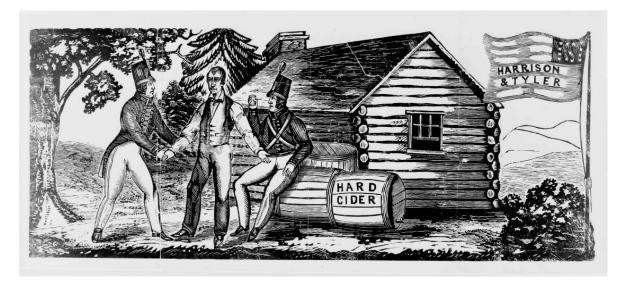
Doug has been a member of the Board for a number of years and serves us very capably as our Secretary. He is instrumental in putting together the framework for our Newsletter and making sure everything is at the printer on time and in good order so as to get these out to everyone well before each general meeting. As an archeologist by profession he was recently appointed to the Cultural Properties Review Committee, a State-level body concerned with archaeology and historic preservation.

#### Hugh Killin:

Hugh has served faithfully on the Board for many years. He is our past President and brings a wealth of knowledge about not only our neighborhood but also of the City to our discussions. He currently serves as our Membership Director, making sure our records are up to date – a big task with over 1000 homes in Heritage Hills.

It is a privilege to have these great people on our Board and I want to thank them for all they have done for Heritage Hills over the years and for being willing to continue to serve all of us.

Peter D. Nicholls President, HHNA



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## National Night Out-After Action Report!

This year's National Night Out (NNO) was a great success for the Heritage Hills Community. NNO's goals and success are built upon the concept and ability to recruit neighbors to become more familiar with their fellow neighbors. Our hosts and neighbors gathered in August to meet and share in the spirit that has made our neighborhood such a great place to live.

The idea of neighbor watching out for neighbor has been an ongoing endeavor for Hills Neighborhood Association (HHNA) and particularly for those who generously volunteer their time and effort to look out for the entire neighborhood. We have a well-established strictly volunteer supported neighborhood patrol group which everyone should consider helping out at one time or another, but it is also your nearby neighbors who are the best eyes to ensure that all is well. This is a big reason HHNA has been coordinating NNO events for so many years and we are been proud to be involved and see the event continue to increase local community involvement.

Our small committee work hard to organize this year's event through promotions, host recruitment, business contributions and overall planning. We had signs out promoting host homes and this year HHNA again coordinated efforts with the National Night Out (NNO) organization, the National Sponsor Target Stores, City of Albuquerque, Albuquerque Police Department, local area businesses. Most importantly, we are grateful to the many neighbors who open their homes to their neighbors during National Night Out.

Our HHNA neighborhood has about 1,000 homes. This includes the original area which saw the bulk of home construction in the 1980's to the new homes on our north side on Palomar. Our residents span a diverse group of residents such as retirees, veterans and families such as my own. Many HHNA residents have lived here since their homes were built 30 years ago. Many residents have since found our area to be friendly, close to the excellent schools and convenient to the Paseo del Norte commercial corridor. We have many established residents who know their neighbors. These are some of the reasons that HHNA residents enjoy one of the safest communities of Albuquerque.

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#### National Night Out AAR-cont.

Over the past few years of my HHNA NNO involvement, this year was extra special as I truly had a firsthand opportunity to experience the old and new bonds neighbors have with one and another. Here are a few samples I experienced on my host visits with my son who I believe came for the endless cookies: A retired APS school teacher opened her garage door to invite her neighbors to stop by and talk; a block party where residents brought grill items and welcomed a young couple to the block; a cul-de-sac near the park where neighbors lounged in lawn chairs and enjoyed a neighbor's art display; a tranquil landscaped backyard filled with flowers and vegetables, a covered driveway with many of the neighborhood children stopping by for the snacks and our President, Peter Nicholls who is always offering information about crime prevention and other city services to those on his block.

Target representatives also stopped by some of the host homes to experience NNO from a local perspective. Along the way, we came across our APD officers who were stopping in to visit host homes. It should be noted that our neighborhood has a number of police officers as residents and we appreciate their services and are proud that they are our neighbors.

As HHNA has fine-tuned its NNO coordination efforts, we continue to find that our local businesses are more and more eager to make community prize contributions. Be sure to remember that if you were a host or attended NNO host home, the drawing for NNO generous prizes will be held at this month's HHNA General Membership meeting. We are thankful to these community businesses for their support:

# -Albertsons, Flying Star, Lowes, Smith's Target, Trader Joe's -

Events such as NNO are a good reminder that knowing our neighbors helps make our community stronger and safer. Don't wait until next year's NNO to meet with your neighbors. When you getting your mail or driving in for the day, a quick hello or "how are you doing" will go a long way. If there is an older neighbor, ask them if you can be of any help. If there is someone new on your block, give them a welcome and tell about the many things that make our neighborhood great.

Robert Preissler, Vice-President, HHNA

# *HHNA Treasury Report* 9/1/2010 to 9/1/2011

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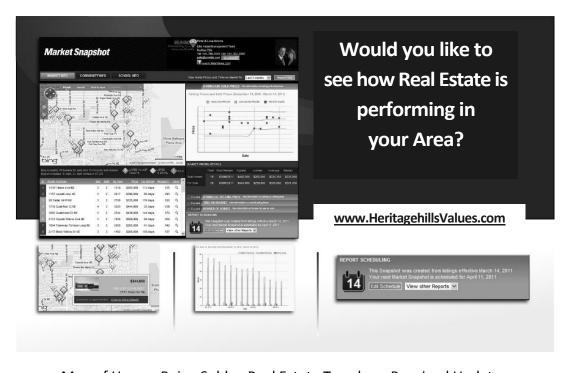
or bring it to the General Meeting, September 29<sup>th</sup> in the cafeteria at Dennis Chavez

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Note: The HHNA Neighborhood Patrol needs a telephone number to contact you if there is a situation at your residence requiring your attention. Your number will not be used for any other purpose nor will it be distributed elsewhere.

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