

May 2014



**GENERAL NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**  
**Thursday, May 15, 2014 from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm**  
(Refreshments starting at 6:30 pm)  
Dennis Chavez Elementary School Cafeteria  
(Entrance on San Francisco)

**Speakers: District 4 City Councilor Brad Winter**  
**Ms. Robin Hammer, IRO**  
**Jeff Peterson, POC (possible)**  
**See Page 8.**

**4 Door Prizes – \$25 Gift Cards for Target, Trader Joes  
& Albertsons, plus Membership to HHNA for 1 Year**

**NEW SAFETY PATROL MEMBERS NEEDED**

**WE NEED YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION**

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[info@hhna.us](mailto:info@hhna.us)

We have a website for Heritage Hills NA

[www.hhna.us](http://www.hhna.us)

Join over 85 of your Neighbors at:

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*News you can use to build a safer, friendlier neighborhood*

## President's Corner:

Winter is finally gone and spring is well underway with trees sporting their new greens. It also means the weeds are growing. Be advised that the city's Code Enforcement officers are very active and will cite you if they are more than 4 inches in any direction. They will also take action in Metro Court for repeat offenders from weeds to inoperable vehicles. If you see a problem report it to 311 and get a reference number to follow up if nothing happens within a reasonable time frame.

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Carl Davidson is our Zoning expert on your Board of Directors. He is extremely knowledgeable and has been instrumental in preparing for a number of recent hearings.

I have also been active, attending a public meeting on the AT&T cell phone tower that was recently erected on Wyoming. Your City Councilor has sponsored a text amendment to the zoning code to prevent future occurrences of this – where a short utility pole is “collocated” to allow a 60 ft. cell tower to be added to it. Why should Heritage Hills be involved? As your representative on the District 4 Coalition of Neighborhood Associations, it is my responsibility to ensure that nothing like this happens in our neighborhood, or anywhere else in the city for that matter. This specific zone amendment was before the Environmental Planning Commission in April and a recommendation of approval was forwarded to City Council.

Michael Rowan has been elected to be your Vice President. He succeeds Robert Preissler who has served very successfully in that role for a number of years, but needed more time for his many other commitments. The good news is that he is still on your Board of Directors. Michael brings many business skills to his new role and we feel very fortunate to have him as VP. He set up both Nextdoor and our website and thanks to him and Christy we now have over 80 members on Nextdoor. Kudos to both of them for a great job.

I have reproduced an article by Michael from our January Newsletter on our online activities, since that was only for members and those that we

have e-mail addresses for. I do urge you to consider signing up for Nextdoor as this is proving to be a valuable tool for neighbors to connect whether it be a notification of criminal activity, missing pets, or exchanging contacts of handymen etc.

On the subject of criminal activity we have had 16 total incidents for the first 3 months of 2014 ranging from assaults to graffiti. If you see something suspicious call 242-COPS if it is not an emergency, or 911 if it is a crime in progress. Try to give as much information as you can, but never put yourself in harm's way.

National night Out is one of the most important events in neighborhood calendars. Please see Robert's article in this newsletter.

**We are starting the transition from our current e-mail address to our new one. Please begin sending e-mail correspondence to [info@hhna.us](mailto:info@hhna.us).**

Peter D. Nicholls  
President, HHNA


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### Heritage Hills Neighborhood Association is now ONLINE

Heritage Hills is happy to announce that we have two online resources now available! Our public website is available at [www.hhna.us](http://www.hhna.us) which includes an archive of newsletters, resources relevant to our neighborhood and information about happenings around us.



A private online community for verified members of Heritage Hills is also available now with dozens of your neighbors already participating on Nextdoor. This website is located at [heritagehillsalbuquerque.nextdoor.com](http://heritagehillsalbuquerque.nextdoor.com) – only persons living in Heritage Hills Neighborhood are permitted to create an account. At Nextdoor you can review and share information with your neighbors including

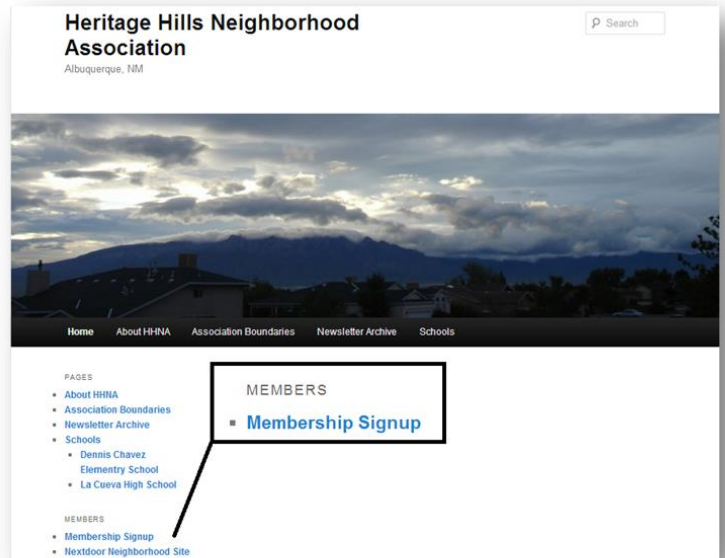
events, recommendations, crime alerts and more! Go to the website or send us an e-mail for an invitation to speed up the signup process [info@hhna.us](mailto:info@hhna.us). See also our front page at the bottom. There are also apps for both iPhone and Android at the Nextdoor sign up page. That way once you have joined you can get updates ASAP on your smartphone.

**Want to keep in touch?** We do! Please use our web form at [www.hhna.us](http://www.hhna.us) under Membership Signup to be sure we have up to date contact information! Security Patrol will use this information for urgent notifications and where we can e-mail

your newsletter instead of mailing it, you are saving the Association both paper and postage!

Dues (\$15 annually – October to September) are still paid by mail to the HHNA PO Box 93608, Albuquerque NM 87199. Use the form below for early membership for next for next year.

Michael Rowan,  
HHNA Vice President.



## HERITAGE HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

### MEMBERSHIP FORM

Heritage Hills Neighborhood Association (HHNA) is a non-profit organization dedicated to making our neighborhood a safer and better place to live. Membership is open to residents and/or property owners and businesses within the boundaries of the Heritage Hills Neighborhood Association area, which is bounded on the West by Barstow, bounded on the North by Paseo del Norte, bounded on the East by Ventura, and bounded on the South by Heritage Hills Park and the adjoining cul-de-sac streets. Your membership dues help to support critical neighborhood activities and help pay for the Newsletter.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership: \$15.00 per Year (October-September)

Mail To:

Heritage Hills Neighborhood Association

PO Box 93608

Albuquerque, NM 87199-3608

Last Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ First Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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- Header:** Pete & Lisa Veres, Real Estate Management Team, Heritageside, Inc. (505) 362-2005, (505) 362-2005. Includes an "Email Me" button and social media icons for Facebook and Twitter.
- Market Info:** Submarket info, Community info.
- Market Statistics:**
  - Average Days on Market:** 146 (View 90 day trend)
  - Setting to Asking Price:** -4% (View 90 day trend)
  - Asking and Sold Prices:** Median sold price \$425,000 (View 90 day trend)
  - Number of Homes for Sale:** Homes for sale decreased -43% (View 90 day trend)
- Listings:** A table with columns for address, price, and days on market. Includes a map of the area with listing markers.
- Footer:** "View a listing your real estate specialist on February 7, 2015." and "View other Reports" button.

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## Summer Reading Programs for Children

If you are new to the Albuquerque area, or even if you aren't, you may not know about a couple of great summer programs to keep your kids or grandkids reading while they're out of school.

The first one is for all ages: children, teens and adults. It's hosted by the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Library. It begins at the start of June and runs through the end of July. Exact dates will be posted at <http://abclibrary.org/summerreading>. You simply stop at a library branch, such as our very own Cherry Hills Library, fill out the registration card and get going on your reading log. Kids (including babies - you can read to them and count that!) get a bag with a bookmark too. Kids up to age 11 can go in each week during the 8-week program and pick up a prize when they show their reading log. There is one section of prizes for babies and one for kids. Sometimes the prizes are new paperback or board books. My children love stopping in to get a prize and then stock up on more library books to read at home. Teens and adults keep track of their reading and turn in completed reading cards at any time. Weekly drawings for those ages are held at each branch.

There are also several special events held on various days at each library branch like fun musical performances, puppet shows, and guest storytellers. For teens, there are arts and sciences workshops. You'll get a schedule of these events when you register for the reading program. Be sure to go early in June so you don't miss out on anything!

The other reading program, which is only for preschool through 5th grade, is sponsored by a local restaurant, Dion's. You can pick up a Club Read card for your child at Dion's or print one at home from <http://www.dions.com>. After reading 6 books, your child can go back to Dion's and get a few prizes, plus another "scorecard." The backpack prize isn't like a backpack you would take to school - it's more of a book bag or knapsack. If you want to keep going with the program, you read more books and take your second card to the office at Isotopes Park to get even more prizes and be entered into a drawing for grand prizes like baseball game tickets and free pizza. This program began in March but it runs until July 25 and it doesn't matter when you start your first card.

Have fun reading this summer!

Christy Burton, HHNA Director.



  
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## **National Night Out is August 5<sup>th</sup>!**

Heritage Hills Neighborhood Association (HHNA) is interested in who may be hosting or thinking of gathering with their neighbors for this year's National Night Out (NNO).

HHNA neighbors have gathered over the years each August to meet and share in the spirit that has made our neighborhood such a great place to live. We are a diverse group of residents including as retirees, veterans, first time home owners, and young families. 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.

HHNA is a strictly volunteer supported group helping keep our neighborhood safe and our neighbors are the best eyes to ensure that all is well. This is a big reason HHNA has been involved with NNO events for so many years. This year we would like to hear about what kind of events you might host or if you are interested in what it might take to host a NNO event on your block.

To hear more, please come to our General membership meeting on May 15 and keep checking our website for updates <http://hhna.us/> , email us your event details or questions to [info@hhna.us](mailto:info@hhna.us), or give me a call at (505) 934-7554.

For more information on National Night Out 2014, please check the National Association of Town Watch (NATW) website at <http://natw.org/>

Robert Preissler,  
Neighbor & HHNA Board Member.

### **Heights Summerfest**

**Saturday, June 14, 2014**

**5 pm – 10 pm**

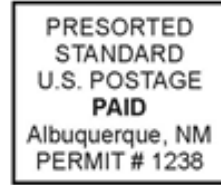
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**For more information go to the cultural services section of [www.cabq.gov](http://www.cabq.gov) or call 311.**

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**Heritage Hills Neighborhood Association**  
**PO Box 93608**  
**Albuquerque, NM 871993608**



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As many of you know the DOJ Report is finally available to all to read. With this in mind I have put together a group of the best people with knowledge about the report, its content and where APD needs to go to restore public trust and confidence to speak at our May General Meeting.

Please give them the time to make their presentations and hold questions to the end. They are under great scrutiny and pressure at this time and they need your courtesy.

Ms. Robin Hammer is the current Independent Review Officer whose job it is to determine whether officers followed standard operating procedures and protocols in cases of citizens' complaints. Jeff Peterson is the district 4 representative on the Police Oversight Commission.

Peter D. Nicholls  
President, Heritage Hills Neighborhood Association.