

September 2014



HHNA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Thursday, September 25, 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: Jill Holbert, Director ABQ Solid Waste Dept.
Randy Remiker, APD Commander NE

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

Elections to the Board of Directors

**Please renew your Membership or
join if you have never been a member**

NEW SAFETY PATROL MEMBERS NEEDED

WE NEED YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

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info@hhna.us

We have a website for Heritage Hills NA

www.hhna.us

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News you can use to build a safer, friendlier neighborhood

President's Corner:

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Association**

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2013 – 2014

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A recent posting on CrimeMapping showed a large number of vehicle burglaries occurring around the time most people are leaving for work – as fall approaches with colder temperatures, there is a great temptation to warm the car up while getting a cup of coffee to go. You are inviting anyone passing to take your registration etc. out of the glove compartment – now you have identity theft to spend time and effort putting right. Never leave your car unlocked in the driveway.

Our daytime and evening Safety Patrols continue to help keep crime stats low but we can only do so much with the faithful few that continue to support this effort. We need more volunteers for this effort and I encourage you to get in touch with Russ Spicher the patrol organizer. A couple of hours a month is all we ask of you.

Crime stats are not currently available as APD is in the process of upgrading their systems. Hopefully we will get this information soon and be able to pass it on to everyone.

Summer is over and we are starting to get ready for the Holiday Season. Be advised that the city's Code Enforcement officers are very active and will cite you for weeds 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.

This year's National Night Out was held on Tuesday, August 5 and was a great success thanks to the excellent planning by Michael, Christy, Robert and Hugh of our Directors. Please see a full report later in this Newsletter.

Nextdoor is a valuable tool for neighbors to keep in touch. We have over 150 members using this free service. Michael has posted an update and a story that illustrates the value of this service. Both he and Christy have been very active in monitoring the posts and their efforts are greatly appreciated.

A BIG THANK YOU to our advertisers who help defray the costs of the Newsletter – they are greatly appreciated.

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 for next year.

Peter D. Nicholls
President, HHNA

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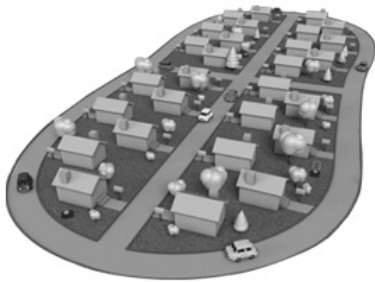
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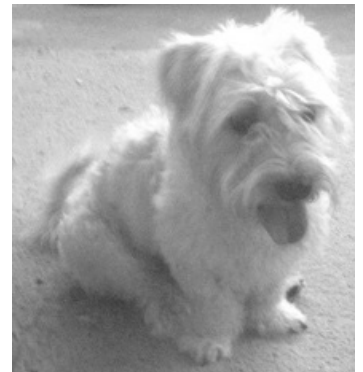
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Have you heard of Nextdoor? This is a private online community for verified residents of Heritage Hills. This website is located at heritagehillsalbuquerque.nextdoor.com – only persons living in Heritage Hills Neighborhood are permitted to create an account in our virtual neighborhood. We're connected to the surrounding Heritage East Association of Residents, North Wyoming, and 9 other nearby neighborhood associations! When you sign up you can verify your address, or ask that one of our Board members perform the verification to save you time. We'll get an e-mail to check that you are in our neighborhood boundaries and get you access to our community of over 150 neighbors so far!

Nextdoor Story:

Joey was lost by a neighbor on San Francisco in June. He was rescued at Dennis Chavez by a neighbor living across Barstow in the North Wyoming neighborhood. With Nextdoor the good samaritan took this picture and shared the "Found Dog" notice. Joey's owner was searching the street for Joey and happened upon a neighbor that has Nextdoor's iPhone App, pulling up the App showed the picture of Joey and information that he was



already found. Thanks to Nextdoor we were able to get our neighbor in touch with the good samaritan and Joey home the same evening.

Michael Rowan,
HHNA Vice President.

National Night Out 2014 Report

On Tuesday, August 5, more than one hundred households from our neighborhood participated with others across the country in National Night Out Against Crime, or NNO. Gatherings were held at 12 different homes, usually in the driveway or front porch. First and foremost, we want to thank our hosts for spending time handing out invites and preparing to have neighbors over to their homes. Activities like this wouldn't be possible without the support of friendly and helpful volunteers like you!

The Neighborhood Association provided hosts with a yard sign, invitations to distribute to neighbors, sign-in materials, and a stipend for drinks and snacks. Hosts were asked to set up chairs, a table for sign in, refreshments, and to serve as a gathering point to engage conversation on their street and in some cases, surrounding streets, and then return the sign and sign-in sheet. This partnership between HHNA and volunteer hosts is at the heart of NNO, and we value each and every one who gave of their time.

The purpose of these gatherings each August is to provide a time and place for all neighbors to become acquainted with each other and get us talking about ways to fight crime. Heritage Hills has seen several incidents of mailbox vandalism and auto burglary in recent months. Having neighbors aware of each other and keeping an eye out for suspicious activities helps get more information passed on to law enforcement agencies. Representatives from various city departments, including police, stopped by at most of the events to pass out information and answer questions.

We had several generous sponsors for our NNO this year. Target, a local sponsor of National Night Out, donated cases of water and is one of several local businesses that donated to our drawing for NNO attendees, which will be held at the General Meeting on September 25. Prizes that will be given away at our drawing include:

\$25 Target (Paseo/San Pedro) gift card

2 x \$25 Albertson's (Paseo/Ventura) gift cards

\$35 Smith's (Paseo/Wyoming) gift card

\$25 Albertson's (San Antonio/Wyoming) gift card

\$20 Flying Star (Paseo/Wyoming) gift card

4 x \$20 Pizzeria Luca (Holly Ave between Barstow and Ventura) gift certificates

Gonstead Family Chiropractic 30 minute massage, valued at \$39 (Paseo/Wyoming)

Additionally, there will be two special prizes drawn just for hosts: another \$25 Target card and a \$25 gift basket from Trader Joes (Paseo/Ventura). We are grateful to these businesses for supporting our efforts to make Heritage Hills a safe place to live, and ask you to support them in return!

Please come to our meeting in September to see if your household is drawn for a prize. We would love to see you there, although winners do not need to be present.

We hope that the evening activities helped promote friendship and motivation to be active in the neighborhood. If your street did not have a NNO event or this is the first you're hearing about it, do know that we try very hard to contact as many neighbors as we have information for and recruit hosts. Your Neighborhood Association would love to double the number of events and households involved in NNO next year, so please consider hosting at your home or talking to some neighbors about co-hosting. From personal experience, many hands makes the work much lighter.

Neighbors on my street enjoyed meeting with one another again and making new acquaintances and hope to plan more than one activity during the year where we can all get together. I think this quote from the website for National Association of Town Watch, the organization that began National Night Out, sums it up well: "While the one night is certainly not an answer to crime, drugs and violence, National Night Out represents the kind of spirit, energy and determination to help make neighborhoods a safer place year round."

Christy Burton
HHNA Board Member

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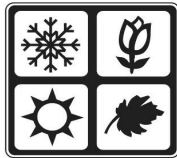
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Elections:

We have a number of current directors up for re-election this September and a brief bio is given below. **Please be aware that we are always able to accept nominations from the floor at the General Meeting – so if you would like to join our Board please consider nominating yourself or have someone else nominate you.**

Peter D. Nicholls – currently your Board President has served since 2008 and is your representative on the District 4 Coalition of Neighborhood Associations where he was President for 2 years and is currently Vice President. Also served on the City’s Board of Appeals for zoning appeals and has now been the District 4 representative on the City’s Environmental Planning Commission and is currently its Chairman.

Donna L. Nicholls - is a native of Baltimore, MD. I have a Master’s Degree in business and have worked in health care for almost 40 years. After a vacation in New Mexico in 2005, my husband and I decided to move to Albuquerque in 2007. My interests include reading and traveling. I am a volunteer at a Road Runner food bank distribution center in Corrales. I have been a member of the HHNA Board of Directors for 2 years and currently serve as the secretary.

Mary Spicher - My name is Mary Spicher & I've lived in Heritage Hills Neighborhood since 1995. I've been involved with the board since 1998. I was secretary for several years & now have functioned as treasurer for the past few years. I think Heritage Hills is a great place to live and I feel a way to ensure that is by donating my time as a board member.

Carl Davidson - Carl has lived in Heritage Hills for over 20 years. He has served on the Board for several years. He previously served as Treasurer and is currently a member of our Safety Patrol and Zoning committee.

Building Futures & Foundations Mentoring Project is an innovative program in which committed and well-trained volunteers are matched with young people between the ages of 14-21 who have either aged out of foster care or are at-risk of doing so.

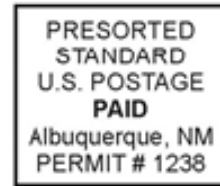
Every day in New Mexico there are approximately 200 young people who are likely to “age out” of the foster care system. These young people were taken into foster care and never reunified with family or found an alternative home. At age 18 they leave the system without having had the experiences and opportunities necessary to develop self-advocacy skills, to build positive peer networks and to access the family and community supports all young people need to achieve their dreams and become successful adults.

Many of these young people would love to have an adult in their lives whom they can rely on, as a role model, for guidance and friendship. You can make a difference! By supporting our young people in this long-term mentoring relationship they gain stability, confidence and most importantly the comfort of knowing that someone cares.

Building Futures & Foundations is a strong partner in supporting the development and longevity of these relationships. We provide our mentors and mentees with 24 hour crisis support, on-going training, monthly group events and much more. You won’t be in it alone!

We are looking to recruit people to become mentors. If you are interested in learning more, please contact the project coordinator Julia Szendro at (505) 217-0228 or buildingfutures@nmcan.org

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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)

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