



Heritage Hills Newsletter

September 2019

GENERAL NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

Special Guest: Francesca Perdue, Crime Prevention Specialist

Wednesday, September 25, 2019, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

****Come early at 6:45 pm for snacks and visiting with neighbors.
Door prize drawings at the end!****

Dennis Chavez Elementary School Room 7/8

From our Block Captain Coordinator, Homer Gonzales: "We trust that many of you will be able to attend our next biannual association meeting on September 25, 2019. Northeast APD Substation Crime Prevention Specialist, Francesca Perdue, will be sharing information on how to establish a Neighborhood Watch Program. This presentation comes at a time when we are seeing a need to have more involvement from neighbors who live on streets that seem to be targets of increased crime activity.

Francesca will also be available to answer questions regarding the use of security cameras and other personal safety techniques. We welcome Francesca to our neighborhood meeting and look forward to her and other members of the PRT (Problem Response Team) being with us.

Furthermore we want to say thanks to all our National Night Out hosts, including Rodrigo and Lene for hosting on Armistice and the Northeast part of Executive. Our block was treated to tasty Brazilian BBQ chicken, plus had a great time reconnecting with caring neighbors. See you on the 25th!" We will be electing a new president at the general meeting. John's two-year term is up, and he decided earlier this summer to not run for reelection. Christy is willing to continue as the secretary for another term, so we will be voting on that as well.

Heritage Hills Neighborhood Association Board of Directors, 2018-2019

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235-0215
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We would like three more neighbors to join our board as directors. We meet 6-10 times a year, depending on need. It's not much of a time commitment, but you can make a big difference to our area! Ask us more about this opportunity at the general meeting on September 25th.

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News from the Neighborhood

- National Night out was on Tuesday, August 6. Several streets had events. Thank you to all our hosts and those who attended. Let's do it again next summer!!
- We would like to recognize neighbors who put up awesome Halloween decorations in front of their homes. We can use Nextdoor to tell each other where the fun displays are. Maybe we'll even give out awards to the creepiest, coolest and best displays! Thank you for continuing to make our neighborhood a welcoming and safe place for children to trick-or-treat. 🎃🎃🎃
- Please use the form on the back of the newsletter to renew your membership for the October 2019 - September 2020 year. We rely on your contribution to offset newsletter costs and provide for other community building efforts. Want a voice in how this money is spent? Join our board!
- We had three neighbors set up a lovely lunch for teachers and staff at Dennis Chavez Elementary in May, during teacher appreciation week. And because Smith's grocery store generously donated meat and cheese trays, we didn't need to use any association funds like we had originally planned. Thank you Marcia, Debbie & Christy for being thoughtful of the hard working teachers right here in our area!
- Find our neighborhood online at Nextdoor: <https://nextdoor.com/invite/ujxzwuyeeapugpwyekaz>. This is the best place to keep up to date with crime reports and other important neighborhood news. Our neighborhood website at <https://hhna.us/> is in need of some serious updating if anyone would like to volunteer for that effort. This is one of the potential places that new neighbors look for information about Heritage Hills, so we'd love for it to be a helpful site, and perhaps a place where we can share our businesses with each other.

SUMMER 2019 PARK UPDATE

From drugs, noise, trash to crime, our local park, Heritage Hills Park, needed attention and a solution. There were times in our park's past where this park did not seem very safe and looked like a dump. The people who lived along the park had bottles and trash thrown at them if they made a comment to those that were trashing the park. People were sleeping in their cars in the parking lot and it looked like a war zone after they emptied trash from their cars.

Well, Heritage Hills Neighborhood Association stepped up to the plate. They worked with the City of Albuquerque Parks and Recreation Department to try and take back the park as a peaceful, beautiful place to take morning strolls, play soccer and enjoy the great outdoors. A team of individuals that frequented the park came together, and with the permission of parks and recreation, began closing the park gate at night and reopening it in the mornings. This team of individuals who live in Heritage Hills, Cherry Hills and Heritage East neighborhoods close the gates at dusk and reopen them at dawn.

There was an adjustment period, where people who would be hanging out at the park were told the gate was going to be closed during the night and people became angry and reluctant to leave. People were also waiting in the morning to enter the park, but had to wait for the gate to be opened.

Today, the park is a pleasurable experience. The playground, trees, and grass became welcoming again where the kiddos swing on the swings, the soccer players play soccer, the runners run the path and the dogs walkers walk their dogs. The Sandia Mountain now smiles down on Heritage Hills Park and it became OUR neighborhood park again! If you would like to help our community, please volunteer by contacting any of the board members of HHNA. It would be greatly appreciated having some extra hands to help, since it's the same 7-8 people who do this day in and day out. It has been about 18 months now since we took our park back.

THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING AND TAKING BACK OUR PARK, NEIGHBORS!

Written by Kelly Norman, Park Volunteer



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Date: _____

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

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