

You Can Help Save the North UNM Golf Course: Albuquerque's Central Park!

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Some facts about the North UNM Golf Course that you may not know:

- In the early 1940s, the land was given for free to UNM.
- The labor to construct the golf course was provided without cost by the WPA. (The Works Progress Administration was a New Deal program which provided jobs to benefit society during the Depression.)
- All of the trees on the golf course were given by neighbors who allowed them to be dug out of their yards and transplanted to the golf course.
- Former UNM President Thomas Popejoy called it the Public Golf Course, and envisioned a place of recreation for the entire community.
- The North Golf Course is the largest green space in the center of Albuquerque accessible to the public, and serves the city by reducing the urban heat island effect.
- The trees protect us from the pollutants vehicles emit on I-25 and I-40, and are significant contributors toward the City of Albuquerque's urban forest improvement initiative.
- This green space provides drainage of storm water which protects part of the city from flooding.
- The North Golf Course encourages healthy life styles and exercise, which is an inexpensive way to improve the health of Albuquerque residents.
- Twenty years ago, a study was done of birds on the golf course. Larry Corbet found 75 species, including: the Canada goose, turkey vulture, sharp-shinned hawk, Swainson's hawk, American kestrel, Scaled quail, greater roadrunner, burrowing owl, northern flicker, western kingbird, junco, and the black-chinned hummingbird. Other animals include: jack rabbits, occasional coyotes, squirrels, and a host of lizards.
- The barren fairways, located on the southwest corner of the golf course, are the last remaining vestiges of East Mesa in Albuquerque.
- While serving UNM's golf teams, it is also used as a practice area for other sports. Olympic athletes have trained here. The golf course is used by ROTC and 6 local high schools' sports teams. The course is considered one of the finest places for collegiate cross-country meets in the entire Mountain West region.

We need to show written support for preserving the golf course.

Please call or write **polite letters** to the following officials to show your support for keeping the North Golf Course intact and better maintained.

Governor Bill Richardson

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To email follow this link:
www.governor.nm.state.us/contact.php?mm=6&type=assistance

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It is also important for you to express your support to your legislators. You can find out who represents you by going to: www.legis.state.nm.us Click on “Find Your Legislator”

Our effort takes resources. Please send your contributions to:
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