

NORTH CAMPUS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

It's time for our annual meeting! We will be meeting on **Monday, May 23rd at 7:00 pm in the Law School, room 2402**, to have elections, discuss crime-prevention strategies, planting more trees on the golf course, and other matters. If you wish to run for our board or have an issue for the agenda, please contact neighborhood president, Sara Koplik at: sarakoplik@hotmail.com.

Perhaps the worst news of the year is that our neighborhood has been targeted by very methodical, persistent thieves. On some streets, every home has had a burglary or an attempted burglary. It is crucial for all of us to work together to combat this issue in a safe (and legal!) way. Many streets have formed revitalized neighborhood watch programs. If you wish to start a program for your block, contact Lindsay Patterson at: lp.bourlatos@yahoo.com.

CRIME PREVENTING TIPS

All too frequently, property crimes are preceded by ostensible "door to door salesmen" or knocking on the door of your home late at night. Some neighbors have noticed that groups of people appear to be using our neighborhood as a staging area for illegal activities. Please call 242-COPS if you feel that something is just not right, or that someone is trying to case your home. Of course, call 911 if it is a real emergency. **Be sure not to place yourself in any danger, and do not directly confront anyone.** But if you are able to take a quick photo (on your phone perhaps) or get a description and a license plate number, it could be very helpful.

Burglary: If someone has broken into your home and stolen some items, you can report the theft to APD through the Telephone Reporting Unit (# 768-2030) or go to the APD Web site and fill out the form. Make sure to print a copy AND make sure that you see a Tab # and Case # in the upper-right hand corner of the report before submitting it. Keep a copy of those numbers for future reference. If they do not appear, your report has not been received by APD. Alternatively, you can report a non-violent crime at the triangle substation (located at Central, Girard and Monte Vista). **It is critical for us to report EVERY theft or act of vandalism, regardless of how minor it may seem,** **Robbery:** is defined as encountering someone in the act of stealing. If you do come across a robber, or see one emerging from your neighbor's home, or witness an act of physical violence (or an accident), or otherwise feel

threatened, CALL 911. ***Do not confront would-be intruders. Calling 911 triggers a high-priority response.***

Door-to-Door Solicitors: A legitimate business will get a license to sell in ABQ. They will be issued a printed badge with their picture, name, address and name of business. They are required to display the badge when arriving at your door. For your safety, it is recommended to have a storm or security door that is kept locked between you and the solicitor. **Do not let the solicitor enter your door** even if they wish to demonstrate their product. Call the police (non-emergency) 242-COPS if the solicitor does not have any visible credentials AFTER they leave your premises. Do not threaten to call the police while they are standing at your door. If it is an emergency, always call 911. These small steps of precaution and a cool head will keep you safe. If a **panhandler** comes to the door and you turn him away, but do not feel threatened, make the report through 242-COPS.

Home safety tips from APD's Sandy Martinez:

- Stand on your front walk and look at the approach to the house; do bushes, trees, other things make it easy for an intruder to hide? If so, trim. Bushes should be no higher than 3 feet.
- Are your outside doors (as well as the door from the garage into the house) solid core, able to withstand serious assault? Do they have deadbolt locks?

- If you want to have a light in the driveway or back yard, install one with a motion sensor, alerting you to the presence of an intruder. Do not use a light that is left on all night long.
- Don't make it easy for someone to approach your house and see in to where you might have a flat-screen TV, a play station or a laptop – the three most commonly stolen items in home burglaries. Put such equipment out of sight when not in use.

- When you plan to be away, tell your block captain, who will notify APD, so that the address is put on a watch list.
- The ABQ Police website (<http://www.cabq.gov/police/index.html>) has access to crime statistics under “crime mapping” [graphic representations of the neighborhoods]. We are located in the Southeast Command, Beat 325.

JOIN THE TREE PARTY CAMPAIGN

We have started a joint effort with UNM to replenish the trees on the golf course, as they are quickly reaching the end of their life span. UNM will help create a well-designed plan to enhance the current inventory of trees, add additional areas with habitat structures and improve the perimeter. NCNA will co-chair a committee to provide design, tree and plant selections, prioritize planting areas, and will ensure that monies are spent effectively. There is no foreseeable state funding for this type of project. Thus, we have set a goal of \$25,000 to be raised over the next 4 to 6 months by our neighborhood. We will establish a link on our NCNA web site, www.neighborsforgreenspace.com, and also, we will be visiting to ask for your help in this effort. Our goal is to have the first of many plantings this winter, in order to show our deep commitment to preserve the golf course.

For more information, contact Tim Davis, tdavis@pcs-nm.com

North Campus Garden, Egg and Honey Shares, a message from Patrik Schumann

I'm no expert, but they say honeybees pollinate 80% of crops and without them we'll have no more food. What I do know is that my fifty fruit trees had a great bloom this year, but because the bees have largely disappeared, there won't be much of a harvest. We have immediately started an emergency pollinator program for orchard and honey bees, and we are now offering a Honeyshare program.

If you have a neglected back yard in which you'd like to see fruit trees, vegetables, foraging chickens, and/ or bees working a flower meadow, we would be pleased to negotiate a multi-season fair exchange to cultivate it into sustainable organic production, including providing you a part of the harvest: fruits, vegetables, herbs, eggs, flowers, and/ or honey. Also, we ask that you think of food for a future before running to the store to buy neo-nicotinoid pesticides, which appear to be wiping out honey bees. For more information, contact Patrik Schumann, of EcOasys High Desert/Institute for RADICAL Sustainability, at info@CommunityGardenshare.net or 255-1933.

 JOIN NCNA OR RENEW YOUR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP! IT'S ONLY \$5 PER YEAR!

Name _____

Address _____ **Phone** _____

Email _____
 (please print very clearly)

Send your check to the North Campus Neighborhood Association
 c/o L. Patterson, 1417 Princeton NE, 87106. Thank you!
 For all kinds of information, check our website, www.northcampusna.org