

North Campus Neighborhood Association

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North Campus Neighborhood Winter Update

Dear Friends,

It's been some months since we sent out a general letter about the North UNM Golf Course and life in the North Campus Neighborhood Association, and we felt it was time to give you an update.

- Unfortunately, crime is an increasing problem, and several areas have experienced break-ins and vandalism.
 - Our treasurer, Lindsay Patterson has attended seminars with the APD and is available to help people establish a neighborhood watch program on their block. If you would like to join in this effort, Lindsay can be reached at info@neighborsforgreenspace.com.
 - There will be a citywide **Neighborhood Association Patrol Training** on Saturday, February 5th from 8 am to 12 noon at the Albuquerque Police Academy, 5412 Second Street NW. **Registration for the workshop will close on Friday, January 28, 2011.** Registration includes the name, address, telephone number and Neighborhood and/or Homeowner Association for each person attending. If you have any questions concerning the Neighborhood Patrol Training, please contact either **Pete Gelabert** at 897-8803 or **Bill Jackson** at 839-6443.

Please e-mail (RSVP) registration to

Pete Gelabert at pgelabert@cabq.gov

–or–

Bill Jackson at wjackson@cabq.gov .

- Please take some time to meet with your neighbors and get to know them. There is no stronger solution to crime than neighbors watching out for each other, and it's a great opportunity to get to meet some new friends and acquaintances
- Parking related to UNM is becoming an issue on the streets. In addition to some folks having no room to park on the street and the general safety of bikers and pedestrians, criminals can easily blend in to the area with the constant traffic that comes into our neighborhood.
 - Several streets will be looking to post permit parking only, most especially Hannett. If non-resident parking is an issue on your block, and you would like to pursue a system of residential parking permits, please contact:
Leona Martinez
Parking Division Manager, City of Albuquerque
(505) 924-3950 or 924-3944
email: lmartinez@cabq.gov
web: <http://www.cabq.gov/parking/contact>

- Our neighborhood association is working hard to help improve conditions at the North UNM Golf Course.
 - In the spring of 2010, we received support from Commissioner Maggie Hart Stebbins to use Bernalillo County's Community Program to clean up the perimeter along the golf course. In two days, several tons of debris was removed from the perimeter path.
 - Later in the summer, PNM trimmed some of the trees along the 5th hole, removing dead wood and precarious large branches. This work supplemented their requirements to trim trees along the existing utility easements.
 - In December, NCNA paid for the equipment rental to enable tree trimming. The contractor who maintains the golf course, Mountain West Golfsapes, donated many hundreds of hours to make the course safer, and began to address the health of the existing tree stock on the course. We are grateful for the support that Mountain West provided, and we look forward to continuing this effort over the next several years.
- In total, we arranged for over \$75,000 dollars in services to be provided to the UNM North Golf Course in 2010. Considering the university's budget crunch, these services helped to maintain the golf course, making it attractive to all and preventing further deterioration of the existing tree inventory. We will continue efforts to improve the golf course, demonstrating our commitment to creating a positive, cooperative relationship with UNM.
- Currently, we are focused on the effort to plant new trees and secure additional support for maintaining the UNM North Course, ensuring that it remains a vital part of our community.
 - ***This spring and summer, NCNA will be starting a "TREE PARTY" effort. Our goal is to raise \$25,000 to purchase new trees and shrubs for the course.***

This is a very exciting initiative. We hope that every household will contribute to this effort in the manner to which it is able.

When you enjoy the golf course, please be aware that we all need to do our part to help this special place.

- Please pick up after your dog
 - Please respect the putting greens and sand traps. They are a vital part of the course and we must stay off of these areas.
 - Please remember that this is first and foremost a golf course, and that folks pay money to play. Please be respectful of golfers.
 - Last but not least, even good golfers cannot control their shots! Being on the golf course is a hazard. Please keep to the periphery trail.
- Master planning for UNM progresses. As many of you are aware, the architectural firm leading the master planning effort accepted many of our recommendations to secure open space and green fields. We anticipate that as the North Campus continues to grow, the golf course and open space behind the Mind Institute will increase in its social and environmental value, both as a buffer and a green space for the neighborhood and the university.

Lastly, what is on your minds? We rallied as a neighborhood and as a community several years ago, when the golf course was threatened, and now it seems that things are progressing in a positive manner. Are there other issues or concerns that we need to be aware of? Do you agree with our efforts? Please contact us and let us know what you think

You can reach the three neighborhood vice presidents via email to info@neighborsforgreenspace.com.

We are working on behalf of NCNA President Sara Koplik to make sure that we are an effective neighborhood association, and that we represent all of you. The more input we can get, the better our efforts can be as we work to create the best neighborhood in the city.

NCNA Vice Presidents

Tim Davis

David Friedlaender

Jon Spar

*Please feel free to share this email with neighbors, friends, and others.

**We are lacking email addresses for some of our residents, so please let others know they can send their updated contact info to info@neighobrsforgreenspace.com.

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