



# SGANA

**Tree Lined Street**

**San Gabriel Area Neighborhood Association**

**May 2007**

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## **Neighborhood Yard Sale - the date is Saturday, June 16**

Yes, it is happening. SGANA will pay for the ad in the Albuquerque Journal and place signs at some of the entrances to the neighborhood. As announced in the April newsletter this editor will put together a map of participating households. **Deadline for submitting your house number is June 10.** Contact Carol at caroldriscoll01@Comcast.net or 332-8038 if you wish to be included. A map dispensing station will be set up at the Mitchell Elementary Inca Street parking lot. Residents are requested to advise visiting "shoppers" to stop at the school and pick up a map.

### **Great American Cleanup Day, Saturday, April 28.**

Though there was no formal neighborhood cleanup team this year, there have been noticeable and delightful Spring cleanup efforts to the properties in our little village. On the formal, organized front Stacy Scott Sturgis reports that more than 100 people participated in a huge cleanup, painting and planting at Mitchell Elementary School. Volunteers included children, parents and older people. Organizations present at the event included the Forest Service, accompanied by Smoky the Bear, the Fire Department, Boy and Girl Scouts, Osuna Nursery, Lowes, Plants of the Southwest, Raley's and Starbucks. Stacy notes that people seemed connected to the school and was impressed with the level of energy and commitment to living up to the spirit of the day.

### **Beautiful Tree-lined Streets**

There is something very appealing about tree-lined streets that form a canopy over the road. That appeal has to be balanced with informed judgment so that we can avoid problems further down the road (no pun intended). We want to choose trees that will be kind to our high desert limited water supply, that will develop a root system friendly to the sidewalks, that will grow somewhat quickly and create that lovely canopy yet still allow large city trash trucks and emergency vehicles safe passage. All this information is readily available to us simply by calling 505-265-4554 or 1-800-510-0554 or going to the Tree New Mexico website <http://www.treenm.com/Programs.htm>. Tree New Mexico offices are located at 6101 Anderson SE in Albuquerque; zip code is 87108. The website section entitled Tree Species Information is especially helpful in determining what trees to place on your property. Have a look and enjoy!

### **Board of Directors - Contact Information**

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### **SGANA MISSION STATEMENT**

To promote and protect the interests of the neighborhood residents. We do this by providing a link to city government activities, maximizing property values, and helping make the neighborhood a safe and enjoyable place for all of us to live.

### **Other Contact Information**

Emergencies - Police, Fire, Medical 911  
Police Non-Emergency (242-COPS) 242-2677  
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Crime Stoppers (843-STOP) 843-7867  
City Information Line 311  
City Government Website [www.cabq.gov](http://www.cabq.gov)  
SGANA <http://www.swcp.com/sgana>

### **New Pet Ordinances (HEART)**

If you would like your Board to invite Albuquerque Animal Services to a General Meeting to share some of the fine points of the new HEART ordinance - contact Carol at caroldriscoll01@Comcast.net or 332-8038.

### **Traffic and Safety Issues**

This is still very much a topic of concern at SGANA Board meetings. The city's study of traffic flows on Pitt and Inca revealed that there may actually be a case for speed humps on Pitt Place. If and when this is validated your Board will schedule and notify you of a meeting. And once again we urge you to report all cases of vandalism or any suspicious activity to either 911 or 242-2677 depending on the apparent urgency of the matter. Finally do not hesitate to notify any of your Board members of your concerns.

Have you paid your Association dues for 2007? You can send your check for \$10.00 payable to SGANA to Pat Maher at 10024 Hendrix Ct, 87111

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In pricing property for sale it is very important to price the home correctly. There are 6065 homes in the MLS as I write this Friday night. Pricing too high means getting no offers and possibly fewer showings. Expecting to have room to haggle can mean not having any offers to even start the haggling. Ultimately starting too high results in a lower final sales price.

That being said, the trend in San Gabriel has been longer time on the market and the price per square foot dropped an average \$10, a translation on a 2,000 square foot home a drop in sales of \$20,000.

Good news, the projection for Albuquerque real estate is to increase in the coming year plus 9% on average.

For a free market analysis with no obligation please contact me.

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