

June, 2004

**Neighborhood
Garage Sale:
June 26, 7 AM to
Time of Your
Choosing**

**Ice Cream Social:
August 21, 2 PM to
5 PM,
Mitchell
Elementary School**

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**REMINDER:
Please, for our
children's safety,
obey the posted
speed limit. Also,
to avoid vehicle
vandalism, make
an effort to park
in your driveway,
especially at
night.**



SAN GABRIEL AREA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Message from SGANA President

As many of you have noticed, Jean and I have moved. We are now only a few blocks away from our former home on Pitt Street. This, however, will be our last stint as President of the Association as a result.

We have grown fond of our hard working Board of Directors over the past nearly three years. Dedicated and always insightful, the Board has been the instrument through which the neighborhood has become a community in the full sense of the word.

It is that time of year when we can really appreciate what the idea of "community" really means to each of us. On June 26, the neighborhood will have its Annual Neighborhood Garage Sale. Just have your garage sale at your home as you would normally. The Association, on that day, provides newspaper advertisement, roadside signs and your neighbor provides company and shared effort.

The phrase "We are in this together" is given new meaning, the extent of which depends on how much junk you have.

The other event that has, in the past, been a major conduit through which community relationships have been built is the Ice Cream Social. This year's Social is scheduled for August 21. This has been perhaps the best way to bind the neighborhood together given the active communication that takes place.

We have received calls and e-mails regarding two issues that have become a concern for some of your neighbors.

The first issue involves the fencing off of an "alley" between Inca and Cielito Lindo. Many intense opinions have been made and sent our way.

It appears that the homeowner is within his rights to fence off the "alley" given that it is a drainage easement and it continues to function as such. It is our

understanding that the passageway was a continuing nuisance for the homeowner. This is an example of how the actions of a few ill mannered people that used the passageway for other purposes can have a negative impact on the many that don't have similar proclivities for creating trouble.

Another issue concerns yard upkeep. This issue is further explored within this newsletter. We do take it seriously. We also understand that there can be extenuating circumstances, particularly as to health, that can make yard maintenance difficult. If these circumstances indeed do exist, we will make every effort to find an alternate solution to unsightly yards in lieu of giving notice to the city's agencies.

The Association's General Meeting will be held in October at which time election of officers will take place. We will need several new Board members. Carl and Jean Chavez

Bob Turner's Ford Country generously donated the funds needed to produce this newsletter. Thank you Bob Tuner!

Committee News

Events Committee

The Events Committee is currently preparing for the 3rd Annual Neighborhood Garage Sale on Saturday, June 24. SGANA will provide the advertising through the newspaper, newsletter, web site and signs. This year our Ice Cream Social will be held Saturday, August 21, 2 PM to 5 PM. If you are interested in helping with the preparations for this event, please call Debbie @ 271-0005 or e-mail to [e-echavira2@comcast.net](mailto:echavira2@comcast.net).

Events Committee Chairperson. If you are interested please call Debbie or Carl at 292-4907.

The Events Committee's purpose is to provide the Association with activities and events that will unite the community. Besides uniting the community, our goal is to increase membership and bring a sense of pride to our neighborhood through social activities.

Residents that feel a part of the community are

more likely to become actively involved.

In order to achieve these goals, the committee will be holding various events. We hope to generate enthusiasm and increase participation making the neighborhood safe and fun. We hope to give the residents opportunities to come together to learn about the community and have fun at the same time.

Debbie Chavira, Events Committee Chair

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The Crime Committee and the Events Committee need chairmen. Please make an effort to contribute to your community.

We are in need of a new

Welcoming Committee

The Welcome Committee recently welcomed new neighbors to our area. New neighbors live at 10016 Hendrix CT, 10207 Theresa Place, 10235 Karen Ave. and 4109 Pitt St. If you are walking by one of these homes, please add your good wishes.

The current members of the Welcoming Committee are: Joan and Clint Parker; Carol Lynch; Joan Rios; Margaret Johnson; Shirley Shipman and Mary Snyder.

The purpose of our committee is to help new neighbors appreciate our community and to develop an affinity for our neighborhood. We will accomplish this by personally contacting new neighbors, providing hospitality at Association meetings and working to make everyone feel welcome. The committee will work with other committees to further the goals of the Association.

Joan Reynolds, Chairperson

Traffic Committee

Dan Jones is the chair of this committee that is responsible for establishing the neighborhood's goals and objectives regarding traffic issues. Once this committee gets volunteers (hint), its members will write its mission statement.

Beautification Committee

The Beautification Committee mission is to help keep the neighborhood an attractive, safe and desirable place to live by maintaining and improving the neighborhood appearance.

Having a neighborhood where house and yard appearances are well maintained is an excellent way to increase property value, prevent crime and make this a great place to live. With spring in full swing, we have seen an increase in the number of houses with yards that are not kept up. Excessive weeds and untrimmed bushes and trees

are present on most streets and we want to encourage people to correct these issues as soon as possible.

Existing City ordinances (89-1967), prohibit excessive weed growth and any weeds in excess of 4 inches in height. Ordinances also prohibit trees and bushes from blocking the sidewalk or blocking the vision of cars at intersections. In addition to landscaping, ordinances prohibit abandoned cars, excessive numbers of cars parked on the street and storage of material in front yards. We encourage people to correct issues with their property as soon as possible and landscape according to the amount of time they can spend maintaining the yard.

The neighborhood association can help you find resources to maintain your yard. Local kids willing to earn summer money, part time maintenance personnel to clean the yard and full time landscape resources are available for nominal rates. If you are physically unable to clean up your yard and cannot afford the price of hiring someone, we may be able to find help for you as well. Please contact Mark Webb or a SGANA board member for ideas on how to get resources to maintain your yard. If you have ideas on improving the neighborhood or wish to help out, please contact us as well.

With your help, we can make the neighborhood an even better place to live for all of us. Mark Webb, Beautification Committee Chair

Youth Committee

Current adult members of the Youth Committee are Jean Chavez, Carol Driscoll and Debbie Chavira and the youth members are Veronica Correa and Jessica Pollock.

The Youth Committees' goal and purpose will be to promote communication, interaction and trust between neighborhood youth and adults; create ways of bringing youth together socially for the purpose of promoting citizenship in a safe and fun environment and to encourage youth contributions to the neighborhood through service.

The Committee will work closely with the Events Committee to coordinate youth activities at all general events as well as to develop aspects of youth program specific to the neighborhood's youth population

We are always looking for new members particularly among our neighborhood's youth. If you wish to join the group and/or write an article for this newsletter, contact one of the members. The young people in this community matter and can make a positive difference.

Jean Chavez, Committee Chair

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Please send us your e-mail addresses. Send to carlcbowls@cs.com. We will then be able to keep you informed of neighborhood events and other information in a timely manner.

Membership Dues

Membership dues are voluntary. Dues are \$10 per household per year. Donations of more than \$10 are gratefully accepted. Mail to: Debbie Chavira, 3733 Mary Ellen NE, Albuquerque, NM 87111. Make checks out to SGANA.

NAME: _____ ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____

Eubank Storm Drainage Project

Dave White from the Hydrology Division of the Department of Municipal Development, City of Albuquerque has informed us that the City will begin phase 2 of the Eubank Storm Drainage Project.

This project is anticipated to start in August of 2004 and completed on March of 2005.

The project is described as the 2nd phase of a large project that was started in 1986 to handle storm water problems in the north Eubank area. When the project is completed, storm water that now flows in portions of Comanche, Eubank and Candelaria will be diverted to the Embudo Channel via the new storm drain.

The project is intended to reduce the impact from potential flooding throughout the project area and will provide improved sewer service on the portion of the project.

The project will affect Eubank from about Blume Street (between Candelaria and Menaul) to Comanche. Also affected will be Eubank/Comanche intersection area on Comanche and the Eubank/Candelaria intersection on Candelaria.

Child Safety on the Internet

The following article was published in the Neighborhood News by the Office of Neighborhood Coordination, a division of the Planning Department, City of Albuquerque and was submitted by Steve Sink.

Guidelines for Parents:

- Make it a family rule to never give out identifying information – home address, school name or telephone number – on public chat Web Sites or bulletin boards; and be sure you're dealing with someone that both you and your child know and trust before giving out this information via e-mail.
- Get to know the Internet and any services your child uses.
- Never allow a child to arrange a face-to-face meeting with another computer user without parental permission and supervision.
- Never respond to messages or bulletin board items that are suggestive, obscene, belligerent, threatening or make you feel uncomfortable. Encourage your children to tell you if they encounter such messages.
- Talk with your children about what they can and cannot do online.
- Check out blocking, filtering and ratings. Realize that filtering programs can't protect your child from all dangers in cyberspace. Filtering programs are not a substitute for good judgment or critical thinking. With or without filters, kids and their parents need to be Internet savvy.
- Consider keeping the computer in a family room rather than a child's bedroom.
- Get to know your children's online friends just as you get to know all of their other friends.
- National Center for Missing & Exploited Children. See also www.safekids.com and www.safeteens.com.

If You Suspect a Crime:

- Albuquerque Police Department's Child Exploitation Detail at 768-2400
- 24-hour child pornography tip line, 800-843-5678 and Cyber Tipline, www.cybertipline.com, maintained by the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children.
- U.S. Customs Service investigates the importation and trafficking of child pornography. Its jurisdiction includes smuggling via the Internet, 800-232-5378

For Additional Information: National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, Alexandria, VA, 800-843-5678; Office for Victims of Crime, U.S. Department of Justice, 202-616-3585 or at www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc; National Coalition for the Protection of Children & Families, www.nationalcoalition.org; www.privacyrights.org (Children in Cyberspace fact sheet and www.cyberangels.org includes "Internet 101, Understanding Cyberspace.

