

NEWSLETTER

December 7, 2001

The purpose of this newsletter is to introduce you, as members of the San Gabriel Area Neighborhood Association, to the new members of the Board of Directors and to give you an idea of the direction that we hope to take the Association.

In case you were unaware, the San Gabriel Neighborhood is bounded by Montgomery, Comanche, Morris and Eubank and consists of nearly 500 families. The Association itself is sanctioned and assisted by the city to promote the welfare of the neighborhood. The Board is elected by the neighborhood. The following Board members were chosen at the October 25 meeting.

President.....Carl and Jean Chavez, 292-4907, carlcbowls@cs.com
Vice President...Dan Jones, 299-1677
Secretary.....Joan Reynolds, 293-0181
Treasurer.....Debbie Chavira, 271-0005, E-DChavira@email.msn.com
Director-at-large...Frank Simpson, 298-1935
Consultant.....Karen Costa, 291-1842
Consultant.....Mark Webb

September eleventh was a tragic and terrible day. It will be remembered for one of the most horrific events in the country's history. It is my hope, however, that the day will also be a turning point in the attitudes that we Americans have toward our freedoms, rights, privileges, and obligations. Patriotism is no longer passé. Patriotism is a duty.

Concurrent with the events of 9/11 came the recognition of the importance of community. The sharing of the pain, the participation in the repair and the fellowship in the journey are ideals that became imperatives for New Yorkers. Perhaps, in our own way, we too can embrace these ideals within our community.

The value of a quality neighborhood association has been demonstrated. It can enhance neighborhood safety, help maintain or even increase property values, deter crime and vandalism, eliminate graffiti, discourage nuisance industries from moving near, assist in finding a lost child and much more.

Communication between members of our community will be of paramount importance. This newsletter is the first step in that direction. We will next build a database of e-mail addresses and we will create a website to serve as a community bulletin board.

We hope to create an information repository that will serve as a place to report crimes, vandalism and suspicious activity in order to alert the neighborhood and police of possible patterns, which will discourage criminals from targeting our area.

We have other ideas that will serve to bring us together, increase communication and foster pride in the neighborhood. We are studying different options of fundraising, social and service activities. We are considering, with your support, having a luminaria tour. Other ideas on the table include having a neighborhood garage sale, food and book drive, dessert potluck and "Teddy Bear Picnics". (A similar "Teddy Bear Picnic" brought national attention to the Inez Neighborhood Association.)

We hope to form, with your help, a Crime Watch Program.

A necessary condition of the success and strength of this association is your participation. We need your time, talents, input, intelligence and energy. Young people are especially welcome to join us.

Our country's strength relies upon the voluntary engagement and participation of its citizens. Here is an opportunity to make an affirmative contribution and take some control of your life's circumstances. In the process, you may discover something extraordinary within your neighbor, as well as within yourself.
Carl S. Chavez, President

CHECK OUT OUR NEW LOGO.

In the design of the logo, I attempted to signify that, by uniting many and binding tightly together, we are able to pull ourselves forward. The forward verticality along with the balloons coming from the midst of the neighborhood silhouette, represents the uplift that the association can bring to the neighborhood. The stripes also represent the many streets that run through our community. The hot air balloons and the mountains are important Albuquerque symbols. As a color rendering, the stripes are red, white and blue and the mountains are purple. Carl S. Chavez

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Animal Control: 768-1975
Burn/No Burn Advisory: 768-2876
Graffiti Removal Services: 857-8055
Police/Foothills Sub: 332-5240
Refuse Pick Up: 761-8100
Gas Leaks: 246-7474(24 hrs/7 days)

Trash Holiday Schedule

NO CURBSIDE TRASH OR RECYCLING
PICKUP ON THE FOLLOWING HOLIDAYS:
CHRISTMAS DAY
Instead, pick up will be on Wednesday,
12/26
NEW YEARS DAY
Instead, pick up will be on Wednesday,
01/02



Have a Safe & Joyous Holiday!

GREEN WASTE COLLECTION
December 11, 2001

CHRISTMAS TREECYCLING
January 2, 2002

SAN GABRIEL AREA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

PLANNING QUESTIONNAIRE

1. In general, would you say this neighborhood has become a better or worse place to live, in the last year?

BETTER___ WORSE___ SAME___ WHY? _____

2. Here are some problems people often mention in their neighborhoods. Can you tell me whether any of these are: a big problem, something of a problem, or little or no problem, for your neighborhood?

	BIG	SOME	LITTLE/ NO PROBLEM
CRIME	___	___	___
NOISE	___	___	___
TRASH	___	___	___
TRAFFIC	___	___	___
RUNDOWN/ABANDONED HOMES	___	___	___
VANDALISM/GRAFFITI	___	___	___

3. Would you agree or disagree with this statement: "There's little my neighbors and I can do to solve problems in this neighborhood."

AGREE___ DISAGREE___ NOT SURE___

4. Do you and your neighbors get together for social events?

OFTEN___ SOMETIMES___ OCCASIONALLY___ NEVER___

For community needs discussion/meetings?

OFTEN___ SOMETIMES___ OCCASIONALLY___ NEVER___

5. Here are some contrasting ways to describe this neighborhood. Please pick the one that is closer to how you feel:

___ A real home or ___ Just a place to live?

___ People help each other or ___ People go their own way?

___ Easy to tell a stranger from those who belong or ___ Hard to know who's a stranger here versus who belongs.

6. Do you think we should allow advertising in our newsletters, for a small donation?

YES___ NO___ SUGGESTED DONATION AMOUNT?___

7. Would you be willing to volunteer for any of these committees?

WELCOME/HOSPITALITY_____

EVENTS_____

TELEPHONE/CONTACT_____

YOUTH ACTIVITIES_____

(Events, yard cleanup, pet care etc.)

GRAFFITI REMOVAL_____

NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION_____

LAISON BETWEEN COMMITTEES _____
AND AREA SCHOOLS

OTHER? ANY SUGGESTIONS?_____

8. Would you be willing to join the neighborhood in decorating your home with farolitos (luminaries) for the Christmas season?

YES___ NO___

*****MAIL SURVEY TO: CARL OR JEAN CHAVEZ @ 4109 PITT NE, ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87111*****

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Membership dues are voluntary on an annual basis. Dues are \$5.00 per household. Donations over \$5.00 are always gladly accepted. Mail to: Debbie Chavira, Treasurer @ 3733 Mary Ellen NE, Albuquerque, NM 87111.

Name: _____ Address: _____

Phone: _____ Comments/Concerns: _____