

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Neighbors!

I would like to say Thank You to all our neighbors who help make SRMNA Community one of the best places to live on the Westside. We have had no major issues this past year and far fewer complaints than past years, which tells me that everyone is taking pride in their homeownership by keeping our area safe and clean.

We need more homeowners to send their annual \$12.00 dues and to *get* involved in our Neighborhood Association by becoming a Board Member. Our Treasurer, Vicky Miera had to step down due to her moving out of our community recently and I would like to thank her for all of her work during her many years on our Board. The three of us who remain on the Board have been involved for several years and have enjoyed helping our neighborhood, but I believe it is time to add some fresh eyes and ears. We will *be* holding nominations and voting for additional Board Members at our **General Meeting**, which will **be** held **Thursday, April 24th, 6:30 pm Go SRMarman Elementary Cafeteria**. Please plan on attending and volunteering for a position. A reminder that only paid members will be eligible to vote, so plan on bringing your checkbooks to pay our minimal dues. We would like to have a representative from each subdivision within our community on the Board so we can make sure each area's needs are covered. There is not a whole lot required of Board Members as we do most of our discussions via email, so take some time for your neighborhood and volunteer.

We always can use volunteers outside of being a Board Member to help distribute the newsletters and we are in need of someone to update our website regularly. I would like to thank Bob and Jan Wilson who have volunteered to keep our sign on Ouray updated and

- distribute newsletters. I would also like to thank SRMarmon Elementary for volunteering to print our newsletters. This is a major help and I truly appreciate their involvement. As always, thanks to City Councilor, Ken Sanchez for our newest *sign* located at the corner of 72nd and Ladera which will be used to alert you of meetings.

As we begin the Spring/Summer *seasons*, please remember to keep your yards weed and litter free. One of the biggest complaints we receive during this time of year is that *weeds* are being ignored, especially within the graveled areas along the curb. We will send violation notices to homeowners, but you may also call 311 to report violations.

We no longer have a message phone for our association because the supplier we used over the past years went out of business. You can mail us your concerns or visit our website, www.srttna.org for any and all correspondence. Just click on "contacts" and email anyone on the board and we will respond as soon as possible. You can also use our website to keep updated on happenings. The forums section can be used to inform our community of yard sales, or to simply have a conversation with your neighbors. This is a good way to speak out and express your opinions.

I hope to see all of you on **Thursday, April 24th1**

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President—SRMNA



Mark Your Calendars

- General Meeting - Thursday, April 24th @ 6:30 pm - SRM Elementary School Cafeteria.
- Annual National Night Out Potluck to be held on Tuesday, August 5th.

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Girls Need Mentors Too!

Albuquerque, NM - Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central New Mexico (BBBS-CNM) wants to remind parents that girls need mentors, too. BBBS-CNM know that no one can replace a loving parent as the most important adult in a girl's life. However, a Big Sister can encourage positive behaviors like improved school motivation and academic performance, increase self-esteem and confidence, and fewer discipline problems.

BBBS-CNM is currently recruiting female Littles between the ages of 6-14 for all programs. As a Little Sister, a child will spend at least four hours a month participating in fun and educational activities like exploring a museum or library, watching movies, hiking, biking, or just talking and listening.

For more information call 505-637-9223 or visit

www.bbbs-cnm.org

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- **Mall your t12_00 annual dues if you have not already done so. If you are new to SRMNA please complete the form below and attach with your annual dues;**
- **Seriously consider volunteering for a vacant position on our board. Your contribution can continue to make our community a great place to live;**
- **Remove weeds from your front yard, side yard and in the graveled curbed areas in front, side or rear of your property. Because of budgetary constrains, SRMNA Weed & Litter Committee can no longer send multiple notices to repeat violators. If you ore a repeat violator referrals will be sent to Zoning and/or 311;**
- **Avoid parking vehicles in the prohibited portion of your front yard;**
- **Sees the peep and dispose of properly when walking your family pets;**
- **Report graffiti by calling 311 as soon as possible, City crews will remove It within 24-72 hours;**
- **Report any suspicious persons and/or vehides in your area by calling 242-COPS. if you feel it's an emergency call 911;**
- **Bring in your trash containers before dark on trash day.**



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City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Day _____ Eve.

E-Mail: _____

I would like to volunteer for the following:

Membership Youth Events Social Events

Newsletter Block Captain Board Member

Please make your check for the annual fee in the amount of \$12.00 and mail to:

SRMNA Membership

3301 Coors NW #196

Albuquerque, NM 87120

CALL 311



311 continues to be an excellent resource for providing non-emergency city government services 24/7, 365 days a year. This is great for reporting graffiti, inoperable or abandoned vehicles and other potential violations in your area. This has really worked when reporting graffiti in our area. In most crises the graffiti has been removed within a 24 to 72 hour period. 311 can also be reached by email at ccc@icabq.gov or you can log on to www.cabo.aovicrm and chat with a representative on line. Just click on *Get Live Help'.

You should always call 911 for emergencies.

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