

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Neighbors!

August 2007



I am sad to report that SRMNA membership is down. This generally means that everyone that lives in our area is happy, with little complaint and the neighborhood is in great shape. This is what SRMNA strives for but unfortunately, when all is going good, people feel that it is all being handled and that they need not get involved nor do they pay their dues. The secure feeling that we are feeling has alot to do with the work that the association does for everyone that lives here, but without members and membership dues SRMNA **will not** be able to continue. The membership cost is only **\$12 per year** and are to be paid by January of each year. Unfortunately dues are not prorated so if you send your dues in during the last quarter of the year they are due again in January.

We have tried in the past to highlight exactly what SRMNA does for your neighborhood, but in order for us to keep doing this work we **NEED PAYING MEMBERS.** I have listed below the yearly operating costs for us to exist and we do not have the funds to continue beyond this newsletter. The board will get together and look at eliminating **the** phone and cutting the newsletters down to once or twice a year. These are some options we can consider. Just remember we are here for you and to help insure that our neighborhoods are a great and safe place to live. *Any* and all donations are accepted...maybe someone can donate the cost of the newsletter copies or has means to copy them, all suggestions are greatly appreciated.

I do hope that EVERYONE will plan on attending us at our 3rd and possibly our last Annual National Night Out Potluck which is held in conjunction with the City of Albuquerque and the entire Nation. National Night Out is designed to heighten crime & drug prevention awareness, generate support for local crime fighting efforts, strengthen neighborhood spirit, renew old acquaintances and establish new ones by getting to know your neighbors. This also sends a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back! Show your support for National Night Out by leaving your porch light on this night.

Our potluck will be Tuesday, August 14th, 6:30pm at our park on Miami Road between 65th & Please bring a dish (see list below), drinks, chairs or a blanket and be ready to have a great time.

Use the website at www.srmna.org to keep updated on happenings. I also encourage everyone to utilize the website forums to list items for sale, garage sales, etc. These forums are a great way to converse with your neighbors, speak your opinions or just plain speak out. This is a free service that we are able to offer thanks to our past president, John Kabala.

Membership as of 7/17/07:

20 members out of 1440 homes. This is only \$240.00 in annual dues.

Yearly Expenses:

- Phone: \$97.45 Bank: \$90.00 **Mail** Box: \$132.74 Newsletters: \$600.00
- Corporation Fee: \$10.00 Westside Coalition Dues: \$25.00

Deaun Lewis, President

**3RD ANNUAL NATIONAL NIGHT OUT
POT LUCK DISH LIST**

if your last name begins with:

A - G bring a main dish;

P bring a dessert;

Q - Z bring a side dish.

**.DON'T FORGET YOUR DRINKS, LAWN
CHAIRS/BLANKET & A CHECK IF YOU
HAVEN'T ALREADY PAID YOUR ANNUAL
DUES.**

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NEWS FROM CITY COUNCILOR KEN SANCHEZ

Councilor Ken Sanchez has worked closely with his constituents to address the needs of District 1. In working with SRMNA, Councilor has been able to address traffic calming needs, including a traffic signal and left turn arrow at 57th and Ouray, zoning violations, and the request for the neighborhood marquee. Councilor Sanchez has also been able to secure money through the City of Albuquerque and the State for a Grip project to widen and improve South Unser.

In joint efforts with the Albuquerque Planning Department, WCCDG, The Design Group, and the community a design for a mixed use development is underway for the NW corner of Central and Unser. Another development which will include Target and several other stores is being planned for the 1-40 Unser area.

Councilor Sanchez looks forward to National Night out and the great events that are put on by SRMNA and the other neighborhood associations.

KEEP PULLING THOSE WEEDS!

So far this spring/summer we have not had many complaints on homeowner's not pulling their weeds. We have sent very few violation notices and have made only a few referrals to the City's Zoning Department and/or 311. With the upcoming rains, weeds will probably start to grow in bounds, so please remember you are responsible for keeping your front and side yards, the graveled curbed areas in front and on the side of your home and the graveled areas behind your home weed/litter free. If you feel a home owner is in violation, you can call our message line at 342-5715 and leave a detailed message to include the address. Someone from the weed/litter committee will follow up and either send a violation notice or make a referral to 311 as needed. If you prefer, you may also make a referral directly by calling 311.

And as always, we say *MANK YOU* to all of you who do such a great job in keeping your areas weed and litter free!

JUST FOR YOU

YOU may not be interested, but do you know anyone who would like to make an extra \$2,000.00-\$4,000.00 per month working part time from home?

. Call Patty @ 505-352-1170, leave message



SRMNA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

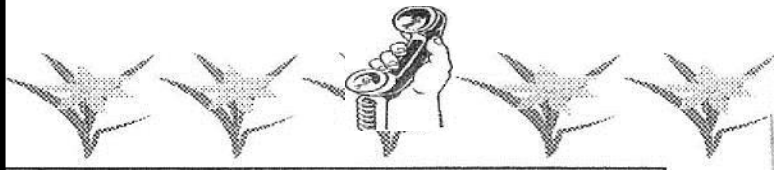
Name(s): _____
 Property Address: _____
 Subdivision: _____
 Mailing Address: _____
 City: _____
 State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: _____ bay _____ Eve. _____
 E-Mail: _____

I would like to volunteer for the following:

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| 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
 B7120



CALL 311

311 is 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

Funding has been slated for median beautification on Ladera from 72nd to Ouray;

- A new sign board will be installed on Ladera and 72nd.

most cases the graffiti has been removed within a 24 to 72 hour period. **311** can also be reached by email at ccc@cabq.gov or you can log on to www.cabq.gov/crm and chat with a representative on line.

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Just click on 'Get Live Help'.

You should always call 911 for emergencies.

Neighborhood Happenings...

Advertise in the Backyard Post/

Do you want to reach over 1,300 homes? Advertise in the next issue of the Backyard Post. Call 342-5715 and leave a message or email us at www.smnna.org

RATES:

Business Card \$10

1/4 Page \$20

1/2 Page \$30

