

# LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Neighbors! I hope everyone enjoyed that crazy summer we had and that you are ready to settle into fall/winter. Our 2nd Annual National Night Out neighbor turn out was disappointing due to the rain, but we did have the potluck and some neighbors ventured out (the rain stopped just in time). Mayor Chavez attended along with our new City Councilor Ken Sanchez, Senator Bernadette Sanchez, APED Police Chief Ray Schultz and fellow APD Officers. Moby Mirza with City of Albuquerque Traffic Engineering was also in attendance to survey SRMNA regarding the traffic situation on Ouray and 57th. We're hoping that we will have a traffic light installed at that intersection so we can truly enjoy the Coors/I-40 Project. The survey should be complete by January 07. If you would like to contact Mr. Mirza directly for input he can be reached at 768-2767. I would also like to thank our local Home Depot. Their management team attended and brought drinks and woodworking items for our children. Be sure to thank Home Depot next time you go in.

I hope everyone can' attend the 444.4FCA Project Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Saturday, October 28th 2 pm at 68th and 'Alf. Please plan on coming to see what a great biking and walking area we now have. brinks and Snacks will be provided. We've waited a long time for this to be complete and now it is! I'm sure the neighbors whose yards back up to this project are relieved that it's complete.

Please get out and vote on November 7th. Our polling location is at SRMarmon Elementary School. Our District 16 State Representative is up for election this year. Please take some time to educate yourself on the candidates and vote. HOORAY... SRMarmon Elementary School will get some of the APS Bond monies; hopefully we will have some permanent buildings for our children to attend school in.

When you have questions or need information on what's happening in our neighborhood, just go to [www.srmna.org](http://www.srmna.org) and check out our new website. It's **great** and I would like to thank John Kubala our past president for putting this site together. There is lots of information on this site and you *can* join in on the forums where you can talk with other neighbors about issues in our neighborhood. You can also contact any of the board members via email (a link is provided).

One more item...we NEED VOLUNTEERS e SRMNA. We need active Board Members and Volunteers. We have lots of neighbors who want to see change but little that will commit to helping. Please call or complete the form on back of this newsletter if you are willing to make a commitment...we all need to work together to keep our neighborhood safe and clean. Thanks to the current board members for all their hard work!

**Deaun Lewis**

## CF. ME PF.EN ENTION TIPS

Talk to your children about safety and strangers • Trim bushes/trees near doors and windows • Always lock your vehicle and pocket the keys; avoid leaving valuables in your car • Avoid leaving garage door openers in your car • Make a commitment with your neighbors to report suspicious activities to police • Keep your yard weed and litter free to show criminals that you care about your neighborhood • Keep your porch lights on nightly from dusk to dawn • Timers on interior lights when you are away from home discourages criminals from entering your home.

If you have not already done so, please mail Your \$12.00 Annual Dues



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# WEEDS, WEEDS AND MORE WEEDS!

In a recent article in the September/October publication of the Neighborhood News, Don Newton Interim Manager for the City's Office of Neighborhood Coordination reminds us that our rainy summer has caused an explosion of weeds — both in quantity and size. He wants to pass on a *gentle reminder* that weeds and their removal are every citizen's responsibility and provides us the City of Albuquerque's *ordinance addressing weeds*:

it shall be unlawful for any owner of any occupied or unoccupied tot or tract of land within the city to permit or maintain on any such lot or tract of land, including the area located between the property line and the middle of the alley adjacent to the property, and the area located between the property line and the curb, the area of any curbs or sidewalks located on the property, and the area located ten feet outside the property line where there is no curb, any growth of weeds whose height, width or spread is greater than four (4) inches or any combination of weeds." ` It shall be the duty of the owner of any occupied or unoccupied lot or tract of land to cut the weeds and remove the cuttings or any accumulation of *weeds* to be removed as often as necessary in order to comply with the ordinance'

Mr. Newton goes on to say that the City has hired more zoning *code* inspectors who are writing an unprecedented number of weed citations.

The SRMNA Weed and Litter Committee asks that you comply with the above ordinance as we will continue to send violation notices and make referrals to the City Zoning Department as needed\_ *We say "THANK YCV" to all neighbors who do a great job of keeping their properties weed and litter freed!*

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#### 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 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 most rrre.a5\_the graffiti has been removed within a 24 to 72 hour period. **311** can also be reached by email at [ccc@cabq.gov](mailto:ccc@cabq.gov) or you can log on to [www.cabq.gov/crm](http://www.cabq.gov/crm) and chat with a representative on line. Just click on 'Get Live Help'.



You should always call 911 for emergencies.

### Neighborhood Happenings...

- Speed humps will be installed on 64th between Miami & Juniper
- The church on Miami and Estancia will be building an addition

### Advertise in the **Backyard Post/**

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