

**NETHERWOOD PARK
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

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Miracerros Addition ♦ Indian Plaza ♦ Netherwood Park

newsletter January 2017

Susan Bennett and Tony Prosser invite you to the Chat in the Park on Sunday, January 29th from 2:00–3:00pm Bring your ideas for more family fun activities at Netherwood Park. Meet under the Netherwood Park sign at Princeton and Morrow.

The Annual NPNA Membership Meeting will be held on Sunday, March 26th from 3:00 to 5:30 pm at the Tennis Club of Albuquerque.

From the Board

Susan Bennett NPNA President 350-3848

The NPNA Board met on January 11th. Our special guests were Julianna Koob, Taylor Bui, and Dianne Scena, all of whom are current board members of the North Campus Neighborhood Association. The main discussion topic was how to combat crime in both neighborhoods. NPNA board members mentioned their meeting on December 14th with City Councilor Isaac Benton, his assistant Diane Dolan, APD Southeast Heights Area Commander Paul Duran and APD Crime Prevention Specialist Laura Kuehn about alleged drug activity in Netherwood Park. Commander Duran encouraged everyone to always call the 242-COPS phone number (242-2077) about suspected criminal activity and to call 911 if persons or property are in current danger. Ms. Kuehn mentioned that citizen action to promote regular use and programmed activities has led to safer parks in several cities around our nation. NCNA and NPNA board members recommended using NextDoor.com website to alert neighbors about current break-ins, auto thefts, and other suspicious activities. Tony Prosser shared information from the website CrimeMapping.com. There have been 12 auto burglaries, 3 auto thefts, 5 home break-ins, one fraud and one disturbance in the NPNA area since the November NPNA Board meeting.

Juliaana Koob talked about a major project of NCNA, the UNM North Golf Course Urban Open Space project. A public meeting was held on December 7th to present the current improvement plan that includes water use conservation, irrigation upgrades, use of native plants and much more. Another public meeting is expected early this year.

Dianne Scena spoke about the Vista Larga subdivision historic preservation study that resulted the formal designation last April as an historic neighborhood. NPNA board members mentioned that students from the UNM School of Architecture have begun a similar study in our neighborhood.

Chuck Maguire talked about the \$585 raised by the NPNA Golf the last three years and their possible donation to help improve the UNM North Course. Chuck has been in discussions with North Course officials about this matter and no final decision has been made.

Susan Bennett thanked the NCNA board members for coming to the meeting. She looks forward to more discussions with them in the future.

The meeting continued with just the NPNA Board members present. Susan presented her goals for the first part of 2017:

1. Form a Park Activities Team to find ways to encourage more use of Netherwood Park and even to set up a schedule of events in the park in the warmer months ahead. This team would consist of three or more members. A more active park is often a safer park. Contact Susan if you are interested to be on this team.
2. Recruit at least two new board members by the annual meeting in March.
3. Increase NPNA membership.
4. Encourage more neighbors to use NextDoor. com

NextDoorNetherwood Park.com, our social media website, now has 235 members and this number equals twenty-percent of the total number of households in the NPNA area. The NPNA Board invites those listed on NextDoor to join NPNA. Annual dues are \$10 per household per year. Apartment dwellers are most welcome to join NPNA.

Treasurer's Report-John Vittal, NPNA Treasurer 266-0882

The NPNA bank balance on January 11, 2017 was \$2,725.25. Please note that NPNA annual dues are \$10 *per household* Send them with this form to John Vittal at 1737 Miracerros Pl. NE. Please include your email address.

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