

NETHERWOOD PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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Miracerros Addition ♦ Indian Plaza ♦ Netherwood Park

newsletter

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NPNA looks forward to annual 4th of July event

From the Desk of Chuck McGuire, NPNA President 255-4008

This is our first electronic newsletter and we hope that you enjoy it.

The NPNA Board met on May 14th and discussed a request from a member to take action to clean up the grounds around the ponding area. The Board agreed to call the City to see who has the legal responsibility to maintain this area.

Our annual 4th of July Bike Parade and Social is coming up soon. Are you interested in volunteering to make it a big success? Please call me or email me at netherwoodpark@gmail.com

The City's new residential recycling program is almost here. Neighbors in the Miracerros-Indian Plaza area will receive their blue recycling barrels sometime in June. The rest of the NPNA area will receive them in September. The Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Water Authority urges all of us to water by the numbers and irrigate your landscape two days a week in May and three days a week in June, July and August.

Board member Tony Prosser has been keeping a careful eye on the weekly crime reports from APD. There were two incidents of larceny in our area since the last board meeting. One incident took place on Notre Dame and the other took place on Indian Plaza.

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

The NPNA bank balance on May 3, 2013 was \$2500.05. Thank you to all of you who have sent in your dues in the last month

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Crime Prevention by Steve Sink of the APD Crime Prevention Unit

Travel Preparation and Safety during the Summer Months

There are traditional times each year that many of us choose to travel to see family and friends as well as enjoy a vacation. Generally when we go on trips we are less likely to focus on our surroundings and safety. Most of the security resources you can depend on at the office or at home are nonexistent when you travel. Your greatest resource is yourself – your willingness to take precautions, vary your routes, keep a low profile and be alert to suspicious behavior and circumstances. The following tips for securing your residence and travel safety should be observed before and during a trip.

Securing Your Residence and Preparing for Travel – Reduce Criminal Opportunity:

- Ask a trusted neighbor to watch your residence and report suspicious activity.
- If possible have a trusted friend or family member stay at your home.
- Install automatic timers on lights, TV's and radios to give the impression someone is home.
- Do not have mail and newspaper delivery stopped. If you have a rollout trash dumpster, have a neighbor place it in the street on pick up day and return it that evening. Also, ask them to park a vehicle in the driveway whenever possible and collect your mail and newspapers.
- Be extra cautious about locking all doors and windows.
- Make sure trees and shrubs are trimmed to allow for good natural surveillance of your property.
- Make arrangements to have exterior lights on each night.
- Each entrance should have solid core or metal doors and deadbolt locks.
- All primary window locks should be operational and secondary locks should be installed
- Let neighbors, family and friends know when you plan to return from a trip.

Travel and Hotel/Motel Safety:

- Always be aware of your surroundings and trust your instincts.
- Lock all personal items in the trunk or away from view – roll up windows, lock doors and take your keys.
- Park in well lit areas with a lot of activity. Park as close to an entrance as possible.
- Rooms should have solid core or metal doors and an eye viewer. Change rooms if these items are worn out or not functioning properly.