



Miracerros Addition ♦ Indian Plaza ♦ Netherwood Park ♦ Urban Forest Park  
Netherwood Park Neighborhood Association Newsletter – October, November, December 2022

*The NPNA Board wishes all our neighbors a safe Holiday Season and a Happy New Year! 2023 NPNA Event Calendar in this issue*

**On Behalf of the NPNA Board Bill Gannon, NPNA President (505) 249-7906**

### **Herb Denish:**

Herb Denish, who served on the NPNA Board since 2013, died on September 30<sup>th</sup>. Herb was dedicated to making Albuquerque a better place to live. He served as assistant city manager under Pete Domenici in the early 1970's. He then moved on to First National Bank and headed the development of First Plaza downtown. He started his own company (Herbert M. Denish and Associates) in 1976 that operated until 2011. Some, among many, projects of his include Cottonwood Mall, ABQ Uptown, Mesa del Sol, High Desert, New Mexico Cancer Center, Mariposa, and The Classic Hotel (now Sheraton Uptown). Herb shared his vast knowledge of how Albuquerque works at every NPNA Board meeting he attended. NPNA has certainly lost a kind neighbor, a wonderful family man, and a true gentleman. We miss him.

### **City Council District #7:**

All of the NPNA area is now in City Council District #7 as a result of mandatory redistricting following the 2020 census. Councilor Tammy Fiebelkorn ([tfiebelkorn@cabq.gov](mailto:tfiebelkorn@cabq.gov)) represents the district and her policy analyst is Laura Rummler ([lrummler@cabq.gov](mailto:lrummler@cabq.gov)). The office phone number is (505) 768-3189. Thanks to Councilor Ike Benton for many years of neighborhood support!

### **NPNA November Board Meeting Highlights:**

The NPNA Board met on November 16<sup>th</sup> at the Tennis Club. It was discussed that gunshots reported to APD near Netherwood Park may have been in fact very loud firecrackers known as M-80s; some kids were spotted tossing from their car several times. Other incidences of crime remain low for our area compared to the rest of the city. Cheryl Gerwin, NPNA treasurer, reported the Chuck Maguire Memorial Fund is at

\$2556. The plan for a bench/plaque memorial is still awaiting action from City Parks and Recreation Department. NPNA president Bill Gannon is now meeting quarterly with the presidents of our neighboring associations to discuss common issues such as traffic, crime, and unhoused folks.

### **Indian School Update/ Girard Corridor:**

The level of interest in a proposal to ask the New Mexico State Legislature for three million dollars for the Girard Corridor Redesign Project is moving forward with the support of the bordering neighborhood associations and members of both the city council and Legislature. City Councilors Benton and Fiebelkorn have each promised funds for the Girard Corridor project. State representative Chasey and Senator Sedillo Lopez will seek full support of the proposed improvements. For questions about this project, contact the NPNA Board.

### **Indian School Traffic Calming Project:**

NPNA now has the support of both the North Campus and the Summit Park Neighborhood Associations in an ongoing effort to slow down traffic on Indian School Road. NPNA Board member Chris Narkun and committee chair Zephyr Renner will provide a google survey to offer to residents in NPNA a chance to raise issues, concerns, and ideas to address the speeds and accidents on the street prior to the NPNA annual meeting next March 26<sup>th</sup>.

### **Montezuma Elementary School Projects:**

The school is now conducting a food drive. Montezuma Elementary is a low-income school and there are a number of students who are "food insecure". Right now, Montezuma's food pantry is very low and we have been asked to donate non-perishable canned/package goods to be included in food baskets to be given to families in need prior to the holidays. Items that would be helpful include canned beans, green beans, carrots, corn, tuna, chickpeas, chicken, tomatoes, juice and soups as well as Ramen Noodle soup, dry beans and lentils, pasta and pasta sauce and peanut butter. These can be dropped off starting November 28th in two boxes that will be in front of the school. The food baskets will be given out the week of December 12. If you have any questions, contact Barb [ghanrahanoffice@comcast.net](mailto:ghanrahanoffice@comcast.net).

**2023 Calendar of Events:** All dates are subject to change

- Board meetings every second Wednesday of the month (except for July and Dec)
- Urban Forest Clean-up –**February 11th**
- Bike Path Clean-up – **February 25**
- Annual Meeting – **March 26**
- Great American Clean-up (Indian School) – **April 9**
- Start NP Bites Food Trucks in the Park – **May 3 (tentative): check for updates at <https://daysintheparkabq.com/>**
- July 4<sup>th</sup> Activities and Parade – **July 4<sup>th</sup>--No Board meeting**
- Annual NP Yard Sales – **September 16**
- Food Trucks last Wednesday for the year – **September 13 (tentative)**
- Annual Chuck Maguire Neighborhood Golf Scramble - **September 30**
- Balloon Blast – **October 14**

**Current 2022-2023 Officers, Board & Standing Committees**

**President** – Bill Gannon

**Vice President** – Sara Mills

**Secretary** – Sara Mills

**Treasurer** - Cheryl Gerwin/Spencer Gerwin

**Web Master/Crime Mapping** – Tony Prosser

**At-large Board Members:** Susan Bennett, Ana Marie Casey, Chris Narkun

Tony Prosser, Carol Toffaleti

**Committee to Calm Indian School Road** - Zephyr Renner

**Newsletter**– John Vittal

**Urban Forest Guardians:** David Broudy/Rifka Stern, Jim/Jana Cornfield,

Cheryl/Bill Foote,

Bill Gannon, Sarah Geiger, Jeff/ Susan Hagemann, Teresa Law, <vacant – end of Lafayette>,

Tony Prosser, Eugene Sedeno, John Vittal / Debbie Ham, Cindy Yenson

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## Guidelines if You See Crime – Report It

The Board requests that neighbors respond and report what they see. Pathways to report include:

\*Go to NPNA website and follow CRIME tab <http://www.netherwoodpark.org>

\*Go to APD website <https://www.cabq.gov/police/> to file a crime report

\*Go to APD APP (search ABQ Police in App store) to file crime report, crime mapping and more

\*CALL 242-COPS (2677) or 911(if crime in action) and report your crime.

\*Go to NM DOT website <https://dot.state.nm.us/> download traffic accident report. Take completed report to APD substation to file.

\*Go to ABQ311 web App <https://www.cabq.gov/311/abq311/311-web-app> Report and upload photos

\***DO NOT confront** criminals or act on your own. Know your neighbors. Keep in touch with block captains who work with NPNA.

\*Homeless Assistance Hotline 505-768-HELP (4357)

\*Report abandoned cars on neighborhood streets and request they be towed away. Call 311 to make a report, download the ABQ311 App on your smartphone, or online at [www.cabq.gov/report-abandoned-vehicles/report-abandoned-vehicles](http://www.cabq.gov/report-abandoned-vehicles/report-abandoned-vehicles)

- NPNAalert@gmail.com or netherwoodpark@gmail.com
  - NP Bites Nite Website (info, calendar, vendor/music applications): <https://daysintheparkabq.com/>
  - Instagram posts: <https://www.instagram.com/daysintheparkabq/>
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