



SPRING 2024 NEWSLETTER

900 households within the boundaries of Carlisle, Indian School, the North Diversion Channel and 1-40 to the North



From the President

BILL GANNON

This is the **SECOND** of the NPNA Quarterly newsletters! We are excited to go with this format so ALL residents can access and receive information about the neighborhood and it saves time and your money by not printing paper copies.

This month we host the **ANNUAL MEETING** where all neighbors are invited to attend and enjoy updates from our elected representative, APD, and hear of initiatives and other board activities. Speaking of...this is a chance for you to participate and serve on the NPNA board or help with neighborhood activities. We have a few spots open (even president!) and you can nominate at the meeting. Although your opinion is always welcome, your participation is even better!

In this newsletter we highlight our tour of the ABQ recycling facility, and guess what, they don't just haul it to the landfill as there is a market for most stuff that we toss. Other news is that we are planning all the annual events such as July 4th, food trucks, Balloon Blast, Neighborhood Golf scramble, regular trash/street cleanups, Park improvements, neighborhood watch, and more!

Speaking of neighborhood watch, if you live on Dartmouth, Girard, Cutler (parts), Morrow, Princeton, Richmond, or Bryn Mawr we need your help! Be a block Captain! It's easy and you get to meet and know the folks living closest to you and it's the best way to deter crime. Call or email me and we can talk about what it entails.

Lastly, we have a few other neighborhood "action committees" that are working on problems neighbors are concerned with. One group now forming will brainstorm potential solutions for improved safety along Indian School Road. Others will focus on the Urban Forest Park and organizing periodic neighborhood trash cleanups. Want to change the world? Start with your neighborhood.

See you 'round the block.

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**ANNUAL NPNA MEETING
SUN MARCH 17
3-5 PM
AT THE TENNIS CLUB**

MEET WITH CITY COUNCILOR
TAMMY FIEBLE KORN, APD
REPS AND MORE

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CONTACT US
MAKE A DONATION
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DON'T FORGET !!!

to water your trees!



NPNA Board tour recycling plant

NPNA board members organized a tour of the BARCo recycling facility located on Edith NW, just down the road from ABQ Solid Waste offices. ABQ Solid Waste Management Department contracts with BARCo Recycling, a member of the NM Recycling Coalition, to receive, sort, bundle and sell all the stuff City trucks collect from your Blue Bins every week.

We wanted to know about how ABQ recycling works! *Where does it go? Do they just haul it to the land fill? Is there a market for the recycle waste stream? What sort of stuff do they take? What about all those plastic bags?*

To get most of these answers go to:
<https://www.cabq.gov/solidwaste/recycling> or
<https://www.recyclenewmexico.com/directory/>



But we went and investigated firsthand. In a nutshell, the contents of your blue bins DOES NOT go directly to the landfill but is dumped at BARCo and sorted between Recyclables and Waste (nonrecyclables) using a series of conveyor belts. The waste does go to the landfill which includes ALL those single use plastic bags from the stores, clothing, hoses, glass, plant material, and anything in a closed-up black plastic bag (they will not take the time to open these bags, so they go straight to the landfill). FYI, contents from your paper shredder are recycled only if you put it into a clear bag. This way they can handle it and not have a confetti-like mess all over the plant. The obvious things like cans, all those silly plastic water bottles, newspaper, and cardboard make it through and are sorted, sold, and recycled. We were pleased that a lot of plastics DO get recycled and are bought up by companies around the US, but unfortunately there is still way too much trashed plastics. Another note, try to give a quick rinse to plastic containers as the buyers of the materials may refuse to buy if there are too many contaminants in the product.

If you have any questions about the tour, feel free to ask us. Otherwise go to the website or reserve your own tour of the BARCo facility.

<https://www.barcorecycling.com/>

Tours are sort of a big deal as the company accommodates visitors by shutting down operations as we moved through and show concern for tour and employee safety.

Next, we might tour wastewater treatment plant, glass recycling, or some other public service that serves the neighborhood and report that here in future newsletters. Stay tuned!



Current board members Sara Mills, Cheryl & Spencer Gerwin, Bill Gannon (pic taker)

Fast moving conveyer belt with items sorted by hand!



Plastic mounds- mostly plastic bags that cannot be recycled

NEWSPAPERS/MAGAZINES

- JUNK MAIL
- OFFICE PAPER
- CORRUGATED CARDBOARD
- CEREAL/CRACKER BOXES
- MILK AND JUICE BOXES
- PHONE BOOKS
- BOOKS
- BROWN PAPER BAGS
- PAPER EGG CARTONS

PLASTICS

- #1 - #7 PLASTICS BOTTLE/TUBS
- RIGID PLASTICS (TOYS, HAMPERS, ETC.)
- ???
- METAL
- ALUMINUM CANS
- TIN CANS
- FOIL & PIE PANS
- POTS & PANS
- SMALL APPLIANCES



- YARD WASTE/WOOD
- PIZZA BOXES
- GLASS
- GARBAGE
- FOOD
- HAZARDOUS WASTE
- SHARP METAL
- WRAPABLES/HOSES/CORDS

- BATTERIES/LIGHT BULBS
- MOTOR OIL BOTTLES
- MEDICAL WASTE/NEEDLES
- STYROFOAM
- TVS/COMPUTER MONITORS
- ALL PLASTIC BAGS
- SMALL ELECTRONICS



Board Meetings wrap up

The Board met twice since our last newsletter. December was a non-meeting month. We discussed current and upcoming business for our neighborhood.

Saturday January 20, 2024, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at the Tennis Club, The City of ABQ Parks & Rec Team presented updates on spring 2024 irrigation system upgrades and a proposal for a children's play area in Netherwood Park. The irrigation improvements are much needed and will close off parts of the park for up to five weeks to complete. The city sought feedback from residents on proposed play area tucked into the bowl area to the NW which would be the most minimally invasive spot. Residents were asked to respond via email to Bill Gannon, NPNA President, who compiled the comments and presented to Parks & Rec Director, Dave Simon. The board is awaiting a response from Parks & Rec if any decision has been made after receiving feedback, hopefully for the annual mtg.

The board discussed that its role is primarily as a conduit or portal to provide information to the neighborhood about relevant issues brought them by the City, a business, elected representatives, or from neighborhood members about their issues. The Board is not "top-down" or a policy making body. The City is ultimately responsible to inform the community about its actions but also has control over changes which affect the neighborhood. Other issues included the existence of covenants, that all ABQ residents are tax-payers and should have an opinion about park features, nostalgic references to the park's beauty and special nature, and more. It seemed clear, that no matter if you live on the park or in apartments 10 blocks away, ABQ Parks and Rec has the ability to manage parks as they deem necessary. Community input is important, perhaps in nuance of park improvements, but community may not be able to approve or deny changes.



around the netherwood

The new **Whole Foods** store opened just before 9:00 the morning of February 22. The new space is 47,000 square feet including a large casual seating area for customers who stay and eat their meals. It also features an expanded assortment of locally sourced products. Customers can expect to find all the departments they are used to when shopping the certified organic grocer.

More than eighty customers were lined up two hours in advance to get a hold of a limited number of promotional items. The parking lot was full and customers were parking by the apartments just east of the store and walking back. A local radio station and their roadrunner mascot provided music and local companies offered donuts and coffee. The Storehouse had a display promoting their food pantry services for those with need. Also in attendance were a team of animal wellness advocates informing the public about the long-standing practice in some parts of Asia to train monkeys to pick coconuts used in some coconut waters.



How?

- REPORT CRIME
- CONTACT US
- MAKE DONATIONS
- SEE UPCOMING EVENTS



THE BOARD REQUESTS THAT NEIGHBORS RESPOND AND REPORT WHAT CRIMES/EVENTS THEY SEE

- GO TO NPNA WEBSITE AND FOLLOW CRIME TAB
- GO TO APD WEBSITE DIRECTLY OR APD APP AND FILE A CRIME REPORT
- CALL 242-COPS OR 911 AND REPORT YOUR CRIME
- DO NOT CONFRONT CRIMINALS OR TAKE ACTION INTO YOUR OWN HANDS.
- KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS AND KEEP IN TOUCH WITH YOUR BLOCK CAPTAINS.
- BLOCK CAPTAINS CAN PROVIDE SUMMARIES TO THE BOARD.
- THE MORE CRIMES DOCUMENTED BY APD, THE MORE PATROLS THE NEIGHBORHOOD RECEIVES



MORE IN

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- BOARD MEETINGS EVERY SECOND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH (EXCEPT FOR JULY AND DEC)
- CITY PARKS DEPT COMMUNITY MEETING SAT JANUARY 20, 2024 2-4PM TENNIS CLUB
- URBAN FOREST CLEAN-UP SATURDAY FEBRUARY 10, 2024
- BIKE PATH CLEAN-UP TBD 2024
- ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY MARCH 17, 2024 3-5 PM TENNIS CLUB
- ABQ GREAT AMERICAN CLEAN-UP (INDIAN SCHOOL) APRIL 20, 2024
- NP BITES FOOD TRUCKS IN THE PARK WEDS MAY 15 - AUG 7, 2024
- JULY 4TH IN THE PARK- ACTIVITIES AND PARADE
- ANNUAL NP YARD SALES SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 14, 2024
- NP BITES FOOD TRUCKS IN THE PARK END TBD AUG 2024
- ANNUAL CHUCK MAGUIRE GOLF SCRAMBLE SEPTEMBER 28, 2024
- BALLOON BLAST IN THE PARK OCTOBER 12, 2024
- DECEMBER 2024 - NO BOARD MEETING



SUPPORT YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD WITH AN ANNUAL DONATION



NPNA WELCOMES NEW AND OLD NP RESIDENTS AND ENCOURAGES ALL TO MAKE A SUPPORTIVE ANNUAL DONATION OF \$20 PER HOUSEHOLD.

FILL OUT THIS FORM AND WRITE A CHECK PAYABLE TO: NPNA

MAIL TO NPNA TREASURER CHERYL GERWIN 1711 STANFORD DR NE 87106

NAME (S): _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ **EMAIL ADDRESS:** _____

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_____ I WILL JUST READ IT AT NPNA WEBSITE

_____ PLEASE EMAIL NEWSLETTERS TO: _____

_____ I PREFER A MAILED COPY

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THANK YOU!