

“Preserving and enhancing the beauty, safety, and enjoyment of our neighborhood.”

Announcements

Next General Membership Meeting

Thursday, October 19

7:00-8:00 pm

North Domingo Baca Multi-Generational Center

7521 Carmel Ave. NE Albuquerque, NM 87113

Volunteer to serve on the HEAR Board or take on an interesting neighborhood project

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President’s Message

Security is *Our* Responsibility. While this has always been the case, now it is more important than ever. Last May we lost our security service (the company providing the patrols and response was sold and the new company owners discontinued our service for financial reasons) and members of the Board have been looking into alternative solutions since then. While many of you may be aware of this from our email notification to the neighborhood or

through discussions in NextDoor, some backstory would be helpful for all of us as we move forward.

For the past several years Tru Security had provided daily or nightly patrols through our neighborhood totaling about 1-hour each day. More importantly they also provided phone numbers to their dispatch center that we could call to request an officer to respond to an incident or suspicious activity that APD was unlikely to be able to respond to in a timely manner. For this service HEAR was paying \$1073/month, a total of \$12,876 per year that, as we noted during our recent membership drives, has not been completely covered for the past several years by incoming revenues (including memberships).

Since the discontinuation of security services last May the HEAR Board has been looking at multiple options for continued services. These options have included contracting with other companies and using the APD Chief’s Overtime program. After a lack of response from two companies and an incredibly large proposal (over \$475k/year) previously obtained from a third, the Board concluded that the critical combination of patrols *and* response could not be obtained within the association’s budget and that

we would discontinue our search for a new security service provider.

This brings us to what we as a neighborhood can do to enhance our security. It comes down to three things: **Prevent, Respond, and Communicate.**

In **preventing** crime we need to make sure that:

- our property is secure - doors locked, vehicles locked and empty of valuables, ground-floor windows closed when not at home;
- we are attentive to what is happening around us - knowing and communicating with our neighbors so that we can keep an eye out for each other, paying attention to unusual or suspicious activities.

In **response** to criminal or suspicious behavior we need to report it:

- either through **911** if it is a crime in progress or a continuing emergency, or
- through **242-COPS [2677]** if the incident is over and an immediate response is not required. *It is also appropriate to report suspicious activity to 242-COPS.*

Non-criminal, non-emergency issues (e.g. zoning, weed and litter, abandoned vehicles) can be reported through the City's **311** service.

Once you have responded you should **communicate** with your neighbors what happened and what was done in response. This enables all of us to be aware of what is happening in our neighborhood and remain vigilant to new patterns of crime. Communication options include:

- Talking to your neighbors about what happened and to see if they have any additional information about the incident.
- Sending in a report to hear.newsletter@gmail.com or through the HEAR website (<http://hear-online.org/contact/>) for distribution through the HEAR mailing list of almost 700 neighbors.

- Posting information on NextDoor (<https://nextdoor.com/>) a neighborhood sharing site that many HEAR residents are using for sharing information with each other.

The bottom line is that while we would prefer not to have to deal with concerns about crime, **we do.** We must acknowledge that crime is happening in our neighborhood and the city as a whole and that we must respond. Overall, our response should be to make our neighborhood less attractive to criminals through mutual support, increased attention, and collective action against crime.

– Thanks, *Karl Benedict.* HEAR President



Aluminum Recycling Report

Thanks to Susan Tackman for continuing to run our monthly aluminum recycling effort

For all of 2016: 1,047 pounds, \$459.21

And for 2017 so far: over \$200 have been deposited into HEAR's accounts from your recycling donations since the first of the year.

Next recycling date: Saturday November 4, 2017

Please save your recyclable aluminum for HEAR's monthly recycling collection every first Saturday of the month from 8:30-11:00 a.m. at Rotary Park (7725 Quintana Dr.). All proceeds benefit HEAR. If you can't make it to the park, call Susan Tackman, HEAR Recycling Chair at 822-8761 to arrange an alternative way to donate your aluminum.

NOTE: while it can still be recycled, **aluminum foil must now be separated from the aluminum cans.** Thanks for your help with separating the foil and cans prior to bringing them to the park.

Thanks to everyone who participates in our recycling program!

Treasurer's Report



Thus far our 2017 membership drive has produced 459 memberships, with the bulk of our memberships coming in by June. So far this represents almost 40% of the homes in the Heritage East neighborhood. Please keep encouraging your neighbors to join, it helps all of us. The income for the year has been \$12,811.18, all but \$200.13 from recycling and \$1.53 in interest of which has come from memberships and contributions. Expenses thus far are \$8,039.97. The neighborhood security patrol through May was the largest expense (\$5,537.35), but expenses through the end of August such as the annual newsletter and membership drive flyer printing and mailing (\$1,196.32), monthly beautification work (\$1,000), PO Box (\$102), and website (\$192) are significant, required, and important.

– *Jeff Figiel*, Treasurer

The Upcoming General Membership Meeting

Our fall general membership meeting is always an excellent opportunity to come together as

a neighborhood and discuss issues of importance and take care of the business of our Association. Our upcoming membership meeting on *Thursday October 19 from 7:00-8:00 pm at the North Domingo Baca Multi-Generational Center (7521 Carmel Ave. NE)* will have a full agenda including:

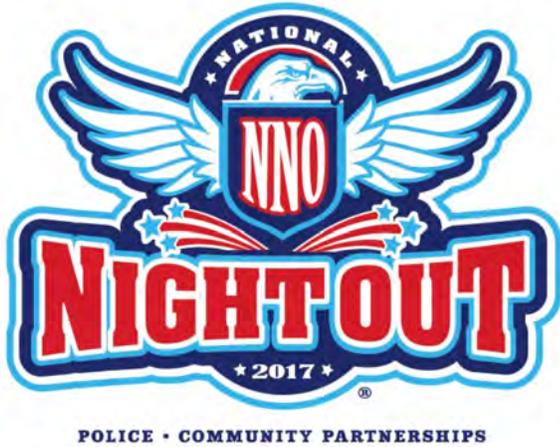
- HEAR Board Elections
- A discussion of security and related issues in the neighborhood
- A discussion of Association dues and neighborhood improvement projects/activities, and
- Invited updates from Councillor Winter and our new APD NE Area Commander



Email Updates

To receive updates between HEAR newsletters via email please include your email address when you fill out the form to join or renew your membership. If your email address changes after you have sent in your membership dues, please contact our newsletter coordinator at hear.newsletter@gmail.com and provide an updated address.

Highlights from National Night Out



On August 1st neighbors from HEAR and the Quintessence Neighborhood Association gathered at Quintessence Park to celebrate the annual *National Night Out* event. We came together with officers from the Albuquerque Police Department - including their mounted unit, Councillor Winter and Dawn Marie Emilio (his new staff person), and the leadership of both neighborhood associations to talk about crime prevention and get to know each other over iced tea, lemonade, and ice cream. It was a great event and we came out of the gathering with a greater understanding of what we can do to prevent crime and familiarity with more of our neighbors.



Stryker, Officer Tafoya, and new friends



Officers Montoya and Tafoya



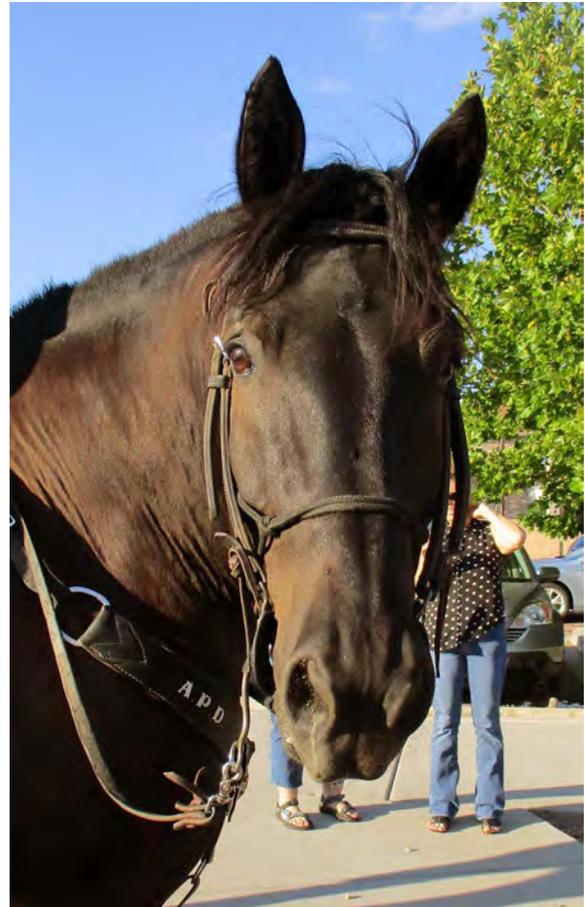
Neil, Gloria and Councillor Winter



Another Assist by Stryker (the tall four-legged player)



Exploring the Ice Cream Box



Max

HEAR Officers and Volunteers

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Board Member	Edward Trzcienski		
Board Member	Meredith Yost		
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Heritage East Association of Residents (HEAR) Membership Form

If you have already sent in your dues for 2017, **Thank You!**

You may use this form to *renew* your membership or *join* for the first time.

You can also sign-up and pay online at: <http://hear-online.org/online-membership-form>



Last Name(s) _____

First Name(s) _____

HEAR Street Address _____

Physical address in the neighborhood

Email Address _____

For delivery of email notificatoinns from the Association. Please differentiate between "1" and "0" (zero) and similar letters

Alternative Mailing Address _____

If you would like the Neighborhood Newsletter delivered to a different address than your HEAR Street Address

Phone Number. Home _____ Other _____

Notes or Comments

Membership Dues are \$25/calendar year per household. Please make your check or money order out to HEAR and mail it, along with this form to:

HEAR, PO Box 92465, Albuquerque, NM 87199-2465