

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER SPRING 2024

NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP

WHEN: Saturday, June 8, 2024 from 8 to 11 a.m. **WHERE:** Southeast Corner of Lead and Cornell, SE

Hi Neighbor!

Come help in UHA's annual spring cleanup. Meet up at the lot at Cornell and Lead. We'll break up into small groups and clean up all the alleys. We'll bring debris back to the lot where the City compactor truck will be. Large items can be put curbside for pick up.

If you have a pickup truck, please bring it to help pick up debris and large items in the alleys.

Wear: Comfortable clothes, sunhat, sunscreen **Bring**: Gloves and grabbers (if you have them), water

We'll have garbage bags, some grabbers, some water, and cookies donated by Insomnia Cookies!

OTHER JUNE EVENTS

June 3 at 6 p.m. Historic Preservation Community Meeting at The Remedy Day Spa, 113 Vassar SE. See article on the other side for more information.

June 6 from 4 to 6 p.m. City Councilor Nicole Rogers Community Office Hours at Satellite Coffee, 2300 Central SE.

Our City Councilor's monthly community office hours where you can meet with the Councilor to discuss any concerns, issues, or suggestions that you have about what the City is doing, or should be doing, or should not be doing, especially in this area.

June 6 at 6:30 p.m. UHA monthly Board Meeting at The Remedy Day Spa, 113 Vassar SE.

All UHA board meetings are open, so anyone interested can attend.



REMEMBER TO WATER YOUR TREES



University Heights Neighborhood Association Membership Form

(Please Print Legibly)

Send Completed Form to: Don Hancock, UHA Treasurer, 105 Stanford SE, Albuquerque NM 87106

Name:			
Mailing Address:			
Phone:	E-mail Address:		
Type of Membership:Neighborhood	Rent	Own	Business
Affirmation of Membership Completion of this form, signature, and submission to the University Heights Neighborhood Association affirms membership for one (1) year. Please note that membership and voting rights are guaranteed to any affirmed member without payment of dues being required, as per Section §14-8-2-3 (B) (4) of the City of Albuquerque Neighborhood Association Recognition Ordinance (NARO). Membership includes notice of neighborhood meetings including the required Annual Meeting, and other pertinent information. Thank you for your support!			
Signature of Member		Date	



HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMUNITY MEETING

The Southeast Heights and University Heights Neighborhood Associations are working together to achieve the listing of University Heights as a historic district in the NM and National Registers. The first portion of University Heights is the 1906 plat west of Girard (our University Heights Neighborhood) and the second is the 1916 plat, the portion east of Girard (the Nob Hill Neighborhood).

Mr. Steven Moffson is the State and National Register Coordinator for the NM Historic Preservation Division. He teaches a course annually at the UNM School of Architecture and Planning about preparing National Register nominations. Three years ago, he reached out to partner with neighborhood associations on using three additions as case studies for the class. He and his students prepared three nominations. He took two of them to the Cultural Properties Review Committee (CPRC) and they listed 1925 Granada Heights and 1945 Broadmoor Additions as historic districts in the NM Register. They sent them to the National Park Service shortly thereafter where they were listed as historic districts in the National Register. In the two years since, about a dozen homeowners in the recently listed districts have utilized the NM 50% tax credit to renovate their historic houses. A like number have mounted NM Register Plaques.

However, his students addressed only the 1916 portion. He did not take it to the CPRC because he wanted to list a single large district to include the 1906 plat (our University Heights Neighborhood). Neighbors in the 1916 portion are again expressing their interest in listing with the register and Mr. Moffson has offered to take on the larger scope of the project which will include both neighborhoods.

The initial community meeting was held in March with the determination to move forward beginning with a street survey of the neighborhood homes which would be done in April followed by a meeting to brief the results.

UHA will be hosting the follow-on meeting on **3 June at The Remedy Day Spa (113 Vassar Dr SE) from 6-8PM** for anyone interested in attending. Steven Moffson will be present to discuss the street survey results and answer questions. The meeting is open to all interested parties – homeowners, renters, students, etc.

NEW LEAD-COAL IMPROVEMENTS STUDY UNDERWAY

For decades, residents of UHA have been very concerned about road departure accidents and other health and safety impacts of those one-ways. Because the problems persist, the Mayor created the Lead-Coal Working Group with members from UHA, Lead-Coal Safety Brigade, and Nob Hill Neighborhood Association, the Mayor's Office, Municipal Development, and Albuquerque Police Department (APD).

The Working Group has had meetings since October 2022 to follow up on the 2022 Mid-Region Metropolitan Planning Organization/USDOT Federal Highway Administration issued Road Safety Audit (RSA).

In September 2023, the Working Group recommended that they city accept the proposal from Lee Engineering to carry out a Comprehensive Study in 2024 of safety and health alternatives, including speed limit reductions and other measures, the feasibility of reducing each street to one lane, converting the streets to two-ways, and noise mitigation measures.

The City issued the contract to Lee Engineering in late April 2024 and the Study has begun. The study area is from Broadway to Washington. Other affected neighborhoods are being invited to participate in a Task Force that will meet monthly with Lee Engineering and City officials to discuss the Study's progress.

The Working Group will continue meeting to address the evaluation of Rest-in-Red and possible changes, to continue monitoring the effectiveness of APD enforcement and the effectiveness and locations for the Automated Speed Enforcement Cameras. Two of the 20 cameras in the City are located on the Lead-Coal corridor: at Lead and Mesa and Coal and Cornell. Neighborhood representatives believe additional cameras, or better locations for the cameras, would improve enforcement and help improve safety along the streets.

Scan the QR code to see Photos of some of the many Lead-Coal crashes:

