



# North Albuquerque Acres Community Association

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## President's Message

**S**pring greetings NAACA Neighbors! We started the year off with our annual membership drive. If you have not paid your annual dues yet or you are currently not a member, please go to our website NAACA.info where you can sign up and make payment electronically. Your support is what helps keep NAA a great neighborhood.

We are actively seeking to fill the Treasurer position for our NAACA Board of Directors. Please consider giving of your time and expertise to serve your community. Details for the treasurer position include:

- Quickbooks Accounting Program, and accounting/bookkeeping experience needed.
- Maintains accounting records and prepares monthly financial statements to include a balance sheet and income statement prepared on a cash basis.
- Reconciles bank account monthly and presents the prepared monthly treasurer report at monthly NAACA board meetings
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- Prepares and files IRS Form 990N, annual informational return
- Prepares Annual D & O insurance coverage Renewal
- Emails Billing to Newsletter advertisers
- Deposit checks (electronically) for Membership (dues) and advertiser payments
- Pays bills as needed
- Attends monthly Board meetings
- Must be a NAA resident

Please contact me directly for consideration. I look forward to hearing from any NAA neighbors interested in filling the position.

At our last Board meeting we formed Committees to work on Membership, Road Maintenance and Capital Improvements, Social Activities, Spring Clean and Crime Prevention.



NAA Spring Sunset



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Paseo Del Norte &  
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One Stop Disposal  
Household, Yard, &  
Hazardous Waste

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As these committees report back to the Board, we will keep our website [NAACA.info](http://www.NAACA.info) updated with any activities or upcoming events.

I have been in contact with BernCo and we will be meeting with them post legislative session to discuss road maintenance needs in NAA. Although too late for this legislative session, we do want to discuss Capital Improvements in regards to adding more bike and pedestrian lanes on north & south bound streets off of Paseo Del Norte.

I met with Justin Kimbrough, the new Captain of BCSO North Station who is responsible for BCSO deputies serving NAA. Captain Kimbrough has been with BCSO for over 17 years and lives very close to NAA. He knows NAA well and will work with NAACA to help keep our neighborhood safe.

John Barney, Manager of County Parks and Recreation Planning and Open Spaces, informed me that the current renovation of Ben Greiner Field should be completed by late summer 2023. This includes new irrigation, new sod, extension of the field by 20ft, a new play pod, new trees, new benches and repair and extension of the asphalt path.

The current AMAFCA project of expanding the Dam capacity next to the park, could delay the park opening but they are still hoping both projects will be done by the end of July. See the copy of the Site Plan on the next page.

Covenant Schools Day Care/Pre-School has started construction of their new building on the frontage road off Paseo Del Norte next door to Sandia Presbyterian Church. Completion is expected late September 2023. We welcome them to NAA.

As always, please reach out with your suggestions on issues and concerns that the NAACA Board can work on to better improve NAA.

Hope to see you at Spring Clean on Saturday, May 20th!

Best Regards,  
David Neale, President NAACA  
President@NAACA.info



Ben Greiner Field Site Plan



**NAA  
NEIGHBOR  
SPOTLIGHT**

Richard and Colleen Shackley of High Desert, are Albuquerque Open Space Trail Stewards and Nature Guides. In 2022 they received the Open Space Volunteer of the Year Award from Mayor Tim Keller. Richard received his Trail Watch Volunteer Award for 6000 hours total trail watch and work since 2013.



Congratulations and thank you neighbors!!

*Richard Shackley*

# Foothills Wild Guided Hike



Come join the Open Space Nature Guides and Trail Watch Volunteer Stewards on an adventure into one of the gems of Albuquerque’s Open Spaces. Discussions will include the history and pre-history of the area; the flora and fauna; the geology and archaeology; the importance of water to the ecosystem; and all of the wonderful things Albuquerque’s Open Spaces have to offer.

This is a moderately strenuous, 2 to 3 hour hike so please bring water, wear comfortable closed-toed shoes, and dress for the weather. As much as we love our furry friends, guests should leave their pets at home. They can be a distraction, and may scare away the critters.

There is a \$2 park entrance fee unless you are an Open Space Volunteer, or have an Annual Pass.

• **When:** The third Sunday of every month, March through October, at 8am.

• **Where:** Meet at the Cottonwood Springs parking lot at Elena Gallegos Open Space.  
7100 Tramway Boulevard NE  
Turn east from Tramway onto Simms Park Road  
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**Sunday,**

**March 19, 2023**

**April 16, 2023**

**May 21, 2023**

**June 18, 2023**

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# Bosque Wild Guided Hike



Come join the Open Space Nature Guides and Trail Watch Volunteer Stewards on an adventure into one of the gems of Albuquerque’s Open Spaces. Discussions will include the history and prehistory of the area; the flora and fauna; the geology and archeology; the importance of water to the ecosystem; and all of the wonderful things Albuquerque’s Open Spaces have to offer.

This is a moderately strenuous, 2 to 3 hour hike so please bring water, wear comfortable shoes, and dress for the weather. As much as we love our furry family, guests should leave their pets at home because pets can be a distraction, and can scare away the critters.

- **When:** The first Sunday of every month at 8:00 am
- **Where:** Meet in the lobby of the Open Space Visitor Center—6500 Coors Blvd NW at the end of Bosque



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## Bernalillo County Ordinances & Codes

Let's be considerate neighbors to each other!

### Chapter 30, Article IV - Noise

This ordinance intends to prohibit unnecessary, excessive and annoying noises from all sources subject to its police power. At certain levels, noises are detrimental to the health and welfare of the citizenry and in the public interest shall be systematically prescribed.

Not-So-Fun Noise Pollution Facts (<https://education.nationalgeographic.org>):

- Noise pollution impacts millions of people on a daily basis. The most common health problem it causes is Noise Induced Hearing Loss (NIHL).
- Exposure to loud noise can also cause high blood pressure, heart disease, sleep disturbances, and stress.
- Health problems related to noise pollution can affect all age groups, especially children.
- There are many sounds in the environment, from rustling leaves (20-30 decibels) to a thunderclap (120 decibels) to the wail of a siren (120 to 140 decibels). Sounds that reach 85 decibels or higher can harm a person's ears.

To measure noise levels at home and around town, an app can be installed on your smartphone. These apps can also be used to test noise levels in the workplace and help people make informed decisions about noise exposure and prevent occupational hearing loss.

For more information and general sound level limits in NAA, please see the Bernalillo County, NM, Code of Ordinances, Chapter 30 (Environment), Article IV (Noise). If you wish to file a noise complaint with Bernalillo county, please visit <https://www.bernco.gov/planning/consumer-health-protection/file-a-complaint/>. There are a few options depending on the sound and circumstances. For a helpful resource created to raise awareness about the adverse effects of noise, visit the Noise Pollution Clearinghouse website, [www.nonoise.org](http://www.nonoise.org).



## Chapter 30, Article VI – Light Pollution

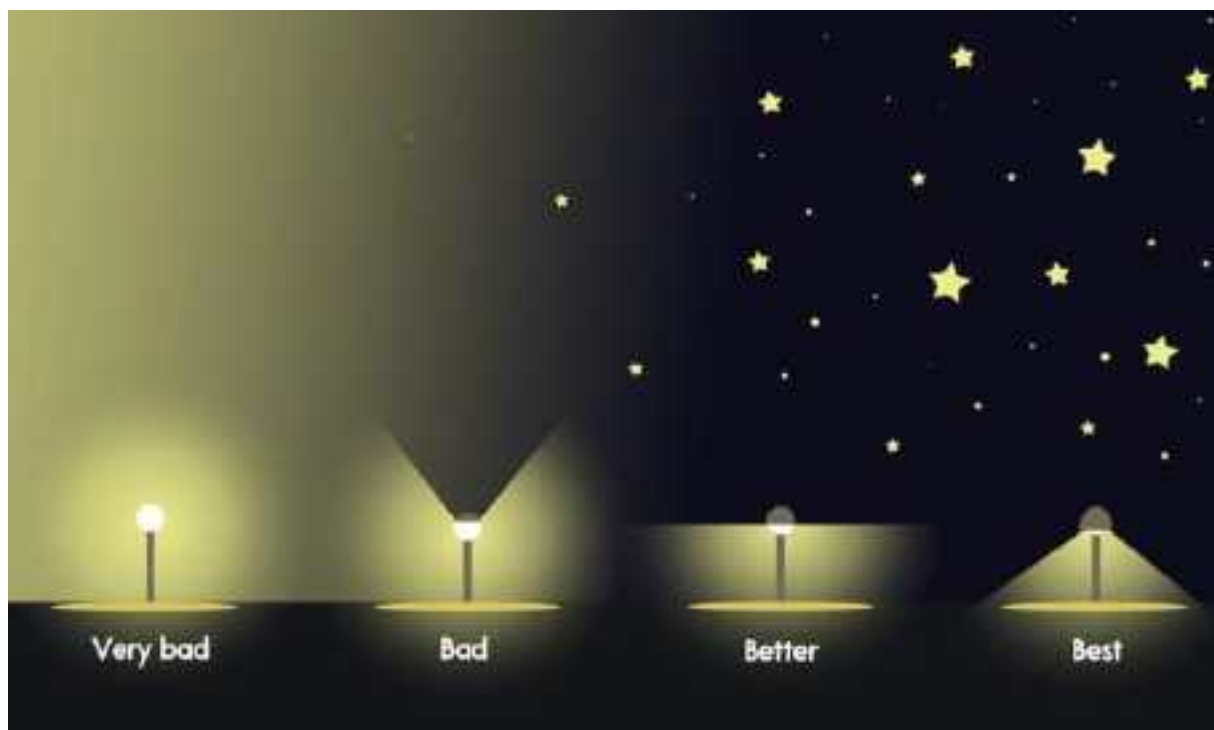
For many reasons, the night sky is an important aspect of our environment and it is essential for the County of Bernalillo to regulate the use of outdoor light fixtures in North Albuquerque Acres. The NAA Light Pollution Ordinance is intended to create standards for outdoor lighting so that its use does not unreasonably interfere with the enjoyment of adjacent property owners, and with astronomical observations, and to promote energy conservation without jeopardizing safety, utility, security and productivity. The purpose of this ordinance is to minimize light pollution, which has a detrimental effect on the night sky environment, interferes with the enjoyment of the night sky, and causes unnecessary illumination of adjacent properties.

Not-So-Fun Light Pollution Facts (<https://www.darksky.org>):

- The sky glow of Los Angeles is visible from an airplane 200 miles away.
- Artificial light at night disrupts the seasonal cycle of trees.
- Light pollution kills millions of birds a year.
- Exposure to artificial light at night puts your health at risk.

When planning to install new outdoor lighting or replace existing lighting around your house, remember to think about the impact your outdoor lighting will have on your neighbors. If you wish to report a possible violation to the NAA Light Pollution Ordinance, call 505-314-0350 or visit <https://www.bernco.gov/planning/zoning-enforcement-services/file-a-zoning-complaint/> to submit an online complaint.

For more information, please see the Bernalillo County, NM, Code of Ordinances, Chapter 30 (Environment), Article VI (Light Pollution). For a terrific resource about protecting our dark sky, visit the International Dark-Sky Association (IDA) website, [www.darksky.org](http://www.darksky.org).



## How is Pet Waste Harmful?

- Pet waste is more than just a nuisance – it is also a serious health hazard. It is considered raw sewage and can contain harmful bacteria and parasites that can be tracked into your home and infect you, your family, and even your pets.
- Every time it rains, thousands of pounds of pet waste left on the ground is washed into storm drains that may lead directly into our river, causing pollution in our waterways.

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, dogs can serve as the hosts for up to 65 diseases that can be transmitted to humans, including hookworms, roundworms and threadworms. If left on the ground, these parasites, bacteria, and viruses can contaminate the water, soil, and infect both pets and humans. Every time it rains, dog waste left on the ground makes its way to our waterways causing elevated levels of bacteria. Studies have found that 20% of the bacteria contaminating some waterways can be traced back to the digestive system of dogs.

### Did you know:

**According to the U.S. EPA, a typical dog (~40 lbs.) excretes 274 pounds of waste per year!**

**Help Protect Our Land and Local Waters! Scoop It, Bag It, Trash It!**

**Every pet owner plays a part in preventing land and water pollution. Responsible pet owners pick up after their pets, both at home and on public land.**

### In Your Yard

Many people train their dogs to take care of business in their backyards. Make sure your backyard is cleaned regularly so that the dogs are not stepping on their own waste while in the yard and then bringing bacteria inside your home.

Picking up waste from your backyards regularly will not only ensure your pets are healthy, but it will reduce the amount of bacteria and nutrients reaching our local waterways.

Bagged dog waste can be placed in the household trash for pick up during your regular trash day. Remember to make sure it is bagged appropriately to prevent odors or any other issues.

### Myth: Dog Waste Acts as a Fertilizer

#### Reality: There is No Benefit to Soil from Dog Waste

Dogs digest food very differently than animals whose manure is typically used as fertilizer, such as cows. Cows digest their plant-based diet four times more than dogs. While dog waste does contain trace amounts of nutrients, leaving it on the ground simply does not outweigh the cons of all the concentrated bacteria it contains and the negative impact on our waterways.

### While on Walks

Carry disposable bags and pick up after your pet when out on walks. If you hire a dog walker to walk your dog, please make sure they too pick up after your pet when out on their daily walk.

- Properly dispose of pet waste by bagging the waste and depositing it in a trash can or pet waste receptacle.
- If walking your dog in public areas, please also be responsible and pick up after your pet, and please do not toss bagged poop into these areas or leave it behind on trails or walkways.
- Please do not throw bagged pet waste in storm drains or leave it on the ground.



## \* NAACA Mission Statement \*

We are a volunteer organization.

The Mission of NAACA is to serve the residents and property owners of NAA by working to preserve and enhance the unique, semi-rural character and lifestyle of the NAA community. This includes:

1. Developing and maintaining an effective working relationship between the government entities that influence or impact NAA.
2. Pursuing and advocating quality of life issues.
3. Establishing informational links so that NAACA is in a proactive mode.
4. Preserving the integrity of the NAA community apart from the City of Albuquerque and preserving one family dwelling unit per acre zoning.
5. Establishing standard policies on NAA issues in concert with input.
6. Providing an atmosphere to increase the sense of community among our members.

We are your neighbors, volunteering on your behalf, to help protect our beautiful North Albuquerque Acres neighborhood.

We invite our members to participate and volunteer with us.

Email: [president@NAACA.info](mailto:president@NAACA.info)

To bring your membership current and to pay 2023 dues, please visit our website at [NAACA.info](http://NAACA.info) to make your secure online payment by credit card or bank draw.

NAACA is communicating via electronic mail. Please send any updated contact and email address info or any membership questions to: [membership@naaca.info](mailto:membership@naaca.info)

### **PLEASE CONTINUE TO WATCH FOR AND REPORT ILLEGAL DUMPING**

**For information related to where to properly dispose and/or recycle unwanted items and debris, or how/where to report illegal dumping, please see the following Illegal Dumping Partnership websites:** <https://www.bernco.gov/planning/lets-talk-trash/>  
<https://www.ihavetrash.com/>

**Bern Co Planning & Development Services Department - (505) 314-0310**  
**City of Albuquerque - 311**  
**State of New Mexico - (866) 428-6535**

**NAA street pothole (3 day repair response) - (505) 848-1503**

**Visit our website [NAACA.info](http://NAACA.info) for many more important resources & updates**



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# A FEW CRIME PREVENTION TIPS

Contributed by Rich Rosley, NAA Neighbor, President and CEO A-TECH Security, Inc.

1. Physical security is number 1, good locks on doors and windows. Security window film is a great option, this comes in clear, tinted and mirror. It makes it much harder to break in via a window.
2. Lock all guns, jewelry and car keys in a good safe.
3. A good front outer screen door or front gate to keep them away from you opening the front door and being face to face with a would-be intruder.
4. Video doorbell is a must, since almost all residential break ins start with them ringing the doorbell, this way you can answer and they do not know if you are home or not.
5. Always lock the garage to house door. Some Garage Door Openers come with a latching dead bolt option, so when the garage door closes it throws a bolt into the side track. Zip tie the emergency release of the garage door opener, as we have had people push on the top of the door and with a coat hanger release the door and open it.
6. Always hide your car keys, if a thief gets in they typically find the car keys hanging near the garage door and then load all their stolen goods in your car and take the car and the goods. (Especially if no alarm is sounding, then they feel comfortable and can take their time and clean out your home.)
7. Install a good monitored alarm system. While they still might get in, they won't stay for long with a good alarm system sounding a loud siren, then it becomes a quick smash and grab and get out situation.
8. Video cameras help, but I always recommend for homes, pro-active video alerts like Ring, Arlo, Nest or other alarm system cameras, as these types of cameras allow you to create virtual fences and then get an alert once someone crosses the fence so as to alert you before they get too close to your home.
9. I am a fan of stopping the mail & newspaper but not of stopping the newspaper or mail via a notification, as we have had reports of break-ins after such notifications. If you can have a neighbor, relative or friend get the mail and paper, that is the best bet. (Neighbors can help each other. When I walk, if I see a newspaper late in the day or 2 or more papers, I will pick them up and place them closer to their house out of view of a passing car).
10. Having an armed security response service such as IPS, Vet-Sec, APEX and others who do a periodic drive by especially when you are traveling, is a great service. They too can pick up the newspaper, trash cans etc. & do a full security walk around your property to make sure no Amazon packages or anything is sitting out to alert someone you might not be home.



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# SPRING TO DO LIST FOR YOUR GARDEN AND YOUR YARD

Adapted from: A Gardener's Guide to the Albuquerque Area-Down to Earth

Even though our weather is still unpredictable, there are some things you can start doing in early Spring.

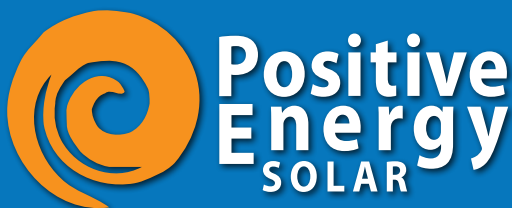
- Clean out your beds, watching carefully for volunteer seedlings of perennials or annuals in your garden.
- When forsythia blooms, apply a pre-emergent on your lawn like corn gluten. It will greatly reduce the amount of time digging dandelions and leafy spurge later.
- Empty winter compost from bins, sift to remove uncomposted material and work into the soil where you want to plant annuals or vegetables.
- Divide clump forming perennials such as daylilies and chrysanthemums.
- Fertilize trees or amend the soil with compost and other organic matter such as composted manure or bone and cottonseed meal as leaves appear.

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- For cool season grasses such as bluegrass, aerate and dethatch if needed. Fertilize with a high nitrogen formula and increase watering. Rake well and compost removed thatch.
- Annual weeds enthusiastically welcome spring. Take a weekend and eradicate the weeds and 5 minutes a day after that will keep them under control. Discard weeds in the trash so they don't have a chance to reseed themselves.
- Water approximately 3 to 4 times a month in early Spring.
- Prune fruit trees and summer flowering shrubs. Start pruning roses and grape vines late in the month.
- Drip irrigation systems should have the lines and emitters examined to be sure everything is working.
- Plant balled and burlapped shrubs and trees.
- Most perennials can be put out in settled weather.

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# Spring Swarming of Honeybees

Bill Rowland, NAACA Director at Large (North)

This is the time of year when one starts seeing groups of bees leaving their hives to look for new places to relocate and develop new nesting areas. While the bees look for a nesting area they may rest or settle down on nearby structures, tree limbs, brick walls or bushes before finally finding a new site. When you are in your yard or just walking outside, you might notice a large concentration of honeybees flying around in a group or swarming. Chances are they are looking for a new nesting area.

There are several reasons why bees swarm. As the weather gets warmer the bees get busy reproducing more offspring. They run out of room for egg laying and for the larva to grow, and they need room for making and storing honey. A new nest provides area for the growth of a new hive. When the hive is overly congested, the workers signal it is time for a new colony to be developed. During this period of time the bees are very docile and will not sting or harm you unless you disturb them in an unusual way. Swarming usually starts in March and can continue through May and sometimes into early June.

If you have a swarm of honeybees that have taken up residence in one of your trees, structures, or fences and you want them removed, I can remove them. I am an active member of Albuquerque Beekeepers Association for over 10 years. You can call or text me at 505-228-5541.

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Contributed by Becky Perry

## Local Market Update for March 2023

A Research Tool Provided by the Greater Albuquerque Association of REALTORS®



# North Albuquerque Acres Area – 20

East of Ventura St NE / Holbrook St NE, South of Elena Dr NE, West of Tennyson St NE, North of San Antonio Dr NE

Single-Family Detached	March			Year to Date		
	2022	2023	Percent Change	Thru 3-2022	Thru 3-2023	Percent Change
<b>Key Metrics</b>						
New Listings	17	17	0.0%	30	23	-23.3%
Pending Sales	10	12	+20.0%	28	21	-25.0%
Closed Sales	12	7	-41.7%	19	18	-5.3%
Days on Market Until Sale	36	23	-36.1%	29	30	+3.4%
Median Sales Price*	\$900,000	\$771,000	-14.3%	\$775,000	\$774,250	-0.1%
Average Sales Price*	\$1,124,250	\$716,929	-36.2%	\$1,004,842	\$779,833	-22.4%
Percent of List Price Received*	99.9%	102.2%	+2.3%	101.1%	99.1%	-2.0%
Inventory of Homes for Sale	10	9	-10.0%	--	--	--
Months Supply of Inventory	0.9	1.1	+22.2%	--	--	--

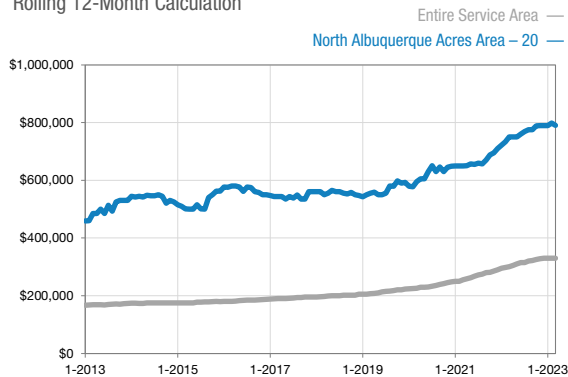
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Single-Family Attached	March			Year to Date		
	2022	2023	Percent Change	Thru 3-2022	Thru 3-2023	Percent Change
<b>Key Metrics</b>						
New Listings	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%
Pending Sales	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%
Closed Sales	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%
Days on Market Until Sale	--	--	--	--	--	--
Median Sales Price*	--	--	--	--	--	--
Average Sales Price*	--	--	--	--	--	--
Percent of List Price Received*	--	--	--	--	--	--
Inventory of Homes for Sale	0	0	0.0%	--	--	--
Months Supply of Inventory	--	--	--	--	--	--

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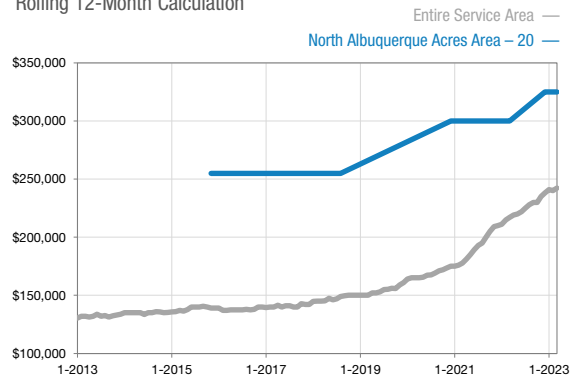
### Median Sales Price - Single-Family Detached

Rolling 12-Month Calculation



### Median Sales Price - Single-Family Attached

Rolling 12-Month Calculation



A rolling 12-month calculation represents the current month and the 11 months prior in a single data point. If no activity occurred during a month, the line extends to the next available data point.

Current as of April 5, 2023. All data from the Southwest Multiple Listing Service. Report © 2023 ShowingTime.

# Beef Bulgogi - Korean BBQ

Contributed by Peg Valencia

1.5-2lbs Sirloin cut into thin strips

Marinade: in a deep bowl

Bunch of green onion chopped thinly (save some for garnish)

2-3 Tablespoons of sugar

1-2 Tablespoons of toasted sesame oil

2-3 Tablespoons of toasted sesame seeds (crushed)

3-4 cloves of garlic (minced and smashed)

1-2 Tablespoons of fresh ginger (finely minced)

2-4 Tablespoons of Soy sauce (I use low sodium)

1-2 Tablespoons of gochujang (or red pepper flakes)

Massage marinade into meat with hands. Pack meat tightly and cover airtight in fridge for overnight (best) or a minimum of 1-2 hours.

Let meat come to room temperature before cooking.

Grill meat on oiled HOT griddle pan in batches. Let it caramelize to dark brown. Make sure to pour on leftover marinade while grilling...will be bubbly!

Serve over steamed rice platter with garnish of green onion and sesame seeds, and side of pickled cucumbers and kimchee.



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## Pickled Cucumbers

- 2 English cucumbers- sliced thin, unpeeled
  - 2 teaspoons of kosher salt
  - 4 teaspoons of white vinegar
  - 1 teaspoon finely minced garlic
  - 1 Tablespoon soy sauce
  - 2 teaspoons of toasted sesame oil
  - 1 teaspoon sugar
  - 1 teaspoon toasted sesame seeds
  - 1 teaspoon gochujang (or red pepper flakes)
1. Salt cucumber slices and let sit for 15-20 minutes while mixing other ingredients in separate bowl (be sure to dissolve sugar).
  2. Discard extracted liquid from salted cucumbers.
  3. Add dressing to cucumbers and toss.
  4. Let sit for 15 minutes before tossing again and serving.
- \*You may add thinly sliced red onion



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