

North Albuquerque Acres Community Association

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Front Entry
Joe & Denise Martinez NAA

Interim President's Message

Fall Greetings Fellow NAA Neighbors!
 Fall is a great time of the year: cooler temperatures, autumn leaves, the smell of roasting chiles, football, and Thanksgiving. As we cautiously start to gather with family and friends again, these past pandemic affects are still in our thoughts... we can reflect, be thankful and continue to hold hope for all of us to keep safe and stay healthy. As a community, we are carrying on as best and safely as we can.

Fall is time for our:

**Annual Community Meeting
 Tuesday, November 9, 2021 @ 6pm
 Sandia Presbyterian Church**

Please join us! Update your membership, hear the latest news affecting our community, ask questions, discuss concerns, and hear special guest speakers. Members will also elect the Board of Directors.

Why your NAACA membership is so important!

- You are part of our large Community Association. There is strength in numbers when we need to protect our Sector Plan.
- The NAACA Board researches issues affecting our community such as: Sector Plan Protection, Zoning, Drainage issues (AMAFCA), Road Conditions.
- NAACA works closely with City, County and State offices and officials when necessary to protect our neighborhood and our neighbors. We represent our members before our elected representatives such as: during hearings at the Bernalillo County Commission, Zoning and Planning, etc.

NAACA ANNUAL MEETING

TUESDAY
NOVEMBER 9TH
6PM

(Please note date
change!)

SANDIA
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

10704 Paseo Del Norte



NM Dept of Health
COVID SAFE
PRACTICES
will be in affect.



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- Outreach keeps our community environmentally cohesive and safe such as: petitioning government for Capital improvement funds for roads and infrastructure.
- NAACA keeps neighbors informed such as: new construction, changes etc.
- NAACA sponsors community engaging events such as: Spring Clean-up, and soon a pancake feed or ice cream social (Covid allowing).

Annual dues is still only \$25 for NAACA membership. Along with the benefits mentioned above, you receive our bi-annual newsletters. For questions or to bring your membership current, please email: Membership@NAACA.info

I want to encourage all NAA neighbors, to utilize our website: NAACA.info for updates, to stay informed and for many important resources.

Take care, stay safe, and enjoy our beautiful fall weather.

David Neale,
Interim President, NAACA
Email: President@NAACA.info



Looking west from Lowell & Del Rey

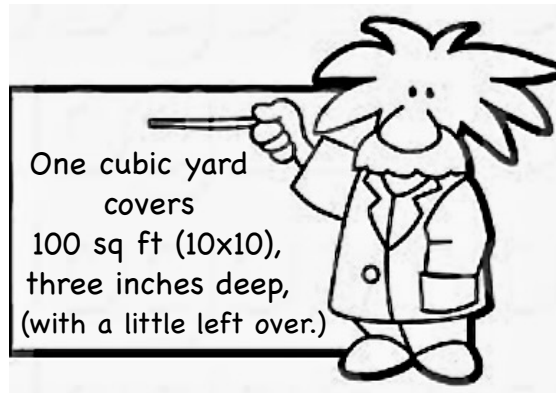
Mulch protects garden from cold, dry weather

Contributed by Dick Rifkind, edited with permission

Before the ground starts to freeze, is the time to start getting ready to mulch your garden. Mulch protects roots by helping to maintain a more even soil temperature and keeps the surface soil and roots from drying out.

Here in the Southwest, it's not as critical to drain irrigation lines as it is farther north. If you mulch properly you'll cover most of those lines and that will give you some protection. More importantly, it is necessary to irrigate over winter if we have a long dry spell, which is pretty often. If it hasn't rained for over a week, put a trowel into the ground around three inches. If you don't come up with damp soil, give everything a good drink.

You can mulch your garden with shredded bark or similar. This is also a good time to work in some soil amendments such as manure and compost so they'll be fully decomposed and incorporated into the soil by spring. When figuring how much you need, remember the formula:



CAUTION: Never put mulch, compost or anything else against the trunk of a tree! Putting moisture-retentive material against part of a tree not intended by nature to come in contact with soil can cause that tissue to rot. This condition, called crown rot, can spread around the whole circumference of the trunk thereby fiddling and killing the tree. Keep all material at least six inches away from the base of a tree.

Dick's Garden Tip:

Be Careful storing bulbs and tubers, keep 'em too dry and they dry out and die, too wet and they rot. A burlap or net bag containing damp sawdust seems to work best, but check it every few weeks and keep it cool but not frozen.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO WATCH FOR AND REPORT ILLEGAL DUMPING IN NAA

See Resource Link in [NAACA.info](http://www.naaca.info)

Bernalillo County Planning & Development Services Department

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866-428-6535

<https://www.bernco.gov/planning/lets-talk-trash/>



Crime Prevention

We are all aware of the unfortunate increase in crime in our neighborhoods. The Albuquerque Police Department Crime Prevention Unit, which also covers North Albuquerque Acres for Neighborhood Watch even though we are in the county, can have a specialist come meet with us to present crime prevention information as well as help us organize to reduce and hopefully eliminate crime in our neighborhood.

Neighborhood Watch Programs are organized on a block-by-block basis. Along with everyone's participation, we will be needing Block Captains to serve as contact persons between the Police Department and other residents of the block. (Included below are the duties of a Block Captain.)

Everyone interested in joining together to be proactive and help make North Albuquerque Acres a safer place for us all, email us at Communications@NAACA.info with your contact information. Please include:

NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER & EMAIL ADDRESS

Also, please note if you are interested in potentially becoming one of our Block Captains.

We will then schedule a meeting for everyone to attend, with the Crime Prevention Specialists who serve North Albuquerque Acres.

Many of us have joined together to help protect North Albuquerque Acres from those who want to encroach on our sector plan. Let's come together and let there be no question to criminals that we are looking out for one another and are NOT a neighborhood to target!

**NEIGHBORHOOD
WATCH**



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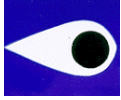
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**ALBUQUERQUE POLICE DEPARTMENT
CRIME PREVENTION UNIT
DUTIES OF A BLOCK CAPTAIN**



The key person in any Neighborhood Watch group is the Block Captain. This person is an integral component to keeping the block actively involved in crime prevention efforts as well as the important process of information exchange between neighbors. Many Neighborhood Watch groups flourish, but some dwindle while others disappear totally. How successful they are depends on the Block Captain and the support he or she receives from neighbors.

The following is a list of recommended activities for you as a Block Captain. It is not meant to be all-inclusive, because many Block Captains are creative in their approach. (Note: The Albuquerque Block Captains Association [ABCA] is an excellent source of ideas. Any Block Captain is eligible to join.)

1. Periodically monitor the membership of your group. Contact new residents to get them involved and to obtain their support and participation. Update your membership list as needed. Contact the APD Crime Prevention office if you have changes to the roster. If you stop serving as a Block Captain and/or if someone takes over, contact our office.
2. Develop a neighborhood communication system to distribute vital information to neighbors pertaining to criminal activity and other concerns that develop in the area. This can be through email, telephone tree and/or a one-page notice that can be quickly distributed.
3. You are encouraged to arrange for your group to meet socially at least twice per year to exchange information and renew relationships as well as to get acquainted with new neighbors. People who communicate regularly will care more about each other and be more willing to keep an eye out for suspicious behavior. The annual National Night Out (NNO) celebration is one example that will bring your neighbors together.
4. A follow up Neighborhood Watch program should be conducted every few years or sooner if specific problems are occurring in your neighborhood. This should also be the case if you have several new neighbors. Call the Crime Prevention office to arrange for a presentation.
5. Encourage neighbors to advise you concerning criminal activity. It is the victim's responsibility to contact the police. However, you can keep a record of break-ins, vandalism, graffiti, and/or any activity that becomes a concern for you and your neighbors. Provide this type of information to neighbors at your next block meeting.
6. Your position as a Block Captain does not give you any law enforcement authority. You are simply the person who facilitates the unity of the group, distributes information and coordinates activities. The job you are doing is important and appreciated by the Albuquerque Police Department, but it carries no law enforcement authority.
7. Remember – Our recommendation to all citizens who see a crime in progress or notice suspicious activity is to observe and report from a place of safety. We strongly suggest that you not confront an offender unless you are in immediate danger. This applies to you and your neighbors. We do not want anyone to get hurt or injured trying to apprehend an offender or interfering with an incident other than to report the activity to the police. If you or your neighbors witness a crime in progress or observe suspicious behavior, call 911 (emergency) or 242-COPS (non-emergency) respectively. Also, the number for APD reports, records or information pertaining to an incident is 768-2020.



**NAA
NEIGHBOR
SPOTLIGHT**

Captain Parker Tomasi USMC

Raised in North Albuquerque Acres, Parker is the son of proud parents Tom & Jeree Tomasi. He graduated from La Cueva HS in 2008, Officer Candidate School, Quantico, VA in 2011 and with a Bachelor of Science Degree from UNM in 2012. Along with his many accomplishments as an expert marksman and his many leadership positions, he was deployed to Bahrain in 2016. He was at the Marine Corps Recruit Depo in San Diego 2017-2020 as Series Commander (in charge of Drill Instructors), and Company Commander (in charge of Bravo Company), and Battalion Operations Officer. He trained as a Resident of Expeditionary Warfare School in Quantico, VA 2020-2021 and is currently based at Camp Lejeune, NC as Company Commander, Bravo Company, 8th Engineer Support Battalion. He has transitioned to be Commandant of Pioneer Village, where under his direction, his Company of Marines built the Village in a record 6 days to house 1,000 Afghan refugees.



It opened on 9/11/21.

“Below is a link to a 1-minute video of Parker and his marines and what they built in 6 days. (You can see Parker around the 45-second mark.) He will oversee operations for the next 6 months to 1 year. It will house the refugees for a time while they get processed to integrate into the USA. He said it was the most stressful week of his life, but his marines did what they said was impossible...take an empty field and turn it into a working mini-city in less than a week. Keep in mind it's not just a 1000-bed dorm and mess hall, he had to be mindful of the culture where women and children don't eat or sleep with the men and various tribes don't co-mingle or get along with each other. His marines had little sleep, no breaks and little food. His voice was so tired and strained when we spoke to him.”

<https://www.dvidshub.net/video/813750/8th-engineer-support-battalion-helps-establish-pioneer-village>

Please keep Parker and his marines in your thoughts and prayers, along with all our service men and women who sacrifice and work tirelessly to serve our great nation.

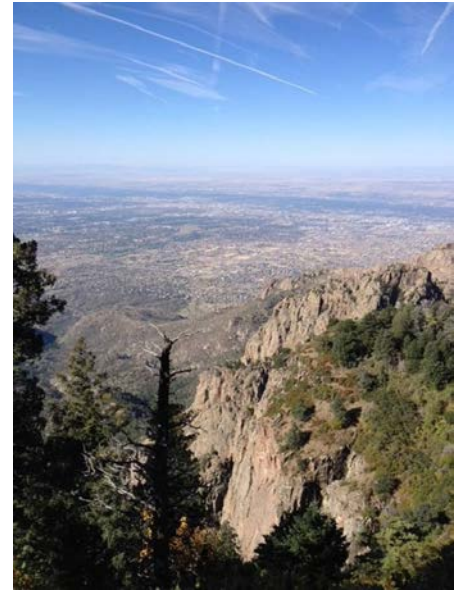
6 Parker, his lovely wife Jane and their precious son Everett.

USING OUR OPEN SPACE TRAILS IN AND AROUND NAA

Contributed by Steve Shackley

Living on Barstow Street and San Diego Avenue I see dozens of our citizens walking every day. Strolling with their kids, exercising their dogs, riding bikes, skateboards, and some of the new electric "vehicles" (scooters, skateboards, bikes). While Oregonians get the press for the "most outdoorsy", and they deserve credit for being outdoors in that awful weather, New Mexicans are as outdoor oriented as any, with our beautiful 12 months of relatively mild seasons and abundant (310 sunny days) incoming solar radiation.

A primary example of New Mexico's and Albuquerque's interest in our outdoor environment is the Open Space lands administered by Albuquerque Parks and Recreation Department (<https://www.cabq.gov/parksandrecreation>). Through a cooperative agreement between Albuquerque Open Space and Cibola National Forest, over 75 miles of trail are open to hikers, equestrians, and mountain bikers, not including the hiking trails in the Sandia Wilderness (https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb5407582.pdf) up to Sandia Crest. Besides swimming pools (soon a new one at Domingo Baca Multi-generational Center), golf courses, Balloon Fiesta Park, Maloof Model AirplanePark (<https://www.cabq.gov/parksandrecreation/open-space/facilities/maloof-air-park>), and the Rio Grande Bosque Open Space (<https://www.cabq.gov/parksandrecreation/open-space/lands/paseo-del-bosque-trail>),



View from top of Domingo Baca Canyon. Sandia Wilderness to Elena Gallegos Open Space, NAA (center right), and the City of Albuquerque

Albuquerque administers 30,000 acres of open space, with well-maintained trails, and over 200 volunteers putting in thousands of hours of work to keep our outdoor play areas clean and functioning well. Few Albuquerqueans realize that we have the most allocated open space, per capita, of any city in the United States. And many of these open space areas are in the East Mountains (<https://www.cabq.gov/parksandrecreation/open-space/lands/east-mountain-open-space>), south of Tijeras (Juan Tomas), and north of Placitas. (<https://www.cabq.gov/parksandrecreation/open-space/lands>)

One of Open Space's most beautiful, and most visited pieces of Open Space is in NAACA's backyard just east of Elena Gallegos Picnic Area. (<https://www.cabq.gov/parksandrecreation/open-space/lands/elena-gallegos-open-space>) Elena Gallegos is more than just picnic tables, and the two reserved areas. It is crisscrossed by many miles of single track trails, again well maintained by Open Space staff and volunteers, such as the Pino Trail maintained by the "Shackley Family Trail Doctors". One trail through both National Forest and Open Space property, "Trail 365" links all the other trails from the Tram station on the north, almost to Interstate 40 on the south over 15 miles in length. I have hiked, worked on, and mountain biked nearly all the 75 miles of trails from north to south accessible to all. We are very fortunate as well to have some of the best educated and qualified Open Space staff with undergraduate and graduate degrees in biology, forestry, public administration, park management, GIS and graphic map production, and many other appropriate areas. You can see them with their uniforms and badges, and most work well over 40 hours per week, and organize volunteer clean-ups, trail work, and teach many classes on wildlife, forest management, fire protection, plants and animals, first-aid, and most important, trail watch classes for volunteer training many times per year (training is required to work on Open Space properties).

Kathy Butler (Shackley) replanting cholla during National Trails Day, June 2019 on Trail 341, Elena Gallegos



Trail 366, Elena Gallegos, winter of 2018-2019 before the snowshoeing or cross-country skiers

What's Cooking in Your Neighbor's Kitchen?

Contributed by Peg Valencia

Easy Crustless Coconut Pie

- 1/2 stick butter, melted
- 1/4 C baking mix
- 3/4 C sugar
- 2 Large eggs, room temperature
- 1 1/2 C sweetened shredded coconut
- 1/4 C baking mix
- 1 C buttermilk, room temperature
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- Optional: 3/4 C semi-sweet chocolate chips
- **Pre-heat oven to 350' F and butter 8" pie plate.**
- **In large bowl, beat butter, sugar, eggs, vanilla and buttermilk until smooth.**
- **In separate bowl, combine coconut and baking mix (chocolate chips optional).**
- **Stir dry (coconut) mixture into wet ingredients until combined.**
- **Pour into buttered pie plate and bake 1 hour.**
- **Cool before serving. Enjoy!**

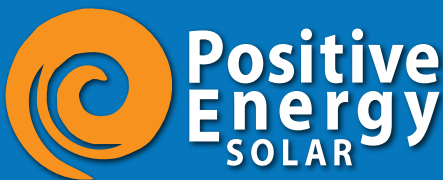


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Grilled Corn and Green Chile Chowder*

Serves 4-6

Ingredients:

3 ears of corn-shuck and pre-soak in water for 30-60 minutes

1 medium onion -quartered with root end on

2-3 large green Chiles

1 medium red bell pepper

Olive oil

Salt, pepper

2 medium potatoes (peeled, and diced -1/4")

¼ tsp dried thyme

2 Tablespoons minced flat parsley

4 Cups low sodium chicken or vegetable broth

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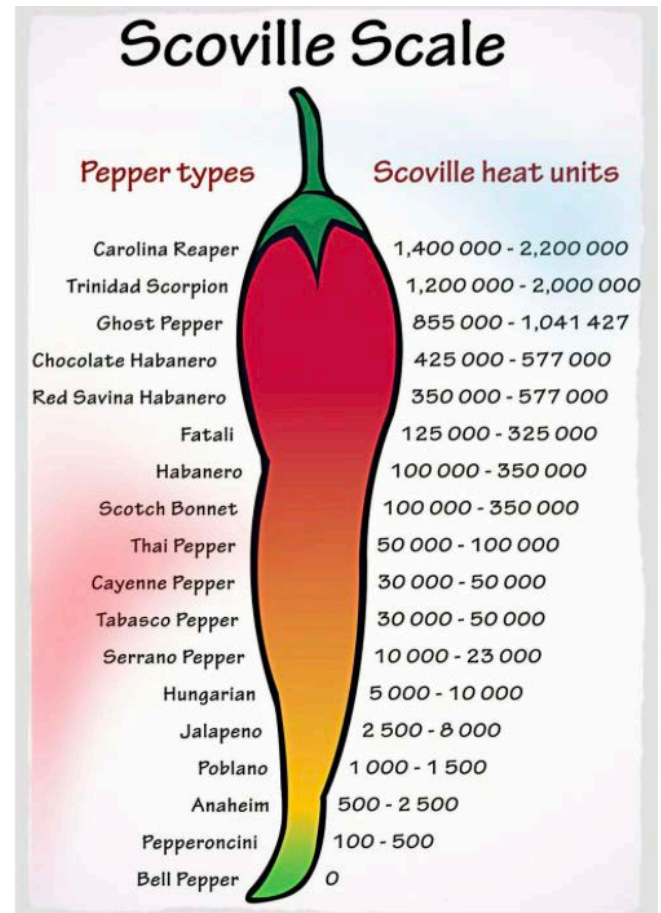
2 Tablespoons minced flat parsley

4 cups low sodium chicken or vegetable broth

2 Tablespoons of flour

2 Tablespoons of butter

¼ Cup heavy cream or half-n-half



1. **Get potatoes boiling in broth for 15 minutes (until cooked).**
2. **Coat corn, onion, chiles, bell pepper with olive oil and season with salt. Grill on all sides until charring. Transfer onto platter. When cool enough to handle, cut corn off cob, and dice veggies-1/4". (If skins of chiles and bell pepper are too charred or tough...remove peel before dicing).**
3. **In small skillet, melt butter and add flour. Stir/cook until a golden color (roux). Remove from heat and set aside until potatoes are done (once ready, add roux to it and simmer for 3 minutes.)**
4. **Add corn and diced veggies and continue to simmer for 5 minutes.**
5. **Pull off heat and stir in heavy cream, thyme, salt and pepper.**
6. **After serving, top with fresh parsley.**



BEEKEEPING

Contributed by Bill Rowland

Raising bees is a fascinating and rewarding hobby. It requires planning, knowledge, and a modest investment of time and money to be successful. The best way to get started is to take a class, read a book, or contact a local beekeeper to mentor you.

Beekeeping and gardening go together naturally. Having a beehive will give your flowers and garden a boost in growth and production. In fact living in North Albuquerque Acres offers a prime location for beehives.

One of the benefits of having a beehive is honey production. Raw honey is one of nature's gifts. It's full of nutrients and tastes amazing especially compared to store bought varieties. Beekeeping requires some maintenance by going through the hives every one to two weeks. This maintenance is to make sure that there are no infestations, that the queen is alive and working, and larvae are present. A great thing about having bees is that they are very independent and do better when left alone. They work and feed themselves throughout the summer but require food supplementation during the winter. It has been an interesting year for beekeeping in North Albuquerque Acres. In the early months of the spring, the beekeepers had to deal with two major winter storms with high winds and lots of snow.

This problem set back the development of the hives but as it got warmer the hives began to flourish again.

Beekeeping has been a great hobby that I have enjoyed and would recommend to others!



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RESOURCES

NextDoor.com

Many of our NAA neighbors are connecting through this community site. From greeting newcomers to local updates, sharing info. and supporting one another, consider joining in. (Kindly practice proper social media etiquette.)

<https://cv.nmhealth.org/covid-safe-practices/>

Latest COVID news from New Mexico Dept. of Health

505Outside.com

Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority's resource for beautiful desert friendly landscapes.

aces.NMSU.Edu

Agriculture, Consumer and Environmental Sciences extension resources.

NWF.Org

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PNM APPLICATIONS FOR SUBSTATION AND APPEAL

Contributed by Dale Morrison

NAA neighbors won the first two battles of the war to protect the rural, agricultural, residential quality of our portion of North Albuquerque Acres within Bernalillo County. However, the war has just begun, and many battles will be necessary before the Sector Plan and the current and historical nature of our area is protected.

To bring everyone up to speed:

The Bernalillo County Planning **Staff** recommended approval to PNM, that a large substation should be built in an area consisting of residences and churches instead of near the area of need and without proper modification and execution of the plan originally adopted by PNM to address future needs for the commercial growth along I-25, along Paseo del Norte within the City of Albuquerque and on the Sandia Pueblo.

The Bernalillo County Planning **Commission** unanimously rejected the recommendation of the Planning **Staff** and denied the incomplete and misleading applications of PNM. It recognized that PNM had failed to do what needed to be done for several years.

The **County Commission**, with all Commissioners in attendance and voting on the issue, voted unanimously to uphold the decision of the Planning Commission in rejecting the recommendation of the Planning Staff.

The war continues as PNM has now filed appeals of the decisions of the County Commissioners, as is permitted by New Mexico law, and the appeals have been consolidated into one case that is pending in the District Court of the Second Judicial Court. PNM requested the County to prepare “the record in this matter, including the transcript of the hearings in this matter and the documents introduced during those hearings.” The decision of the District Court is to be based on that “record” of the administrative proceeding. The record for the appeal is prepared by the County Planning **Staff** and the record should contain over a thousand pages and only include what occurred before and what was presented to the Planning **Commission**. It is presently the County that is the only defendant to the appeal and remember that it was the County Planning **Staff** that recommended approval of the substation. Each of the more than 1,200 people who opposed the substation by appearance at the hearings, demonstrations, signs, letters, petitions, telephone calls and conversations should be very concerned.

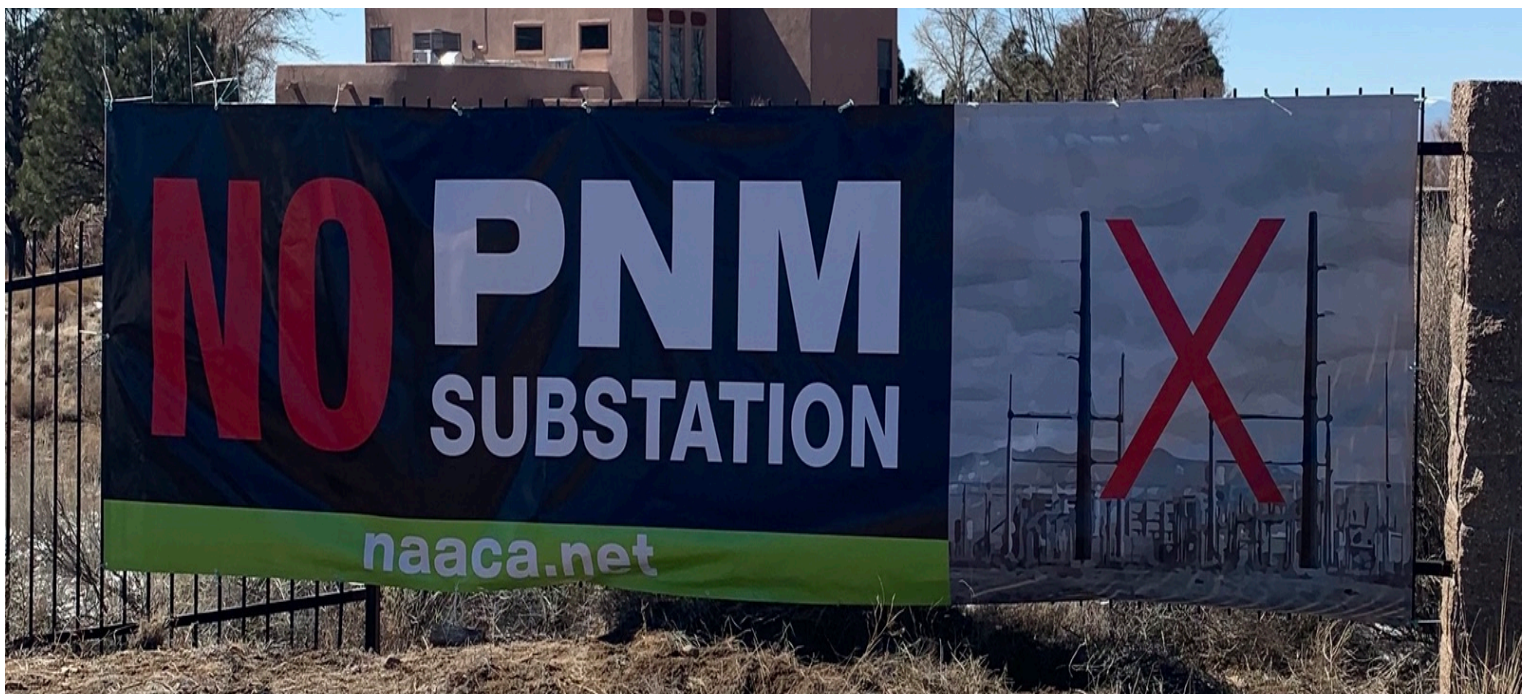
On September 14, 2021, PNM and Bernalillo County filed a Joint Motion to Supplement the Record Proper and to extend the time for PNM to file its statement of issues to be addressed in the appeal. None of the more than 1,200 people opposing the substation had any opportunity to participate in the matter because none of us are presently parties to the suit. An Order granting the Motion was entered September 15, 2021. The Joint Motion and Order seek to have some items that appear to have been inadvertently omitted from the Record included, which appears to be reasonable and acceptable. However, the Motion and Order also seek to have the Guidelines for the Conduct of Business of the Planning Commission and the Rules of Procedure for Quasi-Judicial Hearings and Regular Zoning Meetings of the County Commission also included. We need to oppose having those items included in the Record, unless there is a showing they were considered by the Planning Commission.

(Cont. from Pg. 12)

This substation is not needed in the proposed location and PNM's original Facility Plan shows the substation should be located between Wyoming and San Pedro and north of Paseo. We do not deny that there is a need for an adequate electrical supply. The infrastructure just needs to be located where it is compatible with the neighborhood and close to the area to be served. PNM's materials in this case show that this Substation was a rushed project, without consideration of the zoning and the people living and attending church in the neighborhood. PNM has failed to anticipate and meet its obligation over a period of several years and for some reason has chosen to try and force the substation into a residential neighborhood. There is no justification for this.

Our actions are not because we oppose growth. Most of us have held jobs and been able to support our families because of the growth of our economy and our community. However, the entire purpose of planning and zoning is to provide for appropriate and organized growth. The growth PNM is attempting to impose is by locating a large electrical substation, that will require twenty-eight towers of transmission lines, eighty-five feet high, in our North Albuquerque Acres neighborhood and the surrounding residents and organizations, which is completely out of character for the area.

Join those of us who continue to defend our sector plan. Talk to an attorney and ask them if you, your neighbors or your church should join the existing suit pursuant to Rules 1-019 or 1-024 or the New Mexico Rules of Civil Procedure. Join us to protect our neighborhood, preserve our rural, agricultural and residential quality of life; to protect our churches, our daycare centers and our assisted living facilities, and the residents, elderly and children who use them. Now more than ever, it is our strength in numbers, standing together as a community, that will protect us all.



NORTH ALBUQUERQUE ACRES & THE NEW AMAFCA DRAINAGE POLICY

Contributed by Steve Shackley

“Today more than 650,000 people live and work in the Albuquerque metropolitan area. AMAFCA will continue to invest in flood control so future generations will have the maximum level of protection from the effects of flooding through fiscally responsible flood control actions and multi-use facilities that complement and enhance the beauty of our City.”

Ronald D. Brown Chair, AMAFCA Board of Directors

During the pandemic, the Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo Flood Control Authority (AMAFCA) finished a draft of the drainage policy that applies to the greater Albuquerque area including North Albuquerque Acres. It can be accessed at AMACA.org. Ostensibly as a concern for climate change, AMAFCA drafted the policy during the pandemic since it had not been updated since the 1990s when the potential effects of climate change were less of an issue with regards to planning.

According to AMAFCA's website:

The AMAFCA Board, realizing the importance of setting forth a clear policy regarding drainage in the greater Albuquerque area, updated the Drainage Policy Resolution (ordinance) in 2020.

It regulates drainage decisions, drainage facility design, and land alteration within the AMAFCA boundaries.

The policy also sets forth the documentation required for the development review process.

The policy directs the authority to research and maintain arroyo drainage to both move water safely to the Rio Grande, and protect the community. Already it has impacted some of our community in the Richfield area requiring remediation to protect the housing in that area. Why is this important? During droughts, which according to the National Weather Service has been on-going for nearly 20 years, the soils and sediments dry to a very high degree. When soil and sediment are extremely dry, erosion is increased as dry soil has little internal cohesion and erodes easily. A major effect of climate change as we've seen in the last decade, is that the warming atmosphere holds more moisture, and the possibility of heavy, even catastrophic, flooding is imminent. AMAFCA hopes that the updated drainage policy will help mitigate future problems of arroyo erosion and flooding, by strategically employing directed run-off and arroyo containment (i.e. similar to the La Cueva arroyo containment) and other measures. What this may mean to the community in the long run is difficult to know. Nevertheless, AMAFCA does have a strategy that is detailed in the drainage plan. It would be good for the community to become familiar with it. We are hoping that a representative of AMAFCA will be at our annual membership meeting to discuss the policy with the NAACA community.

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FALL BACK

Daylight Savings Time Ends
 2am
 Sunday November 7th



RGFP.org

Contributed by Michael Payton, RGFP Volunteer

In the summer of 1989, Rio Grande Presbyterian Church members were challenged by their pastor to feed hungry New Mexicans. The original vision was to be a satellite of another food pantry and to provide emergency food to the neighborhood around the church. That vision quickly expanded to establish an independent food pantry for the west side of the city.

By December 1989, the Rio Grande Food Project opened and distributed its first food boxes. Seed money from the Bicentennial Fund of the Presbyterian Church USA served as the catalyst and helped provide funding for the first year. Donations from church members, other congregations, and community grants were also used to purchase food. Members of the church congregation personally distributed 2,000 pounds of food to our first clients.

We will always be grateful to the members and leadership of the Rio Grande Presbyterian Church for giving us our start. We have now been in continuous operation for 27 years. During this time, the number of people served and the amount of food distributed has continued to grow.

2020 IMPACT

- RGFP's food distribution program benefited **15,281 households** or **42,329 clients** (duplicate count – individuals and families may visit two or more times throughout the year and are counted each visit)
- Provided a week's worth of groceries to an average of **949 kids, adults, and seniors** every week
- Provided **977,056 pounds** of groceries, or **814,213 meals** to low-income kids, adults and seniors
- Received, rescued and distributed **149,239 pounds** of food for immediate distribution via generous community donations and grocery store food excess that would otherwise go to waste
- Shared **64,210 pounds** of food or **53,509 meals** to 5 partner non-profits servicing high-risk populations that may have difficulty accessing a food pantry
- Provided **\$494,140** in PNM Good Neighbor Fund utility bill assistance to **3,478** low-income households
- Provided **\$83,504** in discounts (495 households) and grants (422 households) to ABCWUA clients

**Lace up those sneaks...
it's HIKE to END HUNGER TIME!**

The Abram & Ray Kaplan Foundation has offered to match the first \$30,000 raised, dollar for dollar, for RGFP's 6th Annual Hike to End Hunger! Every donation (up to match) will now produce *twice the good!*

HIKE to END HUNGER
Saturday, October 23rd, 9:00 AM
Boxing Bear Brewing Company
(10200 Corrales Rd. NW)

<https://rgfp.networkforgood.com/events/33511-6th-annual-hike-to-end-hunger>





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