

HUNING CASTLE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION



HARVEST FEST FUN FOR ALL



Sunday, October 24th 2:00 pm

Fall is here and it is time once again for the HCNA annual Harvest Fest celebration. Come meet with your neighbors in Forest Park for an autumn afternoon of socializing, games, contests and refreshments. Bring a lawn chair and plan to stay awhile. There will be games and contests for all ages, face painting and lots more.

- Halloween is just around the corner so now is the time to put the final touches on your costume. Kids, join in the costume contest, win prizes for the scariest, sweetest and most original...or decorate your bike, scooter or skateboard.... just let your imagination go wild.
- And the fun is not just for the kids. Dress up your dogs in costumes and let them strut their stuff in a Pooch Parade (on a leash please).
- Attention all you bakers. Enter the annual Harvest Festival Bakeoff featuring your favorite bake goods. Dig out your family's secret recipe for grandma's best pie, cookies or cakes and let the judges sample your wares. A special treat will be awarded to the grand winner.
- Can you say 1955? The hula hoop craze was sweeping the nation. And this Harvest Fest will return us to the fabulous fifties by featuring professional hula hoopers, demonstrating their skills and showing you how to twist those hips. Poodle skirt optional.
- Games for all ages: kiddie "fishing hole", three legged sack races, pumpkin bean bag toss, donut-on-a-string eating contest, the "wheel of consequence", and an "eye spy" guessing game with prizes for every winner.

So mark your calendars now and plan to stop by on Sunday, October 24th, visit with your neighbors and join in all the activities while enjoying a cup of cider and a crisp caramel apple.

There is still time to volunteer! If available to lend a hand, please email or call the Harvest Festival Committee chairman

Clark Hardgrave 235-5855
Clarkhardgrave05@msn.com



Do you need your mail picked up while you are on vacation? How about keeping your plants watered while you are out of town? Leaves raked? Playmates for your kids? Babysitters? Your HCNA has the answers and several contacts in the immediate neighborhood. Come to the National Night Out on August 3th at Forest Park and take a look at the list or update your information. The service is free!

Diane Souder now maintains the list of children in the neighborhood. She can be contacted at her home, 243-9177.

Get in touch with your neighbors and contact Diane with the names and ages of the children you have at home and begin to connect. Be sure to note if you have older children available to work in the neighborhood. This list will only be distributed to families who participate in the list or names can be given out for neighbors looking for help. Be part of the neighborhood. Get involved.

Welcome Wagon

Do you have a new neighbor? We want to give a royal welcome to new people so give our Welcome Wagon people a call. Kylene Wing at 764-3044 or email her at Wingit229@aol.com

Are you in the neighborhood?

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Huning Castle Neighborhood are:

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On the East

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

During the month of August, there were many emails on our alert system complaining about crime in the neighborhood, and these complaints continued at the September board meeting where we had a full and open discussion about what could be done to minimize crime. Two thoughts emerged from the September meeting: we need more frequent police patrolling, primarily in the summer months at the Kit Carson Park area, and we need to implement a Neighborhood Watch program. The Board has been discussing a Neighborhood Watch program for about two years, but we could not find enough volunteers to implement it until now. As a result of the September meeting, several people have volunteered to start such a program on their blocks and we hope this will be successful. For more information about the program, see the additional article in this issue of the newsletter.

For someone who was casually reading the email alerts in August, you might get the impression that crime is rampant in our neighborhood when, in fact, the opposite is true. We have a very low incidence of crime when compared with other neighborhoods. We know this because of police reports every month to our Board and also by checking the city's website on crime. If you are interested, you can see actual reports of crime in your area by going to www.crimereports.com and requesting daily reports. But for someone who has been a victim of a crime, the fact that they live in a low crime area is no consolation. He or she is angry and wants something to be done about it. I am reminded of a quote from Ronald Reagan during the 1980 presidential election in which he said: "A recession is when your neighbor loses his job. A depression is when you lose yours." The same can be said for crime—when your neighbor is a victim of crime, it's a statistic but when you are the victim, it's a serious crime problem even though the statistics may show otherwise. One thing is certain, however--the Board is very sympathetic to anyone who has been a victim of crime and we strongly support any effort to minimize it.

There are some things we can do. Neighborhood Watch works to reduce crime and I encourage all of you to participate in this effort. The police tell us that most crimes are crimes of opportunity and so commonsense measures can minimize larceny and burglary. Close your garage doors and windows, lock your car, and maintain adequate lighting around your house at night. And if you are a victim of crime, report it to the police by calling 242-COPS for non-emergency matters, or you can make an online report by going to www.cabq.gov and clicking on "A-Z", then click "P", then "Police" and finally click "Online Citizen Report." Crime reports are important because the police rely on them to determine what areas are in need of more patrolling.

The last thing we want, however, is to create an environment of fear throughout the neighborhood. We don't want our residents afraid to leave their homes at night or believe they must put bars on the windows or hire a private security service. And we certainly don't want our property values to fall. We live in a very good neighborhood with a relatively low crime rate but we can make it even better without causing a panic about crime.

Rex Throckmorton



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Neighborhood Block Captains

This copy of the HCNA Newsletter was delivered to you by a neighbor, either a Block Captain or an Assistant. Block Captains either reside on your street or very close by and their job is to help identify neighborhood concerns and bring them to the attention of the Board. If a zoning, crime or traffic issue comes up, you may take it to the Block Captain. Please contact any of the following Board members if you have questions about the Block Captain initiative.

Tom Moses. 842 - 0158 abgatelier@comcast.net
Harvey Buchalter. 247 - 2602 hcbuchalter@gmail.com
Clark Hardgrave. 235 - 5855
clarkhardgrave05@msn.com

**A special thank you to all
of the generous
businesses who support
this newsletter.**

Support your Neighborhood

Come to the HCNA monthly meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Next month's meeting is scheduled for **November 10** at ACC.

Meet your neighbors at the monthly cocktail party on the 2nd Friday of the month. Next month's party will be held on **November 12**. (contact info on opposite page).

Welcome to the Huning Castle Neighborhood

Whether you are new to New Mexico or just new to the neighborhood, you have selected a beautiful and active community to call home.

The Huning Castle Neighborhood Association is an organization designed to keep all residents informed of issues and events which affect the neighborhood. It delivers the newsletter you are reading now quarterly to every home within the HCNA boundaries. These newsletters will inform you of upcoming events and gatherings. The association is governed by a board of directors which meets regularly, the second Wednesday of every month, at the Albuquerque Country Club at 7:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. Included in this newsletter is a list of the current HCNA Board members and their contact information. Please feel free to phone or email any questions or concerns you may have to any board member.

One of the most unique and enjoyable events in the neighborhood is the monthly "cocktail party". The second Friday of each month a different home hosts a pot luck party; it is a casual and entertaining way to get to know your neighbors. If you would like to be included on the party announcement email, just email Eleanor Macnish at emacnish@gmail.com and she will gladly add you to the invitation list.

The HCNA Board would also like to encourage you to become a member of the neighborhood association. Annual dues are only \$15.00 and these monies help fund activities all year-round. Again welcome to the neighborhood!

Kylene Wing 764-3044 wingit229@aol.com

- YES! I want to be a member of the Huning Castle Neighborhood Association.
- YES! I want to be on the email lists for the HCNA crime alert and notice of events affecting the neighborhood and monthly cocktail parties.

My email address is:

Family Names:

Address:

Phone:

Dues are \$15.00 per year per Household.

\$25.00 per year per Business

Make checks payable to HCNA and mail to:

Macon Mc Crossen, Membership Chairperson



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NOTICES

BOARD MEETINGS. The Board meets every month on the second Wednesday at the Albuquerque Country Club and everyone is invited to attend. The monthly agenda will be published on the HCNA email alert system a few days before the meeting.

DOG WASTE. We continue to receive complaints about dog waste on the Laguna median and in the parks. Please pick up after your dog and either carry the bag home or place it in one of the many receptacles in the parks.

MEMBERSHIP. A freeloader is someone who relies on the generosity or charity of others and we have several of those in the neighborhood. HCNA is not without expense. We publish this newsletter four times a year, place luminarias in Forest Park and sponsor National Night Out and Harvestfest to name a few of our activities. The cost of these activities is covered by your dues of \$15 per year, but many of our residents don't pay this very small amount preferring to rely on the generosity of others. Don't be a freeloader—join the association by calling Macon McCrossen at 836-1060.

COMMUNITY GARDEN. Most people are not thinking about gardens at this time of the year but your Board is. We have an opportunity to start a community garden in our area and would like to know if you would participate in this endeavor if we can make it happen. If you would like to participate next spring, call Harvey Buchalter at 247-2602. We hope to have more details in the next newsletter.

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Or another popular item

Lox & Cream Cheese - lox, tomato slices, red onion, capers & cream cheese with a toasted bagel

*mention this ad and your drink is on us!!

Why Start a Neighborhood Watch Program?

Some residents voiced their concerns about neighborhood security at the September 8, 2010 HCNA board meeting. Recognizing that security is a major concern for our residents, your HCNA board has been actively involved in establishing a Neighborhood Watch Program for years. The Watch Program is based on a neighborhood block organizing to actively observe and report possible criminal activity.

Neighborhood Watch Programs are one of the most successful crime prevention programs in the United States. They have a long track record of success and have proven to be a deterrent against theft, burglaries and other crimes. Communities all over America have demonstrated over and over again that a small group of neighbors working together can reduce their crime risks by forming strong Neighborhood Watch Programs. Police departments and private security companies can be effective in fighting crime, but they cannot be everywhere at all times. This is the reason why citizens in neighborhoods throughout America have made decisions to take the time to serve in their Neighborhood Watch Programs.

Neighborhood Watch Programs have proven to be very effective in reducing crime. In Birmingham, Alabama, fifteen neighborhoods were studied by researchers for the effectiveness of Neighborhood Watch Programs. What they found was that prior to the Neighborhood Watch, thirteen neighborhoods had experienced burglaries. After the program was in place, twelve of the fifteen neighborhoods were burglary free. In Lakewood, Colorado, a 77% drop in burglaries occurred after the Neighborhood Watch Program was implemented. In Cypress, California, the Neighborhood Watch Program cut burglaries by 52% and thefts by 45%.

These programs are effective; we just need to take the time to volunteer and get involved. Please feel free to contact Rudy Garcia (385-9428) or Tom Moses (842-0158) for additional information. Residents interested in beginning a Neighborhood Watch Program on their blocks should contact the city liaison, **Steve Sink, Albuquerque City Watch, 924-3600.**

The following residents have already started to organize and should be contacted if they are on your block.

Tony & Alex Mazotti, 1611 Kit Carson, 991-1854

Sarita Streng & Nick Babic, 1605 Kit Carson, 288-8713

Bill Denis, 1515 Kit Carson, 999-6000

Amy Black, 1608 San Cristobal, 842-9602

Doug Turner, 1500 San Carlos, 242-3508

Richard & Jane Cunningham, 1701 Park, 242-3363

Arnold Cohen, 1508 Escalante, 243-9105



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Newsletter	Chris Buchalter	247-2602	hcbuchalter@gmail.com
Film Industry Liaison	Kylene Wing	764-3044	wingit229@aol.com
Block Captain Committee Ch.	Tom Moses	842-0158	abqatelier@comcast.net

City of Albuquerque Emergency Numbers

Emergency	911	Security	243-7712
Non-Emergency	242-COPS (2677)	Crime Stoppers	843-STOP (7867)
Telephone Report Unit	768-2030	Fire	764-6300
APD Records	768-2020	Poison Control	843-2551