



LAURELWOOD

30 YEARS A NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Annual Celebration

Date: Saturday April 29, 2017

Time: 1:30 – 1:59 PM Sign-in/Meet & Greet

Meeting 2:00 - 4:00 PM

Place: Ladera Golf Course, 3401 Ladera Dr. NW

You and your family are cordially invited to celebrate the 30 Year Anniversary of the Laurelwood Neighborhood Association (LNA). Come and meet former presidents, residents and elected officials that made a difference in our Neighborhood.

The event will include music by West Mesa HS students, door prizes, snacks and beverage. The event will be MC'd by ABQ City Councilor Ken Sanchez.

More importantly, we will also hold an election for 4 Board members to represent the Laurelwood Neighborhood. This is your Neighborhood, GET INVOLVED!

The Laurelwood Neighborhood Association was established in 1983 and was part of the Town of Atrisco, Atrisco Land Grant. The first subdivisions in the Laurelwood Neighborhood were developed in 1983 by Ladera South Joint Venture. They were called Cielo Grande and Cielo Dorado. - Our front walls used to have those names on them instead of *Laurelwood*. The Laurelwood entrance signs were installed in 1999.

The Laurelwood Neighborhood Association was organized under the City of Albuquerque in 1987. The Laurelwood Neighborhood Association has remained active since that time. In 1993 LNA was one of the founding members of the League of Neighborhoods and received a certificate of recognition for its service.

Throughout the years Laurelwood has been recognized for its service to the Community.

The Westside Coalition was organized in 1995 with LNA as a charter member.

The land for Laurelwood Park was deeded to the City from Westland Corporation in 1996.

One of the residents that had a great impact on this neighborhood was **Gene Komminos** who lived in the neighborhood for 25 years with his wife **Marie**. Gene was a dedicated volunteer in our Laurelwood NA, never missing the semi-annual neighborhood and park clean-ups and at times using his big white truck to help haul trash for those who needed help. He was the BBQ "master" at our picnics at the park and was a board member /treasurer for our neighborhood association. He passed away April 30, 2016. From that year on the LNA took on clean-up and beautification projects and the City trained the first park volunteers.

In 1996, Laurelwood began to expand with new subdivisions developed south of Hanover - the first being Chamisa Encantada. The construction of the apartment complex on Market Street began in 1999.

The construction of the I-40 / Coors interchange has allowed more growth on the Westside. This growth has added a grocery store (Neighborhood Walmart), Fast Food drive-thru's and retail adjacent to our Neighborhood.

The Heritage Marketplace will be completed in 2017. The 230 apartment complex was approved by the Environmental Planning Commission (EPC) and hasn't been sold.

Our Neighborhood is the best kept secret in Albuquerque and remains active and vibrant due to a handful of volunteers.

The following 3 questions were asked of the past presidents.

There was general consensus and the responses have been summarized below.

1) What was your vision for the Laurelwood Neighborhood, when you got involved in the Association?

To keep our Neighborhood beautiful, safe for our families and maintain the value of our property.

2) Do you feel you made a difference in the Neighborhood?

All of us have made a difference in one form or another from representing our neighborhood at City Hall and other venues to getting a park, landscaping, neighborhood patrol, signs, newsletters, information out to you, clean-ups, etc.

3) What is your vision for the LNA moving forward?

It is critically important that people get involved in the Neighborhood. Our Neighborhood is about our Families and coming together as a Community. We must continue to keep our neighborhood beautiful, safe and to maintain our property values. We need YOU to volunteer or run for the LNA Board to keep our Neighborhood and Association strong. There are (4) LNA Board positions open- please consider running.

More changes are anticipated that will impact our Neighborhood and families, and we all need to be prepared to respond as a Neighborhood.

Past Presidents of LNA

1987/1989	Wayne Isham	1989/1990	Lawrence Fox
1991/1992	John Romero	1993	Michael Skroch
1994/1995	Bob Gaugh	1996	Jackie Sanders
1997	Dave Gebeke	1998/2003	Imogene Jones
2004	Steve Hardy	2005	Hector Portillo
2006	Paul Gonzales	2007	Bob Gaugh
2008	Francisco Apodaca	2008	Phyllis Vilchuck
2009/2010	Deb Blaser	2011/2012	Candy Patterson
2013/2014	Jim Larkin	2015/Present	Candy Patterson

Great Thanks to Those who have made a difference in our Neighborhood!

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Reminder!

**Safe Yard / Garage Sales
Crime Prevention Tips**

Each spring and fall, you'll see signs up in neighborhoods for garage sales. This is when the home owner/resident holds a sale of common household items usually in their yard, garage, and carport or community area. Thieves also are aware of the sales and they may try to steal from distracted home owners.

1. GROUP OR JOINT GARAGE

SALES ARE BEST: This provides for more oversight and observation of activity. Avoid having one by yourself.

2. DO NOT ALLOW ANYONE INTO

YOUR HOME: Not even to use the rest room, telephone, or get water.

3. DO NOT ALLOW ANYONE TO

WANDER: No one should walk around unaccompanied in areas where there are no items for sale or display.

4. DO NOT ALLOW YOURSELF TO

BECOME DISTRACTED: Be watchful for people who try to take control of your time and attention. They may have a "partner" with them to try and steal items.

5. BE WATCHFUL OF CASH

RECEIVED: Counterfeit money is sometimes used and you may not recognize it as such. Be aware of what legal currency looks like before accepting bills.

6. HAVE THE SALE IN A DRIVEWAY

OR YARD AREA: Do not have the sale in your actual garage. Keep your garage door down and secure if possible to avoid prying eyes.

Things to Know


The Code Enforcement Division reminds us garage or yard sales are only allowed once every twelve months at a given residential location. The sale may not exceed 3 days in length. Only normally accumulated household goods may be sold. Advertising signs may not be placed on medians or other city property. Any additions or structures (e.g. carports/fences) must be approved by the ABQ City Planning Dept. and comply with zoning codes. A yellow permit (30 day notice) issued by the City must be prominently posted in or around the structure. You must notify your immediate neighbors of any building or construction to your home. As a home owner, you have the right to inquire and / or call Code Enforcement for clarification. Please call 311 or <http://www.cabq.gov/planning/housing>.

Please report any suspicious activity, person or vehicle(s) in and around the neighborhood or the Laurelwood Park to 242-COPS (2677), for emergencies call 911.

Street lights keep our neighborhood safe, please report them if they are not working to PNM, 246-5700.

Weed problems! Call 311 and report it to Code Compliance.

Tax Day is Tuesday, April 18, 2017! ☹️



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Spring Weeds Cropping Up Across Town

Recent rainfall and warmer weather create the ideal environment for weeds to grow. Help keep Albuquerque looking its best by maintaining your property and keeping it weed-free. You can view the City's Weed, Litter, and Snow Removal Ordinance here. If you would like to report weeds, graffiti, litter, or schedule a large item pickup, you can download the free ABQ311 app here. <http://www.cabq.gov/311/abq311> or call 311.

Get out and meet your Neighbor!

Technology has taken over our lives and with the swipe of your finger on your phone you are in your garage. Your newspapers, newsletters and communications are done by a PC, PAD or cellphone.

Go outside, see the sunset and moon and share it with a neighbor.

So, this week, why not introduce yourself to your neighbor, or one who's lived in your neighborhood whom you've never met? It's easy. Sometimes, just saying hello is all it takes to connect with someone in your neighborhood.



Financial Report March 2017

by Rebecca Alvarado, LNA Treasurer

Starting BALANCE:	\$3306.84
Total Deposits:	\$306.22
Total Expenses:	-\$131.75
Current Balance: 4/12/2017	\$3481.31

Membership dues of (\$15 annual) provide the means necessary to services (newsletters, storage, supplies for meetings and events, etc.) our Laurelwood Neighborhood. Thank you so much to those who have paid their 2017 dues.

A detailed financial report will be available on the website and at the Annual Meeting for your review.

LAND USE

Heritage Marketplace- Ladera and Unser.

According to the Laurelwood Neighborhood Association Winter 2014 Newsletter, the article stated there would be a Walmart Neighborhood Market with a drive-up pharmacy and a gas station next to the existing Valero gas station. That tenants would likely include a sit-down restaurant with alcohol sales, a Bank, a fast food and assorted retail stores. The Heritage Marketplace is designated as a Neighborhood Activity Center (NAC) per the City of Albuquerque and is designed to be pedestrian and bicycle friendly.

What has now been built is a Walmart Neighborhood Market with a drive-up pharmacy and a gas station next to the Valero and retail stores (Verizon, Heritage Nails, Great Clips, etc.) Two fast food drive-thru's were approved by the City just south of the retail stores, - a Taco Bell and a small Starbucks with a small retail store attached. A third drive-thru, north of Walmart in the parking lot - a Burger King with dual drive-thru's was approved by the Environmental Planning Commission (EPC) on February 8, 2017. The LNA is appealing the decision by the EPC citing the drive-thru is too intense for the area. The Traffic Engineer failed to include the Valero gas station in the



Traffic Impact Study (TIS). The Valero gas station and the addition of drive-thru (Burger King) would have a significant impact on the area.

The Heritage Marketplace is not pedestrian and bicycle friendly. Adding another drive-thru will exacerbate the already high vehicle traffic and vehicle movement caused by the two gas stations (20 pumps) two fast food drive thru's, grocery store and the retail stores in the area. There is an inadequate number of sidewalks internal to the development coupled with high vehicle movement and poses a conflict between vehicles, pedestrians and bicyclist, especially our seniors, children and our disabled. Adding a sit-down restaurant (as promised), or a business that has a lower traffic / vehicle movement impact would help minimize the conflict between vehicles and people and make it safer.

There are two more parcels of land that will be developed: Ladera / 72nd St. by the car wash and the NE corner of Ladera / Unser, that may impact our Neighborhood.

The Albuquerque / Bernalillo County Zoning (ABC-Z) Comprehensive Plan will address planning and zoning in the City of Albuquerque, was approved by the city council on March 2017, will change the way land is developed for housing needs, education, business, work and recreation.

The Integrated Development Ordinance (IDO) is the regulation that will guide development in the City of Albuquerque. This will be the new Zoning law. For more information, here is the link:

<https://abc-zone.com/document/abq-ido-epc-submittal-draft>

A Message from the Mail Carrier

Please do not park in front of the mailboxes. We will not deliver the mail per the Postal Inspector if the mailboxes are blocked. Please be courteous to our mail carrier.

There is a New APD NW Commander in Town!

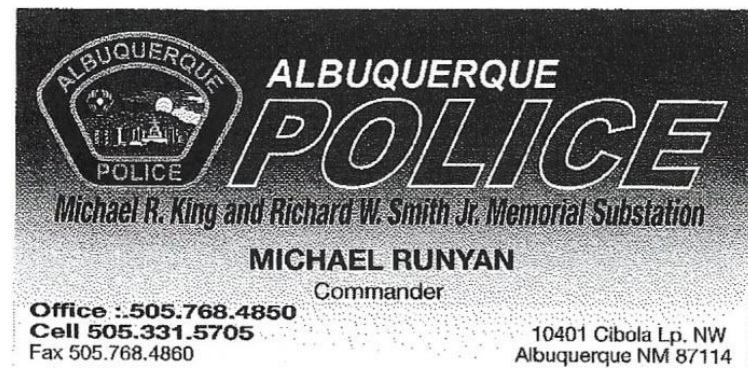
Commander Michael Runyan- welcome from the Laurelwood Neighborhood. We look forward to working with you and your officers and all of you are always welcome in our Neighborhood. You all provide a great service to our community.

An introduction from our new APD NW Commander:

Hello,

My name is Michael Runyan, and I'm the newly assigned commander to the Northwest Area Command. I took over officially in early February 2017. I wanted to take a moment to give you some brief background history on myself.

- I was born and raised in the Albuquerque metro area
- I have lived in the NW part of Albuquerque for most of my life
- I have been with the department for 20 years next month
- I have spent time on patrol in every Area Command with about 12 years Field Service Experience
- The rest of my time was spent in the Departments Investigation sections, specifically, the Violent Crimes Division, Albuquerque's Family Advocacy Center and a brief time with the Special Investigations Division



I have been to a few neighborhood association meetings and have met numerous residents. One question I always get asked is, "Why is the department switching commanders so often?" The answer to that question can be a little complicated. The department is in the middle of a transition and we are adapting and responding to things to suit the needs of the community and department. Please know that while I'm assigned here, I will work as hard as possible for our residents and our officers in meeting the needs of the community.

I very much look forward to working with all of you in continuing to make this city a great place to live, work and raise our families.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "M Runyan", written over a horizontal line.

*Michael Runyan, Commander
Northwest Area Command*



Just in! This will be the New Sign at the entrance to Laurelwood Parkway. The sign will be installed after May 1st.

Serving on the LNA Board

There are (7) LNA Board member positions that serve a (2) year term and positions are staggered (3 and then 4). Officers serve a (1) year term-President; Vice-President; Secretary; Treasurer. You must be a current paid member in good standing to serve on the LNA Board. There are also (7) positions for alternate Board members that serve a (1) year term and serve in the absence of a Board member. Volunteers are always welcome. There are 4 positions open for Board members and (7) for Alternate Board members. There are various non-Board volunteers that help maintain the Park and Trailways, Web site, Newsletter and special projects and events.



Membership dues are tax deductible. LNA is a 501 (c) 3

LNA needs two things in order to continue to sponsor fun events and act as an advocate for the neighborhood. The first is money, and the second is time. We count on our neighbors for both! Please use this form to submit your membership dues and/or to offer your services and ideas. Dues are a mere \$15 per household, per year. **You do not need to be a homeowner to be a member or volunteer to the Laurelwood Neighborhood Association.** If you mail your dues, please include this form. Thank You

Laurelwood Neighborhood Association Board Members – (2015 – 2017)

Candy Patterson, President • Gregie F. Duran, Secretary • Rebecca Alvarado, Treasurer • Frank Comfort, Webmaster

Francis Lujan • Greg Huston • Deborah A. Duran

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Laurelwood Neighborhood Association – Membership and/or Volunteer form

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____ Telephone: _____

Your Interest(s): newsletter delivery Neighborhood Patrol Clean-up Activities
 Board member Webmaster other: _____

MAIL TO:

Laurelwood Neighborhood Association

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