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## NENA Crime Report

Curious about the level of crime in our neighborhood, which is (roughly) north of Paseo Del Norte and bounded by Louisiana on the west and Ventura on the east, I checked out some crime maps on the Internet.

CrimeMapping.com revealed our neighborhood (which I defined as a 1 mile radius around my home on Oakland Avenue) had 160 reported crimes from the start of the beginning of this year to May 7, 2011. The breakdown of crimes was as follows:

- 29 Thefts/ Larcenies
- 26 Vehicle Break-ins/Thefts
- 18 Assaults



- 17 Acts of Vandalism
- 16 Burglaries
- 15 Fraud Cases
- 14 Drug/Alcohol Violations
- 13 Disturbance of the Peace
- 10 Motor Vehicle Thefts
- 1 Arson
- 1 DUI

The adage, knowledge is power, comes to mind. Keep an eye out for what is known as USO. It's Unusual, Suspicious, or Out-of-the Ordinary, call 911 if it's a crime in progress, or 242-COPS if it's not an emergency, but a

concern that requires a police response.

Calling 311 is also a great city resource telephone number to report graffiti, burnt out street lights, or downed traffic signs. You can also report crime to our NENA Safety/Security Chairperson, Bob Smith, via email at ask-bob-123@hotmail.com which allows us to share the information with the NENA email distribution list.

Safety continually ranks as a number one concern of our area residents. Please be watchful and curious. An engaged and active neighborhood makes for a safer neighborhood.

Finally, another way to get involved and meet your neighbors is to attend the next NENA General Meeting on June 7 (Tuesday) at 7pm at Fire Station 20 at Wyoming & Corona.

**Jun 7, 2011—General Meeting**

**Sept 6, 2011—Board Meeting**

**Oct 4, 2011—Board Meeting**

**Nov 1, 2011—General Annual Meeting & Elections**

*Meetings are open to all and are held at 7 pm at Fire Station 20 at the southwest corner of Wyoming and Corona.*

## **Annual NENA Neighborhood-wide Garage Sale Had a Brisk Turnout!**

The Annual NENA Neighborhood-wide Garage Sale appears to have been successful. A drive around the neighborhoods that comprise NENA saw lots of activity by both shoppers and neighbors selling furniture, clothing, appliances and assorted knick knacks. Plan on the NENA-wide garage sale on the first Saturday in May every year!

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TO CITY COUNCIL**

For the past several years Brad Winter has served honorably and ethically on the Albuquerque City Council.

Through his tireless and dedicated efforts, Albuquerque thrived and her citizens benefitted.

As perhaps his crowning achievement, District 4 has Domingo Baca Park and very soon we will have our own Multi-Generational Center with all its amenities for which we have waited for so long.

D4, and the city need his enlightened guidance. Ensure that it continues with your vote for Brad on election day.

**COUNT ME IN!**

If you are receiving this in the mail, chances are you live within the **NORESTE ESTATES NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (NENA)** boundaries.

NENA has an active Board of Directors that is vigilant in looking out for the best interests of our area. They monitor new developments, they interface with area school officials, they are involved with various planning committees for area projects, they maintain dialog with your City councilor and the list goes on and on.

To this end, Your Board needs Your help. Can you please get involved and join us on the Board? Can you please contribute \$25 a year to help defray the costs of this organization which is working for you all the time? Please attend the next meeting and mail your dues check made payable to NENA today.

**Please count me as a DUES PAYING MEMBER of NENA. Here is my check for \$25 to cover 2011.**

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please make all checks payable to:  
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**For questions about your membership, please  
contact Bob Smith at  
Askbob-123@hotmail.com**

## Planning & Development

### Recent Developments

- The new **Smiths gas station** is up and running on Wyoming.
- **Twisters Restaurant** should be following close behind just north of the gas station.
- Construction will start soon on **Mario's** on Holly just west of the mall at the NW corner of Wyoming/Paseo Del Norte.
- A **Firestone Service Center** is proposed just west of the aforementioned Mario's.

### Possible Addition to Nor Este Neighborhood Association

Several years ago an area within our boundaries split to form a separate Neighborhood Association. The La Cueva Neighborhood Association is comprised of homes at the NW corner of Carmel and Barstow. Recent discussions have led to the possible reunion of the two Associations. Stay tuned for further devel-



### Update on the Proposed Auto Auction - North Side of Alameda, East of San Pedro

Your Association attended a facilitated meeting with the developer of the proposed auto auction which is planned for the north side of Alameda, east of San Pedro.

After hearing the developer's approach, we made many requests that would have been attached to their conditional use permit for the property. Late in March, the City of Albuquerque Zoning Department found that the proposed use for the property was considered allowable under current zoning. As a result, no conditional use permit was requested.

Your Association continues to work with the developer to ensure the best possible project for the surrounding community is constructed. We received this commitment from the developer's agent: *"Our client still intends to upgrade the fencing as well as to landscape the entire perimeter and the parking lot. Also, the building will be upgraded and painted and the barbed wire will be removed."*

## Your Neighborhood Association at Work

Recently a local developer decided to propose a higher density development than is allowed in our area. In order to accomplish this, the developer hired a lawyer to convince the City of Albuquerque's Environmental Planning Commission (EPC) that a change in the allowable density for the subject area was warranted.

In an interesting and alarming turn of events, the EPC ignored the protests of the Neighborhood Association and found for the developer stating that the higher density development would be "more advantageous to the community". The Association then appealed this decision to the City Council. After the refusal of one Councilor, The Council inadvertently voted in a manner that resulted in a 4-4 vote.

The case was remanded back to the EPC where we are currently battling the proposed action. The lawyer in the meantime has threatened to take the case to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Judicial District Court. This, no doubt, in light of the fact that the proposed request is not justified and all that is left now are tricky legal maneuvers.

As residents of this area are aware, the remaining parcels and pockets of undeveloped land are now at a premium. As a result, your Association remains vigilant to deter unscrupulous developers from milking everything they can out of our area at the expense of our community's character and values.

Grand Opening for North Domingo Baca Multigenerational Center is June 11, 2011, Saturday from 9 am to 4 pm. Mayor Berry will speak at 11 am followed by Councilor Brad Winter and Director of Senior Affairs, Jorja Armijo-Brasher.

## Membership Update

At the time of our last newsletter in March, we had 13 dues-paying members. Thanks to the newsletter either notifying or reminding residents that there is an active Neighborhood Association serving them, our count is currently up to 36 members.

While that is an awesome increase, in relation to the over 1,900 homes within our boundaries, that is still an unacceptably small percentage of residents. If you were thinking about joining or renewing after the last newsletter and forgot, here's another chance.

Please send your \$25.00 along with the attached membership form today and please get involved.



**Request for donated household items:** A transitional house for **Homeless Women Veterans** that is run by the YWCA is in need of household items. The home teaches the Vets skills to get back into the work force and to live independently. Please call Katie Keaty (Major, United States Air Force) at 856-7823 or email her at [ktkeaty@msn.com](mailto:ktkeaty@msn.com) for a list of needed items.

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## Spring Cleanup Saw Limited Participation

Thank you to the neighbors who volunteered their time and energy to rake, prune, pull weeds, and pick up trash on April 30 during the Spring Cleanup. Those areas which received your attention look much improved.

If you were busy that day and could not participate, please pitch in at a later time to ensure the area near your home is free of weeds, trash and tree branches that overhang the street or sidewalk.

An attractive and well-maintained neighborhood benefits property values and makes our neighborhood a great place to live.

## Next General Meeting

Our next General Meeting is Tuesday June 7 at 7:00PM at Fire Station #20 at Corona/Wyoming. Please plan on attending, hearing what is new and getting involved. If there are any special issues you would like to see on the agenda, please forward to any board member.

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