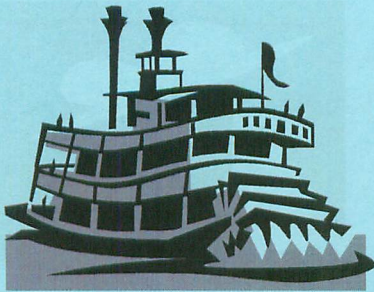


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A blend of commercial and residential living

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Announcing Our Summer General Meeting Jerry Cline Tennis Complex Community Meeting Room

Sunday July 22

2:30pm

President's Message

Dear Mark Twain Neighbors:

As we approach a very dry and warm summer, let me invite you to our next general neighborhood meeting:

Sunday, July 22nd, 2:00 - 4:30pm,

Jerry Cline Tennis Complex at the corner of Mountain and Louisiana. We will begin setting up at 1:30 and welcome early arrivals.

Important on our Agenda:

A Members vote of approval for our amended By-Laws, recently crafted by our Board to meet our neighborhood needs.

A By-Laws Committee, comprised of three Board Members, has updated our 2011 guidelines to bring them more in line with how the Mark Twain Neighborhood Association has developed over the last seven years. They have been approved by the Board.

A copy has been emailed to all Members on our Email List. If you would like a copy, please email Dottie Hatchell at dottie.w.hatchell@gmail.com.

Our Slate of Officers will also be presented for a vote of approval.

Nominated for Office are:

President: Barbara Lohbeck

Vice-President: Joel Wooldridge

Secretary: open

Treasurer: Clancey Tarbox

Member-at Large and Email Network: Dottie Hatchell

Member-at-Large: Noreen Bladergroen

This will be for the year June 2018 through June 2019.

If anyone would like to nominate additional neighbors to serve on our Board, please feel free to do so and let Barbara know.

We definitely need someone to fill the Secretary's position!

Also on our Agenda

Jill Brown, a landscape specialist who will talk about how we can have a successful lawn in drought conditions.

Chris Sylvan, Manager of the Community Policing Council, who will address how we can become more involved with solving recent crime issues.

Someone from APD to report on recent local criminal activity.

Charlotte Chinana, Policy Analyst and Assistant to Diane Gibson, who will talk about current City Council concerns.

The year has been eventful for Mark Twain.

We have concluded yet another year of the Children and Architecture classes at Mark Twain Elementary School, grades 2 - 5.

Joel Wooldridge and Barbara have joined others from bordering neighborhoods to help architects and teachers provide

an incredible opportunity for students to learn basics of planning and building models of a dog park and even an entire city.

The culminating exhibit at UNM's Architecture Department Building on its campus May 20th was inspiring for all involved.

We continue to work with neighborhoods along San Pedro addressing issues of crime and abandoned houses, involving businesses in planning a more

business friendly by-way, supporting projects at Alvarado Park, maintaining an open dialogue with the Fairgrounds, attending

District 7 Coalitions meetings, and more.

Please feel free to attend any of our Board meetings, held the first Wednesday of each month at 4:00pm.

A big thank you goes to Royal Prentice for serving as Editor for our Newsletter!

Commentary

Joel C. Wooldridge

Neighborhood View to the Future

It pays to be vigilant. A couple of the houses in our neighborhood that have been abandoned for varying lengths of time are being fixed up and looking ready to be put back into an active real estate market, thanks in large part to the efforts of Councilor Diane Gibson and City staff charged with code enforcement on nuisance properties. It also takes cooperation from family members associated with vacant/abandoned properties, and from financial institutions connected with the properties. Another side to retaining neighborhood viability is supporting our elementary school and our nearby businesses with demand for what they do. Nothing can take the vitality and economic energy out of a community faster than a local school closing, so anything we can do to help sustain enrollment and quality education at Mark Twain is good for all. Our board members (and others in the MT Elementary School boundaries) are actively working to keep the school alive and healthy with initiatives like the AIA-sponsored Children and Architecture program each spring semester. The program engages kids in hands-on learning about urban design and development at all levels, and including its importance to community social and economic vitality.

As for area businesses, the more consistent demand they realize from customers the more successful they can be, and the less they need to consider moving elsewhere in the city. We can help by patronizing establishments in our neighborhood, but they must also be proactive, with cosmetic improvements, special events, appropriate and relevant inventory and services, and in general demonstrate that they too care about life in this part of Albuquerque. They must invest in revitalizing their businesses just as homeowners do in their homes, or wear will begin to show, customers will turn away, and a downward trend of appearance will suggest that the neighborhood is not stable and economically healthy. A coalition of neighborhoods (including MTNA) along San Pedro is forming to work with businesses in the corridor to establish a business improvement association that could use the power of a partnership to develop and execute an integrated business plan for the corridor. Alvarado Park Neighborhood Association (Darcy Bushnell, President) is leading organizational efforts to get discussions going between affected neighborhoods, business/merchants, and the City of Albuquerque agencies in charge of economic development and redevelopment. We'll be there.

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Staying Connected

Find out what is going on in our neighborhood, share information and alerts, meet friends and welcome new comers. Check it out at:

<https://nextdoor.com/city/albuquerque--nm/>

Please use the Form below for new members and current member 2018 dues.

2018 Membership Form	
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