

Academy North Newsletter



Academy North Neighborhood
Association October 2023

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<https://academynorthneighborhood.com>

Letter from the President

Hello ANNA Residents

Fall is in the air and now that it is cooler it is a good time to get out and look around your home to see if any trimming or weeding can be done.

Just a reminder that the trees along Barstow in the stucco walls are the responsibility of the residents. They need to be watered and maintained by the residents.

A lot of Academy Northerners regularly walk along Barstow. Litter is an ongoing problem, and we would appreciate it if residents would pick up litter if they come across any to help keep the area well cared for, and property values high.

Help Needed

The Association is in need of a Secretary, the duties are to take minutes of the meetings and to take care of the mailings. The workload is minimal with only two meetings per year. Please let me know if you are interested. Hoping you have a great rest of fall and thank you for your support and help.

Thank you,

Debra Wehling, President 280-7779

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Current Board and Committee Chairpersons

President: Debra Wehling
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Vice-President: Adam Warrington
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Secretary: *Nancy Mead (acting) Needs rep*

Treasurer: Pat Tode

Welcome and Membership Committee:

Interested? Accepting Volunteers! Nancy Mead,
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Social Committee: Open No rep

District 4 Coalition Rep: Open No rep

Community Policing: Kathy Maxwell
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Newsletter: Vanessa Stranski
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Beautification Committee: Vanessa Stranski
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Treasurer's Report

Pat Tode, Treasurer

Updated by; Debra Wehling President

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| 3/17/2023 Previous Balance | \$ 2,640.99 |
| Deposits | |
| Dues | \$ 2,350.00 |
| Total | \$ 4,990.99 |
| Expenses | |
| Water Quest | \$ 000.00 |
| Secretary of NM Annual Report | \$ 30.00 |
| Wall Repair (Mario Maldonado) | \$ 100.00 |
| Barstow Landscape Trim (Issac Ortiz, Two Brothers Landscaping) | \$ 1,000.00 |
| Printing (Office Depot) | \$ 221.19 |
| Flowers and WordPress (Website) | \$ 260.80 |
| Total Expenses | \$ 1,611.99 |
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| Balance as of 10/08/2023 | \$ 3,379.00 |



Dues

ANNA dues are \$50 per year. Make checks out to ANNA and mail to 8305 Racheleigh. Or hand deliver to 8309 Racheleigh. Thanks!

ANNA By Laws Update

ANNA By Laws were reviewed and amended by the Executive Officers and two resident representatives earlier this year. The final proposal was sent to the city's NARO (Neighborhood Association Recognition Ordinance) for approval. Please go to the ANNA web site to view the approved and updated By Laws.

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Market Update Academy North

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Realty One of New Mexico 505-294-8014

Homes Sold in ~ last 18 months

High \$366,000

Low \$294,000

Med \$320,000

Average Square Footage-1205 sq ft

From Mid 2022-4 homes sold for \$310,000 - \$335,000 (1- 3 bedrooms)

Recent In 2023-5 homes sold for \$294,000 - \$366,000 (2-3 bedrooms)

Avg square footage price \$270.34 per sq ft.

Days on the market avg was 9-11 days.

List price to sales price avg was 98-105%.

(All information deemed reliable but not guaranteed)

Annual Meeting and Elections

We will be holding our elections for ANNA officers at the annual March meeting in 2024 at the Cherry Hills Library. Look for signage at the entrances announcing date and time as time nears. Please plan on attending to cast your vote or run for office. (Any resident can run for office and vote you know, even renters)

This year, we will also have a random drawing of five \$20 gift cards for ANNA residents at the meeting! One winner per drawing and no multiple winners. You must be present to win. Some of the gift cards will be to Albertson's grocer, Starbucks, Applebee's, Smith's grocer and 5 Star Burger. So what are you waiting for? Come out to the meeting, vote and a chance to win!

Parking your car. Street parking is an ongoing issue. The Covenants document states that you cannot leave a car over 30 consecutive days. Please remove your car if it is not running or never moves. If it has expired tags, the city will be called reporting it an abandoned car. This also includes the alley's. Please be a good neighbor and try not to routinely park your vehicle in front of a neighbors house. They won't be able to park there if needed and it can block their view. Thanks!

Welcome and Membership

Nancy Mead nanmead@msn.com

Please Welcome to our neighborhood:

Stephen and Sharon Barton

Chris DeBlassie

Edna Gallegos and Mark Johnson

Monica Martinez

Scott and Carrie Noren

Liz Springer

Brandt Tonjes



Beautification Committee

Vanessa Stranski twofloatin2@yahoo.com

It has been a busy year for the committee! I'd like to thank all new volunteers plus Jerry and Faith who have come forward to join the newly created beautification crew and help out with projects when they can. We routinely pick up trash along Barstow, dig up weeds and we tackled those out of control agave succulent cacti along the north and south entrances this past summer. Debra and her husband dug up and even gave away some of those upon request. We raked, swept and bagged clippings and leaves plus collected those in the tree wells along the wall on Barstow. In the future, we just plan to meet for spring and fall cleanups to keep on top of things. Please email me to get on the crew list if you are interested in volunteering.

Our ANNA President Debra Wehling hired and co-ordinated the trimming and cleanup of the hedges along Barstow and at both our entrances. The \$1000 fee was approved and covered from our association account.

This past spring and after almost 2 years of neglect, the alley behind Racheleigh finally got it's road cutouts filled in by the contractor! It took me repeated calls over many weeks, but the holes are filled and warning cones were removed. They even refilled one (after I requested) that was opened previously but was now sinking.

A special shout out to Anita for her individual cleanup of the Parrot Run alley where she picks up litter and pulls weeds before they seed!

The annual pre emergent weed control was applied along Barstow to help keep weeds to a manageable level, but targeted care will still be handled by the beautification crew when needed.

This year we had to make the difficult decision to identify and tag ten chronic and worst maintained yards. The yards that were not being maintained in accordance with our Covenants were given notice they were in violation. The response was amazing! We were very happy with ~70% of the yards cleaned up within one month of notices. Thank you all who responded and all residents who keep your yards looking beautiful!

FYI: the city has a free annual yard cleanup for those 65+ years old. Please go to CABQ.GOV, look under senior services if interested and sign up for the programs.

Being Neighborly

If you are one of the folks who get out to walk your dog every day, be sure to clean up after they perform their "business". Please don't leave it for everyone else.



If your dog poops, Use a scoop!



Policing Committee

Kathy Maxwell

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We have had several incidents reported from our neighbors on the south end of Leslynne. These neighbors have observed some strange things that are out of the ordinary. We want everyone to be the eyes and ears for the police, and report anything that doesn't seem right. If you are the victim of a crime, please call the police to report all the details, then let me know so I can log it and put out an alert if necessary.

June 8, 2023 A neighbor at the south end of Leslynne observed a vehicle parked in front of her house around 4 :00a.m. two mornings in a row. She didn't get a good look at the driver or other occupants. She believes that when her daughter's car was vandalized in a break-in attempt when it was parked around the corner on Parrot Run, the vandalizing came from the occupants of that vehicle. She and her daughter think the vehicle was an SUV, perhaps a Kia. These neighbors were advised to contact the police with all their information about the time, possible description, and the days the vehicle was seen.

September 15, 2023 A woman was walking down Leslynne around 8:00 a.m. toward the south wall of our neighborhood. She climbed over the wall and then crossed the arroyo heading over to the Cherry Hills neighborhood. She was a blonde with medium length hair, blue top with shorts and hiking boots. She didn't seem homeless and

nothing happened, but it seemed out of the ordinary.

Later that same day in the afternoon, a woman who was clearly homeless came up to the south wall next to a resident's house. She foraged around a bit in the brush, had a conversation with the resident's dog who was in the backyard by the wall, and then she wandered down the arroyo in the direction of the park throwing litter along the way. Again, there was nothing necessarily threatening by this homeless woman, but it was unusual. This neighbor feels lucky that his dog was in the backyard because it may have stopped the woman from entering his backyard to do her foraging for anything she wanted.

If you see anything unusual, please jot down any details you observe. We want to be aware of what is happening in our neighborhood. As the days become shorter and it gets darker at night, please turn on your porch lights. A bright neighborhood is a deterrent for crime.

Meet Our Neighbors

Meet Sharon and Steve who moved from Arizona this year. They adopted a new member of the family several months ago from the Eastside Animal Shelter named Juice. After being hit by a car, Juice lost one of his back legs. His journey is amazing as he continues to improve his stride with therapy. Welcome Sharon, Steve and Juice!

