

Academy North Newsletter



Academy North Neighborhood
Association March 2024

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Letter from the President

Hello ANNA Residents. I hope everyone had a blessed Easter.

I would like to thank everyone who attended the recent ANNA annual meeting that was held at the Cherry Hills Library. We held our Annual Election of Officers, and I am excited to say we now have a full board of officers for the year. (See the newly elected Board and Committee Chairpersons.)

Shaun Nashboo from the City of Albuquerque Office of Neighborhood Coordination gave a brief presentation and then answered several questions from the members. If you have any questions or concerns, he can be reached at snashboo@cabq.gov; (505) 768-3020

Just a reminder – please pay your dues, they are only \$50.00 per year, which is very reasonable and they help with keeping Academy North a great place to live.

Some of the items discussed were keeping the neighborhood looking good by maintaining the front yards (keeping them free of weeds and debris), maintenance of the trees and plants along Barstow, and picking up after your dogs. It is up to us to keep Academy North a great place to live. Thank you!

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Welcome and Membership Committee:

Interested? Accepting Volunteers! Nancy Mead
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District 4 Coalition Rep: Open No rep

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Beautification Committee: Vanessa Stranski

Treasurer's Report

Presented by Debra Wehling, President

10/6/2023 Previous Balance	\$ 3,379.00
Deposits	
Dues	\$ 300.00
Total	\$ 3,679.00
Expenses	
Water Quest	\$ -
Secretary of NM Annual Report	\$ -
Annual Filing Fee	\$ -
Wall Repair (Mario Maldonado)	\$ -
Barstow Landscape Trim (Issac Ortiz, Two Brothers Landscaping)	\$ -
Printing (Office Depot)	\$ -
Flowers and WordPress (Website)	\$ -
Misc (no info)	\$ -
Total Expenses	\$ -
Balance as of 3/7/2024	\$ 3,679.00



Annual Meeting and Elections

We held our annual elections and new Executive Officers were voted in. A quorum can be met by written proxy and members may vote in person or by proxy.

We would like to thank outgoing treasurer Pat Tode for all her many years of service to ANNA.

Thank you to Adam Warrington for having served as vice president.

A New Enticement to Attend:

New for this year was a random drawing of five \$20 gift cards for ANNA residents who attended the meeting. Velma drew the lucky winning tickets. Congrats to Anita, Debra, Nancy, Adam and Adeline who each won one of the gift cards.

Street Parking remains an ongoing issue:

The Amended Covenants document 6, Section 22, states that a car parked for more than 30 days on any tract or lot within the property boundaries will be declared a “non-operational vehicle” and will be subject to removal. If it has expired tags, the city will be called reporting it as an abandoned car. It’s been noticed that at least 2 or 3 cars have either no tags or expired tags. Please correct this immediately before it can be reported. This also includes the alleys. Thanks!

Association Membership Dues:

ANNA dues are \$50 per year. Please note the new address. Make checks payable to ANNA and mail or bring to **7109 Hollis St NE**
Thanks!

Membership and Welcome

Membership:

Membership of the Academy North Neighborhood Association is open to any adult who owns, rents or leases a legal residence located within the boundaries. ANNA promotes safety, security, welfare, neighborly and friendly values, and aims to preserve property values.

ANNA dues are voluntary.

New Neighbors:

In the past year, we have welcomed 8 new neighbors. If you are new in the neighborhood or know someone who is and who has not been welcomed, please contact Nancy Mead.

nanmead@msn.com; (505) 249-8014

Condolences:

Academy North would like to reach out to the families of Annette Humphrey and Willene Lechtenberg with our sympathy. These two neighbors have passed away just recently. They will be missed.

Helpful Info

New Mexico Primary Election:

Early Voting is May 18 to June 1

Mon–Sat 10am–7pm

Closest location: Holly Plaza, 6600 Holly Ave NE (north of Paseo del Norte)

Election Day is Tuesday, June 4, 7am–7pm

Voters may vote in any Bernalillo County voting location.

Voter registration by mail or online closes May 7.

Same-day voter registration is available in person.

Last day to request mail-in (absentee) ballots is Tuesday, May 21. Request at nmvote.org or call (505) 468-1291.



Beautification Committee

Vanessa Stranski twofloatin2@yahoo.com

I continue to pick up litter during my morning walks on our neighborhood streets and along Barstow Rd. One thing I have noticed is there has been a major uptick in dog poop being left in the gravel along sidewalks and even on our sidewalks! Animal owners, please pick up after your pets! It is not hygienic, it attracts flies and it can spread disease to other pets. I have picked up other people's dog waste; it has helped, but it is still happening especially inside our borders.

Little work was completed by the crew over the winter months as most everything had gone dormant. But now that spring has sprung we are seeing new growths of weeds and blossoms on trees and shrubs.

Faith, Adeline and I picked weeds, raked and swept up leaves along both sides of the south entrance. Our next project will be the north entrance.

No annual pre-emergent weed control was applied along Barstow to help keep weeds to a manageable level, so the beautification crew will try to keep up with new weed growth in between the junipers this spring and summer.

A reminder to all homeowners. Please keep your yards in good condition. We will again send out notices for out-of-control weeds for homes in violation of our covenants. Weed seeds easily blow to others' yards. Bagging and recycling your leaves in the fall will keep them from blowing to your neighbors' yards. We will publish the dates of the fall green pick up when they are known.

Pre-emergent Weed Control:

Next spring, typically in March, homeowners might consider using pre-emergent weed control, which works by preventing seeds from germinating.

Help with Yard Cleanup for Seniors:

FYI: the city has a free annual yard cleanup for those 65+ years old. If you are interested, please go to cabq.gov, look under senior services, and sign up for the programs.

Green Waste Spring Schedule:

The Spring Green Waste collection is set for Monday, April 29, through Friday, May 10. Green Waste in tied plastic garden bags should be at the curb, 5 feet away from cans, by 7am on your regular trash collection day.

Glass Recycling:

The Glass Recycling drop-off site was moved last year from Grace Church on San Antonio to the Albertsons parking lot at 8100 Ventura NE. Glass cannot be collected by the overhead recycling trucks. It will break and contaminate the regular recycling.

Being Neighborly:

There's more and more poop being spotted left around properties and sidewalks in our neighborhood! If you are one of the folks who get out to walk your dog, be sure to clean up after they perform their "business." Please don't leave it for the rest of us!

One Way to Help Beautify:

Covenant 21 and Amended Covenant 3 § 15 state that trash containers "shall be concealed from public view by an attractive enclosure." Many are now kept in the open in the alleys, where there is less of a beauty problem, but for those houses that have front-facing garages and no alley, they become an eyesore if they are not stored in the garage or behind a wall. Please try to comply with the Covenant.



Policing Committee

Kathy Maxwell

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We have had a rather quiet winter in Academy North. Several people have noticed a few things out of the ordinary and let me know. Thank you for being the eyes and ears for the police and our neighborhood. If you experience a crime, please call the police and give all the information to them. Then let me know so I can log it and send out an alert if necessary.

October 26, 2023:

A neighbor was taking a walk up Leslynne around 2pm when she noticed an older, silver-colored sedan pull to the curb between 7204 and 7213. The driver stayed in the car and seemed to be watching the street. The neighbor kept walking, she checked again a few minutes later, and the car was gone. Somewhat disconcerting, but hopefully no crimes happened.

November 2, 2023:

A neighbor on Hollis reported a young lady walking her dog along the street about the 7200 block. She stopped and was acting a bit strange digging in the leaves like she was looking for something. When asked if she needed help, the young lady became nervous and asked the neighbor to not look at her. However, the neighbor continued to ask questions and the young lady said she thought she dropped a cigarette. The young lady decided to walk south on Hollis with her dog. Our neighbor said no crime was committed, but the behavior was so strange, she wanted to report it.

November 12, 2023:

One of our neighbors has written about a scruffy and very unkempt looking guy who is knocking on doors asking to clean windows. Just be careful when you are approached by unknown people coming to your door.

Porch Lights:

Please continue to light up the neighborhood with your porch lights. But please ensure that your light fixture directs the light down, not into your neighbor's windows.

Garbage and Recycling Cans:

Try to bring in your garbage cans after the trash has been collected. You don't want to leave it by the street because it will look like you are out of town, which is a signal to thieves. High winds can cause havoc especially with recycling. If yours blows away, please help your neighbors retrieve it.



If your dog poops, Use a scoop!

In addition to dogs, did you know that city ordinance § 9-2-2-3 (B) also includes that **cats are not to be left free roaming**? The ANNA Amended Covenant 2 § 12 also requires **all** pets to be leashed in public areas. If your cat is not using its indoor kitty litter box, it is going outside, usually in your neighbor's yard, even in fenced yards.

Newsletter Compiler:

With the election of Vanessa Stranski as ANNA's new vice president, future newsletters will be compiled by Faith Hart. fbrabenec@hotmail.com Please send items and ideas as you think of them.