

Academy North Newsletter



Academy North Neighborhood
Association October 2024

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Letter From the President

Hello ANNA Residents.

Fall is here although it still feels like summer.
Enjoy it while it lasts.

OUR COMPLIMENTARY PIZZA AND
SALAD GET TOGETHER was brought back
after having been suspended during Covid.
This event was held on Saturday the 28th of
September. I would like to thank everyone
who helped make this event a success and
supported our neighborhood. We are looking
forward to continuing this as an annual event.

Please help keep Academy North inviting by
maintaining your yards, weeds, and trees.

A reminder – please pay your dues, they are
only \$50.00 per year, which is very reasonable
and helps to keep ANNA a great place to live.

· Don't forget that Early voting ends on
Saturday, November 2

· Election Day – Tuesday, November 5

Our next meeting will be held in March of
2025 at the Cherry Hills Library. Please plan
on attending.

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Bank statement of 4/5/2024	\$ 3,679.00
Deposits – General Fund	\$ 50.00
Dues (includes \$100 for 2025)	\$ 2,200.00
Total Deposits	\$ 5,929.00
Water Quest	\$ -
Secretary of NM Annual Report	\$ 10.00
Annual Filing Fee	\$ -
Wall Repair (Mario Maldonado)	\$ 500.00
Barstow Landscape, tree removal	\$ 1,227.07
Printing, signs (Office Depot)	\$ 204.25
Flowers and WordPress	\$ -
Misc (gift cards)	\$ 80.00
Total Expenses	\$ 2,021.32
Bank statement as of 9/9/2024	\$ 3,907.68



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Social Committee

(submitted by Vanessa Stranski, Vice President)

The neighborhood had their first annual pizza party since Covid, and turnout was great. What a fun afternoon with over 30 people in attendance! Debra Wehling gave updates on issues concerning our neighborhood: the condition of trees along Barstow, dues reminders and the importance of yard upkeep.



We raffled off fall-themed table settings and gift bags Nancy had created. A great big thank you to all who volunteered to make this happen by donating tables, chairs and set ups. To our neighbor Bill, right outside your front yard on Hollis under the shade tree was a perfect location. Thank you, funny man Steve and Sharon for hosting, running the raffle and the many laughs we enjoyed. Sylvia and Sharon, your yummy desserts of cake and cookies were a great hit. I saw many enjoying your creations.

Thank you to all our residents who made this fun event a success by attending. You are why we do it! We hope to see you at the March meeting. Until then, Happy Fall, y'all!

Membership and Welcome

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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.

Association Membership Dues:

ANNA dues are \$50 per year.

Make checks payable to ANNA and mail or bring to 7109 Hollis St NE. ANNA statements are available to homeowners upon request.

New Neighbors:

Please welcome these new residents to Academy North:

Jer and Rose Collins

Joan Kaiser

Unfortunately, we are a little behind in welcoming some residents. Please contact me if you have not received a welcome package consisting of information on our association and a small welcome gift.

If you are new in the neighborhood or know someone who is and who has not been welcomed, please contact Nancy Mead.

Cats are included:

Please remember that cats are included in the restriction against free-roaming pets in a city ordinance and an ANNA amended covenant. We are still receiving complaints.

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Please send items and ideas as you think of them to Faith Hart at fbrabenec@hotmail.com



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Beautification Committee

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We encourage all residents to participate in maintaining their property in our beautiful neighborhood in accordance with our covenants. A reminder to all residents, including renters, please keep your yards free of out-of-control weeds, grasses and construction materials. This includes the strip of your property along the alley.

After the placement of the “Please pick up your pet’s poop” signs along Barstow, poop sightings are way down. Thank you, residents. It is noticed and appreciated.

During our annual meeting in March, Christee King gave a presentation (with pictures) of the condition of our streets and the city’s repaving schedule reported 4 years ago. We eventually learned that the “repaving” was actually filling in the cracks. Work was completed within 3 weeks of the project’s starting in July. Thank you, Christee, for your report on this matter.

The main project for 2024 was to “beautify the Racheleigh alley,” which had seemingly been ignored for years and was in bad shape. Volunteers dug up weeds, invasive trees and plants all along the north wall of the alley. Thank you to residents Faith, Adeline and our president Debra (and her husband) who volunteered their time and energies this past year helping to keep our neighborhood beautiful and accessible for all residents, city trucks and first responders when needed. It took many hours of hard work and trips to the dump, but we now have an alley that everyone can travel in both directions without having to dodge tree branches, piles of leaves and holes! We then asked residents who live on Racheleigh to support the final phase of the project by cleaning up their section of property

along the alley. Thank you, Racheleigh residents, who made this incredible transformation happen. We are your friends and neighbors, so if any of you need assistance with your property or if you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me or any ANNA officer so we can assist with resources and information.



I continue to try to find volunteer organizations that can assist our residents with lawn care. I reached out to various scout troops to see if any could volunteer their time to residents who could not perform basic lawn tasks on their own. Girl Scout Troop #10607 responded in true girl scout fashion! They came twice to help in areas that needed attention. There were at least twenty girls, brothers, mothers and fathers on the second visit. A big ANNA thank you to all those who showed up and worked so hard, and to Erin who responded to my request and co-ordinated this work with the troop. She stated they may be available again next year in the spring. We will create a signup list for residents who cannot perform basic lawn care tasks. Contact me.

Unfortunately, two trees had to be removed from the south entrance to our neighborhood: a small red tree on Parrot Run thought to be diseased but found to be infected with termites; and a mostly-dead tree on Barstow just south of the entrance that was creating a safety hazard from falling branches. They were removed on the same day and the area was cleaned and landscape returned to normal.

I look forward to next year with new ideas and the same excitement to target other areas of concern.



Policing Committee

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We have had a quiet summer in Academy North. As the seasons change and it begins to get dark earlier, please consider turning on your porch light to help light up our neighborhood. This will help to deter crime. If you experience a crime or see something out of the ordinary let me know. Call the police to give them all the information about the incident, and then call me so I can log it and send out an alert if necessary.

July 14, 2024:

A neighbor on Parrot Run reports that she watered her small garden in the alley on the north side of Parrot Run at about 7am on that Sunday morning. Everything was fine and the alley was quiet. Two hours later, at about 9am, she saw that one of her plants, a fuchsia pink Vinca, had been stolen right out of the ground! It wasn't an animal because nothing else was disturbed in the garden. This neighbor was so shocked that someone would actually steal a live plant right out of the dirt!

General Election

November General Election:

Early Voting at Clerk's Annex:

Tue, Oct 8 to Oct 18, but *not* Oct 14
Mon–Fri, 10am–5pm

Expanded Early Voting:

Sat, Oct 19 to Nov 2

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

Election Day: Tue, Nov 5, 7am–7pm

Vote in any of 72 voting locations.

Green Waste Fall Schedule:

Fall Green Waste collection dates are not yet announced. Based on earlier years, it will be collected in the first 2 weeks of December. 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. Green waste is processed into a rough chip mulch and used to help prevent erosion at the Cerro Colorado Landfill.

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 program.

Recycling

Home Collection:

There is single-stream collection of paper, plastic and metal. **Paper** includes newspaper, junk mail, office paper, books, cardboard (but not pizza boxes), milk and juice boxes, brown paper bags (but not plastic bags), paper egg cartons (but not Styrofoam). **Plastic** includes rigid bottles/tubs, and rigid plastic toys, hampers, etc. **Metal** includes aluminum and tin cans, foil and pie pans, pots and pans, and small appliances.

All items to be recycled must be rinsed or wiped out. For a fuller list of accepted and not accepted items: cabq.gov/solidwaste/recycling

Plastic Bags:

Plastic bags must not be placed in recycling; they can clog the sorting machines. Most supermarkets have collection bins at the entrance. Please try reusable bags.

Glass Recycling:

The nearest Glass Recycling drop-off site is at the Albertsons parking lot at 8100 Ventura NE. Glass cannot be collected by overhead recycling trucks. Breaking glass contaminates the regular recycling collection.