

Letter from the President

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 still have an opening for vice president. If you are interested, please contact me. This year we gave out Dion's gift cards to all attendees to say a little thank you for all your support and involvement.

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 with supporting meetings, fees for annual certification with the state and city, annual residents pizza event, newsletters and materials for upkeep along Barstow Rd.

Some of the items discussed were the condition of front yards (keeping them free of weeds and debris). Please help us all by cleaning your yards free from weeds and grasses. These migrate to your neighbors' yards and spread throughout the neighborhood. Thank you!

Are you a renter? Then you are a member of our community! Please get on our email list to receive updates as we hope you join us. Vanessa Stranski, President

annapresident505@gmail.com

Board and Committee Chairpersons

President: Vanessa Stranski
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Acting Vice President: Nancy Mead
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Secretary: Terry Kuchar
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Treasurer: Adeline Deforest
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Welcome and Membership Committee:

Interested? Accepting Volunteers! Nancy Mead
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Social Committee: Sharon & Steve Barton

District 4 Coalition Rep: Vanessa Stranski
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Beautification Committee: Vanessa Stranski
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ANNA March Treasury Summary	
Bank statement as of 9/9/25	\$ 4,871.25
Deposits	
Dues	\$ 550.00
Total	\$ 5421.25
Expenses	
Secretary of NM Annual Report	\$ -
District 4 Coalition	\$ -
WordPress (Website)	\$ -
Barstow Landscape)	\$ 29.73
Printing, signage (Staples)	\$ 157.50
Newsletter (editor)	\$ 359.37
Misc (gift cards), pizza	\$ 36.00
Total Expenses	\$ 582.60
Bank statement as of as of 3/3/26	\$ 4,838.65

Treasurers statement available to home owners upon request.



Annual Meeting and Elections

Street Parking remains an ongoing issue:



Parking along Parrot Run and Racheleigh was again discussed and voted for escalation to the city. ANNA President will request from city options to paint “No Parking” on the curb in the sections where the road narrows causing limited space to safely pass parked cars. ANNA President will also request a “No Thru Street” sign at south entrance at Parrot Run for cars that appear to be seeking a “cut thru” route to neighboring streets. We have posted “Slow Down Albuquerque” signs on Parrot Run due to residents’ complaints and worries of fast traveling cars in both directions on the street.

Association Membership Dues:

ANNA dues are \$50 per year and although voluntary, your dollars help keep your property and investment values strong. Plans are underway for Zelle and Venmo to be available sometime this year. Make checks payable to ANNA, or cash 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. We have two events annually, all residents meeting that is held at the Cherry Hills library in March and an all residents pizza party held in September.

New Neighbors:

In the past year, we have welcomed 4 new neighbors. If you are new in the neighborhood or know someone who is and who has not been welcomed, please contact Nancy Mead.



Beautification Committee

Vanessa Stranski
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Now that spring has sprung we are seeing new growths of weeds and blossoms on trees and shrubs. Several residents helped rake the last of the fall leaves earlier this year in the center section along Barstow. They fell late due to the very warm winter. The north section was completed last fall.

A reminder: Please keep your yards in good condition in accordance with our bylaws. We will send out notices for out-of-control weeds for homes in violation of our covenants. Weed seeds easily blow to others’ yards spreading. Bagging and recycling your leaves in the fall will keep them from blowing into other yards.

Pre-emergent Weed Control: Next spring, typically in March,/April homeowners might consider using pre-emergent weed control, which works by preventing seeds from germinating. If you need assistance maintaining your yards, please contact ANNA president for referrals with reasonable handyman services.



If your dog poops, use a scoop



BE CONSIDERATE
Help keep our community clean.



BE RESPONSIBLE
It's part of being a great dog owner.



BE KIND
A cleaner today for a better tomorrow.

THANK YOU FOR DOING YOUR PART!

Policing Committee

Due to the low crime and incident rate in our neighborhood we have decided to sunset the policing committee. Please email annapresident505@gmail.com (after you call police or 242-COPS) with any suspicious behavior or a crime. Anita has volunteered to follow up with ANNA president for additional coverage.

We promote neighborly values so please act civilly towards one another. Have a complaint about a neighbor? Please contact [annapresident 505@gmail.com](mailto:annapresident505@gmail.com) for assistance or call police for more urgent or crime issues.

Porch Lights:

Please continue to light up the neighborhood with your porch lights in an

effort to deter nighttime crime. But please ensure that your light fixture directs the light down, not into your neighbor's windows.

It is always a good idea to lock your car that is parked outside your garage or on the street.

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 also cause havoc especially with recycling. If yours blows away, please help your neighbors retrieve it.

Helpful Info

In addition to 911 for emergencies, here is other helpful information:

Smart911 – for cell phone users only, set up a profile with any pertinent information you may wish to help streamline important info to dispatcher preparing for the first responders' arrival. Examples: known allergies, pets in the home, standing medical issues etc.

City of Albuquerque District 4 – is the location of our neighborhood

District 4 rep – Councilor Brook Bassan
bbassan@cabq.gov

State Bernalillo District 27 – Marian Mathews
marian.mathews@nmlegis.gov

State of NM – District 1 – Congressional Rep **Melanie Stansbury**
<https://Stansbury.house.gov>

Cabq.gov – all city departments can be accessed there.

311 City of Abq general help – request new trash cans, report street lights burned out, etc

Your Academy North Neighborhood Association website – find us at
academynorthneighborhoodassociation.com



Volunteer recognitions

Join us in thanking these amazing volunteer residents!



During the annual meeting, we recognized longtime resident Nancy M for her continuous support and volunteering for various positions over 25 plus years! She is currently the Welcome committee and acting vice president. She has been ANNA president, secretary and treasurer for many of those years as well.

We also thanked Sharon and Steve B for their second hosting of our annual pizza gathering! Look for their third one this September.

We thanked Yolie S, Carl S, Terry K, Debra W, Gay W and Adeline D, and who showed up last year at various times to pull weeds, rake and bag leaves along Barstow Rd and at both entrances.

Well done to all!

ANNA President Vanessa S (left) presenting Nancy M (right) with award of recognition

Prepare for mosquito's!

As the spring weather gets warmer, it's a great time to get prepared for the upcoming mosquito season. Reducing mosquito breeding habitat is a neighborhood-wide effort, and it's important for everyone to check their yards for possible sources of standing water, including clogged gutters, rain barrels, bird baths, pet dishes, plant trays, yard clutter, children's toys, etc. If possible, check flat roofs for pockets of water in shaded areas. Mosquitoes require about a week to develop from eggs to adults, so any container of water that is present for a week or more is potential breeding habitat.

Mosquito dunks are safe for use in bird baths and can be purchased at hardware stores, or simply clean and change out the water once per week.

Have a pond? The City of Albuquerque also provides free mosquitofish (which feed on mosquito larvae) for use in ponds starting in June.

A list of EPA-approved bug sprays for personal use can be found:

<https://www.cdc.gov/mosquitoes/prevention>.

If you see large sources of standing water near our neighborhood that are present for more than a few days, such as in a retention basin, call 311 to report it to the city. Other questions or concerns about mosquitoes, call 311 or go to:

<https://www.cabq.gov/mosquitoes>

