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SPRING 2013 NEWSLETTER

Albuquerque Film & Media Experience at Nob Hill (AFME) - June 3-9, 2013

by Lainie "Sevante" Quirk and Ivan Wiener

Lights, Camera, Action! Get ready Nob Hill for the highly anticipated International Film Festival coming to our neighborhood. It's an exciting time as the Albuquerque Film & Media Experience (AFME) launches in our neighborhood, stretching from The Hiland theatre all the way down to the Kimo and showcasing our wonderful neighborhoods to a worldwide audience.

From iconic Actor/Director/Producer Robert Redford together with his Wife and Artist Sibylle Szaggars Redford, Director Joshua Michael Stern (Jobs, Swing Vote), world renowned chorale composer, Morten Lauridsen, UK's sleep artist, Lee Hadwin, and local favorites too like speed painter to the stars, Michael Ostaski, there are going to be special events, screenings and gatherings every day and night of the week with something for everyone.

Started by Special Events Producer, Lainie S. Quirk (Local Nob Hill resident and NHNA Board Member) and Ivan Wiener, long standing Albuquerque resident, producer and service provider for the NM film industry, the duo created AFME to raise the profile of our city, highlight our cultural heritage and the local arts, bring global attention to New Mexico and make this a worldwide destination event. "We want to see hotels, restaurants and every other business full each year during the first week of June", explain Quirk and Wiener. "The timing is right for the great neighborhood of Nob Hill and we have a collective opportunity to be in an international spotlight."

"I'm incredibly proud to be bringing this experience to our neighborhood," said Co-Founder, Lainie S. Quirk. "We have a moment to shine and an opportunity to create something longstanding that will provide a sound economic impact for our community and to all of Albuquerque. Most big cities have a film festival that they can call their own and we really want to create one here that recognizes all that we have to offer – great food, incredible shopping, hip stores, artistic creativity, and friendly people all along the Historic Mother Road."



Lainie S. Quirk and Ivan Wiener, Founders of the
 Albuquerque Film & Media Experience.

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Along with mainstream films and events, one of the main intentions of AFME is to create a platform for conscious story and an opportunity for everyone to share their own experiences. There will be an exciting roster of films from shorts to features, from New Mexico made films to thought provoking documentaries. The vision is to show impactful messaging; films that call for discussion on how we can all come together to co-create a better community, both locally and for the world.

"We are proud to showcase the film Road to Peace about HH the Dalai Lama, The Redford Center's Watershed about water conservation and the Colorado River (with Robert Redford in attendance), legendary Fleetwood Mac singer, Stevie Nick's film In Your Dreams, Rising from Ashes, a compelling documentary Executive Produced and narrated by Academy Award winning Actor, Forrest Whittaker about the Rwandan cycling team's rise from genocide, Director Robert Zemeckis' Daughter, Leslie Zemeckis' Bound by Flesh, about the first famous conjoined twins Daisy and Violet's life during the circus and vaudeville years (with a super cool circus freak show after party at Rockit Hair Studio), George Langworthy's Vanishing of the Bees (with a whole program for the community on the issue of "colony collapse disorder") and so much more, almost thirty to forty more, said Co-Founder Ivan Wiener. "We're excited to also include a special salute to New Mexico filmmakers, and this year's spotlights on the countries of Israel and the United Kingdom."

Additional highlights include a documentary on singer Rick Springfield's thirty year fan base called An Affair of The Heart (look out ladies, if we're lucky, a Q&A with Rick himself and Director Sylvia Caminer), great shorts such as Imagine, starring Party of Five fame Scott Wolf, and Boats Against the Current starring Jason Ritter (the late John Ritter's Son). Listings of films and schedules can be found at www.abqfilmexperience.com. You can also visit the AFME offices at 3712 Central Avenue, Suite H, thanks to a generous donation from Nob Hill Studios.

Besides all the great movies taking place at the Lobo Theatre, The Guild Cinema, UNM's SUB Theatre and the Kimo Theatre, AFME will also be hosting "intimate conversations" with leading filmmakers right inside Nob Hill businesses. It's a really unique way to get close with leaders in the industry. Thanks to several businesses such as O'Niells, Imbibe, Flying Star, Asian Interiors, Serafin's Chile Hut and Nob Hill Studios to name a few. Fans of film are sure to have a great time relaxing in these great stores and learning more about the art of the industry. If you want to recommend a store in the neighborhood as a great location for an intimate conversation, visit the AFME facebook page and let us know at www.facebook.com/ABQFilmExperience.

Looking for fun in the evening? There will be sponsored lounges throughout select Nob Hill locations

(AFME, Albuquerque the Magazine, Ozark Mountain Publishing, Official Bees "Buzz Lounge"), fantastic networking happy hours and late night after parties. Think Sundance, Cannes, SXSW and now think AFME.

But wait...there's more... a lot more! AFME is proud to present spectacular events that are sure to make our neighborhood sizzle with excitement. On Tuesday, June 4th, come experience the "Taste of Film", a gourmet Fundraiser for The Storehouse, held at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center. Chef Michael Giese will be preparing a seven course meal based on film themes from the week's spotlighted movies (i.e., Dennis Hopper Documentary, think Blue Velvet). On Wednesday, June 5th, don't miss part of our kid's program, (a "freebee" screening of Bee Movie starring Jerry Seinfeld), at the Kimo Theatre. On Friday, June 7th, join us for "An Evening with Robert Redford" at Hiland Theatre. Come hear one of Hollywood's favorite icons speak about filmmaking, art and his love of living in the Land of Enchantment. On Saturday, June 8th, a unique art performance for all as world renowned artist Mrs. Sibylle Szaggars Redford, Icelandic musician, and composer David Thor Jonsson offer a live performance, and featuring Robert Redford reading poetry and dancers choreographed by National Dance Institute of New Mexico's Founding Artistic Director, Catherine Oppenheimer, an art performance to benefit NDI.

Albuquerque Film & Media Experience tickets and passes are now on sale for all events and can be purchased online at www.abqfilmexperience.com. Get the Ultimate Experience Pass for access to all films, screenings, intimate conversations and most evening events. It's the best way to take it all in.

A special thank you to all of our 2013 Sponsors and our collaboration with Nob Hill Main Street. For sponsorship information or to volunteer, please contact us through our website.

We greatly look forward to creating a wonderful event for Nob Hill and seeing you all in June!

That's a wrap!



ALBUQUERQUE FILM & MEDIA EXPERIENCE
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Hello Neighbors,

This newsletter arrives with Spring, the season of promise and renewal, when we all venture out and welcome the warmer weather.

As President, I feel each term should have a goal. This term I would like to focus on membership. There are 3,000 households in our Neighborhood Association and our membership is a small representation of this number. We are providing new ways to join and new reasons too. This issue comes with a QR Code linked to our PayPal account. Our fee remains only \$10 individual and \$20 for businesses. Increased revenue would assist in funding ideas that keep Nob Hill the most desirable neighborhood in our city.

We are aspiring to have more membership privileges. We have been approached by Popejoy Hall's Broadway Series about group sales opportunities. Many merchants offer local discounts, and we will try to assemble a list for a Nob Hill Pass.

Our Community Outreach committee hosts events throughout the year. In February, Chef Patrick of Thai Vegan served food and discussed heart and health through food. On 13 April there is an event at Sukhmani Jewelry. In June, Nob Hill is the setting for the (AFME) Albuquerque Film and Media Event, followed by Summerfest, in July.

This newsletter was made possible by those advertising, so please visit them, and by a committee of volunteers, whom I thank for a beautiful job. We invite you to venture out and experience the Spring and renew the promise that is Nob Hill, the most emulated neighborhood in Albuquerque.

Regards,

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President, Board of Directors



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Ask the Bugman *by Richard "Bugman" Fagerlund*

What is the rational approach to keep bugs out of your home? First you have to decide yourself what your level of tolerance is for any or all bugs (bugs being insects, spiders and other assorted arthropods). If you want to keep almost all bugs out of your home, there are several practical measures you can take to help. Keep in mind, no matter how thorough your efforts or even if you have your home hosed down with pesticides, a few bugs will still make their presence known. You can deal with them as they turn up.

First, you need to inspect your house completely, inside and out, and remove or alter anything that is conducive to a bug problem. For instance, never store firewood next to the house. Always store it as far from the house as practical and cover it with black plastic. The plastic will make it so hot in the woodpile that most bugs and rodents will not want to live there. Install door sweeps on all outside doors. This is particularly important if you live in an area where centipedes and scorpions are prevalent. If you can slide a piece of paper under a door, a scorpion or centipede can wander in.

Never leave any outside lights on at night. Lights not only attract a wide variety of insects, they attract centipedes, scorpions, sun spiders and other things that eat insects. Don't leave pet food out at night as it will attract ants and roaches and become a breeding source for various flies. If you do feed animals outside at night, then place the food as far as practical from the house.

If you have a crawl space under your home, you need to get it inspected and possibly treated with diatomaceous earth. I can do that for you or recommend someone.

If you are only concerned with cockroaches, then the best way to treat them is with a product called Niban Bait. It is made from boric acid and is much safer than any of the liquid pesticides that are sprayed around the house. One supplier is www.pestcontrolsupplies.com. Make sure that you place this product, as well as any other you use, out of the reach of children and pets. While boric acid is safer than the conventional pesticides, any product that can kill a bug can't be good for us to ingest. Niban Bait is also effective against crickets and silverfish.

If you have ants, then you can mix a homemade bait using three ounces each of peanut butter and jelly and adding a tablespoon of boric acid. Place the bait where the ants are foraging, using the same care I mentioned with the Niban. This bait will work for many species of ants, but not all. It is always a good idea to know exactly what kind of ants you have.

If you have any questions about bug-proofing your home, or contacting a competent pest control company that performs safe and effective pest management, feel free to contact me at askthebugman@yahoo.com, or you can call me at 385-2820.

My new booklet on do-it-yourself pest management is available.

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Monte Vista's School - It's Elementary

by Anne Acuff

It's not every APS employee who inherits a Sidewinder Missile in the basement when they take over as principal. However, Leith Page did at Monte Vista Elementary and is now in her 18th year at the school. Over the years she has handled the job with grace, warmth and a sense of humor. I recently interviewed her, and as a bonus, she took me down in the basement to what used to be the coal room where the furnace and missile now live. She was showing me around and there was a large bang and I have to admit, I jumped. Of course it was just the furnace, but....

The school opened its doors to students in 1931 as a small school with 225 kids and only eight rooms. Its growth was accelerated in 1939 when Jefferson Middle School began operating. The same architect, T. Charles Gaastra, designed both sites in the Spanish Mission style. Mr. Gaastra was a major player in the Spanish Pueblo Revival architectural style in Santa Fe. It's the 6th oldest school in the city and the one with the longest continuous attendance. Over the years it has expanded, adding in steps, the wings of the building, cafeteria, library and gym. It is currently on both the city and national registries of historic buildings. In 2011, there was a celebration of the 80th year at the school with a plaque presented by the NHNA which can be seen at the entrance to the main building.

The school population ranges from 475 to 495 students. The number has remained stable over the years due to the addition of transfers from out of district. As housing costs have increased in the area, fewer younger families just starting out have moved into the neighborhood. The population has been balanced by taking in other students from around town, adding to the diversity. Monte Vista has a wide demographic of children within their APS borders. Some families live in hotels on Central and are glad to have a stable, welcoming school for their children. The school is committed to academic excellence with test scores always being higher than their profile would predict. Their chess team has gone to a national competition and does very well in APS tournaments.



Prior to her principalship, Ms. Page taught at the school for 6 years and was a parent for 5. Her roots at the school run very deep. She finds that being part of the Nob Hill community continuously enriches the school and makes it unique among others. Field trips are very doable as a class can walk up to Central and catch a bus to go to an event around town, not to mention all that UNM has to offer in terms of activities. The businesses in the area have traditionally been supportive which is appreciated greatly by Ms. Page. In these days of decreased funding, schools need to be creative in finding alternate sources of income and enrichment.

As well as an excellent staff, another large part of the school's success is the parent and family community. The parents know coming in that the academic expectations are high and are willing to become involved to ensure their child's success. The school has numerous activities during the year, some of which are open to the community. Probably the most well-known is the Mercado, the annual Arts and Crafts Fair prior to the holidays in December. It started as a small fund raiser for the parents of students to display their talents and has grown to include many vendors. Many people from all over Albuquerque look forward to the event every year. There is a silent auction of very creatively decorated wreaths provided primarily by local businesses which generates a significant amount of income for the PTA. If you've never seen them, they're amazing.

Monte Vista also has a program called Extended Family Services which helps families in need on a limited, short term basis. They might provide food, partial rent, help with bills or transportation and are able to help 8 to 10 families a year.

If you're a business in Nob Hill, you might consider becoming a Join a School Partner with the school. This program has a variety of ways to contribute to the school including volunteering and other in-kind resources. Some examples are: speaking to students about careers, new technology, practical applications of math or English skills, school supplies, clothing drives or staff recognition. If interested, you can contact Lauren Joule with APS at 855-5274 and she'd be happy to provide you with information on the topic.

So, back to the missile... No one knows why it is in the basement. Do you?



REMODELING BEST PRACTICES

By **Beverly Hill**, Certified Climate Master by the NM Environment Dept.



With Spring in the air, it's time for projects around your home. Whether it's a facelift or a major remodel, there are some important things to keep in mind as you begin to plan. Earth Day is a good reminder to also consider the environmental impact of your project.

Planning may be as easy as picking a new paint color and flooring, or it may require hiring an architect and/or engineer if your plans are more extensive and involve adding space or moving walls.

Budget: Be realistic. Price services and materials before starting so you know just how big a job you can afford.

Lifestyle: How will the space be used? If you plan on selling your home, building or condo in the near future, consider neutral colors and design that make reselling easier. You can add your personality with accents like furniture, pillows and artwork.

Timing: When will the work be the least disruptive? When are you (or your contractor) available?

Surprises: If you're remodeling an old home, get paint and flooring tested for lead and asbestos before starting. Mitigation can take time. It may be best to leave areas with lead or asbestos alone and apply new sealers or finishes over them. If they must be disturbed, hire a professional to mitigate. Same for mold - mitigate before moving on.

Health: Pay attention to indoor air quality. Avoid toxins that are contained in many building materials and finishes. Several companies now make competitively priced products that contain little or no harmful chemicals. Remember, VOC's are not the only toxins.

Many other harmful chemicals including formaldehyde exist in common materials such as particle board, shelving, cabinet boxes, carpet underlayment, most carpet, paints, stains, finishes, glues and flooring.

Conserve materials: Looking for ways to reuse everything you can saves money and reduces waste. If you can't reuse, donate usable materials to Restore. Also shopping at Restore saves money and gives materials a second life outside the landfill.

When you're ready to get to work:

Make a 'calendar of events' to keep the project flowing: plan for permit/inspection timelines, schedule when to pick a paint or plaster color, when to order flooring (don't forget to account for shipping and acclimation!), and so on.

Wear protective gear (gloves, goggles and dust mask) when deconstructing and doing prep work like sanding.

Keep your areas organized and clean. Tools last longer, time is saved and minor injuries are less likely.

Easy, non-toxic alternatives to standard products:

- Use non-toxic paints and finishes. AFM Safecoat offers these products at affordable prices and in all colors and sheens.
- Soy based strippers and non-toxic cleaners are essential.

- Flooring is a big consideration and cost. Carpet is highly discouraged due to the off-gassing in the months after installation and the dust and dirt that continually builds thereafter. Cork flooring prices now compete with carpets - a hard surface floor fits into most budgets.

Marmoleum is allergy and asthma certified. Reclaimed and salvaged wood are good choices too.

- Wall coatings such as American Clay (made in New Mexico!) Plaster actually improves your indoor air quality and comfort.
- Wood stains and finishes from Vermont Natural Coatings, EcoPro-cote and AFM Safecoat.
- Concrete stains and finishes from EcoProcoat are soy based and very affordable.
- Concrete micro-topping - DecoPoz - originally made to resurface floors and now also used to resurface countertops and shower enclosures. Materials only \$1.50 - \$3.50 sq. ft. - compare that to granite!
- Low flow showerheads, kitchen and bath aerators and ultra high efficiency toilets look good and save water.
- LED replacement lamps - great options in downlights provide full room illumination, are dimmable and will out-live most of us. Of course you are saving energy too!
- A Kill-O-Watt can help you decide if a new refrigerator or electric dryer may be in order - Energy Star appliances can add up in savings.

Create a healthy home and work environment for you and your family's well-being. The planet will thank you, too.



HOW OLD IS MY HOUSE?

by Gary Eyster

One of the joys of Nob Hill is knowing that most of our houses have a history. The earliest houses date to 1916 and the vast majority were built before WWII.

Did you know you can learn the year when your house was built? You can even find out the names of all the people who have lived in it over the years.

A great place to start is the Special Collections Library at 423 Central Ave. NE (Corner of Edith Blvd, closed Sunday and Monday). Take a moment to enjoy the visual beauty of the recently renovated building, then ask to see the City Directories. From 1907, the R.L. Polk Co. and its successors have printed an annual directory containing the address of every building in existence that year and its occupants at that time.



Consult the directories until you find the first year your house appeared and you are likely to see its first occupant and, often, his or her occupation. In addition, the advertisements in the directory provide a rich insight into life in Albuquerque at that time.

This activity is not only instructive but fun to share with kids and with neighbors. Other tools — like the Albuquerque Progress magazine, Sanborn insurance maps, and historic surveys — are available as well. For more ideas visit reDiscoverNobHill.com

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Nob Hill Growers' Market Opening Earlier, Closing Later

by Catherine Gordon

By the time you're reading this, your own local farmers at the Nob Hill Growers' Market will be up and running in Morningside Park. Opening day of the market's 8th season is April 4th! Fresh Spring produce in April – what a thought!

It's so easy to get into a weekly market routine, especially in Nob Hill. Stroll or bike down tree-lined streets to the most beautiful park in Albuquerque. Meet with friends. Let the kids loose in their own special playground-giant sand box. Enjoy terrific music from local artists as you shop with your favorite market vendors and sip a cool 'nade'. Take home a pizza and the makings for a fresh Spring salad.

The Nob Hill Growers' Market is as unique among farmers' markets as Nob Hill is unique among neighborhoods.



Now, with winter stores running low and every day more beautiful and a little warmer, a little brighter, than the day before, we start looking forward to crisp salads, made with baby lettuce and spinach, crunchy radishes, and sweet salad turnips. Is there anything quite as sweet as the first of the spring peas – made even sweeter because they disappear so fast?

Spring is a beautiful thing, especially in Nob Hill. Monthly Winter markets help us get through the Winter, but getting to Corrales and Los Ranchos – well, that's a trek, even for the most dedicated locavore. What's better than your neighborhood market, especially if your neighborhood is Nob Hill and your market is the Nob Hill Growers' Market – every Thursday, 3:00 to 6:30, in Morningside Park – now April through to Thanksgiving.



Get the most out of the market by signing up for the Nob Hill Growers' Market weekly e-mail newsletter. Every week we'll let you know what you can expect to find at the market, give you seasonal recipes and hints for keeping your fresh produce fresh, and let you in on events and workshops in the area.

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A COMMUNITY VERSUS COMMUTER

by Susan Michie-Maitlan, NHNA Board Member

Currently, there are three different transit improvement plans under development in the UNM/CNM area that will affect the transit infrastructure and traffic patterns in Nob Hill. Each plan is being developed by a different government entity as listed below:

The UNM/CNM/SUNPORT Transit Study –
Mid-Region Council of Governments (MRCOG)



ABQ RIDE Central Corridor Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) –
City of Albuquerque Transit Department



Girard Boulevard Complete Streets Master Plan –
City Council Project



Although the areas under consideration for these plans overlap, each plan is focused on a unique transit issue. I submitted this article to the NHNA newsletter because I believe it is important for members of the Nob Hill community to be well informed about these transit plans and to provide input to the project planners. Otherwise, entities outside of our neighborhood will decide how our transit infrastructure will be developed without adequate knowledge of how our community functions. Some issues to consider are: What traffic abatement measures should be included in these plans? Do the plans coordinate well with each other?

For example, the UNM/CNM/SUNPORT Transit Plan is proposing more bus traffic on Girard, while the Girard Master Plan is proposing to reduce the number of traffic lanes. Separately, the plans promise things we all support – alternative modes of transit – but how does it all work together? We have to decide if our transit systems will be about community or just about commuters. A short summary of the scope and objectives of each plan is provided below.

The UNM/CNM/SUNPORT Transit Study began in 2010 as a collaborative effort by MRCOG, UNM, CNM, Bernalillo County, and the City of Albuquerque to explore future transportation needs in the UNM/CNM area. The primary objective of this study is to improve north-south bus transit from the Sunport to I-40 along the University Blvd and Girard corridors. It also aims to identify integrated transit, parking, and land use strategies; and to improve access to transit by park and ride, biking, and walking. At this point in the study, several transit route alternatives have been proposed that include one or more new bus routes on Girard, University Blvd., Yale, and Buena Vista. The proposed routes can be viewed at the MRCOG website. The next round of meetings for public input will identify the most viable transit routes, and is tentatively scheduled for mid-April. Project funding for this study comes, primarily, from two federal government grants and totals \$850,000. Results of this study are scheduled to be completed in 2014.

The ABQ RIDE Central Corridor Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Plan is focused on bus transit along Central Avenue from 98th Street to Tramway Blvd. The objectives of this project are: 1) to make east-west bus transit more efficient and effective, and 2) provide infrastructure to enhance neighborhoods along the Central Avenue Corridor. Under this plan, the existing ABQ Ride Bus Transit would be incorporated into a BRT system. What makes BRT different from what we have now? BRT systems have dedicated (bus only) lanes with traffic signal coordination which allow the buses to move faster thru heavy traffic. BRT systems provide left and right side passenger loading/unloading from bus stations at level-height to the bus and they provide off board fare purchase, all of which reduces on/off passenger boarding time. BRT systems are marketed as cool, clean, and fast, which as we all know is different than just riding the bus. Community members have raised questions about incorporating dedicated bus lanes into the existing,

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narrow Central Avenue infrastructure in Nob Hill and how the lanes may affect pedestrian mobility across Central and our landscaped medians.

Recently, MRCOG and ABQ RIDE administrators teamed up with ULI New Mexico (Urban Land Institute) to hold an all day BRT Partnership Event. The organizers for this event brought presenters and researchers from cities with BRT projects together with our local city planners and developers. The purpose was to discuss new approaches to mass transit and possibilities for economic development, the idea being that a BRT system will attract new commercial and residential developments along the Central Avenue Corridor.

The Girard "Complete Streets" Master Plan is focused, solely, on the Girard Blvd corridor from Gibson Blvd to Indian School Road. Public outreach for this project was initiated by City Councilors Benton and Garduño in 2012. The purpose of this effort is to develop a comprehensive plan that will improve the Girard corridor for multi-modal users. The final plan will address pedestrian and bicycle mobility and safety, intersection improvements, traffic congestion and the overall "livability" of this collector street. After several meetings with neighborhood associations in the area, city planners presented preliminary alternatives for the plan at a public meeting in August 2012. The main concept introduced in the preliminary plan is to reduce the number of traffic lanes on Girard to one lane running each direction (north and south) and eliminate on-street parking, which will provide space for on-street bicycle lanes. Proposed bicycle lane and intersection concepts for the Central to Lomas segment of the Girard Complete Streets Master Plan can be viewed at the city project website for this plan (provided at the end of this article). A key area that will be affected by this plan is the segment of Girard between Lomas and Central Avenue. Currently, this segment has multiple lanes to facilitate commuter traffic from UNM parking structures, city bus traffic, and emergency vehicle traffic from UNMH and the Girard Fire Station. Community members have raised questions about more cut-thru traffic in the surrounding neighborhoods, if the number of traffic lanes on Girard is reduced. An independent traffic study conducted by the city in the North Campus area resulted in a recommendation to avoid changing the traffic patterns on Girard for this very reason. The results of the North Campus area study can be viewed at <http://www.cabq.gov/council/>

projects (See: Summit Park/North Campus Traffic Management Plan under "Completed Projects" 2012).

"Complete Streets" is not a local concept, it is a nationwide movement to make arterial and collector streets multi-modal. This idea differs from transit infrastructure in the past that has designated arterial streets for motor vehicle traffic and local or residential streets for bikes and pedestrians. My primary concern with the Girard Complete Streets Plan is that it seems redundant with the MRCOG and ABQ RIDE plans; and perhaps our city funds could be better spent improving bike and pedestrian pathways within our neighborhoods that will provide access to the new mass transit systems and encourage more people to use them.

For more information about these studies, I provide their websites and contact information below. To receive updates on these plans and ways to participate in public input, join the NHNA and sign up for our email list, neighbors@nobhill-nm.com.

The UNM/CNM/SUNPORT Transit Study
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NOB HILL CRIME!

Report All Crimes!

by Spencer Nelson

In February, there was a rash of car burglaries on Amherst SE. Because these crimes were reported quickly and there were so many in the same area, the Albuquerque Police were able to justify putting a special team on the problem. Luckily, the offender was identified and caught within a couple of days. APD really came through for us.

Unfortunately, few property crimes are resolved that fast. It is up to all of us, all the residents and business operators in the area, to work together to prevent these crimes. First, we need to report all crimes to the police. That is the only

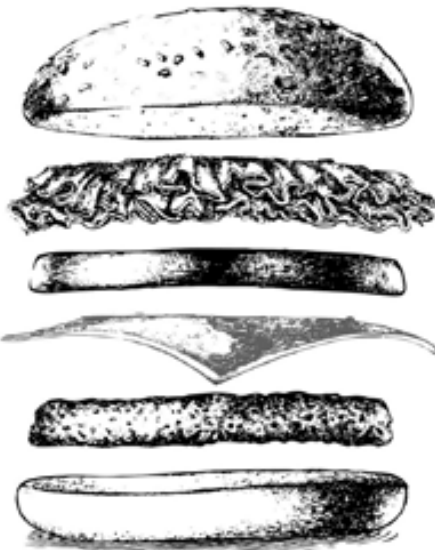
way they can get a handle on the patterns of crime activity around the city. If there is a burst of problems in our part of town, then more APD personnel can be sent to help us.

Form a Neighborhood Watch if your block does not already have one. Call 311 to get started. Even if you do not have an official Neighborhood Watch, you can still meet your neighbors and agree to watch out for one another. Report any suspicious activity. Generally, you can become familiar enough with the houses and businesses around you to recognize when something is not right. Spend a few minutes out front looking around as often as you can.

Come to our discussions about the current crime statistics and learn what APD and your neighbors are doing about crime prevention. We generally meet the last Tuesday of each month at 6 PM. Contact Spencer Nelson, spencer@swcp.com, 505-264-2186 for more information. Call 911 to report crimes in progress or 242-COPS for other reports.

You can file police reports on-line for some crime like lost property, vandalism, vandalism of a vehicle, theft / larceny, auto burglary, and telephone harassment. See www.cabq.gov/police and click on "online services" then "Online Police Report".

Some neighbors have noted that a major State Parole Office is inappropriately located in Nob Hill at the corner of Monte Vista Boulevard and Richmond Drive NE. But there is a unique opportunity to move its location because the lease on the building expires within the next two years. The state has signed a purchasing agreement to buy Plaza Maya at 615 First St. NW in Downtown Albuquerque. The purchase was made possible after Gov. Susana Martinez signed Senate Bill 572, which allotted the department \$2.5 million toward a merger and relocation of two Albuquerque offices, the one in the Nob Hill area and one near East Downtown. Please contact your state representatives and the governor's office to thank them.



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NEIGHBOR PROFILE: CHRISTINE SAUER

By Carolina Yahne

Our neighbor, Professor Christine Sauer, teaches Economics at the University of New Mexico. Recently she has received three major awards: Teacher of the Year; Presidential Teaching Fellow; and the International Excellence Award for Faculty. An impressive list! Currently she serves as the Director of the International Studies Institute at the university, where she has been instrumental in developing the International Studies major. That undergraduate major is the fastest growing major at our university. A joy for Christine is helping a UNM student who has never traveled outside the US to get a passport and travel abroad. The international travel opportunity for that student literally opens up the world. Being part of that student's transformation is a great source of satisfaction for Professor Sauer.



Professor Sauer came to UNM in 1985 as a non-tenured faculty member. When she earned tenure in 1993, she felt the urge to garden and to own a home.

She shopped for houses all over Albuquerque, but fell in love with Nob Hill and bought her home here for the character of our neighborhood. She appreciated the mature trees, the proximity to shopping and to her work, the easy access to the airport and the freeways, and the walkability. She found a house with lots of natural light, which allows her to enjoy the special quality of New Mexico's sunlight. The lifestyle of our neighborhood reminds her of growing up in Germany, where her family gathered at home for lunch every day—her father from his work as a chemist and Christine and her siblings from school. Her mother prepared the main meal then. School, work and home were located close enough so family mid-day meals were important rituals to share.

When she married her husband, Bob, in 2006, he moved into her home. Together they have designed an addition that allows both of them to have office space, garden space, and an open kitchen large enough so that both can prepare meals. They even enjoy a view of Sandia Crest from their new shower! There is also plenty of space for house guests, and they have hosted many!

Christine described herself as a happy resident of the neighborhood, and is pleased with the roots she has established here. As a bi-continental scholar, she has created a lasting home in our special corner of Albuquerque.

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NOB HILL IDENTIFYING BANNERS

by Spencer Nelson

Twenty banners identifying our neighborhood as Historic Nob Hill got installed along Central on December 10 thanks to the companies McDade-Woodcock, Inc. and Highway Supply. These companies donated their services and equipment. The banners themselves were purchased by a combination of funds from the Nob Hill Neighborhood Association, Robert Munro of O'Niell's Pub, and Spencer Nelson. There are ten banners near Washington and ten near Girard.

As soon as the banners went up, we got comments that the message wasn't bold enough for the small size and high placement. The design has been reworked by the Nob Hill Main Street Design Committee and the next set of banners will have the simple central message blown up to fill the 2 by 3 foot

space. If you want to comment about these banners or help with the project of placing maps and signs in the area contact Spencer Nelson at spencer@swcp.com or 505-264-2186. We want people to know when they have arrived in Nob Hill, we want to point out the historic buildings in the area, and we want to help people find things like the growers market, stores, and restaurants.

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by Elizabeth C. ReardonLocated on Richmond
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Nob Hill Neighborhood Association.

St. Mark's is entering a new era with a focus on being relevant to and involved in the community. We are currently in the process of contacting our surrounding neighborhoods to find opportunities to participate in neighborhood activities and find niches where we can make an impact and provide community benefit. We have already met with several members of the Nob Hill Neighborhood Association and we are excited to be a part of such an active association.

St. Mark's is blessed with a large building with a variety of meeting rooms, classrooms and spaces that can accommodate larger groups. We also have a lovely outdoor garden that is a nice setting for informal events. If you are looking for a space for your group, please feel free to contact us. We may have just what you're looking for!

St. Mark's is a faithful, progressive, and inclusive parish. We know that the life of faith is not always easy, so we honor each other's questions and struggles along the way. We strive for a faith that honors our intellect, leans toward joy, and acts in hope. All are welcome wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith.

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Spring Architecture Walk

by Gary Eyster

On Sunday, May 19, reDiscover Nob Hill will offer its Spring Architecture Walk led by noted architectural historian David Kammer. Walkers will hear the fascinating story of how our community came to be and how its surviving historic character constitutes a valuable cultural resource.

The tour will start with a discussion of how to maintain or remodel your Nob Hill house with sensitivity to its historic character.

We will meet at 1 pm on the front steps of Monte Vista Elementary School. Space is limited and reservations are necessary. Make reservations for the walk at reDiscoverNobHill.com.

We are exploring the creation of an oral history for Nob Hill. If you are a long time resident of Nob Hill and would like to share some of your recollections or if you would like to help with this work please let us know.

If you have a house in the area that retains much of its historic character and would like to provide your yard for a reception at the end of this or a future walk please let us know at reDiscoverNobHill.com or 991-1388.



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SPRING 2013 IN THE NOB HILL COMMUNITY GARDEN

by Anne Karlstrom

Spring is approaching in the Nob Hill Community Garden. Have you visited yet? It's just south of Central, at the corner of Morningside and Silver.

Right now the fruit trees lining the garden are dormant and displaying their skeletal structure, but wait until they start blooming in April! The raised beds are mostly empty now, except for a few struggling kohlrabi and very hardy greens, but by May they'll start looking as lush as they did last summer—thanks to volunteers in our neighborhood, and the donated materials and labor that made the garden possible.

All garden areas in the Community Garden are tended in the growing season by volunteers, with the produce available for public use. There are four raised beds now, and soon the waffle garden will be in place and ready for planting. Gabion Wall raised beds may be installed this summer, if necessary funds can be raised. Once all those garden areas are in production, there should be enough produce to send some to the Storehouse each season.

The Nob Hill Community Garden and Pocket Park is a collaborative effort involving Nob Hill Main Street, land owner Rob Strell, and the City of Albuquerque. It got underway in 2011, with donated land, landscape design, irrigation installation, landscaping materials, trees and plants, and lots of neighborhood volunteer labor.

In 2012, the Nob Hill Community Garden was one of 10 gardens in the state to receive a grant as part of the Centennial Garden Program, awarded by the New Mexico Centennial Foundation. There's a sign at the garden listing companies and professional service providers which have made donations, along with the governmental entities that have contributed, so be sure and take note when you visit, or volunteer.

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by Jeff Gittelman

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In my mailbox I received a notice from the post office saying an attempt was made to deliver a package. I asked Jackie about this. She said that the notice was from a different carrier and that it was the third and final notice. I had never received notices about the two other delivery attempts.



She was bothered about the poor service and was determined to get it right. She told me that she would take care of it. She delivered the package to my door step the next day. Her action saved me from driving to the post office which is located at the airport. Jackie's friendly demeanor and willingness to take the extra step was appreciated.

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by Dave Corby

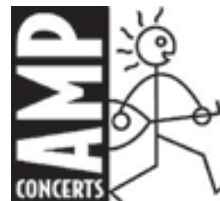
It seems like almost everyone in Nob Hill has heard of AMP Concerts, or been to one of the many live music shows presented by them. Many of you even know Neal Copperman, AMP's founder. If you're not familiar with the innovative and highly successful concert promotion company, now is a great time to check them out. AMP is about as local and grass-roots as a business can be, and its growth and success has brought fantastic music and great opportunities to Nob Hill music fans.

Back near the turn of the last century, the music scene in Albuquerque was very different. While it may not have been as barren as the east mesa before Col. Sellers, the quality and quantity of original music here was lacking given the size, location and cultural versatility of the city. Neal Copperman recognized the void. Beginning around 2001, in an effort to quench his own thirst for quality music closer to home, Neal began inviting nationally and internationally known artists to his home to perform. (Yes, this is called a "house concert" and Nob Hill is no stranger to them. If you have a living room, a few chairs and a refrigerator you might be able to have one, but that's another story...) After a few years, fifty shows and inspiration from venues like the Outpost, Neal decided to leave his job with the Sandia labs and join the ranks of Albuquerque's true entrepreneurs.

AMP (which stands for "Another Man's Poison") was officially born. Three years later in 2007, AMP Concerts became a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation with the mission of bringing a wide variety of high quality music to the city for the enjoyment and education of its patrons. The focus of AMP is typically Americana, folk and world music but nothing is off the table if there is an interest and a market. Just in the past few months AMP has brought in acts as diverse

as The Shins (Kiva Auditorium), Lucinda Williams (KiMo Theater), Grupo Fantasma (The Dirty Bourbon), and the Andreas Kapsalis and Goran Ivanovic Guitar Duo (Outpost Performance Space). Sometimes the groups even perform at local libraries completely free to library guests as part of a monthly series presented by AMP, Bernalillo County and the "Friends for the Public Library". Maybe you saw the Shins at Ernie Pyle? Just Kidding! AMP is also a major partner in Albuquerque's annual iGlobalquerque! World Music Festival, held at the Hispanic Cultural Center.

The AMP Concerts world headquarters is based just outside of Nob Hill near the University Hospital and they continue to grow in size and artistic influence. Bringing premiere acts to our town has expanded the opportunities for just about everyone interested in the live music experience and many of the venues are a short drive or even a bus fare away from our neighborhood. Neal also prefers to use locally owned business (including a few Nob Hill ones!) for a variety of products and services. Info on AMP can be found easily on the web and you're sure to see Neal at all the shows. It's opportunities like this that make Nob Hill and Albuquerque such great places to live.





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A large section of Nob Hill is listed as a historic district and most other parts of the neighborhood are eligible for that distinction. The fundamental value of a district is its historic streetscape. Most of Nob Hill was built between 1916 and 1957 and during this period of significance the rare front walls that were built were 3 feet or less in height.

Under Albuquerque ordinances, fences or walls up to 3 feet high are permitted in the front 20 feet of a property (the front yard setback) with a building permit. Fences or walls over 3 feet high in the front yard setback are not a permissive use. Because they diminish our streetscape, historic character, and safety, the Nob Hill Neighborhood Association discourages fences or walls more than 3 feet high in front yard setbacks (you may read our policy at: www.nobhill-nm.com). Please remember that city ordinances require you to obtain a building permit for any construction work on your property before it begins.



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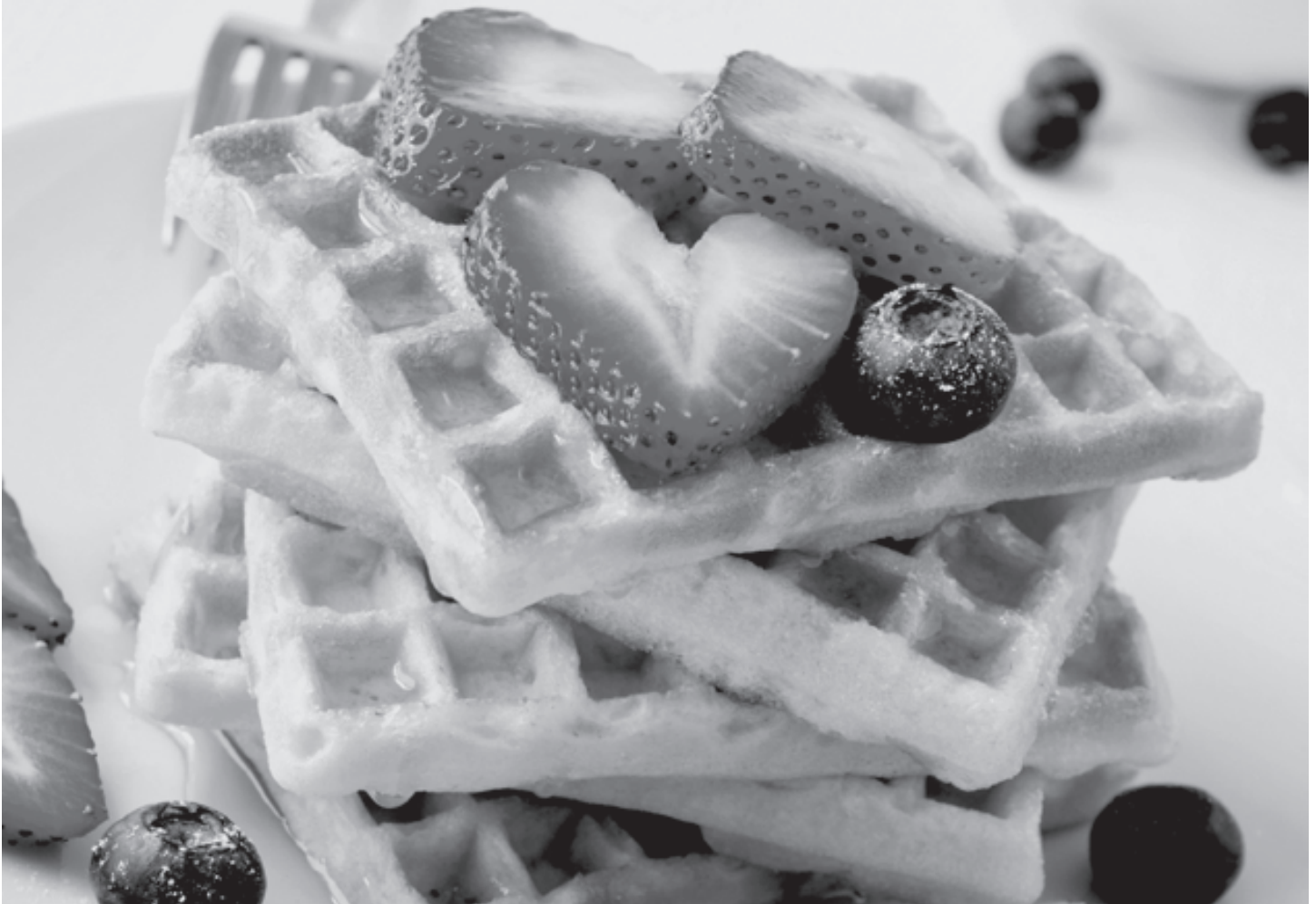


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By Nob Hill Main Street Board of Directors

(<http://www.rt66central.com/boardofdirectors.html>)

A quick update! Our offices have moved. You can find our new office in Newton's Cradle on the west side of O'Niell's Irish Pub, at 4310 Central Avenue, Suite A. We are very excited about our new space and can't wait for you to check it out. We have a new Executive Director starting in April. We want to extend our many thanks to Therese Berg who served as our Executive Director faithfully for the last three years; she will continue to be active and involved in Nob Hill Main Street's organization.

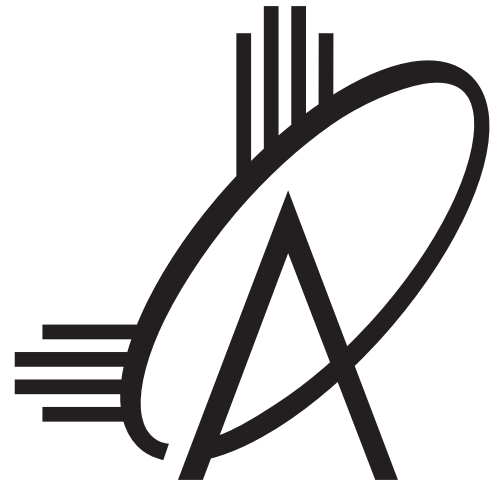
Volunteer opportunities are available on our four committees – Design, Promotions, Economic Positioning, and Organization. Whether it is the Community Garden at Morningside and Silver, historic preservation projects, helping in the office, or volunteering at one of our spectacular events, it all happens because of our neighborhood and partners. For more information email us at nobhillabqmainstreet@gmail.com or visit www.rt66central.com.

There are several fantastic events scheduled for Nob Hill this spring and summer:

- **April 21 join neighbors for the annual Earth Day - Celebrate the Earth Festival**
- **June 3 – 9 is the first annual Kicks N Flix (Albuquerque Film and Media Experience – AFME) - <http://www.abqfilmexperience.com>**
- **June 29 will be Pride 365 – the 37th Pridefest and Parade**
- **July 19 -21 be sure and join everybody at the 4th Annual Route 66 Summerfest**

Submit other events on our website to our interactive calendar.

Your financial support through donations, sponsorships, and advertising is always appreciated. For example, the cost for Rt 66 Summerfest was \$105,000.00 in 2012. The partnership for this event consists of the City of Albuquerque, The Outpost (NM Jazz Festival), and Nob Hill Main Street. The City's Cultural Service department and City Councilor Rey Garduño contribute \$60,000.00 to our event budget. Nob Hill Main Street and The Outpost raise the rest to make the event better year after year. So, please consider Nob Hill Main Street as the non-profit organization that is working to serve you, Nob Hill Merchants, and our historic neighborhood.



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