



Quintessence News

Quintessence Neighborhood Association
Newsletter

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A Message from the President

Dear Quintessence Neighbor,

Great things are happening in our neighborhood! Those who attended our last meeting heard some of the highlights of what we've accomplished in only a few short months, including:

- Established as a non-profit corporation in New Mexico
- Formal recognition by the City of Albuquerque's Neighborhood Association program
- Obtained a tax ID # and opened a bank account
- Established an accounting system with cash-flow monitoring and outyear budget planning
- Left turn lane at Quintessence and Eubank
- Published our first (and now 2nd) newsletter
- Established a Quintessence website (www.quintessence-na-abq.org)
- Surveyed members to identify common concerns

Please join me in thanking our steering committee members who have worked so hard to get QNA up and running as an established neighborhood association. Everyone's efforts are deeply appreciated.

At our January 29th meeting, several members volunteered for the following committees:

- Membership
- Land/Beautification
- Crime/Neighborhood Watch
- Outreach
- Communication
- Architectural Control
- Financial/Auditing

THANK YOU to each person who volunteered. As you complete your membership forms, please consider joining one of these committees and working together with your neighbors to keep Quintessence a beautiful place to live.

We have a busy next few weeks ahead. Please plan to attend our April General Membership Meeting. We will be electing board members, officers, and members of the Architectural Control Committee. Our Neighborhood Cleanup Day is scheduled for Saturday, April 24. This is a city-wide effort to make our neighborhoods shine. In addition, our park should be open by the end of April or beginning of May. Stay tuned for details on a neighborhood social and park dedication.

Becky Milligan

QNA President

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QNA General Meeting
 April 29, 2004
 7:00 pm
 Grace Lutheran Church
 7550 Eubank NE

We're on the WEB!
<http://www.quintessence-na-abq.org>

April General Meeting

Our bylaws require an annual membership meeting in April. Our April 2004 meeting will be April 22 at 7:00 p.m. Please make note of the NEW LOCATION: Grace Lutheran Church, just across Eubank at 7550 Eubank NE. They have a large meeting area that will accommodate more people than the room at Heights Cumberland where we have met previously. Dues for April 2004-March 2005 are \$12.

Neighborhood Watch

Thanks to the nine families that signed up to host a Neighborhood Watch organizing meetings for their street.

At this time there are thirteen streets (listed below) that do not have a neighborhood watch meeting host:

Alexandria Rd (10201-10235)

Ankara

Anton (7304-11212)

Coronado

Jarash

Jordan (7211-11209)

Larnaca & Marsiella

Petra

Samar

Sardina

Torin/Quintessence

Toulon (need 2 hosts) If you are interested in hosting a neighborhood watch organizing meeting for your street and need more information, please contact Satyra Brown (505-856-0841)



QNA Legal Assistance Requested

Is there an attorney in the neighborhood?

If you are an attorney and could volunteer to help us with a couple of minor legal questions regarding our bylaws, please contact Becky Milligan at 292-1038 or beckymilligan@earthlink.net.

Board Member Elections

As part of our general meeting, we will elect board members and officers. If you would like to nominate someone, please contact any steering committee member or e-mail beckymilligan@earthlink.net. You may also make nominations the night of the meeting. Nominees must be members of QNA, and must give consent to the nomination either verbally or in writing.

Interested in City Politics?

Are you interested in getting involved in city politics? The District 4 Coalition is a group of neighborhood associations that meets monthly to discuss neighborhood issues and collectively represent the Far NE Heights in city matters. If you would like to be the Quintessence delegate, please contact Becky Milligan or one of the Steering Committee members.

QNA Communication

The Steering Committee is working hard to communicate with everyone on issues impacting our neighborhood. The newsletter is mailed to all Quintessence residents and will include quarterly updates on current issues.

At times, it may be necessary to communicate via e-mail when a quick turnaround on input is needed. For example, the City of Albuquerque recently requested QNA input regarding tree placement in Quintessence Park. Due to the tight turnaround requested, an e-mail was sent to all QNA members with e-mail (88% of current members have e-mail). We will continue to e-mail current members when issues arise, so please join QNA and share your e-mail with us if you would like to receive these types of communications. Recipients will be bc:'d so your e-mail will not be distributed to everyone on the list.

If you are a QNA member who does not have e-mail, and you would like to be part of a phone tree for urgent issues, please contact Kim Kavelman at 821-8829.

Friendly Reminder about Furry Friends

City Ordinance 9-2-3-7 states that “No person shall allow an animal in his possession or control to persistently or continuously bark, howl, or make noise common to its species, or otherwise disturb the peace and quiet of the inhabitants of the city....”

Please remember to be courteous to your neighbors and keep your dogs from disturbing the peace. If you need to report a violation of this ordinance, call the City’s Animal Control division at 768-1975.



Park Update

Quintessence Park should be completed in late April or early May. The fences will stay up until everything in the park has been completed. We will have a neighborhood social and park dedication in late May or early June. Stay tuned for details!

QNA Clean Up Day

Help keep our Quintessence Neighborhood Beautiful

When: April 24th. 9:00 to Noon

Where: Meet in front of Judy’s home at 11219 Jordan NE

Purpose: QNA is joining the “Mayor’s Spring Cleanup: by sponsoring a “Neighborhood Clean-Up” of our trails and common areas

We Provide: Trash bags, drinks and more

You Provide: Your families, rakes gloves, hats and sun screen

PLEASE COME!!!! WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!

Any questions or suggestions: call Judy Geilenfeldt at 797-8982 or email JGeilen@aol.com

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Architectural Control Committee (ACC) Update

The "temporary" Architectural Control Committee (ACC) met two weeks after the January Annual Meeting and is comprised of neighbors who are ready to go to work for our Association. The members are listed below. The committee members will be elected at the April general meeting as required by the Covenants.

They are studying the City Zoning laws that apply to our residential neighborhood, and the Restrictive and Protective Covenants for Quintessence. Also, they are working on the procedures to process applications and plans for any variances from the standards, limitations and restrictions set forth in the Covenants.



Our Covenants require that we, residents of Quintessence, submit to the Committee those plans and specifications for any additions, remodeling or any changes from the original construction. The goal of the ACC is to help the residents make sure all new construction is in compliance with the Covenants and the city zoning requirements. Your ACC appreciates you contacting them if you are planning any additions or remodeling. Please feel free to contact John Chandler if you have any questions.

Sandia Glow Court will have a separately defined process to be published at a later time.

The Committee will be using this article and the "Did You Know" article to call to our attention those variances that affect us most. For a complete copy of Quintessence covenants, please access our website at www.quintessence-na-abq.org.

Temporary Architectural Control Committee members include:

John E. Chandler, Chairman 797-8875
Gary Gabaldon, Bob Geilenfeldt
Ken Guerin, Marlene Walton
Robert Ewing, Jay Walton
Dennis Houston

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Did You Know?

That Mayor Martin Chavez has begun an initiative to rid neighborhoods of abandoned or inoperable vehicles. He has asked all Neighborhood Associations for support and assistance in this program. In reporting these cars that blight a neighborhood, call the City hotline 768-CARS.

That no more than one garage or yard sale at a given dwelling in any 12-month period and the duration of the sale shall not exceed 3 consecutive days.
(City Zoning Code 14-15-2-6, A2c)

That the City Council passed an ordinance that neighborhood groups could no longer force homeowners to have grassy yards. Associations' covenants could still require that 20 percent of yard area could be grass. Our covenants do not address grassy yards - you can plant a xeriscape if you like.

That Quintessence is defined as the most perfect manifestation of a thing.
Does that not define our neighborhood?

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Vaughn??



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Quintessence Neighborhood Association (QNA) Membership Form

Last Name(s): _____

First Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

E-mail address: _____

Membership dues are \$12.00 per household per year. Member-
ships run from April to the following March and are not prorated.

New Member

Membership Renewal

Please make check or money order
payable to QNA and mail it together
with this form to:

QNA
PO Box 22033
Albuquerque, NM 87154-2033

**Volunteer
Opportunities**

QNA needs you! There are
many opportunities to get
involved in promoting a
better neighborhood. Please
check a committee in which
you'd like to be involved:

- Membership
- Communication
- Outreach
- Architectural
- Land
- Crime/Noise
- Street Captains
- Other (please specify)
