

Quintessence Neighborhood News

Quintessence Neighborhood Association

Annual Issue
April 2019

A Message from the QNA President

Since I've become the QNA President, I've looked at our neighborhood a little differently. It's really made me notice some of the things I see around the neighborhood: friendly people walking and running, kids waiting for the school bus, birds enjoying sprinkler water, and lost pets being found. I also noticed some things I didn't see, like weeds, trash, disrepair, and reckless vehicles.

Now, obviously there's some things we can't see just by walking around. We can't see cars that were broken into, or households struggling with health or finances. We may not always see reckless driving or vandalism, though we know these things happen. However, we also can't see the everyday service in homes throughout the neighborhood, with neighbors helping each other through challenges such as old age, parenting, crime, and illness. I've been impressed by how each time a challenge comes up in our neighborhood, people have stepped up to help out by returning lost items, visiting a neighbor affected by a crime, or even just picking up trash.

Becoming president has also opened my eyes to our many volunteers! I want to thank the teenagers helping run games at the Fall Festival, the grandparents helping pull weeds on Clean-up Day, the Scout troop that picked up trash at the park, the doggie bag refillers, and everyone who has helped with neighborhood events and beautification. If you would like to volunteer, by joining the Board or helping out with one of our annual events, please come to our annual meeting or contact us at qna.abq@gmail.com.

I hope we can appreciate that, the majority of the time, we live in a neighborhood that is not just beautiful on the outside, but is also full of people who respect each other, help each other, and learn from each other. Let's all be the kind of person we'd like to have for a neighbor.

Sincerely,
Andrea Landaker, QNA President



QNA
General Meeting
April 11 @ 7:00 pm
(meet & greet 6:30pm)
Grace Lutheran Church
7550 Eubank NE

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QNA Membership Dues
April 2019 - March 2020
\$20 per household
per year

QNA Communications

If you would like to receive updates via e-mail about neighborhood happenings, send an e-mail to qna.abq@gmail.com. If you change e-mail addresses, be sure to let us know. Recipients will be bcc'd so your e-mail address will not be visible to everyone who receives the e-mail. We will NEVER share your email with others.

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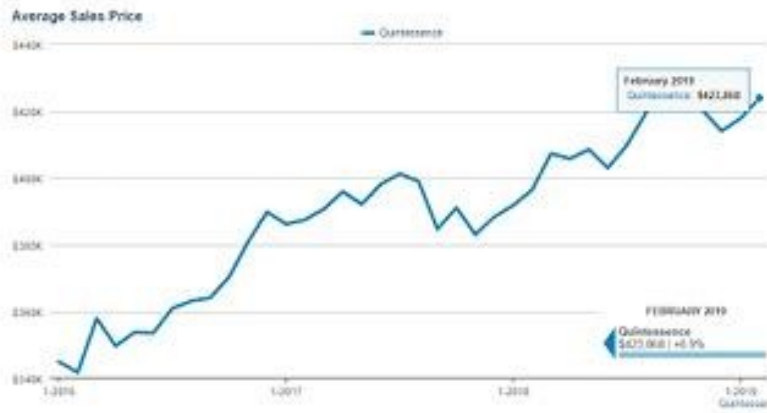
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QNA General Meeting

When: Thursday, April 11, 2019

Where: Grace Lutheran Church
7550 Eubank Blvd NE

6:30-7:00pm—Sign-in & social time
(drinks & snacks provided)

Meeting starts promptly at 7:00pm

Invited Speaker/Topics:

- Ms. Laura Kuehn, APD NE Command
Crime Prevention & Personal Safety

As part of our general meeting, we will elect board members and officers. If you are interested in volunteering to serve, please send an email to qna.abq@gmail.com. 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.

Give Back to Your Neighborhood

Your neighborhood and our Association are what you make it. Please consider volunteering time to support our activities:

QNA Board Member/Officer: No experience needed! Meets every 3-4 months (~4x/yr) for decision making on enhancements and issues that affect our neighborhood. Plan events and keep members informed on interactions with city and county.

Dogi-Pot Maintenance: The Dogi-pot waste stations need to be maintained once a week in fall and winter and twice a week in spring and summer.

Neighborhood Watch: Residents of a one block area (20-25 houses maximum) may form a neighborhood watch. APD staff attend an organizing meeting to discuss residential burglary prevention. By selecting a Block Captain, the organized neighborhood may then purchase NOAC (Neighborhood Organized Against Crime) street signs featuring the "Watching Eye."

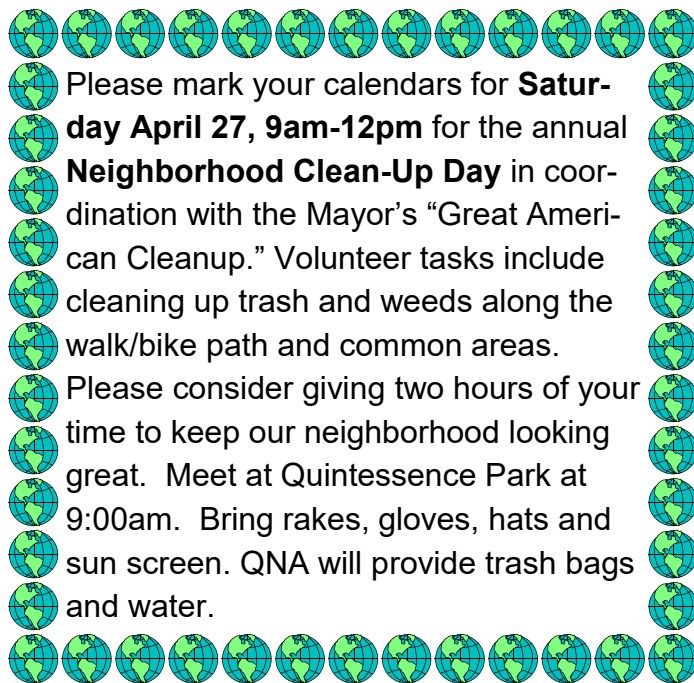
Architectural Control: Knowledgeable about City codes and covenants, they review and advise homeowners on all new construction and remodeling projects within QNA.

Beautification: Assist organizing and participate in neighborhood events for clearing trash and weeds from common areas.

Membership: Volunteering during QNA events, they register new and returning members of QNA, create welcome packets for new members and answer questions.

Outreach: Plan details for special events such as fall festival and assist at general meetings. Includes coordination of food, supplies and games for children.

Newsletter: Each year in April we mail out a newsletter. Editor contacts existing advertisers, collects articles from city and county information sources, and coordinates with printer for mailing.



Please mark your calendars for **Saturday April 27, 9am-12pm** for the annual **Neighborhood Clean-Up Day** in coordination with the Mayor's "Great American Cleanup." Volunteer tasks include cleaning up trash and weeds along the walk/bike path and common areas. Please consider giving two hours of your time to keep our neighborhood looking great. Meet at Quintessence Park at 9:00am. Bring rakes, gloves, hats and sun screen. QNA will provide trash bags and water.

The QNA Board tries to "promote a better neighborhood and community". Here's what we did last year:

April: Great American Cleanup Day - disposed of hundreds of tumbleweeds and other trash and debris

August: Neighborhood Night Out - organized ice cream and games at the park for Quintessence and Heritage East

October: Fall Festival - provided food, games, and activities and organized clothing donation

Ongoing: Encourage disposal of dog waste by stocking baggies at Dogi-Pot receptacles

Ongoing: Obtain and inform neighbors of important City events and services

Ongoing: Help neighbors with crime, lost items, and other neighborhood problems.

Ongoing: Maintain Little Free Library and bulletin board at park

Ongoing: Common area landscape maintenance and weed control

Ongoing: QNA Architectural Control Committee (ACC—a separate body) assists neighbors in maneuvering city codes and covenants.

Please join the Quintessence Neighborhood Association (only \$20 per house annually) and sign up for the neighborhood email list (no solicitations) to continue support for these improvements to our neighborhood!





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G ★★★★★
GREG BACA

ANDYS CREW WAS PROFESSIONAL, EFFICIENT, COURTEOUS I COULD GO ON AND ON. SIMPLY PUT I WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND THEM.

W ★★★★★
WILLIAM JOHNSON

The estimate done quickly and was accurate at completion. workers on time, proficient, pleasant, and careful. clean up excellent and job looked great. need painting hire Andy

R ★★★★★
ROBERT EWING

Fabulous workmanship! Great attention to detail. Friendly crew. I HIGHLY recommend Andy's Painting. Very reasonable pricing. The house looks better than new!

J ★★★★★
JEFFREY PIFER

Third time I have used Andy over an 8 year period. • on time, every time • arrives prepared and ready to start work. • excellent quality work. Above and beyond my expectations. • friendly crew • clean and efficient • shows up in a clean van, without paint spattered all about. Reminds me of painters from years past. • very reasonable - considering the quality of workmanship.

J ★★★★★
JENNIFER LILLARD

Andy and his painting staff were absolutely awesome. Great service, On time and very meticulous with their painting. They cleaned up after themselves each day and were incredibly understanding and caring. I definitely recommend this company! Very satisfied with our kitchen cabinets. They look beautiful :)

A ★★★★★
ANDY KRAYNIK

Andy's Painting recently did the entire interior of our house, and exceeded all of our high expectations. We have exposed adobe walls and beamed ceilings that require a lot of brush work, and we have always done all of our own painting for the forty years since we built the house, i.e. we are very picky. We even painted the house for our builder. Hermin, the crew chief, was outstanding to work with.

J ★★★★★
JOHN DOUGHERTY

These guys painted the outside of my house and gates. They did an outstanding job, and were very professional. I plan on using them again for inside painting and I highly recommend them.

T ★★★★★
JACKIE HAKEEM

I used Andy's Painting for a variety of tasks, including outside house (over Stucco) painting, interior painting, wallpaper removal and furniture painting! His crew was consistent, on time, neat and courteous! Fernin directed the jobs in both of my home with his eminence attention to details. Like wise the whole crew worked with an eagerness to do the job with the highest quality. Thank you to Hunter, Joseph, Eric, Nat and John. Thank you Andy and Bill for hiring the best crew!

D ★★★★★
DANA LIOLIOS

Awesome experience!!! They actually did what they said they would do! Wow what a concept workers actually showing up. Andy was punctual and professional and the estimate was affordable. The painters he sent were very customer service oriented and wanted to make sure I was liking the paint etc...They were extremely neat and meticulous I think they went above and beyond. I can't say enough about what a pleasant experience. I am now using them to paint my interior as well and will recommend to everyone I know



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Avoid Being a Burglary Victim

The best way to protect yourself, your family, your home and your valuables against a burglary is to take preventative measures. Here are a few tips that may help keep your property safe and secure.

- Make sure you have deadbolt locks on all external doors. Sliding doors can be secured with a dowel in the inside track to jam the door.
- Make sure all windows are locked or use clamps or wooden dowels to restrict opening.
- DO NOT hide keys around the outside of your home. Keep an extra key with a trusted neighbor or friend in case you are ever locked out.
- Outside lights make excellent deterrents for burglars.
- Make sure shrubs and trees do not block windows or doors. These can be excellent hiding places for burglars.
- Make sure valuables, such as TVs, stereos, computers, jewelry, etc., are not visible from the street. Do not entice the crooks.
- Teach your children to refrain from speaking of the contents of your home with strangers.
- Vary your routine. Leave for work earlier, or come home for a lunch break if possible.
- Get to know your neighbors. They can keep a vigilant eye for any suspicious activity in the neighborhood.
- Make sure that delivered packages arrive while you are home or are delivered to a secure area on your property. You can also request that the Post Office hold packages so you can pick them up at the nearest station.
- Be aware of scams. Many criminals will try to defraud you out of money with fake campaigns for help and donations.

If traveling:

- Do not post your travel plans on social networks. Criminals use these sites to look for potential victims
- Leave shade, blinds, and curtains in normal positions to maintain the appearance that someone is home.
- Invest in light timers, especially for outdoor lights.
- Have someone pick up your packages & flyers
- Remember to stop your mail, newspaper delivery and let your neighbors you trust know that you will be gone and exactly what cars should be at your house.

Avoid Being a Car Theft Victim

With car thefts always being a concern, the Albuquerque Police Department has several tips to help keep your vehicle safe:

- ⇒ **do not** leave your vehicle running to “warm up.” This is one very easy way for criminals to steal your car.
- ⇒ **Always** lock your car, close your windows, and engage your anti-theft device when leaving your vehicle.
- ⇒ **Don’t** leave your keys in your car for any reason.
- ⇒ **Park** in well-lit areas close to buildings.
- ⇒ **Do not** leave valuables in your car, including purses, wallets, cell phones, laptop computers, briefcases, backpacks or gym bags.
- ⇒ **Park** your vehicle in a garage, behind a lockable gate, or in an area with good lighting.
- ⇒ **If** you take your vehicle for service, only leave your ignition key. Some people leave their entire key ring, including house keys, and copying these keys is another way thieves can strike.
- ⇒ **Don’t** keep vehicle registration, insurance paperwork, or other types of documents in your car. If there is a break-in, this information can be used for identity theft. Instead, keep this paperwork in your wallet and carry it with you.



- ⇒ **Don’t** leave your garage door opener in your car if you park in driveway or street
- ⇒ **Etch** your vehicle identification number (VIN) on car doors, windows, windshields, engine blocks, and other parts.
- ⇒ **Consider** utilizing these other vehicle safety devices – a kill switch, a steering wheel lock, a steering column collar, brake locks, or wheel locks.

For more information on keeping your vehicle safe, visit: <https://www.cabq.gov/police/crime-prevention-safety/auto-theft>



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So you or a family member bought a drone, formally referred to as an Unmanned Aircraft System (I-JAS), and are eager to take it out to fly. Before you do so we would like to caution you on current Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) rules governing the use of privately owned hobby drones.

We encourage new UAS owners to seek out instruction from local drone hobby groups and to check with your neighborhood association, parks and recreation division, and the US Forest Service for any rules regarding aircraft or remote-control vehicles operations in areas you plan to fly.

Please keep in mind that if an I-JAS owner decides to fly their UAS for commercial purposes the rules become rather strict. For example, you may need a local business license and the FAA requires that the operator have a UAV operator license.

In an effort to educate the public on the rules governing the use of I-JAS (drones) we offer the following advice from the FAA.

You don't need permission from the FAA to fly your I-JAS (aka drone) for fun or recreation, but you must always fly safely.

Before you fly outdoors you must:

- Register your I-JAS if it weighs more than 0.55 pounds and less than 55 pounds
 - Label your I-JAS with your registration number
- Read and understand all safety guidelines

You must be:

- 13 years of age or older (if the owner is less than 13 years of age, a person 13 years of age or older must register the small unmanned aircraft)
- A U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident
- Visiting foreign nationals must register their I-JAS upon arrival in the United States (online registration serves as a certificate of ownership).

To register, you'll need:

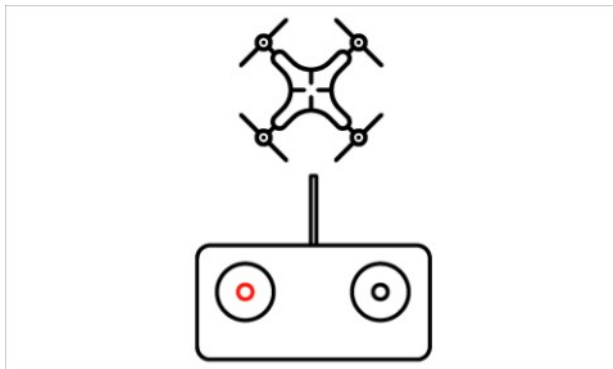
- Email address
- Credit or Debit card
- Physical address and mailing address (if different from physical address)
- Registration costs \$5 and is valid for 3 years.
- Register I-JAS that weigh less than 55 lbs. and more than 0.55 lbs. online
- Register UAS that weigh more than 55 lbs. by mail

SAFETY GUIDELINES

- Fly at or below 400 feet
- Keep your I-JAS within sight
- Never fly near other aircraft, especially near airports
- You are restricted from flying within a 5 mile radius of an airport unless you first notify the airport and air traffic control
- Never fly over groups of people
- Never fly over stadiums or sports events
- Never fly near emergency response efforts such as fires
- Never fly under the influence
- Be aware of airspace requirements
- Be aware of any helicopter landing areas such as area hospitals, news stations, and designated helicopter landing pads.

Disclaimer

The rules and advice listed below are not all inclusive. You are encouraged to read the entire FAA rules and registration requirements pertaining to personally owned drones at the following website: https://www.faa.gov/uas/getting_started/fly_for_fun/



QNA Fall Festival—October 2018



QNA Spring Cleanup 2018



Help Wanted: WE NEED VOLUNTEERS

The Quintessence Neighborhood Association has had a web presence and yearly newsletter since it was established in 2004. We are in need of a new webmaster and newsletter editor or volunteers to get involved in any part of these tasks. Please contact a the QNA Board (qna.abq@gmail.com) to obtain more information.

Webmaster:

The website will need folks who are familiar with (or willing to learn) the internet, web servers and web development. It requires very little maintenance.

- HTML knowledge is needed but site **text** can be edited visually.
- Update list of Board members yearly
- Be the interface between web service provider and domain name service provider for annual fees or issues.
- Make edits or additions requested by the QNA Board
- Maintain written instructions, user IDs/passwords and server information.

Newsletter Editor:

The editor duties can be shared between several people:

- **Advertising:** Each February contact advertisers to identify ones willing to pay for advertising and give them time to generate the images. (The same advertisers have supported the newsletter for the last several years.)
- Provide invoices to advertisers for mailing payments.
- **Content:** Newsletter content collected from trusted sources such as Albuquerque Police Dept, Albuquerque Fire Dept, city and county newsletters and websites.
- The newsletter has been created in Microsoft Publisher but can be converted.
- Submit to print shop for print and mailing; obtain print shop invoice; obtain payment from QNA Board for printing.
- **Mailing List:** Maintain the Microsoft Excel spreadsheet of QNA mailing addresses, including the advertisers, and provide the list to the print shop for mailing.



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Business members upload inventory and pictures so that law enforcement can review items to see if they have been reported stolen. The goal is to arrest offenders and return stolen property to its rightful owner. Businesses can register for free at [LeadsOnline](#). LeadsOnline is also used to identify individuals involved in the manufacture and sale of methamphetamine. In addition, it also allows detectives to review items posted for sale on EBAY.

There is a component called ReportIt that allows citizens to store an inventory of personal belongings on line. The inventory includes serial numbers, descriptions, pictures and receipts. ReportIt makes it easier to provide insurance companies and law enforcement with complete descriptions of items taken during home invasions. Citizens can register at [ReportIt: Citizen Property Inventory System](#).

SAVE THE DATE

We will be holding our first **neighborhood-wide yard sale** on Saturday, May 11, 2019. QNA will take care of the advertising and homeowners sell their stuff and **keep all the proceeds**. Set up a yard sale in your own front yard/driveway to benefit from increased traffic.



Register Surveillance Cameras

The [CrimeReports Camera Registration program](#) is an innovative way for the public to help law enforcement solve crime. This feature allows a homeowner or business owner to register their surveillance cameras with the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office (BCSO). To register: <http://www.bernalillocountysheriff.com/bernalillo-county-sheriff/crime-reports.aspx>



The Sheriff's Office does not have the capability to monitor or view any part of your camera feed. If a crime is committed in your area, our personnel can search registered cameras located in your area in the database. If there were a camera that could have information that can possibly solve a crime, a Deputy would contact the registered owner of the camera. The registered owner of the camera would have the opportunity to allow us to view the footage in an effort to determine if there is any valuable information captured that could be used to solve a crime. This is a collaborative effort between the Citizens of Bernalillo County and the Sheriff's Office to work together to combat crime in our community.

Privacy While Helping Solve Crimes

- Your information is kept safe and secure; never made public.
- Only local law enforcement can see it.
- Your camera location information is only shared with law enforcement agencies in your area.
- In the event of a crime, you may be contacted by your law enforcement agency so they may review your camera recordings.

BSCO Tip Submit

<https://new.tipsubmit.com/en/#/submit-tip/bernco.gov>

Tip Submit allows the public to submit tips about criminal activity in our community. The user can remain anonymous if they wish. It is very important to our agency to follow up on the tips we receive. All tips received will be routed to the appropriate Division Commander or Detective Unit for follow up. Please keep in mind that **Tip Submit is not monitored 24/7**. If you have an emergency that needs, immediate attention dial 911.



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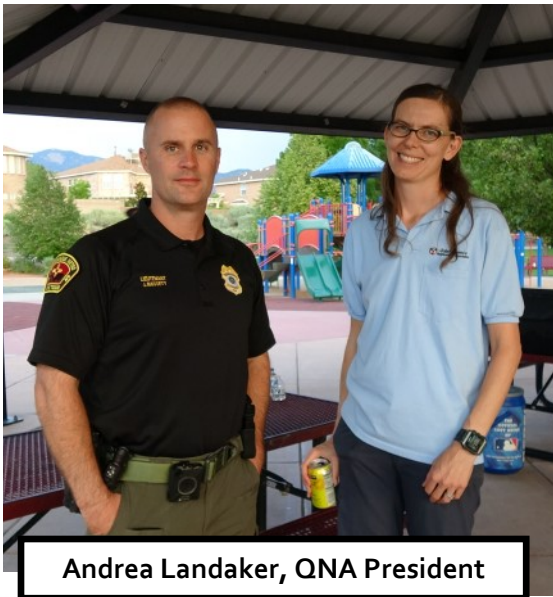
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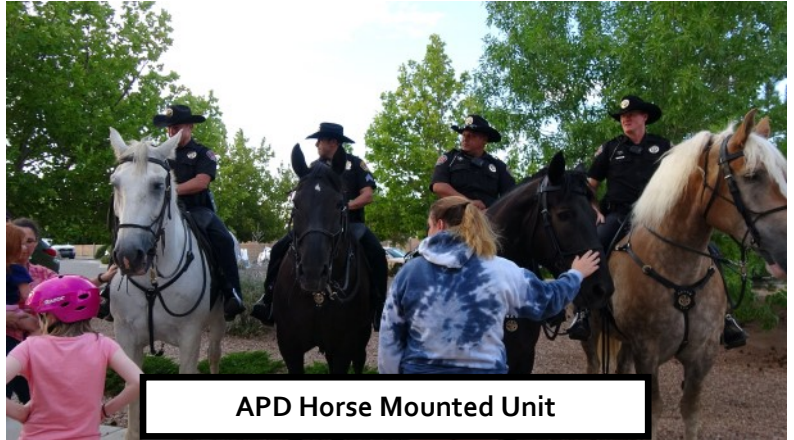
Neighborhood Night Out September 2018 QNA & Heritage East



Andrea Landaker, QNA President



Brad Winter, District 4 Representative



APD Horse Mounted Unit



APD NE Command



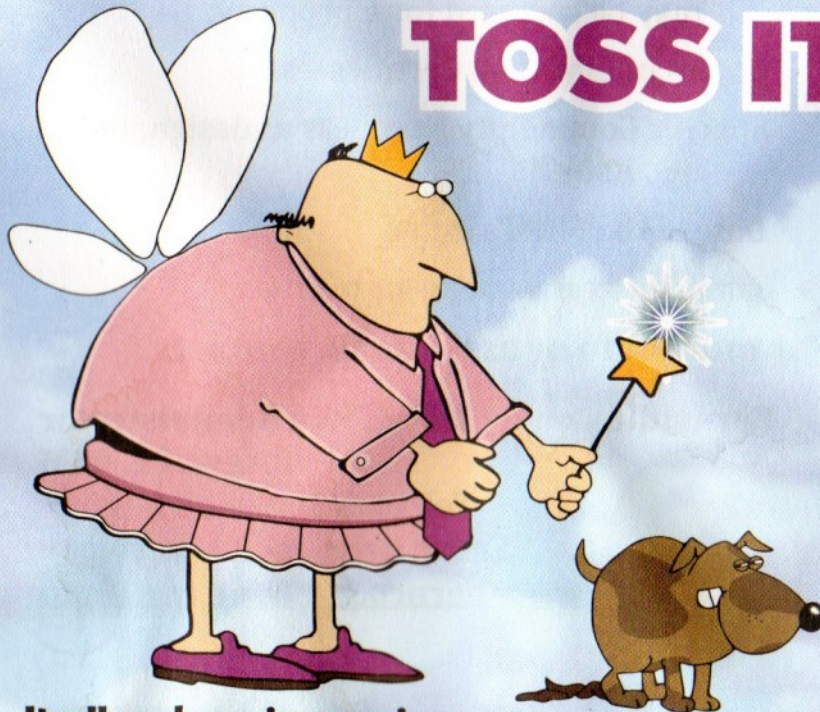
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Thanks QNA Board & ACC!

Thank you to the following Board and Committee Chairs who contributed their time to support QNA during the past year!

President: Andrea Landaker

Vice President: Barbara Cohen

Treasurer: Jim Frey

Secretary: Chris Rabi

Board of Directors:

- Judi Wahe - Jaye Bullington
- Brian Hehr - Judy Henderson
- Kim Kavelman - Don Wencewicz

Committees:

- **District 4C Rep:** Jerry Wahe/Tim Moynihan
- **Beautification:** Judy Henderson
- **Outreach:** Vacant
- **Webmaster/Newsletter:** Jaye Bullington
- **Email Correspondence:** Andrea Landaker
- **Architectural Control Committee**
Jerry Wahe, Team Lead

City Government Meetings on YouTube

Ever wanted to attend one of the many boards and commission meetings offered in the City, but just don't have time? You can now watch them online at the Gov TV Boards and Commission Meetings YouTube channel! Meetings ranging from the Civilian Police Oversight Agency to the Board of Ethics and Campaign Practices are featured, along with City Council meetings, Bernalillo County Commission meetings, and much more.

Visit: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEqpcP42AmnpJPYuOy1jASQ?view_as=public to subscribe.



We Need YOU!

The QNA Board helps keep our neighborhood safe, welcoming, attractive, informed and ensures that the City is responsive to the needs of our neighborhood. QNA board members are all volunteers, and a strong community always needs **new** volunteers with fresh ideas. The Board positions do not require any special background -- just a willingness to spend a few hours a month working for the benefit of your community. If you are willing to serve, you will join a friendly, strong and energetic Board that will help you learn the ropes.

If you have questions about the QNA Board or would like to volunteer, please send an email to qna.abq@gmail.com. Nominations may also be made at the annual meeting.

What is a Neighborhood Association?

A neighborhood association is a group of residents, property owners, businesses, and non-profits who come together to form a community, and to advocate for and organize activities within a specific geographical area that shares a common identity. What Does a Neighborhood Association Do? A neighborhood association comes together to build relationships, exchange information, discuss concerns, prioritize needs in the area, identify solutions, and work toward a common goal for the good of their community.

Why Do They Matter?

Each association can positively impact the life of each person within the boundaries of the neighborhood for the better.

Why Should I Join?

Joining a neighborhood association not only amplifies your voice but helps create a community with a shared vision and goal. When neighbors come together, it shows that the neighborhood is united and ready to make an impact on their community.

Neighborhood Associations & Community Policing

Some services that APD provides to neighborhoods interested in community policing include:

- Block Captain Training
- Crime Prevention Specialists
- Neighborhood Patrols
- Neighborhood Watch Programs.





We're on the WEB!

<http://qna-abq.org>

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Quintessence Neighborhood Association (QNA) Membership Form

Last Name(s): _____

First Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

E-mail address: _____

Email allows us to keep you informed on activities which affect our neighborhood. We will not share your information.

Membership dues are \$20.00 per household per year. Memberships 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 together with this form to:

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:

- QNA Board
- Neighborhood Watch
- Architectural Control
- Beautification
- Membership
- Dogi-pot Maintenance
- Outreach/Events
- Other (please specify)

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