

Academy North Newsletter



Academy North Neighborhood
Association March 2021

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Letter from the President

Hello everyone,

Looking so forward to seeing everyone SOON and thank you for supporting our neighborhood. I trust you all are doing well. I thought I would just touch base and let you know that hopefully we will have a meeting this year! As soon as we can set it up with the library. We continue fund raising for the Barstow wall renovation and are in the process of taking bids. If it is at all possible, please give a little extra for that cause. We are still open to all ideas of how to raise money for this project and we have collected only ~ \$8000.00 so far. Please let me know if you have any suggestions to raise money or know of any qualified contractors who we may contact. To give to the wall fund, please send or give a check to Sam Hammons, the treasurer, at 8309 Racheleigh and reference that it should go to the fund. Don't forget your normal annual \$50.00 dues. I have had two stucco people look at the situation. The quotes I am getting are out of our reach for several reasons. The estimates are for patching and re painting/re bonding/restucco and are from \$28,000 - \$34,000 plus. They both are saying since the wall has been previously painted, the ideal situation would need to be sand and re stucco the whole wall. One of the men actually said he didn't want to do the repair and is passing on the project because he doesn't think he can do it to our satisfaction. Patching and painting would be the best solution but we need it to be at a reasonable cost. One ANNA member suggested that maybe we could do the entrances alone to make them at least look more appealing to potential buyers for the neighborhood. I have

received quotes for the entrances of \$9600.00 and +\$10,000.00. There is also another very important issue I have to mention. We are in dire need of new officers for our association. After some 23 years, I am going to retire from being an officer. I will continue to be on the board and will certainly help but not as an officer. Please step up if you can as we have not had a vice president in over a year and I do not believe our current officers will stay in their positions much longer. So-- we need new officers! I think we all agree that this association and neighborhood is important to us and to our home values but it cannot run without officers and support from you. Please pay your dues of \$50.00 for the year and for last if you have not. Thank you for all who have paid. Also, consider giving some extra for the wall fund. See Treasurer report in this newsletter. I would like to personally thank Virginia DeBolt for all her years putting our newsletters together. We have always appreciated her continuance of service and her great work. Vanessa Stranski has offered to take over for Virginia and we are delighted, grateful and excited for her help. Will be in touch about the annual meeting soon. Thank you for your consideration on all issues in advance. Please contact me at 249-8014 if you are interested. Nancy Mead, President 249-8014

Help Needed

The association is in dire need for all officers. We have the current officers and duties listed below. Please take a little time to review and consider getting more actively involved in our great neighborhood. You might be surprised to find the duties are not complicated and everyone really can have skill sets that do help out. Some of our officers are pulling double duty and the rest need to retire. If you enjoy the outdoors, we have a beautification committee that tackles weed issues, the infamous wall and general upkeep of our common spaces. If you have basic computer skills, maybe the Secretary position is your calling! If you are a people person, then the Welcome Committee is a great opportunity to meet and greet new neighbors. Please consider these positions as it would be greatly appreciated and rewarding.

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Current Board and Committee Chairpersons

President: IS OPENING SOON Accepting Volunteers! (Currently Nancy Mead, nanmead@msn.com 249-8014)
Vice-President: OPEN Need Volunteers!
Secretary: OPEN Need Volunteer! Christee King, kingchristee@gmail.com
Treasurer: Sam Hammons 934-5726
Welcome and Membership Committee:
Interested? Accepting Volunteers! Nancy Mead, nanmead@msn.com
Social Committee: Mary Eichler memeichler7@gmail.com
District 4 Coalition Rep: Vanessa Stranski twofloatin2@yahoo.com
Community Policing: Kathy Maxwell kathrynmaxwell0201@gmail.com
Newsletter: Vanessa Stranski twofloatin2@yahoo.com
Covenant Awareness: OPEN We need volunteers!
Beautification Committee: Christee King, kingchristee@gmail.com

Treasurer's Report

5/01/2018 Previous Balance	\$ 8664.83
Expenses	
Water Quest	\$97.09
NM Secretary of State	20.00
Deposits	
Dues	100.00
Balance as of 8/08/2019	\$10,249.00
For future expenses	\$ 3000.00
Wall Fund	\$ 7249.00

Dues

ANNA dues \$50 per year. Checks should be made out to ANNA and mailed to 8309 Racheleigh. If you can, give more than the \$50 and indicate "Wall Fund" on the check.

- Sammy Hammons Treasurer

Title List of Board and Chairpersons with Duties

President- Presides at meetings. Assist committee chairpersons with guidelines to organize their events, committee's, etc. Assist all volunteers defining their jobs and expectations. Keep residents informed of all city/neighborhood events that may affect them. Encourage residents to contribute to a better neighborhood.

Vice President - Assist President in any way necessary. Stand in when President is unavailable or unable to perform his/her job.

Secretary - Take minutes of meetings. Take care of mailings.

Treasurer - Deposits dues, pay all approved bills and give quarterly report to residents and yearly budget and report at annual meeting.

Social Committee - Organize potluck and yard sale and neighborhood gatherings.

Welcome Committee - Welcome all newcomers with info packet.

Community Policing and Block Captains - Take calls from neighbors about crimes and issues, then report to newsletter.

Newsletter Committee (2 people?) - Edits, collects, prepares articles for printing. Sets up and prepares newsletter for print.

Membership Committee - Works with Welcome Committee and President to keep track of residents and rentals.

Delivery Team - Volunteers who help deliver, fold, copy, mail items for ANNA.

Beyond Our Walls - District 4 Coalition Representative of Neighborhood Association. Alert ANNA of things from city that effect ANNA.

Covenant Awareness Group - Group of volunteers that work with residents to help explain and enforce the Protective Covenants of Academy North. Refers to the covenants when questions and issues arise.



Beautification Committee

Spring is here once again and we are all dealing with the weeds on our property. Please try to keep your weeds under control to keep them from spreading to your neighbor's yard. If the situation next door is not being dealt with, you can anonymously let the City know and they will give a warning to the occupant. To report a weed violation, please call 311 or visit them online; (<https://www.cabq.gov/311/abq311/abq311>) WaterQuest recently applied a pre-emergent on the gravel areas along Barstow. This substance is the same one used by the City and forms a barrier to keep weed seeds from germinating. It should help keep the weeds to a minimum over the entire growing season. This is supported by your annual dues. In December 2019, I contacted Johnny Chandler, the Public Information Officer at the Department of Municipal Development for the City (768-3879). I asked when we might expect overall street repair. What follows is the text of his response to me via email: "The Academy North subdivision is a residential area that we have been monitoring and is on our 5 year watch list for (a) road that needs some rehabilitation. The roads in your neighborhood are list [sic] in fair to poor condition. We will be rehabilitating your roadways within the next 4 years. In the meantime, if there is a major issue such as a large crack or pothole, please call 311 or use the OneABQ app and we will address that individual issue as soon as possible." This is encouraging news. While the rehabilitation process will be an inconvenience, it will be worth the wait and inconvenience when it does happen.

Christee King

ANNA Secretary and Beautification Committee

kingchristee@gmail.com

Policing Committee

We have had two reports in the last 6 months. Both are warnings about locking your cars at night if you have to park in your driveway or on the street.

October 16, 2020

A neighbor noticed an older model red car, medium sized resembling a Saturn, with 2 young males driving slowly through our neighborhood. The driver had a small build with short shaggy black hair. The passenger had a bigger build wearing a dirty white or tan baseball cap. They were acting a bit suspicious as they drove slowly through the streets. Our neighbor didn't get the license number. She wanted to alert everyone, especially those who have to leave their cars on the street or in their driveway, to make sure they lock their cars and don't leave valuables in plain sight. These 2 young males sound similar to the description found on NextDoor from nearby neighborhoods. A police report was not made.

February 5, 2021

A neighbor on Parrot Run reported that her car was ransacked during the night. She wants to warn everyone to be sure to lock your car doors. People are going around lifting door handles hoping to find an unlocked door and find items left in your car.

If you have a problem that you want to report, please call the police first to give them all the important details. Then call or email me so I can keep a log of the incident. As the weather gets warmer, more people will be out walking enjoying the neighborhood. Please drive safely and slowly. Also, turn on your porch lights at night to light up our neighborhood to help keep it safe. A dark house is an invitation to burglars.

Kathy Maxwell 821-1074

Kathrynmaxwell0201@gmail.com



Welcome Committee

To all of our new neighbors, welcome!!

Because of the circumstances of the past year we have not had the opportunity to visit and welcome you. Please know that we are thinking about you and hopefully we can visit personally real soon.

Nancy,

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Classifieds

Please contact Vanessa @
twofloatin2@yahoo.com if you have any listings you'd like included.

Your Neighborhood Realtor

Nancy Mead, Realty One of NM 294-8014 C
554-2213

Odds and Ends

Major storm outage. We experienced a major outage to entire neighborhood in the early hours of March 24th that lasted ~3-4 hours. We had 30-50mph winds with gusts clocked at ~60mph. As any of you may have lost a few chair cushions like me, then you know it was pretty wild out there! One resource still available during that type of situation is a smart phone (if you have one). It can access the PNM website to report any outage(s) and check area situations.

Being Neighborly

If you're one of the folks who get out to walk your dog every day, be sure to clean up after they perform their "business". I'd like to thank all the ones who do pick up, (I've seen many) but to the others, please don't leave it for everyone else.



Don't be a poop! Use a scoop!

About the Academy North Neighborhood Association

Our Purpose: To maintain the integrity of the neighborhood. To work with the city to keep residents aware of all issues affecting them so they may make decisions concerning changes in and around the area. To promote safety, security, welfare, neighborly and friendly values. To promote care of all residences in order to protect the property values of Academy North.

On the Web

Visit our website at
<https://academynorthneighborhood.com>