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# SEHNA NEWS



SouthEast Heights  
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ASSOCIATION

THIS NEWSLETTER FEATURES UPDATES TO SEVERAL EVENTS AND PROJECTS AFFECTING SEHNA RESIDENTS – CURRENT AS OF EARLY JULY, 2011.

TO STAY INFORMED, CHECK THE SEHNA WEB SITE ([WWW.SEHNA.ORG](http://WWW.SEHNA.ORG)) PERIODICALLY OR "LIKE" OUR FACEBOOK PAGE. LOOK FOR "SOUTHEAST HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION."

## SEHNA MEMBERSHIP

BY MIKE GALLEGOS

In the next few months the SEHNA Membership Committee will organize both a flyer, door knocking and email campaign asking you to sign up as a member of SEHNA. The membership fees are only \$10.00 per year. What's in for me your ask? Well, for starters our committee has a whole laundry list of aspirations for members of SEHNA, including being a member of a larger listserve for SEHNA members ONLY on which you would receive periodic emails about Crime Awareness efforts; Crime Statistics for our neighborhood; the quarterly Newsletter; awareness of issues important to our neighborhood (such as the Kirtland Spill, Kirtland Air Force Base noise; Zuni road Study; Lead/Coal Avenue projects and others. The Kirtland Spill is featured in our upcoming Newsletter in publication next week); and of course involvement on our Facebook page and access to the SEHNA website. In time we could participate in Block Parties and discussions as a larger community. As more people sign up as SEHNA members we would be able to afford speakers on topics of interest and pay for concerts and other forms of entertainment right here in our beautiful neighborhood parks. For those of you interested in signing up as members on the website, please go to [WWW.SEHNA.ORG](http://WWW.SEHNA.ORG) where you can check on membership and fill out the application, or you can simply download the application, fill it out write out a check to SEHNA for one, two or three years at \$10.00 per year and mail it to the address listed.



## SEHNA GARAGE SALE

**NOVEMBER 12 - SAVE THE DATE AND SAVE YOUR STUFF**  
BY PHYLLIS TAYLOR

SEHNA will hold its mostly annual garage sale on Saturday, November 12. Save your household items, furniture, books, tools, etc. that are in good condition. No clothes, please.

Money from the garage sale helps pay for SEHNA events, Christmas Eve luminarias, our PO box, web site and other association activities. Leftover items are donated to the Salvation Army.

In mid-October, we'll be able to store items. Call Phyllis Taylor, 268-6003 for more information. We'd love volunteers to help set up, take down, pick up items and work on the day of the sale. Details will be published in the Annual Meeting newsletter in October.

## ZUNI PEDESTRIAN STUDY OPEN HOUSE, JULY 20, 6:00-7:30 PM

An open house meeting for the Zuni Pedestrian Study will be held at the Cesar Chavez Community Center on Wednesday, July 20 from 6 to 7:30 pm (you have time to drop by the open house and still make it to the concert in Hyder Park).

The purpose of this study is to improve safety for pedestrians and bicyclists on Zuni. The study began at the first of the year and will be completed in August. More details, meeting flyers and information from past meetings are on our web site, [www.sehna.org](http://www.sehna.org).

**BERNALILLO COUNTY SIMPLE PROJECT GRANT, BY EZRA MERRILL**

The Southeast Heights Neighborhood association (SEHNA) was awarded a Simple Project grant to raise awareness and increase membership through the use of temporary signage and quarterly neighborhood update newsletters. The project was made possible in whole through a Neighborhood Outreach Grant from Bernalillo County. We thank the county for their support!

“Our current membership is less than 4% of the neighborhood. SEHNA would like to have greater than 15% membership within the next 12 months.” said John Pate, SEHNA Board of Directors President. “Thanks to Bernalillo County, we now have the means to raise awareness for SEHNA and we encourage all neighbors to join SEHNA to show your support for your neighborhood.”

The goal for this project is to increase awareness to our community about SEHNA, promote the services being provided and work with our neighbors to expand them



per the neighborhood's needs. SEHNA is a great organization that typically operates in the background and performs zoning support, crime monitoring, fund raising and community building activities including the beautiful holiday luminaria displays we all enjoy.

Providing public information through the quarterly newsletters and an avenue for communication is a great step in the process of building a robust and sustainable organization. Ultimately, an increase in membership will provide benefits to everyone in our neighborhood.

In the next few newsletters you will see an update on the project status and membership drive information. In the next few newsletters you will see an update on the project status and membership drive information. SEHNA encourages everyone to join the association. Membership information can be found at [www.sehna.org](http://www.sehna.org) or find on facebook, “Southeast Heights Neighborhood Association.”

**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT - TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2011, 7-9 PM**



This year's National Night Out will be held on Tuesday, August 2. If

you participate in an organized neighborhood watch, check with your block captain to see if there will be a National Night Out Party on your block.

If you don't have an organized neighborhood watch, this might be a

good time to contact your neighbors and set up a neighborhood watch! More information about the City's neighborhood crime prevention program is on the Albuquerque Police Department's Crime Prevention web site: [www.cabq.gov/police/prevention](http://www.cabq.gov/police/prevention).

**LEAD AND COAL UPDATE, BY PHYLLIS TAYLOR**

You've been negotiating the ongoing changes to Lead and Coal for several months now, so here's the scoop. The Lead & Coal Improvements Project is an 18-month, \$26 million project to create a landscaped, neighborhood-, bicycle-, and pedestrian friendly streets through our neighborhood and beyond. As an added bonus, the project will improve storm drainage.

Check out the completed (almost) section of Coal between I-25 and University – the final paving will go in last, but you can see the widened sidewalks and fabulous landscaping. The project's web site, [www.leadandcoal.com](http://www.leadandcoal.com), has a photo gallery, weekly construction updates, and lots of information about the project. The project also has a Facebook presence: Look for “Lead and Coal Construction Updates”.

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**JULY 2011 UPDATE ON THE KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE BULK FUEL FACILITY SPILL** BY ROLAND PENTTILA

Back in 1999 while testing their underground fuel storage lines, the AFB discovered leaks in the underground piping that lead them to a further discovery of a large plume of spilled fuel in the soil beneath the base and on the surface of the aquifer four hundred feet below the surface. Scientists now believe that the leaks could have been occurring since the 1950s. Since 1999, AFB representatives have worked with the Water Utility Authority (WUA) and the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) to further understand the extent of the leak and what to do about it. It's now been twelve years and there's much more to be known about this leak. The cause of the leak has been removed with new tanks and new pipelines all above ground so that leaks can be immediately spotted. The Air Force has issued a performance-based \$49.1 million contract to Shaw Environmental to begin remediation activities and to stop the northerly migration of the dissolved and liquid phases of the spill. The first award was for \$22.9 million in the first five years concentrating on site characterization, removal of contaminated soils, installing additional soil vapor extraction units and removal and treatment of what is called the Light Non-Aqueous Phase Liquid (LNAPL) material floating on the surface of the aquifer.

As a refined petroleum product, LNAPL it is lighter than water and tends to float on top in a very thin layer. It appears to be moving slowly north due to the action of the drinking water wells north and east of the site that is on the northern base boundary near Bullhead Park.

Expert estimates vary widely as to when the plume might reach the drinking water wells. Based on constant testing, none of those Water Authority drinking wells have been affected. The nearest potable water wells are at the Veteran's Hospital and Kirtland Air Force Base and they have also not been contaminated. In April of 2010, New Mexico transferred oversight responsibility from the Groundwater Bureau to the Hazardous Waste Bureau that has stronger environmental remedies.

While no one is happy about the situation, it appears that the Air Force, the NMED and the WUA seem to be moving forward in this large remediation task. It won't be fixed tomorrow or in five years or maybe 10. However, the threat is that some of the city's drinking water wells may have to be taken out of service if the contamination reaches them. There is a possibility that this could lead to water shortages and mandatory water conservation. Since the wells are being regularly tested, it is unlikely that any of the contaminants will ever get into the city's drinking water.

The Air Force provides regular briefings on progress through meetings of the Citizen's Advisory Board. These meetings are held at the Cesar Chavez Community Center located at 7505 Kathryn SE. To learn the date and time of the next scheduled meeting, contact Ludie Wayne Bitner, Chief, Environmental Restoration at (505) 846-3484. For further information, go to <http://www.kirtland.af.mil/environment.asp>




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**THE BANDELIER GARDEN IS GROWING WITH COMMUNITY SUPPORT!** BY MARY ERWIN

During the summer months drop by the garden at Bandelier (on the north side of campus along Burton) to see what is growing: tomatoes, peppers, squash, spinach, marigolds, apples, grapes, apricots, herbs and lots more!

When classes are not around to water and tend the garden, families and community members are meeting weekly on Wednesday evenings to tend and water the beds. In exchange for keeping things going and

growing, these families will get to eat whatever they grow until school resumes in the fall.

For the 2011-12 school year a new management team consisting of parents and community members will help keep things growing along with help from students and their teachers. If you are interested in helping or have questions, please contact Principal Glenda Armstrong at 255-8744 or @ [armstrong@aps.edu](mailto:armstrong@aps.edu).

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The Albuquerque Concert Band will perform in Hyder Park, 700 Richmond SE, on July 20. This free concert is an opportunity to enjoy an evening of music and meet neighbors.

Come by the SEHNA table and say "hello."

For more information, check out SEHNA's web site and Facebook page, or go to the City of Albuquerque's web site: [www.cabq.gov/cultural-services/events/albuquerque-concert-band-hyder-park](http://www.cabq.gov/cultural-services/events/albuquerque-concert-band-hyder-park)

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