



Quintessence News

Quintessence Neighborhood Association
Newsletter

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Welcome to Quintessence News

A Message from the President

Dear Quintessence Neighbor,

The Quintessence Neighborhood Association (QNA) was officially organized on September 25, 2003. We have an exciting opportunity to work together and have a voice on issues that affect our neighborhood. As a recognized neighborhood association, we will receive notification from the City of development projects, changes in services, and street construction and repair; and from developers for land use development and zoning changes for projects in our area. As a result, we have the opportunity to provide input and participate in the planning process.

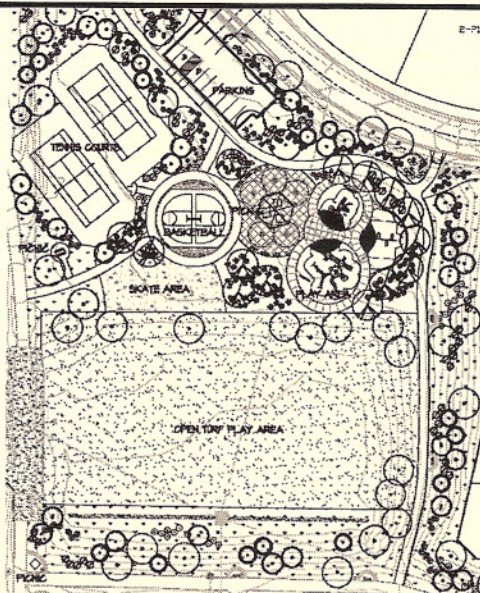
This newsletter provides an overview of QNA and information about the types of issues that affect our area. A membership form is also included. Please join as we work together to promote a better neighborhood.

Becky Milligan

QNA President

Quintessence Park Update

Construction on Quintessence Park is well underway, and scheduled to be completed by April 2004. The park design is posted on the QNA website, www.quintessence-na-abq.org. Per the latest update from the City of Albuquerque, the entire park will be constructed, including tennis courts, eliminating the originally proposed phased construction. The park will have a flat grassy area but will not be scheduled for Saturday soccer games. There will be a representative from the parks department to give us an update at the meeting on January 29th.



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QNA General Meeting

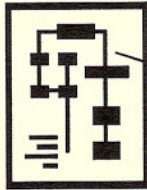
January 29, 2004
7:00 pm
Heights Cumberland
Presbyterian Church
Room 407
8600 Academy Road NE



QNA Organization

At the September 25, 2003 meeting, bylaws were adopted and a temporary steering committee of board members and alternates was selected. Officers were chosen in two subsequent steering committee meetings. Officers and members of the temporary steering committee are as follows:

- Becky Milligan – President
- Steve Rabi – Vice President
- Judy Geilenfeldt – Secretary
- Perry D'Antonio – Treasurer
- Karen Branch – Board Member
- Satyra Brown – Board Member
- Vaughan Fulton – Board Member
- Marti Tueller – Board Member
- Judy Wahe – Board Member
- Richard Allen – Alternate



- Gary Gabaldon – Alternate
- Kim Kavelman – Alternate
- Morris Huling - Alternate
- Jerry Wahe - Alternate

To date, QNA has acquired a Tax ID number, registered as a nonprofit corporation with the state of New Mexico, and registered as an official Neighborhood Association with the City of Albuquerque.

An Annual Meeting and membership drive will be held each year in April. Officers and Board Members will be elected each year during this meeting. Steering committee members listed above will serve until the next annual meeting in April 2004, at which time they may be reelected and/or new members voted in.

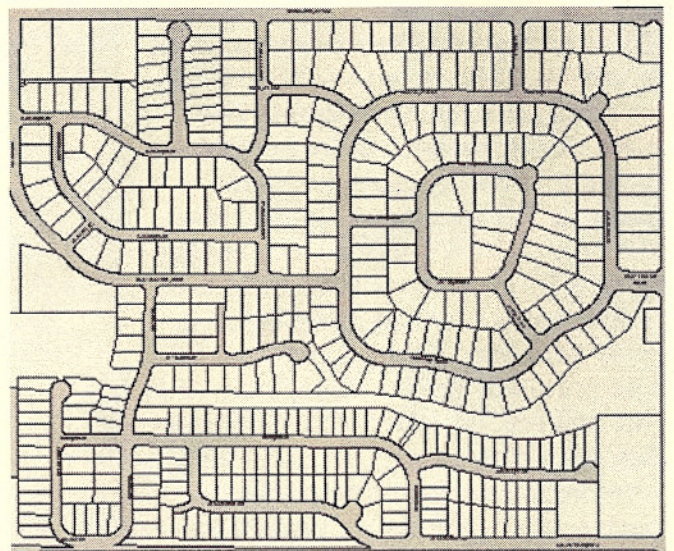
The Steering Committee would like to take this opportunity to **thank Leo Padilla** of the City of Albuquerque's Office of Community and Neighborhood Coordination for his assistance in forming our association.

QNA Purpose

Per the bylaws, "The purpose of the Association shall be to enhance...the Quintessence area, [and] to promote a better neighborhood and community through group action, so that the quality of life in the area shall be in keeping with the social, environmental, cultural and historic needs and interests of the residents." (QNA bylaws adopted September 25, 2003). As neighbors, we can work together to keep Quintessence a great place to live by addressing issues of common concern, such as traffic, beautification, and crime.

QNA Boundaries

QNA is bounded on the West by Holbrook, on the North by Coronado Avenue, on the East by Eubank Blvd., and on the South by Larnaca Rd. and by the lots on both sides of Alexandria Rd.



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Paul Geilenfeldt

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Getting the Message Out

Communication is one of the most important functions of a neighborhood association, and QNA has four different tools available to keep everyone informed of important issues.

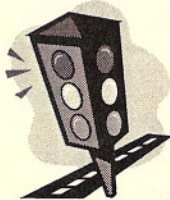
- **QNA Web Site** — www.quintessence-na-abq.org, where you can find QNA bylaws, officers, newsletters, and information on current neighborhood events. Thanks to Steve Rabi QNA Vice President, Web Master
- **Meeting Notices, Signs and Flyers** - Posted at common entrances and hand outs.



Thanks to Jerome and Judi Wahe.

- **QNA Newsletter** - Published quarterly, Kim Kavelman editor.
- **Email** - Last but not least, one of the quickest ways to disseminate information is through e-mail. If you would like to be on a Quintessence e-mail list, send your e-mail address to beckymilligan@earthlink.net.

Traffic Watch



Several road improvements have been made recently in the Quintessence area. **San Francisco** has been opened to the north, providing another corridor from Holbrook to Eubank. The County is planning to make improvements at the San Francisco/Eubank intersection, including adding right turn bays, filling in the dip on Eubank just north of San Francisco for better visibility, and adding a light if traffic warrants. A traffic light would also provide a break for traffic turning at Quintessence. In addition, QNA recently asked the City to look into installing a left turn bay for northbound traffic on **Eubank** turning west into **Quintessence** and work on this should begin after the holidays.

Quintessence Beautification



Many questions have been asked about maintenance of the common areas of Quintessence. Paradise West, the developer of the Quintessence subdivision, is contractually obligated with the City of Albuquerque to maintain these areas until September 2008. Common areas include the entrance at Quintessence and Eubank, area Quintessence Road that borders the park, and both trail entrances off of Toulon.



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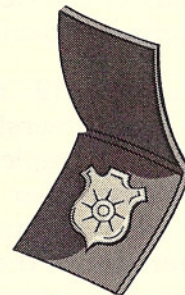
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Crime/Neighborhood Watch

The Neighborhood Watch program is an effective way to reduce crime one block at a time. When neighbors come together to maintain a safe environment, every one benefits. Each block organizes a Neighborhood Watch independently. If you are interested in starting a program on your block, please call the APD Crime Prevention Office at 924-3600.



QNA Survey Results

First, thanks to everyone who participated! This was a first attempt to measure the interests and concerns of Quintessence residents. There were 36 responses, roughly 9% of the households in the development.

The leading concerns were traffic, beautification, neighborhood watch/crime, the park, lawn and weed maintenance, and zoning/land development, noise (barking dogs), and trash/construction debris (ordered from greatest to least number of responses).

When asked what committees the neighborhood association should have, it led to the committees mentioned below. As our neighborhood association grows, these may need to be modified or expanded.

In the open comment section, problems ranged from parked cars, extended driveway parking onto sidewalks, front lawn landscaping (or lack thereof), pet noise and debris, speeding, trash, joint wall storage of trash/recycling (bugs!), crime/security during the day while many residents are at work, and landscaping of the neighborhood entrance.

It should be noted that the survey was conducted before the park and speed bumps work began. As you can see, having a collective voice with the city can make good things happen!

A random drawing (from the response pool) will occur at the December steering committee meeting and will win 2 free meals at Weck's.

What's next? The committees need chairpersons and volunteers!!! Pick an area of interest or talent and complete the application on the back of this newsletter. The more participation the more we can help ourselves. With the help of the committees, the neighborhood association can begin to address the concerns expressed in the survey as well as organize fun activities.

QNA Volunteers Wanted

All committees need a chairperson
Loosely defined responsibilities are in parenthesis.

- Membership (dues, database)
- Communication (newsletter, website, phone tree)
- Outreach (socials, greet new neighbors, youth activities)
- Architectural (zoning of land near or bordering the neighborhood, house additions, etc)
- Land (beautification, cleanup, common areas)
- Crime/Noise (neighborhood watch)
- Street Captains

QNA Dollars and Cents

Every organization needs funds to operate and QNA is no exception. Luckily we are blessed with the talents of Perry D'Antonio, QNA Treasurer. To date, Perry has set up an accounting system with various budget codes, opened a checking account, and together with Becky developed a reimbursement request process.

QNA Members Wanted

QNA membership is open to residents and businesses in the Quintessence area. Your membership is an investment in your neighborhood's future. Help plan the future of the Quintessence area with you input. 100% of the membership costs go towards improving our neighborhood. To date we have 40 members. Join now for half price (\$6) to help with start-up costs such as nonprofit incorporation with the State of New Mexico, and the on-going costs of communication tools such as a website (www.quintessence-na-abq.org) and newsletters. As a nonprofit, volunteer organization QNA depends on your support. Please complete the membership form on the back page and mail it to the address indicated.





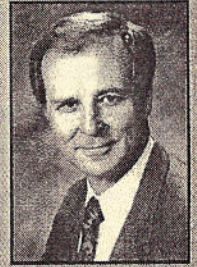
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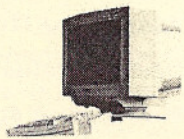
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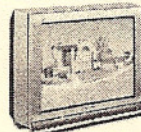
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Membership dues are \$12.00 per household per year.
Memberships run from April to the following March and are not
prorated. Join now through March 2004 for half price, only
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New Member

Membership Renewal

Please make check or money order
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**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)