



Cielito Lindo Neighborhood Association

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March 2015

**MARCH GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING!
TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 6:30 P.M.
MITCHELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

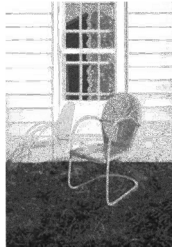


SPRUCING UP FOR SPRING!

*Love Your Yard
So We May All Enjoy It!*

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Dean Larranaga
of Aguamatic Landscape, L.L.C.**

**Come hear about spring
landscaping actions you
should consider! Ask your
questions!**



**OTHER GUESTS INVITED
TO SAY A FEW WORDS:**

- **Trudy Jones, District 8 City Councilor**
- **Jill Garcia, APD Crime Specialist**
- **John Theis, APD Foothills Captain**

RENEW/JOIN NOW! HELP REVITALIZE OUR NEIGHBORHOOD!

We have been unable to set up a means for renewing or joining electronically.

But don't let that stop you! Use the form in this newsletter or join at the March Meeting!



Our goal is at least 100 homes; we are at 48 so join today and help us double our membership number!

Are you, or do you know of a CPA or business lawyer who could give us free advice about getting non-profit status and an EIN? Contact Pat Duda, Board Member. Thanks!

COMMITTEE FORMING TO HELP NEIGHBORS WHO NEED ASSISTANCE WITH THEIR YARDS!

Do you, or does someone you know in our neighborhood, need help keeping the front yard spruced up? Poor curb appeal at one home takes away from the beauty of the entire neighborhood.

Would you like to help organize yard cleanup days by joining the committee?



Would you be willing to join in on a particular day as available to help clean up a neighbor's yard (with permission from the home owner, of course)?



If your answer to any of the above was "YES!" then please contact Pat Duda (see below) or go to the website clna87111.weebly.com and volunteer through the "Contact Us" link!

**WORKING TOGETHER WE CAN
SPRUCE UP OUR NEIGHBORHOOD!**

Cielito Lindo Neighborhood Association Board of Directors and Officers

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WELCOMING COMMITTEE

Your new Board of Directors would like our neighborhood to become revitalized and one way to do that is to meet, greet, and welcome new neighbors. We'd like to set up a committee consisting of one or two members from each of the four quadrants in our neighborhood: San Gabriel Village 3 (northwest), Tara (northeast), San Gabriel Village 2 (southwest), and Valle Encantada (southeast). If you are unsure of your quadrant, go to clna87111.weebly.com and click the MAPS link.



We envision this committee going to local businesses and asking for free samples or coupons to add to a welcome basket and then going to meet and greet their neighbor. If you are interested, call or email a Board member and let them know, or choose "Contact Us" on the website listed above and give us your name, address, quadrant, and that you are interested in joining a welcoming committee.

SOCIALS COMMITTEE



Your CLNA Board has had requests that we offer more social events so we can all get to know our neighbors: picnics, barbeques, coffee get-togethers, etc. The Board believes that getting to know your neighbors help keep crime down (know people, cars) and property values up since all have a vested interest, especially if they know one another!

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"NEXTDOOR" COMMUNICATIONS

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE ABLE TO KEEP UP WITH BREAKING NEWS IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD?

Several of your CLNA Board members and many of our neighbors have joined Nextdoor. In italics below is information from their website : <https://nextdoor.com/about/> You can check them out for yourself there and sign up if you wish.

Nextdoor is the private social network for you, your neighbors and your community. It's the easiest way for you and your neighbors to talk online and make all of your lives better in the real world. And it's free. Thousands of neighborhoods are already using Nextdoor to build happier, safer places to call home. People are using Nextdoor to: Quickly get the word out about a break-in; Organize a Neighborhood Watch Group; Track down a trustworthy babysitter; Find out who does the best paint job in town; Ask for help keeping an eye out for a lost dog; Find a new home for an outgrown bike; Finally call that nice man down the street by his first name.



Nextdoor's mission is to use the power of technology to build stronger and safer neighborhoods. Fences are sometimes necessary. But online privacy is always necessary. Nextdoor makes it safe to share online the kinds of things you'd be okay sharing with your neighbors in person.

Here's how: Every neighbor has to verify their address. Every neighbor signs in with their real name. Just like in person. Your website is protected by password and encrypted by HTTPS. We never share your info with advertisers.

HOW TO FILTER POSTS YOU/"THEY" SEE

Thanks to your Board member Glenda who passed on this information if you want to narrow down the posts you see: To set which neighborhoods you see posts from, go up to the top right of the page in the green band - your name is there with a drop-down arrow. Click on the arrow and go to Settings. You can go to the various tabs such as Neighborhoods and adjust who you see and who sees you. You can choose just ours, San Gabriel East, or those contiguous to ours as well or farther out as you wish. You can also keep or delete the agencies, but it is nice to get the ones from APD Foothills and from Jill Garcia, APS Crime Specialist. You can also go to Privacy and make changes there to who sees you.

BUSINESS AND CLASSIFIED ADS

We are going to offer our neighbors an opportunity to place an ad in our future newsletters. These will be business card size, submitted ready to print. They will be scanned in as is. This will not imply any recommendation or endorsement of any kind by the Cielito Lindo Neighborhood Association. The ads must be appropriate to family viewing. The newsletter editor and/or Board may make decisions about whether or not an advertisement will be published.



For this first go around, personal classified ads (garage sale, item for sale, babysitting, etc.) will be \$2 (paid CLNA household member) or \$5 (nonmember) and business ads \$10 (paid CLNA member) \$15 (nonmember). This newsletter is mailed to over 400 residences in your Cielito Lindo Neighborhood (Morris/Montgomery/Juan Tabo/Comanche).

Since the newsletter publication dates are subject to change, last minute decisions about whether or not you want your ad published will be coordinated through Pat Duda, CLNA Board Member and Newsletter Editor.

CRIME IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Checking CrimeMapping.com shows the following crimes in our neighborhood (not including the businesses) from Jan. 1 – March 1, 2015:

- Four Burglaries (Burglary/Breaking and Entering)
- One Disturbing the Peace
- Two Auto Burglary (Vehicle Break In/Theft)
- One Fraud
- One Theft/Larceny (Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts or Accessories)

And, for the business areas:

- Two Fraud (Credit Union area)
- Two Theft/Larceny (Juan Tabo Plaza Area)

Our APD Police notification says they interviewed someone breaking into cars and stealing items from them. This person said they check for unlocked cars, locked and they move on, and just take what is available including registration with name, address, etc. that can be sold to others for identity theft purposes!

- LOCK YOUR CAR!
- PARK IN GARAGE OR IN DRIVE IF POSSIBLE
- DON'T LEAVE ITEMS VISIBLE IN CAR

FROM APD Foothills Area Command: FORM A NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH



I want to remind everyone in our community how easy Neighborhood Watch groups are to form. These groups are beneficial to the block and the overall community and help our officers keep you safer. Here's how to get one started:

- 1) Contact Steve Sink, APD Crime Prevention Manager, at 244-6644 to get a Starter Kit and answer a few questions.
- 2) Once you complete and return the Starter Kit, I'll be your contact/Crime Prevention Specialist for the Foothills Area Command.
- 3) I will book a Neighborhood Watch Facilitation Meeting for your watch group, hosted on the block, and at the meeting I will: talk to you and your neighbors about the program, crime prevention and bring you lots of great information to take home. I will also bring along an officer who patrols your block, so you can get to know our team.
- 4) At the Neighborhood Watch Facilitation Meeting we have to have these 2 requirements met: At least 50% of the homes on the block in attendance and elect a Block Captain.

A little bit about the Block Captain: Don't let the Block Captain title scare you! The Block Captain serves as the point of contact for the members and APD Crime Prevention and collects the money to purchase the Neighborhood Watch signage for the block. This is not about forming patrols, being bossy or riding herd over your neighbors! It is being a good neighbor and the contact person. Block Captains are elected by the group or a resident at the meeting can step up and volunteer to be a Block Captain. You can share duties and co-Captain, but I need just 1 contact person in that role for your group.

- 5) Once the group has fulfilled the requirements listed above, you are good to go as an APD Crime Prevention recognized Neighborhood Watch group.

All we ask is that you have a few social functions a year to stay connected and if the Block Captain changes to let me know. Your role is to be willing to report suspicious or criminal behavior to 242-COPS from a place where you are safe and to stay in contact with each other and APD Crime Prevention.

The benefits are great: united neighborhoods block-by-block, free training on crime prevention, meeting your local police officer(s), building unity. We also encourage groups to participate in National Night Out and Block Captains are invited to join the Albuquerque Block Captain Association and attend ABCA's two free conferences a year.

Why not form a Neighborhood Watch this year? Take a proactive step to partner with APD and make your community a better place. Call Steve for a Starter Kit at 244-6644.



Jill Garcia, Crime Prevention Specialist
APD/Foothills Area Command

EDITOR'S NOTE: THE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH GROUP
WOULD MESH PERFECTLY WITH THE GOAL TO HAVE
MORE SOCIALS AND GET TO MEET EACH OTHER!



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SEE INSIDE FOR OUR GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
ON TUESDAY, MARCH 24 AT 7 P.M.
AT MITCHELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA!

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME(S) _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP (if not ABQ 87111) _____

Phone (optional) _____ Email (optional) _____ check one below

- General Membership \$10 Homeowner Renter
- Business Membership \$15
- Willing to be contacted about helping out with yard clean ups.
- Don't send me any group emails
- Place my email on CLNA list only
- Place my email on list for CLNA, for **forwarded** city, county, District 8, and police news, etc.
(Your email is not given to them.)

Please make your check payable to:
Cielito Lindo Neighborhood Association

Mail to: CLNA, PO Box 20297, Albuquerque, NM 87154-0297 OR **Memberships are also accepted at meetings.**

Your information will be kept confidential – it is never shared. Memberships expire September 30. CLNA membership dues support the Association's work in improving our neighborhood and keeping you informed. The city alerts neighborhood associations of zoning change requests, building requests, activities, etc. around their neighborhoods. Costs include printing and mailing newsletters, District 8 Coalition dues, CLNA post office box refreshments at meetings and social events, state incorporation fees, and other incidental expense.