

# SGANA

San Gabriel Area Neighborhood Association

May 2018

## Neighborhood Yard Sale – Saturday, June 9th

The date is fast approaching to see what treasures you can buy or sell at the neighborhood-wide yard sale. **Saturday, June 9, 2018** is the date. Plan on starting no later than 8:00 a.m; end time is up to you. We will place an ad in the Albuquerque Journal, post on Nextdoor & craigslist and place signs at key entrances to the neighborhood. Remember - Albuquerque zoning code allows one yard or garage sale per year. We invite you to join in this one and let your Neighborhood Association pay for the publicity!

## Goodbye!

The San Gabriel Neighborhood Association, after decades of service to the neighborhood, will effectively be shutting down after the neighborhood-wide yard sale on Saturday, June 9th. Times are changing and with the advent of neighborhood social media and the City's 311 Call Center, the effectiveness of your neighborhood's association has been greatly diminished. That coupled with recent and pending retirements from the SGANA Board has led us to the decision to shut down. This will be our last formal communication.

We would like to thank the people who serve and have served on the SGANA Board over the years including President Dan Jones, Vice-President Margaret Johnson, Treasurer Cynthia Klaila, Secretary Carol Driscoll, and newly-elected Member At Large Howard Benson. Serving on the SGANA Board in the recent past include Joan Reynolds, Mark Webb, Pat Maher, Darla Ingle and Stacy Scott. We would also like to recognize and thank the many SGANA Newsletter/Flyer distribution volunteers including Kathy Chambers, Darcy Cooke, Sam Dominguez, Margaret Johnson, Dan Jones, Cynthia Klaila, Dan Martin, Jim McElroy, Gary Moore, Ray Peabody, Rob & Parr Pettit, Ray & Ann Riley and Bill & Connie Weir. Finally, we would like to thank Ann Riley who was instrumental in originally forming SGANA and Ray Elosua who oversaw SGANA Newsletter/Flyer distribution for many years.

Please note that all funds remaining in the SGANA Treasury after the costs of producing this Newsletter and promoting the neighborhood-wide yard sale will be donated to Mitchel Elementary School.

**See the reverse side for suggestions on how you can continue to be engaged in neighborhood issues and help enhance the neighborhood and improve security.**

Questions? Email [sangabrielareana@gmail.com](mailto:sangabrielareana@gmail.com)

**Join Nextdoor** - Nextdoor is a private social network for you, your neighbors and your community. It's an easy, flexible way for you and your neighbors to communicate online and share information. And it's free. There are currently 196 San Gabriel residents on the network which is organized by neighborhood. You can determine what information you are willing to share and set the extent you wish to be notified of issues in nearby neighborhoods. There are categories such as Crime & Safety, Lost & Found, For Sale & Free, etc. Many City and County agencies including APD and BCSO use Nextdoor to disseminate information. There is also an alert function and it is a very valuable tool if you have a lost pet. Visit <https://sangabrielnm.nextdoor.com> for more information.

**Organize a Neighborhood Watch Group** – You can potentially reduce the crime rate in your immediate neighborhood by forming a Neighborhood Watch. With the help of the Albuquerque Police Department, typically about 20 adjoining households join forces and focus on observation and awareness as a means of preventing crime by simply promoting social interaction among your neighbors and "watching out for each other". To start one, talk with some of your neighbors on your block to see if there is general interest in participating in a Neighborhood Watch. If so, and if you are willing to host the initial organizing meeting, call APD to schedule a meeting at (505) 768-2006. They will then work with you to set up the meeting. Toward the end of the organizing meeting, the neighborhood will officially select someone to be the Block Captain, who will be APD's contact person with the group from that point onward.

### City Resources

**311** - The 311 Citizen Contact Center is a centralized call center for the City of Albuquerque. The 311 service is a single telephone number for all non-emergency City of Albuquerque inquiries and services. Be sure to get a case number for future reference if needed.

**Emergency 911** – A situation where someone's life or property is in danger or being threatened, or an in-progress crime. Examples include:

- Accident with injuries
- Attempted suicide
- Ambulance and/or rescue calls
- Person injured or bleeding
- All fire calls
- Strangers forcibly entering a neighbor's house or car
- Strangers carrying appliances, luggage, etc., from a neighbor's house
- People with visible weapons preparing to fight
- If your home has been broken into while you were gone. Note: **DO NOT ENTER THE HOUSE ALONE!**
- Shootings, stabbings, armed robberies, and rape

**Non-Emergency 242-COPS (242-2677)** – A situation where a person's life or property are not in immediate danger, or where there have been no injuries. Examples include:

- Smashed doors or windows in unoccupied house or stores
- Abandoned car on street
- People loitering near schools
- Information or rumors about impending or past crimes
- "Late" discovery about crimes against people or properties

**City Councilor Trudy Jones** – If you need more help or did not get a response, you can contact our City Councilor's Policy Analyst at (505) 768-3106.

**Mayor's Office** – You can also contact the Mayor's Office at (505) 768-3000