

Alameda News

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Community Calendar Los Ranchos Winter Mar-

kets. Winter Markets: 2nd Saturday of the month, Dec - April, 10 am - noon
Sat. March 14, 2015, 10 am - noon; Sat. April 11, 2015, 10 am - noon

Regular Season, May - mid-November:

* May 2 - August: 7 am - noon

* Sept - 14 November 8 am - noon

Sat. March 14, 2015, 10 am - noon: Luck of the Irish

Sat. April 11, 2015, 10 am - noon: Swing into Spring

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PLEASE RENEW YOUR ANVA DUES see page 4



Alameda North Valley Association

Alameda North Valley Association (ANVA) is a non-profit, non-

partisan, and non-sectarian Association. ANVA is a group of citizens concerned about the north valley area.

2013 Officers: Steve Wentworth, President; Vice President, Mark Rupert; Debi Hale, Treasurer; Mary Arrowsmith, Secretary; Jeff Potter, Newsletter Editor and Webmaster, Debby Potter. member.

The Alameda News is published in months when ANVA holds a general meeting. ANVA Board meetings are held on alternate months. The ANVA website is

ALAMEDA NORTH VALLEY ASSOCIATION

NEXT GENERAL MEETING Thursday, March 19, 2015, at 7 - 9 PM

Raymond G. Sanchez Community Center

Invited guests will include:

- **Bernalillo County Commissioner Lonnie Talbert**
Updates on Bernalillo County issues and projects
- **Jerry Lovato, AMAFCA Chief Engineer**
Information about the projects in the north diversion channel
- **David Gensler, MRGCD Hydrologist**
MRGCD information before irrigation season
- **Kenneth Murphy, P.E., NMDOT District 3**
Information about the construction of new bridges on Roy Road over Edith and the railroad tracks
- **Former State Representative Emily Kane, Dist 15 will be recognized for her dedication to our community.**
- **ANVA Board Election after main meeting**

Please share this information with your neighbor.

You are welcome to attend, our meetings are always open to community members.

If you would like to receive emails from ANVA, send us your email address at: anvanews@aol.com - please note the address are not shared and are kept as private as we can. ANVA's web site has a new look: www.anvanews.com

**the alameda news, is a benefit for belonging to ANVA.
remember to please renew your membership in march.**

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS Always dial 911 for Emergencies.

Bernalillo County Sheriff North Valley Area Command -- 341-0030

Bernalillo Sheriff's Administration -- 468-7100 Non-Emergency Calls -- 798-7000 Criminal Investigations -- 468-7111 Court Services -- 468-7140 Public Information -- 468-4098

Spring programs at Raymond G Sanchez Alameda Community Center

Community Egg Hunt - Saturday March 28, 2015, 11 am – 1 pm FREE
Spring Break Camp – Monday March 31 – April 2, 8 am – 6 pm \$50. Activities, Games and Field-trips. Space is limited
Summer Program - Program begins – Monday June 8 – July 24, 7am – 6 pm. Registration begins – Tuesday April 21 at 8 am – 6 pm
 Fee: \$212 for the 7 week program
 Parent Orientation: Friday May 22 or Friday June 5 at 6:30 pm. *free and reduced for those who qualify.
If you have any questions, contact: Anabel Cadena, 468-7800

MRGCD Board of Directors Names New CEO/Chief Engineer

The Board of Directors of the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District selected Mike A. Hamman as its Chief Engineer and CEO.
 Mr. Hamman, a registered professional Engineer in New Mexico, brings 33 years of engineering and water resources management experience working primarily on New Mexico water resource development projects and issues.
 Hamman will lead a staff of 190 in six field offices that performs operations and maintenance of well fields, diversion dams, large dams and reservoirs such as Elephant Butte, river channel maintenance on the Rio Grande and Pecos basins, water modeling and accounting for project water, and implementation of endangered species programs.
 He grew up in Taos and received his Bachelors of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of New Mexico.

New Mexico Attorney General Hector Balderas Alerts Taxpayers about IRS Phone Scams

IRS (Internal Revenue Service) imposters are calling using fake names, titles and badge numbers in New Mexico. They may know the last four digits of your Social Security Number, may have caller ID information that appears to be the IRS calling, they may send bogus e-mails to you, and they may call back numerous times claiming to be from the police or from the department of motor vehicles with caller ID again appearing to be from these agencies.

New Mexico Attorney General Hector Balderas alerts taxpayers: "Do not fall victim to IRS telephone scams and these imposters using scare tactics. Do not give out any personal identifiers to these imposters."

IRS scams continued:
Be Aware of these Red Flags: IRS calls to inform you that you have an outstanding debt; IRS calls and threatens those who refuse to pay with arrest, deportation or loss of a business or driver's license; IRS calls and states that you must pay immediately using a pre-paid debit card or wire transfer; IRS calls and asks for a credit card number over the phone to pay an outstanding debt. These are high pressure scare tactics and should raise a Red Flag! **The TRUTH is:** The IRS does not call taxpayers and use scare tactics or threatening language and state that you must pay immediately. The IRS does not call and state you must pay immediately using a pre-paid debit card or wire transfer. The IRS does not ask for a credit card number over the phone. The IRS does not request personal or financial information by e-mail, texting or any social media.

What to do: If you get a call from an IRS impostor asking for payment hang up and report the incident to the Treasury Inspector General at 1-800-366-4484 or file a complaint on-line at: <http://www.treasury.gov/tigta/> or with the Federal Trade Commission at www.FTC.gov. Add "IRS Telephone Scam" to the comments in your complaint.

Any IRS scam e-mails that you receive should be forwarded to phishing@irs.gov. If you think you might owe federal taxes, call the IRS at 1-800-829-1040.

Health Effects of Air Pollution - Truck Traffic on Alameda
 By: Karen Wentworth

The Alameda North Valley Association Board of Directors has voted to pursue an effort to convince the City of Albuquerque to allow semi-tractor trailer truck traffic on Paseo del Norte west of I-25.

Currently heavy trucks are not allowed on Paseo del Norte between I-25 and Coors Blvd. on the west side of Albuquerque. This is because a court case in the 1980's resulted in a settlement agreement to a court case between the New Mexico Department of Transportation and the Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque to keep trucks off the road.

That means that heavy trucks traveling over the Rio Grande in the north valley must travel over the I-40 Bridge, the Central Ave. Bridge or the Alameda Blvd. Bridge. In effect that has made Alameda Blvd. the default truck route for the north valley.

The increasing amount of traffic has pushed the City of Albuquerque to send out proposals to design an expansion of Alameda Blvd. from two to three lanes each way from I-25 west to Second Street. At that point it will go back to four lanes for traffic traveling over the Alameda Bridge.

This will have a huge impact on east-west traffic through the North Valley. It also is causing ANVA to begin looking at the potential health impacts of the increased traffic.

Health Effects of Air Pollution

The health impacts of air pollution on the human body have been documented in dozens of studies in the medical literature. In Alameda we are looking primarily at particulates.

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Particulates are very small particles that become airborne. - Because particulates can affect human health the Environmental Protection Agency regulates the amount of particulates that are allowed in air in and around large metropolitan areas.

There are two kinds of particulates that are measured and monitored. PM₁₀ refers to particles that are fairly coarse such as dust particles or particles from wood fires. PM_{2.5} are extremely fine and nearly invisible to the eye. They are mostly the result of incomplete combustion from internal combustion engines.

They have different effects on the body. According to a 2004 statement from the American Association published in its magazine "Circulation" PM₁₀ particles lodge mostly in the throat and upper tracheobronchial regions. PM_{2.5} particles go deep into the lung.

Each is damaging in its own way, but because the body cannot easily expel the smaller particles, they tend to stay in the lungs.

Albuquerque air quality in general is good and does not violate EPA standards for particulates. There are exceptions during days when the winds blow more than 35 miles per hour.

Albuquerque, like most cities, does not generally measure air quality in specific areas. The city's goal is to assure that air quality in general stays within federal requirements.

The city does not examine air quality on major truck routes.

The medical studies in Europe and the United States have examined various groups of people who live in fairly close proximity to major roadways. In general, the studies have found that people living further from major roadways, (500 meters or more) are less likely to have chronic conditions such as asthma and cardiovascular diseases.

Children in studies in the Netherlands and Southern California were found to be particularly susceptible to the effects of air pollution. A mortality study by Johns Hopkins Medical Center researchers found that exposure to chronic air pollution can take years off the life of a person subjected to long term exposure of high levels of air pollution.

There is no study that I could find that shows the exact impact of living on or near a major truck route on the human population.

If you are interested in working with the board to learn more about the city's proposed expansion of Alameda road, or if there is some aspect of this problem you would like to hear more about, please contact us at ANVAnews@aol.com

President's Column - Steve Wentworth

Note: The following views are those of the author and not necessarily those of the Alameda North Valley Association.

The next Alameda North Valley Association meeting should be very interesting. The meeting will be on March 19, 2015, 7 PM, Raymond G. Sanchez Community Center.

Bernalillo County Commissioner Lonnie Talbert has been invited to provide updates on Bernalillo County issues and projects.

You may have noticed construction work on the Roy Road (NM 556) that recently started. The bridges over Edith Blvd. and the railroad tracks are being replaced. The existing bridges are about 60 years old and very narrow. They are considered unsafe due to the increased traffic in the area. The new bridges will be wide enough for two lanes, shoulders, and a walkway hopefully making them safer for all. We don't know if a bike lane was included in the design.

We have invited **Kenneth Murphy, P.E., New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) District 3**, to provide information and answer questions about the project that should have minimal impacts on the area.

Just west of the bridge work is work being done by the Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo Flood Control Authority (AMAFCA), in the north diversion channel that empties into the Rio Grande River. This channel area deals with the main drainage flows from Albuquerque which can be a huge amount of water. Apparently there are concerns about the massive flows and flow heights that have raised safety concerns about the railroad tracks that cross over the channel. There have also been concerns about the pollution from Albuquerque that enters the Rio Grande in this area. This area becomes a type of "wetlands" and is a wonderful wildlife area – hopefully the pollution is not a negative impact on the different wildlife that visits the area.

Jerry Lovato, AMAFCA Chief Engineer has been invited to provide information about the projects in the north diversion channel.

The two projects mentioned above also have impacts on the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District (MRGCD). Ditches near Roy Road and Edith will be reworked for the projects. It is also near the start of the annual irrigation season for the area.

David Gensler, MRGCD Hydrologist will be attending to provide information about the District and the irrigation season.

The new CEO/Chief Engineer Mike Hamman stated: "The Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District will be managing the system to make the utmost use of the water supply that Mother Nature provides to supply all irrigators in these water-challenged times. We will also be working very closely with our State and Federal partners to assist in meeting flow objectives for endangered species utilizing natural runoff above irrigation demand and federal water stored for this purpose."

We hope you can attend the meeting.

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