

# Alameda News

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**Community Calendar**  
*Read to the Dogs at*  
Los Griegos Library  
Thursday, October 18,,  
3:00 - 4:30 pm.  
and Thursday Novem-  
ber 15, 3:00 - 4:30 pm.



Los Griegos Library is located at 1000 Griegos Road NW, Albuquerque, NM 87107-3749. (505) 761-4020

**Alameda Studio Tour**  
October 13 & 14  
10 am - 5 pm. See story on page 2.

**Los Ranchos Growers' and Arts/Crafts Markets Fall Hours - Every Saturday—**  
Hours 8 am - 12 noon. Located at 6718 Rio Grande Boulevard, N.W.

## ANVA General Meeting

Thursday, September 20, 7 - 9 pm  
Raymond G. Sanchez Community Center,  
9800 4th Street, N.W

### Agenda Items:

- Announcements / Bernalillo County Updates
- County Commissioner Simon Kubiak
- N.M. Legislature Candidate Forum
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#### District 15 - NM House of Representatives

Democratic candidate

Emily A. Kane

Republican Candidate

Christopher T. Saucedo

#### District 17 - NM House of Representatives

Democratic candidate

Edward C. Sandoval – incumbent

Republican Candidate

Robert D. Cain

#### District 9 - NM Senate

Democratic Candidate

John Sapien – incumbent

Republican Candidate

David L. Doyle

#### District 10 - NM Senate

Republican Candidate

John Christopher Ryan

Independent Candidate

Joseph J. Carraro

#### District 13 - NM Senate

Democratic Candidate

Bill B O'Neill

Unopposed

Each candidate will be given a few minutes for opening remarks. Questions will be given to each candidate and we encourage the community to send in questions. - [anvanews@aol.com](mailto:anvanews@aol.com) - After all of the candidates have been introduced and allowed to speak to the group; we will encourage the candidates to meet, talk and mingle with our community members in an informal manner.

It is going to be much more complicated for ANVA to advocate positions on issues in the New Mexico Legislature. Formerly the north valley area encompassed by ANVA was represented by Bill O'Neill in the House of Representatives and John Ryan in the NM Senate. Now the same geographic area is represented by two members of the house, and three senators. We will try to have maps of the new Districts at the meeting.

NM Senate District maps: <http://tinyurl.com/79ourur>

NM House of Representative District maps: <http://tinyurl.com/buaewru>

The Bernalillo County Clerk lists candidates that are only running in Bernalillo County. <http://www.bernco.gov/myvotecenter/>



**2nd Annual Alameda Artist Studio Tour - October 13 & 14, 2012**

The final stage is now set and there will be 33 artisans exhibiting their creations at 16 locations from the north end of 4th street all the way down into Los Ranchos. A Preview Night will take place at the Bachechi Open Space Environmental Education Building on Friday October 12th from 4 PM to 8 PM. There will be food, refreshments and examples from each artist on display, as well as a unique raffle of artistic creations and gift certificates. Look for the signs on Alameda Blvd. and see: [alamedastudiotour.com](http://alamedastudiotour.com) for more info and maps.

**Bernalillo County Sheriffs Dept. North Area Command News**

We are so fortunate to live where fall is as lovely as it is here in New Mexico! Our North Area Command Deputies are continuing to work hard to ensure the safety of our neighborhoods. Here are some precautions you may want to take to help lessen the likelihood of becoming a crime victim, and so you can enjoy our weather worry-free:

Maintain your awareness and if you see something suspicious, please don't hesitate to call law enforcement.

Use 911 for emergencies of course, but call 798-7000 for non-emergency service in Bernalillo County

(if you call 311 or 242-cops you will reach the City of Albuquerque and we may never receive your call here in the County)

**Secure your belongings and property**

Lock your doors, close and lock your windows – especially the ground floor

Close and lock your car doors and windows

Do not leave your valuables in plain sight

Discard the wrapping, boxes, containers of valuables in a non-visible manner

in other words don't advertise outside what you have inside your home

Close and lock your garage doors

**Thoroughly vet the service people you invite to your neighborhoods.**

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you would like further information or have any questions and please drive safely – especially when the Balloons begin to fly.

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**Additional tips for home safety:**

**Rash of property crimes in our area - what you can do to protect your property** - according to the grapevine there has been a string of burglaries in the area north of Alameda Blvd. over the summer, generally occurring in the early dawn hours and involving autos parked outside and houses with unlocked windows and doors. The Albuquerque Police Department has created a handout with suggestions you can do to make a break-in just too much trouble for the potential thief. Call APD Crime Prevention at 924-3600 and ask for them to mail you a flyer.

The most obvious tips include closing your home windows and locking doors and locking your car at night. Sliding windows can be made more secure with hardware locks or dowel rods placed in the window tracks. Using good-quality dead-bolt locks with one-inch throw bolts and a double cylinder lock which requires a key from outside and inside make doors much more secure. Securing sliding glass patio doors can be made less easy to open by placing a "Charlie bar" reinforcer or a broom handle in the bottom track as a second lock. Other hardware is available, such as patio door pins that hold the moving doors to the fixed door.

More expensive measures include Alarm systems. Be sure to call APD Alarm Ordinance at 768-2059 (if you live in the City limits) to learn about requirements for obtaining a permit for your alarm. Motion detector lights are also an effective deterrent by turning on a light outside when motion is detected near your residence and cars. If your car is parked in the driveway, take the garage opener into your house.

**Bernalillo County Commission Invests \$2 Million in North Valley Little League Fields**

The Bernalillo County Commission is investing \$2 million in the design and construction of new fields and a permanent home for the North Valley Little League. In late August, the commission approved the investment in four new fields and a parking lot on property the county already owns on Edith Boulevard in the North Valley.

The North Valley Little League has been looking for a new home since being notified by its current landlord of plans to develop the property at their current location near Griegos Road and Rio Grande Boulevard N.W.

The County owns 10.8 acres at 4001 Edith Blvd. N.E. which is currently used as a storm drainage facility. However, the county's Public Works Division is working with local governments and federal agencies in an effort to improve the property's drainage and prepare it for use as Little League fields.

The new fields are expected to be ready in 2014. The total cost of the project is expected to be about \$3.8 million. Bernalillo County currently manages 28 Little League baseball fields across the county at six locations.

Thanks to ex-Commissioner Lujan-Grisham for her efforts to secure this funding.

**EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS** Always dial 911 for Emergencies. **Bernalillo County Sheriff North Valley Area Command** -- 341-9024 or 341-9035 **Bernalillo Sheriff's Administration** -- 768-4100 **Non-Emergency Calls** -- 798-7000

**President's Column - Steve Wentworth**

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

I hope everyone can attend the **meeting next Thursday, September 27, 2012. ANVA will once more be hosting a Legislative Candidate Forum.**

This year it has gotten very confusing for many – including some of the candidates. Formerly the far north valley area encompassed by ANVA was represented by Bill O'Neill in the House of Representatives and John Ryan in the NM Senate.

Now the same geographic area is represented by two members of the house, and three senators – those candidates are listed on the cover of this newsletter. The redistricting is going to make it difficult for the community to contact the different representatives in an effective manner.

We hope the elected Legislators understand that the areas of concern for the community don't start or stop at a line drawn on a map. Our new Legislators must understand that they will need to put aside political differences to work in a good and effective manner for their constituents and the good of the community.

The Legislature will have to deal with many important issues this year. There is a little more money this year and many hope the State will work to prioritize important items instead of spending millions on small projects that will only benefit a few.

Medicaid programs are an important issue. Many New Mexicans and many of our community members do not qualify for healthcare coverage and could not afford it if they did qualify and No – I don't think they believe they are victims.

In 2014, New Mexico can expand their Medicaid programs to cover low-income people who do not qualify for healthcare coverage now. This would make nearly all low-income adults eligible for Medicaid if they have incomes less than 138% of the federal poverty level (about \$15,000 for an individual or \$32,000 for a family of 4). Most of the costs are being paid by the federal government. Serious conversations will need to be held about these issues and they should start now.

Many of the States' environmental regulations and safe guards are in danger of being weakened or have already been gutted in the name of economic development – the NM Legislature should examine closely the impacts that will impact future generations.

We will have a new District 1 County Commissioner – Simon Kubiak who was appointed by Governor Martinez to fill the seat until the November 6, election. Commissioner Kubiak replaces Commissioner Michelle Lujan-Grisham who recently resigned her seat because of her campaign for the New Mexico's 1st Congressional District. Commissioner Kubiak will be attending the meeting and will be given a few minutes to address the group.

The race is on for the Bernalillo County Commission District One seat. City Councilor Debbie O'Malley announced she is campaigning for the seat and will face Commissioner Kubiak in this November 6, 2012 general election.

Lonnie Talbert will be the Bernco Commissioner for District 4 when Commissioner Wiener's term expires. I think overall, Commissioner Wiener did a good job for the District and tried to make a positive difference. Commissioner Wiener was always responsive and quick to take action which was a positive change for Bernco

officials. I often disagreed with him on issues but he always listened and did not hold those disagreements in a negative or vindictive manner. I wish him well with his future endeavors.

The Super Wal-Mart battle continues. The Alameda North Valley Association stands with the many neighborhoods on the west side of Albuquerque that oppose the Super Wal-Mart. We hope the City does the right thing and denies the proposal – greed should not prevail. Send in your letters and comments to the City Council

The proposed big box would be constructed off Coors and Montano - a very wrong location for such a development. Traffic problems will increase and those impacts will certainly have negative impacts on Alameda Blvd. and Paseo del Norte. We can only assume that semi-trucks will use Alameda Blvd to supply the super Wal-Mart. The roadways are already at gridlock during rush hour and the City, State and County are not addressing the issue of even more truck traffic on Alameda.

**Don't forget to vote!**

**West Nile Virus has come to Western Meadows – (Alameda / North Valley area)** Email from a neighbor – 9-20-12

*Western Meadows has its first known (to me) case of West Nile Virus. I know, because I've got it. And it could have killed me. In fact, what I've been diagnosed with is "Severe West Nile Disease."*

*It started with three days of sleeping nearly 20 hours a day, eating nothing, drinking next to nothing, a 102 degree fever, dizziness, muscle weakness, and not thinking clearly.*

*My wife drove me to Presbyterian Urgent Care. I received a battery of tests, a liter of intravenous "Normal Saline," and after not being able to stay awake during the doctor's interview conversation, was placed into an ambulance which took me to Presbyterian Rust Medical Center Emergency Room, where I was admitted.. All tests were inconclusive. Another battery of tests – inconclusive – except for the West Nile test which wouldn't produce results for two days. "Go home and rest, and drink plenty of fluids," I was told.*

**Then came the test news. Severe West Nile Disease. Scary stuff.** *To paraphrase my doc – don't get more than a hundred feet from your bed – and if you get headaches or backaches, go directly to the Emergency Room because it'll probably mean you're getting the meningitis or encephalitis side effects. West Nile is indicated with a serum antibody count above 6 – mine is 52!*

**IF YOU HAVE HORSES WITH A WATERING TROUGH, A FOUNTAIN, OR OTHER OUTDOOR STANDING WATER - please drain it if it's not in use.** *If you have any standing outdoor water "in-use," please consider placing "Mosquito Dunks" into the water – they're harmless to people, animals, and plants, and are available at nearly all hardware and home improvement stores. Thanks!*

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