

The Gateway

Councilor Don Harris, District 9

Hello District 9 Neighbors!

I hope everyone is surviving the recent heat wave! If you weren't able to obtain **Free Swim Passes** during the "**Swim and Play Pass Program**", please contact my assistant, DawnMarie Emillio at 768-3123 and she will provide you with passes, as long as supplies last. For more information on this program, please visit the below link.

<http://www.cabq.gov/parksandrecreation/recreation/news/free-swim-passes>

If you are in the area of **Central and Elizabeth**, you may notice orange barrels up. This is good news! You will soon see a new signal light at this busy intersection. Thank you for the continued efforts of all the residents that worked with our office to help ensure this intersection was addressed.

Southern Blvd (between Eubank and Juan Tabo) – We have heard your requests for street lights along this stretch of road. In the FY17 Budget we were able secure funding for this project. We will keep you updated when we have a start and end date on this project.

The Manzano Mesa Pickleball Courts – This fully funded Regional Facility will include 18 pickleball courts. Anticipated start date for construction is late June/Mid July, 2016, construction is anticipated to last six months.

Legislation:

O-16-11 Vacant Commercial Building Ordinance – will be heard at August 10th Land Use, Planning, and Zoning Meeting.

If adopted, O-16-11 would adopt a new article in the zoning code to be known as the "Vacant Commercial Building Ordinance." The intent of this ordinance is to better track vacant commercial buildings for a variety of reasons. First, the ordinance would outline minimum aesthetic requirements for vacant commercial buildings that don't exist in the code today. Second, it would create a registry that every vacant commercial building would need to sign up for with basic information such as a local contact in case of an emergency. There would be financial penalties for vacant commercial buildings on the registry who aren't meeting the minimum aesthetic standards outlined in the bill. The bill will also give the City more options to deal with deteriorating or blighted buildings via condemnation. Overall, I hope this will deter buildings from deteriorating and becoming blighted, thus negatively affecting surrounding properties and property values. This was heard at the June 15th LUPZ hearing, and was deferred to the August 10th LUPZ hearing at which point a committee substitute of the bill will be presented

I hope everyone has a Safe and Happy Fourth of July!

Get Help for Common Issues

[Contact the Albuquerque Police Department Foothills Area Command](#)

[Make a street repair request](#)

[File a complaint with Code Enforcement](#)

[Traffic concerns in your neighborhood](#)

Sincerely,
Don Harris

City Wide Topics

ABC-Z Project – A revised draft of the Comprehensive Plan has been published on the [project website](#)

Albuquerque's Integrated Development Ordinance (IDO)

- The IDO will replace the City's zoning code, subdivision ordinance, and other land use regulations. It is being drafted in three modules. After incorporating comments collected after each module, a full draft with revisions will be released for review and discussion in Fall 2016. Public meetings were held in May to discuss Module 2. Module 3, outlining review and approval processes, will be released later this Summer. Below is an interactive Zoning Conversion Map.

<http://abc-zone.com/ido-zoning-conversion-map>

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