

Matthew Meadow Neighborhood Assoc.
P.O. Box 70294
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Matthew Meadow Winter 2020 Newsletter

You are invited to the 2020 Membership Meeting,
February 12th at 6:30 – 8:00 PM
at the Los Griegos Social Services Center (1231 Candelaria Rd.)

Agenda

- 1) Welcome
- 2) Special Guest - **Patti Watson** on roundabout updates & **Aaron Jones**, President of IPS, on cost for security patrols.
- 3) Secretary - Minutes from January 2019 meeting
- 4) Treasurer's Report
- 5) Community Events Update

There will be sandwich wraps, chips/cookies & water, and a door prize of a gift certificate to Monroe's Restaurant!

Volunteers to set up the meeting room at 6:15 would be appreciated. See you there!

President's Address

It's **2020**, the start of a new year; I wanted to add my thoughts to the topic of "**Why An Association?**". In our Summer Newsletter, **Tom Baca** provided some wonderful points from his perspective. In addition to those comments, I would like to add the following 4 reasons for supporting our association.

- There is **Maintenance** (such as the entrance signs).
- **City Interface** (being able to access city organizations and resources as a group).
- **Promotion** – (putting our neighborhood in a good light through our website).
- **Establishing Community** (with events such as our July 4th Picnic in the Park and others that we are working on).

We are **NOT** an **HOA** with binding rules, regulations, and mandatory fees. As a neighborhood association, we are focused on working with our residents in having Matthew Meadow be a great place to live. Our yearly donation request is for having a small reserve fund for the maintenance and community events.

If you would like to see more events, feel free to donate more, but at the least we ask that you be a member of the association by simply providing us with an email, so that we may inform you of neighborhood topics of concern, such as street closures status, city projects, as well as Matthew Meadow events.

And please attend our general Membership Meetings, They can be informative and it's only 90 minutes.

Henryk Sloma

Navigating a Roundabout

STEP 1 – Look for the signs and Slow Down to 15 – 20 Mph.

STEP 2 – Look to your left before entering the roundabout and yield to any oncoming traffic.

STEP 3 – Enter the roundabout when there is a safe gap in traffic always maintaining a low speed.

STEP 4 – Turn on your turn signal when you approach your desired exit. Using your turn signal lets other drivers know you want to exit the roundabout and reduces confusion.

STEP 5 – Yield only to pedestrians in the crosswalk or emergency vehicles when exiting the roundabout. Remember that drivers inside the roundabout have the right-of-way. If an emergency vehicle is about to enter or has already entered the roundabout, do not stop. Instead, exit out and then pull over when you can safely do so.

NOTE: If a bicyclist is using the roundabout, treat them as you would another vehicle, using appropriate speed and giving them plenty of room to use and exit the roundabout.

Important Community Phone Numbers

911 - Police, Fire, Ambulance Emergency

242-COPS - Emergency APD - Suspicious cars, people or activity in MMN or Matthew Park (people or parked cars between 10 pm & 6 pm)

311 - Get info on city services and inquiries, events, classes, recreation programs. Report abandoned cars, potholes, graffiti, weeds, etc. Obtain direct referral to the correct city department.

MMNA Board of Directors

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MONROE'S

Monroe's has finally moved to its new location at 1025 4th St. NW & Mountain Rd. Monroe's, the popular New Mexican restaurant serving Albuquerque since 1962, is owned by Matthew Meadow residents, **Kathy and Miguel Diaz**. You can check out the **Monroe's** menu at <https://monroeschile.com/>



Water by the Numbers

The Water Authority has developed a flexible, voluntary program that seeks to limit needless landscape irrigation: Rather than impose mandatory watering schedules, the **Water by the Numbers** program gives you control.

ONCE (1) a Week in **MARCH**

TWICE (2) a Week in **APRIL & MAY**

THREE (3) **TIMES** a Week in **JUNE, JULY & AUGUST**

TWICE (2) a Week in **SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER**

ONCE (1) a Week in **NOVEMBER**

Neighborhood Community Events 2020

Save the date, mark your calendars and plan ahead....here is what is in store for the coming year!

Neighborhood Garage Sale: Fri., April 24 from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. & Sat., April 25 from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Advertising, signs, and banners to promote the garage sale will be taken care of ahead of time. Residents just need to set up shop and sell their stuff. Don't have enough, team up with a neighbor(s).

July 4 Parade and Celebration Saturday, July 4 @ 10 a.m.
Fire truck, food and fun (jumpy, water activities, face painting) at the park. Pets are welcome too!

Proposed New Activities*

Let us know if you would be interested in any of these activities.

Doggie play-dates in the park Yes ___ No ___
Informal get-togethers with owners and their canine pets. Participants would decide upon days and times.

Tai Chi classes on Saturday mornings in the park Yes ___ No ___
This internal Chinese martial art is practiced for its health benefits and meditation. The neighborhood association will provide for the instructor. Attendance would be free.

National Night Out on Tuesday, Aug. 4 Yes ___ No ___
National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie. Early evening, food provided.

Holiday in the Park on Sunday, Dec. 20 Yes ___ No ___
Cookies, hot cocoa and free supplies (bags, candles and sand) to make your own luminarias for your home for Xmas eve. Dec. 24.

*Text or call **Catherine Lopez** at **505-263-4045** if you'd like to help coordinate any of these events. You can also take a photo of the above list with your responses and text it to her. Thanks.

Bird Feeding Basics

Feeding the birds can be as simple as placing a feeder full of seed in your yard and waiting for them to find it. The **three basic niches** for feeding preferences of birds covers the variety of birds that backyard bird feeders will attract across North America.

Birds Feeding on the Ground - use a seed blend high in millet, which is designed to attract ground-feeding birds such as **doves, sparrows** and **juncos**.

Birds Feeding at the Feeder - use a seed blend that contains little or no millet, and contains seeds such as oil sunflower, striped sunflower, and safflower. These types of seed blends are designed to attract birds such as **chickadees, nuthatches** and **titmice** that feed at elevated levels.

Birds Feeding at the Feeder and on the Ground - use a seed blend designed to attract a variety of birds that feed at both levels and which contains a moderate amount of millet and other seeds.

Things to remember when getting started

It may take from one day to several months before the birds in your area discover your new feeder. Be patient and consider the following:

1. It is important that you use a seed type or seed blend based on the birds in your area.
2. Birds generally find their food by sight. Placing your feeder where it will be visible to them should decrease the time it takes for birds to start feeding. Sometimes sprinkling some seed on the ground or on top of the feeder will let the birds know that you are open for business.
3. Remember to keep your feeders clean and change the seed at least once per month if the birds have not begun eating. Also, a good water source is great for birds.

***For more details access the Wild Birds Unlimited website @ <https://www.wbu.com/get-started>**

2019 MMNA Dues

We want to thank all residents for their donations. Your dues go towards our family **community events, entrance maintenance, and neighborhood security**. If you haven't contributed for 2019, you can still do so (see **membership form** below). The suggested amount is \$25 but any amount is appreciated.

Many Thanks!

Steve Smith, MMNA Treasurer
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Joe Alcorn & Sylvia Wittels
Tori Young & Debbie Zeyher
Sam & Francine Zimmerly

* *Members who donated more than the suggested \$25 dues.*

Matthew Meadow Neighborhood Association Membership Form

(Mail To: MMNA P.O. Box 70294 Albuquerque NM 87197 or
by **Paypal** via website: www.matthew-meadow.com) (Suggested Donation is \$25)

Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone _____

Email: _____

I would like to help with the following:

- Board of Directors Safety Task Force Fun Social Activities Newsletter