

Summer

#### NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER Our New Website: www.mmna.us

June 2022

### Membership Meeting Thursday, June 9th, 2022 at

6:00 - 7:30 pm

at

Los Griegos Health & Social Services Center

### 1231 Candelaria NW

Please join us for the **2022 Summer** Meeting!

### Agenda

- Welcome
  Special Guest APD Officers for Neighborhood Watch & General Police Issues
- 3) Secretary Minutes from our last meeting
- 4) Treasurer's Report
- 5) Community Events Update
- 6) Other Items

Volunteers to set up the meeting room at 5:30 would be appreciated. See you there!

NOTE: This health center will require masks.



- ONCE A WEEK IN MARCH.
- TWICE A WEEK IN APRIL AND MAY.
- **THREE** TIMES A WEEK IN JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST.
- TWICE A WEEK IN SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER.
- ONCE A WEEK IN NOVEMBER.

### **President's Letter**

Neighbors -

We seem to be coming out of the Covid pandemic. Vaccines and boosters have been available for some time now and most people are taking advantage of the protection offered. As a result, we will be having our general assembly meeting on **June 9th**. See the notice on the left for the time and place.

I would love to see many of you at the meeting. Attendance in the past has been sparse. I feel we could get more speakers to give talks on Albuquerque, our district, helpful points, etc. with more people showing up. It's only a few hours attending a couple times a year; a small effort to show community spirit.

Other good news is that we are planning our annual **July 4**<sup>th</sup> picnic and parade this year. I believe many of our residents always looked forward to it. See details within this newsletter.

One of the efforts that we have been working on is a remake of our website. A big thank you to Steve Smith who has put in a good amount of time on learning how to create the website and how to keep it updated. We hope to post events and notices that are beneficial to our neighborhood. See the notice in this newsletter for more information. I encourage everyone to go to it, browse it, give us your comments and suggestions, and bookmark the url on your browser.

With the weather improving, I see more of you on my walks through the neighborhood. It's a good feeling to wave, say good morning, and see smiles on faces. I think we have a wonderful neighborhood and would like to make it more so.

> Henryk Sloma MMNA President

It's been three long years,...

Matthew Meadow Neighborhood Annual July 4th Parade and Picnic is back!

> Come join the FREE celebration! Meet and visit with the neighbors! Bring your pets! Ride your bikes! Wear red, white and blue!

Join the **parade**, meet at the west entrance at **10 a.m.** on **Monday**, **July 4th**. Our local firefighters/fire truck will lead the parade that will follow Avenida Curvatura / Mateo Prado around the neighborhood to the park.

> At the park, there will be a fun jump, face painting, water balloons and delicious eats and treats for all!

# It's going to be a star-bangled affair!

### NextDoor.com

Many of you are already aware of this app. We welcome our residents to use the app to find additional information on Matthew Meadow.

The board will post information on **NextDoor** and it will <u>ONLY</u> go to Matthew Meadow residents that have joined **NextDoor**. (**NOTE: Users can choose what neighborhoods and what items they want to see**. **This would cut down on unnecessary emails**).

We will try to use this means as additional notifications are needed. You can join by going to **nextdoor.com** 

### MMNA Board of Directors

President Henryk Sloma 610-9009

Vice President Mary Spensley 610-0806

Secretary Sylvia Taborelli 344-6891

> **Treasurer** Steve Smith 345-9016

Member at Large Tom O'Keefe

Member at Large Catherine Lopez

Email board @ board@mmna.us



### Is there interest in a <u>Neighborhood Watch Program</u>?

We recently attended a "**Block Captain Conference**" at the **Police Academy Training Center** on 2<sup>nd</sup> St. There were several presentations, including the current relationship between APD and the DOJ and personal safety and crime prevention. Current APD brochures concerning crime prevention can be access on our new website: **mmna.us**, on the **Safety & Health** page under the main **Reference** page.

Our neighborhood has been great regarding little-to-no crime within our area. It would be nice to continue that status and not wait until a crime is committed. This would require volunteers to be **block captains** who will report to a **neighborhood coordinator**.

If you are interested in this program, please contact us at our email: <u>board@mmna.us</u>.



### CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF HUMMINGBIRD FEEDERS

Once feeding hummingbirds becomes part of your backyard routine, it's necessary to keep the feeders clean free of mold and bacteria.

**THE SUGAR-WATER MIXTURE** Change the sugar-water solution **(1-part sugar to 4-parts water, no red dye needed)** often and throw away any leftover liquid each time the feeder is cleaned.

**NOTE:** Commercial hummingbird food contains preservatives that will extend the time that feeders need to be cleaned. There is controversy that preservatives may harm the Hummingbirds but no proof has been established on this.

**ALWAYS CLEAN FEEDERS** thoroughly before refilling them with sugar-water. Scrub the interior with a small bottle brush to remove sugary residue and any black mold spots. Use a bleach or vinegar solution with water and rinse thoroughly with hot tap water.

## **HOUSE NUMBERS**

Many of us may not be aware how difficult it is to determine a house number, especially at night if they aren't lit. This was made very apparent to me when we tried to deliver the prizes this past January for **Best Decorated Holiday House**. A **lit-up number sign** located near the entry way to the front door, or a **number located under a garage light** for nighttime would be helpful. An inexpensive way would simply be to **number your mailbox** if it's outside your home.

This could be important for any emergency vehicle to get to the right house without having to look around. Henryk Sloma

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We have created a new website at **mmna.us**. Our original site, at matthew-meadow.com, was getting harder and harder to update with original authors having moved away. So, we created a new one: **mmna.us**. We plan to provide information that will better serve our neighborhood. In addition to neighborhood information such as **board contacts, documents and prior newsletters, photos of the neighborhood** and events, the web site has a reference page that will provide useful information, whether it be **gardening, water usage, safety, health, etc.** 

For example, there is a *Gardening in New Mexico* page (under the **Reference** page) where you can review and download a pdf copy of the ABQ Water Authority's *Guide to Xeriscaping* and links to the **New Mexico Extension Services** for information on all aspects of horticulture.

On the **Safety and Health page** (under the **Reference** page), you can view and download crime and safety brochures from the **Albuquerque Police Department**.

We would greatly appreciate any feedback from our community on the new website, including suggestions on how the site can best serve the Matthew Meadow neighborhood.

### ් 2022 MMNA Dues

We want to thank all dues-paying residents for their contributions. Your dues go towards our family *community events, entrance maintenance,* and *neighborhood security*. If you would like to continue to contribute to the association for **2022**, you can do so (see **membership form** below). The suggested amount is **\$20** but any amount is appreciated.

#### Many Thanks!

Steve Smith, MMNA Treasury email: <u>board@mmna.us</u>

#### \* For donations over \$20

Evelyn B. Byatt-Ballantine \* Debbie & Bill Burrell \* Terry Davis & Steve Smith \* Kathleen H Diaz \* Charles & Kathi Fleming \* James Gallegos \* Helen Gonzales & Lee Peifer \* Tom & Theresa Gorman \* Helen Gonzales & Lee Peifer \* Jerry & Elizabeth Hamm \* Shawn & Janice Hinds \* Lisa Hooper \* Bill & Debbie Kolkmeyer \* Rebecca Leonard \* Gary & Thoula Mallory\* Floyd & Lorraine Manzanares \* Steve & Gail Marcum \* Patricia O'Connor & Jeff McConaughy \* Roy & Dianne Moody \* Lori & Mark Muller \* Tom & Joanne O'Keefe \* David & Barbara Okerberg \* Jan & Edward Padilla \* Pat & Trish Padilla \* Darla B Peay \* Peter & Patricia Robinson \* Henryk Sloma \* Christine Small \* Mary & Steve Spensley \* Lorrie Stepetic \* Sue & Dennis Umshler \* Gilbert & Regina Velarde \*

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### IDENTITY THEFT RECOVERY PLAN AT IDENTITYTHEFT.GOV

If you find yourself or anyone that you know that has been a victim of **identity theft**, **<u>IdentityTheft.gov</u>** is a great resource for getting help. It provides:

- A personal recovery plan
- Tracking the plan progress
- Printable pre-filled letters & forms to send to credit bureaus, business, and debt collectors
- **Reporting** to the Federal Trade Commission

A pdf **IdentityTheft Recovery Plan** booklet is available at <u>identityTheft.gov</u> or you can access a copy at the new Matthew Meadow website **mmna.us**. You will find it on the **Identity theft** page under the drop-down list on the **Reference** page.

Matthew Meadow Neighborhood Association Membership Form (Mail To: MMNA P.O. Box 70294 Albuquerque NM 87197 or by Paypal via our new website: <u>www.mmna.us</u> )					
Name:					
Address:					
Phone:					
Email:					
Suggested dues amount per year: <b>\$20.00</b>					
I would like to help with the following: Doard of Directors Safety Task Force Social Activities					