

BOARD MEETING

Everyone is invited to attend the Annual board meeting of the Las Americas Owners Association 7:00 pm, Tuesday, October 28, 2008, in the Breakfast Room of The Comfort Suites, 1435 Avenida de Las Americas. Board meetings are held every three months on the Fourth Tuesday of the month. Check future editions of the newsletter for exact dates.

LAS AMERICAS HELP LINE

Residents are expected to be considerate and respectful neighbors. The Las Americas Owners Association encourages residents to resolve any differences by 1) discussing concerns with the other neighbor(s) involved and 2) coming to a satisfactory agreement with your neighbor(s). If you are still unsuccessful, individuals from the Board of Directors volunteer to assist with settlement of issues. For the months of October, November and December, you may contact Wilson Plowman at 424-0553.

ELECTRONIC INFORMATION

Copies of Las Americas Owners Association documents are available online. Point your browser to www.RealEstateInSantaFe.com/americas/.

BOARD MEMBERS

Linda Miller, *President, Newsletter Author/Editor* 471-4026 (2009)

Susan Laskowski, *Vice President, Architectural Review Committee* 954-4482 (2009)

Vicki Bowser, *Secretary*, 473-2657 (2010)

Anke Mihalas, *Treasurer* 474-0870 (2008)

Babette Hartman, *Architectural Review Committee* 577-6808 (2011)

Wilson Plowman, *Director* 424-0553

Meredith D. Brown, *Bookkeeper* 466-4969

ANNUAL BOARD MEETING

We are considering changes to the Las Americas Rules and Regulations, which will be discussed at the meeting. We are also considering raising the annual dues. Please come and share your input.



A brief outline of what some of the changes are is included with this mailing. A proxy is also included. We hope to see you, but if you are unable to attend, you can still have a say. We are trying to make it easy for you, so here are ways to get your proxy in.

- Give it to a friend or neighbor who you know will be attending.
- Call a board member to make arrangements
- Mail it to our Secretary, Vicki Bowser, 1488 Avenida de Las Americas, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87507
- Board members will be coming around on October 18th to collect it (or leave it outside on your door or under your doormat)

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH UPDATE

Vehicles

By the time you read this, "No parking" signs will probably have been installed to continue our effort to clear the neighborhood of unlicensed, abandoned, and/or unauthorized vehicles. The signs will be at the three entrances to the complex and at the overflow parking areas. They are reflective so they can easily be seen at night.

We will now be able to have vehicles that are parked in violation of our Rules and Regulations towed. If you have any vehicles parked on the property that do not comply, please remove them.

If your vehicle does get towed, contact Express Towing, at 471-9605 for more information on reclaiming your vehicle.

Engraver

Las Americas has purchased an engraver. If stolen items are recovered, this will help the police to return them to you. If you would like to borrow it to engrave your large valuables, call the board member who has help line duty for the quarter covered by the newsletter. It is suggested that you engrave items with your driver's license number (starting with the 2-letter state abbreviation).



NIGHT VISION

Daylight-saving time ends at 2 a.m. Sunday, November 2nd which means more hours of darkness.

Be prepared to face glare during the morning and evening commutes as the sun may cause reflections off car windows, hoods or other metallic portions of automobiles and can be a serious hazard. This glare may cause temporary blindness. Reduce glare by investing in and wearing high-quality sunglasses, and adjust your car's sun visors as necessary.

AAA New Mexico recommends that motorists drive slower and be extra alert, particularly in residential neighborhoods and school zones, at intersections, and even when backing out of driveways and while driving into parking lots.

Keep all your windows and your headlights clean. A spotty windshield can both reduce visibility and increase headlight glare. Clean the windows inside and out frequently, and keep headlights clean.

Make sure your glasses and contacts are clean and scratch-free. Smudged or scratched lenses worsen headlight glare.

Replace and/or clean your windshield wipers. Wipers will streak your windshield if they are dirty or they need to be replaced. Clean the wiper blades with a paper towel dipped in windshield wiper fluid.

Avert your eyes from headlight glare. When an oncoming vehicle shines light directly into your eyes, move your line of sight to the right, away from the glare until the vehicle passes. You can still see vehicles around you with your peripheral vision.

Excerpted and adapted from AAA's website. For the full article go to AAA.com and search Night Vision.



CALL FOR BOARD MEMBER

We have one vacancy on the board.

There are just a few qualifications:

- Attendance at quarterly meetings
- Help Line participation
- Commitment to serve
- Association Membership dues must be up to date



If you would like to become a Director, please attend the annual board meeting on October 28th to express your interest.

ODDS & ENDS

Helping Hand Quotes

“What do we live for if not to make life less difficult for each other?” *George Eliot*

“Success has nothing to do with what you gain in life or accomplish for yourself. It’s what you do for others.” *Danny Thomas*

“When you cease to make a contribution, you begin to die.” *Eleanor Roosevelt*

Don't Dial & Drive



Turn off your cell phone before you start your car. It's a myth that hands-free phone use is safe because you can grip the wheel normally and hear with both ears. Drivers who talk on the phone can't pay enough attention to the road. “It's not where your hands are, it's where your head is,” says John Ulczycki of the National Safety Council.

Steven Wright Humor

Everywhere is walking distance if you have the time.

You can't have everything. Where would you put it?

I was once walking through the forest alone. A tree fell right in front of me -- and I didn't hear it.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN

Have fun! Remember to keep your children safe. If possible, accompany them when they go trick or treating.



NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

Do you have any suggestions for our Newsletter? Send news items or ideas to Linda Miller, LAOA, P.O.

Box 15456, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87592-5456, or email me at psalm@cnsf.com.

Would you like to be on the mailing list? Just mail us your name and address. **Owners of investment property are reminded to provide a copy of this newsletter to tenants.**

