

April, 2002

**General  
Neighborhood  
Association  
Meeting:**

**April 22, 7 PM  
Mitchell  
Elementary  
School**

- Refreshments
- Speaker from APD
- Supervised Youth Activity
- Committee Informational Tables

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Please, for our  
children's safety,  
obey the posted  
speed limit.**



## Message from SGANA President

The optimism and enthusiasm that we have encountered from the neighborhood residents since becoming president of the association gratified us. We have learned that many of you in the neighborhood are eager to participate in the rejuvenation and renewal of the neighborhood as a community. Apparently, the events of September have served to invigorate a desire to reclaim this sense of community. This movement is national in

scope, inherently inclusive, healing and restorative to the nation's spirit. We invite each of you, regardless of age, to become a participant in this endeavor.

On behalf of the association, we would like to thank those of you who conveyed a willingness to volunteer for the committees that we are forming to address some of the problems and opportunities revealed in the questionnaire that was

included in our first issue of this newsletter. We would also like to thank Debbie and Evan Chavira, Dan Jones, Joan Reynolds, Frank Simpson, and Mark Webb for the time and energy that they have generously given and continue to give. Thanks to Ray Elosua and his newsletter distributors and the committee members and their chairpersons listed herein.

Carl S. Chavez and Jean Chavez

## General Meeting: April 22

The General meeting for the neighborhood will be held on April 22 at 7:00 PM at Mitchell Elementary School. Refreshments will be served.

to the neighborhood and to answer your questions.

The Youth Committee will have an organized activity for the youth during the meeting.

A representative of the APD will be there to address issues of concern

Each committee will have an informational table

## Questionnaire Results

I wanted to thank each of you who responded to the questionnaire. It revealed that there is an overall contentment with life in the neighborhood. It demonstrated that some problems do exist,

however. The problems from most to least are noise (especially from barking dogs), traffic, rundown/abandoned homes, crime, vandalism/graffiti and trash.

there manned by a committee member to answer your questions regarding its activities. You will also have the opportunity to sign up for and offer your ideas to the committee.

About 84% of your neighbors felt that the neighborhood had become a better place to live or remained the same in the past year.

The good news is that

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### Events Committee

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Needs Members

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Needs Members

## Questionnaire (Continued)

only 4% agreed with the statement "there is little my neighbors and I can do to solve problems in this neighborhood."

Less than half of us get together with each other as neighbors do for social events or for community needs in discussions or meetings. All who responded to the question as to whether this neighborhood was a real home or just a place to live, chose the former. And it was

almost evenly split that people thought it was hard to know who was a stranger here versus whom belongs.

Three quarters of your neighbors thought we should allow advertising in our newsletter for a small donation. Seventy five percent also indicated that they would be willing to join the neighborhood in decorating their homes with farolitos.

for the Christmas season.

Concerns expressed by residents related to loose cats, speeding, yard maintenance problems and cat and dog "calling card" problems. One parent expressed concern about her children playing in their sandbox where she often found cat droppings.

## Committee Mission Statements:

### Events Committee

**Purpose:** The purpose of the Events Committee will be to provide the SGANA with activities and events to unite the neighborhood as a community.

**Goal:** Our goal is to unite our neighbors and increase membership. We would like to bring a sense of pride to our neighborhood through social activities. We want the residents of the neighborhood to feel that they are a part of their community and will become more actively involved.

**Objectives:** In order to achieve these goals, the Committee will be holding various events. We hope to initiate enthusiasm and increase participation. We want to make the neighborhood a safe and fun place to live without interfering with anyone's sense of privacy. We want to give the residents the opportunity to have fun learning about the community.

**Events:** Proposed activities include having an Ice Cream Social, multi-garage sales, Neighborhood Night Out, participation in the Mayor's City Clean up and holiday luminarias.

### Beautification Committee

**Mission Statement:** The Beautification Committee will help the keep the neighborhood an attractive, safe, and desirable place to live by maintaining and improving the neighborhood appearance.

**Goal:** 1) Address issues negatively affecting the neighborhood appearance by providing: a) feedback to homeowners on issues, b) knowledge of zoning and ordinances and c) improvement ideas and solutions.

2) Proactively look for ways to improve the appearance in public areas and by encouraging homeowners.

**Methods and solutions:** Provide clear guidelines on what top issues and problems are to those in the neighborhood. Provide to homeowner's notification of those issues that have been brought to the attention of the Neighborhood Association and provide ideas to their resolution. Lastly, we would contact zoning enforcement if necessary to resolve severe problems of safety and city code violations such as abandoned cars and trash disposal issues.

## Beautification Committee (continued)

The Committee will encourage landscaping options that match what the homeowner can

maintain. We will also promote decorating for the holidays and encourage that rental property owners

see to it that their property landscape and house is well maintained.

## Youth Committee

The Youth Committee's goal and purpose will be to promote communications, interaction and trust between neighborhood youth and adults; create ways of bringing youth together socially for the purpose of promoting citizenship in a safe and fun environment and to encourage youth contributions to the neighborhood through service.

The Committee will work closely with the Events Committee to coordinate youth activities at all general events and develop aspects of the youth program specific to the neighborhood's youth population.

### Actions Underway:

Survey to determine number of and ages of neighborhood children  
Encourage space in the SGANA newsletter for youth to advertise for summer jobs  
Determine accessibility of Berean Baptist skate/bike area  
Recruit additional Committee members- including a teenager  
Having an informational table at the 4/22 General Meeting  
Having a youth activity at the 4/22 General Meeting  
Plan youth events for upcoming general events  
Include youth section on neighborhood website.

## Welcoming Committee

### Mission Statement

The purpose of the SGANA Welcoming Committee is to help new neighbors appreciate our community and to develop an affinity for our neighborhood. We will accomplish this by personally contacting new neighbors, providing hospitality at the association meetings and working to make everyone feel welcome. This committee will work with other committees to further the goals of the association.

The Committee will locate new families in the neighborhood and determine whom on the committee lives closest to the new family. That person will contact the new neighbor, welcome them with a gift (cookies, cake or some other item) and give them the most recent SGANA Newsletter. We will recognize new members at association meetings and invite them to become involved in the association in some way.

The Committee will provide refreshments at association meetings.

## Traffic Committee

The Traffic Committee will be responsible for establishing the neighborhood's goals and objectives regarding traffic issues. Dan Jones will chair this committee. Its mission statement needs to be written by its members once we have some volunteers.

Youth Committee  
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Jean and Carl Chavez  
Needs a teenage members

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Welcoming Committee  
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Members: Jean Chavez  
and Joan Parker

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Recycling will be picked up every other week on the same day as your regular trash collection. If you have any questions, call Solid Waste Customer Service at 761-8100 or see [www.cabq.gov/solidwaste](http://www.cabq.gov/solidwaste).

### Crime Committee

The Crime Committee needs a chairperson and members. There have been numerous comments and even complaints made regarding crime. This is your chance to have a positive impact on the neighborhood's response to crime. Fortunately, our neighborhood has a comparatively low crime rate.

### Comanche Streetscape

Dan Jones, our very capable vice-president, will be the neighborhood representative in a project that will potentially be the prototype street median design for Albuquerque. You and SGANA can have a major influence on the way the city will look for years to come. Contact Dan for more information if you want to become involved.

### SGANA Website

One of our primary objectives is to increase communication within the neighborhood. Dan Jones is presently setting up a neighborhood website that will serve as a community bulletin board. We also hope that you will contact either Dan or Carl with your e-mail address so that we may send important notices to you concerning the issues affecting the neighborhood. We are also planning on sending this newsletter via e-mail to give the newsletter distributors some relief and save on paper and printing costs. More information will be available soon.

### Elderly Abuse, Fraud and Neglect

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| <p>Patricia Madrid, the Attorney General of New Mexico, also asked us to announce that help is available if someone suspects elder abuse, fraud or neglect. Abuse of the elderly should be reported to the Adult Protective Services</p> | <p>Division of the Children, Youth and Families Department at 841-6100. Assistance is also available through the Medicaid Fraud Division. The division is responsible for investigating and prosecuting incidents of resident abuse, fraud and</p> | <p>neglect in long-term care facilities. For additional assistance contact the division at 505-222-9065 or 1-800-525-6519. The New Mexico Attorney General's Office website is at <a href="http://www.ago.state.nm.us">www.ago.state.nm.us</a>.</p> |
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### SGANA Facts

San Gabriel Area Neighborhood Association is sanctioned and assisted by the city to promote the welfare of the neighborhood and is bounded by Montgomery, Comanche, Morris and Eubank and consists of nearly 500 families. The present Board members were chosen at the General Meeting on October 25, 2001.

