LOS VERDES

NEWSLETTER

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YOUR COMMUNITY CONNECTION:
A GO-TO FOR UPDATES AND INSIGHTS
IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD.

LVHOA is dedicated to cultivating a strong sense of community, actively preserving property values, promoting resident safety, and fostering meaningful connections among neighbors through shared involvement .

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR BOARD

Greetings Neighbors,

As the days of summer fade into autumn, the LVHOA wants to send our warmest wishes to everyone in our community. We hope your summer was filled with relaxation and beautiful memories. There is something truly special about this season in New Mexico as our neighborhood takes on a cozy charm under breathtaking skies, especially as we marvel at the colorful horizon during the International Balloon Fiesta. It is a magical time that brings us all together in appreciation of the place we call home.

We are also excited to share that we are working on a brand-new neighborhood website with a goal of completion by December 1st, or sooner. If this goal is met, you will be able to vote online for the Christmas yard decoration contest in December, and most importantly, pay your January HOA dues online. Details will be shared over the next couple of months.

As we transition into winter, we are so grateful for each of you. Our neighborhood is more than just a collection of houses; it is a true community made bright by your kindness, pride of ownership, and neighborly spirit. We have a lot to look forward to, so please review the enclosed details regarding our upcoming Annual Meeting, Neighborhood Watch info, and cherished holiday traditions like our luminaria lighting and holiday yard decorating contest.

We wish you all a truly fantastic, warm, and safe autumn and winter season.

Sincerely,

Your LVHOA Board

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THE GREAT SEASONAL SHIFT:

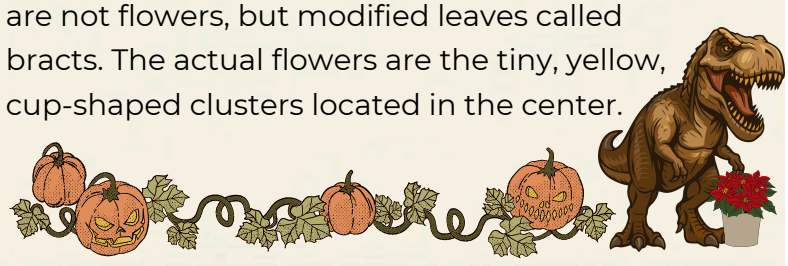
POULTRY SEASON: Autumn marks the peak of poultry season to include comfort food like chicken, duck, turkey, and other flavorful fowl.
Did you know? Chickens are the closest living genetic relatives of the Tyrannosaurus Rex! So, when you serve chicken this autumn, you are technically serving up a mini-dinosaur!

PUMPKINS & PIE: The most popular type of pumpkin for pie is the small "sugar pumpkin," not the large carvers.
Did you know? The heaviest pumpkin on record, grown in Belgium, weighed over 2,600 pounds.

MISTLETOE MAGIC: In ancient times, mistletoe was a symbol of peace and hope.
Did you know? People met under it in a forest to declare a truce for the day.

CHRISTMAS TREE TRADITION: The tradition of the Christmas tree is credited to 16th century Germany.
Did you know? Evergreen trees served as ancient symbols of survival and hope since they kept their green needles while other plants died during winter.

POINSETTIA POWER: In the 1820s, amateur botanist Joel Poinsett discovered the poinsettia in Mexico and sent cuttings to his greenhouse in South Carolina.
Did you know? The bright red parts of a poinsettia are not flowers, but modified leaves called bracts. The actual flowers are the tiny, yellow, cup-shaped clusters located in the center.



FEATURED RECIPE

Crispy Baked Chicken Thighs - Dr. Donald Phifer



"I prefer using bone in / skin on chicken thighs for added flavor. The seasoning can be made in large batches to shorten prep time on subsequent meals."
- Donald

These chicken thighs come out crispy on the outside and amazingly tender and juicy on the inside. They are so easy to make with only a few ingredients and one pan!

Ingredients - Serves 8

- 3 Pounds Chicken thighs, About 6-8
- 2 Tablespoons Olive Oil
- 2 Teaspoons Salt
- 2 Teaspoons Garlic Powder
- 2 Teaspoon Onion Powder
- 2 Teaspoons Italian Seasoning
- 1 Teaspoon Black Pepper
- 1 Teaspoon Paprika

Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Line a large baking sheet with foil for easy cleanup and set aside.
2. Remove the chicken thighs from their packaging and pat them dry with paper towels. Arrange the chicken thighs on prepared baking sheet and drizzle with the olive oil rubbing the oil into the chicken to coat.
3. In a small bowl mix together the salt, pepper, garlic powder, onion powder, Italian seasoning, and paprika. Sprinkle the spices over the chicken evenly.
4. Bake chicken in preheated oven for 35-45 minutes.

WE INVITE YOU TO SUBMIT A RECIPE!

Email your recipe to: lvhoaabq@gmail.com
Please include: recipe title, ingredients, and step-by-step directions. We can't wait to see the delicious dishes our community has to offer!

Happy Cooking!

Dear Neighbors,

Thank you to everyone who made our National Night Out (NNO) gathering on August 4th such a success. NNO is aimed at fostering partnerships between residents, local law enforcement, and elected officials to make neighborhoods a safer place to live. It was wonderful to see so many of our community members connecting and spending time together.

We owe a huge debt of gratitude to our first responders for joining us - APD's patrol units, APD's horse-mounted units, the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office, and Albuquerque Fire Rescue for bringing out their impressive fire engine for everyone to see. We also appreciate our State Representative - Charlotte Little, State Senator - Katy Duhigg, and Giselle Alvarez from City Council Dan Lewis's Office and other City Officials who stopped by to give us a brief update for our area.

A special thank you goes also out to our Block Captain, Matt Aragon, for once again being our grill master and cooking everything from hot dogs and chile beans to perfection. Thank you as well to everyone who brought such wonderful side dishes to share and to those who assisted with set up, tear down and clean up afterward. It truly takes a village, and everyone's generosity and participation made the event that much more special.

Congratulations to all our raffle winners and the champions of the "Guess The ..." Golf Ball Game, which turned out to be quite competitive!

Thank you all again for being such a wonderful community. We look forward to seeing you at our next neighborhood get-together!

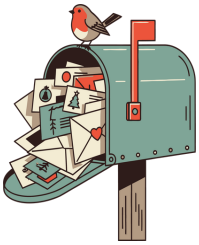
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2026
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thank you!

SLEIGH MAIL THEFT THIS SEASON



Mail theft increases during the holiday season! Here are some tips on how to prevent it!

Why Mail Theft Increases:

- Online shopping peaks leaves more boxes on doorsteps.
- Holiday cards may contain money or gift cards.
- Early darkness: Longer nights give thieves more cover to steal.
- Easy targets: Unattended boxes sit outside for hours.

Prevention Tips:

- Track shipments and fetch boxes quickly.
- Require signatures.
- Ship items to an office, a locker, or a secure pickup point.
- Ask the post office to hold mail if you travel or ask a trusted neighbor.
- Place security cameras near your front door to deter thieves.
- Do not let letters and flyers pile up.

If Theft Occurs:

- Report missing mail to the U.S. Post Office and your local police department.
- Check Credit: Monitor your bank accounts and credit reports for signs of identity theft.

Stealing mail is a federal crime in the United States, punishable by up to five years in federal prison and fines of up to $250,000. It is also a felony offense to take, destroy, hide, or possess mail that has been left for collection or delivery by the U.S. Postal Service.



OUR HOLIDAY LUMINARIA TRADITION! ✨

The HOA will once again buy 45 dozen luminarias for Christmas Eve, and we need your help! Setting out the bags is one of our cherished annual traditions. It's a wonderful way to share holiday cheer and transform our community into a glowing winter wonderland.

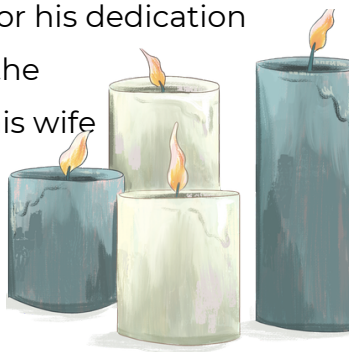


Here is how you can get involved:

- **Pick-Up (1:00 PM):** Join neighbors on Christmas Eve at Bonnie Rutherford's (4919 Alta Mesa) to help set out the bags. Please place them on the street side of the sidewalk with the wide side of the bag facing the road.
- **Light Up (5:15 PM):** Grab lighters at 4901 Alta Mesa (Aragon porch) at dusk; return lighters when finished.
- **Cleanup (Dec 26th):** Dispose of nearby bags, or notify LVHOA if you are traveling.

IN REMEMBRANCE

We light a candle in remembrance of our long-time neighbor and friend, Jim Ravenscraft of 4932 Alta Mesa, who passed away in June. A true fixture in our community, Jim will be deeply missed and will be fondly remembered for his dedication to Los Verdes, especially for the wonderful tradition he and his wife shared of placing flags out every national holiday.
Our deepest condolences go out to all who knew him.



SLOWING DOWN OUR STREETS

Traffic-Calming Study Ahead

Many of us have noticed an increase in speeding throughout Los Verdes. Whether it's residents, delivery drivers, or visitors, excessive speeds put our children and pedestrians at serious risk. Our cul-de-sacs have also become hotspots for fast turnarounds, leading to property damage like broken mailboxes and near crashes into parked vehicles or pedestrians.

The term "speed limit" establishes a legal maximum, *not* a target. In residential areas, defensive driving often demands driving much slower than the actual speed limit, depending on the environment – e.g.: children or pets at play or vehicles parked along the street.

To restore safety and peace to our streets, the LVHOA is pursuing the installation of speed humps through the City of Albuquerque's Neighborhood Traffic Management Program. We believe some sort of traffic-calming device will effectively slow down traffic and keep our neighborhood streets a much safer place.

To kick off the process, the city first requires a formal Traffic Calming Study application backed by at least seven neighbor signatures. Thanks to an incredible turnout at our National Night Out event, we collected well over the minimum required signatures! This surplus ensures we can show strong community backing and avoid any administrative delays.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and commitment to keeping Los Verdes a safe and wonderful place to live.



KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY SAFE

Launching An Official Neighborhood Watch

While we already do a wonderful job of looking out for one another in Los Verdes, it's time to take our efforts to the next level. We will soon be launching an Official Neighborhood Watch Program for our community!

To ensure we have the best tools and strategy, Matt Aragon, our Los Verdes Block Captain, is partnering with Pete Gelabert, APD's Northwest Crime Prevention Specialist.

Pete will be hosting a 1-hour presentation to teach us the best practices for safety, what to look out for, and how to effectively communicate with local law enforcement.

By becoming an official Neighborhood Watch, our community will also receive official street signs to deter unwanted activity and show that Los Verdes is actively protected.

A safe neighborhood starts with a connected community. We need your eyes, ears, and presence to make this program a success. Please join us for this quick, informative hour to help keep Los Verdes a beautiful and secure place to live.

Los Verdes will provide snacks and refreshments for everyone who attends!

Meeting Details:

- Date: Saturday, October 17th
- Time: 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM
- Location: APD NW Area Command Substation on McMahon Blvd across from Cibola HS

We hope to see you there!

ANNUAL LVHOA MEETING & HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

You are cordially invited to join your neighbors!

JOIN US FOR DINNER & REFRESHMENTS!

DATE: Saturday, November 14th

TIME: 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

PLACE: Paradise Hills Methodist Church, 4700 Paradise

SPECIAL HOLIDAY FEATURE!

WHITE ELEPHANT ORNAMENT EXCHANGE!

Bring a wrapped ornament if you wish to participate.

SPECIAL THANK YOU!

Attend the meeting & pay your ANNUAL DUES to receive a $25 discount! ($225 instead of $250)



PROXY ASSIGNMENT: Your vote is vital for quorum! If unable, complete the proxy form included in your packet.

SUBMIT BY NOVEMBER 13, 2026:

- **Online - Scan or take a clear photo of your signed form and send it to info@lvhoaabq.com**
- **In Person - Hand it to a board member**

LVHOA HOLIDAY YARD DECORATING CONTEST

TAKE A STROLL

Take a walk around the neighborhood during the week of Christmas to view all the beautifully decorated homes. Grab your family, enjoy the lights, and note your favorites before submitting your ballot!

THE 4 CATEGORIES

CLARK GRISWOLD AWARD
For the over the top display

PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD
For the community favorite

TRADITIONAL / Classic
For the best classic elegance



BEST OUTDOOR TREE
For the best decorated living or artificial tree

WINNERS ANNOUNCED VIA EMAIL:
December 25. The ultimate Christmas gift!

HOW TO VOTE

ONLINE: Go to www.lvhoaabq.com to submit your vote quickly and easily.
- OR -
PAPER: Clip this form (or pick one up at 4901 Alta Mesa) write your picks, and drop them in the box by 12/23.

1 ENTRY FORM PER HOUSEHOLD (ONLINE OR PAPER)

VOTING & WINNING

MIX IT UP OR DOUBLE DOWN: Vote for different neighbors in each category or the same spectacular house for all!

NO DOUBLE DIPPING: To keep things fair and share the holiday cheer, only 1 prize per house! To ensure four different winners, a house cannot win multiple categories.

LVHOA HOLIDAY YARD DECORATING CONTEST - PAPER BALLOT

Your Household Address Required for Verification: _____



One vote per household. Enter the name or address below of display.

Clark Griswold Award _____

People's Choice _____

Traditional / Classic _____

Best Outdoor Tree _____

This form is for paper ballots only. Do not submit if you voted online. (1 entry per household)