

June 2008

President's Column

-Ike Eastvold



Have You Got the Energy?

At the same time that gasoline prices have exceeded a national average of \$4 per gallon, the average PNM residential customer just received a 16.8% increase in their June electric bill, and will receive another 27% increase for natural gas. As all types of energy become more expensive, we clearly need to conserve energy and become more energy efficient. This is done one small step at a time.

You can take the first step by bringing four of your old incandescent light bulbs, working or not, to the Fair Heights Neighborhood meeting on June 21st. In exchange, you will receive four free Compact Fluorescent Light (CFL) bulbs that would cost about \$8 in the store. Just these four CFLs will save you nearly \$52 a year on your electric bill. You just saved almost \$60! (cf. p.2)

Buffy Swenson of PNM and Shrayas Jatkar of the Sierra Club will explain their "Cool Cities" light bulb exchange campaign, and its wider implications for all kinds of energy conservation. The Sierra Club will bring the CFRs, and PNM will bring scoops of ice cream to keep

you cool!

We will also have our City Zoning Code Enforcement Officer, Dave Brown, who will explain and answer your questions about the City's new front yard parking regulations.

And since we are fast approaching July 4th, APD SE Command will have an officer on hand to explain how to have a safe, sane, and legal fireworks display.

Finally, everyone living on Summer or El Encanto who has experienced flooding will be relieved to learn that new City storm drains should be in place at Summer and San Pedro by early July.

General Meeting: JUNE 21st, 1PM

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**Carpenters Union Hall, 1021 Cardenas NE
FHNA Membership Meeting,
Saturday, June 21st, 1-2:30PM**



> **"Energy Conservation in the Home and Business," with Buffy Swenson of PNM, and Shrayas Jatkar of the Sierra Club.**

> **"City regulations for front yard parking," explained by Dave Brown, Zoning Code Inspector.**

> **"How to have a safe, sane and legal July 4th fireworks display," by APD SE Command officers.**



Five facts about compact fluorescent bulbs

1. A CFL saves the equivalent of 800 pounds of carbon dioxide (a major greenhouse gas) over its life because it uses one-fourth of the electricity of regular light bulbs, and they last up to 13 times longer.
2. If every home in America changed one bulb to a CFL, it would save \$85 million a month in electric bills, and the carbon dioxide savings would be like taking a million cars off the road.
3. Replacing 4 incandescent bulbs with CFLs could reduce your electric bill by \$51. a year. You could save even more by replacing all of your incandescent light bulbs with CFLs.
4. The PNM Energy Efficiency Program is reducing CFL cost in stores, making them more affordable than ever. See the new prices in your favorite stores or go to PNM.com/cfl to find stores.
5. The best bulbs to change are those in your living room, on your porch, and in your kitchen because those are used the most, so that's where you'll save the most energy.

Sources:

>http://www.energystar.gov/ia/business/bulk_purchasing/bpsavings_calc/Calc_CFLs_Consumer.xls

>http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=xcfls.cfls.pr_cfls

Energy Efficiency Backs Us Out of the Global Warming Box Canyon

By Shrayas Jatkar, Sierra Club Conservation Organizer

Our local "Cool Cities" campaigns in Albuquerque and Santa Fe, which are committed to solving global warming one city at a time, focus on promoting energy efficiency. In collaboration with PNM and the Public Regulation Commission, our major focus over the past eight months has been spearheading a light bulb exchange program in which we replace people's incandescent bulbs with energy-saving compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs). By the end of June 2008, and including the CFLs distributed at the Fair Heights Neighborhood meeting, we will have given out 40,000 CFLs. This will help prevent the equivalent of about 16,000 tons of carbon dioxide from being released into the atmosphere over the bulbs' lifespan (1,600 tons per year for ten years). That translates to \$400,000 in annual electricity savings for consumers.

CFLs use 75% less energy to produce the same amount of light as an incandescent bulb and last ten times longer, thereby lowering our demand for electricity from power plants. Each CFL prevents the equivalent of 600 to 800 pounds of carbon dioxide—the main culprit in global warming—from being emitted over its lifespan. With the new PNM residential rate increases averaging 16.8%, each CFL saves almost \$13 a year.

If you exchanged four incandescent bulbs at the Fair Heights meeting for four free CFLs, you would save about \$8.00 on their purchase, and over \$51 per year in electricity, a total of almost \$60 in savings. You can easily calculate the savings from converting your entire household. It's substantial.

We need to do much more than change our light bulbs if we expect to make real progress in the fight against global warming. We are developing a more comprehensive initiative called the Low Carbon Diet program which, through a series of house parties and community meetings, will help households lower their use of electricity, natural gas, water, and vehicle miles traveled.

To participate in the Low Carbon Diet program and/or volunteer with the Sierra Club's Cool Cities campaign, contact Shrayas Jatkar at the Sierra Club's New Mexico field office in Albuquerque by calling (505) 243-7767, or shrayas.jatkar@sierraclub.org.



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Our new Webmaster, Colleen Shaffrey, stands next to Patrick Segura of Stubblefield Screen Print Company who recently repaired our neighborhood sign at San Mateo and Constitution.

www.fairheights.org -Check it Out!

By Colleen Shaffrey, FHNA Webmaster

The Fair Heights Neighborhood Association's (FHNA) website is once again up-to-date with current information for residents and visitors.

One of my new year's resolutions for 2008 was to become more involved in my community. So, at the last FHNA meeting I volunteered my services for the long-empty FHNA Webmaster position, and went to work.

The result is a fresh, up-to-date, online resource. The look and feel have not changed--the site retains its clean, simple lines and easy navigability. You are invited to log on to www.fairheights.org and test drive the site.

You'll find the Home page has a link to a PDF of the most recent newsletter with a synopsis of its contents as well as topics for the next meeting

Moving down the left-hand navigation menu, the Leadership page lists current FHNA board members and street captains, along with a link to an online volunteer form. The Membership page offers information about joining the FHNA and the scheduled dates of the next several meetings.

"About FHNA" provides the geographic boundaries for Fair Heights. The Newsletters page provides links to PDFs of newsletters going back to February 2007. Crime Watch, Planning and Zoning, Government, and Resources pages follow.

The website can only get better with your suggestions. If you have ideas, please let us know. You can e-mail the board at fhna90@aol.com, or use the form on the "Contact Us" page to submit suggestions online. Happy browsing!



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From Left to Right: Jacob Rasmussen, Marisol Tang Rasmussen, Aimee Tang, Christian Emil Tang Rasmussen, Ann Tang, Daniel Tang, Richard Tang, Dr. Mary Tang. Photo by Daniel Tang.



Susan's Biz Buzz

By Susan De Rosa, FHNA Fund Raising Chair

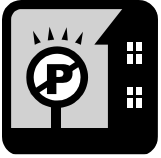
Fremont's Fine Foods: 90 Years Young -

Established in 1918, 2008 marks Fremont's 90th year in Albuquerque. It all began when Edward Gaw-Tang, originally from China, opened his door at 616 Central SE, next door to what is now the Launch Pad. Their current location, after several moves, is right here in Fair Heights, downstairs in The Courtyard. Current owners, Aimee Tang and her husband, Jacob Rasmussen, keep the Fremont's tradition going. They're famous for carefully choosing the quality ingredients in their boxed lunches (a delicious sandwich, side order and dessert), and their popular party trays and pod pies. They also feature high-end glassware and ceramics from Europe, kitchen gadgets, eco-friendly cleaning supplies, and much more. Please stop by, visit, or have lunch in this very friendly atmosphere.

You may have noticed that American Furniture is moving out of The Courtyard. Ace hardware soon will occupy half the vacated space, and a variety of shops the other half.

City Planning and Zoning News

By Ike Eastvold, FHNA President



Front Yard Parking Restricted - New regulations were adopted by the City Council last October regulating front yard parking for single family residences. Essentially, parking on any portion of a front yard setback area, other than parking and maneuvering areas improved by paving, is prohibited. The maximum area that can be improved by paving is 60% of the front yard setback, but no more than 30 feet wide or the width of the front of the garage, whichever is wider. The City Council found that excessive front yard parking lowers surrounding property values, accelerates storm water runoff, and even may attract crime. Dave Brown, City Zoning Code Enforcement Officer, will be present at our June 21st FHNA membership meeting to explain the City regulations and take your questions on this change.



City Weed Ordinance Enforcement - As the season for weed growth approaches, property owners need to remember their responsibility for 1) the area located between the property line and the middle of the alley adjacent to the property, 2) the area of any curbs or sidewalks located on the property, and 3) the area located ten feet outside the property line where there is no curb. Any growth of weeds whose height, width or spread is greater than four inches, or any accumulation of weeds, constitutes a violation of the weed ordinance.

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To volunteer, please call 255-7679

Fair Heights Neighborhood Association Membership Form

Name: _____ Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work/Alternate Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Resident -Resident Memberships per voting member is \$5.00. Business—Business Membership per business is \$15.00.
Please make check payable to "Fair Heights Neighborhood Association" or "FHNA." Enclose with this form and mail to the address below. **Thank you!**

Fair Heights Neighborhood Survey

Your comments and concerns will be the basis for the direction this Association takes over the months to come.

1. What are your main neighborhood concerns? _____
2. A Street Captain is responsible for distributing information in a timely manner to one street (2-3 blocks). Would you be willing to be a Street Captain for your street? Yes No
3. Please check the Committees which you would be willing to help:
 Social Zoning & Planning Public Education Civic Betterment Fundraising
4. What are some topics for general membership meetings that would be of interest to you? _____







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