



**Annual Membership Meeting
Monday, February 6, 2017 at
6:45 PM**

**at
Los Griegos Health & Social Services
Center
1231 Candelaria NW**

Your MMNA Board Invites you to join them at the
2017 Winter Meeting

Agenda

- 1) Welcome
- 2) Special Guest - TBD
- 3) Secretary - Minutes from June 2016 meeting
- 4) Treasurer's Report
- 5) Election of Officers
- 6) Community Events Update
- 7) Other Items

**Volunteers to set up the meeting room at 6:15
would be appreciated. See you there!**

Happy New Year, Neighbors!

It's hard to believe that as I write this we are already a week in to 2017. As I look back at 2016, and the year that was for our neighborhood, I think we can be proud of some great accomplishments:

We worked with our neighbors in the Candelaria Villiage HOA to repair large holes in the chain link fence along the Griegos Lateral which were serving as an access to unwanted visitors into their neighborhood and ours, and we have an agreement with the CV HOA to continue to make repairs, as needed, for the period of one-year and to re-evaluate after that.

Thanks again to Cathy Lopez and Mary Spensley, we enjoyed a wonderful 4th of July parade through the neighborhood and celebration at the park. It is always such

a joy to see families, friends (two legged and four) come together in all of their red, white and blue to celebrate our nation's independence!

New this year were the Matthew Meadow Open Studio Tour held in October, and the Matthew Meadow Charity 5K Run/Walk in November:

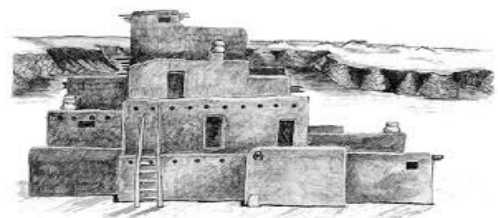
Much thanks to **Sandy Humphries** who came up with the idea and spearheaded organizing the studio tour, and to all of the amazing artists to who participated: **Evelyn Ballantine, Carole Pierce, Beth Redstone, Corby Knight, Mike Norviel, Ross Van Dusen**, and of course, **Sandy** herself! This was a great event, and although I was only able to visit two studios, I was blown away by what I saw and came away with an even greater appreciation for our neighborhood and the people who live here.

It was a cold and windy day for our Charity 5K Run/Walk, but that didn't keep participants away! We raised \$600 to benefit Outcomes, Inc., a local non-profit whose mission it is to provide professional counseling, conflict resolution and social support to individuals, families and workplaces in crisis. Much thanks to our neighbors, **Molly O'Rourke Wall, Zane Reeves, Jean and Ross Van Dusen**, for nominating **Outcomes, Inc.**, and for their help to plan and organize this event!

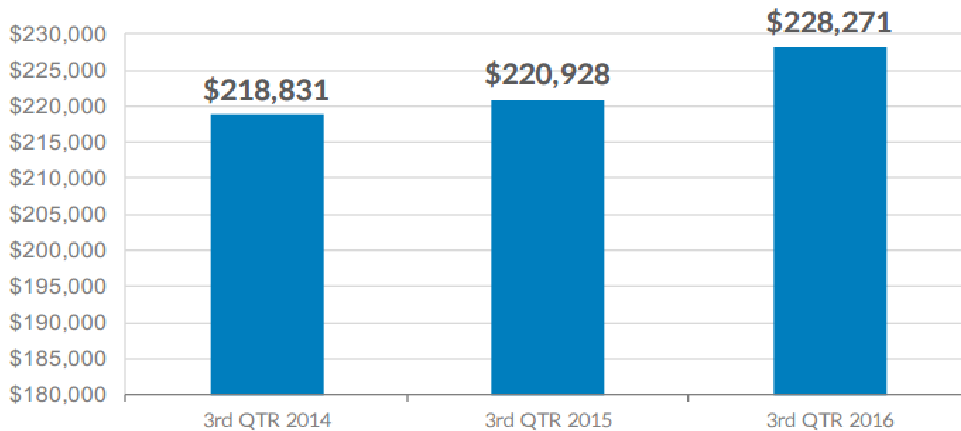
As my term comes to an end, I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve as your neighborhood association president. It has truly been an honor and my pleasure and I look forward to continuing to see you at neighborhood events.

Sincerely,

Helen Maestas



Average Sale Price for Single-Family Detached Homes in the Greater Albuquerque Area



From the Greater Albuquerque Association of Realtors website <http://www.gaar.com>

Water by the Numbers

In Albuquerque, we use 40 percent of our drinking water on our yards every year. That's got to change if we're going to meet our long-term conservation goals and preserve our aquifer for future generations.

The Water Authority has developed a flexible, voluntary program that seeks to limit needless landscape irrigation: Rather than impose mandatory day-of-the-week watering schedules, the **Water by the Numbers** program puts YOU in control. You pick your own days to water, and irrigate your landscape:

ONCE (1) a Week in **MARCH**
TWICE (2) a Week in **APRIL & MAY**
THREE (3) **TIMES** a Week in **JUNE, JULY & AUGUST**
TWICE (2) a Week in **SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER**
ONCE (1) a Week in **NOVEMBER**

It's as easy as 1-2-3-2-1!

From the ABQ Water Utility Authority Website (<http://www.abcwua.org>)



MMNA Board of Directors

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610-9009

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610-0806

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344-6891

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345-9016

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Karl Horak
342-4483

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Meg Adams Cameron
344-2766

Important Community Phone Numbers

911 - Police, Fire, Ambulance Emergency

242-COPS - Emergency APD - Suspicious cars, people or activity in MMN or Matthew Park (people or parked cars between 10 pm & 6 pm)

311 - Get info on city services and inquiries, events, classes, recreation programs. Report abandoned cars, potholes, graffiti, weeds, etc. Obtain direct referral to the correct city service department.

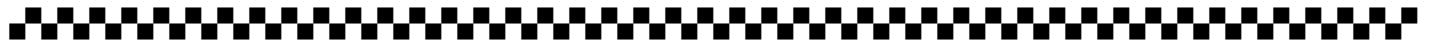
Special Thanks!

We would like to thank **Dohna Bates** for very generously offered her time and enthusiasm to organize the annual MMN garage sale. Also, **Cathy Lopez** for organizing the July 4th celebration, **Mary Spensley**, an associate broker with **Caldwell Banker Legacy**, for providing the 4th of July flags, and **Monroe's restaurant** for the great burritos for the July 4th celebration. And last but not least, **Helen Maestas** and all of the board members for their time and contributions.

The staff, clients and Board of Directors thanks MMNA and all the generous donors in Matthew Meadow for sponsoring the 5K Fun Run/Walk on November 26. Everyone had a great time!! Your support helps fund our programs! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

OUTCOMES, INC, A SOCIAL SERVICES NON-PROFIT AGENCY is 65 years old!! It was established in 1951 and is located at 1503 University Blvd NE. Over the years the programs and services evolved to provide professional counseling, conflict resolution and social support to individuals, families and workplaces. It is a United Way beneficiary.

OUTCOMES, INC's programs include **Psychotherapy and Mental Counseling Division**, helping 1500 clients during 2015; **Employee Assistance Program**, providing counseling services to 568 workers from 32 local employers; **Grandparents Raising Grandchildren** offering support, information and referrals to seniors raising children; **Career and Job Services** providing vocational counseling and **Conflict Resolution Division**, which serves over 262 youths across three different programs.



MATTHEW MEADOW STUDIO TOUR REFLECTIONS

by Victor Lipari

Sunday October 23, 2016 was the day for our first Matthew Meadow Studio Tour and what an event it was! I never realized that we had some very gifted artists in our community.

There were seven home studios and the wonderful artwork varied from paintings, sculptures and weavings. All of the artists warmly welcomed visitors into their lovely homes with friendship, snacks and drinks while the guests marveled at the works of art.

This was much more than an art tour, though. It was a new way for our Matthew Meadow residents to gather together and appreciate each other more through art. It was another way for our community to become closer and that makes living here even more special.

Sandy Humphries proposed this new idea at our MMNA Meeting last June and special thanks to her! She was one of the artists on the studio tour along with Evelyn Ballantine, Corby Knight, Mike Norviel, Carole Pierce, Beth Redstone and Ross Van Dusen and we thank them, also, for making this event a real success!

I hope the Matthew Meadow Studio Tour becomes an annual event and that more artists participate to show us that art is a wonderful way to bring a community together.

Top 10 Tax Scams

From the website Intuit TurboTax website, turbotax.intuit.com

1. **Phone Scams from Phony IRS Agents:** If the caller threatens you with police arrest, deportation or immediate criminal action — he's not from the IRS.
2. **Emails Designed to Steal Personal Information**
3. **False Tax Returns to Pocket Your Refund:** Once a criminal gets access to your Social Security number, he or she has everything necessary to file a tax return in your name.
4. **False Charities That Solicit Donations**
5. **False Tax Preparers that Pose as Legitimate Professionals:** The IRS also has a Federal Tax Return Preparer directory you can use to search for a tax preparer near you.
6. **Offers to Move Money Offshore**
7. **Promises of Getting a Larger Tax Refund Than You're Due**
8. **Offers to Avoid Taxes with Tax Shelters:** Some scammers peddle phony tax schemes.
9. **Promises of "Free Money":** Beware of scammers who promise "free money" if you file tax returns with them, be wary.
10. **Scamming Social Security Refunds:** Another tax scam involves promises that you can obtain a large Social Security refund or rebate.

2016 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 2017, you can do so (see **membership form** below). The suggested amount is \$25 but any amount is appreciated. Many Thanks!

Steve Smith, MMNA Treasury
email: smsmith5391@yahoo.com

Jonathan Anderson & Mary Sampaio
Philip & Susanna Auerbach*
Tom & Janet Baca*
Andrew Black
John & Joanne Buehler
Stewart Cameron &
Marquerite Adams-Cameron
John & Lisa Colbert
Marjorie Cypress*
Terry Davis & Steve Smith*
Kathleen H Diaz*
Deborah Doak*
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Helen Dorado-Gray*
John & Fran Duncan
David & Janet Fike*
Darrell Frisse
John Gabaldon
James Gallegos
Arthur & Ethel Garcia
Robert Garcia
Archie & Sandy Garcia
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Helen Gonzales & Lee Peifer

Teresa Gonzalez
Tom & Theresa Gorman
Mary Beth Greulich
Dawn & Devon Hall
Chere Hartman
Shawn & Janice Hinds*
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Sandra Humphries Gallery
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Robert Jones & Nikki Mann
Scott Jordan*
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Kathy Kunkel
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Rebecca Leonard
John & Kay Leslie
Victor J. Lipari
Carla & Henry Lovato*
Catherine Mahoney
Gary & Thoula Mallory*
Floyd & Lorraine Manzanares*
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Richard Mertz
Roy & Dianne Moody
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Kyle & Betty Nye*
William Oaks
David & Barbara Okerberg
Pat & Trish Padilla
Jan Padilla*
Robert & Sara Perovich*
Carole Pierce
David Pollock*
Richard & Maribeth Price*
Thomas Z. Reeves

Joyce & Ed Robertson
Beth Redstone & Judith Rosenstein
Frank Roth & Debbie Stover
John & Hedy Sanders
Parker & Virginia Sando
John & Lynn Scott*
Richard & Joan Shaw
Mary Simms*
Laurence & Judy Sisson*
Henryk Sloma*
Christine Small
Kate Southard
Rebecca Starrett
Tim & Lorrie Stepetic
Steve Stockdale*
Rex & Marilyn Stone
Cheryl & David Summers
Sylvia Taborelli
Billy Thiebaut*
Donna Tomky & Bob Greer*
Thomas Toser*
Sue & Dennis Umshler
Ross & Jean Van Dusen*
Christy Vigil*
Molly O'Rourke Wall & Jane Reeves*
Les & Evangeline Wells*
Lisa Wilson*
Alan & Sharilyn Woloschuk
Sam & Francine Zimmerly

** Members who donated more than the suggested \$25 dues.*

Matthew Meadow Neighborhood Association Membership Form

(Mail To: MMNA P.O. Box 70294 Albuquerque NM 87197 or
by **Paypal** via website: www.matthew-meadow.com)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Suggested dues amount per year: **\$25.00**

I would like to help with the following:

Board of Directors

Safety Task Force

Fun Social Activities

Newsletter

Delivery of Newsletters

Winter Holiday Festivities