



## Free ABQ Photo & Video Library Now Online



If you or your business have ever needed an image or video that reflects a particular aspect of Albuquerque, there's now a resource that can assist. The City of Albuquerque, Marble Street Studio, and area organizations have teamed up to offer the *Free ABQ Images Library*, an online collection of professional photos and videos of Albuquerque and the surrounding area that can be downloaded and used by anyone for free.

The library already has 400 high-quality, professional images taken by Marble Street Studio, an Albuquerque based photography and video production studio. Throughout this year, Marble Street will be adding to the collection, with photos and videos highlighting our many industrial, high-tech, innovative, academic and quality of life assets.

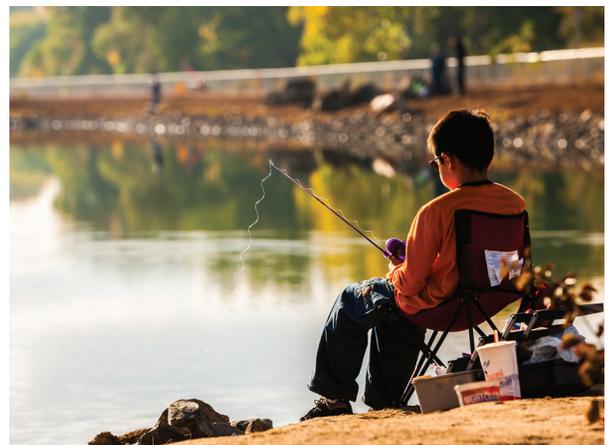
The new library supports not only the visual beauty and culture of our city, but it is also an economic development resource. Small businesses can use these images to help market their companies, stores or cafes. Entrepreneurs will have Marble Street's art at their fingertips to use on their websites or in other visual materials to help tell their stories. Examples of how the images can be used include: websites, advertising, marketing materials and social media. The library will also be used in the mayor's national marketing campaign, which officially got underway in October 2016.

"We've had the privilege to work and shoot in Albuquerque for more than 30 years and share our images with people from all over the world," said John Yost, Marble Street Studio founder. "With this project, we can give back to the community that has supported us all of these years. We want to see Albuquerque succeed. We want to see our businesses do well. We believe this shared community resource can benefit everyone."

Marble Street applied for and was awarded EDAct funds from the City of Albuquerque for this project. It also raised matching funds from more than 35 local businesses and organizations making this a true public/private partnership.

The *Free ABQ Images Library* can be found at [freeabqimages.com](http://freeabqimages.com).

*Note: The new image header being used for this newsletter comes from the Free ABQ Images Library. This image will be used for all of our 2017 issues.*





## Never Warm-Up Unattended

The Albuquerque Police Department (APD) would like to remind you NEVER to leave your vehicle unattended if you decide to warm it up during these chilly winter months. It's the most preventable crime out there this time of year.

"People drive around looking for these vehicles," said Officer Simon Drobik. "If someone sees the opportunity they're going to seize it and drive away with your car."

APD also says that the remote starters that keep your vehicle locked while its running aren't enough of a safe guard.

"Theives don't have a problem breaking your window and driving off," Drobik said. "If you need to warm up your car, make sure you don't leave it unattended. A minor inconvenience now can save you a major inconvenience later if it were to be stolen."



## Free TreeCycling Available

Christmas is over, now what do you do with that tree? The City of Albuquerque's Solid Waste Management Department has the answer to that question ... TreeCycle!

The City will host a TreeCycling event from Jan. 3 through Jan. 15. During the event, citizens can take advantage of free Christmas tree and holiday light recycling.

Drop off locations include:

Eagle Rock Convenience Center, 6301 Eagle Rock NE  
Montessa Park Convenience Center, 3512 Los Picaros SE  
Ladera Golf Course, 3401 Ladera Dr. NW

If you wish to drop off a tree or holiday lights to this special recycling event, it's important to keep the following in mind:

- ◆ Trees must not have decorations, lights or tree stands
- ◆ We will accept holiday light strings, however, they must be removed from the trees
- ◆ No Commercial customers
- ◆ A limit of 5 trees per customer
- ◆ Mulch from these trees is free to the public while supplies last



In addition, the event is not accepting the following items:

- ◆ Wreaths
- ◆ Garland
- ◆ Ornaments
- ◆ Tree stands
- ◆ Any other holiday decorations

For more information about the TreeCycling event or other events hosted by Solid Waste, visit: [cabq.gov/solidwaste](http://cabq.gov/solidwaste)

# New Recycle Coach™ App for Smartphones



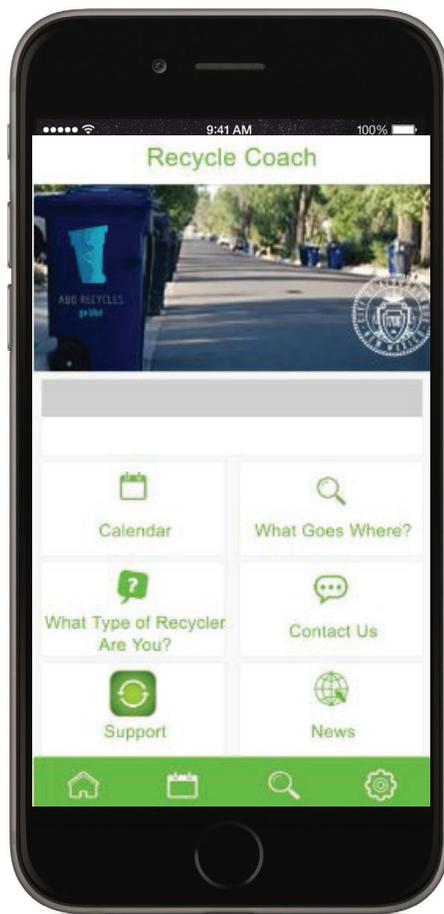
The City of Albuquerque's Solid Waste Management Department is excited to reveal a new tool for residents called Recycle Coach™. The app and website plug-in, developed by Recycle Coach, provide residents with a full range of information that is normally on the website or in the collection schedule that Solid Waste distributes. But now, residents don't have to go hunting for the printed schedule or be sitting in front

of their computer to find the information they need. Instead, by downloading the Recycle Coach™ app, Albuquerque residents can check details for regular and holiday collection days, special events, and more. Plus, the Recycle Coach™ app and website plug-in lets residents quickly find information about what to do with a regular or out-of-the-ordinary item.

"Once residents have downloaded the app, they can set it up to give them regular reminders for any of the collection programs. For example, they can set a reminder for the day that recycling is collected or they can set up alerts just for special recycling events," said Solid Waste Management Director John Soladay.

The app is a new way to connect with residents about resource recovery and waste diversion programs. In addition, the app and plug-in are able to provide real-time updates as necessary throughout the year, so it will always be current. The Solid Waste Management Department is adding the Recycle Coach™ app and website plug-in to its communication outreach activities but will continue to distribute printed materials and have information on the website for residents who prefer traditional promotional and educational materials.

For more information or to download the new app, visit [cabq.gov/apps](http://cabq.gov/apps)



Did you know that the Animal Welfare Department adopted out nearly 9,500 animals last year? That's thousands of animals that have now found their forever home thanks to Albuquerque's citizens!

To learn more about adopting, visit: [cabq.gov/pets/adoption](http://cabq.gov/pets/adoption)



Did you know that *ABQ Ride* is Albuquerque's principal form of public transportation? That's right, *ABQ Ride* is utilized so often, that it logs an average of 160,000 passenger miles a day on its buses!

To learn more, visit: [myabqride.com](http://myabqride.com)



Did you know that the ABQ BioPark sees, on average, more than 1.2 million visitors each year? That's right, the City's zoo, aquarium, botanic garden and Tingley Beach attract visitors and locals alike.

To learn more, visit: [cabq.gov/culturalservices/biopark](http://cabq.gov/culturalservices/biopark)

# Business Registration: From Paper to the Web

Business registration is easy with the Planning Department's online system which allows you to register and pay fees right from your computer or mobile device. Business owners are busy people who need to make efficient use of their time, and this system helps by making the process faster and more convenient. There's no longer a need to visit the Planning Department offices for any portion of the business registration or renewal process. The online system allows you to apply for a new business license, renew an existing business license, change a business address, close a business, complete business registration research, make any necessary payments and track the progress of an application.

There are just six easy steps to utilizing the new online system for business registration services.

1. Visit [businessregistration.cabq.gov](http://businessregistration.cabq.gov)
2. Register for free to use the online system
3. Fill out all fields provided to you in the online system
4. Upload required documents
5. Pay applicable fees online
6. Log in to track the progress of your application

If you have questions at any point during the process of accessing the new online system, our staff is available to assist Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. You may contact our Business Registration Section via email at [businessregistration@cabq.gov](mailto:businessregistration@cabq.gov) or via phone at (505) 924-3890. To access the new fully online business registration system, visit [businessregistration.cabq.gov](http://businessregistration.cabq.gov)



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## 2017 GO Bond Program Recommendations Sent to City Council, Then to Voters



Mayor Richard J. Berry has recommended a 2017 General Obligation Bond (GO Bond) Program and 2017-2026 Decade Plan for the consideration of the Albuquerque City Council. The program and plan include recommendations for city-wide capital improvements totaling nearly \$103 million.

By ordinance, the City Council, upon receipt of the recommendations from the Mayor, must conduct at least one public hearing, and has the responsibility to finalize the plan that will be placed on the ballot. Once on the ballot, voters will have a chance to approve or deny the plan in a municipal election, scheduled for Oct. 3, 2017. Funding from approved bonds should be available in the first half of 2018.

Recommended department GO Bond totals are: Municipal Development/Streets - \$33,800,000, Municipal Development/Storm Drainage - \$15,000,000, Parks and Recreation - \$12,600,000, Public Safety - \$14,300,000, ABQ Ride/Transit - \$5,900,000 and Community Facilities - \$21,180,000.

To view the full program and plan recommendations along with specific details on dollar amounts recommended, visit: [cabq.gov/2017gobondprogram](http://cabq.gov/2017gobondprogram)

# Do-It-Yourself Birthday Parties

Celebrate birthdays at the BioPark! Did you know that you can plan your own party during regular business hours? That's right, the BioPark allows Do-It-Yourself Birthday events.

During regular business hours, BioPark visitors may celebrate birthdays. Party organizers can bring their own food and there's no need to make a reservation. Celebrations may be held in areas open to public picnicking, such as the Botanic Garden's Festival Green, the plaza in front of the Aquarium, the grassy peninsula at Tingley or the Zoo's Cottonwood Park. *(Please remember that no food or drinks are allowed inside the Aquarium.)* You are also permitted to bring blankets or camping chairs for your gathering.

Each member of the party must pay general admission; there are no group discounts for birthday parties. Tickets may be purchased in advance at the ticket booths, or through online sales. Please note that for the safety of animals and other visitors, balloons, pinatas, frisbees, balls of any kind, alcohol and noise makers, are prohibited. Please also plan to clean up your own trash and wrapping paper.

Do-It-Yourself Birthdays are a great way to create a memorable party for children, teens and adults of all ages.

Want your party catered by the BioPark? Learn more about catered events at: [cabq.gov/cultural/services/biopark/about-the-biopark/biopark-weddings-rentals](http://cabq.gov/cultural/services/biopark/about-the-biopark/biopark-weddings-rentals)



# Senior Care Coordination



Did you know that the Department of Senior Affairs offers a variety of services for care coordination for seniors in Albuquerque? Care coordination is available to individuals who live in Bernalillo County, are age 60 or over, and their caregivers.

Care coordinators provide an in-home visit to assess the needs of seniors and connect them to appropriate services and resources throughout the community. They determine eligibility for services including home delivered meals, homemaker assistance, respite care, senior day care service, the senior companion program and medication management. Coordinators also provide follow-up and assistance to modify services as needs change. See below for further details on the services that can be provided by the Department of Senior Affairs through Care Coordination.

## *Assessment/Screening Medication Management*

The UNM College of Nursing offers a variety of health care services to Bernalillo County seniors aged 55+ in clinics held at four senior centers. The program assists seniors in maintaining a healthy lifestyle and independence. Nominal fees are charged for foot care and fitness physicals.

## *Homemaker Services*

Non-medical homemaker services are available to frail, homebound Bernalillo County seniors age 60 and older who are unable to perform two or more activities of daily living on their own and who have limited income and assets. Services may include light housekeeping, personal care, and errands. Transportation is not provided.

## *In-Home Respite Care*

In-home respite care provides limited relief to full-time caregivers of frail, homebound Bernalillo County seniors age 60 and older who have an Alzheimer's or related dementia diagnosis. The family income must be below \$30,000 annually to qualify.

## *Senior Day Care Services*

The senior day care program provides a supportive environment for frail elders age 60 and older to reduce isolation, prevent premature institutionalization, and provide respite for caregivers. Five senior day care sites are available throughout the city.

For information about any of the care coordination services offered by the City's Department of Senior Affairs, call (505) 764-6400, TTY: 1-800-659-8331, email [seniorinformation@cabq.gov](mailto:seniorinformation@cabq.gov) or visit: [cabq.gov/seniors](http://cabq.gov/seniors).

# City Hearings & Meetings

- ◆ City Council
  - Meets first and third Monday each month, 5 p.m.
  - Agendas at [cabq.gov/council](http://cabq.gov/council)
- ◆ Community Policing Councils
  - Meeting days and times vary
  - Agendas at [cabq.gov/police/community-policing-council](http://cabq.gov/police/community-policing-council)
- ◆ Development Review Board
  - Meets weekly on Wednesdays, 9 a.m.
  - Agendas at [cabq.gov/planning](http://cabq.gov/planning)
- ◆ Environmental Planning Commission
  - Meets second Thursday of each month, 8:30 a.m.
  - Agendas/staff reports at [cabq.gov/planning](http://cabq.gov/planning)
- ◆ Landmarks and Urban Conservation Commission
  - Meets second Wednesday of each month, 3 p.m.
  - Agendas/staff reports at [cabq.gov/planning](http://cabq.gov/planning)
- ◆ Zoning Board of Appeals
  - Meets fourth Tuesday of each month, 9 a.m.
  - Agendas/staff reports at [cabq.gov/planning](http://cabq.gov/planning)
- ◆ Zoning Hearing Examiner
  - Meets third Tuesday of each month, 9 a.m.
  - Agendas/notices of decisions at [cabq.gov/planning](http://cabq.gov/planning)



## LUCC Accepting Applications

The Landmarks and Urban Conservation Commission (LUCC) is now accepting applications to serve on the Commission. Qualified candidates should have demonstrated expertise in the fields of architecture, law, graphic arts, planning, real estate, history, construction or archaeology.

The LUCC conducts a public hearing once a month to consider applications for Certificates of Appropriateness in historic overlay zones and city landmarks. Terms of service are three years. Interested parties can apply online and learn more at:

[cabq.gov/planning/boards-commissions/landmarks-urban-conservation-commission](http://cabq.gov/planning/boards-commissions/landmarks-urban-conservation-commission)

# Coalition Meetings

- ◆ District 4 Coalition
    - Meets third Wednesday each month, 7 p.m.
  - ◆ District 6 Coalition
    - Meets quarterly, days vary, 7 p.m.
  - ◆ District 7 Coalition
    - Meets first Wednesday each month, 7 p.m.
  - ◆ District 8 Coalition
    - Meets bimonthly, days vary, 7 p.m.
  - ◆ East Gateway Coalition
    - Meets quarterly, days vary, 6:30 p.m.
  - ◆ North Valley Coalition
    - Meets quarterly, days vary, 6:30 p.m.
  - ◆ Southwest Alliance of Neighborhoods
    - Meets first Tuesday of each month, 6 p.m.
  - ◆ South Valley Coalition of Neighborhood Associations
    - Meets second Thursday of each month, 6:30 p.m.
  - ◆ Westside Coalition
    - Meets first Wednesday each month, 7 p.m.
- \*Additional information available at [cabq.gov/council](http://cabq.gov/council)

# ABC-Z Project Update



## ABC Comprehensive Plan:

The updated ABC Comprehensive Plan will be heard by the full Albuquerque City Council in the Vincent E. Griego Chambers in City Hall on January 4 and January 18.

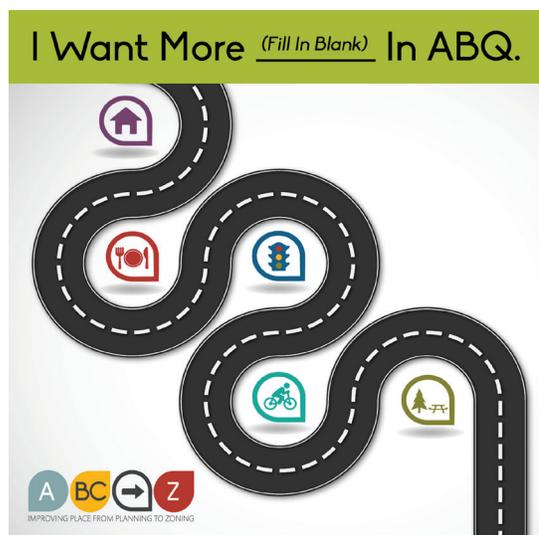
A draft incorporating additions proposed during the Council's Land Use, Planning and Zoning Committee review, is available at [abc-zone.com](http://abc-zone.com), in hard copy at ABC Libraries, and for checkout by calling (505) 924-3345.

## City's Integrated Development Ordinance (IDO):

The IDO is scheduled to be heard by the Environmental Planning Commission (EPC) on February 2 and 16. Planning staff will host two study sessions prior to the hearing on January 5 and 9. The IDO draft being presented to the EPC is available at [abc-zone.com](http://abc-zone.com), at ABC Libraries, and for checkout by calling (505) 924-3345.

If you would like to submit written comments to be included in the staff report for consideration by the EPC at the first hearing, submit them by January 16, at 1 p.m. Comments to be included in the staff report for EPC consideration at the second hearing, are due January 31, at 1 p.m. Email comments to [abctoz@cabq.gov](mailto:abctoz@cabq.gov) or mail/drop them off to: Planning Department, Attn: IDO Comments for EPC, 600 2nd Street NW, 3rd Floor, Albuquerque, NM 87102.

For the latest updates and event details for both the ABC Comp Plan and the IDO, visit [abc-zone.com](http://abc-zone.com)



# NM Crisis and Access Line is Available to Help

Concerned about a loved one ...

- Threatening or discussing wanting to, hurt or kill him/herself?
- Seeking access to firearms, pills, or other means to kill him/herself?
- Expressing feelings of hopelessness?
- Displaying rage, uncontrolled anger, or seeking revenge?
- Acting reckless or engaging in risky activities, seemingly without thinking?
- Saying he or she feels trapped, like there's no way out?
- Increasing alcohol or drug use?
- Withdrawing from friends, family and society?
- Demonstrating anxiety, agitation, and insomnia (or sleeping all the time)?

If you, or a loved one, are experiencing these or other emotional crises, you can find help 24 hours-a-day, seven days-a-week, by calling the New Mexico Crisis and Access Line at **1-855-NMCRISIS** or **1-855-662-7474**.



# Balloon Museum Opens Special Exhibition

When the bold flight of S.A. Andrée began on July 11, 1897, no one had yet reached the North Pole. There had been other attempts, all unsuccessful, but this expedition intended to fly there by balloon from Danes Island, an icy outpost at nearly the top of the world. This dramatic and often misunderstood story is the subject of the Anderson Abruzzo Albuquerque International Balloon Museum's newly opened special exhibition, **Arctic Air: The Bold Flight of S.A. Andrée**.

"Arctic Air explores the history and technology of the expedition," said Marilee Nason, Balloon Museum Curator, "and it delves into who these explorers were, their experiences in the Arctic, the people in their lives at home and the motivation for such a journey."



Journals of the three crew members, as well as photographs taken on the journey, tell a detailed story, one that the Balloon Museum presents in an immersive display.

The façade of the exhibition is a replica of the prefabricated balloon house, or hangar, that Andrée transported from Sweden and assembled on Danes Island in 1896. An interior portion of the replica balloon house forms one of the exhibition's galleries. Another is designed to look like a late-19th Century parlor, while the third simulates an Arctic camp used by Andrée and the two men who joined him on the flight, Nils Strindberg and Knut Fraenkel.

For more details or information visit, [cabq.gov/balloon](http://cabq.gov/balloon)

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