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Notes from the Editor

by Mike Blessing [mikewb1971@gmail.com]



2010 Annual State Convention

Next year's State Convention will most likely be hosted by the Bernalillo County LP in the greater Albuquerque area. Jay Vandersloot has volunteered to be the Convention Coordinator. The Central Committee will have a meeting immediately following the Die-Hard Breakfast speaker on Sunday morning.

Contact Jay at email address yprocrastinate-emailme@yahoo.com to suggest speakers or venue locations..

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Victory at Last
National Park Service Gun Ban Repealed!
gunowners.org/a052009.htm
Wednesday, 20 May 2009

"Gun Owners of America was the most consistent and loudest voice on Capitol Hill in support of the effort to repeal the National Park Service gun ban."
– Sen. Tom Coburn (R-OK)

Good news!

The U.S. House of Representatives passed a bill today that included an amendment to repeal the gun ban on National Park Service (NPS) land and wildlife refuges.

The amendment, sponsored by Senator Tom Coburn (R-OK) and attached to a credit card industry reform bill, passed the House overwhelmingly by a vote of 279-147.

For decades, law-abiding citizens have been prohibited from exercising their Second Amendment rights on NPS land and wildlife refuges, even if the state in which the land is located allows carrying firearms.

With some limited exceptions for hunting, the only way to legally possess a firearm anywhere in a national park is by having it unloaded and inaccessible, such as locked up in an automobile trunk. A Bush administration regulation partially reversed the ban, but that action was singlehandedly negated recently by an activist judge in Washington, D.C. The Department of Interior decided not to appeal that ruling.

Senator Coburn believes, like you do, that Americans should not be forced to sacrifice their Second Amendment rights when entering NPS land and wildlife refuges.

GOA worked with Coburn on an amendment that simply allows for state and local laws – instead of unelected bureaucrats and anti-gun activist judges – to govern firearm possession on these lands.

The anti-gun leadership in both the House and Senate went berserk and fought to keep the Coburn amendment from being attached to the underlying bill. Sparks were flying on the floor of the House of Representatives today.

Anti-gun Rep. Carolyn McCarthy (D-NY) whined that a "very good" credit card bill had been "hijacked" by the Coburn amendment. To this, Rep. Rob Bishop (R-UT) pointed out that gun control is the policy of tyrants, as evidenced by the British attempt to confiscate firearms at Lexington and Concord in 1775.

Congressional leaders and entrenched bureaucrats have fought GOA over the NPS gun ban for the past eight years.

But your activism has finally broken through. The late Senator Everett Dirksen said, "When I feel the heat, I see the light!" Well, you have applied a lot of heat. Members of Congress know that they oppose your Second Amendment rights at their own peril.

As it stands today, both houses of Congress have now passed the Coburn amendment – and President Obama is expected to sign the provision into law (only because it is part of a larger credit card bill that he really wants).

So, congratulate yourself for winning this long, hard battle. GOA was the leading, and often only, national gun group involved in this fight. Your involvement was absolutely vital to achieving this win.

Of course, many more battles lie ahead. President Obama continues to push for the Senate to ratify massive international gun control treaties. There is a battle over a Supreme Court nominee coming up. Anti-gun zealots in Congress are aggressively pushing to renew the Clinton gun ban and close down gun shows.

And as the health care debate picks up steam in the coming weeks and months, GOA is battling efforts to create a computerized national health-care database. Such a database can be used to deny people their Second Amendment rights in the same way that so many veterans have lost their gun rights based only on the diagnoses of a doctor for things like combat-related stress.

GOA will be calling for action on these and other Second Amendment issues as they move through Congress.

In the meantime, have a safe Memorial Day as we remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice so that America would remain "Land of the Free."



Voice of the Chair

by Ken Cavanaugh

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Activism

Though I touched on it in the previous newsletter, I would like to take this opportunity to discuss activism.

There are many kinds of activism available. Some of the easiest ones, when one has access to the Internet, is by finding blog spots where you can post your viewpoints. Though often it is difficult to change the perspectives of others out in cyberspace, there is always the chance you can moderate their views. Of course, there is "twitter", and "facebook" as methods of on-line messaging, and these are vast expanses of people, usually, people have to "link" or "follow" your posts for them to even see them. Still, you never even have to leave your house for these efforts.

In most of these cases, people are usually discussing national issues, which can be done most anywhere. Sometimes you can find people talking about things happening in their state government. Though usually state specific, sometimes parallels and comparisons can be drawn from hearing how other locations are legislating, or considering legislation for current times. For example, California is currently contemplating legalizing recreational marijuana. Though not being pressed for here in New Mexico (currently), this is a good possibility to keep an eye on as to how California might move forward with this issue.

Another State issue is in Montana, where the State just passed a law to refute the control of the Federal government in regulating firearms. The Fed is considering expanding its authority in gun control to include firearms that are wholly manufactured and owned within a single State. Montana's law rejects that authority so that, any firearm manufactured in Montana would include a stamped label stating "Made in Montana". Then, purchasers within Montana shall be held immune to Federal laws pertaining to firearms. This is an interesting thing to watch as well.

These are ideas that can be brought forward in a number of ways. For legalizing marijuana, California needed to be in serious economic difficulties to even consider. There thoughts are to legalize, and tax the product heavily to gain revenue. As for the Montana effort, this is something done in opposition to the Federal lawmakers. Both are efforts that can be created and moved forward by speaking with State elected officials, but here in New Mexico, the legalization of marijuana would more likely require circulating petitions as a voter initiative. A lot of time would have to be put in to accomplish even getting that on the ballot, let alone winning the initiative.

But that is another type of activism, petitioning for voter initiatives. At the State level, it will usually require 10's of thousands of signatures to place a measure on the ballot, thus usually cannot be accomplished without a small army of petitioners.

Of course, being active in single-topic issues is a great method to advance an issue. Where similarly-minded people group together and become a lobbying force themselves. This is useful for the single topics, and can have tremendous effect on the legislative bodies. When hundreds, then thousands, then even more people collectively cry out for a particular desire, the government has little choice but to listen (not that they are required to take action). Still, by attaching oneself to particular topics of interest with others is a show of strength and unity, and the larger this collective voice grows, the more the government has to pay attention to it.

Letters to the editor (op-eds) are a fine way to convey viewpoints, when they get published. Usually, the best way to get published is to first, be sure that your letter addresses an issue, outlines any problems with the current approach, and provides a thoughtful alternative to the issue. Second, it is usually helpful if your piece is addressing a current hot-topic, so that the readers are immediately aware of the situation.

Op-eds can be written for any level of government, Federal, State, or local. Keep in mind that there are more people writing about the Federal issues than State, and more about State than local. So, depending on what you are writing about, will determine how much competition you might have to get your piece in print. Meaning, the more local the issue, the fewer other pieces the media will have, so the higher possibility of getting yours in print. Also, keep in mind that your piece will get edited for space, to fit where the editor wants to print it. Many times major thoughts are either left out, or even re-stated so that the original intent might even be changed. Keep a copy of your original so that you can review what changed when it goes to print. Sometimes, a follow up can be written to clarify any discrepancies.

Lastly, but the most important in this issue, is participating in government. I spoke at it briefly in the previous edition, but want to re-emphasize it here today. "All politics is local", someone once said. This is correct. In order to gain ground as a politician, or even as a political party, local support has to be fostered and developed. The best way to do this (albeit a slow way) is to get involved in your city and county meetings. It is often that proposals are being discussed that either might be done a different way, or ought not be done at all. If we aren't there to voice those alternatives, the voice isn't heard.

Here in Albuquerque, we are looking at the extending of a ¼ cent sales tax that was put in place in 2000, and expires in December 2009. The purpose of this tax is generally for transportation purposes, but includes biking/hiking trails, all the way to building connecting roads, and perhaps even putting in a streetcar system. The City Council is considering extending that tax for another 10 years. Having reviewed the original intent from 1999, we can gain the knowledge of the precise plans that were laid out, the expected revenue from the tax, the cost of repairing roads, and building new connections.

Yet, recently, the City Council has announced that all the planned work isn't done, in fact, less than 30% has been done. No reason was given, as to whether it is due to less than expected revenue, or higher costs of performing the work. Most likely, the money attained was used elsewhere, and not on the projects as outlined. When the City now chooses to extend this tax, this is a consideration that The People should be entitled to have.

We should hold our elected officials accountable for their taxation and laws. This can only be done by being at the meetings and voicing our opinions. True, it can be shown at the ballot box, but with only two choices, and both are usually connected to the same big money groups, this is merely a different name for the same approaches. By attending the meetings, and providing your opinions, others will notice. When your ideas are good ones (please do your very best!), others will join in and support them. After a while, other people will start asking your opinion about a number of things, and will eventually find out that you are a libertarian. There is no need to spout that out every time you speak, but prefacing statements with, "As a libertarian, I..." is just fine.

If we collectively approach the local government repeatedly, over time our movement will gain strength as others that agree with us seek us out.

Ken Cavanaugh
LPNM State Chair 2009-2011

**Albuquerque's Quarter-cent
Transportation Tax**
by Ken Cavanaugh
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In 1999, the City of Albuquerque proposed and adopted to add ¼ cent to the existing sales tax to assist in repairing, and completing roads. Included in this proposal was to add new bike and walking trails around the City.

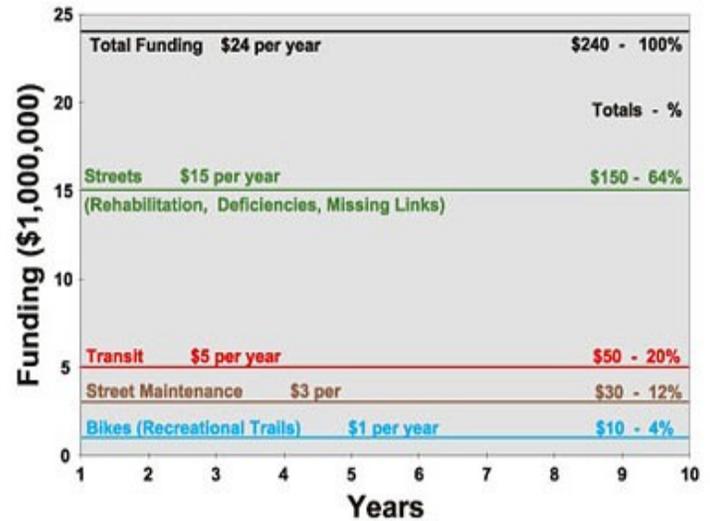
It is the sense of the Libertarian Party of New Mexico and the LP of Bernalillo County that they City has used some of the revenues gained from this tax for other purposes, and now haven't completed many of the projects that were proposed. For whatever reason, the City is now looking to extend this tax, which is due to expire in December 2009, for another 10 years.

What The People need to have access to is the total revenue gained from this tax, and the expenditure for each quadrant as originally scheduled within this report. Also, it is the contention of the LPNM and the LPBC that instead of a sales tax, which is an unbalanced method of road treatments, this should be funded by an additional fuel tax, so that the more an individual uses the road system, the more they should support it.

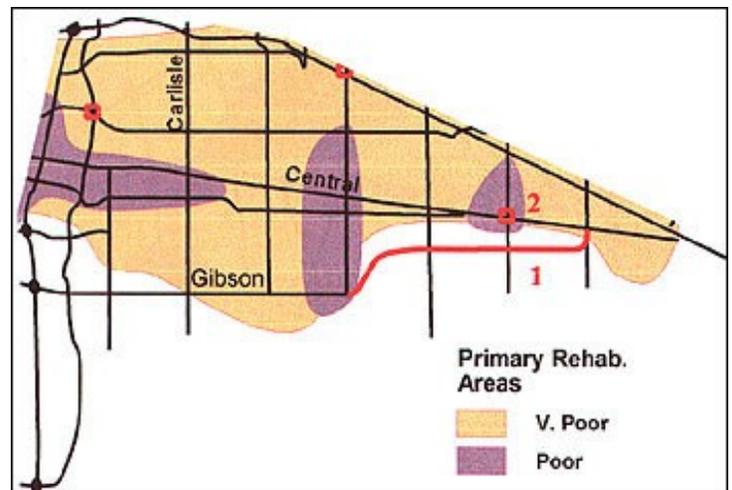
In the chart below, the estimated tax revenue for the existing ten-year period is outlined. The total revenue expected to be achieved is \$279,920,419. This was scheduled to be distributed into the 4 quadrants of Albuquerque by using the charts on the subsequent pages.

Fiscal Year	1/4 Cent Gross Receipts Tax Revenue Amount (Anticipated annual growth rate 3.0%)
2000	\$10,080,000
2001	24,720,000
2002	25,461,600
2003	26,225,448
2004	27,012,211
2005	27,822,578
2006	28,657,255
2007	29,516,973
2008	30,402,482
2009	31,314,556
2010	18,707,316
TOTAL	279,920,419

In this graph, we see that not only the road maintenance was projected in this plan, but also an expansion of the transit system, with additional allocations for biking and walking trails. We feel that the transit system should be self-sufficient, by adjusting rates and fares appropriately, and that the trail system should be a separate issue entirely. If the transit system cannot be self-sufficient, then its ongoing existence should be questioned.



Projects – Southeast Quadrant



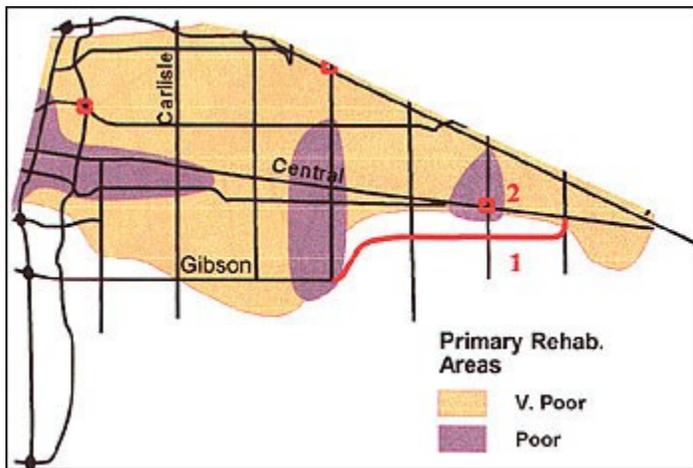
Project	Description	Funding			
		1/4 Cent	(Other Sources)		Total
			CIP	Fed/State	
Rehabilitation	Quadrant Wide	\$24,000,000	**	**	\$24,000,000
Deficiency Projects					
1. Gibson	Eubank to Juan Tabo / Central	\$6,600,000	\$3,400,000	\$15,000,000	\$25,000,000
2. Intersections**	Quadrant Wide	\$485,000	\$1,818,000	\$909,000	\$3,212,000

Projects – Southwest Quadrant

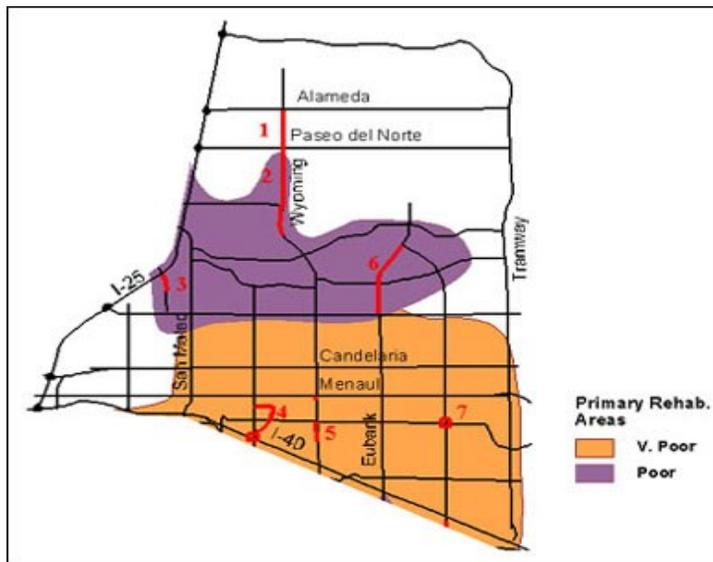
Project	Description	Funding			
		1/4 Cent	(Other Sources)		Total
			CIP	Fed/State	
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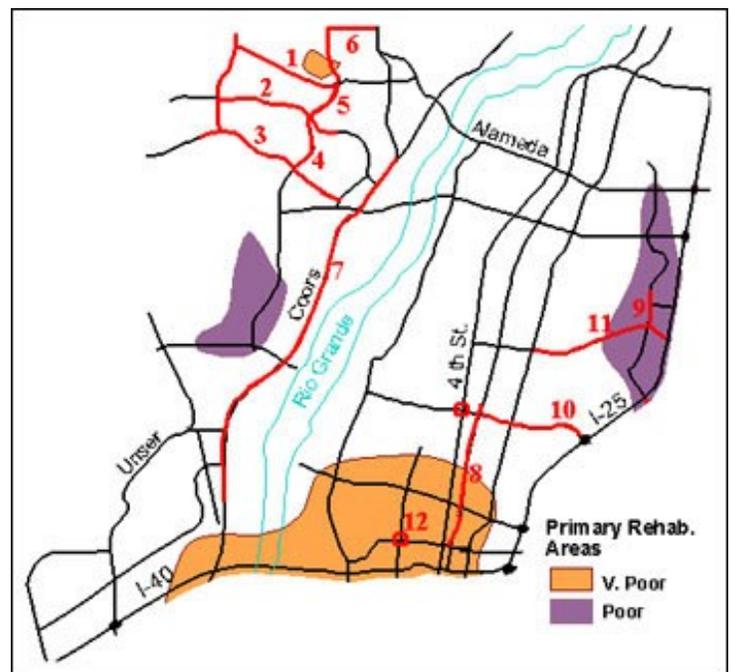
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Projects – Northeast Quadrant



Projects – Northwest Quadrant



Project	Description	Funding			Total
		1/4 Cent	(Other Sources) CIP	Fed/State	
Rehabilitation	Quadrant Wide	\$17,000,000	*	*	\$17,000,000
Deficiency Projects					
1. McMahon	Golf Course to west end of paving	\$3,000,000	\$1,225,000	\$6,900,000	\$11,125,000
2. Irving	Unser to Chantilly	\$1,000,000	\$650,000	\$1,600,000	\$3,250,000
3. Paradise	La Paz to Eagle Ranch	\$2,000,000	\$0	\$6,760,000	\$8,760,000
4. Golf Course	Paradise to Irving	\$400,000	\$0	\$1,600,000 (County)	\$2,000,000
5. Golf Course	Irving to County Line	\$2,500,000	\$625,000	\$7,500,000	\$10,625,000
6. Westside	NM 528 to Golf Course	\$2,500,000	\$0	\$0	\$2,500,000
7. Coors	Sequoia to Coors Bypass	\$2,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$0	\$7,000,000
8. 2nd	I-40 to N of Montana	\$1,000,000	\$3,400,000	\$11,000,000	\$15,400,000
9. Jefferson	Osuma to Journal Center	\$1,500,000	\$0	\$0	\$1,500,000
10. Montana	2nd to I-25	\$1,500,000	\$0	\$0	\$1,500,000
11. Osuma	I-25 to Edith	\$1,500,000	\$0	\$0	\$1,500,000
12. Intersections ***	Quadrant Wide	\$383,000	\$1,437,000	\$718,000	\$2,538,000

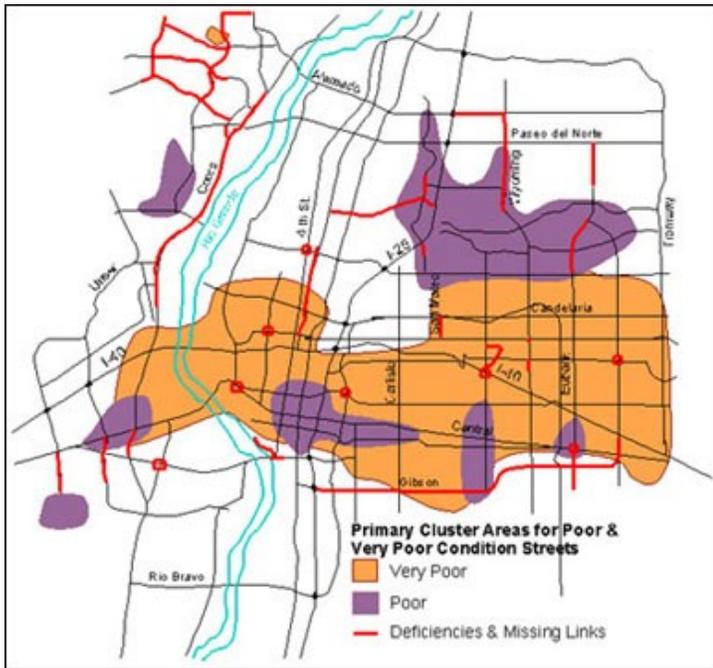
The Big Picture

By adding the total projections from the sequence of charts above, it is estimated to expend \$100,000,000 on road maintenance throughout the city.

By reviewing the overall projection below, an additional \$196,000,000 was projected to be used for other road purposes, such as completing roads that do not link together, which might improve traffic flow. To remind the reader that the projected income from the 1/4 cent tax was \$279,920,419, this doesn't quite cover the cost of this program. However, we are missing the information from existing taxes, which would supplement this project.

Project	Description	Funding			Total
		1/4 Cent	(Other Sources) CIP	Fed/State	
Rehabilitation	Quadrant Wide	\$44,000,000	*	*	\$44,000,000
Deficiency Projects					
1. Wyoming	Paseo del Norte to Alameda	\$3,750,000	\$0	\$0	\$3,750,000
2. Wyoming	S of San Antonio to Paseo	\$1,500,000	\$2,400,000	\$0	\$3,900,000
3. Jefferson	I-25 to McLeod	\$800,000	\$0	\$0	\$800,000
4. Uptown	Interchange & Loop Rd.	\$1,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$4,000,000	\$8,000,000
5. Wyoming	Manual to Constitution	\$750,000	\$0	\$0	\$750,000
6. Eubank	Montgomery to Juan Tabo	\$2,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$2,000,000
7. Intersections ***	Quadrant Wide	\$816,000	\$3,060,000	\$1,530,000	\$5,406,000

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Street Rehabilitation	\$100,000,000
Deficiencies & Missing Links	\$196,000,000
Total Cost	\$296,000,000
Continuing Maintenance	\$7,000,000

What The People need to review this overall project is:

1. Actual and remaining projected income from the ¼ cent tax
2. Expenditures by quadrant for repairs
3. Expenditures overall for Deficiencies and Missing Links
4. Other revenues from existing transportation taxes (and the source)
5. Revenues from existing transit passengers
6. Operating cost of existing transit system
7. Passengers per mile of transit system
8. Revenue per passenger mile of transit system
9. Projected cost of streetcar system to build
10. Current passenger per mile on projected streetcar routes
11. Projected revenue differential between existing transit and streetcar system

And those are just the starters. Once we can get answers to these questions, new questions are likely to arise.

The LPNM and LPBC believe that action against the extension of the ¼ cent tax is the right thing to do, and will pursue this effort to avoid having this continued.

Bernalillo County – The BCLP is hosting two meetings per month, on Thursday, 4 June and Thursday, 18 June, 6:00 to 7:00 PM at Fiesta's Restaurant & Lounge (Carlisle & Montgomery NE). Contact Mike Blessing for details [mikewb1971@gmail.com / 505-918-6567], or see the BCLP website – lpnm.us/bernalillo. See xanga.com/kcufmedia for more information concerning *The Weekly Sedition* and *New Mexico's Consumer Advocate*.

Mark Curtis and Jay Vandersloot have been manning a table at the NMGCA gun shows at the Manuel Lujan Building at the State Fairgrounds.

Dona Ana County – The next scheduled Dona Ana County Central Committee Meeting is 13 January 2010 at 6:30 PM to plan for the county convention. Contact chair for more information. The committee would be delighted to meet before then with any Doña Ana County Libertarian wishing support in running for office or with any ideas to advance the party or political issues that the party should address. Please contact the chair – lpdacnm@lpnm.us / 575-541-9079, or check the LPDAC website – lpnm.us/dona-ana.

Otero County – The Otero County LP meets on Wednesday, 3 June – contact Dr. Gilberto Heredia for more information [thrill@zianet.com / 575-439-8234], or see the OCLP website for details – lpnm.us/otero. The OCLP hosted this year's state convention in April.

Sandoval County – The LPSC is having its monthly meetings on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Tuesday, 23 June – The Sandoval County Libertarian Party will meet – contact Ron Bjornstad [rbjornstad@earthlink.net / 505-288-4228] for details.

Santa Fe County – Ed Nagel is working on organizing an LPNM county affiliate for Santa Fe County. Contact him at ed123nagel@aol.com or call him at 505-471-6928. He'd appreciate any help he can get. The Santa Fe County LP meets at the South Library on Monday, 8 June at 6:30 PM. Contact Ed Nagel for details [ed123nagel@aol.com / 505-474-0300].

Ed specified these directions for the South Library –

Although the mailing address is on Jaguar St, the best way to get there is to turn south off Airport Rd onto Country Club Rd (by the golf course), proceed 6 tenths of a mile to Valentine Way, and make a left (heading east), and an immediate right into the parking lot of the South Library.

Special Events

2010 Annual State Convention

The 2010 LPNM State Convention is scheduled for the weekend of 16-18 April 2009 for the greater Albuquerque area. More details to follow soon.

Bernalillo County LP Convention

Will run concurrent with the 2010 State Convention. Contact Mike Blessing for details.

LPNM Central Committee Meeting – 14 June 2009

The LPNM's Central Committee will have its regularly scheduled meeting on Sunday, 14 June 2009. Lunch at 12 PM, meeting from 1 PM to 3 PM. For location, contact State Chair Ken Cavanaugh [505-489-8099 / phloyd113@cableone.net]. **County and Campus Contacts encouraged to attend!**

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LPNM Forum – groups.yahoo.com/group/lpnm-forum
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LPNM Discussion – groups.yahoo.com/lpnm-discuss
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Administrivia

by Mike Blessing, Editor

If you have news, interesting stories, op-ed pieces, a letter to the editor, or timely information that you think belongs in the newsletter, please send it along. I can be contacted at 505-918-6567, or just send it to email address mikewb1971@gmail.com.

When sending your submission as an MS Word (or Open Office Text) file, send it single-spaced in 9-pt Arial – like this is. Margins should be quarter-inch (0.25") around, with no headers or footers. If you send it in a text-only format, make it clear to me if you want anything in **bold type**, underlined, *in italics*, struck-through, **different colors**, etc. I'm not telepathic here, so help me out. And **NO** Wordperfect files – I can't open those.

Graphics (pictures, cartoons, etc.) – send the highest quality graphics you can – email them to me at the address above, and I'll do what I can to get them in the next issue. In particular, what I want are pictures of YOU the LPNM members, either at LPNM-sponsored events or at other peoples' events. Submission deadline for each issue – midnight, third Tuesday of the month.

Articles

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