

# STAYING CONNECTED

NEWSLETTER OF THE PIEDRAS MARCADAS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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## **COME TO THE MEETING!!**

**November 9, 7 pm**

**Rio Vista Church**

It has been some time since we all got together. The next general meeting is just around the corner. We will be focusing on the scourge of door-to-door marketing that has been targeting our neighborhoods lately. Some of us have small stickers or yard signs that tell the solicitor that they are not welcome. This has had a remarkable effect on the number of folks who see the sign and just turn around and leave. If more and more of us have these small signs on our residences, we will get the word out that the Piedras Marcadas neighbors don't want this type of business. We will be giving out the stickers at the meeting. Often, these door-to-door people do not have a license from the city. They are in violation of city code. Others going door-to-door are 'casing' your house for a possible 're-visit' when you aren't home. Rather than become a victim, come to the meeting and find out what we all can do to be **proactive** and make our homes and those of our neighbors a safer place.

*Repeat from a previous newsletter:*

**DO I HAVE TO JOIN TO GET A NEWSLETTER?**

No!!! As long as we have your email address, you stay in the neighborhood loop; however, we would love to have you join. The more paid members, the more clout we have with the city. In an effort to be financially responsible, we will only be able to send the newsletters to non-members electronically. We care about all of our neighbors - whether members or not. There may be a time when we need to get information out quickly to all - so we need your email address - PLEASE! Send it to:

[furnreptoo@msn.com](mailto:furnreptoo@msn.com) or call 890-0846.

## **Membership Is Due**

*Have you paid your dues for the calendar year 2011? We are still collecting from those who have forgotten. We only charge \$12 for the year – that's only \$1 per month. In order for the association to continue in our mission, we need as many of you as possible to keep up with the dues. In addition to printing supplies, we have used our dues to keep the common areas of our neighborhoods cleaned and free of weeds. We have placed crushed rock around some of the utility boxes that nobody seems to 'own', as far as upkeep goes. We will keep you informed of neighborhood announcements, emails, newsletters and invitations to neighborhood get-togethers. The larger our group, the more our voice is heard by city leaders. Our monthly meetings are open to all. Our annual meeting in March is where we elect new officers for the board. (You will not be elected or even nominated for the board unless you really want to do this, so don't let this fear keep you away from the meeting.)*

**November 9, 2011 – Meeting**

**7pm. Most meetings last only one hour. There will be refreshments and a raffle, but you must be there to win.**

**WEATHER PERMITTING:  
WHY NOT WALK TO THE  
MEETING? GET A LITTLE  
EXERCISE AND ENJOY THE  
BRISK FALL AIR.**

**UPDATE: Brain Storming Session:**

We are still working on some of the goals that were set earlier. As the weather changes and winter sets in, some of these become of more importance.

- **Assistance** – If you are physically unable to accomplish some of the outside upkeep around your property, let the Association know. We might be able to help.
- **Animal clean up** – remember to pick up after your pets when you and they enjoy the neighborhood sidewalks, parks, and others’ front yards.
- **Parking** – on sidewalks and in your front yard. There are city ordinances and also covenant rules that do not permit this.
- **Dogs** – Did you know that the city has a 4 dog limit per household?
- **Weeds** – There are some weeds still around. You are responsible for your own yard and also the parkway between the sidewalk and the street. YOUR weeds affect all of our property values! Don’t forget those leaves, too.
- **Taylor Ranch Community Center-** This is a neighborhood resource that we are all entitled to use. Check out the activities on their website.



**Are you new to the neighborhood or have you never attended a PMNA meeting? We want you to know how welcome you are to attend and we will do everything we can to help you meet many of your neighbors.**



**SEE YOU AT THE MEETING  
NOVEMBER 9th  
7 PM  
RIO VISTA CHURCH**

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

- Annual membership:
- Individual Residence includes entire family
  - \$12 Individual Residence-Renewal
  - \$12 Individual Residence-New Member
  - \$50 Business

Please make your check payable to: **PMNA,**  
and mail your check to: **PO Box 66655,**  
**Albuquerque, NM 87193.**

Dues may also be paid at the Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

- Areas of participation in which I can help:
- Newsletter
  - Communication
  - Environment
  - Beautification
  - Membership
  - Board Member
  - Westside Coordination
  - Crime Prevention
  - Social Activities
  - Willing to help when called upon