

NOB HILL'S STORY

ntil the turn of the 20th century Albuquerque existed exclusively in the valley of the Rio Grande where water and farmland were plentiful. In 1898 the city moved onto the east mesa when the territorial legislature established the University of New Mexico above the sand hills.

In 1903 Col. D.K.B. Sellers arrived from Eureka, California by way of the Klondike gold rush. He saw unlimited opportunity on the east mesa, platting the neighborhood south of the university in 1906. He named the streets after prominent universities to give it a sense of prestige. Prices ranged from \$25 to \$275 per lot.

Sellers worked hard for statehood and was sworn in as mayor just three months after New Mexico became a state. He platted the University Heights east of Girard Avenue, the first portion of what we now call Nob Hill, in 1916. Noting the coal and wood smoke in the valley, he encouraged prospects to "move out of the low zone up to the ozone."

Small builders worked vigorously in Nob Hill, building 80% of the homes by the start of WWII. Newcomers were fascinated by the Wild West and its regional architecture. Builders eagerly revived historic styles, pouring a rich palette of shapes, details, and materials onto their houses.

Due to serendipitous circumstances the vast majority of houses and commercial buildings in Nob Hill retain their historic character today making it a living model of the ideal automobile-oriented suburb of the early $20^{\rm th}$ century and a vital place to live.

In 1917 only 2% of the nation's roads were paved. In 1926 the American Highway System was created by law. The law didn't build roads; it identified routes that tied together state highways into a system that motorists could follow to travel long distances. The most storied was the route from the corner of Jackson Blvd and Michigan Ave in Chicago to Santa Monica Blvd in Los Angeles: Route 66.

In its original form Route 66 headed north about an hour east of Albuquerque at Santa Rosa through Las Vegas, to Santa Fe. It then headed south following NM Highway 85 over the Camino Real to Los Lunas where it headed west. The trip across New Mexico covered 506 miles.

A group in Albuquerque saw opportunity in bringing the road through town on the east mesa. In 1937 the new route was completed and the commercial district along Central Avenue had an immediate surge of transcontinental traffic. The new route crossed New Mexico in 399 miles.



Motorists needed fuel, food and service. Construction on the east mesa took off. Businesses built vibrant neon signs to attract passing motorists. Architects and builders employed the rich architectural vocabulary in use internationally at the time, seasoning it with exuberant revival styles drawn from local culture and tradition.

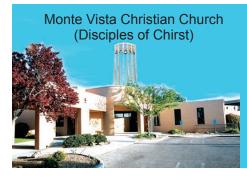
The 1930 City Directory lists just six buildings on Central Ave. from Girard to Morningside; two shops, a service station, two houses, and a vacant building. By 1939 there were forty-four structures on this section of the new Route 66.

Today, continental traffic flows on the interstate highways but people from everywhere tease out the sense of Route 66 from well-preserved buildings and neon signs of the mother road in Nob Hill.









- March 24th-Maundy Thursday service 7 PM Easter Service at 10:30 AM.
- September 17th chicken dinner \$.35 starting at noon to benefit St. Martin's Hospitality Center. Donations accepted

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CELEBRATING 100 YEARS

Throughout 2016 Nob Hill celebrates its unique sense of place, its cultural heritage, and its people. We'll have fun together, promote community identity, and foster partnerships so we can address needs and opportunities in the future together.

Groups and individuals from throughout the community are working together to create events with meaning for people of all ages and especially families. This group includes Nob Hill Neighborhood Association and Nob Hill Main Street, together with our business community, our faith community, our schools, and many individuals.

Thanks to a grant from Bernalillo County we've accomplished a lot in the past year. We've started the



Nob Hill Oral History Project, produced short films, produced public art like the mural at Central and Carlisle, and gotten the word out on the celebrations. Throughout 2016 Nob Hill Main Street will give the Nob Hill is 100 theme to its annual events and there will be special one-time events. All are welcome to enjoy Nob Hill in a special way throughout 2016. Here are some of the ways you can join in.

EARTH DAY FESTIVAL, April 24, 2016 La Montanita Co-op provides organic local food from its



location which has continually served Nob Hill as a grocery since 1947. The Co-op hosts the largest Earth Day festival in the state at its Nob Hill store. Meet local

farmers, pet baby goats, and get seedlings for a sustainable food supply, drought resistant plants, and beautiful art from local artists and crafts people. Eat great Co-op food and dance in the street with friends and neighbors.

PET PARADE, April 30, 2016 Nob Hill celebrates its love of pets with the Nob Hill is 100 Unleashed Pet Parade and Fair benefitting area animal welfare groups. Create a costume for yourself

and your pet and join the parade through Nob Hill beginning and ending at Nob Hill Bar and Grill. Prizes are offered for best owner/pet match, most unique pet, and many more. Enjoy the fair, live music, and food after the parade.

NOB HILL INSIDER'S TOUR, May 22, 2016 Its many well-preserved historic buildings, many dating to the early 20th century, give Nob Hill its unique sense of place. The owners of eight of these special places will open them from noon until 5 pm for this rare one-day chance for docent-guided insider tours. Proceeds will benefit University of New Mexico School of Architecture and Planning Program in Historic Preservation and Regionalism. Tickets are necessary and can be obtained at www.NobHillMainStreet EventBrite.com

ROUTE 66 SUMMERFEST, July 15-17,

2016 The City of Albuquerque, Nob Hill Main Street, and the New Mexico Jazz Festival invite you to the annual Route 66 Summerfest spanning one mile of Nob Hill.



Central Avenue will be filled with live music and entertainment, a car show, shopping, kids' activities, food trucks, The Mother Road Market, Cork & Tap- Beer and Wine Garden, and more!

35¢ CHICKEN DINNER, September 17, 2016 We celebrate our faith community and the 35¢ Chicken Dinners offered in the 1930s by the ladies of Monte Vista Christian Church to raise money for their first building. Enjoy chicken, hot biscuits, and old fashioned pie created by stellar local chefs along with music and games of the time. Proceeds will benefit St. Martin's Hospitality Center.

TWINKLELIGHT PARADE Kick off the holiday season with Albuquerque's biggest holiday parade, The Annual Twinkle Light Parade! It is a spectacular

family-friendly holiday event f e a t u r i n g dozens of floats, marching bands, equestrian clubs, fire trucks, car clubs, and businesses and wrapping up with Mr. & Mrs.



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SHOP N STROLL 2016, December 1, 2016 Enjoy incredible holiday sales and specials, strolling musicians, carolers, and other street performers all while supporting local businesses. Remember to visit your favorite Nob Hill retailer, art gallery, dance studio, restaurant, bar, coffee house, salon, et cetera for their own special Shop and Stroll events and deals!

PUBLIC ARTS PROJECT The Nob Hill community is pleased to announce that the city, through its Public Arts Program, has agreed to spend \$30,000 on an art project to be placed on city property within Nob Hill as part of the Nob Hill is 100 celebrations. Watch for the unveiling date that will be announced in the media later this year. Find details on events and stay up to date at www.NobHillis100.com

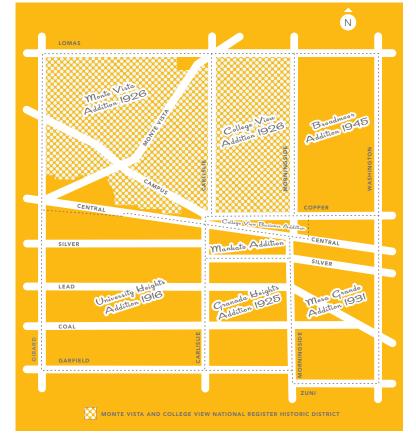
CARING FOR OUR HISTORIC NEIGHBORHOODS

hat we today know as Nob Hill comprises the commercial district along Central communicate well with the street. Looking out of our homes we can see nearby houses, our

neighbors, and passersby. This openness creates a safer neighborhood.

along with six residential subdivisions surrounding it. 80% of the 3,000 houses in these historic neighborhoods were built prior to WWII. Through wise stewardship the vast majority of these houses still retain their historic character, placing these subdivisions among the stellar early 20th Century neighborhoods in the region.

One of the most valuable resources of a neighborhood is its *streetscape*: its houses and the way they relate with the street; what we see as we walk, bike, or drive through the neighborhood. Unlike some areas in the city, houses in Nob Hill



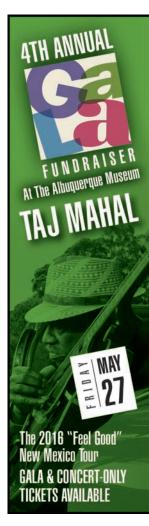
A large section of Nob Hill is listed as a historic *district* and most other parts of the neighborhood are eligible for that distinction. The fundamental value of a *district* is its historic streetscape. Most of Nob Hill was built between 1916 and 1957 and during this period of significance the rare front walls that were built were 3 feet or less in height.

Albuquerque ordinances permit fences or walls up to 3 feet high in the front 20 feet of a property (the front setback) with a building permit. (Note that the front property line is often several feet behind the sidewalk.) Fences or walls over 3 feet high in the front setback are not a permissive use. Because they diminish our streetscape, historic character, and safety, your Nob Hill Neighborhood Association discourages fences or walls more than 3 feet high in front yard setbacks.

If you are a property owner planning maintenance or remodeling of your house you can preserve its historic character by retaining its style and form, materials such as roofing materials and stucco, and details like projecting vigas. Consider restoring the windows or, if you choose to replace them, use windows with the same arrangement of glass that operate the same and use the original opening. You can get advice on how to preserve your house's historic character from CABQ Planning at 924-3891.







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ARCHITECTUAL STYLES FOUND IN NOBHILL

BUNGALOW 1905-1930

...related to the Craftsman movement...low-pitched gable roof, usually with large roof overhang with exposed rafters, beams, and brackets...exterior chimneys often flanked by small windows... facings of brick, stucco, wood shingles



SPANISH PUEBLO REVIVAL mid-1920s-present

...flat roof with projecting beams (vigas), varied massing, parapets rounded on top, roof drains (canales)... cut out brackets (corbels) over porch posts... exposed lintels over doors and windows... occasionally buttressed corners...entries centrally located in recessed porch (portal) or in small, cut-out porches... builders developed this style to evoke the feeling of native American pueblos





SOUTHWEST **VERNACULAR** 1920s-early 1950s

...usually one story with flat roof, irregular parapets that are often stepped...front doorways marked by small cut-out porches...tiled accents often appeared at window hoods and porch roof...examples reflect builders' efforts to personalize regional styles



...popularized by the Panama California Exhibition of 1915 and then in home magazines...full or partial pitched roof...clay tiles or pressed metal imitations...entries often marked by molded columns and arches capped by slight towers...some with large, fixed windows in living rooms...original stucco sometimes heavily textured



TERRITORIAL REVIVAL mid 1930s-mid 1950s

...fat-roofed buildings distinguished by brick cornice capping parapets....doors and windows may have simple triangular pediments, often painted white...recessed porches (portales)...a revival of the style popular in the late 19th Century when brick and milled wood were first brought to NM by the railroad



Style terminology is derived from New Mexico Historic Building Inventory Manual, 1980 edition.

All Styles Incude:

- Various types of wood windows were used early in the building of Nob Hill but after the early 1930s metal casement windows were almost universally used.
- Several styles employ a parapet: a short, 1 to 2 foot high, extension of the exterior walls of a house which extends above and hides the flat roof.
- Structural walls of houses in Nob Hill are generally either hollow clay tile or wood frame. These are stuccoed on the outside, often with distinctive finish patterns, but may employ other facings such as brick or natural stone.
- Initially garages were located at the rear of the property suggestive of a coach house. During the 1930s builders began to locate them closer to the house, eventually making them an integral part of the façade. In the postwar years the single garage gave way to 2-car garages as more suburban families added a second vehicle.

RANCH

1930s-present

...one story with broad

pitched or hipped roof...

marked departure from regional styles popular earlier

in century...porches small,

often recessed...large, fixed

"picture" windows...fnish

lumber, brick, stucco or

metal siding

materials vary and may include

STREAMLINED MODERNE mid-1930s-mid-1950s

...one and two-story houses... flat roofs...white stucco-covered walls with decorative horizontal moldings, often inscribed into the stucco...rounded corners, projecting hoods, glass block, and porch roofs... windows include port holes and corner windows...metal railings on porches

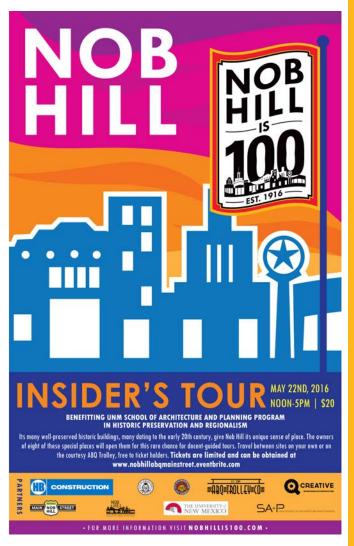




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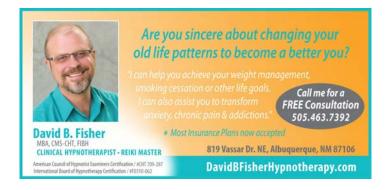


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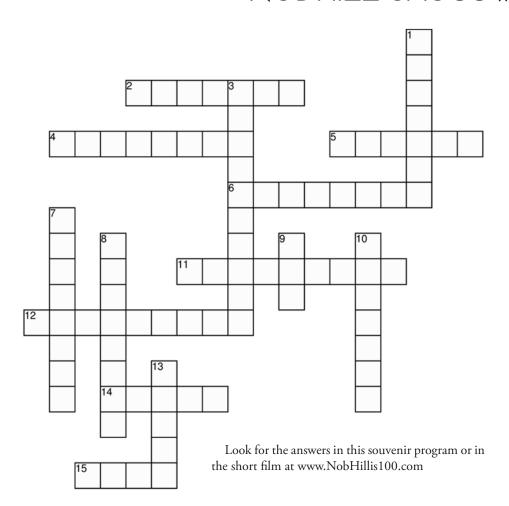
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NOB HILL CROSSWORD



Across

- 2. Four years after DKB Sellers' birth Horace Greeley said, "Go west young man and grow up with the.....
- 4. In 1916 Albuquerque was visited by a former president...What was his first name?
- 5. In 1903 Col. D.K.B. Sellers arrived from, California.
- **6.** There were so many tuberculosis sanatoriums on Central Ave that for a time it was known as....
- 11. One of the most well-known in Nob Hill is called Amherst Green.
- 12. Until the turn of the 20th Century Albuquerque existed exclusively in the ancestral floodplain of the....
- **14.** Ever the promoter, Col. Sellers encouraged potential buyers to move out of the low zone and up to the....
- 15. To which branch of the military did Col. Sellers belong?

Down

- The two National Register Historic Districts in Nob Hill are Monte Vista and View.
- 3. The least costly lot in University Heights was....
- 7. Col. Sellers would not sell lots in a block between Tulane and Wellesley because that was where he buried his hunting
- 8. From 1905-1930, the most popular architectural style in Nob Hill was
- 9. In 1893 the Humboldt Times said that DKB Sellers knew the value of printer's $\ldots\ldots$
- 10. Col. Sellers sent New Year's cards to people who sent him Christmas cards. One year he sent a photo of himself and the King of.....
- **13.** When city water came to University Heights Col. Sellers sold the water tank and lots to Alfred and Edith Priestly who built a......

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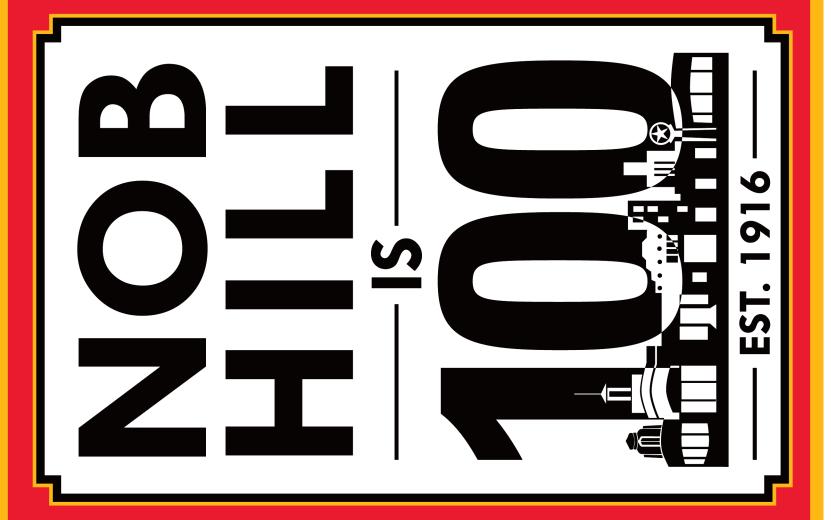
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WHEREAS, On February 7, 1916 at 4:00 pm Col. D.K.B. Sellers platted the first subdivision of what would eventually become Albuquerque's Nob Hill neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, in 1937 with the rerouting of Route 66 onto Central Ave, Nob Hill grew to include many roadside motor lodges and cafes, offering a welcome respite to weary travelers making their way across the Southwestern United Sates, and

WHEREAS, buildings such as the 1930's Works Progress Administration-built Monte Vista Fire Station, the De Arnza Motor Lodge, Nob Hill Business Center and I.O.b Theater still stant today and remain in active use, representing some of the finest and best preserved pre and post WWII architecture on Route 66 in New Mexico. and

WHEREAS, Nob Hill has become the heart of our community; vibrant, inclusive and diverse, the neighbrofrood hosts many beloved events, including the annual Pride Parade, Route 66 Summerst, and Holiday Shop and Stroll, inviting locals and visitors alike to enjoy its historic and well preserved buildings, walkable sterest, unique and independently-owned shops and restaurants; and

WHEREAS, on February 5, 2016 members of the Nob Hill Neighborhood Association, Bernalillo County Commission, and office of the Bernalillo County Clerk will mark the 100th Anniversary of Nob Hill with a re-enactment of Col. DKB Seller's plat filing, in the Bernalillo County Clerk's office;

WHEREAS, the Nob Hill Neighborhood Association, Nob Hill Main Street, and Nob Hill friends and neighbors will host a yearlong celebration of events, including the Nob Hill is 100 Unleased Pet Parade and Fair on April 30, Nob Hill linsides' 7 Gour of historic homes and buildings in May, and a \$0.35 cent Chicken Dinner on September 17th, a re-creation of the dinners offered in the 1930s by "the ladies of Monte Vista Christian Church" to raise money to build their first building.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Bernalillo County Board of Commissioners joins the Nob Hill Neighborhood Association in celebrating the 100 year anniversary of the Nob Hill neighborhood; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Bernalillo County Board of Commissioners recognizes and proclaims February 7, 2016 as

Nob Hill Day

DONE, this 26th day of January, 2016 in Bernalillo County, State of New Mexico.



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WHEREAS, the plats for the Nob Hill neighborhood were first filed by Col. D.K.B. Sellers on February 7, 1916, and residents were encouraged to "move out of the low zone and up to the ozone"; and

WHEREAS, Route 66 runs through the center of Nob Hill, and Nob Hill residents and businesses served tens-of-thousands of travelers along Route 66, and Nob Hill is still the home to one of the country's best preserved examples of the historic Route 66-era roadside architecture; and

WHEREAS, Nob Hill was Albuquerque's first suburb and has grown with the City of Albuquerque creating neighborhoods profiling the unique architectural changes of Albuquerque, and, in 2001, the unique character of the Monte Vista and College View Additions in Nob Hill were deemed worthy of national recognition and preservation as a National Historic District; and

WHEREAS, Nob Hill is home to many of Albuquerque's most unique and well attended public celebrations, including the Albuquerque Pride Parade, the State Fair Parade, the Twinkle Light Parade and Route 66 Summerfest,; and

WHEREAS, Nob Hill is a destination for local residents and tourists alike, and Nob Hill has been recognized for its unique character and as "the heart of Albuquerque's Route 66 culture" and also "its hippest, funkiest retail and entertainment district" by Fodor, an internationally recognized travel publication: and

WHEREAS, residents, businesses, and community organizations are joining together throughout 2016 to celebrate Nob Hill's cultural and architectural legacy, its sense of place, its traditions and ways of life, its schools and students, its faith community, the heyday of Route 66, its revitalization in the 80's, its diverse community past and present, and the imagination of Col. D.K.B. Sellers; and

WHEREAS, Nob Hill has grown from an idea into one of Albuquerque's most unique and recognizable neighborhoods in its first 100 years, and Nob Hill enters its second century contributing to Albuquerque and New Mexico's history.

BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF ALBUOUEROUE, HEREBY HONORS THE PEOPLE, BUSINESSES AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS MAKING UP THE NOB HILL AREA AS THEY CELEBRATE 100 YEARS OF INNOVATION, SERVICE AND COMMUNITY THAT HAVE CREATED ONE OF NEW MEXICO'S MOST UNIQUE AND RECOGNIZABLE NEIGHBORHOODS AND PROCLAIMS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2016 IS

"Nob Hill Day"

TRADITION BEARERS: RECORDING AN ORAL HISTORY

or 100 years Nob Hill has been the backdrop for fascinating lives and community. Using part of a 2015 Bernalillo County neighborhood grant Nob Hill Neighborhood Association undertook the Nob Hill is 100 Oral History Project. The association conducted videotaped interviews with 46 area tradition bearers in 17 sessions of 2 hours each. The videotape records were presented to each tradition bearer and edited into short films to be exhibited in 2016. Videotape records of the interviews will be provided to the Center for Southwest Research at UNM for archiving and future use by historians. Included here are quotes of some of the experiences shared.

-Nob Hill has been like an incubator. When it was

a cheap rent district it allowed small businesses to take a try....to try crazy new things that were wonderful....Jean Bernstein, co-founder, Flying Star Cafe



-I still love this area. I still love old Route

66...I still love the characters and the kind of people who choose to live in Nob Hill...It's an artistic

community...It's an eclectic community...without Nob Hill's energy and uniqueness, and the whole corridor, Albuquerque would not be anywhere to live at all....Jean Bernstein, Flying Star Café

-We moved to New Mexico in 1945...My folks tell me we had to stay in a motel for six weeks. There were only two houses for sale in Albuquerque... Eleanor Kelly Cooley, lived on Campus Blvd starting in 1945



-We lived right down on Campus Blvd. Almost every Friday evening we'd walk up to the Brass Kettle and get a hamburger and fries which was a new kind of thing in the late 40's early 50's....Before we got a TV in 1949 we would go up and watch the Lone Ranger through the window of the furniture store up on Central...Eleanor Kelly Cooley, lived on Campus Blvd starting in 1945

-The Whitmores came down from Iowa to get treated...they lived in a tent east of the hospital... Mr. Whitmore's doctors didn't think he had long to live and one of Whit's real joys was that he outlived six doctors...John McKinnon

-I remember my parents' home. We had a bathtub in the house but the water wasn't hooked up to it. Our water was outside....My Daddy said, "We have running water. We run outside to get it!" Robert Gleason, born 1930 at 401 South Stanford Dr.

-Our next door neighbor, Mr. Lang, was a tuberculosis patient...They had this big screened in porch and he spent most of his time out there unless

it was real cold. They had canvas things you could put down so if it was windy you could close it. Robert Gleason, born 1930 at 401 South Stanford Dr.



-We were witness to the great Okie migration

back in the 30's...Where Yale Park is now used to be kind of a stopping place for people traveling through...a lot of these people would run out of gas and money...my mother used to get things together and go over there and hand out sandwiches and things.... Robert Gleason, born 1930 at 401 South Stanford Dr.

-In 6th grade I was a patrol boy at Monte Vista Elementary which was what we had for crossing

guards. It was a real adventure because you got out of class early so you'd be there when the kids got out... There was a bakery on Monte Vista Blvd... We'd run over there and they'd give us a cinnamon roll so that was special duty....Lief Isaacson, lived on North Hermosa starting in 1939



-Every year the week between Christmas and New Year's there was this big influx of cars from Michigan or Ohio or whatever would be coming through bumper to bumper almost, going out to the Rose Bowl because the Big 10 winning team always played in the Rose Bowl so here they go, these people just get in their cars, motorcycles, two lanes was all it was, traffic was all jammed up... Lief Isaacson, lived on North Hermosa starting in 1939

-The house that we grew up in on Grand, 2 parents and 6 children, was a 1 bedroom, 1 bathroom house...My sisters and I slept in the living room on a double bed, 2 of my brothers slept in the bedroom, my parents slept out on the porch, my oldest brother slept in what was a little concrete garage below the house. So we were kind of tight in our living circumstances.... Charlie Ivey

-During the war my Mom would always get to Girard and

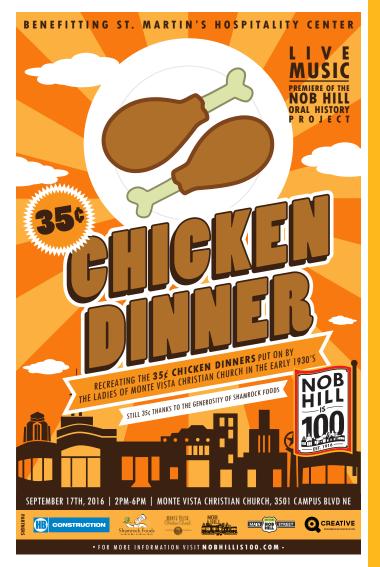
Monte Vista and start down the hill and turn the engine off and coast....gas was rationed...'til (she) got to Broadway then (she) turned it on... Lief Isaacson,

lived on North Hermosa starting in 1939

-At the Lobo Theater, the manager there was a lady, she had white hair and she was like "the don't hold hands police." You'd

try to sneak around and put your arm around a girl but she was always on it, she wasn't having that nonsense in her

theater...Charlie Ivy



MONTE VISTA ELEMENTARY HELPS US CELEBRATE

onte Vista Elementary is an outstanding example of the Mediterranean style and school architecture of the early 20th Century. It is a place of warm memories for thousands of Hilleños and an icon of our historic neighborhood.

By 1930 over 150 homes had been built in the Monte Vista subdivision platted by William J. Leverett four years earlier. Elementary and junior high students (as they were then called) trekked to University Heights School, now the site of CNM. APS officials ordered construction of Monte Vista and the original portion of office and 8 classrooms was built at a cost of \$77,500 and presented to the public at an open house on February 1, 1931. The below image shows students entering Monte Vista



Elementary School in November 1947 when the school was 17 years young.

Students just celebrated Monte Vista's 85th birthday in conjunction with yearlong Nob Hill is 100 celebrations. The Nob Hill is 100 logo was donated by Eli Quinn, Creative Director of Q Creative. Teachers recently discussed the



logo and asked students to create their own logos for their school and their community. The logos were turned into banners which now hang on light posts along Central Avenue in Nob Hill. One side of each banner was designed by Monte Vista students. The flip side displays the Nob Hill is 100 logo.



Nob Hilleños are grateful to PNM for hanging the banners. Their technicians take on the extra work of hanging banners for us early on weekend mornings when they have time to break away from their normal duties making emergency repairs to keep electricity flowing to our homes and businesses.



Sign and Image

Factory made the banners, donating much of their material and skill, and Nob Hill Neighborhood Association donated \$450 for the remaining cost of the banners.

Thank you, students and teachers of Monte Vista Elementary and teacher Jeff Tuttle. Go out and enjoy your banners!



Nob Hill Community Conversations You are invited to join your neighbors in ongoing monthly conversations focusing on "Supporting the Creation of Community as we Age". Come share your visions about how we can build and sustain a vibrant neighborhood. All are invited to attend. For further information contact: melindarand@gmail.com. Look forward to seeing you.

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ob Hill Main Street and the Nob Hill Neighborhood Association joined forces to create a mural to celebrate Nob Hill's 100th birthday in 2016. A committee assembled by the two organizations selected local artist Aaron Stromberg to paint the mural. Stromberg has a BA in Fine Arts from the University of New Mexico and lives right in the Nob Hill neighborhood. "We are so excited to be able to work with a local artist to create a piece that will celebrate our neighborhood's unique architecture, character, and history. Aaron is bringing a lot of passion to this project. His insight into the history of Nob Hill and artistic style will create a mural the neighborhood will be proud of," said Carolyn Chavez, Executive Director of Nob Hill Main Street.

"I am very honored and excited about this project. Creating a mural has always been a dream of mine. I am seeking to create an image that is informative, while also allowing the viewer to pose questions of their own," said Stromberg. "It references the past history where people were moved to New Mexico because of tuberculosis." In the center stands D.K.B.

Sellers. The sketch at the bottom of the page was used to create the final product, right.

The dedication ceremony on November 7, 2015 drew attention from local media as well as neighbors. "I feel pretty good about

it. I think the mural came out really well," said Stromberg.

"I've been watching it as they've been trying to complete it and now it's finished. I think it's pretty cool. I think it makes the neighborhood come alive," said patron Mike Aquino.

The mural is located in the heart of Nob Hill on



the east-facing wall of the Satellite coffee shop at the corner of Carlisle and Central for all to enjoy. The project was funded by a generous grant from Bernalillo County, community members as well as a crowd funding campaign which exceeded





TRIANGLE MEDIANS: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

Contributed by Susan Michie-Maitlen

hen Nob Hill was platted 100 years ago several "triangle medians" or "miniparks" were formed at some intersections where three streets meet. There has always been some controversy as to whether the "triangles" are medians or parks and maintenance of these spaces by the city is often sketchy or non-existent. Thus over the years, nearby neighbors have volunteered to "adopt" these medians by taking over their maintenance and beautification. The purpose of this article is to highlight past volunteer efforts and engage new volunteers to help the neighborhood keep

our medians beautiful.



One of the most well-known "triangles" in Nob Hill is called A m h e r s t Green. This median is located at the

intersection of Monte Vista, Amherst, and Roma. Susie Dilts and Jeff Gittelman have lived on Amherst for 35 years. They agreed to adopt the Amherst Green Triangle 30 years ago and have done an excellent job of beautifying this public property for our neighborhood. Over the years, however, mulch that was originally laid for weed control has broken down into compost; and weeds have become a prolific nuisance. Jeff is now working two jobs and has little time to devote to the median. Susie has developed physical limitations that make it impossible for her to weed this large triangle alone, but she is still able to maintain the plants, litter removal, and watering. She has asked the city to remove the compost and apply new fabric cloth and crusher fine or small gravel to control the weeds. Her request was presented to the Keep Albuquerque Beautiful department in January, but so far there has been no assistance from the city and Susie needs help with weeding until this project comes up for review. Volunteers are needed from mid-March through mid-October to weed for an hour or two on the weekends. Susie can assist by watering the median beforehand to make weeding easier. Please contact Susie Dilts for more information on volunteering at the Amherst Green Triangle: susiedilts@comcast.net

Another prominent triangle median is located at the intersection of Wellesley, Campus, and Monte Vista across from Monte Vista Elementary. For many years, Marianne Dickenson lived on the SE corner of Campus Blvd and Monte Vista and cared for the triangle median. A couple of years ago, she sold her property and moved to another part of the city. When the median began to show signs of neglect, Susan Michie and Tony



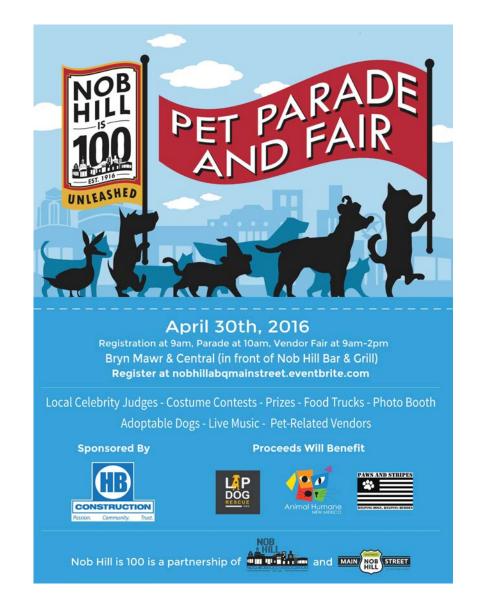
Maitlen took over the maintenance of this triangle with occasional assistance from neighborhood volunteers. In October 2014, Susan applied to the city's 1% for Public Arts Program for funding to install an art project on this triangle to celebrate Nob Hill is 100. Stanley Allen, our 6th District representative on the Public Arts Board, supported the application; and our request was included on the list for public art projects in 2016. Watch for future announcements in the media later this year about the unveiling of this artwork as part of the Nob Hill is 100 celebrations.

Finally, a new triangle median makeover may be in the works at Silver, Arlote, and Solano behind the old Trinity Methodist Church. Several neighbors have expressed an interest in creating a landscaped median at this triangle, but the existing asphalt

surface and lack of curbing made this a difficult project. The good news is that this triangle is now included in a recent plan to update the Silver Avenue Bicycle Boulevard. If the plan goes forward, the city will install new curbing that will block the Arlote spur and define the median. Once the structure is built, nearby residents can organize a meeting to request that the City provide landscape materials, if the residents agree to provide the labor to landscape the median and maintain it. Also, the City will usually pay for maintenance equipment like tools and hoses, but nearby residents will need to run the hoses from their private faucets to establish xeric landscaping and provide extra water during very dry seasons.

Two years ago the city moved the maintenance of all medians from Parks and Rec to the Solid Waste Management Department under the "Keep Albuquerque Beautiful" program. Most medians are available for adoption and all adopters need assistance from time to time. Please consider volunteering a few hours every year to help median adopters keep our neighborhood looking beautiful. For more information on adopting medians contact:

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