

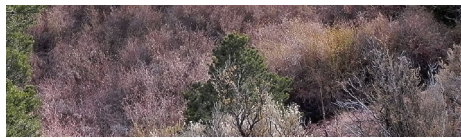


## CNA FIRE PREVENTION PROGRAM

The Canyon Neighborhood Association and the Santa Fe Fire Department are working together to reduce the risk of a devastating fire in our area. Though the monsoons have come, there is still much you can do to reduce the risk of fire damaging your home or neighborhood.

First, you can take steps to reduce fire risk on your property, clearing away piles of deadwood, moving stores of firewood away from your house, cleaning accumulated pine needles or leaves from your roof, trimming trees and the like. Through the Canyon Neighborhood Association, the Fire Department has offered to visit you at your property, free of charge, and offer customized suggestions regarding specific steps you might take to reduce fire risk. They've asked that the CNA give them a list of those interested so they can schedule these visits efficiently. If you'd like a free inspection, please send your name, street address, email address, and phone number to Ellen Dupuy: [dupuy.ej@gmail.com](mailto:dupuy.ej@gmail.com) and she will forward the list on to Porfirio Chavarria at the Fire Department.

Many of the recommendations of the Fire Department will involve removing accumulated "fuel" from your property and perhaps the bosque and arroyos near your home. Piles of dry, small diameter wood can easily catch on fire, eventually igniting even living larger trees. As part of the effort to remove excess fuel from the Canyon, we have worked with the Fire Department and four local "champions" to establish four initial drop points in the neighborhood where you can leave piles of dead branches etc which the Fire Department will either chip or cart away to the landfill. This will also be free of charge. For this program to work, we'll need people to respect the process and not use these spots as dumping grounds for garbage, lawn clippings etc. And of course



please don't block public roads and right of ways with too much material. At present, we don't plan to organize everyone to assemble piles of fuel on the same day, but when you (perhaps with your immediate neighbors) are ready, please let the local "champion" know so they can alert the Fire Department to plan a pick up. The initial four drop spots will be:

1. Bottom of Apodaca Hill at the corner of Upper Canyon, in the cleared flat parking space. Champion: Rad Acton [radacton@earthlink.net](mailto:radacton@earthlink.net)
2. 9 Camino Pequeno, Champion: Brad Perkins [santafebrad@yahoo.com](mailto:santafebrad@yahoo.com)
3. Armijo Park between Upaya and the playground, Champion Maria or Emily from Upaya [un\\_ryu@hotmail.com](mailto:un_ryu@hotmail.com), or [lunanelle@hotmail.com](mailto:lunanelle@hotmail.com)
4. Informal trailhead parking south of Dale Ball Trail marker #27 across from 1688 Cerro Gordo lower gate. Please don't block the gates of the old Water Plant. Champion: Jim Gollin [Jgollin@aol.com](mailto:Jgollin@aol.com)

If neighbors plan on collecting wood to be hauled away from other areas of the Canyon, the Fire Department's Porfirio Chavarria at the Fire Department, [pnychavarria@ci.santa-fe.nm.us](mailto:pnychavarria@ci.santa-fe.nm.us) (505) 660-3732 can arrange pickups in other locations also. Porfirio is arranging to have Fire Department crews clear fuel from some city-owned land in the Canyon neighborhood.

Got wood that needs clearing but need help to do it? Or are you or someone you know willing to help a neighbor clear fuel from their property for a reasonable fee? If either, contact Frances Diemoz at: [fdiemoz@mac.com](mailto:fdiemoz@mac.com) and she will help match you up.

— *Jim Gollin*

## NEWS FROM THE WATER HISTORY PARK

With the success of the General Obligation Bond question in the March election, the park project moves forward to Phase 2. A workshop and follow-up discussion will be held in August to plan the interpretive concept of the Water History Museum. Phase 2 will also include work on the interior of the building to allow for limited public use for such things as neighborhood meetings and private events (comparable to the uses served by the building at Frenchie's Park). The next issue of the CNA newsletter will discuss the interpretive design work and plans for the interior finishes of the building.

— *Mac Watson and Victor Johnson Architect*

## SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS AT CERRO GORDO/ GONZALES INTERSECTION

You may have noticed the ongoing work on Gonzales Rd., where the City is installing a sidewalk and related improvements between Hyde Park Rd. and Cerro Gordo Rd. CNA has been in dialogue with City officials about the intersection of Cerro Gordo and Gonzales, asking that the City incorporate some safety improvements as part of this project. We have requested that they excavate the eroded-over sidewalk on Cerro Gordo, remove some vegetation that blocks the view of oncoming traffic from Cerro Gordo, and if possible to remove as much as possible of the mound of dirt on the northeast corner of the intersection, so that drivers exiting Cerro Gordo will be able to see traffic descending Gonzales without pulling partway into the intersection. They haven't been specific as to the exact improvements or the date they expect to make them. We'll be following up with them on a regular basis.

— *Jim Gollin*

## RACCOONS

Dangerously vicious, destructive, and apparently blessed with reproductive capacities of rabbits. We know, living, as we do, with an acequia behind us and a very small pond, complete with plants and gold fish, in our courtyard. Three years ago, 2007, when the pond was completed, the nightly raids began. Have yet to lose a gold fish. But the plants have taken a beating. Pots overturned, plants torn out and left floating,.....night after night. Have not been able to connect to the joy of that, but the raccoons sure have. From tracks visible in the mud, acequia is their superhighway. ....and on occasion, whole families have turned up.

Before realizing full dimensions of the assault force, I engaged Rachel at "Living Animals", (on Frances' list of helpers). She brought and baited a live trap..... and relocated the raccoons to the National Forest.....again and again, and again until it dawned on me that there was an unlimited supply of raccoons and I could not afford to pay to relocate them all. Bought myself a trap – at "Big Joe's Hardware," and set out to get the situation under control.....ha, ha !!!

Through the Spring, Summer and Fall of 07', 08'. and 09' I trapped 32 of the buggers along with one ground squirrel, and relocated them all well into the National Forest.....sorry Rachel ! Have even selected an ideal spot with good room to pull off the road adjacent to a stream. They have all returned to the wild at that spot, so there is now a large community.



## 2012 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Please join or renew your Canyon Neighborhood Association membership

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES	Name.....
Individual: \$15	Address.....
Family \$25	City.....
Gray Fox \$50	State/Zip .....
Red-Tailed Hawk \$100	Phone .....
Brown Bear \$500	Email.....
Mountain Lion \$1,000	
Bald Eagle \$2,000	

Please mail to: P.O. Box 9412 Santa Fe, NM 87504-9412

It has been a very good year for your neighborhood association, however, we need your continued support. If you have not already made your donation, please give it consideration. Our commitment is to continually improve the quality and unification of our neighborhood.

Should mention, too, that skunks like the same baits. Special handling required to get them to the embarkation point. So, for them, I call the expert----Rachel ! She has a special technique....which doesn't always succeed, and she pays the price, but that's part of the job. She seems happy to have the business, and doesn't accuse me of cherry picking.

— *Brad Perkins*

## CALL FOR DIRECTORS

New to the neighborhood? A long-term denizen of the Canyon? Ever want to get more involved in your community? Please consider volunteering to join the CNA Board of Directors. We meet once a month, the second Monday of each month from 5:30 till around 7 p.m. at the Randall Davey Audubon facility at the end of Upper Canyon. If interested, please contact Jim Gollin at [Jgollin@aol.com](mailto:Jgollin@aol.com) for more information.

## ANNUAL CNA BOARD MEETING AND PICNIC

The annual meeting of the Canyon Neighborhood Association will be held on Sunday, September 16, 11:30 a.m. at the Water History Park on Upper Canyon Road and Camino Cabra, across from Cristo Rey Church. New board members will be elected and attendees will be updated about current issues and events in the neighborhood. If you would like to join the board or have a suggestion for a new member, please contact Jim Gollin at [jgollin@aol.com](mailto:jgollin@aol.com). Following the meeting, please join us for the annual picnic at 12 o'clock. Once again this year, hot dogs and pony rides will be offered. Please bring a side dish or dessert.

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