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## PROGRAM



# NEIGHBORHOOD Association WORKSHOP

**NURTURING  
NEIGHBORHOODS...**

**GROWING  
COMMUNITIES.**

**Wednesday, April 23, 2014  
8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

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1701 Fourth Street SW  
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# SCHEDULE

**8:30 - 9 A.M.**

**Registration check-in (with light refreshments)**

**9 - 9:15 A.M.**

**Welcome and Introductions**

Bernalillo County Commission Chair, **Debbie O'Malley**

City Council President, **Ken Sanchez**

City and County Staff

**9:15 - 10:15 A.M.**

**Mid-Region Council of Governments (MRCOG)**

*The Mid-Region Council of Governments (MRCOG) provides metropolitan and rural transportation planning for the four-county area (Bernalillo, Sandoval, Valencia and Tarrant Counties). This presentation will provide important ins and outs of short term and long term transportation planning, from the MTP to the Rail Runner, as well as updates on current projects that affect the quality of life in our neighborhoods.*

*In addition to transportation planning, MRCOG plays an integral role in the preservation and economic vitality of our agricultural heritage in central New Mexico through its efforts of the Agricultural Collaborative. They are committed to improving the sustainability and profitability of local food and agriculture. The second part of the presentation will focus on the collaborative's efforts with the many community stakeholders working to build this significant sector of our local economy.*

Transportation Planning and Project Updates, **Dave Pennella**. Dave is the Transportation Program Manager for the Mid-Region Council of Governments in Albuquerque, overseeing long and short-range transportation planning for the MPO. He has over 29 years of transportation and land use planning experience.

Agricultural Collaborative, **Ann Simon**, Economic Development Program Manager for the Mid-Region Council of Governments. She has over 15 years of experience with policy and program planning and coordinates all economic development activities at the MRCOG, including the Economic Development Administration programs and MRCOG's Agriculture Collaborative.

**10:15 - 11:15 A.M.**

**Bernalillo County Extension Service**

*The U.S. Department of Agriculture established cooperative extension services throughout the U.S. in 1914. Each extension service is run through a local land grant university, which for New Mexico is New Mexico State University. The office provides useful information to agricultural producers, small business owners, youth, gardeners, consumers and others in rural, suburban and urban communities. Learn how the extension improves community and economic development in Bernalillo County and throughout the state through education in the areas of agriculture, horticulture, food, the environment and animals.*

County Extension Agent, **John Garlisch**. John joined the Bernalillo County extension staff in the Spring of 2010. He assists area schools, 4-H youth and local farmers with business and production planning and facilitating agricultural educational programs and outdoor classroom projects. John's expertise also includes the identification of plants and their culture, production, diseases, and pests.

**11:15 - 11:20 A.M. 5 minute break**

**11:20 - 12:15 P.M.**

**Neighborhood Association Panel Discussion on Collaborating with Elected Officials and Government Agencies on Neighborhood Needs**

*Neighborhood associations often face critical issues to maintain or improve the quality of life in their area. Successful neighborhood leaders will discuss their relationship building with elected officials and government agencies in making improvements to their neighborhoods, advocating for them on special needs or obtaining funding for projects.*

Panelists include: **Steve Wentworth**, president, Alameda North Valley Neighborhood Association; **Rod Mahoney**, president, Vecinos del Bosque Neighborhood Association; and South Valley Coalition; **Bill Hoch**, board member of the McDuffie-Twin Parks Neighborhood Association and president of the District 7 Coalition of Neighborhood Associations; **Reba Eagles**, president of the Downtown Neighborhood Association.

**12:15 - 1:15 P.M. Lunch and Networking  
Music by guitarist Chris Candelario**

**1:15 - 2 P.M.**

**Continued Networking and Resource Tables**

This session enables association members to share with one another about successes and issues facing their neighborhoods. Agencies and organizations will have resource tables to share information, provide resources and make connections that benefit associations and their residents.

**2 P.M.**

**Workshop Concludes**