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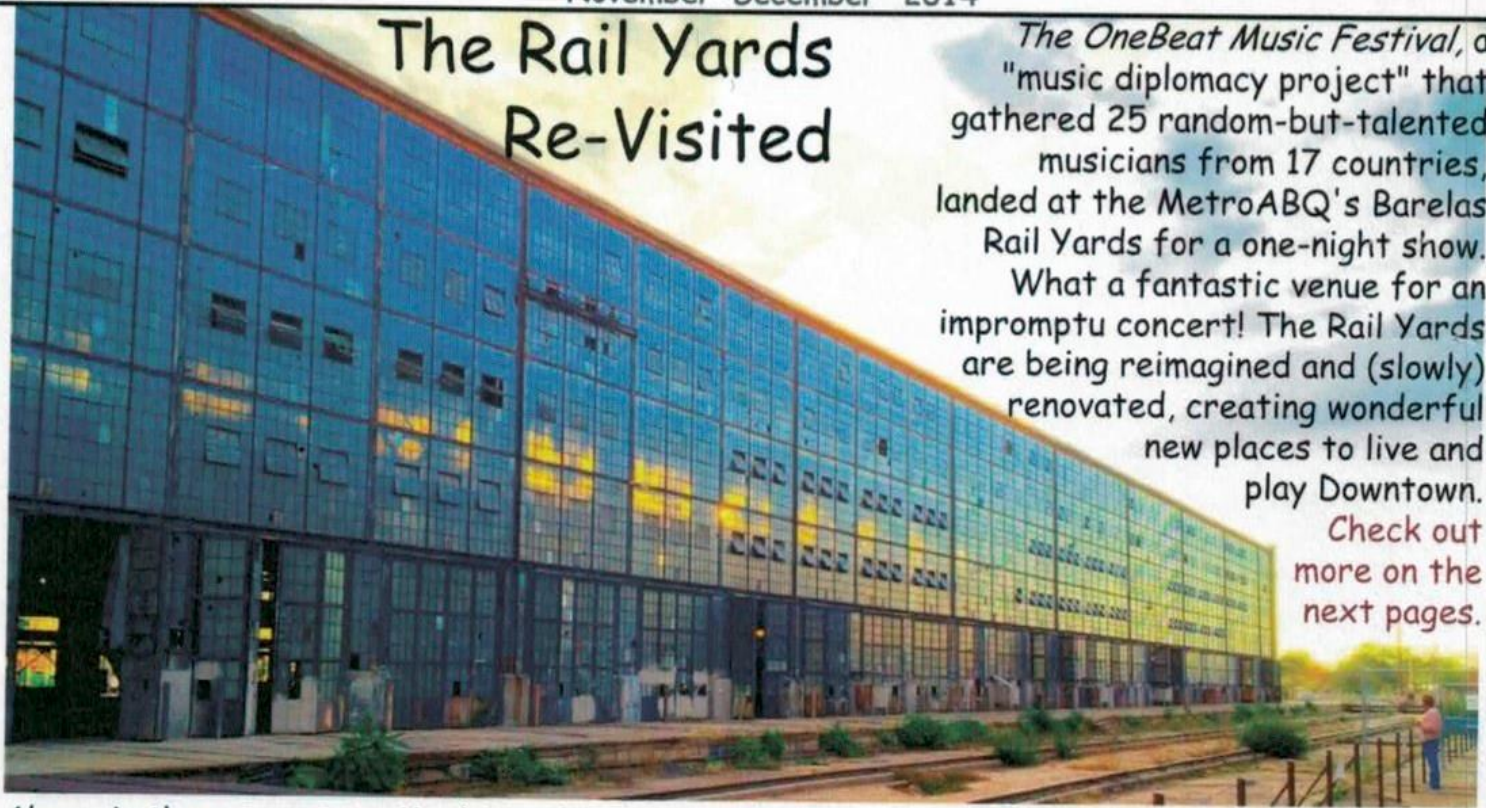
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The Rail Yards Re-Visited

The OneBeat Music Festival, a "music diplomacy project" that gathered 25 random-but-talented musicians from 17 countries, landed at the MetroABQ's Barelvas Rail Yards for a one-night show.

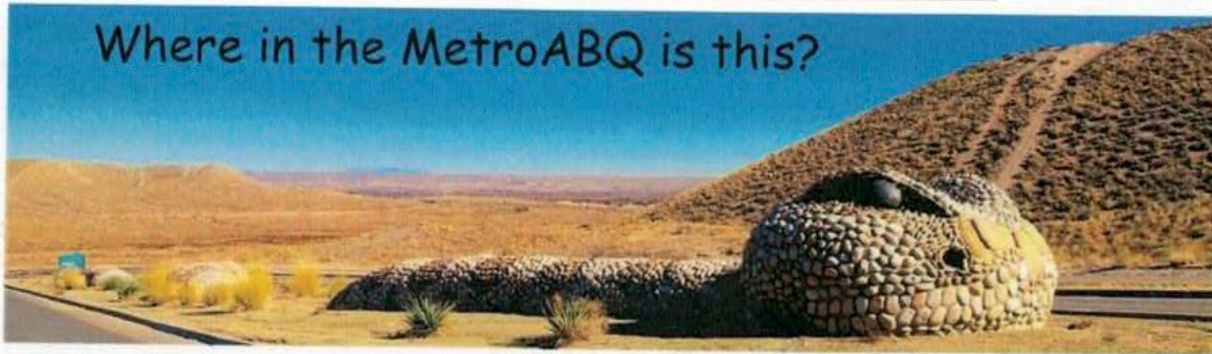
What a fantastic venue for an impromptu concert! The Rail Yards are being reimagined and (slowly) renovated, creating wonderful new places to live and play Downtown.

Check out more on the next pages.



Above is the gargantuan Machine Shop at the Barelvas Rail Yards, as seen from the Blacksmith Shop. Very few buildings have been renovated, as the groups involved discuss how best to "find new, sustainable uses". I love the fiery sunstrikes on the building as it sets just before the OneBeat concert. For the scale of the building, notice the person at the bottom right.

Where in the MetroABQ is this?



And what is it?

This slithering snake can be found along University Blvd, just south of the MetroABQ Sunport.



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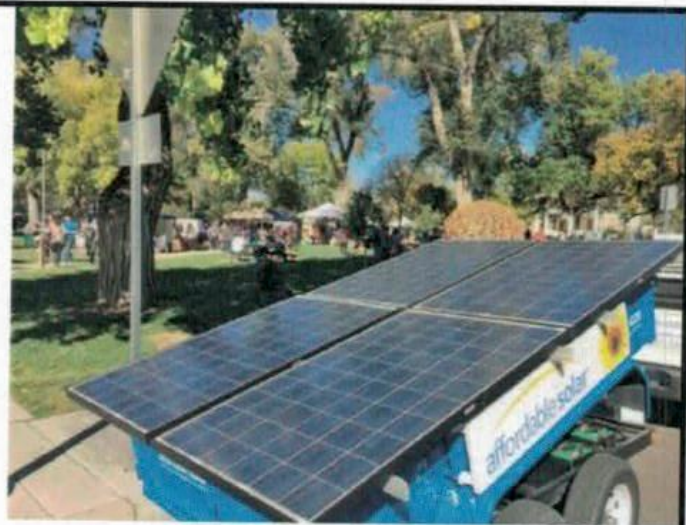


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Follow University just past Rio Bravo Blvd, and you cross over Montessa Park via a few well-placed bridges, experiencing undulating mesas and canyons along the way. See page two for more.

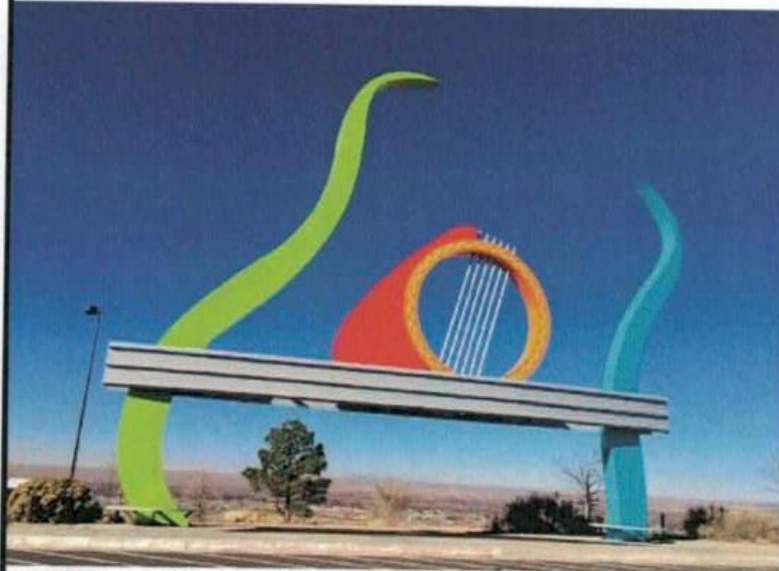
Farmer's Markets Re-Visited

The plethora of local MetroABQ Farmer's Markets have mostly closed down for the season, many of them reopening in mid to late April next year. I visited the Downtown Farmer's Market at Robinson Park on the last day and marveled that a coffee-stand was using Affordable Solar PV panels to power their grill and cappuccino machines. No noxious portable generators or long extension cords are needed--my Mocha was hot and strong, harnessed by the power of the sun.



A Quick Trip to Mesa del Sol

It's worth a drive out to the MetroABQ's newest community: Mesa del Sol. The 40-year-plan planned community is beginning to take better shape. The huge 13,000-acre master-planned city has numerous core businesses--Fidelity Investments, ABQ Studios--as seen by how full the commercial parking lots are during the day; also, the residential homes are being built, and in years to come, the Master Plan includes 37,500 homes.

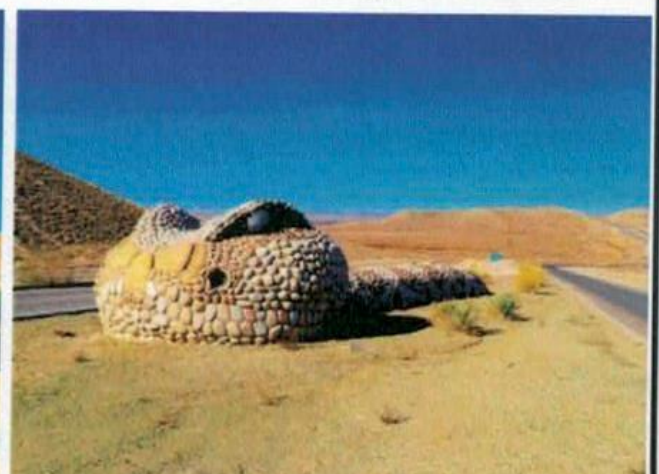
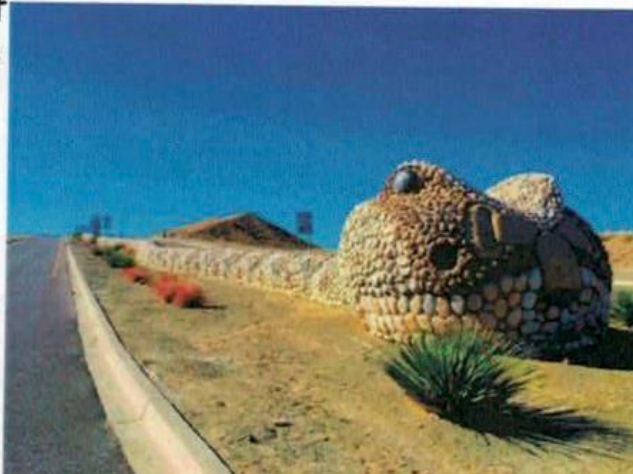


Regardless if you plan to live in Mesa del Sol or not, it's an amazing place to go visit. Above left is an interesting Bernalillo County Public Art installation at the end of the large Isleta Amphitheater parking lot, called Standing "O", by Lorenzo Romero & Robert Goldie. Mount Taylor sits in the background, along with great west mesa details.

And you can't miss the Snakes. From the Sites Southwest website: "The snakes are a strong design feature that references the wildlife of Mesa del Sol. The landscape is composed of xeric plantings. Grasses are located near the snakes and native shrubs and trees are planted along cobble swales. In addition, water harvesting techniques were used to supplement irrigation from the non-potable water supply. Curb-cuts along the street

harvest runoff water into the swales within the medians, taking advantage of elevation changes."

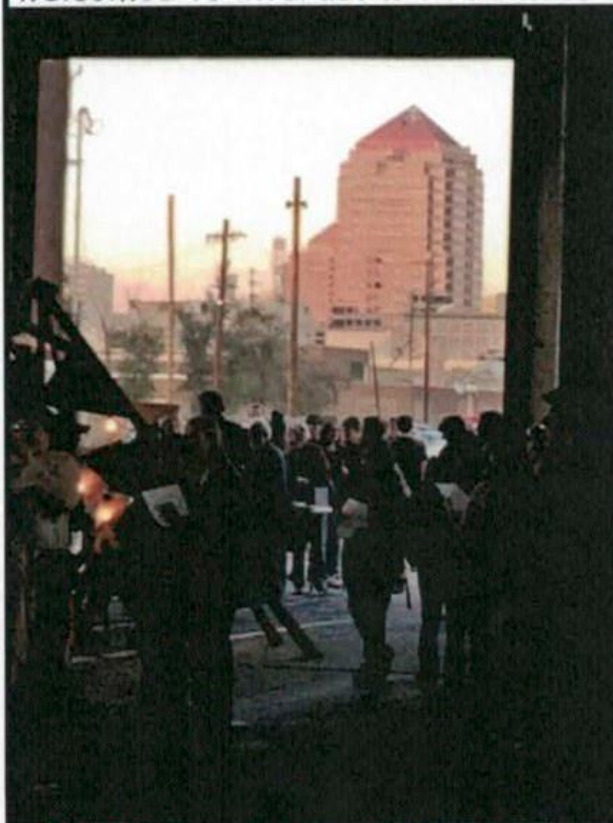
One Snake can be seen on your way in, and one on your way





Barelas Rail Yards: The photos above are from in the completed Blacksmith Shop, which has hosted a classical concert and hosts the Rail Yards Farmer's Market each Sunday, starting again next Spring. The **OneBeat:ABQ at the Rail Yards** show had the musicians mingling in the crowd, playing extempore solo pieces, or with a few co-conspirators, while onlookers circled around. Then the OneBeat musicians headed for the stage for a three-hour jam session, mixing instruments like a mirimba, drums and a bass, or a flute player accompanying three singers, all from different parts of the world.

The event also featured local artists who created interesting visual and tactile pieces. From 516arts.org: "Utilizing painted surfaces, highly crafted objects, knitting looms, natural materials, video and performance, the artists have reflected on their journeys, making often participatory pieces in response. Interwoven with these musical performances (were) art and video installations along these same themes. Visitors were welcomed to interact with a series of art installations across the enormous space."



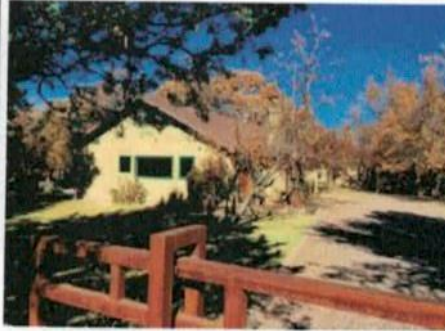
To the left is a view of Downtown from the Blacksmith Shop--the Barelas Rail Yards are only 7 blocks from Route 66/Central Ave. Besides the Wheels Museum space and the Blacksmith Shop, few other Rail Yards buildings are safe enough to enter. The Tank Shop, below, is one of them; constructed of glass, concrete and brick, the shop is on the list to be renovated.



This Month's Selected Listings:



Busy **Downtown** Queen Anne Victorian Bed & Breakfast: the Mauger Mansion B&B has eight elegant rooms.
Asking \$939,000



Private **South Valley** Artists' home on a full lush acre with Mother-in-Law quarters, detached artist studio, corral & stable. Asking \$300,000

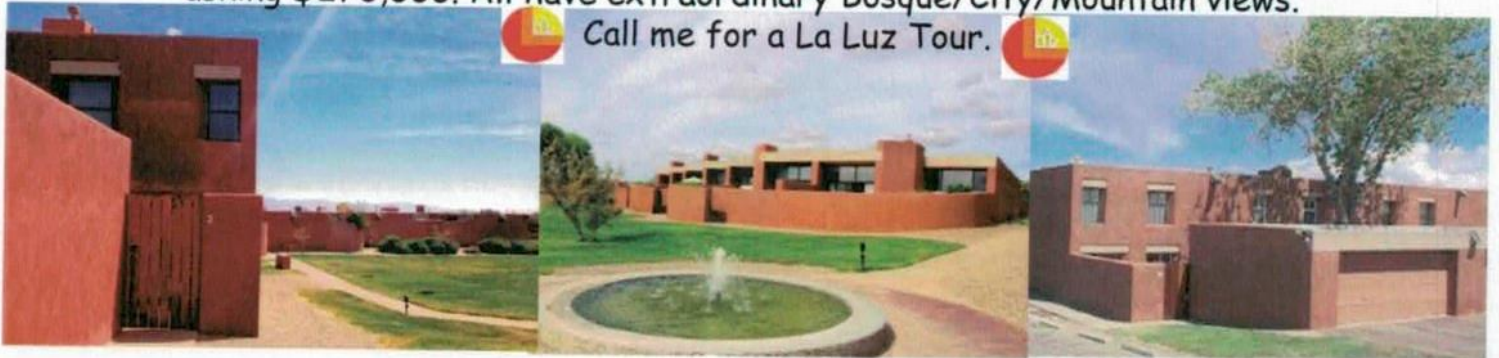


Charming **SE Heights** home near numerous parks, and across from Bandelier Elementary School.
3bedrooms/2baths/2550sqft
Asking \$310,000

Click on the photos to view the Visual Tour for each property.

La Luz: Architect Antoine Predock's **Westside** Oasis: 96 Townhomes among five acres of lush greens and gardens, surrounded by 40+ acres of untouched Open Space along the Rio Grande Bosque. **2 Link**, left, is a great entry to the community, asking \$199,500; **20 Berm**, right, is a spacious two-story, asking \$249,000; updated **13 Pool** is nicely centrally located, asking \$270,000. All have extraordinary Bosque/City/Mountain views.

Call me for a La Luz Tour.



Taylor Ranch Beauty
Listed at \$299,500



Young & Spacious Westgate Heights
Listed at \$140,995



Downtown Loft
Sold for \$215,000



Exceptional Foothills
Sold for \$415,000

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