

On Barter'd Time

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On Barter'd Time is a monthly publication of the Las Vegas Barter Hours program. This newsletter promotes the use and advancement of the barter system within the city of Las Vegas and surrounding areas.

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Barter Hours program one year old in November

By *Diane Lindsey, Coordinator*

Last November we gathered at Vital Arts for the first distribution of our local currency and Barter Hours Directories. That was an exciting evening as we kicked off our program with nearly 100 members.

Almost one year later we have more than 160 members and have distributed around 1700 Barter Hours. How many times those Barter Hours have circulated is not known, but we hope they have traded hands many times.

On the agenda for Oct. 4th we will be planning for the November meeting. Besides the possibility of a local talent show or Northern New Mexico dancing, we will be planning Holiday gifts and/or food drives for the community. The other important item coming up in November is membership renewals. It was decided at the last meeting that a membership renewal of \$5.00 will be due by November 30th. The money collected helps pay for printing, paper, and mailing costs. The renewal form which will go out in the November newsletter is important so that members

can review their directory listings and update or make changes if necessary. This is the time to think about what you have listed and if it is realistic for you.

Listing goods or services in the directory is a commitment that you will accept some Barter Hours for your goods/services listed in the directory. It is very important that members list only what they can actually accomplish. Members become discouraged when they don't get called back or the member doesn't want to accept Barter Hours or provide the service at all. There are many valuable listings in the directory and it seems that we are all facing a pace of life that doesn't seem to allow enough time to even look at it. Don't feel alone. One way to get more involved in this community project is to come to a work party or workshop, or plan your own with Carlos Lopez our workshop coordinator- 429-4587. A workshop is instructional and there is a fee, and a work party is a group effort to help someone and you are paid in Barter Hours.

Trini Martinez is a fireball of

energy when it comes to getting you started winterizing your home. You can call him to set up a time to work on your home, or come to a work party at the home of Bob and Betty Quick. We will be continuing the work on their house on Saturday October 6th. Even if you have only an hour or two to work it is helpful- you'll learn a lot and help a lot. Please call Trini to sign up, 454-1572. Carlos Lopez is teaching conversational Spanish in his workshop, which we hope he will continue to offer.

One more thing, don't forget about the newsletter where you can advertise something or ask for something you need. This is a new way to think about doing business, so it will take practice, but it will be fun too, along the way. Join us Thursday, October 4th at 6 pm for the monthly meeting followed by a potluck. We will meet at Kevin Johnson's home near Romeroville:

Take the Romeroville exit off the freeway going toward Santa Fe, make a right and

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Weatherize for winter!

Another New Mexico winter put its foot in the door and some of us dread high heating costs. As we seek alternatives to home heating, one fact stands out: our national and global oil supplies, including natural gas, have reached twilight, ushering decreased energy supplies with increased demand. The oil bonanza sputters, shakes, rattles along, and we are riding its coattails

One important option we all have to reduce our energy bills is weatherization, essentially, stopping interior home heat from escaping and keeping outside cold air infiltration from entering our dwelling.

Weatherizing a home can be accomplished in a few days with a variety of easy to apply, relatively inexpensive materials and simple tools, such as caulking gun, scraper, brush, nails, tacks and hammer.

Generally, all openings, windows and doors especially, are the main culprits in energy loss, and generally, they can be made weather friendly rather easily. It is only a matter of finding the leaks (a cinch), choosing the right material to plug them up (another cinch), and doing it in such a way to make it long lasting.

Bob Wallace made the right choice and invested in supplies to winterize his home with help from five Barter Hour members.

More remains to be done, but the process has begun.

Need assistance getting started in weatherizing your own place? You can begin with an initial consultation with Trini Martinez, who, for one barter hour and gas money, will guide you in finding remedies to home heating loss. You can find his number in the directory.

We had best get a head start on beating Old Man Winter's carefree assault on our comfort and pocketbooks. So, before you consider adding that extra special energy device or retrofit to your home, keep in mind you must first weatherize your home to retain heat being produced inside. (Please look at Barter Hour News for ore info on workshops)

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then left turn following the signs to Cedar Hills. Then you will take the frontage rd. southbound paralleling the freeway you just exited for 2.5 miles After you have gone up and down a hill go left under the freeway, and then make a left at a bank of mail boxes. Turn right at the 2nd driveway- there will a sign- Kevin's house is a sandy pink color.

Kevin's number is 425-3296. If you

are interested in carpooling call Dianne or Cordia at 426-1468.

For those who can pick up their newsletter instead of having it mailed, you can pick them up at : Furniture N' More - 519 6th Las Vegas Century 21 - 626 North Grande Avenue

Congratulations to our member movie star Lee Einer for his good work in SICKO. !!!

Barter Brick-a-Brack

For Sale

Red velvetine set (sofa & armchair).

\$30.00 cash and 1 & 1/2 barter Or

For sofa, would like \$20.00 cash

and 1 barter For armchair would like \$10.00 cash

and 1/2 a barter.

Contact Antoinette at 425-8698

For Sale

Eldeberry SIRRUP (tonic), 16 oz for 1 barter, 8 oz for 1/2 barter

Raspberry preserve, 1 pint for 1 barter, Healing Salves (different kinds) , 2 oz for \$7.00 each.

Contact Rosalie at 454-1571 (Rosalie also sells plants

and herbs (for \$1.00 each) at the Farmers Markets on Wednesdays and Saturdays.)

For Sale:

Day Bed with Trundle. \$125.00 and 3 Barter Hours. 426-1468

Servel, Propane Refrigerator, used, excellent shape, attachments included, 5.60 cubic feet. \$700.00 cash and 10 Barter Hours. 454-1572

Thermal pane glass, 34" by 76", new. You pick up. \$80.00 and 2 Barter Hours, or \$90.00 and 1

Barter Hour. 505-718-5119.

Wanted:

Someone to help me paint the outside, east side of my cabin. You can name the days and times you would be available; in other words, you can paint a couple or a few hours when you can find the time as long as I am also here to help you. I can pay 1 and a half Barter Hours per hour, plus gas money.

Call me if interested and we can negotiate further on the phone. 454-1572.