

Our 19th Year July 2013

There is Safety in Neighbors



President's Message

This marks my 23rd year living in Bel-Air. I have met many fine people who live here and, even in a large geographic area, they seem like family. With over 1100 homes in Bel-Air we are larger than many small towns! I often talk with people who are familiar with Bel-Air—they grew up here, owned their first homes here, etc.

In the 'It's a small world' category, I recently flew home from a family reunion in Northern Minnesota via Dallas-Ft. Worth; my parents were to go on the trip but because of a last minute medical issue they cancelled. I was curious to see who would occupy their seats next me and found that on three of my four flights my seat-mates were duds, sleeping the whole way! On the last leg home, I met a nice young couple; he is on active duty at Kirtland and she works for a contractor on base. They don't live on base but said they were in the uptown area ... as in Bel-Air!! Yes, they live just a few blocks from me and I was able to give them a ride home from the airport! That is one of the things I like about Bel-Air, meeting new neighbors and cherishing those I already know.

If you come to the Park Party on July 27, you, too, can meet old and new friends. This is open to dues paying members, so fill out the membership application in this newsletter and mail in your \$5 dues or bring them with you to the Park Party.

At the request of many residents the Board appealed to the Parks Department to rename the Park after Lee Julian, who, along with Peggy Morris, secured the almost \$1 million that was used to create our park. Renaming a park after an individual is against their policy but they enthusiastically voted to dedicate the pavilion to her and to provide a commemorative plaque. If things proceed as planned we will have a brief dedication ceremony during the Park Party.

See you at our next event, the July 20 clean-up day at the Park!

President, Bel-Air Neighborhood Association

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Bel-Air News

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Remember These Dates

Neighborhood Park Party
Saturday, July 27, 6-8 pm

Bel-Air Clean-up Days
July 20, August 17, Sept 21

**You are cordially invited to the
Bel-Air Neighborhood Association
Park Party at the Bel-Air Park on
Phoenix & Morningside on
Saturday, July 27**

6pm to 8pm.

**Please come join the Bel-Air
neighbors for food and fun.**

Bring a side dish or burger accompaniments (lettuce, tomato, green chili), and BANA will provide drinks, burgers, dogs, and buns.

Graffiti Removal

Help maintain a clean neighborhood by reporting graffiti as soon as you spot it. Just call 311 and give them the location. They should be out to eradicate it within 24 hours.

Bel–Air Neighborhood Association

General Meeting Minutes
Christian Fellowship Church
Monday, April 22, 2013

Board members present: Barb Johnson, Bill Berry, Dana Berry, Amy Henne, Larry German, and Tom Perez
Board members absent: Judy London
Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm

Secretary’s Minutes—Accepted as published in the BANA newsletter.

Treasurer’s Report—A full Treasurer’s Report was not available but Dana Berry reported on the amount available in our checking account.

Membership—Jan will continue.

Newsletter—Kathleen continues to be the editor and requests for feedback on any suggestions for information to be included.

Old Business

1. Annual Neighborhood Yard Sale to be held Saturday May 4.
2. Summer clean up dates—May 18, June 15, July 20, Aug 17, Sept 21.
3. Renaming of Bel Air park—hearing scheduled for May 28. Pavilion at the Park to be dedicated to Lee Julian, in her memory.
4. Recycle bins—“any day now” for the rollout.

Five guest speakers addressed the audience:

1. Darryl Dady, Neighborhood Coordinator / on behalf of Maggie Hart Stebbins. Discussed County news and events. Encouraged attendees to subscribe to the County newsletter on line. Passed out copies of the paper newsletter and a Loveless publication related to SENIOR SERVICES for 2013.

Edie Meyers, Keshet Center for the Arts (non-profit/community outreach) brought us up to date on the renovations in their new space on Cutler. Goal is to move into the space by Fall, 2013. It will include new dance studios and rehearsal spaces along with a business incubator for a collaboration between arts, health and wellness businesses. Neighbors are encouraged to come by for a tour and to attend their annual event—Nutcracker on the Rocks.

2. Christine Trujillo (D), our newly elected District 25 representative for the NM House of Representatives, spoke to us regarding the last session at the Roundhouse. She is now Vice-Chair of the House Education Committee and is a member of the House Appropriations Committee. She shared an outcome of various legislative efforts—both successes and defeats. She encouraged us to get our concerns in to her early for the next session in 2014.

3. Senator Daniel Ivey-Soto is Vice-Chair of the NM Senate Rules Committee. He informed us of the new rule requiring 72 hours’ notice of public meetings. He hopes this provides for greater transparency in government. He also shared his overview on the outcome of the session as he worked to align bills there.

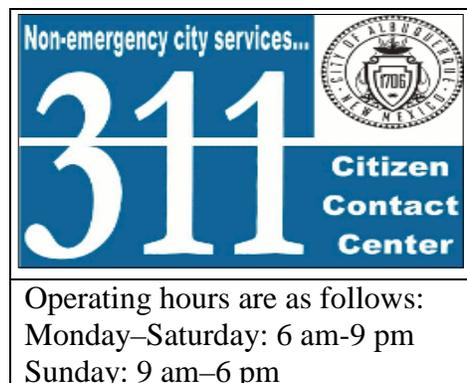
4. Janice Arnold-Jones is our newly appointed City Council member, named by Mayor Berry to fill the seat recently vacated by Michael Cook. She is excited to be working for the health of City of Albuquerque.

New Business

1. Election of new officers. Request was made for interest in filling the one vacant seat on the Board. Jeanene Witt graciously agreed to serve. In a move by acclamation and later seconded, the Board was approved by acclamation.

Motion to adjourn at 8:20 pm. Seconded. Passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Henne
BANA Secretary



Drought Watch In Effect

A Drought Watch is the first drought stage we enter to help control water use during exceptionally dry times. At this stage, the Water Authority increases public awareness and education about the drought, and WATER WASTE FINES DOUBLE. This is because during a drought, it is more important than ever to ensure that all water is being used efficiently.

Water Waste is: Allowing water to flow into the street or onto neighboring property—or using sprinklers between 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. between April 1 and Oct. 31. *These are considered water waste violations and can now result in a \$40 fee assessment for first-time violators.*

Neighbors Speak Out to Stop Alcohol Sales

Many of you have followed the 6 month-long battle involving Murphy Oil wanting to erect a gas station at Phoenix and Carlisle (in the WalMart parking lot) and to sell alcohol. The Environmental Planning Commission approved the site development plan, in effect authorizing them to build the actual gas station. After a series of deferrals, the Zoning Hearing, to determine if alcohol sales would be allowed, was held on May 21, 2013. The Zoning Hearing Examiner DENIED Murphy Oil's request to be allowed to sell alcohol within 500 feet of a residential zone and a City park. According to the Zoning Board of Appeals, Murphy Oil HAD NOT filed an appeal by the deadline. Thus, it appears that there will be no liquor sales at this location.

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How Are We Doing?

What neighborhood issues are important to you?

What activities would you like BANA to sponsor?

Share your Opinions and Ideas:

As we celebrate our Nation's independence this month, we can't think of a better illustration of democracy and the power that people have when they unite for a common goal. Those of you who took the time to write – and especially those who gave of their time to attend multiple hearing settings—should be proud of playing an integral part in this victory and for helping us maintain a good quality of life.

Water Three Times a Week

Water three times a week in summer, and ramp back down again in the fall. Don't forget to water only between 7 pm and 11 am from April 1 through November 1. For more information, call the conservation hotline at 768-3655 or visit www.abcwua.org. (Reprinted from City of Albuquerque web site.)

Support The BANA Business Members!

Did you know that we have a very loyal group of local business who support our neighborhood association every year? Especially in these uncertain financial times, we need to support the local businesses that are members of the Bel-Air Neighborhood Association. Below is a listing of currently paid business members.

Archery Shoppe, 2910 Carlisle Blvd. NE

Duran's Station, 4201 Menaul Blvd. NE

Health Press NA Inc., 2920 Carlisle Blvd. NE

Jeane's Hair Studio, 2928 Graceland NE

Zia Graphics, 2730 Carlisle Blvd. NE

Please take a minute to let the BANA Board know your thoughts. Mail completed form to:
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Free Trash Pick Up

Clean out your garage, storage shed, junk room, and alley. Bring your trash, yard waste, and broken furniture! It's easy! Have your trash loaded in the back of your car or pickup truck, back up to the garbage truck located at Bel-Air Park on Phoenix, and drive away with an empty vehicle!

Available from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. ONLY!!!

July 20, August 17, Sept 21.

Bring Anything Except:

- Cement
- Paint or hazardous chemicals
- Refrigerators or Freezers
- Building Materials (except wood)

Don't wait until the last minute! When the truck is full, they leave! Free Trash Pick Up is provided by and sponsored by The Bel-Air Neighborhood Association (BANA).

Support NM PBS by Donating A Vehicle!

When you make a donation your vehicle is resold at an auto auction, and the proceeds go to New Mexico PBS (Public Broadcasting Service).

New Mexico PBS accepts cars, trucks, and recreational vehicles, with an engine.

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Call toll-free 1-877-97-NM-PBS (877-976-6727) to make your donation. New Mexico PBS will send a tow truck to pick up your vehicle. The driver will give you a tow receipt verifying that your vehicle was received on behalf of New Mexico PBS

Your donation qualifies as a charitable deduction on your federal income tax return, because New Mexico PBS is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. You will be notified of the auction sale price for deduction purposes.

The Bel-Air News is a quarterly publication by and for the residents of the Bel-Air Neighborhood Association.

Board Members

For the Bel-Air Neighborhood Association:

Barb Johnson Amy Henne Tom Perez

Jeanne Witt Larry German Bill Berry

Dana Berry

Please contact our Board with your concerns and ideas for a better neighborhood:

Bel-Air Neighborhood Association

P.O. Box 36568—Zip: 87176-6568

or at:

bana_nm@yahoo.com

Bel-Air Neighborhood Association

Residential Membership: \$5.00

Business Membership: \$15.00

Membership fee per household for May 1, 2013, through April 30, 2014

Please check here if you are renewing your membership.

Please make your check payable to the Bel-Air Neighborhood Association

Your cancelled check or money order duplicate is your receipt.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone# _____

We would like to have your e-mail address so we can notify you of special events and neighborhood updates (please print clearly).

E-Mail _____

The purpose of the Bel-Air Neighborhood Association is to promote a better neighborhood and community and to enhance the social, cultural, environmental, and historic aspects of our area. The association offers many opportunities for men, women, teenagers, and youngsters to become more involved. Being a member does not obligate you to participate in any of the projects on the list.

Questions? Email bana_nm@yahoo.com.

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