

There is Safety in Neighbors



President's Message

Hello Neighbors and Happy Spring!

As you can see from the calendar of neighborhood events, the BANA Board has another full year planned. A couple of things . . .

1. Each of us on the Board is a **volunteer**. We work hard to make it all this happen. We are always looking for folks who want to help us with these events. It takes more than one or two people to make it work. Please consider where you would like to help and let us know on the membership form inside.

2. All BANA events and this newsletter are paid for entirely through your annual residential membership donation of \$10 and business donation of \$25. **Please take a minute and send in your membership now.**

3. To make payment a bit easier, **BANA is now able to accept credit/debit cards, cash and check at any BANA event** through square.com. Really simple, safe, and easy, especially for those of us that don't use paper checks anymore and never have cash, like me.

4. Please join us on **Monday, April 20th for our ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** at the Christian Fellowship Church (3901 Claremont NE) for short presentations on APD news and ABQ311 smart phone app will start at 6:30 pm and a Neighborhood General Meeting at 7.

5. **BANA Plant World Membership**--I am pleased to share that we now have a neighborhood association membership at Plant World. What this means for you is that as a BANA member you can now buy high-quality plant and garden products slightly above wholesale. And it won't cost you \$25. What a deal!

6. **Importantly, if you are elderly or disabled and need extra help getting trash to the May 16^h clean-up day, please email us at bana_nm@yahoo.com or send us email from our website at www.bananm.org. We will do our best to help you.**

Looking forward to a great year--

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Mark your calendars! Important 2015 Neighborhood Dates

BANA Annual General Meeting
Monday, April 20,
6:30 to 7:00 pm ABQ 311 and APD presentations
7:00- 8:00 pm Business Meeting
Christian Fellowship Church
3901 Claremont NE

Annual Bel-Air Neighborhood Yard Sale
Saturday, May 2 8 am to ?

Saturday Bel-Air Clean-Up Days
8 to 10 am Bel-Air Miramontes Park
May 16, June 20, July 18, August 15, Sept19

Annual BANA Park Party
Saturday, July 25 6 to 8 pm details to follow

BANA Volunteer Appreciation Coffee
Saturday, October 10 8-9:30 am



CABQ Code Enforcement Sweep of ENTIRE Bel-Air Neighborhood scheduled to start after 5-22-15

Sweep will focus on alleys and vegetation

For answers to your questions and concerns, please come to our Annual General Meeting on Monday, April 20 at 7pm at the Christian Fellowship Church at 3901 Claremont NE. There will be CABQ folks there to explain the rules and what to expect.

BANA was able to coordinate the sweep to occur **AFTER** our **Neighborhood Clean-Up day scheduled for May 16th**. **From 8-10 am** on that day there will be a City garbage truck available to members to help with clean-up. Take advantage of it!

**NEW and IMPROVED . . . Join us!
2015-16 BANA MEMBER BENEFITS**

1. BEL AIR NEWS - our neighborhood newsletter, published by volunteers 3 times a year, hand-delivered by volunteers to 1124 households in the Bel Air Neighborhood (San Mateo to Carlisle and Candelaria to Menaul).

2. WEBSITE at www.bananm.org and **EMAIL UPDATES** to members in between newsletters.

3. MEMBER HOSPITALITY TABLE on 5 Saturday morning CLEAN-UP DAYS – Please stop by for a good cup of coffee, a homemade scone or other treat and pay your membership donation by debit or credit card. BANA is now able to just swipe your card using the SQUARE. Very secure and very easy for you.

4. Our first MEMBER PLANT AND GARDEN EXCHANGE will occur on Saturday, May 20 between 8-10 am in the Park. This is timed to coincide with each NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN UP DAY. Share plants or seedlings you don't need or just want to pass on. Houseplants and garden vegetable, too!

The **PLANT AND GARDEN EXCHANGE** will be hosted by 2 expert neighborhood gardeners who have an urban farm here in our Bel Air neighborhood. John and Marilyn Daley are a husband and wife gardening team who have gardened for over 50 years in Bel Air. Come ask questions or advice.

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5. BANA PLANT WORLD MEMBERSHIP available to all members beginning May 1, 2015. BANA has been able to obtain a group membership for all members of the Bel Air Neighborhood Association. For those of you that don't know, PLANT WORLD is the wholesale nursery that used to supply Rowland's.

Here is how it works--A BANA Membership list is on file at PLANT WORLD,. Just give your name, address and ID at the check-out. Easy peasy. The list will be updated around the first of each month as a courtesy to members. Next update is May 1. Send in your membership now or come to the General Meeting and pay with debit or credit card. Spring is here!

Located at EDITH and EL PUEBLO, it's where you find things you won't see anywhere else and their native plant selection is great. Very helpful and knowledgeable people. Great weekend activity by

yourself or with the kids. Plant a good shade tree this year, watch it grow and lower your cooling bills.

6. ANNUAL BEL AIR NEIGHBORHOOD PARK PARTY in July. Yes, the Albuquerque Fire Department will be back with a fire engine for the kids to see. And we will be grilling hamburgers and hot dogs and a few other surprises. More news on this in our Summer newsletter coming out at the end of June.

**Bel Air Neighborhood Association(BANA)
General Meeting MINUTES
Monday, October 20, 2014**

Board Members present- Amy Henne, Barb Johnson, Jeanene Witt, Tom Perez, Jan Zerr.
Board Member absent- Dana Berry

Guest Speaker--Chris Sylvan, Assistant/Policy Analyst to Councilor Diane Gibson
Chris went over a few issues currently being addressed: a study for pedestrian and traffic safety in the Louisiana and Indian School area, making San Pedro one lane each way with center turn lane from Lomas to Haines, and speed signs and medians on Comanche near McKinley middle school.

Chris also reviewed several other topics --Weeds and litter – 62 owners were notified of violations by Code Enforcement. Mid-block lights – will be difficult to obtain due to cost. Park trash removal – Councilor Gibson did contact Parks and Rec. and they will address this issue. Park Wall – Chris and Barb Johnson will work together on getting large gaps in the wall repaired. Chris also noted that there are volunteer position available on the Police oversight board. Gave information on application and next Town Hall Meeting.

Treasurer's Report- Not Available
Secretary's Report – Minutes from last General Meeting were accepted

Old Business--Communication- Amy reported that she is co-editor with Gayle Wise for the newsletter. The BANA website is registered with the city and can be accessed through a link on their web site.

Membership – Jan reported that we have 123 residential and 9 business memberships.

Bylaw Changes – Changes to membership dues were proposed, moved, seconded and unanimously

approved. Now \$10 for residential and \$25 for businesses annually. Also memberships will no longer be prorated. This was moved, seconded and unanimously approved.

New Business--Electronic Record Keeping--Barb has scanned in all BANA documentation including minutes, photos and all archived records. Paper record are minimal.

Board Election - There is one vacant board position to be filled at the spring 2015 general meeting. Also all offices will be up for election.

Working Budget – Amy presented 2014 expenses and proposed budget for 2015-2016 and went over beginning balance, membership income, and projected expenses.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15.

Can you help out with newsletter delivery?

Without the dozens of volunteer newsletter delivery folks, we would never be able to get this to the 1124 residences in the neighborhood. In a perfect world each block would have a person willing to do this service, and in the process meet their neighbors and promote a safer neighborhood.

The following blocks do not have a resident of that, or an adjacent, block to provide delivery services,

If you live on one of these blocks, please consider volunteering 15 minutes about 3 times a year to assist us in delivering to your neighbors.

2700, 2800 and 2900 blocks of Solano
2800 block of Aliso
Los Arboles
2900 block of Washington
2600, 2700, 2800 and 2900 blocks of Jefferson
2900 block of Madison
2900 block of Quincy

Weed Season Has Arrived! Are You Prepared for the Bel Air Sweep?

Warmer temperatures result in the growth of all sorts of vegetation, both wanted and unwanted growth. **Please remember your responsibility to maintain**

your property in compliance with City of Albuquerque requirements by **ensuring that any weeds with a height or spread of more than four (4) inches** are removed from the following areas:

- **Within the front, rear and/or side yards of your property;**
- **Between your property line(s) and the middle of the alley adjacent to your property;**
- **Between your property line(s) and the curb; or**
- **The area located ten feet outside your property line(s) if there is no curb (reference Section 9-8-4, ROA 1994).**
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The City has advised that they will be doing sweeps and issuing citations to violators.

Go to the ABQ Website:

<http://www.cabq.gov/planning/311/abq311> to see pictures and descriptions of Albuquerque's weeds, or to report weeds and litter on-line. Or, contact the Citizen Contact Center at 311.

Solid Waste Services for Disabled and Elderly

The Solid Waste Management Department provides the services for disabled and elderly residents.

For regular curbside pick-up of trash and recyclables, Solid Waste Management will provide assistance with carts and recycling for elderly or disabled residents with a doctor's certification.

Call to make arrangements: (505) 761-8123

The City of Albuquerque's Environmental Health Department helps the elderly and disabled dispose of household oil and hazardous wastes. Contact Environmental Health for details: Telephone: (505) 768-2600, TTY: (505) 768-2482 (Reprinted from the City of Albuquerque Website)

FREE Large Item Pick-Up Curbside!

Large items like air conditioners, stoves, dishwashers, washing machines and dryers, water heaters, lawn mowers, doors, sinks, toilets, mattresses, furniture and televisions can be picked up at no charge for Solid Waste Management Department residential customers only. *(Please note that there is a \$59.31 fee to collect extra bags of garbage.)*

Call 311 on Tuesday to schedule a pick-up for Wednesday, our trash day.

Just Around The Corner— Annual Bel-Air Neighborhood Yard Sale

The annual Bel-Air Neighborhood yard sale will be Saturday, May 2, 2015 starting at 8 am. You sell in your own yard and keep all the proceeds.

Your Neighborhood Association will place ads in the paper and on Craigslist, but will not put signs on main streets. Please advertise your own sale...and have fun!!!

Bel-Air's Own Cultural Venue -- The Vortex Theatre @ 2900 Carlisle NE

The Vortex has lots of exciting programs planned for the spring and summer!

Beginning Acting for Children ages 8–14 6 Weeks, Wednesdays April 8—May 13, 3:30—5:30 pm Taught by Arlette Morgan, Actor's Conservatory of Dallas. Price: \$60 for all six weeks – **Scholarships are available. Registration: email info@vortexabq.org**

Children can make their dreams of being on stage come true in this class. They will learn to move, to speak, and to pretend in a safe, team oriented environment. Mask Making, animal characters and a final presentation add to the fun.

On the Civic Plaza, the Vortex will be presenting *Julius Caesar* and *The Taming of the Shrew*, June 11 – July 5, evenings at 7:30 pm

For more information about all performances or classes, go to their website at www.vortexabq.org

Did you know . . .

The Albuquerque Museum in Old Town is FREE to residents every Sunday morning from 9 am to 1 pm! Everything in the Museum, including the big traveling exhibitions are free. There is also free CABQ wi-fi!

Take a look at **Rad Gadgets** -- a fun look at off-the-wall vintage tools and equipment from the Museum collection. **Rad Gadgets** will inspire visitors to explore the Museum's collection of antique and vintage gadgets, with an eye toward recycling.

Water-Wise Plant Selectors

One of the most frustrating problems new gardeners to the Albuquerque area can face is trying to grow their favorite plant only to watch it wither and die due to the climate and exposure.

Gardening here is different! The soil chemistry is different, the humidity levels are different and the sun exposure is more extreme than almost anywhere else you might have gardened. No, you don't have to be satisfied with concrete or gravel.

Beautiful landscapes are possible, just use the right plant material. You want a "water smart" landscape. Use the link below to help you select appropriate plant material for the area you are landscaping.

<http://desertblooms.nmsu.edu/plantadvisor/index.html>

Better Call Saul and Night Shift On Location in Bel-Air!

You may or may not know that the German American Club (located on the Menaul side of Bel-Air) was transformed last year into an Italian Restaurant for a location shoot for the Breaking Bad spin-off, BETTER CALL SAUL. BANA received a generous donation for helping with logistics from the Sony Corporation.

A couple of weeks ago, NIGHT SHIFT used the Club for one of their ABQ location shots. The local production company tells us that BETTER CALL SAUL may be back in the Spring.

We'll keep members updated through email when we hear of anything else.

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

2014-2015 BANA Board Members :

Amy Henne	Barb Johnson	Jeanene Witt
Dana Berry	Jan Zerr, interim	Tom Perez
1 vacant seat		

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

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or

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Operating hours are as follows:
Monday–Saturday: 6 am–9 pm
Sunday: 9 am–6 pm