

# Bel-Air News

The Voice of the Bel-Air Neighborhood Association (BANA)

*Serving the Bel-Air Neighborhood Since 1994*

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Spring 2017

## Hello, Neighbors...

This is my 3rd year serving as the President of BANA and my 6th year on the Board. It hasn't always been easy, but I am happy to report we're still here!



I landed in Bel-Air in 2010 after returning to Albuquerque from a 5 year stay in Oregon. While in OR, I was invited to join the neighborhood association where I lived in Eugene (Go Ducks!). I learned what can be accomplished when people work together towards a common goal. It was a good lesson.

When I returned to ABQ, I didn't know a soul outside my own front door and promised myself to become involved in the neighborhood association that served Bel-Air.

Because of making that leap, I have had the pleasure of meeting wonderful neighbors I would

otherwise not know. I have come to really love this neighborhood because of those neighbors.

Bel-Air is a remarkable spot within the City of Albuquerque. We are close to everything, with alleys and big back yards for the most part.

Room to breathe - the the dogs can run, my husband has room for his sailboat and I can build a NM wildlife garden to be proud of and plant shade trees as a gift to the future.

We are all here for a reason, so why not make it a more friendly place?

When you see people walking their dogs, riding their bikes or working in their yards, slow down and wave as you drive by. It makes such a difference. I started doing this 4 years ago. No one waved back, now they do. It works!

Be smart! Introduce yourself to the neighbors on either side of you and across the street. It will go a long way to making our neighborhood the kind of safe place to live and thrive.

Amy Henne, BANA President  
Editor, Bel-Air News  
Serving since 2011

## Bel-Air Neighborhood 2017 Spring Calendar

### APRIL

Week of APRIL 9

SPRING Newsletter Delivered

MONDAY, APRIL 24

**BANA**

**Annual General Meeting**

6:30-7:00 PM Presentations

7:00-8:00 PM Meeting

**at The Vortex Theater\***

**2900 Carlisle Blvd NE**

All Bel-Air Residents Invited

*\*Please note change in location.*

### MAY

SATURDAY, MAY 6

Annual Neighborhood Yard Sale

8:00 AM - close when you decide

SATURDAY, MAY 20

Bel-Air Clean-Up Day #1

8-10 AM Bel-Air Park

**Free to All Bel-Air Neighbors**

### JUNE

TUESDAY, JUNE 6

BANA Board Meeting 6-7 PM

Erna Ferguson Public Library

SATURDAY, JUNE 17

Bel-Air Clean-Up Day #2

8-10 AM Bel-Air Park

**Free to All Bel-Air Neighbors**

*Thank you to these neighbors who volunteer their time and talents to serve on the BANA Board -*

**Barb Johnson (1994) - Vice President / Park**

**Jeanene Witt (2013) - Secretary / Newsletter**

**Hart Lewis (2015) - Hospitality**

**Kelly Price (2017) - Social Media**

**Chris Trujillo (2016) - Business Sponsors**

**1 Open Board Seat - what are you interested in ?**

*The Bel-Air Neighborhood Association (BANA) is supported entirely through membership donations.*

*Your \$10 membership helps pay for:*

- 1200 copies of the **Bel-Air News**, hand-delivered 3x a year by neighborhood volunteers;

- **Annual web-hosting fees for banaNM.org** and all other administrative costs;

- **5 Bel-Air Saturday Clean-up Days** on the 3rd Saturday of May, June, July, August and September;

- **Food and supplies for the Annual Park Party.**



## VORTEX THEATER

2900 Carlisle NE  
(505) 247-8600 [www.vortexabq.com](http://www.vortexabq.com)

Looking for an interesting volunteer opportunity right here in Bel-Air? Consider lending a hand at our very own Vortex Theater. Information available on their website.

*Spring Season at the Vortex includes:*

**The Iceman Cometh** - Mar 19 through April 9

**The House On Mango Street** - March 30 through Apr 16  
performed at the National Hispanic Cultural Center

**The Importance of Being Earnest** - April 21 through May 14

*NOTE: The Vortex Theater will provide space for our Annual General Meeting on Monday, April 24.*

## Bel-Air Neighborhood Association AGENDA 2017 Annual General Meeting

**Monday, April 24, 2017 6:30 pm**  
**Vortex Theater, 2900 Carlisle Blvd NE**

6:30 to 7 pm PRESENTATIONS include APD Crime Prevention and remarks from our City Council member, Diane Gibson.

*Coffee and refreshments served 6:00 to 7:00 pm*

**7 to 8 pm Annual MEETING**

**SECRETARY'S REPORT** - Approval of minutes

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT** - including: membership report; review of 2016 expenses and projected expenses for 2017; review of 2017 BANA calendar; changes in locations for meetings and change of date for Annual Park Party.

**ELECTIONS to BANA Board** - one open position the Board, filling final year of 2 year commitment.

**BEL-AIR PARK WATCH REPORT**  
**Richmond / Candelaria BUSINESS REPORT**

**QUESTIONS and hopefully ANSWERS**  
Adjourned 8 pm.

## Bel-Air Neighborhood Association MINUTES 2016 Annual General Meeting April 18, 2016 - for approval

**Board Members Present**-Amy Henne, Barb Johnson, Hart Lewis, Jeanene Witt. 2 vacant seats

**Guest Speakers** (prior to start of meeting) Sharanne Press, APD Crime Prevention, and Lt. Weber from NE Command – Preventing Home and Car Theft in Bel-Air

**Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM**

**Secretary's Report**- Minutes of 4/20/15 were accepted.

**Treasurer Report** – Amy shared that we have about 150 members which brings in \$1500 in dues. BANA spends approx. \$1400 which includes \$500 for newsletter, \$40 for hospitality for clean-up days, \$200 administrative expenses such as web hosting, PO Box, corporation dues, with the remaining for annual park party. A member suggested that we have an email option to save on printing costs but this is not feasible at this time due to delivery method. The budget is almost identical to last year.

**President's Report** - Amy welcomed the new faces and asked that we encourage our neighbors to join.

**Zoning and Beautification** – Barb reported - Neighborhood yard sale is May 7. First clean-up day is Sat May 21 from 8-10 am or whenever truck is full. Volunteers are needed to help with alley cleanup. If interested, meet at the park by 8 am, and wear enclosed shoes and gloves.

**Old Business** – The neighborhood sign provided by the city was brought up by a member. It was discussed that the city requires the neighborhood to be responsible for the sign maintenance and this is not in the budget.

**New Business**

**Elections of Board Members**

Current Board members still have another year in their term. There are 3 vacant positions. Barb asked for volunteers or nominations. Chris Trujillo volunteered and was elected by acclamation. His term will run from today until the elections in 2018. The Board members listed above have one year left on their term and will serve until the elections in 2017.

**Discussion** - NextDoor.com was mentioned as a useful forum. Another member expressed concern about speeding on his street. Barb stated that it is a long process to add stop signs or speed bumps but agreed to look into it if specific intersections are forthcoming to her.

**Motion to adjourn, seconded and agreed at 7:38 PM**

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeanene Witt, BANA Secretary

## Neighborhood News

### Bel-Air Park Update



Here are some ways to help keep our park and neighborhood safe!

**311** - call this number (or use the quick and easy 311 app on your smartphone) if you need large item pickup, wish to report graffiti, abandoned vehicles, excessive trash and overflowing trash cans at the park

**242-COPS (2677)** - This is the APD non-emergency number if you witness suspicious persons or activity or to report a crime already committed.

**911** - This is APD's emergency response number if there is a medical emergency or a crime in progress.

Be prepared to provide as much information as possible, such as physical and clothing descriptions, license plate numbers, vehicle make and model and exact location. The more detailed the information the better but NEVER put yourself in a dangerous position.

Working together we can make Bel-Air Park and our neighborhood safer for all!

### Annual Park Party



#### Moved to September 23!

Due to the increasing heat of summer, our Annual Bel Air Park Party has been moved to Saturday, September 23rd.

Set-up begins at 4 pm and hot dogs and hamburgers will be served at 5 pm. Bring a side dish or dessert to share and come meet your neighbors! More info to follow in summer newsletter.



### Abqrecycles.com - Our Recycling Spot For Glass Has Moved.

The Drop-Off Location at Wal-Mart has been closed. Glass is NOT accepted in our curbside recycling program. Please use one of these alternate locations:

Solid Waste Main Office at 4600 Edith NE or Crowne Plaza Hotel at University and Menaul. Enter off Menaul, on SOUTH side just past University. Look for the turquoise and yellow recycle bins!



### Sign Up for Your FREE Library Card!

The ERNA FERGUSON LIBRARY at 3700 San Mateo NE is our library.

- To apply in person, you can print out an application from their website - [abqlibrary.org](http://abqlibrary.org), complete it and bring it to any ABQ-BernCo Library location.
- **Library cards are free.**
- Bring your current photo I.D. and proof of your mailing address on your first visit to the library.
- **Your card is good right away at all ABQ-BernCo Library locations, and for accessing all our eResources and eBooks.**
- Use your library card to check out books, DVDs, audiobooks, music CDs, magazines, and more!
- *Online applications are currently unavailable.*



### NextDoor.com

Nextdoor.com is a free private social network for neighborhood communities like Bel-Air.

Their mission is to provide a trusted platform where neighbors work together. Neighbors can post urgent alerts, classifieds, free items, lost and found and recommendations.

Remember posting to social media is not the same as calling 242-COPS or 911 in an emergency. That's the call YOU have to make!



### CFC-Christian Fellowship Church

3901 Claremont Ave NE  
(505) 298-1040 [www.cfcalbuquerque.com](http://www.cfcalbuquerque.com)

#### Sundays:

School of the Holy Spirit 9:30am-10:15am

Celebration Service 10:30am-12pm

Children's Church every Sunday 11am

Youth Group every Sun 11am, every other Fri 7pm

#### Upcoming Events:

May 14 Mother's Day Breakfast 9am

June 18 Father's Day Luncheon 12pm

Men's Breakfast/Women's Group-every 1st Sat monthly *Visit their website for more information.*

*NOTE: CFC extends space to BANA for assembling this neighborhood newsletter.*

## Know Your Elected Representatives!

### ALBUQUERQUE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

School Board - District 3

Lorenzo Garcia

(505) 880-3739 [garcia\\_lore@aps.edu](mailto:garcia_lore@aps.edu)

### CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE

City Councilor - District 7

Diane Gibson

(505) 720-6415 [dgibson@csbq.gov](mailto:dgibson@csbq.gov)

### BERNALILLO COUNTY

County Commissioner - District 3

Maggie Hart Stebbins (Democrat)

One Civic Plaza, NW, Albuquerque, NM 87102

(505) 468-7108 [district3@bernco.gov](mailto:district3@bernco.gov)

### NM HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

District 25

Christine Trujillo (Democrat)

1823 Madiera Drive NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110

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### NM SENATE

Bernalillo County

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### US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Michelle Lujan Grisham (Democrat)

US House of Representatives,

Washington, DC 20515

(202) 224-3121 [www.lujangrisham.house.gov](http://www.lujangrisham.house.gov)

### US SENATE

Martin Heinrich (Democrat)

303 Hart Senate Office Building,

Washington, DC 20510

202-224-5521 [www.heinrich.senate.gov](http://www.heinrich.senate.gov)

### Tom Udall (Democrat)

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Washington, DC 20510

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To register to vote in New Mexico, you must be:

- A U.S. citizen
- A New Mexico resident
- At least 18 years old

You can now register and update your registration online using our NM Secretary of State's online system at [www.sos.state.nm.us](http://www.sos.state.nm.us).

If you have either a current or expired New Mexico state I.D. (like a driver's license) you can register for the first time or make changes to your registration—like name, address or party affiliation.

In order to register as a new voter or update your registration online, your personal information must match the information that is on file with the New Mexico Motor Vehicle Division (MVD). These are the things that must match:

- Your social security number,
- Your driver's license number or state identification number, and
- Your date of birth.

If you change your name or move, you must fill out a new voter registration form and submit to your local County Clerk's Office or the Secretary of State's Office. You must also fill out a new form if you want to change your party affiliation.

If you don't have a state-issued I.D., or otherwise would prefer to register by mail, you can pick up a voter registration application form or print the national form online, fill it out, then mail it to the New Mexico Secretary of State's Office or your local County Clerk's Office.

If you are not sure where to send it, you can look it up on their website at [sos.state.nm.us](http://sos.state.nm.us) or call them at 1.800.477.3632.

**Hello again,** Amy Henne here. As President of the Bel-Air Neighborhood Association (BANA), I wanted to thank you in advance for taking the time to consider supporting BANA, with your \$10 membership donation.

Our goal is **150 memberships** to cover our budget of \$1,500. That covers everything and leaves a little for unexpected expenses. Our documented expenses and budget are shared with the neighborhood at our **Annual Meeting on April 24th at the Vortex Theater.**

**BANA is powered by a dedicated group of volunteers** who share their time and expertise to make the Bel-Air Neighborhood Association work and improve the health of our neighborhood - from serving on the Board to delivering this newsletter to **clean-up mornings that are available FREE for all Bel-Air neighbors** to our Annual Park Party and more.

We care about the Bel-Air neighborhood. We are the folks that show up and do what we say we are going to do. **Won't you join us?**

We need another Board member to fill out the remaining 1 year of a 2 year term! **Is it YOU?**

It's a great opportunity to sign on for short time to see if you like working with us. Perhaps you have a special project you would like to do or you would like to help out keeping a watch on our Park and alleys?

The BANA Board has 3-4 meetings held over the course of our neighborhood activity year which runs from February thru October. None of us like meetings so the Board conducts much of our business over email. Sweet.

Drop an email to [board@banaNM.org](mailto:board@banaNM.org)  
We sure could use your help. Thanks.

