

# Bel-Air News

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

**SPECIAL EDITION 2018**

*Serving the Bel-Air Neighborhood Since 1994*

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## A Heartfelt Thanks for the Generosity & Support of Local Businesses

Last August, BANA board members approached a few businesses in the Bel-Air neighborhood to ask for donations for our annual park party.

We would like to acknowledge the owners and managers from the following businesses who donated services, gift baskets, and gift cards:

**Albuquerque Tire, Inc,**  
4215 Menaul Blvd, NE

**Archery Shoppe,**  
2910 Carlisle Blvd, NE

**Papa Murphy's Take 'N' Bake  
Pizza,**

2939 Carlisle Blvd, NE Suite 110

**Rudy's Country Store & Bar-B-Q,**  
2321 Carlisle Blvd, NE

**Smith's Food & Drug Store,**  
3701 Constitution Ave, NE

**The Grill on San Mateo,**  
3300 San Mateo Blvd, NE

**Village Inn,**  
2017 Menaul Blvd, NE

**Vortex Theater,**  
2900 Carlisle Blvd, NE

**Zia Graphics,**  
2730 Carlisle Blvd NE

Next time you visit one of these businesses, please thank them for supporting Bel-Air neighborhood events!

## Neighborhood Contest- Win Cash Prizes!

Calling all artists and wordsmiths! Share your creativity and win BIG!

First Place: \$250  
Second Place: \$150  
Third Place: \$100

We are seeking submissions for a neighborhood logo and/or slogan to represent our Bel-Air Community.

All people living and working in the Bel-Air neighborhood are eligible to participate. More details inside.

## Who is BANA and why should you join?

The Bel-Air Neighborhood Association (BANA) was established by Bel-Air residents in 1994 to promote friendship among neighbors and address issues affecting the neighborhood.

Some of the accomplishments of BANA include establishing working relationships with civic and business partners to promote neighborhood wellness and sponsoring the annual park party and neighborhood clean-up days.

The association is run by volunteers who live in the neighborhood. The work that we do cannot be done without you. Join us. The more neighbors, the better. Let's work together to maintain a safe and healthy neighborhood.

## Bel-Air Neighborhood Upcoming Events

### JANUARY

*Week of January 21*  
Logo/Slogan contest opens

### MARCH

*Friday, March 9*  
Submission deadline for neighborhood contest

### APRIL

*Thursday, April 5*  
Newsletter Assembly, 5-6pm  
Christian Fellowship Church

*Week of April 8*  
Newsletter delivered by neighborhood volunteers, 2018 membership drive begins

*Tuesday, April 24*  
**ANNUAL MEETING**, 6-8pm  
Meet your neighbors and vote for your favorite submission for the neighborhood contest.

### MAY

*Tuesday, May 1*  
On-line voting for neighborhood contest closes

### JUNE

*Week of June 25*  
Winner is announced in Summer newsletter

The Bel-Air Neighborhood Association (BANA) is supported entirely through membership donations. Your \$10 annual membership fee helps pay for: Copies of the **Bel-Air Newsletters** (3x a year) hand-delivered by neighborhood volunteers; **Annual web-hosting fees** for website ([banaNM.org](http://banaNM.org)) and other administrative costs; **5 Bel-Air Saturday Clean-up Days** (on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of May, June, July, August, and September; Food and Supplies for the **Annual Park Party**.

**The 2018 membership drive will begin with the publication of the next newsletter in April.**

## Minutes of the BANA General Meeting, Vortex Theater

October 18, 2017, 6pm

Board members present: Hart Lewis, Barb Johnson, Kelly Price, Rose Nava, Jeanene Witt  
Board members absent-Amy Henne

Meeting called to order at 6:03

### Speakers:

**APD Sgt. Simms** who is head of the Community Policing of the Northeast area command spoke about crime activity at the park. APD has patrolled the park as often as possible and progress has been made. He reminded us to continue to call in about suspicious activity. Sharanne Press, Crime Prevention Specialist, and Sgt. Render were also present.

**Diane Gibson**, our city councilor, presented the good news that the park should receive extra lighting on the west end. She is working with the City Parks department and this should happen within a few months. She also spoke about her bill regarding pawn shops.

**Joran Viers**, Forester for the City of Albuquerque, handed out info and pictures of what trees are available and what trees need to be removed at our park. They hope to plant 2 trees for every tree removed. The tribute tree for Regina Michaelis has been planted and further planting is scheduled for next spring.

**Secretary's report**-it was moved and seconded that the minutes of the 4/24/17 general meeting be accepted. All agreed.

**Treasurer's report**- Bank balance is right at \$1900. No additional expenses are anticipated.

**Old Business**- The park party was moved to September this year and all agreed that the cooler temperature was more comfortable and the fall date is better. Board members Rose and Kelly were recognized for their hard work getting door prizes donated.

**New Business**-Rose submitted a grant request to go toward artwork branding for BANA but has not heard back on the grant proposal. She thinks we should hear by the end or the month and also suggests that BANA consider becoming a 501c3 organization. BANA received an email from a Bel-Air school parent inviting members to volunteer at their clean-up day the morning of Saturday October 21 at the field in back of the school.

Motion to adjourn moved, seconded, unanimously agreed at 6:48pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeanene Witt, BANA secretary

## Park Update

By Barb Johnson

Seems that something is always happening at our park! With help from City Councilor Diane Gibson and the Parks and Recreation Department, the existing lighting at the park has been upgraded and the output of light at the Pavilion, the parking pull off and the west-end tables is greatly improved. We also have three new solar lights installed along the south sidewalk to provide better lighting.

Those who attended the last general meeting met City Forester Joran Viers who has been evaluating trees in the park. Some have been removed and are being replaced with trees that will do well in this environment. Thanks to the Albuquerque Police Department for their diligence in helping to calm illegal activity at the park.

It is heartening to see so many people out running and walking, exercising their dogs and taking their kids to the playgrounds. All of us need to continue to be vigilant about activities in this area and in the neighborhood as a whole. If it doesn't look right it probably isn't.

Report anything suspicious to APD via the non-emergency number (242-COPS / 242-2677) or 911 depending on the circumstance. APD is not always able to respond immediately but their staffing patterns are data-driven so the more calls the more attention we get. Other issues such as graffiti, excessive trash etc. should be reported to 311 via phone, internet or the smart phone app.



### 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, along with the times and dates of their performances.*

*NOTE: The Vortex Theater has provided meeting space for BANA General Meetings. Thank you!*



### CFC-Christian Fellowship Church

3901 Claremont Ave NE  
(505) 296-1040 [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

*NOTE: CFC extends space to BANA for assembling this neighborhood newsletter and for neighborhood meetings. Thank you!*

## Attention Neighbors and Businesses in the Bel-Air Community:

**BANA is launching a neighborhood wide contest for a logo and/or slogan that represents our community!**

**First Prize: \$250**  
**Second Prize: \$150**  
**Third Prize: \$100**

**All prizes include a life-time membership to BANA**

**Bring your best ideas!**

### Contest rules

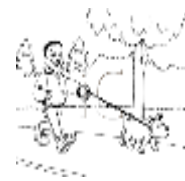
- Contest is open to ALL Bel-Air residents and businesses in the Bel-Air community. You do not have to be a current member of BANA to participate.
- Contest opens once this Special Edition newsletter is delivered.
- Digital or hand-drawn submissions will be accepted.
- All submissions must be emailed to: [board@banaNM.org](mailto:board@banaNM.org) by midnight, Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup>  
If you are submitting a hand-drawn design, email a clear picture of your design for consideration. We will contact you for a hard-copy of the image.
- Please limit colors, if used. The design must also look good when printed in black and white.
- All submissions will become the property of BANA.
- Artwork and/or slogan must be original and not trademark.
- If an employee of a Bel-Air Business wins one of the top prizes, the employee will win the cash and the business will win the lifetime membership to BANA
- If there are several submissions, the BANA board will narrow selection to the top 5.
- The neighborhood (including businesses) will have an opportunity to vote for the winner at the April 24<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEETING and on-line (link for on-line voting will be available in the spring newsletter).
- Awards will be given during a neighborhood celebration announced in the summer newsletter.

### Why Create a Logo and/or slogan?

We were inspired by a conversation we had with a fellow Bel-Air neighbor, who shared with us information about marketing our neighborhood and creating an identity that reflects the people and businesses in the Bel-Air community. Therefore, last fall, BANA submitted a Neighborhood Outreach Grant application to the Bernalillo County. We proposed to Bernalillo County, a contest to create a logo and/or slogan.

We know there are creative people living and working in this neighborhood. Help us create an image and/or catchy phrase that represent the uniqueness of our neighborhood and to attract the people and businesses we want in our community.

We will use the winning submissions throughout the neighborhood including but not limited to the Bel-Air website, newsletters, and neighborhood signs. We are looking for something that not only looks good and/or is a clever play on words, but is simple and appropriate for all ages.



## How do I submit an entry?

All entries must include the following information:

First and Last Name  
Street Address  
Phone Number  
Email Address

Best way to contact you: Email or phone  
Are you a Bel-Air business employee?  
If yes, please write the business name  
Please indicate if you are over 18 years old

Please submit the above information along with your logo and/or slogan via email to:

[Board@banaNM.org](mailto:Board@banaNM.org)

## The Difference between Neighborhood Associations & Homeowners Associations

City of Albuquerque, Office of Neighborhood Coordination

A Neighborhood Association is a voluntary organization of residents who work together to improve and maintain the quality of life in its neighborhood.

Neighborhood Associations can form out of concern over a particular issue or as a means of enhancing a sense of community.

- Membership is open to all property owners, residents and businesses in the neighborhood, but participation is optional; boundaries are established by the association.
- Dues are voluntary.
- There is no legal authority to enact or enforce maintenance or design requirements beyond those established by City and/or County Ordinances.
- The organization establishes formal or informal by-laws to provide for at least one general membership meeting per year and to require an annual election of officers.

Homeowners Associations are formal legal entities created to maintain common areas and enforce private deed restrictions. Most condominium and townhouse developments and some newer single-family subdivisions have homeowners associations which are usually created when the development is built.

- Membership is mandatory for all property owners within the boundaries of the development.
- Members are usually charged mandatory dues.
- Homeowners associations have the legal authority to enact and enforce maintenance and design standards in addition to those established by City County ordinance.
- Homeowners associations are corporations with formal bylaws, which have a governing board that is elected annually.

## Bel-Air Neighborhood Association membership drive will start in April 2018.

Cost to join:

**Residents \$10/ year**  
**Businesses \$25/ year**

## Top Ten Red Cross Cold Weather Safety Tips

Originally published on February 18, 2015  
For more information, please visit [redcross.org](http://redcross.org)

As temperatures drop this winter, the American Red Cross offers ten steps people can take to stay safe during the cold weather.

1. Layer up! Wear layers of lightweight clothing to stay warm. Gloves and a hat will help prevent losing your body heat.
2. Don't forget your furry friends. Bring pets indoors. If they can't come inside, make sure they have enough shelter to keep them warm and that they can get to unfrozen water.
3. Remember the three feet rule. If you are using a space heater, place it on a level, hard surface and keep anything flammable at least three feet away – things such as paper, clothing, bedding, curtains or rugs.
4. Requires supervision – Turn off space heaters and make sure fireplace embers are out before leaving the room or going to bed.
5. Don't catch fire! If you are using a fireplace, use a glass or metal fire screen large enough to catch sparks and rolling logs.
6. Protect your pipes. Run water, even at a trickle, to help prevent your pipes from freezing. Open the kitchen and bathroom cabinet doors to allow warmer air to circulate around the plumbing. Be sure to move any harmful cleaners and household chemicals out of the reach of children. Keep the garage doors closed if there are water lines in the garage.
7. Better safe than sorry. Keep the thermostat at the same temperature day and night. Your heating bill may be a little higher, but you could avoid a more costly repair job if your pipes freeze and burst.
8. The kitchen is for cooking. Never use a stove or oven to heat your home.
9. Use generators outside. Never operate a generator inside the home, including in the basement or garage.
10. Knowledge is power. Don't hook a generator up to the home's wiring. The safest thing to do is to connect the equipment you want to power directly to the outlets on the generator.

For more information on how to stay safe during the cold weather, visit winter storm safety.

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

Amy Henne (2011) President/Editor  
Hart Lewis (2015) Vice President/ Hospitality  
Barb Johnson (1994) Treasurer/ Park Safety  
Jeanene Witt (2013) Secretary/ Newsletter Assembly  
Kelly Price (2017) Social Media/ Safety  
Rosalie Nava (2017) Newsletter/ Grants  
Jay Edwards (2017) Business/ Website