# **Bel-Air News**

The Voice of the Bel-Air Neighborhood Association (BANA) Serving the Bel-Air Neighborhood Since 1994

#### Mark Your Calendars! Annual Meeting: April 24<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8pm

The Bel-Air Neighborhood Association's annual meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8pm. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall at the Christian Fellowship Church. located at 3901 Claremont Ave. NE (the hall is located to the right of church entrance).

We have invited the Metro Courts and the Albuquerque Police Department to provide short presentations. Plus, you will have an opportunity to meet the BANA board, inquire about volunteer opportunities, and share any concerns or news you may have.

We will be serving FREE nachos and drinks. Come a few minutes early, serve a plate, and vote for our new logo/slogan! All neighbors and Bel-Air businesses are welcome to join us.

## The BANA Board is Recruiting

It is time, don't you think? Time for you to step up and share your talents in a way that provides meaningful and impactful work to the neighborhood with minimal time commitment. The summer is our busiest time and we need a full team to best serve our neighborhood. Send an email of interest to board@banaNM.org

#### Help Us Pick the Winning Submission

Earlier this year, we put a call out to the artists and wordsmiths in the neighborhood to create a new logo or slogan that could be used in neighborhood signs, newsletter, and other material.

Neighbors, you did not let us down! Now, we need your help to determine the winner. First place is a \$250 gift card, second-place \$150 gift card, and third place a \$100 gift card. The project is supported by a grant received from the Bernalillo County. (DETAILS INSIDE)

#### Please Support Our Bel-Air Business Members

Bel-Air businesses are a vital part of our community. The following businesses recently joined the Bel-Air Neighborhood Association. Next time you use their services, please thank them for their support. Or if you have yet to visit them, please take a moment to check them out!

The Alarm Store 2712 Carlisle NE Archery Shoppe and Gallery, 2910 Carlisle NE Zia Graphics 2730 Carlisle NE McKeever Legal Advisor 3636-B Menaul NE Good Shepherd Animal Clinic 4601 Menaul NE Knights of Columbus Insurance 2800 San Mateo, Ste 111

#### The Membership Drive Has Started

It is that time of year again. Trees are blooming, birds are singing, and the BANA membership drive is gearing up for full speed ahead.

For mere pennies a day, you can support your neighborhood's efforts to provide a safe, welcoming and friendly place to live, work, and play.

The cost to join for residents is \$10 per year. The cost for businesses is \$25 per year. You can join by mailing us the enclosed membership form or you can save your postage and join on-line at banaNM.org. Lastly, if you would like to sign up in person, you can do so at one of scheduled clean-up days. There will be one a month, starting in May and ending in September.

For those of you who joined us in the last few months, welcome to the association! The membership fees you paid will be applied for this current year.

If you are unsure when you last sent in your association dues and would like to see if your membership is up, please send us an email at board@banaNM.org



#### Logo/Slogan Contest 2018

What did we tell you? As you can see for yourself, we have some fabulous options to choose from! Please take a moment to pick your favorite. The top three submissions with the most votes will earn valuable prizes!



Each neighbor and business in the Bel-Air community are eligible to vote for their favorite.

#### You may vote in one of two ways:

- Join us at the annual meeting on Tuesday, April 24 from 6-8pm (in the social hall at the Christian Fellowship Church, 3901 Claremont Ave. NW) and vote in person. Each person will be given 5 votes to cast as they please. Did we mention there will be FREE nachos and drinks?
- Visit the banaNM.org website and cast your ballot (only 5 votes per Bel-Air address will be counted). The on-line voting will close on Tuesday, May 1, 2018 at midnight.

The BANA board reserves the right to use any or all the submissions for neighborhood purposes.



This project is supported by the Bernalillo County Neighborhood Outreach Grant Program Save the Date!



#### Winners' Reveal and Neighborhood Celebration June 16<sup>th</sup> at 10am After Neighborhood Clean-up

Come join the fun! Winners will be announced, and cake and ice cream will be served at the park.

All are welcome!

Here are the contest submissions:



Entry #1



Entry #2

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Entry #3



Entry #4



Entry #5



Entry #6



Entry #7



Entry #8



Entry #9

Grow Hope Care Love where you live Bel-Air **Entry #10** 

Not just a Chevrolet but a great place to stay. Or Not just the USA in your Chevrolet, but a great place to stay.

Entry #11

#### Public Libraries Don't Just Offer Books for Checkout!

Did you know that our public libraries don't just offer books to check out? It's true! They also offer a wide range of CDs, DVDs, e-Books, and – this is the best part! – you can also check out ukuleles and cake pans! So, if you've been wanting to learn this musical instrument but don't have one or want to expand your baking skills and make a cake in the shape of a heart, the library is your starting point! Visit: <u>www.abqlibrary.org</u> for a complete catalog of free items for checking out!

### Update from the BANA Board

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) handdelivered by neighborhood volunteers; Annual webhosting fees for website (banaNM.org) and 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.

This year, the BANA board will not advertise for the annual yard sale due to dwindling participation. If you would like to see this event return next year, let us know at the annual meeting in April. For now, we have chosen to focus our efforts on other activities that support building relationships throughout the neighborhood.

If there is a project you would like to lead or initiate, we want to hear from you! Together our voices and actions are amplified. Join us at one or any of our upcoming community events.



CFC-Christian Fellowship Church 3901 Claremont Ave NE (505) 296-1040 www.cfcalbuquerque.com

School of the Holy Spirit Every Sunday 9:30am-10:15am Celebration Service Every Sunday 10:30am-12:00pm Children's Church and Nursery provided Youth Group is Friday @7:00pm

Women's and Men's group meet very 1st Saturday of every month 9am-11am, (breakfast is provided)

Upcoming Events: Vacation Bible School June 25th-29th, 5:45 pm-9pm

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



VORTEX THEATER 2900 Carlisle NE (505) 247-8600 www.vortexabq.com

Looking for an interesting volunteer opportunity right here in Bel-Air? Consider lending a hand at the 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!

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

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/Grant Jay Edwards (2017) Website/Grant Your Name Here (2018)