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Upcoming Events

September 15th 8-10am

Final Clean-Up day- Meet at park to help clean up trash in the park and around the neighborhood

September 22nd 5-7pm

Park Party-Free to all Bel-Air Neighbors-Please join us!

October 20th 10-11am

Sharps Safety Training and Clean-up-Coffee and donuts will be served



Letter from the President

Dear fellow residents,

I want to first thank you for reading this letter and keeping up with our neighborhood news!

As we celebrate our accomplishments, we must also look ahead at the challenges before us. It is crucial for neighbors to look out for each other and to help whenever possible. I encourage residents to become involved by attending neighborhood events or by becoming a member.

Thanks for everything you do to make the Bel-Air neighborhood better!

Jay Edwards
BANA President

Congratulations to the Neighborhood Logo Winners

Thanks to everyone who participated in this contest, either by submitting an entry or voting for your favorite, and to Bernalillo County Planning and Development for making it possible! The top three winners were:

1st Place - M. Jacob Schmalzriedt
2nd Place - David Z. Kimbell
3rd Place - Lindsay Brenner

We asked each of the winners to share with us how long they
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Annual Bel-Air Park Party- Saturday, Sept. 22nd 5-7pm

Rain or shine, our annual Park Party will be held at the Bel-Air Miramontes Park, Saturday, September 22nd at 5pm. We will grill up hotdogs and hamburgers. Bring a side dish, home grown fruits and/or vegetables, or dessert to share.

The BANA board will be giving away FREE t-shirts with our **new** neighborhood logo to the first 25 members. Come early to pick your size.

We will also feature a "Kids Corner" for our young artists to help us create signs to place around the park to keep the area clean for all to enjoy.

We invited the City of Albuquerque Fire Department, Police Officers, and our City and County Officials.

BANA members pay for this event. If you haven't paid your membership yet (\$10/household or \$25/business per year) we will have a table set up at the park. We take cash, credit, or check.



Please join us for a family friendly event and meet your neighbors!

Neighborhood Logo Winners

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lived in the neighborhood, what was their favorite thing about living here, and what they thought was our biggest challenge as a community.

Lindsay has lived in Bel-Air since 2016. She likes the friendly people in this neighborhood especially the smiling waving neighbors. She enjoys seeing people out walking their dogs and doing yard work on nice, sunny days. Lindsay loves the view of the beautiful Sandia mountains and colorful sunsets in the evening. She stated that she would like our neighborhood to feel safer and more peaceful. She said “together, we can unite against crime for a safer, happier and more connected community.”

David has been living in the neighborhood for almost 6 years. He says “there are so many things I love about this neighborhood. The centralized location is awesome, my neighbors are amazing, and I believe it is an overall quaint and mellow area. I believe our biggest challenge is our issue with crime. Being centrally located and close to major highways is inevitably hurting our community due to the type of people it attracts. David, for those who don’t know, is a head brewer and co-owner of a local Brewery called Bombs Away Beer Company.

M. Jacob was our first prize winner. Here is a picture of him with our BANA President, Jay.



Thank you, M. Jacob, David, and Lindsey, for being a part of our community and sharing your talents with us!

Bel-Airtifacts, Part 1

Memories from Bel-Air Residents

We are so fortunate to have neighbors who have lived in Bel-Air for many years and are willing to share stories they remember or have collected about the area. One of our current Bel-Air residents recently shared the following:

I surely wish some of the original residents of Bel-Air would have let me record their stories of living in Bel-Air. Unfortunately, they have passed away, so I have only scant stories I have heard over the years!

From what stories I have heard and been told, the Bel-Air area (San Mateo to Carlisle and Candelaria to Menaul) was part of an old ranch at one time...Maybe the Montgomery Family Ranch that the street was named after...Until recently, there was a windmill still standing on the north side of Montgomery just west of Carlisle.

Bel-Air began outside the city limits and began on San Mateo and gradually was built west to Carlisle. There were no city facilities way back then so each of the lots had septic tanks (yes, our lot still has the original one somewhere in our back yard!)

Stay tuned history buffs...Next time you will learn what our neighbor has to say about cows, arroyos, and interstates on the next Bel-Airtifacts!

Did you know?

According to the Albuquerque Historical Society, the Candelaria family settled in Albuquerque in 1706. The major arterial, Candelaria Road, is named for them. Montgomery Boulevard was named for Eugene Montgomery. His family homesteaded on land near what is now Carlisle and Montgomery around 1909. Menaul Boulevard was named for Irish-born James A. Menaul, who came to Albuquerque in 1881. He organized First Presbyterian Church.

The Bel-Air subdivision was annexed into the city in 1951

Keep Bel-Air Beautiful

By keeping Bel-Air Clean!

Excerpted from an article titled "Clean up your neighborhood" written by www.DoingGoodTogether.org

It is a simple and free activity that can have instant results for your child and your community.

Possible recipients

Anyone who enjoys a pristine neighborhood, park, beach, or public walkway.

What you'll need

- Plastic bag to collect trash
- Work Gloves
- Optional: pick-up stick, separate bag for recyclables

Instructions

Assign gloves and a trash bag to each family member.

Clear out litter from a section of park, beach, vacant lot or your own neighborhood. Take all necessary precautions, including wearing sturdy gloves, being careful near roads, having adults handle dangerous items and supervising children closely. You can pick your favorite walk and do a one-time sweep or make clean-up a regular family event.

Properly dispose of all litter.

Reflections

Did you find a lot of litter? What kind of litter did you see most often? What could be done to help with that problem?

Why is it important to pick up litter?

What would our neighborhood look like if everyone littered? How would you feel about living here? What other ways can we take care of the spaces where we live?

For more fun family activities that promote community engagement please visit www.DoingGoodTogether.org

Sharps 101

Source: <https://www.fda.gov>

At our last neighborhood clean-up, neighbors pick up approximated 50 sharps at the Miramontes/Bel-Air park. What are sharps?

"Sharps" is a medical term for devices with sharp points or edges that can puncture or cut skin. Examples of sharps include:

- **Needle** – a very fine, slender, hollow piece of metal used to inject medication under the skin.
- **Syringe** – a device which a needle is attached to in order to inject medication into or withdraw fluid from the body.
- **Lancet** – also called a "finger-stick," an instrument with a short, two-edged blade used to get drops of blood for testing. Lancets are commonly used in the treatment of diabetes.

Importance of Safe Sharps Disposal

Used needles and other sharps are dangerous to people and pets if not disposed of safely because they can injure people and spread infections that cause serious health conditions. The most common infections are:

- Hepatitis B (HBV),
- Hepatitis C (HCV), and
- Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV).

We hear from neighbors that they have found used sharps in the park, alleyways, and even thrown in backyards. It is critical we, as a community, learn how to safely dispose of this hazardous material if we should come across it.

Safe Sharp Clean-up Training

BANA has teamed up with the City's Environmental Health Department and surrounding neighborhood associations to bring you a **FREE** training on safe sharps clean-up. Coffee and donuts will be served. After, we will clean up sharps around the park and neighborhood.

October 20th, 10am FREE All are welcome!

**CFC-Christian Fellowship Church**

3901 Claremont Ave NE, (505) 296-1040
www.cfcalbuquerque.com

- School of the Holy Spirit, Sunday 9:30am
- Celebration Service, Sunday 10:30am
- Youth Group, Friday 7:00pm
- Women's and Men's group meet very 1st Saturday of every month 9am-11am, (breakfast is provided)

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

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

- Jay Edwards (2017) President
- Hart Lewis (2015) Vice President
- Barb Johnson (1994) Treasurer
- Jeanene Witt (2013) Secretary
- Kelly Price (2017) Member
- Rosalie Nava (2017) Member

VORTEX THEATER

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

Support your local community 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, BANA Business Members!

We appreciate your support. Thank you for being a part of our community.

- 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
- Silver Owl, 2720 Carlisle NE

The Bel-Air Neighborhood Association (BANA) is supported entirely through memberships. Your annual membership fee helps pay for: Copies of the **Bel-Air Newsletter** (3x year), Annual web-hosting fees for **website** (banaNM.org) and other administrative costs, **5 Bel-Air Cleanup days** and food and supplies for the **Annual Park Party**.

2 Easy Ways to Support BANA

1. Go online at banaNM.org and pay your membership by debit / credit card, or
2. Mail in your \$10 resident or \$25 business membership donation
 - Please make your check or money order payable to: **BANA**
 - Mail payment and completed form to: BANA - PO Box 36568, Albuquerque, NM 87176
 - Your cancelled check or money order duplicate will be your receipt.

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Your personal information, including email address, will never be shared.

ATTENTION: Are you interested in serving on the Board or helping with any of our neighborhood projects? If so, drop an email to board@banaNM.org and we'll be in contact with you. Thank you for supporting your Bel-Air Neighborhood Association (BANA).