



Bel-Air News

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

Fall 2023

Upcoming Events **Last Clean-Up Day for 2023**

Saturday September 16, 2023
8:00 am - 10:00 am
Bel-Air Miramontes Park

City will have a garbage truck available to dispose of excess trash yard debris and the like. The City will not take hazardous materials or construction debris. To dispose of hazardous material properly Visit: <https://www.cabq.gov/solidwaste/household-hazardous-waste>. We also need neighbor volunteers to help clean up the park and our alleys. Bring your gloves and truck, if you have one, and let's work together to keep our neighborhood clean and safe.

ANNUAL PARK PARTY

Saturday September 23, 2023
4:00 – 6:00 PM
Bel-Air Miramontes Park

BANA will provide pizza, sodas, water and cake
AFR, APD and elected officials that represent our neighborhood have been invited.

BANA Membership Drive

In October the BANA Board will be holding a comprehensive membership drive. We will be placing flyers and membership forms on your doors to invite you to become a BANA member. It does not cost anything to become a member. However, we appreciate a donation of \$10 for residential members and \$25 for business membership. 100% of all proceeds will be used for neighborhood activities and events. You may also register and pay voluntary dues by going to our website at BANANM.org.

Greetings from your new BANA President

I want to first introduce myself, my name is Elizabeth Alarid, A Native New Mexican who can trace my roots back to the 1600's. I have owned my house in Bel Air since 1986, am happily married to Stephen and we have raised our two adult children Roberto and Vanessa in our neighborhood. We also have four grandchildren and the younger two are at our house quite often these days. My career was focused on organizational/total quality management, leadership development, career counseling and training. I worked with PNM for 11 years, owned Insights Consulting Group for 15 years and I retired from the State of New Mexico in 2016 as Bureau Chief of the Professional Development Department with CYFD. I possess a Bachelor Degree in Business & Psychology and a Master's Degree in Counseling from the University of New Mexico. Having lived in this neighborhood for decades, I have seen many changes throughout the years and it has become very clear and important to me to bring my skills and knowledge and apply them to making our neighborhood a safer place to live.

I became actively involved in BANA in late Spring 2023 and was elected to the BANA board to serve as president in late May. There are several issues that BANA needs support to resolve in our neighborhood, and we can't do it alone. We need you, our neighbors, to help us be a stronger voice, for a safer and cleaner neighborhood. One of my first order of business is a concerted membership drive.

Our membership dropped substantially during COVID, leaving us with less than 40 members to date. We have approximately 1200 domiciles in our neighborhood making us one of the largest neighborhood associations in the State! Therefore, it is critical that we hear your concerns, ideas and solutions so we can begin to work for you. Once you are a registered BANA member, the Board will be able to communicate with you via email which will be more efficient and cost effective. It is important to note that it does not cost anything to be a member however, we will always accept kind donations from our neighbors. ***You may register by mail on the registration form that will be placed on your door or you can go to the website at BANANM.org to become a member.***

I have met with our elected officials who represent our neighborhood including Senator Ivey-Soto, Councilor Fiebelkorn, Commissioner Barboa and Representative Pajaron. I have asked for their assistance in helping us make our Bel Air Park safe for our families to enjoy, stop the crime issues that plagues our neighborhood and any additional assistance that they may provide such as capital outlay dollars, additional lighting and cameras in the park, homeless/crime resolutions and additional police presence in our neighborhood.

In the meantime, I can be reached at board@bananm.org or thru our website: BANANM.org

Elizabeth Alarid

BANA Now Has a Social Media Presence

We invite all of our Bel Air neighbors check out our website at BANANM.org. There you will find all planned BANA events, past and present BANA newsletters, neighborhood resources, volunteer opportunities and a link that you may click on to become a BANA member. We also have a social media presence on NextDoor and we are working on the development of a Facebook page as well. We want to be able to provide real time information to our neighborhood in a more efficient and wide spread manner.

Membership changes

Per the Neighborhood Association Recognition Ordinance anyone living, owning a home or having a business within BANA boundaries is automatically a voting member of the association regardless of whether they pay monetary dues or not.

You may register as a member by mail or on line at BANANM.org and provide us your contact information for BANA announcements to be sent to you electronically

Obviously we encourage you to pay voluntary dues at a suggested rate of \$10 per year per household and \$25 per year for business membership and/or that you consider a monetary donation. The membership form is at the end of this newsletter and can be printed & mailed in. This is just another way you can support your neighborhood and have your voice heard.

Park Party Returns

COVID halted our annual park party for a few years, but it is back! Join us on Saturday September 23, 2023 from 4 to 6 pm for pizza, drinks and cake. Meet your neighbors and become a member of the Neighborhood Association.

Please join us.

Balloon Fiesta is Coming October 7-15, 2023

General admission tickets have been on sale since July for this event and cost \$15 for everyone over 12 years old. It is important to note that there will be no evening sessions on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and the last Sunday of the Fiesta. Four Packs of General Admission Tickets and Single Session General Admission Tickets may also be purchased in the Balloon Fiesta Gift Shop or by visiting the Gift Shop Website. Tickets have been on sale since July 2023.

Park and Ride Tickets include round trip transportation to and from park, expedited route to bypass heavy traffic and admission to the Balloon Fiesta event. Advance purchase prices are listed below:

- Children: (5 and under) FREE
- Children: (6-12) \$10
- Adults: (13-61) \$25
- Seniors: (62+) \$23
- Bus Only: \$13

Purchases made after midnight for morning sessions on the day of, or after noon for evening sessions on the day of (ONLINE ONLY):

- Children: (5 and under) FREE
- Children: (6-12) \$13
- Adults: (13-61) \$28
- Seniors: (62+) \$26
- Bus Only: \$13

If you experience difficulty completing your ticket purchase:

Call at 888-441-4364

Text to 505-227-8737

Email to at tickets@balloonfiesta.com



Dog Park Coming to Bel Air Miramontes Park

Fall will begin construction for a dog park in our Bel Air Miramontes Park. The proposed plan and legend above show what improvements will be made. The park will have a year-round dog park of the far west side of the park as well as a seasonal dog park in the grass area near the small children's playground. The small children's playground will be removed. The grassed area will be a seasonal dog park to allow dogs to have a grassed area and mulched area to run in. However, it is anticipated that the dogs will trample the grass therefore, this area of the dog park will be closed at various times to allow for maintenance and new grass growth. The Bel Air proposed dog park plans also include:

- New 6ft. fencing on both the East and West side of park, closing the gap into the alley on the East side.
- Additional lighting will be placed on the East, West and South ends of the park
- Playground ground cover and equipment will be updated on East Side of park
- The BANA Board also asked that all existing lighting be replaced with halogen light that are brighter on the South end of the park.

If you have any suggestions on the proposed plans please send them to BANANM.org so that we may pass them on to Parks and Recreation Department

Bel Air Proposed Dog Park

Acreage= .54
Acreage of Seasonal Dog Park= .43

- 4ft Galvanized Chain Link —
- Existing Chain link fence —
- Existing CMU Wall —
- Maintenance Gate —
- 4ft x 4ft Chain Link Gates —
- 6 ft. New Steel Fence —
- Existing Lights (7) ●
- Solar Lights (5) ●

Remove select Play Equipment



Membership Drive

Your voluntary dues and donations help pay for expenses that include signs, postage, post office box fees, website maintenance, supplies, and refreshments for social gatherings. 100% of proceeds are invested back into our neighborhood.

Annual Memberships (Circle all that apply)

Register your membership only \$0	Business Voluntary Membership Suggested Annual Fee: \$25	Residential Voluntary Membership Suggested Annual Fee: \$10	Donation to BANA \$ _____
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Ways to Support BANA:

1. Visit **bananm.org** and renew your annual membership, become a first-time member, pay voluntary dues and/or make a donation by debit / credit card.
2. Mail in your membership and/or voluntary dues or donation:
Please make your check or money order payable to: BANA
Mail payment and completed form to: BANA
PO Box 36568
Albuquerque, NM 87176

Membership Form *(Please Print)*

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Sign-up to volunteer

_____ I would like to volunteer on the BANA Board.

_____ I would like to volunteer for neighborhood events

_____ Please contact me, I would like to learn more about BANA volunteer opportunities

The best way to reach me is by: (Please check all that apply)

Text _____ Email _____ Phone _____

If you prefer to reach out to us about volunteer opportunities, please email us at board@bananm.org

Your personal information, including email address, will never be shared.
Thank you for supporting your Bel-Air Neighborhood Association (BANA).