



Bel-Air News

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

Serving the Bel-Air Neighborhood Since 1994
Fall, 2025

2025 Fall Events

Annual Neighborhood Park Party

Bel-Air Miramontes Park

Phoenix Ave

September 13, 2025

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

All Bel-Air Residents are welcome!

Please join us for food, music, fun, and
meet the neighbors.

Saturday Clean-Up Day

Last one for 2025!

Bel-Air Miramontes Park

Phoenix Ave

September 20, 2025

8:00 AM - 10:00 AM

All Bel-Air Residents are welcome to bring
yard waste, trash and junk for
disposal. City provides a compactor
garbage truck). Volunteers needed to
help clean up alleys, pick up trash in the
park, unload trucks and trailers, and
promote membership.

FROM BANA PRESIDENT, Barb Johnson

With cell phones, constant news cycles, the economy, and other stressors it is easy to lose interpersonal connections and a sense of community. Let's face it, we all need a place to be, to belong.

"Community" has several definitions, including:

---a unified body of individuals: such as the people with common interests living in a particular area.

---a group of people with a common characteristic or interest living together within a larger society.

---an interacting population of various kinds of individuals in a common location."

You are part of the Bel-Air community and we want you to be, to belong, here. Whether you're a longtime resident or new to the area, owner or renter, becoming a member offers a host of benefits—not just for you, but for the entire community. The Bel-Air Neighborhood Association (BANA) focuses on community-building, safety, beautification, and local advocacy.

Joining BANA and participating in activities gives you an opportunity to meet neighbors, create a support network, advocate for improvements, influence decisions that impact the area, and improve safety and security. I have always believed that it is essential to be part of something bigger than yourself—your efforts ripple outward.

ENERGY SAVING PROGRAMS AND REBATES, PNM HOME ENERGY AUDIT (PNM: Public Service Company of New Mexico)

For years, I received notices about the **free** home energy audit offered by PNM. I finally called and scheduled an in-home assessment. Two folks arrived and they spent about an hour and a half inside my home. They replaced all my standard light bulbs with LED bulbs while looking at other ways I could save on energy costs. They also had other goodies for give-away: smart power strips, refrigerator thermometers, door bottom weatherstripping, etc. I was pretty amazed, especially when my monthly budget bill went down by over \$10.00.

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Following is an excerpt from their website at pmn.com/checkup:

It's always the right time to save energy and money and with a free PNM Home Energy Checkup, you can do both. You will receive a comprehensive report on your home's energy performance, learn ways to become energy smart, improve your comfort, and lower your monthly energy costs.

You can schedule your PNM Home Energy Checkup online or by calling 1-855-775-6491

Video Call Option: A PNM Energy Specialist will contact you for an introductory call. We will perform a phone video assessment of your home lighting, heating, and cooling systems, insulation, and appliances. At the end of the assessment, the Energy Specialist will email you the personalized report and share insights on how your home uses energy, recommend improvements, and discuss your eligibility for other energy efficiency rebates. We will drop off the free energy-saving products along with installation instructions and information about other rebate programs you qualified for at your home, following social distancing measures. Next, the energy specialist will schedule a follow-up call to verify that the products we dropped off have been installed or to see if you need assistance with the installation. We're happy to help you with the installation through a video call.

***In-Home Option:** A PNM Energy Specialist will come to your home and spend about 1-1.5 hours with you in person to perform a thorough assessment of your home lighting, heating and cooling systems, insulation, and appliances and will also install the energy-saving products in your home. At the end of the assessment, the Energy Specialist will provide you with a personalized report and share insights about how your home uses energy, recommend improvements, and discuss your eligibility for other energy-saving rebates."*

PNM also offers some rebates if you are buying certain qualifying new appliances www.nmhomecheckup.com/additional while the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority (ABCWUA) offers rebates on energy efficient washing machines, xeriscaping and other outdoor water use projects. Get more information at www.abcwua.org/conservation-rebates-overview. The New Mexico Gas Company offers rebates on smart thermostats, air and duct sealing, gas clothes dryers and the like. Go to www.nmgco.com/en/residential_rebate_programs for more information and while you are there you can request a **free** water and energy savings kit.

---Barb

NEIGHBORHOOD contacts:

BANA's Social Media

We invite everyone to visit our website at BANANM.org. There you will find BANA events, past and present newsletters, neighborhood resources, volunteer opportunities, and a link to become a supporting BANA member.

Or see us on NextDoor and Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/belairneighbors>

Streetlight Outages

To report streetlight outages call 311.

Household Hazardous Waste Disposal

Residents of Albuquerque and Bernalillo County may bring residential hazardous wastes to the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center (HHWCC) at no charge: 2720 Girard NE, 87107
Hours: Mon, We Fri, 8 AM - 2 PM,
Sat 8 AM to 3 PM
Phone: 505-884-2277

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Crime Tip Line Resources

There are several public safety resources available to our community. If you have concerns about drug-related issues in your neighborhood, submit an online tip through the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) website:

<https://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/tips-online.html>. You may connect your surveillance cameras to the Community Connect Camera Registry

at: <https://www.cabq.gov/police/albuquerque-community-connect-camera-registry-and-integration>. You may also request information from Crime Prevention Specialist staff at each Area Command by visiting: <https://www.cabq.gov/police/crime-prevention-safety/crime-prevention-personnel>

Just for Laughs

How do you surprise a pumpkin?

You catch them off-gourd.

When should you make a jack-o-lantern?

Whenever you can carve out the time.

How do you get a pumpkin pie to blush?

Say, "I have a crust on you."

Why was the farmer gossiping about her jack-o-lantern?

It gave her pumpkin to talk about.

What kind of apple loves the beach?

A crab apple.

What do you get when you drink too much apple cider?

You get autumny ache.

What did the pumpkin say the day before Thanksgiving?

It's time for good-pies, my friends!

Bel-Air Elementary School

School hours: 8:40 a.m. to 4:10 p.m.

Fall Dates to Remember:

- Grandparents Day- September 15, 2025, 11:00-12:30
- Peter Piper Pizza Night - September 17, 2025, 4:00-8:00 p.m.
- Fall Festival- October 24, 2025, 5:00-7:00
- Parent Teacher Conferences - November 24-25, 2025

ROLLIN' IN CUCUMBERS?

Here's a delicious **Cucumber Salad Recipe** with fresh herbs, citrus, and red onion. Easy to make with simple ingredients- cool, crunchy, refreshing, and pairs with many things. Add finely sliced cabbage and it's great on fish tacos.

INGREDIENTS

- 1/4 of a red onion, very thinly sliced
- 3 tablespoons fresh lemon and/or lime juice
- 5-6 cups scored and sliced English or Armenian Cucumbers
- one clove finely minced garlic
- 1/2 cup chopped cilantro, Italian parsley, dill, mint or basil (or a combo)
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1/2 teaspoon salt, or more to taste
- optional spices: 1/2 tsp. ground coriander, or ground cumin and/or chili flakes
- optional to add: 1 diced jalapeno or a pinch of chipotle powder

In a large bowl, toss red onion with citrus juice. Let marinate while you prep the rest. Slice the cucumbers, mince the garlic and chop the herbs. Add to the bowl. Add the olive oil, salt, and any spices you like, and the optional jalapeno. Toss well. Taste, and adjust salt, acid, spices, and herbs to your liking. *It may not be necessary to peel the cucumbers. I remove about half the peel, but it's up to you.

Bel-Air Legislatures and City Council Contact Information:

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Please join us in becoming an active BANA Member!

Everyone who lives or works in Bel-Air is automatically a member of BANA (Bel-Air Neighborhood Association). BANA has a board of five dedicated volunteers who work with other volunteers to keep our neighborhood clean, safe, and connected. We need your support in recruiting new volunteers, and covering costs. Donations are our only means of paying for expenses which include: informational signs, postage, post office box fees, website maintenance, supplies, food and drinks for neighborhood events, including the Annual Park Party.

Here are ways to be an active member and support BANA:

1. -Visit **bananm.org** to make a donation by debit / credit card. Any amount is welcome, \$10, \$15, \$25, whatever feels right.
Or, mail your donation to: BANA, PO Box 36568, Albuquerque, NM 87176
2. -Volunteer at one or all of our events. (*fill out the Volunteer section below.)
3. -Attend BANA meetings. Look for signs in the neighborhood announcing date, time & place.
-Share some basic information with us so we can get to know you.

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____ Phone _____

****I'm interested in being an Active Bel-Air Neighborhood Association (BANA) Volunteer:***

☐ I'm interested in serving on BANA's Board.

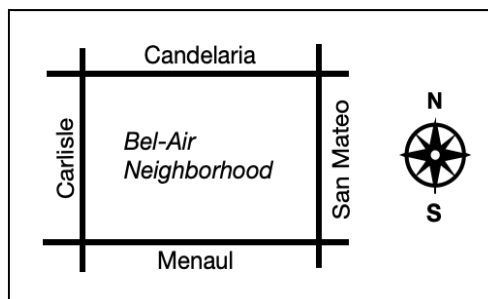
I'm interested in volunteering at: ☐ Neighborhood Clean-Ups ☐ Park Party ☐ Other

Best way(s) to contact me: ☐ Email ☐ Phone (given above)

☐ I would like to discuss additional volunteer opportunities, or learn more about BANA.
(Or, if you prefer to reach out to us, email: board@bananm.org)

--- Thank you, from the BANA Board!

Your personal information, including email address will be kept solely for BANA's records, and never shared with anyone. PROMISE!



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