

Our 20^h Year

September, 2014

There is Safety in Neighbors



President's Message

Hello Neighbors!

I hope this finds you and yours enjoying the change of seasons. From the smell of roasting chiles to the balloons that will soon fill the sky, Fall is upon us and many of us are out in the garden planting.

This is the year I promised myself I would start planting trees and building xeriscape pocket gardens in our backyard which has no landscaping whatsoever. It is a big project to be sure.

Fall is the best time in New Mexico to plant many types of trees and shrubs. The cool weather allows their root systems to develop through the winter into spring so they can be strong enough to endure the summer heat.

After much reading and asking questions, we planted two Chinese Pistache for shade in our nearly naked backyard. Based on everything we've read, these are the best all around shade trees for our area.

They are deeply rooted and are one of the few large trees that flourish in the hot sun with limited water. Chinese Pistache is a deciduous tree that over time will give your yard beautiful Fall colors ranging from scarlet to orange. They grow to 30 feet tall and up to 20 feet wide. Its deep root system makes it a great tree for the street, patios and courtyards.

Just a thought, in case you are thinking about planting a tree or two. I bought myself two trees for my birthday. Figured they would last longer than anything else I had my eye on. I'm glad I did.

Thank you to all the lovely folks I have had the pleasure of meeting and speaking with over the last few months. You have all made me feel so welcome and proud to be part of this unique neighborhood.

Please join us on Monday, October 20th at the CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH (3901 Claremont NE) for a Neighborhood General Meeting at 7 pm. I look forward to seeing you there.

Best--

Amy Henne,

President, Bel-Air Neighborhood Association

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Mark your calendars!
Important Neighborhood Date

BANA Neighborhood General Meeting
Monday, October 20, 7:00 pm
Christian Fellowship Church
3901 Claremont NE

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Our last BANA General Meeting for 2014 is scheduled for Monday, October 20 at 7:00 pm, at the Christian Fellowship Church, 3901 Claremont NE.

We will be asking the membership to ratify the change in residential membership dues from \$5 to \$10, and discuss an increase in business memberships, currently at \$15.

Guest Speakers: Chris Sylvan of Councilor Gibson's office will be the primary speaker giving an update from our Oct 7 Board meeting. Additional speakers invited from the ABQ YOUTH SYMPHONY OFFICES and the VORTEX THEATER. Please join us!

Graffiti Removal

Help us keep a clean neighborhood by reporting graffiti as soon as you spot it. Just **call 311 or report on-line** at www.cabq.com and give them the location.

Cultural Venues

Albuquerque Youth Symphony

This year, the Albuquerque Youth Symphony celebrates its 60th season! The Albuquerque Youth Symphony Program consists of 12 auditioned groups starting in 4th grade through the 12th. Auditions are held each year in April and May.

Please join us for our fall concert series: Fairytales and Fantasy

Youth Orchestra
Tuesday, October 7, 2014
7:30 pm at the National Hispanic Cultural Center

Youth Symphony
Sunday, October 19, 2014
3:00 pm at Popejoy Hall

Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased in advance at www.aysmusic.org or at the door.

Need Luminarias? Each year, our high school students build and sell approximately 10,000 Dozen luminarias as a fundraiser to help pay for the cost of going on tour. Luminarias are \$8.00 a dozen and with a 3 dozen minimum, they will be delivered to your doorstep on Saturday, December 6th. Luminarias may be ordered online or by calling the office at 875-1319.

If you would like more information about the Albuquerque Youth Symphony Program, please go to the website www.aysmusic.org.

Vortex Theatre Open in Bel-Air

The Vortex Theatre opened its new space at 2900 Carlisle NE on Sept. 5 with *Picasso at the Lapin Agile*, by Steve Martin. The play is a very smart and funny discussion between Albert Einstein and Pablo Picasso, when they are young and handsome, and before they are famous. They discuss women, pie, science and art. Performances are Fri. and Sat. at 7:30 pm, and Sun. at 2:00 pm until Sept. 28.

The Vortex is NM's oldest black box theatre and has been producing classic, contemporary and cutting edge plays since 1976. We are very excited to own our own building and be a part of the Bel-Air neighborhood. Our next plays will be *The Mystery of Irma Vep*, Oct. 10 – Oct. 31, with a special late night Halloween show; *The Man Who Came to Dinner*, Nov. 7 - 30; and A

Christmas Carol, Dec. 5 -21. We will be offering 2 classes for elementary and mid-school students on Saturdays from 9 -12 am beginning Oct. 11. For more information, please see our website, vortexabq.org.

You and your family are invited to join them for a Potluck Preview on Oct. 9. Bring a dish to share with your neighbors at 6 pm, and stay to see the preview performance at 7:30 pm. *The Mystery of Irma Vep* is a satire of horror movies mixed up with Hitchcock's Rebecca and fun for all ages.

Annual Bel-Air Park Party Photos On-Line

BANA ANNUAL PARK Party photos are now on-line at www.bananm.org, our neighborhood association's website. Lauralyn Johnson was gracious enough to take pictures and they are now available for you to see. Go to www.bananm.org and take a look!

Certified Wildlife Habitat in Your Yard

Several neighbors have inquired about how they could create a wildlife habitat in their yards in Bel-Air. There are several folks in the neighborhood who are already doing just that through the National Wildlife Federation.

There are 4 things you have to provide in order to be a CERTIFIED WILDLIFE HABITAT:

1. Provide food for wildlife.
2. Provide a water supply for wildlife.
3. Create cover for wildlife.
4. Give wildlife a place to raise their young.

For further information go to:

<http://www.nwf.org/How-to-Help/Garden-for-Wildlife/Create-a-Habitat.aspx>

The Bel-Air News is a quarterly publication by and for the residents of the Bel-Air Neighborhood Association.

Board Members

For the Bel-Air Neighborhood Association:
Barb Johnson Amy Henne Tom Perez
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Please contact our Board with your concerns and ideas for a better neighborhood:

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Weed Season Has Arrived! Are You Prepared?

Warmer temperatures result in the growth of all sorts of vegetation, both wanted and unwanted. **Please remember your responsibility to maintain your property** in compliance with City of Albuquerque requirements by ensuring that any weeds with a height or spread of more than four (4) inches are removed from the following areas:

- Within the front, rear and/or side yards of your property;
- Between your property line(s) and the middle of the alley adjacent to your property;
- Between your property line(s) and the curb; or
- The area located ten feet outside your property line(s) if there is no curb (reference Section 9-8-4, ROA 1994).

The City has advised that they will be doing sweeps and issuing citations to violators.

Go to the ABQ Website:

<http://www.cabq.gov/planning/311/abq311> to see pictures and descriptions of Albuquerque's weeds, or to report weeds and litter on-line. Or, contact the Citizen Contact Center at 311.

Thank you for your support and cooperation in protecting your neighborhood and community from blighting and deteriorating conditions that have a negative impact on area property values and quality-of-life considerations. (Reprinted from the City of Albuquerque Website)

Bel-Air Resident Celebrates 100th Birthday

Longtime Bel-Air resident, Mrs. Viola Jackson, is celebrating her 100th birthday in September, along with lots of family and friends.

Mrs. Jackson moved to Bel-Air in 1950, with husband, Harvey, and their new baby. Their home, just 2 years old then, had no trees, no lawn, no walls, not even a paved street. Harvey, helped build the houses in Bel-Air. The Jacksons had two sons, Richard and Michael. Viola has two grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

When asked what she believed contributed most to her longevity, Viola said, "Enjoying life every minute! Walking and walking, because I never drove. Eating good food. I still fix my own meals. But most of all, having such a wonderful family, and many good friends!"

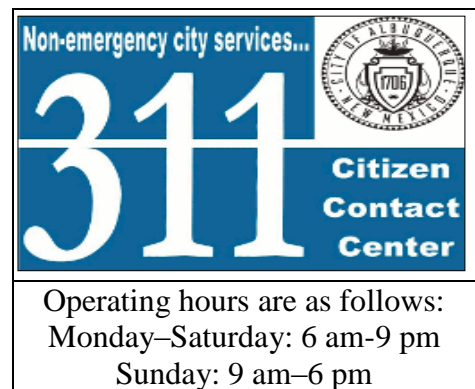
Happy birthday, Viola!

Christian Fellowship Church Calendar

Speakers Ras and Beverly Robinson, Nov. 12th-16th, Wed.-Fri. 7pm, Sat. 10am and Sun. at 10:30am. The subject will be "Days of Refreshing"

CFC has Life Groups throughout the week: Women's Group meets on Thursday mornings and Virtual Impact Youth Group meets Friday evening at 7 pm. CFC has "School of The Holy Spirit" every Sunday at 9:30am and regular service at 10:30am.

For more information call 505-296-1040. Christian Fellowship Church is located at 3901 Claremont Ave.



Solid Waste Services for Disabled and Elderly

The Solid Waste Management Department provides the services described here for disabled and elderly residents.

Telephone: (505) 761-8100
TTY: (800) 659-8331
Email: nhoward@cabq.gov

Residential Trash Collection

For regular curbside pick-up of trash and recyclables, Solid Waste Management will provide assistance with carts and recycling for elderly or disabled residents with a doctor's certification.

Call to make arrangements:
Telephone: (505) 761-8123

Household Hazardous Waste

The City of Albuquerque's Environmental Health Department helps the elderly and disabled dispose of household oil and hazardous wastes.

Contact Environmental Health for details:
Telephone: (505) 768-2600
TTY: (505) 768-2482

Household Hazardous Waste Information

Glass--Solid Waste Management is unable to provide curbside pick-up of glass for recycling. We

can help the disabled assure their glass and medical wastes are properly packaged for regular refuse collection.

Call our Recycling Hotline for more information:

Telephone: (505) 761-8100

TTY: (800) 659-8331

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Call to make arrangements: (505) 761-8123

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Large Item Pick-Up At Your Curb!

Large items like air conditioners, stoves, dishwashers, washing machines and dryers, water heaters, lawn mowers, doors, sinks, toilets, mattresses, furniture and televisions can be picked up at no charge for Solid Waste Management Department residential customers only. *(Please note that there is a \$59.31 fee to collect extra bags of garbage.)* **Call 311 one day before your regular trash collection day to schedule a pick-up.**

Please Support our BANA Business Members!

- **Albuquerque Youth Symphony Program,**
4407 Menaul Blvd NE
- **AP-T Camera Repair,**
4503 Menaul Blvd NE
- **Archery Shoppe, Inc., 2**
2910 Carlisle Blvd NE
- **FastBucks of Albuquerque IV,**
4701 Menaul Blvd NE
- **Health Press NA Inc.,**
PO Box 37470, 87176
- **Steve's Garage Doors,**
2838 Montclair Drive NE
- **The Vortex Theater,**
2900 Carlisle NE
- **Zia Graphics,**
2730 Carlisle NE

Bel-Air Neighborhood Association (BANA)

Residential Membership: \$10.00 Business Membership: \$15.00

Membership fee per household for May 1, 2014, through April 30, 2015

Please check here if you are NEW. Welcome!

Please make your check payable to BANA. Your cancelled check or money order duplicate is your receipt.

Name

Address

Phone#

Please share your e-mail address so we can notify you of special events and neighborhood updates in between newsletters (please print clearly). **Your email will never be shared with anyone.**

E-Mail

The purpose of the Bel-Air Neighborhood Association is to promote a better neighborhood and community and to enhance the social, cultural, environmental, and historic aspects of our area. The association offers many opportunities for all residents to become more involved. Together we can make a difference!

Questions? Email: bana_nm@yahoo.com or snail mail to:

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