

Our 22nd Year Serving Bel-Air April 2016
There is Safety in Neighbors.



President's Message

Hello Neighbors!

It is that time of year again. **Time to renew your BANA membership or become a BANA member.** All BANA events and this newsletter are paid for entirely through your annual residential membership donation of \$10 and business donation of \$25.

Please take a minute and send in your membership now. BANA is now able to accept credit/debit cards, cash and check at any BANA event and online at www.banaNM.org

Please join us on **Monday, April 18th** for our **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** at the Christian Fellowship Church (3901 Claremont NE) to discuss **Preventing Home and Car Theft with APD** at 6:30 pm and a Neighborhood General Meeting at 7.

Interested in joining the Board? We have **3 vacancies and 3 areas that need another team member—Membership / Newsletter Assembly and Delivery / Alleys and Clean-Up days.**

Please consider where you would like to help and come to the General Mtg on April 18th to put your name forward. For more information on being a Board member, send your email to, adhenne@gmail.com and I would be happy to answer any questions.

Lastly, if you are elderly or disabled and need extra help getting trash to the May 21st clean-up day, please email us at bana_nm@yahoo.com or send us email from our website at www.bananm.org.

We will do our best to help you.

Looking forward to a great year--

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Mark your calendars!
Important 2016 Neighborhood Dates



BANA Annual General Meeting
Monday, April 18, 6:30 to 7:00 pm

Preventing Home and Car Theft in Bel-Air
Albuquerque Police Department

7:00- 8:00 pm General Business Meeting
Christian Fellowship Church Hall
3901 Claremont NE

Annual Bel-Air
Neighborhood Yard Sale

Saturday, May 7 8 am to close

Saturday Bel-Air Clean-Up Days

8 to 10 am Bel-Air Miramontes Park
May 21, June 18, July 16, August 20, Sept 17

Annual BANA Park Party

Saturday, July 23 6 to 8 pm details to follow

Just Around The Corner—
Annual Bel-Air Neighborhood Yard Sale
May 7th----Time to Get Ready!

The annual Bel-Air Neighborhood yard sale will be Saturday, May 7, 2016 starting at 8 am. You sell in your own yard and keep all the proceeds.

Your Neighborhood Association will place ads in the paper and on Craigslist, but will not put signs on main streets.

Please advertise your own sale...and have fun!!!

**NEW and IMPROVED . . . Please join us!
2016-17 BANA MEMBER BENEFITS**



1. BEL AIR NEWS - our neighborhood newsletter, published by volunteers 3 times a year, hand-delivered by volunteers to 1124 households in the Bel Air Neighborhood (San Mateo to Carlisle and Candelaria to Menaul). Each newsletter costs us \$300.

2. WEBSITE at www.bananm.org and **EMAIL UPDATES** to members in between newsletters.

3. MEMBER HOSPITALITY TABLE on Saturday morning CLEAN-UP DAYS –

Stop by for a good cup of coffee, a homemade cookie and pay your membership donation by debit or credit card. BANA is now able to just swipe your card using the SQUARE. Very secure and very easy for you.

4. The PLANT AND GARDEN EXCHANGE is hosted by expert neighborhood gardeners on neighborhood clean-up days. Come ask questions or advice. We love to talk plants.

5. BANA PLANT WORLD MEMBERSHIP

A BANA Membership list is on file at PLANT WORLD,. Just tell them you are with the Bel-Air Neighborhood Association. Easy peasy. Send in your membership now or come to the General Meeting and pay with debit or credit card. Spring is here!

Plant World is located at EDITH and EL PUEBLO, it's where you find things you won't see anywhere else and their native plant selection is great. Very helpful and knowledgeable people. Plant a good shade tree this year, watch it grow and lower your cooling bills.

6. ANNUAL BEL AIR NEIGHBORHOOD PARK PARTY in July.

Yes, we hope to have the Albuquerque Fire Department back with a fire engine for the kids to see. And we will be grilling hamburgers and hot dogs and a few other surprises.

More news on this in our Summer newsletter coming out at the end of June.

**Bel Air Neighborhood Association
(BANA) General Meeting MINUTES
Monday, April 20, 2015**

Board Members Present – Amy Henne, Barb Johnson, Jeanene Witt, Tom Perez, Jan Zerr
Board members absent- Dana Berry

Presentations - made prior to the meeting

Sharanne Press, APD Crime prevention, - Staying Safe-new website www.northeastareacommand.com
Chris Sylvan, policy analyst for City Councilor Diane Gibson- CABQ 311 app for smart phones

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm

Dole- statistician at UNM. Analyzed call analysis for Bel Air 311 calls in Jan. and Feb. Equipment for presentation was not available so he gave information. Over 50% of calls were graffiti related. Less than 5% of calls took over 5 days to resolve with the majority being taken care of the same day.

Chris Sylvan – Neighborhood Sweep. Opened for questions about the Zoning sweep that will take place after clean-up day in May. No questions were brought forth.

Secretary – It was moved and seconded that the minutes from 10/20/14 as published in Newsletter be accepted. All voted affirmatively.

President's Report - Amy presented 2015 budget as approved by Board. Noted that she was able to get a substantial reduction in the printing costs of the first newsletter. We will be adding current memberships to cover costs for this year and can now use credit or debit cards using Square app. Amy noted that the Board needs more membership participation.

Committee Reports:

Calendar- 2015 calendar was reviewed. Board has approved all dates.

Newsletter-another newsletter will go out prior to Park Party in July. Gayle Wise is co-editor.

Zoning and Beautification Barb Johnson reminded us that the Yard Sale is Sat., May 2. Neighbors can sell in their own yard and keep all profits. She will put ads on Craigslist and the Journal. Park Party is Sat. July 23. BANA provides hot dogs Volunteers are needed for alley clean-up.

**Old Business-none
New Business**

Elections- Barb explained that Amy, Barb and Jeanene's board terms are up. They are all willing to serve another term of 2 years. There are 2 vacant positions and Jan's position was interim. The Board members elected to two year terms (5/1/15 to 4/30/17) are Amy Henne, Barb Johnson, Jeanene Witt, and Hart Lewis. Dana Berry and

Tom Perez will serve until 4/30/16.

A member suggested that email reminders for meeting and activities be sent out.

Another member expressed concern about some of activity in several of the homes in her vicinity. Barb suggested if the problems get worse, she should contact the landlords if these properties are rentals.

Meeting adjourned at 7:39

Bel-Air Crime Prevention—APD Wants YOU to Organize your block for a NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

APD has over 2000 neighborhoods in Albuquerque participating in the Neighborhood Watch program, and they would like to organize (or "reorganize") our neighborhood on a block-by-block basis.

Initially, APD looks for someone who would be willing to host in their home an organizing meeting for their block. **If you would like to be a host, follow this procedure:**

Talk with some of your neighbors on your block to see if there is general interest in participating in a Neighborhood Watch.

If so, and if you are willing to host the initial organizing meeting, call APD to schedule at: 244-6644.

APD will then work with you to set up the meeting. Toward the end of the organizing meeting with APD, the neighborhood will officially select someone to be the **Block Captain**, who is their contact person with the group from that point forward.

It is up to each of us to keep Bel-Air safe for all.

For more information, please contact APD Crime Prevention at 244-6644. (From www.cabq.gov/police)

**To report a crime please call:
Emergency Calls - 911
Non-Emergency Calls - 242-COPS or 242-2677**

Weed Season Is Here!

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**

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

Trash and Recyclables Pick-Up for Disabled and Elder Neighbors

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

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: (505) 761-8123

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
(from www.cabq.gov)

FREE Large Item Pick-Up Curbside!

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 on Tuesday to schedule a pick-up for Wednesday, our trash day in Bel-Air.

Water-Wise Plant Selectors

One of the most frustrating problems new gardeners to the Albuquerque area can face is trying to grow their favorite plant only to watch it wither and die due to the climate and exposure.

Gardening here is different! The soil chemistry is different, the humidity levels are different and the sun exposure is more extreme than almost anywhere else you might have gardened. No, you don't have to be satisfied with concrete or gravel.

Beautiful landscapes are possible, just use the right plant material. You want a "water smart" landscape. Use the link below to help you select appropriate plant material for the area you are landscaping.

<http://desertblooms.nmsu.edu/plantadvisor/index.html>

In honor of 2016 being a leap year, here are some facts about frogs--



1. Frogs are amphibians. Amphibians are cold-blooded vertebrates. Amphibians spend part of their lives on water and part of their lives on land.
2. There are about 4700 species of frogs in the world and are found on every continent except Antarctica.
3. Frogs can jump up to 20 times their length.
4. Frogs hibernate in the winter. During hibernation a new layer forms on their bones. The rings can tell how old a frog is, much like a tree.
5. You can tell the sex of a frog by the size of its ears: Ears larger than its eye means male. Smaller than its eye means its female.
6. Males croak to attract females. They can be heard up to a mile.
7. Frogs shed their skin and eat it about once a week.
8. Frogs' eyes help it swallow food by retracting into its head and pushing food in the mouth.
9. Most frogs are nocturnal, but some species prefer the day, depending on its preferred diet.

Amphibians are the most threatened class of animals due to extensive water pollution and the appropriation of their aquatic habitat for human needs. In the United States, there are over 230 species of amphibians, many of which are on the endangered species list.

ABQ 311

Get the Mobile App! It's so easy!

It takes just seconds to make your report.



Report any of the following issues to the City of Albuquerque:

- Graffiti
- Lost Animals
- Large-item garbage pick-up
- Missed trash pick-up
- Weed complaints
- Pothole
- Abandoned vehicles
- Residential trash container request
- Traffic Signs
- Traffic Pavement Markings

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

2015-2016 BANA Board Members:

Amy Henne	Barb Johnson	Jeanene Witt
Hart Lewis		
3 vacant seats		

Please contact your Board with your concerns and ideas for a better neighborhood:

bana_nm@yahoo.com or www.banaNM.org or
Bel-Air Neighborhood Association (BANA)

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