

Our 20th Year

July 2014

There is Safety in Neighbors



President's Message

Hello Neighbors!

The Board of the Bel-Air Neighborhood Association (BANA) has recently undergone some changes and we would like to update you.

After serving as BANA Secretary, I have been elected to the office of BANA President and will be focusing on COMMUNICATIONS (newsletter and the BANA website) and VOLUNTEERS. I look forward to continuing the meaningful work started by Barb, Lee Julian and other Board members to create this healthy neighborhood. It will be impossible to fill their shoes.

Barb Johnson has stepped into the role of BANA Vice-President and will focus on ZONING and BEAUTIFICATION. She felt it was time for a change. Barb has faithfully served on the Board for more than 15 years. Her commitment to the health of our neighborhood has been demonstrated over and over again. When you see her, please share your thanks.

Jeanene Witt has been elected to Secretary. Bill Berry has moved on from the Board, but remains in his position as GRILLMASTER for our Annual Park Party. Thus, we have one vacancy on the Board.

If you have ever considered joining the Board, I encourage you to do so. We need your participation. Our infrequent meetings are short and to the point. We do most of our business over email. Please contact me at amy@banaNM.org if you are interested.

Lastly, BANA is now on the web! Thanks to the volunteer efforts of Bel-Air neighbors Laura Lee Johnson and Neil Sabol we now have a website. Please take a look at www.banaNM.org and let us know what you think! Your ideas and suggestions are always welcome.

I look forward to meeting you at our neighborhood events. Please introduce yourself if we haven't already met. I look forward to it!

Amy Henne
President, Bel-Air Neighborhood Association (BANA)

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Mark your calendars! Important Neighborhood Dates-

Bel-Air Saturday Clean-up Days
July 21, August 16, September 20
8 -10 am – Bel-Air Miramontes Park

Annual Neighborhood Park Party
Saturday, July 12, 6-8 pm
Lee Julian Memorial Pavilion
Bel-Air Miramontes Park

Bel-Air Volunteer Thank You Coffee
Saturday, August 9, 8-9:30 am
Lee Julian Memorial Pavilion
Bel-Air Miramontes Park

Please join us for our Annual BANA Park Party at the Bel-Air Miramontes Park (at Phoenix & Morningside)

Saturday, July 12 from 6pm to 8pm.

Bring a side dish, dessert or burger accompaniments (lettuce, tomato, green chili) to serve 4-6. BANA will provide drinks, hamburgers, hotdogs, and buns.

Come and meet your neighbors for food and fun!

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. Together we make a difference.

Bel-Air Neighborhood Association

General Meeting Minutes
Christian Fellowship Church
Monday, April 28, 2014

Board members present: Barb Johnson, Dana Berry, Amy Henne, and Jeanene Witt Board members absent: Larry German, Tom Perez, and Bill Berry
Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm

Secretary's Minutes - Accepted as published.

Treasurer's Report - Checks written in April 2014 include PO Box renewal and cost of last newsletter.

Membership - 46 residential memberships have been sent in for renewal and 1 business membership.

Newsletter - Kathleen Frazier continues to be the editor for the July newsletter, but will be moving in the fall of 2014 and we will need a new volunteer for this role

Old Business

1. Annual Neighborhood Yard Sale to be held Saturday May 4, 2014
2. Summer clean up dates - May 17 June 21, July 19, Aug 16, Sept 20.
3. Pavilion at the Park has been dedicated to the memory of Lee Julian.
4. Annual PARK PARTY to be held Saturday, July 12

New Business

1. 3 Board positions are open. A motion was made and seconded that Board positions be filled by incumbents. Approved unanimously.
2. BANA Board will meet on May 21, 2014 for Board elections.
3. Langell's Art Supply has been sold to the VORTEX THEATER and they are in the process of renovating the building. Theater to open in mid-August.
4. BANA Board voted unanimously to raise BANA membership to \$10 annually.

Guest Speakers

1. **Randy Remiker, Commander of NE Substation and Sharanne Press, Crime Prevention Specialist for NE Heights. Office located at 8201 Osuna NE/John Carrillo Memorial Substation. Phone # 823-4455.**

Sharanne oversees the NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH for the NE Heights. She conducts classes in the neighborhoods related to home and personal safety along with residential burglar prevention.

Cmdr Remiker directed us to call and let police know about the issues of transients behind the 7-11. He also encouraged residents to take photos of issues and send them to him, especially graffiti.

QUOTE: "The more information you give us, the better we can do our jobs."

Commander Remiker's direct email address is rremiker@cabq.com and he encourages us to contact him directly with questions and concerns.

2. **Diane Gibson, City Councilor for DISTRICT.** Newly elected with 5 months in office (December 1, 2013) Her primary focus is police, fire and economic development. Diane shared there is a new economic development director for City. Also there is a new fire station to be built at Menaul and Eubank. She will keep us posted on all developments. **She encourages residents to contact her or her Policy Analyst/Assistant, Chris Sylvan with questions or concerns. 768-3136**

It was brought up that we would like to re-open the discussion on having mid-block streetlights installed on specific streets. Also want to re-visit the Carlisle Corridor Study as it relates to issues at Candelaria and Comanche. There are also ADA issues related to lack of NORTH/SOUTH streets having driveway cuts. The cuts have been made on the EAST/WEST streets, but not NORTH / SOUTH.

One neighbor expressed concern about sidewalk issues at the corner of San Mateo and Candelaria at the CHURCH'S drive in restaurant.

3. **Leslee Richards /VORTEX THEATER.** Leslee owns Leiber's Luggage and is on the VORTEX BOARD. She wanted to inform the neighborhood that they have closed on the building and will start interior construction in May. The neighborhood is invited to a sign-hanging party on May 10th at 2 pm.

They hope to open the theater in mid-August and will have a FREE preview performance on the Thursday night prior to opening night. She wanted to extend a warm invitation to the neighborhood.

Leslee also stated the theater plans to offer classes in the fall to elementary and mid-

school students as part of their community outreach.

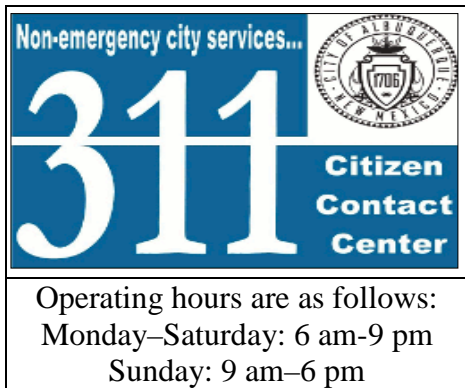
Motion to adjourn at 8:04 pm. Seconded. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Henne, BANA Secretary.

On-Line 311 at www.cabq.gov and FREE App

In addition to dialing 311 on the phone, you can now report graffiti and zoning violations both on line at www.cabq.gov and with a FREE app for your phone!

App is available through iTunes and is for both iPhone & Android. The app allows you to photograph the issue and submit it at the same time. Fast and fun!



Blue Star Mothers in our Neighborhood

Hi BANA Neighbors,

My name is Dana and I volunteer with the Rio Grande Valley Chapter of the Blue Star Mothers of America. The Blue Star Mothers began in 1942 and has been going strong ever since. My involvement began when my youngest child decided to join the service. He was bouncing back and forth between the Army and the Air Force and eventually decided on the Air Force. That was approx. 5 years ago. While he was going through basic training, I joined the RGVBSM. My son has had 2 deployments to Afghanistan, returning in March from his most recent. I also have a son-in-law in the Army who has had 6 deployments and a nephew who has had 2. I am sure many of you have had similar experiences in

your families. In this newsletter is an insert explaining more about what the RGVBSM do, from sending out care packages, arranging for "Welcome Homes" at the airport, participating in "Wreaths Across America" and many other projects.

Anyone wishing to donate an item listed on the insert can bring it to the park party.

If you are interested in receiving more information or have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

For the Troops,
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Bel-Air Volunteer Thank You Coffee Saturday, August 9 8-9:30 am Lee Julian Memorial Pavilion

Did you know that the 1100 copies of this newsletter are hand-delivered by 47 pairs of volunteer HELPING HANDS who faithfully walk the neighborhood, with every newsletter?

In addition, there are 20 more pairs of HELPING HANDS that write, publish and assemble the newsletter. 67 pairs of hands in all. Amazing. The Board, too, is made up of volunteers. Neighbors continue to show up at our 5 neighborhood clean-up days, hauling trash from the alleys--always with a smile and a kind heart.

It is only fitting that our first annual VOLUNTEER THANK YOU COFFEE will take place at the Lee Julian Memorial Pavilion in our very own Park. Our Park and its Pavilion exist because of the efforts of volunteers like Lee, and others who cared enough to make something good happen for our neighborhood.

If you are a past or current volunteer, or would like to become one, please join us at the Park for a second cup of coffee and homemade muffins and coffee cake. Bel-Air wouldn't be the same without you!

Water Just Three Times a Week

Water three times a week in summer, and ramp back down again in the fall. **Don't forget to water only between 7 pm and 11 am from April 1 through November 1.** For more information, call the conservation hotline at 768-3655 or visit www.abcwua.org.

Free Summer Lunch Program

The free Summer lunch program for children ages 1 – 18 is once again being held at our Bel-Air Miramontes Park. Lunch begins at 12:00. You do not need to register to participate. The program runs from June 2 through August 1, and will be closed on the 4th of July. All meals will be served on a first-come first-served basis.

For more information contact the City of Abq Summer Lunch Program at (505) 767-5811

Free Trash Pick Up for BANA Members at Bel-Air Park

Clean out your garage, storage shed, junk room, and alley. Bring your trash, yard waste, and broken furniture! It's easy! Have your trash loaded in the back of your car or pickup truck, back up to the garbage truck located at Bel-Air Park on Phoenix, and unload your vehicle! Memberships available.

**Available from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. ONLY!!!
August 16, Sept 20. Bring anything except:**

- **NO Cement**
- **NO Paint or hazardous chemicals**
- **NO Refrigerators or Freezers**
- **NO Building Materials (except wood)**

Don't wait until the last minute! When the truck is full, they leave! Free Trash Pick Up is sponsored by BANA. If you are in need of help with your pick-up, please email bana_NM@yahoo.com .

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Assistance for Low-Income Homeowners

The Water Authority's assistance program for low-income homeowners is now managed by The Storehouse of Greater Albuquerque. If you meet certain household income requirements you may qualify for assistance with your water and sewer bills, up to \$19.93 per month. Customers participating in the program must reapply once each year. To fill out an application, please call 505-842-6491 or visit www.thestorehouse.org.

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
Jeanne Witt Larry German Dana Berry

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

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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 renewing your membership.

Please make your check payable to the Bel-Air Neighborhood Association

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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