



Bel-Air News

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

Spring 2023

Upcoming Events

Annual General Meeting

Saturday, April 29th at 2 pm at
Bel-Air Miramontes Park

There is safety in neighbors;
bringing your lawn chair and join us!

This will be your chance to elect (and/or run for) your Board of Directors. We will also be voting to adopt the new by-laws (more about that later) and want to hear neighbors concerns and ideas. Let your voice be heard!

Saturday Clean-Up Days and Hazardous Material Collection (May 20 only)

8:00 am - 10:00 am *Bel-Air Miramontes Park*

- May 20st
- July 15th
- September 1th

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; however we will collect any hazardous materials you may have around the house on May 20 and make sure they are disposed of properly Visit: <https://www.cabq.gov/solidwaste/household-hazardous-waste>

to find out what you may have around the house that should not go in your regular garbage. 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.

Greetings from the BANA president

What a zany few years it's been. Fortunately, the Bel-Air Neighborhood Association is still alive and kickin'! We are in dire need of membership and participation, but we're still here. In addition to getting more of our neighbors to join in the fun, one of the things we are hoping to do is find a "direction" for BANA. We've gotta figure out our goals and what we hope to accomplish. I think our neighborhood is pretty darned great, but there's always room for improvement. Our meager board has been speculating about the possibilities for things we can address, but we certainly need more input from our fellow neighbors. Let your voices be heard!

One question that has been presented is whether or not neighborhood meetings should be held online using Zoom. Other neighborhood associations have been going this route, and some folks find it preferable. How about the residents of Bel-Air? Should we have meetings online? In person? Both? Some have mentioned that it can be easier to get city/state officials to join an online discussion. So, that's definitely a benefit. However, it's also been suggested that meetings in person encourage people to be more invested into issues at hand. Social interaction has certainly changed quite a bit in recent years.

Some of the issues that have been discussed recently involve the annual neighborhood party in the park and traffic calming measures on Phoenix Ave., There has also been talk of turning part of the park into a dog park or, alternatively, additional recreational facilities that would encourage citizens to utilize the space more frequently. Neighborhood clean-up days will soon be here, and the trash truck at the park has been able to swallow everything we've thrown at it. It's a great opportunity to get rid of yard debris and anything else that has accumulated during spring cleaning. Thus far, we've been brainstorming other things, but we need more thoughts, ideas, and recommendations from those living in Bel-Air. We welcome anyone and everyone who would like to attend a meeting or join the board. Bel-Air is such a great place to live. We are right in the middle of Albuquerque, yet we often fly under the radar. Here's to hoping we can join together and make it an even better place to live!

Seth Arseneau

Foam Recycling now available

One common estimate is that Styrofoam can take up 30 percent of the space in some landfills. And some estimates put the lifespan of styrofoam in a landfill at around 500 years.

Albuquerque area residents can now recycle polystyrene (styrofoam) with 100% being recycled and reused.

DROP OFF CONTAINER AVAILABLE - 24/7 at 6204 2nd St. Unit D, Albuquerque, NM

Material should be clean and dry, free of any tape or labels.

Look for #6 or EPS in recycle symbol

Accepted: Styrofoam packaging, takeout containers, coolers, sheets

Sorry, **no** packing peanuts

The Foam Recycler

www.thefoamrecycler.com

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505.322.9965

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 as noted below and provide us your contact information for BANA announcements

Obviously we would 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 or mailed in or submitted online at bananm.org. This is just another way you can support your neighborhood.

Master Gardeners Hotline – Questions Answered!

Have questions about gardening, trees, or plants? There is a free source for answers - the Master Gardeners Hotline. Master Gardeners are volunteers who have received extensive education and use their experience and the resources of New Mexico State University (NMSU) to answer YOUR questions.

How do you contact the Hotline? From March 1 through the end of October you can call **the Master Gardener Hotline at (505) 243-1386** (from 9AM-12PM and 12:30-3:30PM) on weekdays (except holidays), to speak to a Master Gardener. You can also meet in person with Master Gardeners on weekdays (except holidays) from 9AM-12PM and 12:30-3:30PM at the NMSU-Bernalillo County Cooperative Extension Service office at 1510 Menaul Blvd Ext NW, Albuquerque, NM 87107. Or you can go to abqmastergardeners.org and click on "Ask An Expert" in the top right corner.

We can help you understand the science of the various soils in our area and tell you what grows best here. We can help with those pesky entomology, or bug, problems. We have up-to-date information about plant botany, plant diseases, growing fruits and vegetables, caring for your lawn, and growing roses. Are you interested in xeriscaping? We have information about that as well. We are here to help you develop gardens that will thrive and be beautiful in our arid landscape.

And there is NO COST. Let us know how we can help you! **Their advice is FREE!! Call them today!**

“Slow Down Albuquerque”

signs are now available through the Office of Neighborhood Coordination – limit 2 per household. Request them on-line at:

<https://www.cabq.gov/office-of-neighborhood-coordination/slow-down-abq-sign-request-form>

By-Laws

The recently adopted Neighbor Association Recognition Ordinance (NARO) requires all neighborhood associations to redo their by-laws (the document that spells out how the neighborhood association will conduct business).

The proposed revision to BANA's by-laws is attached (starting on page 4). The substantive changes are:

1. The NARO prohibits requiring the payment of dues for a household or business to be a voting member of the association. We will gladly accept voluntary dues or donations to help support the efforts of the neighborhood association.
2. The current by-laws call for a 7 member board of directors; we propose a board of 5.

These revisions will be presented and voted on at the annual meeting on April 29, 2023 at 2 pm at Bel-Air Miramontes Park. Let your voice be heard.

If you or someone you know would prefer a paper newsletter, contact us at board@bananm.org to get one delivered.

Current BANA Board Members:

- *Seth Arseneau (2019) President*
- *Barb Johnson (1994) VP/Treasurer*
- *Jeanene Witt (2013) Secretary*
- *Add Your Name (2023)*
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Bel-Air Neighborhood Legislatures and City Council Contact info

If you have a policy issue that you care about, especially one that affects our neighborhood, our elected officials are here to help.

NM House District: 25

Representative Christine Trujillo

Office Phone: (505) 235-8783

Email: christine.trujillo@nmlegis.gov

NM Senate District: 15

Senator Daniel A. Ivey-Soto

Office Phone: (505) 881-4475

Email: daniel.ivey-soto@nmlegis.gov

Albuquerque City District 7

Councilor Tammy Fiebelkorn

tfiebelkorn@cabq.gov

Contact Policy Analyst Laura Rummmler:

lrummmler@cabq.gov

(505) 768-3189

Congressional District 1

Senator Martin Heinrich

400 Gold Avenue SW, Ste. 1080

Albuquerque, N.M. 87102

Phone: (505) 346-6601

Congressional District 1

Senator Ben Ray Lujan

498 Russell Senate Office Building

Washington, DC 20510

Phone: 202-224-6621

Congressional District 1

Representative Melanie Stansbury

Albuquerque District Office

300 Central Ave SW

Suite 1300 East

Albuquerque, NM 87102

Phone: (505) 346-6781

Bel Air Neighborhood Association

Minutes of last general meeting April 30, 2022 at Bel- Air Miramontes Park

Board members present- Hart Lewis, Barb Johnson, Seth Arseneau, Jeanene Witt

Board members absent- Rose Nava

Meeting called to order at 11:05

State Representative Christine Trujillo spoke about a variety of topics including personal rebates, energy issues, and education.

Tammy Fiebelkorn, our city councilor, spoke next mentioning capital outlay revenue to be spent partially on public safety funding for the police and community service dept. Several neighbors asked about the homeless issue and what action could be taken. She encouraged them to let her know by email if the issues that had been brought to the attention of the city and/or police were not addressed in a reasonable amount of time.

Secretary's report- Minutes of our last meeting from 4/23/19 were approved.

Treasurer's report- BANA is in good financial shape due largely to the newsletter being primarily digital.

President's report- Hart welcomed all attending and announced that this was his last year as President.

Committee reports –

Bel-Air park watch- Barb reminded everyone to call 311 and/or 242-COPS whenever there are non-emergency issues such as homeless camping.

Old Business-none

New Business- Barb announced that the city is picking up green waste for the next two weeks.

Also, cleanup days at the park are the 3rd Saturday of May, July, and September.

Election – the current five members of the board are willing to serve another term with Barb, Seth and Hart serving two year terms, and Rose and Jeanene serving one year terms. Hart asked for nominations or volunteers and there were none. It was moved and seconded that the current board be reelected and all voted affirmatively. There will still be two vacant board positions.

Motion to adjourn seconded 11:55 am

Respectfully submitted

Jeanene Witt, BANA secretary

BYLAWS OF THE Bel-Air Neighborhood Association

Article I – Name

This organization shall be known as the Bel-Air Neighborhood Association, hereinafter referred to as the Association.

Article II – Boundaries

The boundaries of the Association within the City of Albuquerque, New Mexico are as follow:

Bounded on the West by Carlisle Blvd. NE, bounded on the North by Candelaria Rd. NE, bounded on the East by San Mateo Blvd NE and bounded on the South by Menaul Blvd NE.

Article III – Association Membership

Section 1. Membership is open to all individuals who live (renters included), own property, or own a business within the boundaries of the association, as stated in Section 14-8-2-3(B)(2) of the NARO. There shall be two (2) types of membership in the Association. These shall be known as Residential Members and Business Members.

Section 2. A Residential Membership is for any adult aged 18 or older who resides full-time (including rents), or owns property within the boundaries specified for this Association.

Section 3. A Business Membership is for any business which operates within the Association boundaries. The primary location must be within the boundaries specified for this Association.

Section 4. The Association shall allow ongoing Membership enrollment throughout the year.

Section 5. Each member of the Association shall provide affirmation of membership.

Article IV – Dues / Member Donations

Section 1. Dues are voluntary for all members, and cannot be a prerequisite for either membership or voting, pursuant to Section 14-8-2-3(B)(4) [Associations].

Section 2. Voluntary dues/member donations are set at \$10 per year for residential membership and \$25 per year for business membership. Voluntary association dues shall be set by the board of directors.

Section 3. Voluntary dues/member donations can be paid at the annual meeting and/or can be made at any time during the year.

Section 4. The Organization shall be noncommercial, nonsectarian, and nonpartisan.

Article V- Voting

Section 1. Every affirmed Member may cast one vote on any question, and participate in any election before the Association.

Section 2. All questions to be voted upon by the general membership will be decided by a vote of a majority of the members present at any meeting of the membership voting in favor or against. In-person, mailed paper ballot, and/or electronic ballots must be allowed, in which case questions will be decided by a majority of total votes cast, as stated in Section 14-8-2-3 (B)(8) [Associations] of

the NARO. All questions to be voted upon by the Board will be decided by a vote of a majority of the Board Directors/Officers present and voting in favor or against.

Article VI –Board of Directors/Officers

Section 1. A Board of Directors/Board of Officers shall be the governing body of the Association and shall consist of five members of the Association. The Board of Directors shall be elected by the general membership at the Annual Meeting. Board member terms shall be two years and shall be staggered.

Section 2. Board of Director/Officer Nominations:

- Nominations will be accepted to the Board of Directors/Officers at the Annual Meeting in April of each year.
- The nominees must be members who live, own property, or own a business within the boundaries of the Association as stated in Article III.
- A vote will be taken during the Annual Meeting to accept nominees to the Board of Directors/Officers.

Section 3. Directors / Officers of the Association may include a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and any such other officers as determined by the Board of Directors/Officers. Officers shall be chosen by the Board at their first meeting immediately following the Annual Meeting.

Section 4. Officers shall hold terms of one year.

Section 5. All members must be eligible to hold any officer position within the association, pursuant to Section 14-8-2-3(B)(2) [Associations] of the NARO.

Section 6. Vacancies occurring in any office shall be filled for the unexpired term by a majority vote of the Board of Directors/Officers.

Section 7. Any elected officer may be removed from office by a majority of the Board of Directors/Officers, provided that notice of the intent to remove shall be furnished to subject officer in writing at least five (5) days prior to the meeting at which such action is to be discussed, as stated in Section 14-8-2-4(B)(3) [Associations] of the NARO.

Section 8. Any elected officer replacing previous officers removed from office by a majority of the membership will be appointed by a majority vote of the membership or majority of the Board of Directors/Officers, provided that notice of the intent to remove shall be furnished to subject officer in writing at least five (5) days prior to the meeting at which such action is to be discussed, as stated in Section 14-8-2-3(B)(3) [Associations] of the NARO.

Article VII – Duties of the Officers

The duties of the officers shall include but not be limited to the following:

Section 1. Duties of the President: The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Association and shall in general supervise all the business and affairs of the Association between meetings of the Board of Directors/Officers. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors/Officers and the General Membership meeting. The President shall, with the approval of the Board of Directors/Officers, appoint all standing and special committees and shall be Ex-Officio member of all the committees. The President shall make an annual report to the general membership at the Annual Meeting and file such report with the Secretary. The President shall make all necessary reports to the City of Albuquerque in compliance with the Neighborhood Association Recognition Ordinance (NARO).

Section 2. Duties of the Vice President: The Vice President shall when necessary perform the duties of the President, and shall succeed to the Presidency in the event of the death, disability, resignation, or removal from office of the President until such-time as a successor to the President shall be appointed.

Section 3. Duties of the Secretary: The Secretary shall keep minutes of all meetings of the Board of Directors/Officers, general membership meetings and shall keep all records of the Association and give notice of all meetings as directed. The Secretary shall perform all other duties incidental to the office of the Secretary or as required by the President or the Board of Directors/Officers.

Section 4. Duties of the Treasurer: The Treasurer shall collect all monies due the Association, and shall deposit all funds of the Association into a bank account set up by the Board of Directors. Every check issued from the Association account shall bear the signature of at least one/two Officer(s) of the Association. The Treasurer shall ensure that all bills approved by the Board of Directors/Officers are paid and shall keep a written account of all expenditures and retain all receipts. The Treasurer shall present a financial statement at every Board of Directors meeting and every general membership meeting. Copies of these reports shall be available for inspection every general meeting.

Section 5. Duties of Other Board Members as Designated.

Article VIII – Committees

Section 1. The Board of Directors/Officers may establish necessary committees at any meeting.

Section 2. No report or other action of a committee of the Association shall be considered as an act of the Association unless it has been approved by the Board of Directors/Officers or by the general membership at a membership meeting.

Article IX – Meetings

Section 1. Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the Association except where in conflict with these by-laws.

Section 2. The association shall hold, at minimum, one annual meeting, and will be known as the Annual Meeting. The date for this annual meeting will be April of each year. The Association will notify the ONC of this meeting, and make a reasonable attempt to give written notice to all households and businesses within its boundaries at

least two weeks in advance through placement of one or more signs at prominent locations within the association boundaries and one or more of the following: U.S. Mail; delivered flyers; website or social media posting; e-mail, text message, direct message through social media, or other form of electronic messages delivered to the known address of each member, pursuant to Section 14-8-2-3(B)(5) [Associations] of the Neighborhood Association Recognition Ordinance (NARO).

Section 3. The Annual Meeting shall be for the purpose of electing Board Members, and receiving any Annual Reports of Officers and Committees and any other business as determined by the Board. Each member shall be afforded the ability to vote at the Annual Meeting in-person only, pursuant to Sections 14-8-2-3(B)(8)(b) and 14-8-2-3(B)(9) [Associations] of the Neighborhood Association Recognition Ordinance (NARO).

Section 4. The Board of Directors/Officers shall meet as necessary to conduct the business of the Association, at such time and place as determined by its members. All Board members will be notified of meetings times and places.

Section 5. Special meetings of the General Membership may be called by a majority of the Board of Directors / Officers, 30% of the membership, or the President. The President shall set the meeting within fifteen (15) days and the Secretary shall give notice of any such meeting.

Section 6. For any elections or voting other than the Annual Meeting, the Board of Directors must allow each member to vote using at least one of the following methods: in-person, mailed paper ballot, or electronic means, as stated in Section 14-8-2-3(B)(9) [Associations] / Section 14-8-2-4(B)(10) of the NARO.

Section 7. No member of the Association may vote by proxy.

Article X – Monetary Matters

Section 1. No member, director or officer will receive, directly or indirectly, any compensation or

pecuniary benefit from the Association, except that the Association may reimburse them for expenses.

Section 2. In the event of the dissolution of the Association, the Board of Directors/Officers, after payment of all liabilities of the Association, shall dispose of the remaining assets of the Association by refund to its members or by donation to an organization with a similar purpose as agreed upon by the Board of Directors/Officers.

Section 3. Access to banking accounts and to financial records of all voluntary dues, member donations, or other financial assets shall be shared by the President, Vice-President, and Treasurer, or any combination of Officers from the Board of Directors/Officers as designated by the Board of Directors/Officers.

Article XI – Communication Venues

Section 1. Board of Directors/Officers shall use an association -specific e-mail address for the sole purpose of association business.

Section 2. Access to these association e-mail addresses shall be held by the President, Vice-President and Secretary jointly, and passed on to new Board members as they are elected, or by any method designated by the Board of Directors/Officers.

Section 3. Access to any type of website or social media accounts shall be held by the President, Vice-President and Secretary jointly, and passed on to new Board members as they are elected, or by any method designated by the Board of Directors/Officers.

Article XI – Amendments

These by-laws may be amended at any regular or special meeting of the general membership by two thirds (2/3) vote of those in attendance. The membership shall be notified ten (10) days in advance of the meeting that amendments will be entertained at that meeting.

END OF BYLAWS

Spring 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

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).