



Message from the RANA President

To keep up on what's happening in our neighborhood, sign up for the RANA email newsletter at

www.raynoldsneighborhood.org

New winter meeting location: We partnered with OffCenter Arts to collaborate on neighborhood events, and they also generously offered to host our winter meetings (Oct-April) in their open studio space at 808 Park Ave SW. That means we can now bring food and allow children and pets to attend. We very much appreciate all the years Washington Middle School allowed us to use their school library for our winter meetings. We hope for more collaborations with them in the future.

Janet Manry, RANA President & RANA neighbors supporting Run for the Zoo runners

It's been a busy year! In 2023 RANA created the **RANA Summer Series at Bennie Hargrove Park**, at 10th and Park Ave SW. In May of this year, the city renamed the formerly Washington Middle School park to honor Bennie Hargrove. After some group brainstorming at our monthly meetings, we decided to focus on activating our beautiful neighborhood park. Danielle Schlobohm, RANA Vice President, wrote a grant application for the Park Popup program the city's Parks and Recreation department started this year, and we were approved! We came up with a plan to hold monthly events June-October in the park on the same day as ArtWalk and we put together a stellar lineup of family friendly fun, all with music from neighborhood musicians and a local food truck Carnitas Las Chancitas (delicious tacos!). Any day with music, food, neighbors, kids, and dogs having fun in the park is a Great Day! Photos from these events are on our neighborhood website (raynoldsneighborhood.org).

RANA neighbor Nancy Kilpatrick organized **RANA Rounds**, a new event to connect so we can meet new neighbors outside of our normal circles. Volunteers host a gathering where guests bring appetizers to share. *Learn more and how to participate later in this newsletter.*

RANA was a recipient of a **NeighborWoods Program Tree Grant in 2023**. It was awarded by ABQ Parks and Rec., supported by Councilor Benton, and organized by Tree New Mexico. The program goal is plant trees near the street to provide shade and beauty. Tree New Mexico adopts the 100 trees to homeowners and organizes a community planting event to plant all the trees on one day (Oct 7 for RANA). Then, a week later they giveaway another 100 younger trees for people to plant anywhere on their yard. **See form in this newsletter for Oct 14 young tree give away - first come first serve!** The program is amazing (and thanks to those who adopted a tree and will care for it). By the time you read this newsletter, RANA will be a cooler, shadier place to live and walk - and maybe you'll be a new tree parent! Tree New Mexico plants trees in other urban communities in ABQ and around the state. They also provide an educational program of "Tree Stewards" which aims to educate citizens on trees and tree care. If you are interested in what they do or volunteering, visit their website: treenm.org

RANA was also selected to be a participating neighborhood in the **Pollinator Plant Program** plant education and giveaway that happened at Bennie Hargrove park on Sept 8, so lots of native pollinator plants got added in our neighborhood this fall too.



RANA board member Mauro Perego organized our annual **National Night Out** event this year. He decided to mix it up a bit and the response was great! Instead of our traditional pot luck, we had two rounds of catered food provided by RANA (and supporting our local businesses): the first round was nachos fixings from La Mexicana, and the second round was pizza from Thicc Pizza. Judging by how fast the food disappeared, this was a popular choice! In addition, we had two

rounds of local musicians. For the first couple of hours, we heard the meltingly beautiful strains of the Gamelan Encantada percussion ensemble. For the last hour, we were treated to the music selection provided by DJ INFP. We have so much talent in our neighborhood! More than 80 neighbors attended.

Did you know neighborhood associations can no longer require that members pay dues before voting or participating in neighborhood events? If you would like to contribute **voluntary dues** to RANA, you can use the form in this newsletter (or you can donate online on our website at raynoldsneighborhood.org). The form contains suggested amounts, but feel free to give only what you can afford. Donations help us put on neighborhood events and provide food at our monthly meetings, and are very much appreciated! RANA bylaws were changed in 2022 to end mandatory membership dues and the city followed suit about a year later, making the same change applicable to all neighborhood associations. If you reside, own property, or have a business within the boundaries of RANA, you are automatically a member of RANA. This includes renters! Please feel welcome to attend our monthly meetings to help us make this wonderful neighborhood an even better place for us all.

Thanks so much to all of you who put so much time and effort into making our neighborhood more friendly and inviting. We can see the real difference you have made -- all the big things and all the little things. They all seem to happen by magic, but we see you!

RANA Rounds, Something New in the Neighborhood!

Many of us have missed meeting up with our new and previous neighbors in the past few years (thanks, Covid), so RANA initiated a new program this year to reconnect us - RANA ROUNDS. These meet ups in people's homes and backyards allow small groups of neighbors (6-8 people) to get together over food and drink - making new connections and reinforcing old ones. Of the 44 people who signed up to participate, 21 attended events in May, June and August. Five volunteer hosts (thank you!) provided beverages and each guest who attended brought an appetizer to share with all. After that - it was free flowing conversation and a lot of laughter. It is always amazing to discover the few degrees of separation that we find with one another. Strengthening these threads of connection is one of the goals of a neighborhood association. There are many ways you can join in and RANA ROUNDS is a simple way to start! The success in these evenings lies with more participation. The 21 of us who have participated have all (mostly) met each other now - and we want to meet YOU. Please sign up to participate by contacting nmnancy7@gmail.com. Give your name, address, phone number and number in your household who might be participating. Once you sign up you'll receive info on upcoming dates and then you just need to rsvp if you plan to attend.

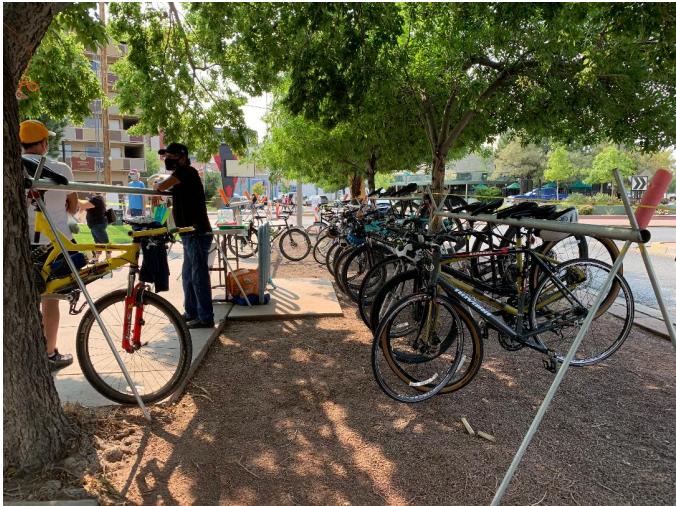
RANA Pop Up Park Series at Bennie Hargrove Park

This year Raynolds Addition Neighborhood Association applied for and received a grant through the City of Albuquerque's Parks & Recreation Department. The grant was specifically for community groups to offer Park Pop-Ups at neighborhood parks to encourage connection and park use. Through a partnership with DowntownABQ MainStreet and Arts & Cultural District (who acts as fiscal sponsor to RANA), RANA planned a series of events at our neighborhood park, the newly named Bennie J. Hargrove Park. Funding from the grant assisted RANA in supporting a local food truck, neighborhood artists, DJs, and musicians, and our neighborhood non-profit arts partners, OffCenter Arts and ABQ Artwalk. Events took place monthly June – October:

- June: Fashion Show & Clothing Swap in partnership with OffCenter Arts, Kiber and Kobb and Infinite Kiss (DJ), & food truck.
- July: Family Fun Day with games and sports from CABQ Parks & Rec Department, live music from Gamelan Encantada, Carnitas Las Chanclitas food truck
- August: OffCenter Arts Evening with guided art making, local DJ and Carnitas Las Chanclitas food truck.
- September: Movie Night with snacks: screening of the NeverEnding Story.
- *October 6, 4:30-7pm: Family picnic & play night (was changed due to potluck in parks permitting requirements). Picnic with your family and enjoy neighbors and games at the park!*

Special thanks to the RANA board for their work bringing these events together! Special thanks to Christina, our cheerleader from City of ABQ, who attended every event.





RANA BIKE VALET Going Strong at Downtown Growers Market

WOW!! Over Ten years!! Thousands of bikes securely parked! Who could have imagined that a simple idea like a Bike Valet would have grown so and would become such an important part of the Downtown Growers Market? We could not have been so successful without our dedicated volunteers. And all the good people of all ages and all abilities that ride their bikes! Our success has resulted in a steady stream of funding (from generous tips) for RANA events.

Though the service is free, tips are gladly accepted and they have contributed to the neighborhood newsletter, National Night Out Block Party, RANA community garden, and have also provide funding for other neighborhood treasures such as the Growers' Market, Washington Middle School, OffCenter Community Arts, Working Classroom, SWOP, bike racks in the neighborhood and more!

Greater success also means that the need for volunteers is greater. So far this year we parked more than 90 bikes in one day twice this season (a record!) and routinely park 60-80 bikes each Saturday. More bike require more eyes needed to watch those bikes. Please consider volunteering, even just as a "watcher". No problem if you aren't interested in checking bikes in/out. Anyone can volunteer, biker or not, RANA neighbor or not. Tony LeCour continues to be the back bone of the RANA Bike Valet 🙏 Also special thanks to Janet M, Andrew M, and James B. Thanks also to Christopher F, Bill H, Dan G, Chris H, Ben M, and Jenny D for stepping up. And everyone else not mentioned, I hope to thank you all individually. **Be a bike valet volunteer by signing up at raynoldsneighborhood.org for shifts during market season, April through early November.**

RANA Community Garden



The RANA Community garden is located along the alley between Gold and Silver & 13th and 14th. We welcome residents of the Raynolds Neighborhood to apply for opening plots by emailing RANACommunityGarden@gmail.com. Plots are awarded by lottery every year by March 1 for the growing season, and the cost is \$30 for the year, including drip line for non-freezing months.



RANA ANNUAL EVENTS CALENDAR

Be Part of Your Neighborhood!

Monthly RANA meetings, open to all, held on the first Thursday of the month at 7pm at Offcenter, 808 Park Ave SW (Oct - April), or in Bennie Hargrove park (May-Sept).

RANA on Social Media: www.raynoldsneighborhood.org
and find us on fb: *Raynolds Addition Neighborhood Association* and *RANA Community Garden*.



OCTOBER - Become a RANA Board member. Elections are next month!

NOVEMBER - 'Sugarfest' sweet tooth potluck held at 6pm, followed by regular RANA monthly meeting. Election of RANA board members. New people encouraged!

DECEMBER - Luminaria fold and fill potluck in the week before Christmas; set up, lighting, and take down on Christmas eve and day.

JANUARY - Bring an idea for a RANA rendezvous, neighborhood get together activities during the winter. Thinking about gardening? Add your name to those wanting a plot (may be a waiting list) at ranacommunitygarden@gmail.com

FEBRUARY - Be sweet to your neighborhood, attend the monthly RANA meeting. (Sign up to be coordinator of our spring clean up in April!)

MARCH - Spring is coming, community gardeners get ready! Sow your ideas for RANA at the monthly meeting!

APRIL - Annual Keep Albuquerque Beautiful/Great American Spring Clean Up. Pizza lunch for all participants :)

MAY - Bike Valet at Downtown Grower's Market provided by RANA volunteers throughout market season. Sign up at www.raynoldsneighborhood.org. All welcome! Making the market even better since 2012!

JUNE, JULY - Come play in the sun at a pool party/ potluck at the Rio Grande Pool on Iron and 14th., and RANA pays your entrance fee. Watch for dates/times in RANA email announcements.

AUGUST - Bike Valet continues, keep volunteering for shifts! Annual National Night Out Block party first Tuesday evening instead of a regular meeting this month. Volunteers needed to help organize - email to raynoldsneighborhood@gmail.com

SEPTEMBER - Write an article for the annual RANA Newsletter! Volunteer to help deliver through the neighborhood at raynoldsneighborhood@gmail.com.

RANA ANNUAL MEETING, 7:00PM w/BOARD ELECTIONS

Thursday, November 2, 2023 - Offcenter Arts, 808 Park Ave SW

.... but first... SUGARFEST POTLUCK - 6:00 PM

Bring your sweet tooth and a dessert to share

IT'S SWEET FUN and everyone is welcome!

RANA supports Downtown Albuquerque News (DAN), an online newspaper produced by Peter Rice, covering our city center and surrounding neighborhoods. Entering it's 4th year! Check out sample issues and subscribe at <https://downtownalbuquerque.com/>

Please VOTE on November 7th, register or change your registration at NM Voters (link). Elections matter. Be a good citizen. NM Voter Information portal: <https://www.sos.state.nm.us/voting-and-elections/voter-information-portal/>

Renters, don't think this is only a homeowners association. Please join us - you are an important part of our neighborhood.

You can read this newsletter in color on the RANA website: <https://raynoldsneighborhood.org/>

Sign up to edit next year's RANA newsletter, learn more about our community, share your ideas. Contact raynoldsneighborhood@gmail.com.

Raynolds Addition Neighborhood Association Voluntary Dues Form

(Please Print Legibly)

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Home Address _____

Phone(s) _____ Email _____

____ Number in Household? ____ Rent? OR ____ Own?

Suggested Dues

Resident Tenants & Property Owners (\$15) \$_____

Non-Resident Property owner (\$20) \$_____

Business Owner (\$20) \$_____

Associate (All Others) (\$10) \$_____

Complete Form (Please Print) and return with check payable to RANA. Dues support our neighborhood, but are not required for RANA membership or voting. Submission of this form confirms RANA membership.

Mail to: RANA Treasurer, 324 14th SW, Albuquerque, NM 87102

Or JOIN US in person at the next monthly meeting with form and payment.

ABQ NeighborWoods 100 Free Tree Giveaway

Raynolds and Barelas Neighborhoods only

<p>Date: October 14, 2023</p> <p>Check-in: 11:30am</p> <p>Start Time: 12:00pm</p> <p>Location:</p> <p>Bennie Hargrove Park</p> <p>1006 Park Ave SW 87102</p>	<p><u>Please fill out back of flyer & bring with you.</u></p> <p>Walk-Up. First come, first served. <u>One tree per household.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All 100 trees are typically given away within half-hour of start time, please arrive by check-in time. • Trees can vary from 2-6 feet tall, 3-5 gallon sized. • An educational tree planting demonstration will be held during the event. • 2nd tree line will be formed if extra trees are available. (Must wait until others get a first tree. <u>2nd tree not guaranteed.</u>)
<p>Tree Care Tips:</p> <p>Scan QR code with phone camera to access tips on how to plant and care for your new tree.</p>  <p>Or visit: treenm.org/education/tree-tips/</p>	<p>Organized by Tree New Mexico & Sponsored by Parks and Rec.</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">    </div> <p>www.treenm.org; (505) 265-4554</p>

Please fill out legibly and bring to event.

Name		
Address		
Phone		
Email		
<p><i>Number your top 6 preferences</i></p> <p>Limited amount per type. 3-5 gallon sized. 100 total trees.</p>		
<p>Shrub-like trees</p> <p>___ Desert Willow</p> <p>___ NM Olive/Privet</p> <p>___ Vitex</p>	<p>Shade Trees</p> <p>___ NM Locust</p> <p>___ Eastern Red Cedar</p> <p>___ Arizona Sycamore</p>	<p>Fruit Trees</p> <p>___ Apple</p> <p>___ Apricot</p> <p>___ Peach</p>

Dogs of the Neighborhood

After last year's 'Cats of the Neighborhood' article in our newsletter, the RANA dogs demanded equal time! Raynolds is a great neighborhood to walk your dog and meet terrific people. These are just some of the great dog personalities in our neighborhood.



Gizmo: Our neighborhood ambassador, Gizmo, a pug-schnauzer mix (schnug), has been with Danielle, his doggie-momma, for three years. She found him in a shelter in Santa Fe; they had gotten him from Juarez, and estimated he was about 1-2 years old at that time. His name when she got him was "Chiq," which she changed to Gizmo after one of the gremlins in a horror movie. Danielle describes Gizmo as a "little joy bringer" who loves people and loves to give licks. He is curious, likes to sniff and know what's happening. It is hard not to smile when looking at his goofy grin.



Phalen, a Siberian huskie, came to live with Mendy eight years ago when she was a year old, as a rescue from New Mexico Huskie Rescue. She loves to run and would pull a dogsled if she could. The first year Mendy had her, they walked 16 miles a day; that has gradually been reduced to five miles a day now. Phalen is curious, quick, and ingenious, understands words, and has figured out how to turn doorknobs to escape out the front door. She is somewhat aloof but is the beta in the pack; Mendy is the alpha. She is deferential to other dogs, avoids direct eye contact and will sit down politely if scolded by another dog (such as Captain Jack).



Mezcado (aka Messie), a 12 y/o Schnauzer, came to live with Wiro and Chuck as a puppy, when they lived in Corrales. A coyote ran off with him and ripped a big chunk of skin off. Wiro found him under a lavender bush, nursed him back to health, and he “survived to be the meanest dog in the hood.” He’s ready to “bring it on” when he sees another dog and takes Wiro for walks until he doesn’t want to go further and then just sits down. He sits at the glass door in their Park Place apartment and barks at people passing by. Despite his gruff introduction, Wiro says he is happy to see people and will bark until they touch him, and then is calm. He is curious, strong-willed, and loved.



Babs and Bowie: Barbara Bush (aka Babs) and David Bowie (aka Bowie) are both rescues from Argos rescue in Valencia where Caroline also does foster care. Babs, a beagle-spaniel-terrier mix, first came to live with Carolyn six years ago and is guessed to be about ten years old. She has needed a lot of medical attention including having 17 infected teeth pulled, later having a slipped a disk and digestive issues requiring her to eat sitting up in a highchair. She has since recovered from these and can eat normally, although she does like to sit at the dining room table. Babs is very proper, doesn’t like to be touched, and likes to wear her two strands of pearls. She loves treats, particularly puppachinos from Starbucks.

David Bowie (aka Bowie), a cattle-dog-spaniel-hound mix, is four years old; he came to live with Carolyn at six months old. He is “a ham” who loves people and goes up to strangers to give them kisses on their legs. He loves to be cuddled, lies in Carolyn’s arms, and sits in his couch by the window to protect the household. His favorite companion (other than Carolyn) is Babs; he follows her around the house, copies what she does, tries to get her to play by tugging on her ears. They both get walks twice a day and love going to the new dog park by Rio Grande Park.



Twiggy, The Dude and Eevee are rescues living with Margie and Richard. Twiggy, a 13 y/o “NM dog,” was on the way to the pound as a small dog and nicknamed “Monster” for being incorrigible. Margie took her to puppy school and she has now become a laid-back senior. The Dude, an 8-9 y/o terrier-poodle mix, was found by Richard’s brother, and was recently adopted by Margie and Richard. The Dude is “a lover” who loves everybody and loves his stuffed toys. Eevee, an 11 y/o chihuahua and the alpha of the pack, came to them through Animal Humane where Margie volunteers twice a week. They medically fostered her through eye surgery and surgery on her hind legs, so she had to be carried everywhere by Margie, cementing their bond. They are all good watch dogs for Margie and Richard.

Nari, a six-year-old corgi-schipperke, was adopted by Bridgette through Animal Humane four years ago. She is a “great dog” and good watch dog.



In Memory of Captain Jack Sparrow (aka Killer) who passed away as this article was being written. Captain, a Shih Tsu, came to live with Anita in 2011 from Lap Dog Rescue and Almost Home of Peralta when he was about two years old. Tony came to live with Anita and Captain in 2014 and quickly became his best buddy, supplying him with biscuits and special treats, and going for walks two miles a day along the ditch bank, with Captain smelling everything along the way. They became inseparable, hanging out in the ‘guys’ room’ together, rough housing, and having conversations about whether it was time to eat. Captain brought great joy and love to Anita and Tony and will be greatly missed.



Lulu, a pug, has been with Gilbert since 2016. She is a rescue, perhaps the runt of the litter, and is always hungry. She will eat a lot and when hungry will come push Gilbert. She is a talker, will turn her back on you if she is mad, stare at you to study you, or give her sad eyes when sad. Gilbert describes her as “hard-headed” and “soft-hearted,” a “good loving dog.”



Plum, a 5 y/o Yorkie, and Luna, a one-year-old terrier mix, live with Stephanie and Hector. Plum is “small and chill,” likes to ride in Stephanie’s K-9 sport-sack on her bike and likes visiting neighbors. Luna was adopted after Margie fostered her. She is feisty, energetic and loves to meet people and other dogs. She doesn’t like to be left alone, and wants to be in a lap, a “cuddle bug.” She also loves to ride with Stephanie on the bike or in the car.



Dixie, a husky-shepherd rescue from Espanola, was adopted by Renea about two years ago when Dixie was 6 months old. She was wild and destructive as a puppy and hated to be alone but is calming down. She loves kids and people, is extremely social and very smart, and is a talker. She loves to play and walk and hike and loves a regular schedule. She goes to work with Renea and is the greeter for her clients, napping during the session. She recently discovered the river, and loves pouncing and playing in the water.

Tank, Rocky and Mr. Man are elder dogs adopted by Father Anne as part of her “Old Dog Heaven” project. Father Anne considers it part of her ministry and has been caring for older dogs since 2017. Tank, a 13 y/o black Labradane, was adopted last December after being left in the shelter after a family member of 12 years got cancer and was no longer able to take care of him. He has had many medical issues which Anne has helped him with. He is described as a “big lover,” playful like a puppy, affectionate, sweet and happy, living to play fetch.

Rocky, a 12 y/o German shepherd, has been with Anne for three years. She was picked up as a stray in Santa Fe, was in a shelter for a period of time, and appeared to have never integrated into human life. She was unfamiliar with cars and noise and hadn’t walked with a leash. She was timid at first but after a few days became very attached to Anne. She is a “sweet girl,” bred to be a protector, who keeps watch and barks at other dogs but not people.

Mr. Man, a 13 y/o dachshund-black lab mix, came to live with Anne two months ago. He had been adopted out of a shelter at one year old, was with a person for twelve years who recently died and had been returned to the shelter. He is happy, playful, affectionate, and loves to eat and walk. He will try to break into the trash and cupboards to get food. They all get along fine by ignoring each other, and are focused on Father Anne, appearing to be grateful to have a calm and loving place to spend their elder years.



Lola, a five-year-old part cattle-dog mix, was adopted in 2020 as a COVID companion from the Bernalillo County Animal Shelter by Julie and Miguel. She is their “personal trainer,” taking them running or walking two or three times a day. She loves balls and is extremely adept at catching balls and sticks, taking flying leaps into the air. She is also a good goalie with the soccer ball. She likes cats and is often seen with Yoshi, her cat companion, who takes walks with them.

