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The Barelas/South Fourth Historic District In Photos
Owning a Sweet Victorian Home in the village of Barelas



Barelas, New Mexico, USA...

The village of Barelas is a small, unique & historic community, nestled just south of Downtown Albuquerque, & running south to Bridge Blvd; it ends at the [National Hispanic Cultural Center](#) (NHCC). On the west & east side, the triangle-shaped village sits between the Rio Grande & the Railroad/Railyards. Originally an agricultural settlement at an important river crossing along the Rio, Barelas was established in 1662, which makes it the oldest neighborhood in the MetroABQ--older even than Albuquerque's [Old Town](#).

The commercial district--a linear north/south stretch of Fourth St, starting at Coal Ave--is part of the [Camino Real de Tierra Adentro](#), the famed 1590-mile trail from Mexico City to [a Pueblo](#) just north of Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Clearly, there's a lot of history in this distinct area of the Metro, as it was placed on the National Register of Historic Places a few decades ago.

There's also great architecture, creative artistic murals & other interesting sights to absorb along the way. Above is a colorful door--an excellent example of the polychromatic imagery found up & down the commercial corridor. Below is a photo sampling of just a few of them...



Murals

Barelas is full of expressive, beautifully-colored murals, all of which seem to tell a story of local inhabitants & significant events. All images sit along or adjacent to the historic Fourth St corridor...

Maclovia Zamora, pictured above, is honored outside the store she ran for 30 years. She was "[a renowned natural healer](#) who represented New Mexico culinary heritage & herbal healing traditions on the national stage."

Below is the way-creative paint-by-numbers mural featuring the legendary local singer Al Hurricane Sr...now it is a memorial mural. [Marya Errin Jones](#) came up with the idea for the mural "after daydreaming about Hurricane floating over the rooftops of Albuquerque like a figure in Marc Chagall's painting **Over the Town**."

More murals below that...











Barelas Architecture

The Coronado Elementary School, above, was built during the Great Depression & opened in 1937. It sits as a fabulous northern border to the neighborhood. Architecture looks beautiful in brick: notice the elaborate brick copings at the very top, with the red flashing/trim. The building is looking pretty svelte at 85 years young...

Streamlined Moderne--a sleek & pared-down architectural style from the 1930's--is

represented well in Barelas, & also in [older areas of the city](#). Below is a typical Streamline building, found along the historic Fourth St corridor. Notice the porthole window, rounded corners, pipe-railing accents & the horizontal lines, [mimicking an aerodynamic design](#).

More interesting architecture images below that...









Barelas Victorians

The Victorian architectural style can be found in a few pocket-neighborhoods in older areas of the MetroABQ. Huning Highlands is the closest to Barelas--just across the railroad tracks--& has numerous *Grande Dame* Victorians to its credit; the Downtown Fourth Ward has the next amount of the 100 year old + architecture, & the Eighth/Forrester area is very notable too. Above is a sweet Victorian home, a short hop from the Barelas/South Fourth Historic District. More on the [Pacific Ave Victorian below...](#)



Barelas Greenspaces

There is a nice shaded greenspace along the Barelas/South Fourth corridor, seen above, with other sitting areas to relax along the way, too.

Barelas is not without its green spaces though...To the west, it sits along the Rio

Grande river, with Tingley Beach-front access & entry to the 16-mile-long [Paseo del Bosque trail](#). To the south, the NHCC sits on over 20 acres of accessible greenspaces. The Barelas Rail Yards are to the east, below.



The Barelas Rail Yards

Finally, let's not forget one of the more intriguing & architecturally-distinguished building(s) in the neighborhood & in the city, for that matter: the [Barelas Rail Yards](#) complex. The image above was taken just off the South Fourth St corridor, so an easy walk to the Rail Yards. The seasonal Rail Yards Market is there--check out the [Winter \(Grower's\) Market](#) for late season vegetables. Concerts & other activities spring up at the Rail Yards as needed, as the place is continually being reimagined...

It's all part of the reimagining of Barales, too--continuing to honor what has come before, & welcoming what & who has become part of the neighborhood now...



A Barelas Victorian...

I am honored to be listing a fabulous Barelas Victorian home, just steps from the historic Barelas/South Fourth corridor.

[Full listing information is here.](#)

Welcome to 413 Pacific Ave SW: Ever dream of owning a Sweet Victorian home in Barelas? Come on in--See the 3D Virtual Tour! Built in 1906, the spacious abode is an easy walk/roll to the Barelas/South Fourth Historic District.

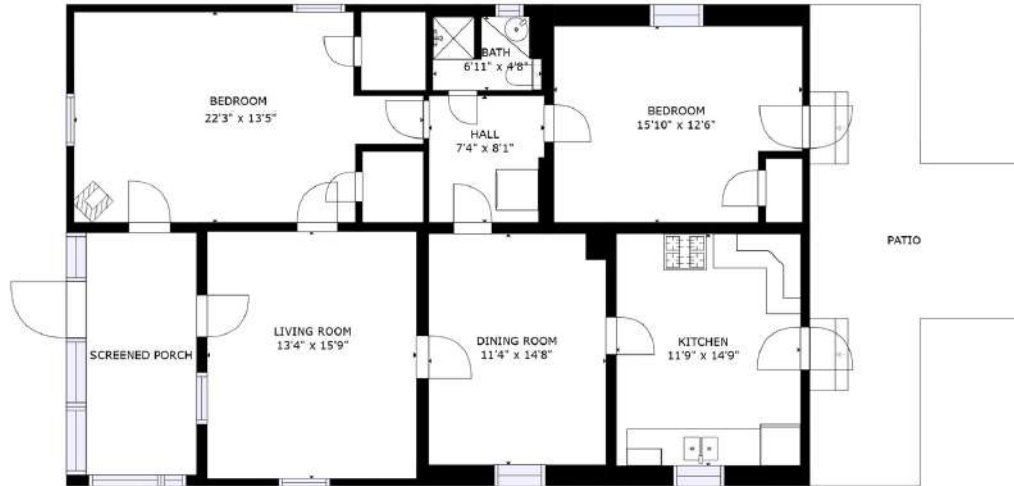
The enclosed/screened south-facing front porch is a serene place to watch the world go by. Great Victorian features remain: cool decorative purple gable shingles, 2 original wood front doors, transoms & tall ceilings. Generous-sized bedrooms--one is 22'x13'--each with own private entry; large kitchen & dining.

Lush backyard is amazing: excellent private sitting area under mature shade trees, a wonderful fenced herb garden surrounded by numerous fruit trees. The figs are ripening--help yourself. Come see!

The [3D Virtual Walking Tour](#) is below.



413 Pacific Ave SW, in Barelás NM 87102



Floorplan: 1222sqft

FLOOR 1

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