

Bernalillo County



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UPCOMING EVENTS

THE PAÑO CONNECTION ART SHOW

Friday, October 5 @ 4:00 pm—8:00 pm
 Westside Community Center
 1250 Isleta Blvd. SW
 For more info call 505-314-0176

MRCOG FOOD FESTIVAL

Sunday, October 14th
 Hubbell House
 For more info call 239-8612

TRAIL OF FEAR

Friday, October 19
 Haunted Trail 7:00 pm-10:30 pm
 Teen Dance 8:30 pm-10:30 pm
 Vista Grande Community Center
 #15 La Madera Road, Sandia Park
 Ages 12 and up
 Trail & Dance \$7 | One Event \$5
 Get into the dance free w/costume
 For more info call 505-314-0478

El Kookooee 2012

Sunday, October 28 @ 6:00 p.m.
 Rio Bravo Park

Día De Los Muertos Marigold Parade

Sunday, November 4 @ 2 p.m.
 Westside Community Center
 1250 Isleta Blvd. SW

COMMISSION MEETINGS

ADMINISTRATIVE

Tuesday, October 9 @ 5:00 pm
 Tuesday, October 23 @ 5:30 pm

ZONING

Tuesday, October 23 @ 3:00 pm

COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

1st Wednesday of each month 9am
 Meetings are held in the Vincent E. Griego Chambers in the basement of the City/County Government Building



Neighborhood Newsletter
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Bernalillo County says, "We Want to Hear from You!"



One of the best ways to make government more responsive to the people is to get feedback from the people. Bernalillo County is asking residents to share their experiences interacting with county government.

"Great customer service is one of most important pillars of serving the community and we want to hear from you," says Bernalillo County Manager Tom Zdunek. "It doesn't matter if you are a company or individual doing business with the county, a resident who interacted with a county employee or department, or even one of our own employees doing business with another department; we want to know about your experiences—good as well as not-so-good—so we can identify where we're providing good service to our customers and where we need to improve."

Residents can go to www.bernco.gov to complete a short questionnaire or write to Bernalillo County at: County Experience, One Civic Plaza NW -10th Floor Albuquerque, NM 87102.

All submissions must be completed by Oct. 19, 2012.

For any Bernalillo County residents who decide to be a part of this program:

- Be as specific as possible regarding the department you were interacting with and what service you were seeking or were being provided by county staff.
- Provide dates and times if possible.
- You may remain anonymous, no name or contact information is necessary and you will not be contacted.

Taste of NEW MEXICO
 Back for Seconds

October 13 & 14
 Civic Plaza
 October 13th, 12 - 9pm
 October 14th, 12 - 6pm

Over 20 New Mexican Restaurants
 Wine & Beer Gallery
 Live Entertainment
 Children's Area
 Free Admission

www.thetasteofnm.com
 TTY: 1-800-659-8331

Bernalillo County 1% for Public Art Program Gets New Coordinator

Bernalillo County 1% Public Art Program Coordinator Nan Masland holds a bachelor's degree in fine art and a master's degree in landscape architecture from the University of New Mexico. She is originally from Philadelphia and moved to New Mexico in 1997 to attend school.

The Bernalillo County 1% Public Art Program was established in 1992 with the adoption of the County's Art in Public Places Ordinance which created a 10-member public arts advisory board that recommends art for public acquisition and display. Two members are appointed by each of the five county commissioners to the board. Its goal is to promote and encourage public awareness of the arts and cultural properties and to integrate art into Bernalillo County facilities and structures. The program currently owns over 170 works of art.

"My goal is to work with the arts board, Bernalillo County officials and residents to increase and enhance the public art collection," says Nan. "Public art can energize public spaces, inspire thought, express community values and have a positive impact the local economy by attracting visitors, supporting artists and local businesses."

Before joining the county, Nan worked as a contract project coordinator with the City of Albuquerque's Public Art Program and has participated in a number of projects conducted by the Albuquerque Museum, Fine Arts for Children and Teens in Santa Fe, and The Harwood Art Center. In her new title as project coordinator for the county's public art program, Nan will facilitate public art projects and serve as a liaison to the arts board.



Need Assistance or Resources?

Call Neighborhood Coordination: Bernadette Miera 468-1279 or 974-5578 (cell); Sherry Gutierrez 468-7247

Bernalillo County Firefighters "Fill the Boot" to Raise Over \$30,000 for Muscular Dystrophy Association



This year's "Fill the Boot" campaign was a huge success as Bernalillo County firefighters raised \$30,414.13 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

"Our thanks go out to all the citizens of Bernalillo County who supported our firefighters in this great effort," says Deputy Fire Chief Frank Barka. "We surpassed last year's total by \$5,200 and we hope we can raise even more next year."

The "Fill the Boot" campaign raises funds to provide research and services for the New Mexico chapter of the Muscular Dystrophy Association, which addresses a wide variety of muscle diseases.

Three New Directors on the Job at Bernalillo County

Vacancies for three directors positions at Bernalillo County are now filled.

Nano Chavez is the new director of the Zoning Building and Planning Department. Shirley Ragin is director of the Budget and Business Improvements Department and Mary Murnane is director of the county's Fleet/Facility Management Department.

"These three individuals bring a wide breadth of experience and expertise to the organization that will ultimately benefit our customers, the residents of Bernalillo County," says County Manager Tom Zdunek. "I'm thrilled to have them on board."

Nano Chavez has been serving as interim director of the Zoning, Building and Planning Department for the past nine months. Chavez has 22 years' experience in public sector planning. She spent 18 of those years as a planner and planning manager in the department she now leads.

Chavez has a bachelor's degree in American studies and a master's degree in community and regional planning.

Shirley Ragin served 31 years in finance-related positions at the Public Service Company of New Mexico before joining the county's Finance Division as director of the Budget and Business Improvements Department. Ragin has directed and managed accounting, financial and budget systems for various departments and projects at PNM.

Ragin has a bachelor's degree in business administration, a master's degree in public administration and she is a certified management accountant.

Mary Murnane has been serving as interim director of the county's Fleet/Facility Management Department for the past five months. Murnane began working at Bernalillo County in 1999 as a water and facilities planner. She has also served as the county's water resources program manager and handled energy efficiency programs for county facilities.

Murnane has a bachelor's degree in language, writing and rhetoric, and studio art, a master's degree in community and regional planning and is a certified facility manager.

Block Captain Fall Conference
Saturday, October 20, 2012
Roger A. Hoisington Memorial Police Training Academy
5412 Second Street NW
(South of Montano, behind APD Valley Substation)

8:30 a.m.-Registration and Social

9:00 a.m.-Welcome & Introductions-Steve Sink, APD Crime Prevention

9:05 a.m. - 12:00 noon-Conference Topics

Block Captains are invited to bring family members, neighbors, and friends-every one is welcome. Conference registration is FREE. However, Neighborhood Watch Block Captains may join Albuquerque Block Captain's Association or renew your yearly membership by paying \$10.00 during registration. For more information contact Steve Sink, Manager APD Crime Prevention at 924-3600.

Simon A. Kubiak Appointed to Fill Vacant Commission Seat



Governor Susana Martinez has appointed Albuquerque lawyer Simon Kubiak to fill the vacant seat for Bernalillo County Commission District 1. The seat was vacated Friday, Sept. 7, when former County Commissioner Michelle Lujan Grisham resigned.

Kubiak was sworn in as commissioner on Tuesday, September 10 in the Vincent E. Griego Joint Chambers at the City/County Government Center.

Kubiak will serve as commissioner through the end of December. During the Nov. 6 general election, voters in District 1 will select the individual who will continue to represent them for the next four years, starting Jan. 1, 2013. District 1 includes the West Side and North Valley.

Kubiak is a Bernalillo County native. He is an attorney with a criminal defense and personal injury practice in the Albuquerque area.

A graduate of Valley High School in Albuquerque and Thomas Jefferson School of Law in San Diego, Calif., Kubiak is married to Larissa and they have two children, Natasha and Valeska.

Kubiak joins fellow Republicans Wayne Johnson and Michael Wiener on the County Commission along with Democrats Art De La Cruz and Maggie Hart Stebbins.

Reporting and Providing information about crimes and suspicious activities in the Unincorporated area of Bernalillo County

Reporting crimes and providing information about crime in a timely matter are responsibilities of individuals. For reporting purposes, crimes are considered as either emergencies or non-emergencies. **EMERGENCIES SHOULD BE REPORTED BY DIALING 911. THESE INCLUDE CRIMES THAT ARE IN PROGRESS OR ABOUT TO HAPPEN, AND ONES THAT HAVE RESULTED IN SERIOUS PERSONAL INJURY, PROPERTY DAMAGE, OR PROPERTY LOSS.** Other criminal and suspicious activities are considered non-emergencies and should be reported to the Sheriff's Department at 798-7000.

Bernalillo County Eliminates Annual Vendor Fee

The county Purchasing Department announces the elimination of the \$50 annual fee that had been required to register as a vendor with Bernalillo County.



"By eliminating this fee, we hope to encourage even more vendors to do business with the county," says Bernalillo County Manager Tom Zdunek. "It will also bring county business practices in line with state and other local governments."

The change took effect Aug. 16. Vendors are still encouraged to register with the county. Some of the benefits for doing so include:

- Instant downloading of requests for bids (RFB) and requests for proposals (RFP)
- Automatic notifications of addendums and updates
- On-line viewing of RFB and RFP results

In addition, county departments have a centralized vendor database to more easily access vendors interested in doing business with Bernalillo County.

Bernalillo County purchases approximately \$150 million of goods and services from vendors each year.

There are 650 vendors who are currently registered with the county.

"Giving businesses the opportunity to register as a vendor, free of charge, is just another example of the great customer service that Bernalillo County strives to give its customers," says Bernalillo County Purchasing Director Lisa Sedillo-White.

For more information or to register as a vendor with Bernalillo County, go to www.bernco.gov/get-registered/.

PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION Project Updates

Virtual One Stop Service (VOSS)

Bernalillo County's new virtual one stop service (VOSS) is in full operation and available to the public. It improves customer service by allowing residents to get what they need at one location, using new teleconferencing technology to access county staff and information at other offices. The three BernCo offices that have the capability for the face-to-face teleconferencing are Public Works Division at 2400 Broadway Blvd SE, Zoning, Building & Planning and Environmental Health at 111 Union Square SE and the Fire Department at 6840 2nd Street NW.

The public can choose any of the offices to conduct business. Each office is equipped with a high definition Polycom camera that allows the staff and residents to talk, face-to-face; a ceiling mount camera with zoom capabilities to view documents and plans in wide angle or in tight detail; and two, 46" commercial grade monitors with stereo speakers so that all three offices and the documents can be viewed simultaneously.

La Orilla Road Reconstruction and Widening

Work began on Sept. 17 to completely reconstruct La Orilla Road NW between Sumac Drive NW and Via Corta Del Sur NW. In addition to the road reconstruction that will include curbs and gutters, the county will add:

- A bike lane in each direction and
- A bike lane buffer zone in each direction

The .68 mile of new bike lanes will tie into the existing bike lanes west of Taylor Ranch Road and east of Coors Boulevard. Roadway construction is expected to last 60 days, but moving the traffic signal at Coors Boulevard and La Orilla Road will take until February 2013 due to the lead time on ordering the materials.

CONNECT Pilot Loan Program for Water Services Connection

CONNECT is a pilot loan program that will assist county residents with financing the cost of connecting their homes to Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority (ABCWUA) water lines. It will be offered to residents throughout the county who are on well water systems where the ground water quality does not meet federally-mandated primary drinking water standards and where ABCWUA service lines are available.

CONNECT loans are made from the county to the resident in the form of direct payment to contractors and direct payment of various connection fees. The repayment will be billed directly through the resident's ABCWUA water bill over a 10 year period at a seven percent interest rate.

The county is providing all the funding for the CONNECT loan program and coordination of the water line connection, while the ABCWUA will provide the administrative function of billing and collecting payments and reimbursement to the county.

The CONNECT loan program will begin Nov. 1, 2012. The amount of funding available for CONNECT is \$150,000. The money will come from the county's general fund. As loans are repaid, the loan program account balance will be replenished and can be used to support a new cycle of loans.

In addition to the new CONNECT program, the county also administers the PIPE (Partners in Improving and Protecting the Environment) program. The PIPE program offers financial assistance in the form of grants to qualifying low income residents for water and sewer connection, as well as septic tank replacement.

For more information, residents can contact the Bernalillo County Public Works Division, Water Resources Program at 848-1524 or visit, www.bernco.gov/PIPE.

Water Level and Water Conservation Event for East Mountain Residents

The county will provide homeowners a free approximate water level analysis of their well, a water conservation kit (if the homeowner has not yet received one) and information about the retrofit toilet and rain barrel programs on:

Oct 12 and 13 – Carnuel/Echo Canyon

Nov 2 and 3 – Escobosa/Chilili

From 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., by appointment only

Please contact Sara Chudnoff at 224-1614 or by email at schudnoff@bernco.gov for more information or to schedule your site visit.

Neighborhood Outreach Grant Program

The Bernalillo County Neighborhood Outreach Grant Program will have the 1st solicitation, Request for Qualifications (RFQ), for FY 2012/2013. The 30 day RFQ solicitation period opens on October 3, 2012 and runs through November 1, 2012. Neighborhood Associations can request and submit a proposal during this 30 day period.

Associations must make a formal request to the Bernalillo County Purchasing Department for the grant packet in order to submit a proposal. Requests for the grant packet will not be accepted until October 3, 2012. Recognized neighborhood associations in the City of Albuquerque and in the unincorporated area of Bernalillo County are eligible to apply.

A non-mandatory conference will be held on October 12, 2012 at 1:00pm in Conference Room B, Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Government Center, located at One Civic Plaza N.W., 10th Floor, Albuquerque, New Mexico, 87102.

For more information contact: Bernadette Miera, Cultural Services Manager, (505) 468-1279, bmiera@bernco.gov

NM Enrollment Days for Medicare Part D & Extra Help (LIS)

Medicare Part D Workshops



The Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC)/ State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) has scheduled a series of enrollment days throughout the state to assist individuals who want to switch their plan, or newly enroll into a Medicare prescription drug plan or Medicare Health Plan. Screening for Extra Help to assist with paying for prescription drugs will also be provided. Each event is free and open to the public. Please bring your prescriptions or a list of all medications you take including the full name of the drug, the strength and the dosage. If you cannot attend one of the enrollment events, please

contact the ADRC at 1-800-432-2080 for assistance.

Albuquerque

N. Domingo Baca Multigenerational Center by appointment only. Please call 505-764-6475 to schedule.

North Valley Senior Center's number is 505 761-4025 and will accommodate walk-ins as well as appointments.

Los Volcanes Senior Center's number is 505-836-2745 and will accommodate walk-ins as well as appointments.

Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center's number is 505-275-8731 and will accommodate walk-ins.

ALTSO Tijeras Office will be available October 15-December 7, 2012-Monday- Friday 8.00AM to 5PM, 1015 Tijeras Ave NW for walk-ins

COMMUNITY CALENDAR



Food Day -- the nationwide celebration and movement toward healthy, affordable, and sustainable food -- is coming up fast! On October 24, organizations and community leaders around the country will participate in the second annual Food Day. I'm writing to ask if you would like to join us in celebrating Food Day in New Mexico!

Food Day was created by the nonprofit Center for Science in the Public Interest and is powered by food movement leaders, a diverse coalition of organizations, and citizens from all walks of life. The goals of Food Day are to raise awareness about food issues; advocate for better food policies at the local, state, and national levels; and strengthen and unify the food movement as a whole. Food Day aims to stimulate events and activities on and around the date October 24 to achieve these goals and encourage collaboration throughout the year. In 2011, the inaugural year of the campaign, there were more than 2,300 events in all 50 states! The final report highlighting 2011 activities is available at www.foodday.org.

Getting involved is easy. Check out our interactive event map and register to host your own Food Day event, whether it is a healthy potluck meal, film screening, lecture, health fair, or another activity. You can visit www.foodday.org to sign up for email updates, find a community coordinator in your area, or sign up to coordinate a project. We have helpful guides for organizers at schools, campuses, and more in the site's Resources section.

There are already great events being planned in New Mexico! As a joint Food Day kickoff event, New Mexico Centennial event, and annual celebration, the Local Food Festival and Field Day in Albuquerque is sure to be a hit. The event is a celebration of all aspects of food grown in this region, and will take a special look into the history and culture of farming in honor of New Mexico's 100 years of statehood.

Tamara Hibbard is a Food Day community coordinator located in the Tijeras area. Please feel free to reach out to her at tbhbranchis@gmail.com for organizing support or to tie in your efforts.

Food Day is an excellent opportunity to highlight the work you are doing to improve the food system in New Mexico. We hope you'll consider organizing events on or around October 24. If you're already planning activities around that date, you are welcome to co-promote these events using some of our Food Day resources. Food Day is also a great chance to collaborate with a new organization, publicize the work you do in your community, and advocate for better policies in your community.

Food Day's national partners (100+) include the American Public Health Association, National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition, Farmers Market Coalition, National Education Association, and many others. Notable food activists such as Morgan Spurlock and Daphne Oz serve on our advisory board. Find a full list of our partners and advisors at www.FoodDay.org.

For more information on how to get involved, please feel free to contact me at 202-777-8375 or ekanowitz@cspinet.org.

Thanks and I look forward to working with you to help improve our food system on this upcoming Food Day!

Eden Kanowitz, Food Day Intern
Center for Science in the Public Interest
1220 L St. NW, Suite 300
Washington, DC 20005
202.777.8375
www.foodday.org

Find Food Day on Facebook and Twitter (#foodday)



Art in the School is proud to be a part of the

Alameda Studio Tour

Saturday, Oct. 13 & Sunday Oct. 14

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days

Visit with 33 artists in 16 studios. You'll see: paintings, prints, ceramics; glass, mosaics, tile; fiber arts, gourmet chocolate, photography, an Alpaca farm, folk art dolls and much more! One location will feature art donated to Art in the School which will be sold to support art education programs for children.

You're invited!

Preview Night Party

Friday, Oct. 12 | 4 - 8 p.m.



Rio Grande Community Farm, in partnership with the ABQ BioPark and the City of Albuquerque Open Space Division, is proud to announce the 2012 LEAP n' MAZE! This fun, educational event opened on Saturday Sept. 15.

We welcome you to explore the seven-acre Leap n' Corn Maze, play the amphibian maze game, dig through a "pond" of blue corn to discover who lives underneath, explore the new "HAY BALE CITY", and learn about our organic urban farm on an educational farm tour. For those visiting the farm during October, you'll also have the option to choose your own pumpkins from the pumpkin patch!

This year, the Rio Grande Community Farm Maize Maze is hosting a series of educational amphibian activities developed by the ABQ BioPark. All-new activities include an amphibian identification game in the maze, board games such as "Who Am I" with clues, a Life Cycle Board game, Frog Olympics game, and other amphibian-themed activities.

Maize Maze Hours

Fridays 3:00 pm – 9:00 pm | Saturdays 10:00 am – 9:00 pm
Sundays 10:00 am – 6:00 pm

Affordable Ticket Prices

Adults (12+) – \$7 | Kids (3-12) – \$5 | 2 and under free

Location: Rio Grande Community Farm is conveniently located in the heart of Albuquerque at 1701 Montano Road NW in the Poblanos Fields Open Space. The entrance is 1.1 miles west of Fourth St NW. Turn north on Tierra Viva and park in the gravel lot to your left.