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UPCOMING EVENTS County Government Month April 2012

Community Celebrations SV Community Clean-up April 14th

South Valley Pride Day
Westside CC
April 15th

Fiesta de Alameda
Raymond G. Sanchez CC
April 21st

Day in Paradise
Paradise Hills CC
April 29th

East Mountain Celebration
Los Vecinos CC
May 6th

Neighborhood Outreach Grant
Solicitation
April 3 - May 3

2nd Annual Taste of New Mexico
September 28th-30th
Harry E. Kinney Civic Plaza

COMMISSION MEETINGS
Administrative Meeting
Tuesday, March 13; 5 pm
Tuesday, March 27; 5:30 pm

Zoning Meeting
Tuesday, March 27; 3 pm

County Planning Commission
1st Wednesday of each month 9 am

Meetings are held in the Vincent E. Griego Chambers in the basement of the City/County Government Building



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National County Government Month is coming in April

National County Government Month (NCGM) is celebrated each April by the nation's counties to raise public awareness and understanding about the roles and responsibilities of county government. The 2012 theme is "Healthy Counties, Healthy Families." Below are activities for the month of April. A health theme has been chosen for each of the four weeks in April. The web, distribution at neighborhood association meetings and GOV TV shows will be used to provide information to residents of the critical health services that Bernalillo County provides. Please see the April Bernco at a Glance newsletter for more detailed information.

- Week 1 / April 1-7: Financial & Occupational Health
- Week 2 / April 8-14: Physical & Intellectual Health
- Week 3 / April 15-21: Behavioral Health
- Week 4 / April 22-28: Community Health



Week 1 / April 1 -7: Financial & Occupational Health Week
•Bernalillo County Economic Development Business Workshop
•Housing-Family Self Sufficiency Program Entrepreneur Workshop

Week 2 / April 8-14: Physical & Intellectual Health Week
•NM Hispanic Medical Association – "Feria De Salud"
•American Red Cross Trainings
•Shadow a Commissioner – April 10 BCC Meeting
•Prescription Trails Promotion

Week 3 / April 15-21: Behavioral Health Week
•MATS / DSAP Programs
•Youth Services Center-Pet Therapy Program
•Employee Assistance Program – Employee Outreach
•National Poetry Month-Poetry Slam at YSC and MDC

Week 4 / April 22-28: Community Health Week
•Environmental Health Grant –Chronic disease prevention through "Collective Impact for Neighborhood and County Health"
•Diabetes Awareness
•Earth Day on April 22 /Arbor Day on April 27th
•Parks & Recreation Department Centennial Tree Planting - 2012 Trees
•Bernalillo County Extension Office Services Nutrition and Cooking Show
•Keep America Beautiful Grants for Neighborhood Associations
•Healthy Potluck Day
•Cancer Walk - April 29 - County Participation

New Recycling Pilot Program in District 2

A new pilot program initiated by County Commission Chair Art De La Cruz with Waste Management, Inc. has resulted in an aggressive effort at four county facilities to reduce landfill waste. Waste Management has placed four, four-cubic yard commercial dumpsters at the Mt. View, Los Padillas, and Westside Community Centers and the South Valley Economic Development Center. Also, another may soon be parked at the Metropolitan Detention Center. Cardboard, paperboard, aluminum, paper, magazines, junk mail, tin, and plastic will be accepted as recyclables.

Women in Creativity Month

Women in Creativity is an annual community collaboration that celebrates women's creativity and entrepreneurship across the disciplines. Events take place March 1 – 31, 2012.

As part of Women & Creativity 2012, Bernalillo County is pleased to present:

Lights, Camera, Interview! The Ins and Outs of On-Camera Interviewing

Instructed by Paul Evans and Augusta Meyers
Monday, March 19th from 1 – 3pm
GOV-TV16, 400 Marquette, NW, 1st Floor, Rm. 105

The Importance of Women In Placemaking

Moderated by Bernadette Miera
Wednesday, March 21st from 6 – 7pm
South Valley Economic Development Center
318 Isleta Blvd SW

Empower Yourself: Navigating the Financial World

Instructed by Mayling Armijo
Thursday, March 22nd from 3 – 4pm
Creative Albuquerque, 115 4th Street N.W.

Bernalillo County events are free.
Advance registration is required.

Please RSVP to acolburn@berncov.gov.

For the full calendar, visit
www.womenandcreativity.org

Bernalillo County is looking for seniors who are 100 years and older to honor at a Special Centennial Birthday Celebration. For more information contact Art Sanchez at 505-315-3318 or 505-314-0421

Home Services Program

We Can Help!

If you are 60 years of age or older, and in need of these services

- Minor home repairs
- Smoke detectors
- Bathroom safety equipment
- Wheel chair ramps/steps
- Home chores/light yard work



Call Senior Information at 764-6400
A donation will be requested at the time of service to offset the cost of supplies and materials.

Animal Care new # 468-PETS

The Bernalillo County Animal Care Services Department now has a new, easy to remember phone number, 468-PETS (7387). This new number will make calling to report animal abuse or cruelty, or to get information about animal care in the county much easier for residents. The new number took effect on Tuesday, Feb. 14. The old number will have a recorded message to let everyone know about the change to 468-PETS.



Need Assistance or Resources?

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

Capital Improvement Planning

Every two years the Bernalillo Board of County Commissioners updates the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) to plan for future major capital projects. The process includes gathering project ideas from citizens and neighborhood groups, then evaluating and prioritizing them.

WHAT IS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLANNING?

Local governments like Bernalillo County are faced with increasing pressure to fund competing projects. Development of a Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) is a step toward rational, long-range capital planning and budgeting. The CIP is a tool that enables projects to be listed, evaluated and prioritized.

WHAT ARE THE FUNDING SOURCES FOR PROJECTS?

General Obligation Bonds: These bonds must be presented to voters for approval. Approval of the sale of bonds will not necessarily increase taxes for property owners. General Obligation Bonds can't be used to fund the repair or reconstruction of existing capital facilities.

FEDERAL GRANTS: The County may apply for funds from federal agencies. Some grants require a percentage match from the county.

STATE APPROPRIATIONS: The County receives capital funds from the state through legislative appropriations.

CONSTITUENT REQUESTS :

The constituent request form is intended to collect detailed information about desired projects directly from the citizens. The request forms are available in both hard copy and electronic formats.

All CIP requests are categorized and maintained in the CIP database. Hard copy requests are manually entered into the database while electronic requests are automatically entered into the database. If the requestor provides an email address when an electronic request form is submitted, the requestor will be given a confirmation number by which to follow-up on that specific CIP request. The evaluation information will be available following the Board of County Commissioners' adoption of the bond package in August 2012.

The more detailed and accurate the information on the request form, the better the evaluation process of that request will be.

WAYS TO SUBMIT A CIP CONSTITUENT REQUEST FORM:

Online:

Go to www.bernco.gov/CIP, then complete and electronically submit the request form. If an email address is provided, a confirmation number will be generated for that request that can be used for follow-up purposes.

Paper:

Hard copy CIP request forms can be downloaded from the county's website, www.bernco.gov/CIP, and then submitted by mail, e-mail or fax:

Mail:

Bernalillo County, Capital Improvement Projects
One Civic Plaza, NW 10th Floor
Albuquerque, NM 87102

Email: CIP@bernco.gov

Fax: 505.462.9715

The deadline for submitting 2012-2017 CIP Request Forms is May 25, 2012.

CIP Commission District Meetings Schedule

Commissioner Michelle Lujan Grisham, District 1

Monday, March 26, 2012 @ 6:30 p.m.

Don Newton Community Ctr.
490 Kachina Street NW

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Monday, April 2, 2012 @ 6:30 p.m.

Raymond G. Sanchez Community Ctr.

Commissioner Art De La Cruz, District 2

Monday, April 23, 2012 @ 6:00 p.m.

Westside Community Center

Commissioner Maggie Hart Stebbins, District 3

Tuesday, April 17, 2012 @ 6:00 p.m.

Hiland Theater, Studio A or B

(Tour of the facility will be conducted at 5:15 pm for interested parties.)

Commissioner Michael C. Wiener, District 4

To be announced

Commissioner Wayne Johnson, District 5

Thursday, March 29, 2012 @ 6:00 p.m.

Los Vecinos Community Ctr.

The New Los Ranchos Fire Station

The Bernalillo County Fire Department is proud to present the county's newest fire station. Ribbon-cutting and Wet Down Ceremonies were held on Friday, March 2 for BCFD Fire Station 30. Located at 6697 4th Street NW in the Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, this station replaces the old Los Ranchos Fire Station next to the Village Administration offices on Rio Grande Blvd, just north of Chavez Road.



In September, 2009, The Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque and Bernalillo County signed an Inter-Governmental Agreement (IGA) regarding fire coverage in the Village. Under the agreement, the Bernalillo County Fire Department would provide staffing and service delivery and the Village would provide the equipment and the facility. Building this new station was part of that agreement. Station 30 is part of BCFD's North Command and its crews will continue to serve residents of Los Ranchos and the North Valley from their new home.

Coyote Encounters in Bernalillo County

There have been numerous coyote sightings around Bernalillo County these past few months. We have received several calls regarding this. Below is good information to know in case you come into contact with one.

Coyotes, most active around dawn or dusk, can move around anytime there's an opportunity to gain food. While they are the number one predator of livestock in the country, they also will prey upon any vulnerable animal, including small dogs and cats. Landowners may control damage-causing coyotes by shooting, trapping, or other means. In areas where they are hunted or trapped, coyotes are extremely wary of humans, but they can be bold in urban areas where they associate people with food and water.



Discourage coyotes from visiting your area by making loud noises, throwing rocks or other objects at them, or use guard animals. Follow the same close-encounter rules for a wolf - make your presence known, try to look larger, yell and throw sticks. If the animal attacks, fight back aggressively.

Prevention: Keep garbage, human and pet food away from campsites and yards. Locate any food source, including bird feeders, 100 yards away from living areas, 10 to 15 feet above the ground, four feet from any tree trunk. Clean up fallen fruit or animal carcasses on the property. Don't burn or bury garbage; carnivores will be attracted to the smell. Campers should locate tents and sleeping areas 100 yards away from cooking areas and should never sleep in clothes worn during cooking. Secure as well any other odorous items such as toothpaste, cosmetics, gum, pots, utensils and cooking clothes. A good rule of thumb is "Pack it in, pack it out".

Keep pets and small children in sight and under control at all times, and pick them up if a predator animal should approach. When camping, don't leave a pet tied up in your campsite, as it may attract predators. Keep farm animals and pets in enclosed areas, especially at night and during calving or lambing season. Never feed a carnivore or try to approach it.

Coyote strategies: Remove sources of water if possible, especially in dry climates, where it is a major source of attraction for many wildlife species. Trim ground-level shrubbery and fence yards at least six feet high, with no greater than four-inch openings, and with the bottom touching the ground or buried with a two foot sloping extension toward the outside of the fence. Don't leave small children or pets outside unattended. Provide security shelters for poultry, rabbits, and other vulnerable animals. Use net-wire or electric fencing around livestock, motion-sensing lights above corrals, or strobe lights or sirens to scare them away. Guard animals like large dogs, donkeys, and llamas might be useful to help protect livestock.

The following are things you can do if you spot a coyote in your neighborhood or near your home:

- Frighten coyotes with loud noises.
- Keep garbage in a tightly sealed container.
- In your yard, remove pet food, fallen fruit and spilled seed beneath bird feeders.
- Use yard lights or motion detectors to frighten them away.
- Keep pets in fenced areas or covered kennels.
- Stay with your pets while outdoors, unless pets are in a secured, covered kennel.
- Do not allow pets to run loose. Keep pets on a leash.

Coyotes are usually skittish around humans and typically try to avoid people whenever possible. If you encounter a coyote:

- Never feed or attempt to tame a coyote.
- Do not turn your back on a coyote or run away from a coyote.
- If approached, make loud noises and make yourself look big. If this fails, throw rocks or other objects.
- Always keep yourself between the coyote and small children.
- Don't feed other animals that coyotes prey upon. Birdseed often attracts these innocent animals to your backyard which in turn attracts a coyote that is hungry.

Although attacks on humans are extremely rare, parents need to speak to their children about what to do if they encounter a coyote.