

## Bernalillo County



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**FLAG DAY**  
THURSDAY, JUNE 14

**FATHERS DAY**  
SUNDAY, JUNE 17



**SUMMER BEGINS**  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20

**INDEPENDENCE DAY**  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 4TH  
COUNTY OFFICE CLOSED

**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT**  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 7

**2nd Annual Taste of New Mexico**  
October 13 & 14  
Harry E. Kinney Civic Plaza

## COMMISSION MEETINGS

**Administrative Meeting**  
Tuesday, June 12; 5 pm  
Tuesday, June 26; 5:30 pm

**Zoning Meeting**  
Tuesday, June 26; 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



Neighborhood Newsletter  
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## Free Summer Lunches For Children at 50 Locations



Free summer lunches are now available for children at 50 locations throughout the county in an effort to fight hunger. Open to children from 1 to 18-years-old. No registration is required for the program, which runs from June 4 to Aug. 10.

Two new locations have been added where summer lunches will be distributed: The Pajarito Mesa Community Building in the far South Valley and the Alameda Spray Park in the North Valley.

Most of the 50 locations are outside Albuquerque city limits in the unincorporated parts of Bernalillo County, including the South Valley, the North Valley and the East Mountains. The locations were chosen based on the percentage of children receiving free and reduced lunches in those areas. County officials expect to distribute about 150,000 meals this year.

"Bernalillo County's Summer Lunch Program is an important tool in the fight against hunger and we're pleased to announce two new locations this year," Commission Chair Art De La Cruz says. "Many children rely on the school lunch program for healthy meals throughout the school year, and the County Commission is proud to support child health and nutrition during the summer break."

A list and map of all sites and more information can be found at <http://www.bernco.gov/yss/summerlunch/>

Call (505) 314-0427 or (505) 314-0430 for more information.

Bernalillo County's Summer Lunch Program is funded by a federal grant administered by the state Children, Youth and Families Department.

The meals are prepared at the Albuquerque Public Schools central kitchen and delivered to sites around the county.

## DWI Vehicle Seizure Update

The proposed DWI Vehicle Seizure and Forfeiture Ordinance will not be heard at the June 12 Board of County Commissioners meeting. The proposal has been deferred until further notice to allow additional time for research.

The proposed ordinance would allow law enforcement to seize vehicles driven by offenders arrested for a second DWI offense or for driving on a revoked driver's license that was the result of a DWI. The ordinance would affect drivers arrested in the unincorporated areas of the county, outside the city limits.

During the June 12 county commission meeting, a public hearing will be held on the DWI seizure initiative before commissioners vote on whether to adopt adopting the proposed ordinance.



## Community Input Requested For Two Naming Proposals

### South Valley Gateway Park

There is a current proposal to rename the South Valley Gateway Park the Pearl Harbor Survivors Memorial Park, dedicated to the survivors of Pearl Harbor and to all U.S. veterans.



The South Valley Gateway Park is located at Bridge and Isleta SW. The 4.5-acre site is a multi-functional facility. A portion of the site serves as a storm water pond to prevent flooding during heavy rains. The remainder of the facility will serve as a park, a playground, a plaza area for special events, and an amphitheater. Much of the park improvements were constructed using recycled materials.

The overall project also includes pedestrian and safety improvements to the Bridge Street/Isleta Boulevard intersection. A grand opening of the park is expected this year.

We need your comments by July 6!

[www.bernco.gov/survey/?p\\_survey=137606](http://www.bernco.gov/survey/?p_survey=137606)

### Bernalillo County Annex



There is a current proposal to rename the County Annex the Bernalillo County Statehood Centennial Building. The County Annex is located at 415 Tijeras NW.

Currently, the building is occupied by the following county departments: Sheriff's Department Training Academy, Human Resources Department Training Center, Economic Development and Cultural Services Department, Information Technology Department, Accounting Department, and Metropolitan Detention Center Internal Affairs.

The building housed the Bernalillo County Second Judicial District Court until 2001, when a new county courthouse opened. The older, northern part of the building was built in the 1920s, and remodeled in the 1960s. The newer part of the building was built in the 1960s.

We need your comments by July 6!

[www.bernco.gov/survey/?p\\_survey=137610](http://www.bernco.gov/survey/?p_survey=137610)

Need Assistance or Resources?

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

## Bernalillo County's Four Pools and a Spray Park are Now Open

Swim lessons, exercise and fun are available at four pools offering affordable summer swimming opportunities around the county.

Each pool opens at noon Saturday and offers affordable admission. Veterans have free admission, as well as seniors 50-years-old or older.



"Bernalillo County's aquatics program offers a high-quality swimming experience for Bernalillo County families," Parks and Recreation Director Ed Chismar says. "We encourage citizens to check out our great pools, get some exercise and have fun this summer."

The Parks and Recreation Department has hired 65 seasonal employees to manage the program, from lifeguards to pool managers and cashiers.

Each pool is open seven days a week from noon to 5 p.m. for recreational swimming. Swim lessons, pool rentals and other activities are offered in the mornings and evenings. Contact each pool for more information.

The Alameda Spray Park is open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and from noon to 6 p.m. on weekends.

**Rio Grande Indoor Pool**  
2312 Arenal Road S.W.  
314-0169

**Alameda Spray Park**  
9800 4th Street N.W.  
898-1355

**Paradise Hills Pool**  
5901 Paradise Blvd. N.W.  
898-0956

**Los Padillas Aquatic Center**  
2141 Los Padillas Road S.W.  
873-1156

**South Valley Pool**  
3912 Isleta Blvd. S.W.  
873-6616

## Travel Preparation and Safety



There are traditional times each year that many of us choose to travel to see family and friends as well as enjoy a vacation.

Generally, when we go on trips we are less likely to focus on our surroundings and safety. Most of the security resources you can depend on at the office or at home are nonexistent when you travel. Your greatest resource is yourself — your willingness to take precautions, vary your routes, keep a low profile and be alert to suspicious behavior and circumstances. The following tips for securing your residence should be observed before and during a trip.

- Ask a trusted neighbor to watch your residence and report suspicious activity.
- If possible, have a trusted friend or family member stay at your home.
- Install automatic timers on lights, TVs and radios to give the impression someone is home.
- Don't stop mail and newspaper delivery —ask a neighbor to collect.
- If you have a rollout trash dumpster, have a neighbor place it in the street on pick up day and return it that evening.
- Ask a neighbor to park a vehicle in the driveway when ever possible
- Be extra cautious about locking all doors and windows.
- Make sure trees and shrubs are trimmed to allow for good natural surveillance of your property.
- Make arrangements to have exterior lights on each night.
- Each entrance should have solid core or metal doors and deadbolt locks.
- All primary window locks should be operational and secondary locks should be installed.
- Let neighbors, family and friends know when you plan to return from a trip.

## Admiral Beverage Corp. Breaks Ground on Major Commercial Construction Project

County Commission Chair Art De La Cruz and officials from Admiral Beverage Corp. broke ground on a \$15 million construction project that will bring new jobs and economic development to the South Valley.

Admiral Beverage, which distributes beer and various non-alcoholic beverages in New Mexico, intends to build a 219,000 square foot distribution warehouse and offices at the corner of Rio Bravo Boulevard and Prince Street S.E. that will create an estimated 55 construction jobs and 20 new permanent jobs.

Chairman De La Cruz is leading Bernalillo County's effort to provide economic development incentives to Admiral Beverage that will allow the project to move forward, including a waiver of impact fees and an application for an industrial revenue bond.

The 20 new permanent jobs will be added after the project is completed in the fall of 2013, company officials estimate. Over time, the company may create up to 40 additional permanent jobs with an expansion of this facility.

Admiral Beverage will also move its existing Albuquerque area workforce — about 185 jobs — to this new location.

That means more economic activity for the area overall as the workforce moves to the South Valley.

The commercial construction project is one of the biggest in the metro area in many years and is located near the 135,000 square foot US Foods distribution center that opened in December.

"I am pleased to work with Admiral Beverage to bring new jobs and new opportunities to District 2 and the South Valley," Commission Chair Art De La Cruz says. "Bernalillo County has a lot to offer and we're dedicated to working with the private sector to improve the economy. We're also committed to making sure the company and the county work in tandem with the community to create a project we can all be proud of."

Admiral Beverage recently purchased 41 ½ acres at the southeast corner of Rio Bravo Boulevard and Prince Street SE from a private party.

"Admiral Beverage Corp. is delighted to partner with Bernalillo County on this significant investment," Admiral Chief Operating Officer Tom Taylor says. "I want to especially thank Chairman De La Cruz for his support and encouragement on this project. We're looking forward to a long and productive relationship with Bernalillo County and New Mexico."

Admiral Beverage intends to develop 24 acres when it builds the warehouse, company officials say.

Another 17 ½ acres fronting Rio Bravo Boulevard offer many opportunities to develop retail establishments, company officials say. However, the company has not finalized any plans for this portion of the property.

"I'm hopeful that this area will see more positive economic development in the future," Commission Chair De La Cruz says. "I'm committed to working closely with the neighborhood associations to seek their input and ideas as to the future growth of this area as it develops over time."

The application for an industrial revenue bond and other incentives will be heard by the County Commission later this summer.

Taxpayers will not finance the bonds. The bonds will be acquired by private investors in order for Admiral to purchase land, build and equip the new facility.

Approving the industrial revenue bond will allow the county to reduce the amount of gross receipts and property taxes the company will pay. The industrial revenue bond incentive is one of many economic development tools available to Bernalillo County to help grow the local economy.



## PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION

### Alameda Trail

Construction of the trail project along the south side of Alameda Boulevard between Fourth Street and Edith Boulevard is expected to be completed by the end of June 2012. There will be a couple of night time single lane closures on Alameda Boulevard in June to complete the median work at the Alameda Boulevard intersections with Second and Fourth Streets. A full closure of Edith Boulevard at Alameda Boulevard is in effect through mid-June. This closure is necessary for construction of the pedestrian bridge deck over Edith Boulevard. Edith Boulevard traffic will be detoured to Alameda Road and Ortega Road during the closure. Local traffic has access to Edith Boulevard. If you have any questions or concerns about this project, please contact Frank Williams, project engineer, at (505) 848-1572.

### Bridge/Isleta Intersection Improvements and Gateway Park

The Bridge/Isleta Intersection and South Valley Gateway Park, Phase 2 Project is 75 percent of the way completed through the allotted four month construction period. The intersection portion of the project is approximately 90 percent complete at this time; and the park is 50 percent complete.

All of the intersection work is complete except for the traffic signalization. Some of the traffic signalization hardware is still being manufactured and should be delivered in early June. Once all of that equipment comes in, the traffic signalization work can be completed. There will be intermittent single lane closures within a two week period in June on both Bridge and Isleta for the installation of the traffic signalization. The park construction continues on schedule. All of the park work can be constructed without lane closures on either Bridge or Isleta Boulevard. Once concrete work is completed in early June, tree plantings and crusher fine placement will follow. The intersection and park construction projects are both expected to be completed by the end of June. If you have any questions or concerns about this project, please contact Joe Luehring, project engineer, at (505) 848-1526.

### County-wide Road Improvement Project

This project consists of making improvements to the following roads in the East Mountain area of Bernalillo County: Frost Road, Skyline Drive, Skyline Drive West, North Court, Canyon Road, Lakeview Drive, Kelly Lynn Dive, Fairview Drive, Marks Road, Mikes Place, Juniper Drive, Kings Road, Ann Pickard Loop, San Pedro View, Peacock Lane/Court, Big Dipper Road, Constellation Drive, Lagarto Road and Tablazon Road.

Visit [www.Bernco.gov/CountyWideRoads](http://www.Bernco.gov/CountyWideRoads) to see a full construction schedule. Improvements include roadway pavement and drainage culvert installation. Construction should be complete by mid-November 2012 and will cost approximately \$4.2 million dollars. If you have any questions or concerns about this project, please contact Veronica Cid, project engineer, at (505) 848-1528.

### Bosque Del Rio Trail Improvements

Bosque Trail improvements are on the way. The project consists of rehabilitating the existing trail from Tingley Drive to the South Diversion Channel. Planned improvements will eliminate the numerous bumps and cracks along the trail. While protecting trees along the Bosque Trail, minor realignment and drainage improvements will also be included. Bernalillo County leveraged 15 percent in capital improvement bond money to obtain 85 percent in federal funding. Total rehabilitation of the 15-year old trail will total approximately \$1 million dollars. For more information, residents can contact the project engineer, Jeanne Wolfenbarger, at (505)848-1567.

### Los Ranchos Road Construction

Roadway improvements on Los Ranchos Road from Edith Boulevard to the county limits, just west of 2nd Street are coming. Construction is scheduled to begin June 18, 2012 and will continue until July 18, 2012.

Improvements will include new pavement and replacement of striping, speed humps, and signal loop detectors at the Los Ranchos Road and Second Street intersection. If you have any questions or concerns about this project, please contact Amor Solano, project engineer, at (505) 848-1527.

## 2012 FREE Movies in the Park

DATE	MOVIE	LOCATION	ADDRESS
May 19	The Adventures of Tin Tin ★	Los Duranes Community Ctr.	2920 Leopoldo NW Albuquerque, NM 87104
June 2	The Perfect Game	Roadrunner Little League ★	10700 Lagrima De Oro Albuquerque, NM 87112
June 22	Moneyball	Raymond G Sanchez Community Ctr.	9800 4th Street NW Albuquerque, NM 87114
June 23	The Muppets	Rio Bravo Park	3910 Isleta Blvd SW Albuquerque, NM 87105
June 30	The Wizard of Oz ★	Wilson Middle School	1138 Cardenas Dr SE Albuquerque, NM 87108
July 27	Transformers: Dark of the Moon	Los Vecinos Community Center	478 1/2 Old Hwy. 66 Tijeras, NM 87059
July 28	Grease	South Valley Gateway Park	100 Isleta Blvd SW Albuquerque, NM 87105
August 4	Dolphin Tale	Paradise Hills Community Center	5901 Paradise Blvd NW Albuquerque, NM 87114
August 10	Green Lantern	Los Vecinos Community Center	478 1/2 Old Hwy. 66 Tijeras, NM 87059
August 11	Toy Story 3	McKinley Middle School	4500 Comanche Rd NE Albuquerque, NM 87110

*All shows are FREE and begin at dusk, subject to cancellation due to weather.*

*You are welcome to bring the following items: Coolers with food or drinks, drinks must be in a factory sealed container, blankets and lawn chairs.  
NOT allowed: alcohol, glass containers, sharp or dangerous items, video or audio recording devices.*

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## SilverSneakers® and the Prescription Trails™ Program Hits the Trails to Promote Healthy Living in N.M.



The Healthways SilverSneakers® Fitness Program is teaming up with New Mexico Health Care Takes On Diabetes and Prescription Trails to offer a series of healthy and fun walks throughout the month of June. This is the second of our Annual SilverSneakers Fun Walks and we want the local residents to get their walking shoes on and come out and join us. There will be vendor tables, refreshments, fun giveaways and more at these complementary events. All events are from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., and the fun walks start at 9:30 a.m.

**On Saturday, June 16 from 9 a.m. -11 a.m., at Ben Greiner Soccer Field, on Eubank near Paseo del Norte, we will be hosting a SilverSneakers Fun Walk and Health Fair.**

**On Saturday, June 23 from 9 a.m. -11 a.m., at Phil Chacon Park on Louisiana and Kathryn NE, we will be hosting a SilverSneakers Fun Walk and Health Fair.**

For more information about the SilverSneakers and Prescription Trails Fun Walks, call Charm Lindblad at 505-796-9121 or Karen Kienle at 505-385-2797. To learn more about the SilverSneakers Fitness Program, visit [www.silversneakers.com](http://www.silversneakers.com). For more information about New Mexico Health Care Takes On Diabetes, visit [www.nmtod.org](http://www.nmtod.org). To learn more about Prescription Trails, go to [www.prescriptiontrailsnm.org](http://www.prescriptiontrailsnm.org).

*Get Up And Get Moving!*

## 2012 Summer Food Preservation Classes

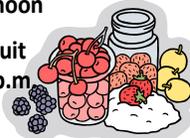


**Making Jams & Jellies**  
July 24 from 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon

**Homemade Pickles**  
July 17 & August 2 from 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon

**Water Bath Canning Tomatoes and Fruit**  
August 8 & 28 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**Pressure Canning Vegetables**  
August 9 and August 29 from 9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.



All classes will be held at the 4-H Center; 1500 Menaul NW (just west of 12th St. on Menaul). Registration is required, and the fee for each class is \$10. Additional classes will be added if these classes fill up.

Call Cindy Davies at Bernalillo County Cooperative Extension Service for reservations and information at (505) 243-1386. <http://bernalilloextension.nmsu.edu/>

If you are an individual with a disability who needs an auxiliary aid or service to participate in this event, please let us know at the time you register. NMSU and the U.S. Department of Agriculture

Basketball tournament at St. Pius X High School June 16, 2012 from 11:00-7:00 pm youth will play on teams with police officers against judges firefighters etc, the Mayor will challenge youth to a free throw contest and Chief of Police will play the Fire Chief in a free throw contest. This is to raise funds for a summer and after-school educational program.



## East Mountain FREE Summer Concert Series

The 2012 East Mountain Summer Concert Series has arrived! We invite everybody to come and support Bernalillo County's local talents on Friday nights beginning June 15.

**Los Vecinos Community Center**  
478 1/2 Old Hwy 66 Tijeras, NM 87059

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
(Rain or shine)

<b>Rhythm Divine</b> (Variety)	<b>June 15</b>
<b>Iron Chiwawa</b> (Blues, Funk, Rock & Roll)	<b>June 22</b>
<b>Paul Pino</b> (New Mexico Variety Music)	<b>June 29</b>
<b>Mike Romero &amp; La Raza</b> (NM Music)	<b>July 6</b>
<b>SWAG</b> (Blues/Jazz)	<b>July 13</b>
<b>The Dregz</b> (Rock)	<b>July 20</b>
<b>Chuck Hawley</b> (Folk/Rock)	<b>July 27</b>

**Parking:** A. Montoya Elementary School. No parking on Hwy 66

**Items NOT allowed:** Alcoholic beverages, pets, large umbrellas and glass containers.

**Items allowed:** Blankets, lawn chairs, personal umbrellas, picnic baskets, food and non-alcoholic beverages.

A bag inspection will be conducted at gate entrance.

For more information call (505) 314-0240

## Open Space Events for June

**Nature Photography**

June 10 from 10:00a.m.-12:00p.m.

This workshop is ideal for novices interested in starting nature photography and those with experience who want a few extra tips. RSVP by replying to this email or calling 314-0398.



**Composting with Worms at the Gutierrez-Hubbell House**

June 23 from 9:00a.m.-12:30p.m.

Find out how worms can increase your compost's speed and efficiency with the help of Master Composters. RSVP by replying to this email or calling 314-0398.



## Bernalillo County Recognizes State's Centennial

In an effort to participate and recognize the State of New Mexico's 100 years of statehood, Bernalillo County is launching a couple of initiatives. A historical exhibit highlighting the development of Bernalillo County will open on Wednesday June 27 at the Bernalillo County Commission Office and at the County Clerk's office, 6th floor, at One Civic Plaza N.W.



The second initiative is an on-line family history project. Bernalillo County residents can visit [www.bernco.gov/historyproject](http://www.bernco.gov/historyproject) from July 1 through October 31, 2012 to provide a one page family history and up to three photographs to tell the story of their family. The compilation of histories can be viewed on-line as it progresses. At the end of the project, a book will be created and given to the state archives as the county's contribution to the centennial celebration. For more information contact Cultural Services at 468-1279.

**CENTENNIAL SUMMERFEST!** Enjoy a daylong experience celebrating 100 years of New Mexico statehood. Join the party Saturday, June 16, on Route 66 (West Central between 2nd Street and 10th Street, and Harry E. Kinney Civic Plaza.) in Downtown Albuquerque. Noon to 9:30 p.m. Explore the cultural history of New Mexico's statehood through arts, dance, music, cuisine, science, technology and the exciting atmosphere of old Route 66.