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UPCOMING EVENTS

LABOR DAY HOLIDAY
SEPTEMBER 3
COUNTY OFFICES CLOSED

NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE
MONTH
SEPTEMBER 2012

AFRICAN AMERICAN TOWN HALL
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST

2ND ANNUAL TASTE OF NEW MEXICO
October 13 & 14
Harry E. Kinney Civic Plaza

MRCOG FOOD FESTIVAL
Sunday, October 14th
Hubbell House

COMMISSION MEETINGS

Board of Finance

Tuesday, August 14 @ 4:30 pm

Administrative

Tuesday, August 14 @ 5:00 pm
Tuesday, August 28 @ 5:30 pm

Zoning

Tuesday, August 28 @ 3:00 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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Prepare Now for Monsoon Flash Flooding

With the monsoon rains in full force, residents in the unincorporated areas of the county are advised that sandbags can help to stop water from rushing into yards and onto property that may be vulnerable.



"The Bernalillo County Fire Department knows how devastating flooding can be," says Deputy Fire Chief Frank Barka. "Preparing ahead of time can make a huge difference in stopping fast moving flash flood waters before any damage occurs."

Sand and/or bags are available at the following Bernalillo County Fire Stations:

NORTH VALLEY

- Station 30-6697 Fourth Street NW (bags only)
Station 31-9819 Second Street NW
Station 35-11700 Paseo del Norte NE
Station 36-501 Bear Canyon Lane NE

SOUTH VALLEY

- Station 32-1701 Arenal SW
Station 33-3909 Barcelona SW
Station 34-2801 Don Felipe SW
Station 38-3610 Prince SE

EAST MOUNTAINS

- Station 40-48 Public School Road, Tijeras
Station 41-10838 Highway 337
Station 43-4 Dressage Road
Station 46-25 Frost Road

For more information call the Fire Administration Offices at 468-1310.

Especially during monsoon season, residents are reminded to stay away from ditches and arroyos. Rains in the foothills and the mountains will cause high water levels in the ditches and arroyos all over the valley, so caution is advised anywhere fast water may be flowing.

Mountain View Neighborhood Association Invites you for an enjoyable evening to benefit our Second Street Revitalization!

Black & White Gala

Funds raised will be used to help make Second Street safer for pedestrians and bicyclists and attractive to our community.

Saturday, August 18, 2012
5:30 PM

Mountain View Community Center
201 Prosperity Avenue SE

\$45/person, or \$85 for two
(no tickets sold at door, advance sales only)

Please call Carol Kline at 452-0585 for more information and to reserve your table today! Sponsorships are available

County Clerk Reassures Voters They Won't be Removed from Voter Rolls

Clerk Maggie Toulouse Oliver wants to reassure voters that they will not and cannot be removed from the voter rolls prior to the General Election this November in light of the Secretary of State's (SOS) recent announcement regarding the mailing to approximately 177,000 voters whose mailing addresses are flagged as undeliverable.



Clerk Maggie Toulouse Oliver

Many news outlets have reported the SOS completed her federally-compliant mailing to these voters. The intent of the mailing is to ensure that voters who have either moved or opted not to vote have the opportunity to remain on the rolls if they so choose. The voters receiving the postcard, which can be forwarded to their new mailing address by the post office, are being contacted to ensure they are registered where they currently live. By returning the postcard, voters can update their voter registration address. If they are not voting, responding to the mailing also gives these voters the opportunity to inform election officials they intend to remain on the voting rolls.

Voters included in the mailing would not be eligible for removal until the completion of two federal election cycles, in other words, not until 2015, if they do not respond to the mailing and also do not vote in 2012 or 2014.

Bernalillo County Lifts Fire Restrictions Countywide

Bernalillo County has completely opened the bosque for public use. Open burning restrictions have also been lifted at this time for the unincorporated areas of Bernalillo County outside the city limits of Albuquerque.



"With the recent monsoon rains, conditions for fire are not as extreme as they were when these restrictions were put in place," says Bernalillo County Fire Marshal Chris Gober. "If weather conditions change, restrictions could be reinstated if needed."

The open burning restrictions, originally instituted on June 12, included the following: agricultural burning, bonfires, burning of explosives, campfires, ceremonial fires, cooking fires, hot torch burning, ignition of rocket motors, open burning, open flames, slash piles and burning weeds.

Need Assistance or Resources?

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

Waste and Recycling

Waste Management is your dedicated provider of waste and recycling services. With curbside single stream recycling, you simply place all of your recyclables in one container and then leave the sorting to us. It is easy to recycle and it is the right thing to do for the community and our environment.

Each of us individually makes a difference by utilizing recycling services versus placing everything in trash containers where contents end up buried in a landfill. But imagine how effective all Bernalillo County residents could be if everyone recycled more, and produced less waste.

Consider this:

- Paper products make up about 40% of our trash - this is something we can all change by placing our junk mail, paper and envelopes in recycling

Recyclables that end up in a landfill do not easily degrade. It takes:

- Tin cans 80-100 years
- Aluminum cans 200-500 years
- Plastic bottles 1 million years

Recycling has the following impacts:

- Once an aluminum can is recycled, it can be part of a new can in about 6 weeks.
- More than 63% of all cardboard boxes are recycled and used to make new containers.
- Steel can be recycled repeatedly without the loss of quality or strength. All steel cans contain about 25% recycled steel.

A detailed list of acceptable recyclables is included with this article for easy reference. Review the items and there's probably something you usually put in the trash that belongs in recycling. As a friendly reminder, glass, food waste, plastic bags and wrap, foam cups and containers are not recyclable.

If you have recycling questions, please call Waste Management **Customer Service at 892-1200**. Thank you for being our valued customer. Think Green and Recycle!

SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING

ACCEPTABLE RECYCLABLES

PAPER	CARDBOARD	PLASTIC	METAL
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Junk Mail Telephone Books Catalogs Computer Paper Envelopes Wrapping Paper Brochures Crayon Drawings Office Paper Copy Paper 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cereal Boxes Tissue Boxes Food Boxes Milk Cartons Juice Boxes Soda Cartons Egg Cartons (paper fiber) Paper Bags Cardboard Boxes Gift Boxes 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plastic Water Bottles Plastic Soda Bottles Plastic Milk Jugs Lotion Bottles Food Bottles Condiment Bottles Vegetable Oil Bottles 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aluminum Cans Fruit Cans Vegetable Cans Juice Cans Soup Cans Sauce Cans Assorted Food Cans

No Styrofoam, Wood, Yard Waste or Food Waste.

FOR RECYCLING SERVICE, PLEASE CONTACT FRANK SANTIAGO, PUBLIC SECTOR SOLUTIONS MANAGER:

Call: 505 891 6548

Email: fsantia1@wm.com



THINK GREEN:

Health officials have reported the appearance of **WEST NILE VIRUS** in the State of New Mexico. Symptoms include a high fever, stiffness in the neck, disorientation, body rash and muscle weakness that can lead to paralysis.

Preventative measures:

- Get rid of any standing water from around your home.
- Protect your skin with insect repellent if you're going to be outside.
- Avoid the outdoors in the early morning when mosquitoes are at their peak.
- Wear clothing which would keep you better covered.

Be BEAR Aware at Home



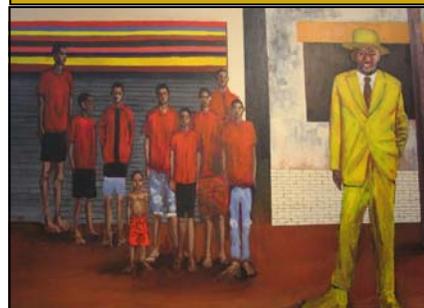
Making sure your home and yard are bear-proof is an essential part of making our community safe for both bears and people.

Here's what you can do:

- Never feed the bears! Not even once! It's illegal to feed bears for any reason. Bears generally will avoid humans unless they grow accustomed to eating human food or garbage. When bears become accustomed to eating human food, they often are a threat to human safety and it ultimately leads to the bear's destruction.
- Don't attract bears to your property with available garbage, bird feeders, bird baths, fruit trees and berry bushes, gardens, compost, dirty barbecues (grease cans or drip trays) or pet food.
- Don't leave any garbage outside near the house or on decks. Store garbage in closed, sturdy cans inside a shed or garage. Put garbage out on the day of pickup only.
- Make birdfeeders inaccessible to bears by hanging them 10 feet off the ground or higher or take them down. Hummingbird feeders should always be brought in at night.
- After BBQing outside, make sure the grill is thoroughly cleaned and stored in a closed sturdy shed or garage. Bears will destroy BBQs that have even the slightest lingering scent of food.
- Don't leave pet food or pet dishes outside and don't feed pets outside.
- Don't leave food in cars. Roll up windows and lock doors. Don't leave behind gum, mints, chapstick or even empty wrappers.
- Don't leave your houses accessible windows or doors open or unlocked, especially lower level windows. Screens are not bear-proof. Bears can and will climb through open windows and doors.
- Use specially designed bear deterrents - remotely triggered lights, noisemakers, and sprinklers - to discourage bears from entering your property, especially while you are away for extended periods. You can also purchase Bear Pepper Spray at most sports stores.
- If you encounter a bear while walking or hiking, remain calm and don't make eye contact. Talk softly and back away slowly. Do not run. Give the bear plenty of space and an easy escape route. If you encounter a bear at home, stay in a doorway and yell, bang pans, etc., to let the bear know it is not welcome.

Help to keep the whole neighborhood safe by encouraging your neighbors to follow bear smart practices, too.

A is for Art!



Hyeong Kyeong Ryn, Senior, Volcano Vista HS

Commissioner Maggie Hart Stebbins, County Clerk Maggie Toulouse Oliver and Probate Judge Willow Misty Parks, announce the next District 3 Art Show series, a preview of works from Albuquerque Public Schools students.

The students' works will be exhibited on both the 6th and 10th floors of One Civic Plaza from August 1—September 18.

PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION Project Updates

Eubank Boulevard, Phase 2

This project will reconstruct one-half mile of Eubank Boulevard between Paseo del Norte and Wilshire Avenue to the north. Between Paseo del Norte and Corona Avenue, Eubank Boulevard will consist of a two-lane divided roadway with a landscaped center median, curb and gutter, bicycle lanes, an asphalt paved multi-use pedestrian trail, and storm drainage improvements. The segment between Corona and Wilshire will consist of an undivided rural two-lane residential roadway with bicycle lanes, storm drainage improvements, and a paved multi-use pedestrian trail.

Bids were recently opened on the Eubank Boulevard Phase 2 project. All six of the construction bids received were below the engineer's cost estimate; and the bids are currently being evaluated in anticipation of a contract award.

Construction is expected to start in mid-to late-August; and be completed by the end of 2012. During much of the construction period, the entire roadway will be closed to through traffic to expedite construction. Local traffic is urged to use either Browning Avenue or Holbrook Avenue as a detour route.

If you have any questions or concerns about this project, **please contact Joe Luehring, project engineer, at 848-1526.**

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 mid August 2012. The final completion date was extended one month due to bridge fencing delivery delays and additional work added by the County for a retaining wall and pedestrian railing. The segment of trail between Second and Fourth Streets is completed and now open for public use.

If you have any questions or concerns about this project, **please contact Frank Williams, project engineer, at 848-1572.**

Bridge Corridor Redevelopment Plan | Community Meeting Scheduled

A community meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 15 at 6:00 p.m. at the Alamosa Community Center located at 6900 Gonzales Rd SW (Coors and Bridge). The project team will present the pros and cons of roadway and land use options developed during the design charrette held last May. We want your public input and comment about the options. You are encouraged to attend this.

The purpose of the Bridge Boulevard Corridor Redevelopment Plan is to identify appropriate improvements and areas for development to transform Bridge Boulevard into a mixed-use, pedestrian and transit-friendly corridor that maintains the unique history and character of the South Valley community. The Bridge Boulevard Corridor Redevelopment Plan is funded by a \$500,000 grant from HUD and the DOT. The County is matching the grant funds with \$382,188. For more information and maps about this project, please visit <http://www.bernco.gov/BridgePlan/>.

Stormwater Season is Here

We work hard to reduce stormwater pollution to keep our streams and river clean. Stormwater runoff is rain or snow melt that runs off buildings, yards or hillsides, down driveways, streets and channels, to the Rio Grande. Along the way it picks up pollutants and the trash we leave behind. This pollution is best controlled at the source, in our own homes, businesses, parks, and cars, by our own good housekeeping. Please visit our website, www.bernco.gov/stormwater or our partnership website, www.KeepTheRioGrand.org, for more information. YOU are the solution to stormwater pollution!

Bernalillo County ... we're more than you think!



Prescription Trails – Get Up and Get Moving!

Bernalillo County has six prescription trails that loop around its scenic open space properties. Enjoying Bernalillo County's prescription trails and open spaces provides the opportunity to experience nature and be physically active.

A prescription trail is a walking trail that has been identified with a graded level of difficulty. Health-care providers assess a patient's readiness to start or maintain a walking program and then write tai-

lored prescriptions based on those results. A prescription for walking is a unique way to engage people in their appropriate levels of physical activity.

Studies show that walking has a low risk of injury and has many health benefits. It can reduce the risk of heart disease, it can reduce the risk of diabetes, it can reduce the risk of different types of cancers including breast and colon cancer, it reduces high blood pressure, it helps with weight loss and it improves sleep. Best of all, walking is free!

So put on your walking shoes, get up and get moving!

Prescription walking trails are located around the county's open space properties: Gutierrez-Hubbell House, Durand, Pajarito, Rio Bravo, Sanchez Farm and Valle del Bosque. Visit www.bernco.gov/RxTrails for maps and more information.

Happy trails to you!



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Los Griegos Neighborhood Association
Invites you to join them in honoring our

BATAAN SURVIVORS

Wednesday, August 15, 2012
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Our Lady of Guadalupe (Church Hall)
1860 Griegos Rd NW

Honorees:

Bill Overmier, Ralph Rodriguez, Ernest Montoya, John Love, Faustino Olguin, Charles Sanchez & Pete Gonzales

Presenters:

State Legislator, Edward Sandoval; County Commissioner, Michelle Lujan Grisham; Flag Ceremony - Presentation of Colors; Troop 9 of the Greater Southwest Council of the Boy Scouts of America

Bernalillo County Open Space - August Events

Nature Packs

Every **Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.** at Bachechi Open Space (until August 12, 2012)

Nature Packs is a fun activity for the whole family and it's free! Get out and explore the natural wonders of Bachechi Open Space by learning about birds, bugs, tracks and more. It's easy. You just "rent" a backpack that is full of all the things you need to explore, including, guides, hands-on supplies, and activity sheets. Packs are reserved on a first-come basis. Come in person or call 514-4388 to reserve a pack today.

Traditional Plant Uses, Preparations, and Seed Saving Forum

August 11, 2012 from 9 a.m.- 11 a.m. at Carlito Springs

Traditional communities in the East Mountains have long relied on their knowledge and experience with native plants for basic subsistence and treating a variety of ailments. This knowledge has been passed down from generation to generation. During this forum, knowledgeable individuals will share tips and tricks for using and preparing plants and saving seeds. Email calangan@bernco.gov to RSVP. Limited to 20 participants.

Summer Nature Journaling

August 12, from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. at Bachechi Open Space

This is a four-part journaling series based on the seasons led by renowned artist and naturalist, Margy O'Brien.

This session is currently full. Email calangan@bernco.gov to get on a waiting list.

Native Seeds and Foods

August 25 from 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at the Gutierrez-Hubbell House

Explore native foods from the Rio Grande Valley and cultivation methods. Also, learn about seed saving techniques and the basics of how to preserve your own seeds for next season.

Email calangan@bernco.gov to RSVP.

SAVE the DATE! Local Food Festival and Field Day

October 14, from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the Gutierrez-Hubbell House

This annual event is organized by the Mid-Region Council of Governments, Edible Santa Fe and local partners, and is sponsored by Bernalillo County Open space. It is free to the public and offers a wide variety of family-fun activities including;

- Fresh, grown produce from local farmers
- Food and refreshments
- Fun for kids: face painting, seed spitting, farm animals and sack races
- Lecture series on backyard farming topics
- Food tasting prepared by local chefs
- Live music and entertainment
- Much, much more!

For more information you can call Colleen Langan-McRoberts, Open Space Coordinator at **314-0398 or 681-2605** (cell)

www.bernco.gov/openspace

2012 Summer Food Preservation Classes



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

Pressure Canning Vegetables
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 **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

10th Annual "We Art the People!" Folk Art Festival



The 10th Annual "We Art the People!" Folk Art Festival Parade will be on Sunday, September 9. The theme will be: "Dream Big, Night Creatures and Alebrijes". Join us for giant puppet making at OffCenter Community Arts. This year we are making giant Fantasy Dream "Alebrijes" puppets. Even if you don't make a puppet we need folks to come, wear puppets and be in the parade.

Get your hands wet! Paper Mache Giant

Puppet-Making Workshops:

Session 1- Sunday, August 5 @ 12-3: Design and prepare cardboard shapes

Session 2- Sunday, August 12 @ 12-3: Paper Mache

Session 3- Sunday, August 19 @ 12-3: Continue Paper Mache or begin painting

Session 4- Sunday, August 26 @ 12-3: Paint and finish

Attend all 4 Sessions for \$20 Instructor: Sunny Birklund

Register by contacting OffCenter Community Arts at 808 Park Ave SW, studio808@gwestoffice.net or 247-1172

The 2012 Bernalillo County 4-H Fair will be held at EXPO New Mexico Fairgrounds August 9-11. 4-H Members will display about 634 educational youth hall exhibits from many project areas.

There are also 4-H animal shows, judging and livestock sales. The livestock typically shown at the Bernalillo County 4-H Fair are beef, sheep, swine, dairy cattle, goats, horses, poultry and rabbits.

Admission to the 4-H Fair is free, but there are nominal parking fees. For additional information regarding Bernalillo County 4-H Programs go to www.bernalilloextension.nmsu.edu or call 243-1386