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UPCOMING EVENTS

2ND ANNUAL TASTE OF NEW MEXICO

Saturday, October 13 @ 12-9
Sunday, October 14 @ 12-6
Harry E. Kinney Civic Plaza

MRCOG FOOD FESTIVAL

Sunday, October 14th
Hubbell House

El Kookooee 2012

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

Dia De Los Muertos
Marigold Parade

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

NM Black Expo

Saturday, September 22 @ 10-10pm
Alice F. Hoppes Pavilion
(State Fairgrounds)

COMMISSION MEETINGS

ADMINISTRATIVE

Tuesday, September 11 @ 5:00 pm
Tuesday, September 25 @ 5:30 pm

ZONING

Tuesday, September 25 @ 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



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General Election Information



Dear Voters:

It seems like the summer just flew by and the 2012 General Election is just around the corner.

I wanted to express my thanks to all the voters who cast a ballot in the primary election and I am happy to report that the My Vote Center concept worked out extremely well for Bernalillo County.

There were a few issues throughout the day, but nothing that we could not resolve easily. We have also worked out a system to have the results of each of the races posted sooner for the upcoming General Election.

Voter registration is currently underway and it's a great time to update your voter information if you have moved.

Our goal is to make voting easy and convenient. There are several voting options for the General Election and they include Absentee Ballot by mail, Early Voting or Election Day Voting at any My Vote Center.

For any questions, please call the Clerk's Office at 243-VOTE (8683) or visit My Voter Information at www.bernco.gov

Happy Voting,

Maggie Toulouse Oliver

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Bernalillo County Clerk

VOTER REGISTRATION

You must be a registered voter in Bernalillo County to participate in the upcoming 2012 General Election.

Voter registration is currently open and will close on October 9, 2012.

To register, you must meet the following criteria:

- At least 18 years of age by Election Day (November 6, 2012)
A New Mexico resident
A legal U.S. citizen
Not legally declared mentally incapacitated
If convicted of a felony, you must show you have complete the terms and conditions of sentencing

You can obtain a registration form by visiting the Clerk's Office, calling the Clerk's Office at 243-VOTE (8683), or visiting any MVD office or other government offices.

After the voter registration is processed, you will receive a Voter Information Card that provides a precinct number and your state and local districts for your location.

ABSENTEE BY MAIL

To request an application for an absentee ballot, please complete and mail in the online absentee ballot application available at www.bernco.gov.

Absentee ballots will begin to be mailed October 9, 2012. After you've received your ballot, completed Absentee Ballots are mailed back to the Clerk and must be returned by Tuesday, November 6, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. to the Clerk's Office at One Civic Plaza, NW, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

EARLY VOTING at any MY VOTE CENTER

Early Voting will begin on October 9, 2012 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday at the My Vote Center at 620 Lomas Boulevard, NW.

Sixteen additional My Vote Centers will open for Early Voting beginning Saturday, October 20, 2012, through Saturday, November 3, 2012. Hours of operation for all sites will be 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

For a list of all the locations, go to www.bernco.gov for a list of Early Voting Locations or call 243-VOTE (8683).

ELECTION DAY VOTING

On Tuesday, November 6, 2012, 69 MY VOTE CENTER locations will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

ANY VOTER can VOTE at ANY LOCATION. Go to www.bernco.gov for a list of all My Vote Center locations.

To access your personalized voting information, review a sample ballot and to find the nearest MY VOTE CENTER for Early or Election Day Voting, please go to www.bernco.gov and click My Voter Information.

MILITARY AND OVERSEAS VOTING

As per the Uniformed and Overseas Citizen Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA), members of the Armed Forces and their eligible spouses and dependents may vote absentee, even if stationed overseas.

If you are active military, simply contact your Commander or Voting Officer for the proper procedure in casting an absentee ballot in your home county where you are registered.

For non-military voters living or working overseas, contact your embassy for information about applying for an absentee ballot.

To learn more about UOCAVA, visit the Federal Voting Assistance Program website http://www.fvap.gov/index.html sponsored by the Department of Defense at Overseas Vote Foundation.

Need Assistance or Resources?

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

African American Town Hall

This year New Mexico celebrates 100 years of statehood and the **New Mexico Office of African American Affairs** will take an in-depth look at the state of the African American Community on **Friday, September 21 8am- 5:30 pm at the Marriot Pyramid North (5151 San Francisco NE)**! The statewide town hall will draw on the experience and expertise of citizens to envision the New Mexico that is to come. The state's centennial will bring a unique opportunity to focus on ways to decrease, thereby one day eliminate, high disparity areas in the African American community. We expect the event to draw about 50-75 people from all corners of New Mexico.



The town hall will focus on three areas, each key to New Mexico's future:

- Education Advancement
- Health Care
- Economic Empowerment

Town hall participants will discuss issues, form working groups on each subject, and develop recommendations for how to strengthen resources and support statewide. By the end of the one-day town hall, participants will have agreed on concrete, actionable ideas and have formed an implementation team.

African American Statistical Report

The year 2012 marks our state's Centennial, which creates the perfect opportunity to take a closer look at the state of African Americans in New Mexico. The report will include a comprehensive summary of key disparity indicators. The same subjects as the Town Hall meeting will be addressed: education, healthcare, and the economy. We plan to publish the statistical report, which will create a permanent and unbiased record of our state's movement in these key areas.

For more information on any of these options, contact Yvette Bell, Executive Director, New Mexico Office of African American Affairs 505.222.9447, yvette.kaufmanbell@state.nm.us

Bernalillo County Animal Care Services Introduces New Lost and Found Feature on County Website

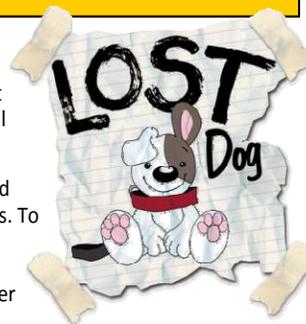
People living in the unincorporated areas of the county, outside the city limits of Albuquerque, now have a new way to report lost or found animals to Bernalillo County Animal Care Services.

Residents are now able to upload photos and post information about lost or found animals. To utilize this new feature, go to www.bernco.gov/animal-care and click on Lost and Found in the left-hand column. Enter information regarding the animal, size and breed if known, when and where it was found or lost and contact information of the pet owner or the person who found the animal. Personal contact information will not be posted on the website.

If an owner spots a lost pet on the county's website, the individual should contact the **Bernalillo County Animal Care Services at 505-468-PETS (7387)** for instructions on what to do next. Bernalillo County does not operate a shelter and only temporarily houses animals at its office facilities for short periods of times.

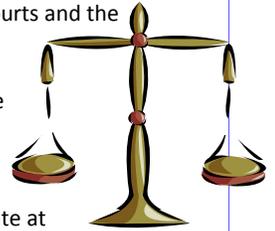
The county contracts with the City of Albuquerque for animal care services. Members of the public may be referred to the City of Albuquerque animal shelters to locate a lost pet. The city also posts pictures of lost and found animals on its website, <http://www.cabq.gov/pets>.

Animal neglect and cruelty are crimes. If you witness this, report it to Bernalillo County Animal Care Services 468-PETS (7387)



Court of Wills, Estates & Probate Community Outreach Program

To educate the public about the role of probate courts and the work and services offered by the Bernalillo County Court of Wills, Estates & Probate, and the probate process, Probate Judge Willow Misty Parks and the court staff are available to speak to schools, community groups, civic organizations and professional organizations. We also welcome tours of the court. Judge Parks and the court staff participate at no cost as their schedules permit. Please note that judges are bound by the Code of Judicial Conduct and are not permitted to address certain topics, including specific circumstances or issues or give legal advice. Groups wishing to arrange for Judge Parks to speak should contact the appropriate court listed below at least one month in advance of the requested date. For further information, please contact Evangeline Rodriguez, Court Clerk, at **505-468-1232**.



Bernalillo County "Increment of 1 Initiative"



The Birth of the Taste of New Mexico-Through the Increment of 1 Initiative, Bernalillo County has made small business a priority. Recently the Bernalillo County Economic Development Department met with restaurant owners to address concerns. We assessed

those concerns and have put a plan of action together that will have a direct impact on the local small business restaurant industry.

The Taste of New Mexico, in collaboration with the City of Albuquerque, presents an opportunity for people throughout the region to come together to experience and appreciate New Mexico's diverse cultural traditions and to learn more about our state's Southwestern heritage.

There are an estimated 4,000 restaurants in the State of New Mexico according to Carol Wight, Director of the New Mexico Restaurant Association. One thousand of these restaurants are members of the New Mexico Restaurant Association, and 450 of them are located in the Bernalillo County area.

Objectives of the Taste of New Mexico

One of the main goals of the Taste is to encourage redevelopment and small business job growth for our local economy. The Taste helps local restaurants make money, not the government.

The Taste of New Mexico, the Southwest's most diverse taste and cultural experience, increases tourism numbers and revenue in Bernalillo County and provides vendors with an opportunity to market and advertise their products to the public. In order to help maximize restaurant's profits, there is no charge for vendors to participate.

DETAILS

**Saturday October 13
12:00pm to 8:00pm**

&

**Sunday, October 14
12:00pm to 6:00pm**

Civic Plaza – 4th & Marquette (3rd St. and Tijeras closed off)

Variety of Food Vendors

Beer and Wine Vendors

Live Local Entertainment

FREE admission to the event grounds and performances

Food and beverages are sold by ticket only

12 tickets for \$10 and Family Pack of tickets 25 for \$20

PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION Project Updates

Eubank Boulevard Reconstruction Project, Phase II

For much of the construction period, Eubank Boulevard, north of Paseo del Norte, will be totally closed to traffic between Holly Avenue and Wilshire Avenue. Local traffic is urged to use either Holbrook Avenue or Browning Avenue as a detour route during construction.

Access will be maintained to both the Altamonte Little League fields and the Ben Greiner soccer fields after 4 p.m. on Mondays through Fridays and all day on weekends. During this period, however, the only access to Altamonte fields will be north from the intersection of Eubank Boulevard and Paseo del Norte; and the only access to Ben Greiner soccer fields will be from Holbrook Avenue, and then east on Corona Avenue to the soccer fields.

The project includes the reconstruction of Eubank Boulevard between Paseo Del Norte and Wilshire Avenue. Between Paseo del Norte and Corona Avenue, Eubank Boulevard will consist of a two-lane divided collector 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 Avenue and Wilshire Avenue will consist of an undivided rural two lane residential roadway with bicycle lanes, storm drainage improvements, and a paved multi-use pedestrian trail to include walking, biking and equestrian usage.

The total design and construction cost for this project is \$2.1 million.

For questions regarding this road construction project, please contact **Joe Luehring, Project Engineer, at 848-1526 or email jluehring@bernco.gov.**

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 the 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 re-payment will be billed directly through the resident's ABCWUA water bill over a 10 year period of time 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 to homeowners at no charge, an 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.

Sept 7 and 8 – Tablazon

Oct 12 and 13 – Carnuel/Echo Canyon

Nov 2 and 3 – Escobosa/Chilili

Dec 7 and 8 – Pinon Ridge Estates

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

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

Centennial Exhibit on 6th Floor-1 Civic Plaza

Take a step back in time and explore Bernalillo County's history through artifacts, documents and photographs spanning the different eras and cultures that have made an impact on our lives today.

Bernalillo County unveiled its Centennial Hall Exhibit on Friday, August 2, 2012, at **One Civic Plaza, NW, on the 6th and 10th floors** and residents were invited to attend.

The exhibit represents a major milestone for Bernalillo County in terms of having this valuable, historical information in one place. For years, various departments have accumulated historical information and for the first time, the county's Cultural Services Department was able to combine the information so that we can all gain a perspective on how the county was founded and developed.

The display contains a series of photographs captured in the early 1800s and forward, that tell a story of how the area was settled, how people survived and how various economies eventually turned the county into a thriving community. Some of the artifacts were provided by the Hubbell House Alliance, dedicated to the preservation of the Hubbell House in the South Valley, and help tell the story of how a young couple married and turned their home into a stagecoach stop and mercantile store that became a center of business and commerce in the early 1800s.

The exhibit also includes more recent historical information such as a small replica of the U.S.S. Bernalillo.

For more information, visit bernco.gov or call **468-1279**. The exhibit will be on display through the end of December, 2012.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY DAY
Saturday, September 15
Hyder Park-700 Richmond SE
10:30 am – 3:30 pm

FREE NEW MEXICO PHILHARMONIC COMMUNITY CONCERT
Thursday, September 20
Vista Grande Community Ctr.
#15 La Madera Rd, Sandia Park
7:00 pm

NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH
September 2012
Community Art Shows

AFRICAN AMERICAN TOWN HALL
Friday, September 21

CLINTON P. ANDERSON PARK GRAND OPENING
Saturday, September 22 @ 10:00 am
Corner of Isleta & Clinton Road

GLOBALQUERQUE!
Saturday & Sunday, September 21st & 22nd
National Hispanic Cultural Center

San Pedro Promenade

The Fair Heights Neighborhood Association and Rio Grande Credit Union are co-sponsoring the San Pedro Promenade on **Saturday, September 29, from 11 am-3 pm**. The idea is to demonstrate San Pedro's amazing potential to become a more walkable, bikeable, livable, and vibrant street. Along with showcasing local businesses and restaurants, we will also have local artisans and food vendors set up along the street. The main event will be located along San Pedro from Mountain to Marble and will feature the following:

- Artisan and Grower Marketplace
- Bike Rodeo
- Live Music (including Tony Watkins' group and Rudy Jaramillo)
- Art in the Alleyway
- Kids Jump
- "Brand our District" Contest
- Food vendors

Please come out and enjoy strolling San Pedro! Hope to see you there. Please contact **Patrick Scott at 266-3509** or patsomulligan@yahoo.com, if you would like to be a vendor or have

Attention East Mountain Landowners!

Recycle your property's green waste for FREE!

FREE DROP OFF at the East Mountain Transfer Station
711 Highway 333 | Tijeras, NM
Telephone: 281-9110 | All loads must be covered

Green Waste Events
8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Sept 15th – 23rd | Oct 13th–21st | Nov 24th– Dec 2nd

Brought to you by:

County of Bernalillo County Commissioner Wayne A. Johnson,
Ciudad Soil & Water Conservation District, Edgewood Soil & Water
Conservation District, NM Association of Counties

Bernalillo County Open Space - September Events

We continue to offer a wide array of free activities and workshops for the public to explore our County Open Space treasures. See below for a list of upcoming events this September.

Nature Packs Continues



Every Saturday from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at Bachechi Open Space

During the past pilot phase of Nature Packs, we received a number of positive comments from both children and their parents regarding their experiences using the Nature Packs contents and exploring Bachechi Open Space. Therefore, we will continue and expand the project. Nature Packs will be offered every **Saturday from September 1 to October 27**. We will also increase the most popular themed packs including the preschool and birding packs. Starting this Saturday, Nature Packs will be available at Bachechi Open Space from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. on a first come first serve basis. The packs are free to use at the property and can be picked up at the Bachechi Environmental Education Building located at 9521 Rio Grande Blvd. NW. Call 314-0398 for more information.

Food Preservation Forum

September 1 from 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at the Gutierrez-Hubbell House. Learn about the basics of drying and canning foods to store throughout winter. This workshop will also include a forum and recipe share. Come sample all the different ways we preserve and harvest. For more information and to RSVP please call 314-0398.

Stargazing and Astronomy

September 7, 7-10 p.m. at Bachechi Open Space
Bernalillo County Open Space in partnership with The Albuquerque Astronomical Society is offering a stargazing event at Bachechi Open Space. The star party will start with a talk by Dr. Barry Spletzer on amateur astronomy and objects of interest for the night. This will be followed by observing a laser tour of the constellations at 8 p.m. under the evening sky. For more information and to RSVP please call 314-0398.



Celebrate Route 66: A Historic Route

September 8 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at Carlito Springs Open Space
Carlito Springs sits above Route 66, one of the oldest and longest roads in the United States and coined as the Main Street of America. This Route played a key role in the migration west and shaping New Mexico's 20th Century. During this event, we will learn about and celebrate the Route's history, impact and significance to New Mexico with lectures, music and book signings. For more information and to RSVP, please call 314-0398.

Annual Food Festival and Field Day, A Message from MRCOG:

October 14 from 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Gutierrez-Hubbell House. We're gearing up for the 2012 Local Food Festival and Field Day. The event will be free and open to the public. In honor of the New Mexico State Centennial, this year's theme will be "A Celebration of History, Farming, and Culture."

We would like to invite anyone interested in being a vendor or having an information table to sign up now using our online form: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/viewform?formkey=dHNFeVlhRXpHQ1MtRXBsOFNPTTdKnhc6MQ#gid=0>
You can also access the vendor sign-up form and continually-updated festival information on the festival webpage <http://www.mrcog-nm.gov/agriculture-mainmenu-55/local-food-festival-mainmenu-278>.

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