BernCo at a Glance

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Top News to Know...

April is County Government Month

National County Government Month, held each April, is an annual celebration of county government. Since 1991, the National Association of Counties has encouraged counties to actively promote the services and programs they offer.

Test your BernCo knowledge! Join us each week for a quiz about *what you may know or may not know* about Bernalillo County.

Click here for this week's BernQuiz.

Capital Improvement Program and General Obligation Bonds Public Meeting Tuesday, April 17 at 6:30 p.m.

BernCo's Capital Improvement Program is hosting informational meetings to inform the public about the 2018-2024 Capital Improvement Plan and 2018 general obligation bond questions that will be on the November 2018 ballot. Residents are welcome to attend the last scheduled meeting, happening on Tuesday, April 17 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Vista Grande Community Center, 15 La Madera Road.

Click here to watch a video from the first community meeting, if you are unable to attend a meeting in person.

It's the 'BernCo' Great American CleanUp!

Please join us in keeping Bernalillo County beautiful by participating in the Great American Cleanup on April 21 and May 5. We are looking for individuals, families, neighborhood associations, sports teams, church groups, schools, garden clubs, civic

leagues, military groups, business leaders and anyone else interested in a beautiful community to adopt a location in your community and do a cleanup. **More info here.**

KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL
GREAT AMERICAN CLEANUP

Property Value Protest Period Ends April 30

The Bernalillo County Assessor's Office mailed out 264,987 real property 2018 notices of value including manufactured homes to all property owners beginning March 29 informing them of their net taxable value of their property as of Jan. 1. These assessments will be a factor in determining the 2018 property tax bills the Bernalillo County Treasurer's Office will mail in November of this year. The 2018 notices of value for business personal property and livestock will be sent out to property owners on May 1.

If property owners disagree with the county assessor's valuation on the property, they can protest; they have until Monday, April 30 at 5 p.m. to file a protest form. A **protest form** can be filed online on the assessor's website at **www.bernco.gov/assessor**, or in person at our office located at 501 Tijeras Ave. NW. Property owners have until Monday, April 30 to apply for property tax exemptions that could help lower their property tax bill in November. These exemptions include head of family, veterans and 100 percent disabled veterans. Applications for these exemptions can be **downloaded from the assessor's website** or picked up in person.

The Assessor's Office has a dedicated phone bank set up to help property owners who have questions or need assistance. The number to call is **(505) 222-3700**.

DON'T BE THE DEALER

Keep them safe. Clean them out. Take them back.

Rx Drug Take Back Day
Saturday, April 28

Turn in your unused prescription medications on **Saturday, April 28 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the National Guard Armory, 600 Wyoming Blvd. NE.**

Event will also have live entertainment, food trucks and activities for children.

South Valley Pride Day

County Commissioner Steven Michael Quezada invites everyone to be a part of this year's South Valley Pride Day 25th Anniversary Celebration, **Sunday, April 29 at Westside Community Center, 1250 Isleta Blvd SW. It all begins with a parade beginning at 11 a.m.** Then the fun moves to Westside Community Center Park where the 2018 South Valley Pride Day Outstanding Citizens will be honored. This family-friendly event will feature great music from local entertainers including Mirage…A Santana Experience followed by the incomparable Freddie Chavez and rounding out the afternoon, latino recording artist Gonzalo. Plenty of fun for kids and families with jumpers, a car show, great food, plus arts and crafts vendors, and more. **More info here.**

Join us in April for these educational, fun and outdoor events:
-- Backyard Farming Series | April 21
-- Backyard Science Series | April 22
-- East Mountain Interpretative Series | April 22
-- Family Fun Days at Bachechi | Every Sunday
-- History and Culture of NM Series | April 29

Parents who host, lose the most.
Don't be a party to teenage drinking.

Water Smart Landscaping

Bernalillo County is in a severe drought. As we come out of a dry winter into an early spring, it's especially important to water our landscapes efficiently – applying enough water to meet plants' needs, without overwatering. Water restrictions are in effect, no spray irrigation between the hours of 11 a.m and 7 p.m. **Click here for some wise outdoor water use tips.**

Public Questionnaire Results for ADA Transition Plan

In early March 2018, Bernalillo County conducted a public questionnaire to better understand ADA needs related to sidewalks, trails and traffic signals in unincorporated Bernalillo County, outside city limits. With 233 total participants, there was good participation from all areas of the unincorporated county. Public questionnaire results show the top three issues for participants are: missing sidewalks, cracks and breaks in sidewalks and missing curb ramps. The **public questionnaire results report** provides details about the results along with participants' write-in responses.

WHO DO YOU CALL?

- Metropolitan Detention Center (general inmate info): (505) 839-8700
- Roads and traffic: (505) 848-1504 or (505) 848-1503
- Animal Care Services: (505) 468-PETS
- Property Maintenance (report a park or facility that needs cleanup): (505) 224-2119
- Department of Substance Abuse Programs customer service: (505) 468-1555
- Probate Court: (505) 468-1232
- Unclaimed & Indigent Cremation Program: (55) 468-7295
- Accounts Payable general inquiries: (505) 468-7020
- All other calls: (505) 468-7777 or email, **contactcenter@bernco.gov**

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