



BernCo at a Glance E-newsletter

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CORONAVIRUS [COVID-19]

BERNALILLO COUNTY INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

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www.BernCo.gov/coronavirus

COVID-19 Public Health Requirements

- Foremost, please stay home if you are sick. Period.
- Masks are mandatory in public, non-compliance can result in a \$100 fine
- Mandatory 14-day isolation period for all out-of-state travel and/or visitors
- Practice social distancing -- be aware of your surroundings and others near you
- Adhere to the six-foot rule and stay at home except as needed for grocery shopping, medical assistance and exercise
- Limit group contact to five or fewer people
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash

New Mexico Department of Health:

- **New Mexicans with COVID-19 related questions should call the coronavirus hotline at 855-600-3453**
- **Non-COVID-19 related questions or concerns, call 833-551-0518**
- *****[NMDOH COVID-19 Public Dashboard](#) -- the data dashboard includes county-by-county breakdowns of positive cases by age, gender and ethnicity.**

Up-to-date information about state mandates and information:

www.newmexico.gov.

Information and resources from the CDC regarding coronavirus COVID-19:

www.cdc.gov.

CDC fact sheets to read and/or download,

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/communication/factsheets.html>

[NMConnect smartphone app for all New Mexicans](#) (click to learn more)

What's NEW for Property Taxes?

New Mexico's special legislative session passed a bill that included property tax relief, which the governor signed, effective June 29, 2020.

Property taxpayers can expect two (2) kinds of 2019 relief in the recent state legislation:

1. Delay of payment for second half 2019 taxes until May 10, 2021; and
2. Waiving of penalties and interest on second half 2019 taxes payments to May 10, 2021.



2019 second half taxes were due April 10, 2020. Both the delay and waiver are for a limited time and expires May 10, 2021.

The Treasurer's Office is working on plans for the new legislation. Treasurer Nancy Bearce estimates 5,500 properties are affected. Madam treasurer is working on notification letters to the 5,500 owners as well as frequently asked questions (FAQs) information on her website, www.bernco.gov/treasurer. Questions? Call customer service at 505-468-7031 or email treasurers@bernco.gov.

New Inmate Commissary and Deposit Services



Bernalillo County Commissioners recently approved a new agreement with the Keefe Commissary Group for the commissary and deposit services for the Metropolitan Detention Center.

Family and friends now have a new, more convenient way to make deposits into inmate's accounts by going to walk-in

retailers where they already shop.

They can register at www.cashpaytoday.com, get a barcode and make a cash deposit at locations including Dollar General, Family Dollar, CVS, and 7-Eleven stores.

There are still other ways to make deposits and payments to inmate's accounts:

- Online deposits can be made at www.AccessCorrections.com
- Download the free Access Corrections App (download from the App Store or Google Play)
- Phone: 866-345-1884. Live bilingual agents are available 24/7.

Keefe Commissary offers inmates various food and drinks, clothing, toiletries, and other miscellaneous items through orders from the kiosks or tablets. Monies deposited for inmates' commissary purchases goes into the Inmate's Personal Trust Account, which is then used to pay Keefe for the contracted sales and services.

Keefe reduced all commissary items costs to be less than the items that are offered in other New Mexico Counties by Keefe.

The term of this agreement is thirteen months (from June 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021) with options to extend for six additional one-year periods. For more information on the new changes in commissary and deposit services at MDC, go to www.bernco.gov/metropolitan-detention-center.

FREE!!

Movies in the Parking Lot
Saturday, July 18



Isleta Amphitheater Parking Lot
5601 University Blvd. SE
Click [here](#) for more information

Bernalillo County Open Space coordinator and parks resource specialist explains open space etiquette in these COVID-19 times.



BernCo Public Art - Call for Artists

[BernCo Public Art Announces Call for Photographs for Alvarado Square Art](#)

The Bernalillo County Public Art program is announcing a call for artists to submit photographs for use in the building design of the new county headquarters at Alvarado Square.

Photographs chosen will help create a welcoming environment for customers, county employees and the public. The photographs will be printed in a large scale and used on the walls of Alvarado Square's elevator lobbies, and additional photographs may be used on the windows of the new Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office suite.

The public art program is seeking photographs that represent the story and character of Bernalillo County, including the people, places, landscapes and events of the county.

Chosen photographers will receive \$1,500, with a limit of one photograph per artist. Copies of the winning photographs will also be framed and added to the public art program's permanent collection.

The deadline for submissions is Aug. 31, 2020 by mail or email. Complete submission guidelines are available online at bernco.gov/community-services/current-call-for-entries.aspx. There is no fee to submit a proposal.

[BernCo Public Art Announces Call for Artists for Alvarado Square Mural](#)

The Bernalillo County Public Art program is announcing a call for artists for an indoor mural in the new County Commission chambers at Alvarado Square.

The Alvarado Square chambers mural will be located on the south-facing wall outside of the County Commission chambers at the new county headquarters. The mural will be visible to the public both from inside the building and outside from Silver Avenue through glass windows.



The mural will also be used in the creation of an acrylic/glass art element behind the concierge desk, to form a screen for the building's glass elevators.

[BernCo Arts Board Seeking Qualified Artists for Tiny Home Village Project](#)

The Bernalillo County Arts Board is seeking qualified artists and artist teams interested in creating public art for the Tiny Home Village, now under construction in southeast Albuquerque.

The artwork will be located in the visitor parking area of the facility. Artists are encouraged to include a community outreach process in the design and implementation of the art. The established budget is \$43,000. The project will be participatory and will engage the surrounding community and village residents.



BernCo Opens Rio Grande Pool and Fitness Centers for Limited Use

Bernalillo County Parks, Recreation and Open Space is slowly re-opening some of its facilities that closed in March due to coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic

restrictions.

All Bernalillo County Parks, Recreation and Open Space facilities, such as ballfields, courts, rodeo arenas, swimming pools, playgrounds, open space buildings, and community centers remain closed until further notice for any organized activity, including traditional summer camp, sports team practices and games, little leagues, or rodeos, and special events at county facilities. BernCo Parks, Recreation and Open Space facility availabilities are limited and as follows:



OPEN:

Rio Grande Pool – Open 6 a.m. – 3 p.m. by reservation only

- Limited swimmers in facility – 4 lanes open, 4 lanes closed as separation between swimmers
- No spectators
- Social distancing will be observed
- Lap swim only
- No open recreational swim

Community Centers – Closed (Except for fitness centers)

- Fitness centers are open 7 a.m. – 2 p.m. by reservation only
- Virtual summer camp via Facebook and YouTube
- Special events are not being scheduled but requests for late summer or fall events are being reviewed on a case-by-case basis and must meet Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham’s public health order
- Ed Chismar mobile recreation unit making appearances

Summer lunch grab-n-go continues Monday – Friday, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

CLOSED AND CANCELLED:

- ALL outdoor swimming pools and splash pads
- Community centers
- Summer sports leagues (Youth basketball and adult softball)
- Play areas in county parks
- All ballfields and athletic facilities (Limited use for organizations with approved user agreements in place)
- Rodeo and equestrian arenas
- Jimmy Nieto Softball Tournament
- Gutierrez/Hubbell House Museum
- Bachechi environmental building and bathrooms

Bernalillo County management is in talks regarding after school programming as kids head back to class in mid-August. No determinations have been made at this time.

Any resident who has already paid for a summer program or camp is entitled to a refund or credit toward another program/season. Information about refunds/credits click [here](#).



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New Mexico receives over \$7 billion each year through federal programs which benefit the entire community: health care, nutrition, highways, education, housing, jobs and more that allocate funds on per capita basis. Visit [2020census.gov](https://www.census.gov) today and be counted!



Albuquerque Historical Society



As the New Mexico museums are closed due to the coronavirus (COVID-19), many history organizations are providing free programs.

- **MURALS OF ALBUQUERQUE** (www.muosabq.com) This shows over 130 murals in the ABQ metro area. click on each picture and it shows the mural, gives its title and address, describes the image, and the artists.
- **LOS ALAMOS SCIENCE FEST VIRTUAL EVENTS** July 7-16 events include lectures, panel discussions, live science experiments. Visit www.LosAlamosHistory.org for full schedule and the links to Zoom, Mobile App and Desktop App.
- **TRIBUTES TO AUTHOR RUDOLFO ANAYA** (www.anaya.unm.edu) links to his archives at the UNM Center for Southwest Research are available.
- **OBSERVANCE OF 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NUCLEAR DEVICE DETONATION TRINITY TEST** July 16 - to see the online exhibits visit:
 - The Albuquerque Museum at www.cabq.gov/museum
 - Los Alamos History Museum - www.LosAlamosHistory.org/trinitytest On July 8, at 7 p.m., Trinity Project: the Myth, the Legend, the Legacy by Lab Historian Alan Carr,
- **The New Mexico History Museum** Has many programs on Facebook and YouTube including The Santa Fe River in NM History presented by William Mee,
 - YouTube: www.YouTube.com/user/NMmuseum
 - Find more visit www.nmhistorymuseum.org
 - Facebook: www.facebook.com/events/3051120368304586/
- **Anthropological Genetic History: the Suebi Connection to New Mexico Families, haplogroup 1** - July 11 at 1 p.m., cost: \$10 presented by Angel de Cervantes from the New Mexico DNA Project and the Iberian Peninsula DNA Institute. To pay and get a link for the program contact angelrcervantes@gmail.com
- **What is the New Mexico Humanities Council** - July 15 at 5 p.m., presented by Executive Director Brandon Johnson. To register visit www.nmhumanities.org or

info@nmhumanities.org or call 505-633-7370

- **The Legacy of Artists & Sculptor Herb Goldman** – July 19 at 2 p.m., Livestreamed on the Albuquerque Historical Society (AHS) Facebook page. Presented by his daughter Lisa Goldman. Until the Museum of Albuquerque is available for group programs, AHS programs will take place by live stream on Facebook. Visit www.albuqhistsoc.org for more information.
- **Dr. Stephen Schneider speaks on his book, The Magic of Mariachi and Borderlines.** " July 19 at 2 p.m., Free. A testimony to the people of the US/Mexican border. To receive the Zoom link email Bookworks at rsvp@bkwrks.com For other information visit Bookworks website at www.bkwrks.com
- **Run: The Super Athletes of the Sierra Madre presented by Diana Molina.** – July 22 at 5 p.m., Free. Must register at www.nmhumanities.org or info@nmhumanities.org or by calling 505-633-7370.
- **Lobo Living Room presents new football coach Danny Gonzales speaking.** – July 23 at 6 p.m., Free. Streamed on the Facebook page of the UNM Alumni Association. Visit alumni@unm.edu for more information. Past Lobo Living Room presentations are available at www.unmalumni.com/lobo-living-room.html
- **The Bandit Wars** – July 25 at 11 a.m.; Professor Andy Hernandez speaks on the events before and after Pancho Villa's 1916 raid on Columbus, NM. To register for the Zoom connection go to the website for the www.SilverCityMuseum.org
- **Boots, Suits, Citizens – How the NM Legislature Works** – July 29 at 5 p.m., Free. presented by former NM Senator. Dede Feldman. Must register at www.nmhumanities.org or info@nmhumanities.org or by calling 505-633-7370.

Mile-Hi Farmers' Market

Sundays 10am – 1pm

July 5 – Sept. 27, 2020

Alvarado Park

2000 Alvarado Dr. N.E.



Join Us In the Neighborhood

Farm-fresh Produce ~ Baked Foods ~ Jerky

Carvings, Jewelry, Pottery, Soaps, Lotions

and many other wonderful goods!

COVID – 19 precautions



Recent BernCo News Releases

(click each news release below to read in full)

[BernCo Urges Early Fire Season Preparedness](#)

July 9, 2020 - A wildland fire on the east side of the Manzano Mountains in Torrance County north of Torean, the Ojo de Los Casos fire, is sparking calls for residents to be prepared for any possibilities, including evacuation. Additionally, all Bernalillo County residents, and close neighbors, have the opportunity to sign up for emergency notifications through Nixle, an emergency alert system utilized by governments and agencies across the country.

Bernalillo County Emergency Management Director, Richard Clark says BernCo offers the Nixle notification service as a safety precaution. "All residents should sign up for Nixle, especially in the East Mountains where the possibility of a wildland fire is always present. Citizens need to be fully prepared," says Clark. "Signing up is easy, it's free and can be a lifesaver."

Anyone who signs up for notifications through Nixle can receive alerts by email, text, or on the web. Sign up at www.nixle.com.

Behavioral Health Services Expansion to Increase Services to Over 14,000 Residents

July 9, 2020 - The Department of Behavioral Health Services begins the start of construction for the \$5 million CARE Campus expansion in southeast Albuquerque, New Mexico. The expansion will help expand the campus services to be inclusive of mental health treatment and drug and alcohol services. The campus will provide comprehensive behavioral health services 24-hours a day, seven days a week.

Voter Registration Agent Training Resumes in Bernalillo County

July 9, 2020 - Bernalillo County Clerk Linda Stover announces the resumption of Voter Registration Agent training in Bernalillo County.

A "third-party registration agent" is any person, entity, or organization that assists in registering a voter that is not a county, state or federal agency. The duties of a VRA include offering a prospective voter a voter registration application form (which is tracked by agent name and ID number), assist in the preparation of the form as requested, and review the form to ensure it is completely filled out and legible. VRAs then hand-deliver the form to the County Clerk's Office within 48 hours for processing.

Thank you for reading BernCo at a Glance

For assistance, please contact:

- 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
- Schedule a large item pick-up: (505) 892-1200
- Department of Behavioral Health Services customer service: (505) 468-1555
- Court of Wills, Estates and Probate (general info): (505) 468-1232
 - Schedule an appointment: call (505) 468-1229 or email, probate@bernco.gov
- Unclaimed & Indigent Cremation Program: (505) 468-7295
- Accounts Payable general inquiries: (505) 468-7020
- All other calls: (505) 468-7777 or email, contactcenter@bernco.gov

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- [Glyphosate Moratorium](#)

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