



# BERNCO at a Glance

MAY 2014

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## COUNTY COMMISSION

### BOARD OF FINANCE MEETING

Tuesday, May 6, 2014  
4:30 p.m.

### ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING

Tuesday, May 6, 2014  
5 p.m.

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Tuesday, May 20, 2014  
5 p.m.

### COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

First Wednesday of month  
May 7, 2014, 9 a.m.

### ZONING ADMINISTRATOR MEETING

Second Tuesday of month  
May 13, 2014, 9 a.m.

Meetings are held in the Vincent E. Griego Chambers in the basement of the City/County Government Bldg.  
One Civic Plaza  
Fifth and Marquette NW

## BernCo Property Notices of Value Mailed May 1 Protest period runs from May 1 – May 30

If you own a home in Bernalillo County, you will be receiving a Notice of Value (NOV) from the County Assessor's Office this month. The NOV contains information regarding your property's value, and it's important that you open and read it right away.

The Assessor's Office mails NOV's to homeowners every spring informing them of what their property is valued at for the year. It is this assessment that the Bernalillo County Treasurer's Office uses to calculate property tax bills, which are mailed out in the fall. This year your NOV will also contain an insert that explains how your property assessment is used to calculate your tax bill.

**If you have any questions or concerns about your NOV, it's important that you contact the County Assessor's Office immediately.** That's because state law only gives property owners 30 days to protest their NOV's from the date they were mailed. **This year the protest period is from May 1 through May 30.** Protest forms are available for pickup at the Assessor's Office or on the Assessor's website at [www.bernco.gov/assessor-office](http://www.bernco.gov/assessor-office). **If you have additional questions, please call the Assessor's Office at (505) 222-3700.**

Assessor Tanya Giddings has also ordered an extensive public outreach program during the month of May to help property owners through the NOV process. This includes mobile office hours across the county and weekend hours at the Assessor's Office. You can find a full schedule on the Assessor's website.

## NEED Assistance or Resources?

Contact Neighborhood Coordination Specialist Darrell Dady at (505) 468-7364 or at [ddady@bernco.gov](mailto:ddady@bernco.gov).

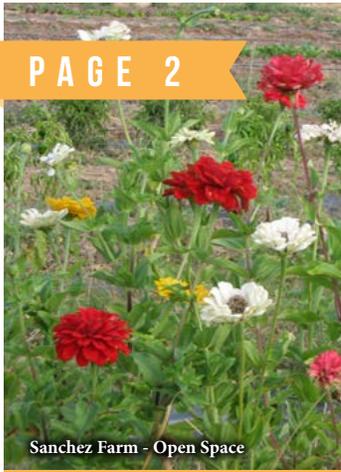
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WE'RE MORE THAN YOU THINK



Sanchez Farm - Open Space

## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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## Voter Registration Info for the 2014 Primary Election

The County Clerk's office wants to remind eligible citizens to register to vote and update your registration. It's easy and can be done at their office at One Civic Plaza, NW, Sixth Floor, through the state Motor Vehicle Division, or any library in the state. **The deadline to register to vote in the 2014 Primary Election is May 6, 2014 by 5 p.m.**

If you have moved recently, please update your voter registration. A new address may indicate a new voting district for federal, state or local offices. For more information please call **243-VOTE (8683)**.

Please note that the Primary Election on June 3 is a "closed" primary election, meaning only registered Democrats and Republicans may participate. If you wish to update your party registration, please fill out a new voter registration form and turn in by the deadline noted above.

## Vote Early

In-Person Absentee (Early) Voting will begin at the Clerk's Annex at 111 Union Square Street, SE on Tuesday, May 6, 2014 from 8 am to 8 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Eighteen additional My Vote Center sites will open on Saturday, May 17, 2014 through May 31, 2014. The hours of operation will be from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

## Vote by Mail

The first day Absentee Ballots can be mailed out is Tuesday, May 6, 2014. Absentee Applications are now being accepted. You must be a registered Democrat or Republican voter and complete an Absentee Ballot application which is available on-line at [www.bernco.gov/myvotecenter](http://www.bernco.gov/myvotecenter). **You can also request an application by calling (505) 243-VOTE (8683).** Once the form is successfully completed, a ballot will be mailed to you.

## Vote on Election Day

On Tuesday, June 3, 2014, 69 My Vote Centers will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. To find the closest My Vote Center, please visit [www.bernco.gov/myvotecenter](http://www.bernco.gov/myvotecenter) or call **505-243-VOTE (8683)**.

You can also visit [www.bernco.gov/myvoterinformation](http://www.bernco.gov/myvoterinformation) to download a sample ballot and locate the closest My Vote Center to your home, school or workplace.



Google Play Store



iTunes Store

## Download the APP

To have access to up-to-the-minute wait times at My Vote Centers and to find the closest one to you, download the My Vote Center iTunes or Google Play Store.

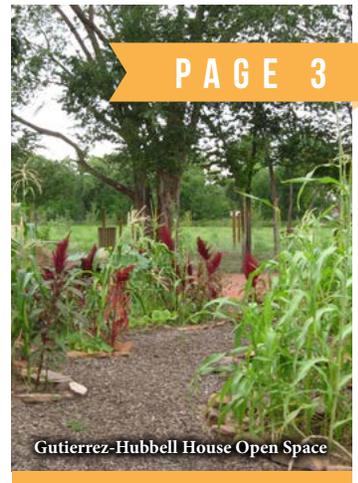


# BERNCO Public Works

## North Valley Library is Now Open

The North Valley Library reopened to the public on April 15 following nine months of renovations and repairs that were needed as result of the fire that occurred in July 2013. A grand re-opening event is scheduled for Friday, May 2.

Library hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursday from 11:00 a.m. to 7 p.m. The library is closed on Sunday and Monday.



Gutierrez-Hubbell House Open Space

## BernCo Park Watch Program Becomes a Reality

Bernalillo County is looking for community volunteers to help protect our outstanding parks and Open Spaces, from the mountains to the valley.

Bernalillo County's Park Watch Program is a community-based initiative designed to develop an increased sense of awareness and responsibility of the Bernalillo County park system, which includes 53 parks and 12 Open Spaces.

The Park Watch program will rely on volunteers from the community to be the eyes and ears of the park system to ensure our parks remain safe.

Participants will work closely with the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Department and a Park Watch coordinator to enhance the level of communication between Bernalillo County and its citizens. Park Watch volunteers are responsible for observing and reporting any unlawful activity to the appropriate authorities.

Under no circumstances should Park Watch volunteers confront individuals or intervene in any situation that may pose a risk. That is the responsibility of the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Department.

To get involved in the Park Watch Program, please contact Darrell Dady at (505) 468-7364 or at [ddady@bernco.gov](mailto:ddady@bernco.gov). To report suspicious activity, please contact the Bernalillo County Contact Center at (505) 468-7777. For emergencies, please call 911.



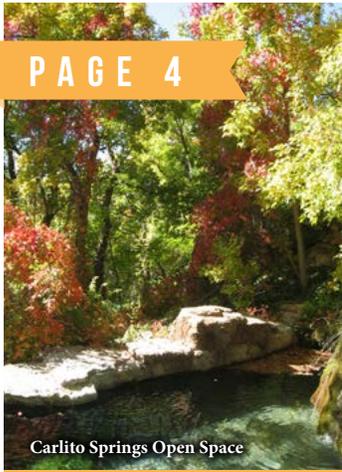
## May is National Building Safety Month

Founded by the International Code Council (ICC), Building Safety Month is celebrated worldwide during the month of May.

Building Safety Month is a public awareness campaign offered each year to help individuals, families and businesses understand what it takes to create and sustain safe and sustainable structures. The campaign reinforces the need for adoption of modern, model building codes, a strong and efficient system of code enforcement and a well-trained, professional workforce to maintain the system.

The campaign is presented by the ICC and its 57,000 members, including Bernalillo County, along with a diverse partnership worldwide of professionals from the building construction, design and safety community. Corporations, government agencies, professional associations, nonprofits and more come together to support Building Safety Month because they understand the need for safe and sustainable structures where we live, work and play.

BernCo  
Public Works  
Hotline #'s  
AVAILABLE  
24 HOURS A DAY  
7 DAYS A WEEK  
  
CALL 848-1503  
OR 848-1504  
or send an e-mail to  
[contactcenter@bernco.gov](mailto:contactcenter@bernco.gov)



## COME EXPERIENCE BERNALILLO COUNTY IN THE TOUR DEL BOSQUE

Saturday, May 10, 2014

This is a **FREE** event!  
All activities take place  
at public venues and  
facilities that are open  
to the community  
throughout the year.

For more information,  
go to [www.bernco.gov/  
tourdelbosque](http://www.bernco.gov/tourdelbosque).

## Important Info & Advice on How to Avoid West Nile virus this Summer

- Use insect repellents when you go outdoors.
- When weather permits, wear long sleeves, long pants, and socks when outdoors.
- Take extra care to use repellent and protective clothing from dusk to dawn, or consider avoiding outdoor activities during these times.

### Mosquito-Proof Your Home

- Install or repair screens on windows and doors to keep mosquitoes outside.
- Use your air conditioning when available.
- Help reduce the number of mosquitoes around your home by emptying standing water from flowerpots, gutters, buckets, pool covers, pet water dishes, discarded tires, and birdbaths on a regular basis.

Most people (70-80 percent) who become infected with West Nile virus do not develop any symptoms. Less than one percent of people who are infected will develop a serious neurologic illness such as encephalitis or meningitis (inflammation of the brain or surrounding tissues).

- People with certain medical conditions, such as cancer, diabetes, hypertension and kidney disease are also at greater risk for serious illness.
- About 10 percent of people who develop neurologic infection due to West Nile virus will die.

### Treatment

- No vaccine or antiviral treatments for West Nile virus infections are available.

For more information, contact the Bernalillo County Health Protection Team at (505) 314-0310.

**THERE IS NO POOP FAIRY  
SCOOP YOUR POOP**



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## The Bernalillo County Arts Board

The Bernalillo County Arts Board selected six photographs for purchase from Albuquerque high school students in the Focus in Youth 2014 Juried Student Exhibition. At the awards ceremony on May 3 at 2 p.m., each student will receive a Bernalillo County Annual Purchase Award certificate and a check for \$250. The photographs will become part of the permanent public art collection and will be on display in county facilities. The Focus on Youth Art Show is on display from May 4 through June 8 at the Albuquerque Museum.

### THE 2014 WINNERS ARE:

BROOKE BOHANNON, MANZANO HIGH SCHOOL  
KAYLA NORIEGA, CIBOLA HIGH SCHOOL  
VIRGINIA WHITFIELD, MANZANO HIGH SCHOOL  
DEVON DOTSON, SANDIA HIGH SCHOOL  
KELLY HUGHES, ALBUQUERQUE ACADEMY  
KATHERINE HAYNES, SANDIA HIGH SCHOOL