

BERNALILLO COUNTY



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Upcoming Events

Fiesta de Alameda
Saturday, October 5, 2013
East Mountain Celebration
Sunday, October 6, 2013

Commission Meetings

Administrative Meeting
September 10, 2013 5:00 pm

Zoning Meeting
September 24, 2013 3:00 pm

Administrative Meeting
September 24, 2013 5:00 pm

County Planning Commission 1st Wednesday of month @ 9 am

Meetings are held in the
Vincent E. Griego Chambers
in the basement of the
City/County Government Bldg.
1 Civic Plaza
5th and Marquette NW

**New BernCo Public Works
Hotline #'s are available 24
hours a day, 7 days a week:
Call 848-1503 or 848-1504.**



Frank Barka is Bernalillo County's New Fire Chief

Bernalillo County is proud to announce the selection of Frank Barka as the new leader of the second largest fire department in New Mexico. After an exhaustive search, the Bernalillo County Fire Department has a new chief with a long history with the county and the fire service.

Chief Barka's career highlights include:

- Served as Bernalillo County acting/interim fire chief since - August 2012
- Named Bernalillo County Deputy Chief of Support Services - January 2008
- Promoted to Fire Marshal - September 2005
- Fire Marshal's Office - June 2000
- Hired by Bernalillo County Fire Department - July 1995
- Began career with Bernalillo County Fire Department as a volunteer firefighter 1982 - 87, before entering the Coast Guard
- Served as Fire Chief of Valencia County from 1994 - 2004



Bernalillo County Fire
Chief Frank Barka

Need Assistance or Resources?

Contact Neighborhood Coordination Specialist, Darrell Dady,
at 468-7364, or at ddady@bernco.gov

Parks and Rec and Open Space Updates

FOOD FESTIVAL & FIELD DAY COMING IN OCTOBER

SAVE THE DATE of Sunday, October 13 for the annual Food Festival and Field Day which will be held at the South Valley's Gutierrez-Hubbell House, 6029 Isleta SW. This event celebrates local food from the ground up, and this year's focus is on **Returning to the Land: Planting the Future.**

For more information, go to: <http://www.mrcog-nm.gov/local-food/local-food-festival> or to www.bernco.gov/openspace

Geocache with BernCo Bernie



Geocaching is happening in Bernalillo County! Geocaching is the real-world treasure hunt that provides fun for all ages.

BernCo Bernie's geocaching adventure is now underway and the first 200 individuals to find all eight caches and complete the hunt will receive a limited-edition commemorative BernCo coin. Learn more about geocaching and get the clues to the hidden caches at www.BernCoBernie.com.

Happy hunting!

**BernCo
at a Glance**

“MY VOTE CENTER” AD CAMPAIGN RECEIVES LOCAL AND NATIONAL AWARDS



Bernalillo County Clerk Maggie Toulouse Oliver

Bernalillo County Clerk Maggie Toulouse Oliver is pleased to announce that the 2012 “My Vote Center” advertising campaign received first place for a public service campaign from the New Mexico Press Women 2013 Communication Contest and Best of Class from the National Association of County Information Officers (NACIO) 2013 Award of Excellence competition.

In 2012, Bernalillo County switched to vote centers from more traditional precinct-based voting. Public education was a critical component of the program's success and the clerk's staff executed a thorough and well-planned campaign designed to reach all voters.

The components of the public education campaign included television spots, radio spots, static and electronic billboard advertising, print ads, web site modifications, interviews, social media and printed material for voters. All materials that were used in the ad campaign were created in-house.

The Clerk reports the My Vote Centers have been very well-received by voters. In an on-line survey and in a separate survey, conducted by the University of New Mexico with exiting voters, 97% indicated that voting at a Vote Center was better, primarily because they knew they could vote at any My Vote Center and appreciated the convenience. The surveys clearly show the ad campaign accomplished its goal.

BernCo Arts and Food Events Coming this Fall

Bernalillo County is proud to host a new and exciting fall event lineup that highlights the arts, cultural and culinary traditions of New Mexico.

Enjoy more than a dozen special events from community celebrations, free concerts, Movies in the Park, arts and crafts festivals and free Open Space events that highlight all that Bernalillo County has to offer.

This year's fall event season is anchored by **Taste of New Mexico 2013**, which features a wide variety of food and drink that highlight New Mexico's unique flavors.

This year's Taste of New Mexico is scheduled for October 12 and 13 at the National Hispanic Cultural Center. Visit www.bernco.gov for more information.

Public Works Update

Sunport Blvd. Extension Project | Public Meeting

Bernalillo County, the New Mexico Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration announce a PUBLIC MEETING for the Sunport Boulevard Extension Project on **Wednesday, September 18, 2013, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.** The meeting will be held at the **East San Jose Elementary School Cafeteria, located at 415 Thaxton Avenue SE.**

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the proposed extension of Sunport Boulevard from I-25 to Broadway, and conceptual improvements to Woodward Road between Broadway and 2nd Street. Responses to previous public comments will be provided along with the status of the revised Environmental Assessment document. Residents, landowners, business owners and all interested parties are encouraged to attend and provide comments, concerns, and suggestions regarding the project.

For more information about this project, please visit www.bernco.gov/sunport.

Paseo Del Norte and I-25 Interchange Reconstruction Project

A groundbreaking event for the Paseo Del Norte/I-25 Interchange Reconstruction Project is set for Thursday, September 5, 2013 at which time Federal Highway Administration, State of New Mexico, New Mexico Department of Transportation, City of Albuquerque, Bernalillo County and Mid-Region Council of Government officials will celebrate the beginning of this long-awaited project to improve safety, reduce travel time, and provide better access to jobs in one of New Mexico's busiest transportation corridors. Actual construction will begin immediately following the conclusion of this year's Balloon Fiesta.

Get progress reports by calling 245-3150 or by going on-line to www.paseoi25.com.

New Animal Care Ordinance Now In Effect

Pets and animals across Bernalillo County will benefit from changes to the new Bernalillo County animal care ordinance which went into effect on August 26, 2013.

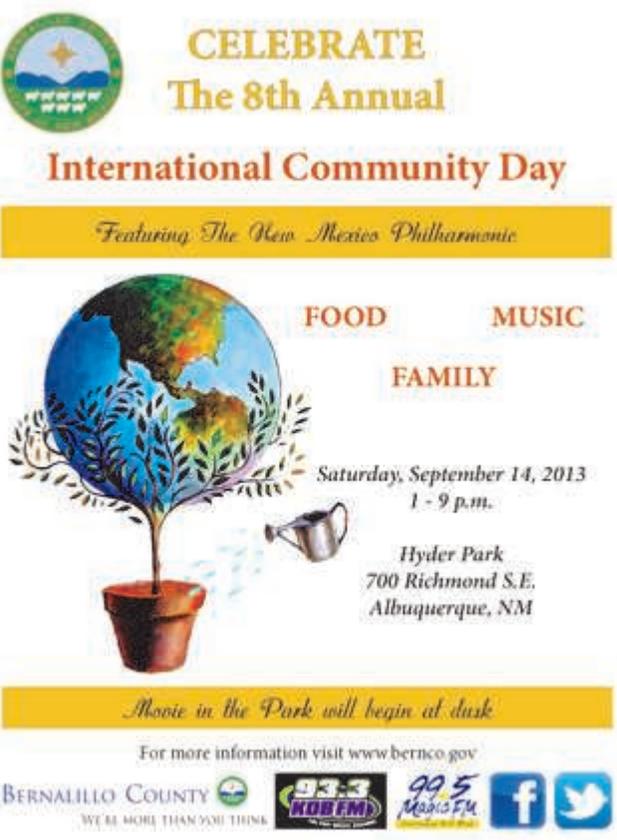
Highlights of the new ordinance include:

- **All dogs and cats must be microchipped.**
- Animals that are found running loose twice will be required to be sterilized.
- **Dogs can no longer be tethered or chained.** Dogs must be contained in a yard, behind a fence or in a kennel of adequate size to allow for exercise and room to play or jump around without hitting themselves against the enclosure.
- **It is now illegal to transport your dogs in the open bed of a truck.** It must be in a kennel or crate secured to the truck.
- A litter permit is needed if your dog has puppies or your cat has kittens.
- A breeder permit is required for every animal used for that purpose.

If you have questions regarding the new ordinance call the Animal Care Services Dept. at 468-7387.

International Community Day

Bridge to the Arts at Gateway



CELEBRATE
The 8th Annual
International Community Day

Featuring The New Mexico Philharmonic

FOOD **MUSIC**
FAMILY

Saturday, September 14, 2013
1 - 9 p.m.

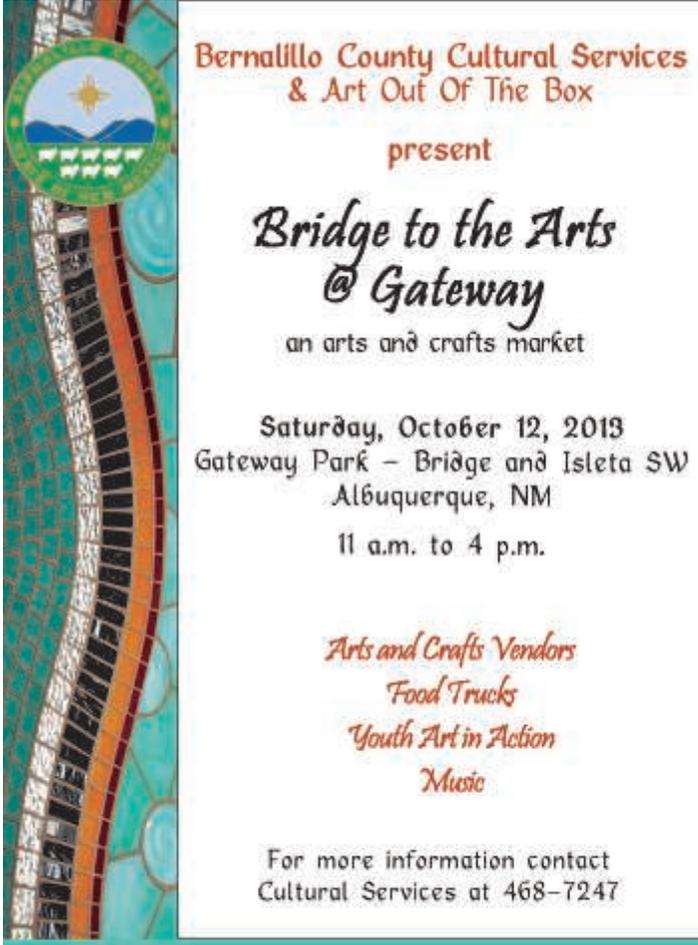
Hyder Park
700 Richmond S.E.
Albuquerque, NM

Movie in the Park will begin at dusk

For more information visit www.bernco.gov

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Bernalillo County Cultural Services
& Art Out Of The Box

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Bridge to the Arts
@ Gateway

an arts and crafts market

Saturday, October 12, 2013
Gateway Park – Bridge and Isleta SW
Albuquerque, NM
11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Arts and Crafts Vendors
Food Trucks
Youth Art in Action
Music

For more information contact
Cultural Services at 468-7247

WE'RE MORE THAN YOU THINK.

Each year, Bernalillo County celebrates the diversity of Commission District 3 residents through music, food and family through the **International Community Day**.

Hosted by Commissioner Maggie Hart Stebbins, the event will feature entertainment from around the world that highlights the unique qualities of the International District.

A special feature this year will be a concert by the **New Mexico Philharmonic**.

Admission is Free for all the events being held at Hyder Park, 700 Richmond SE from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. with a Free Movie in the Park getting underway at dusk. For more information on the **International Community Day's Schedule of Events**, call 314-0495 or e-mail acolbern@bernco.gov

BernCo Hosts FREE Health Fair

Got Health? Commissioner Art De La Cruz and Bernalillo County will host a free health fair at Gateway Park, at Isleta and Bridge SW, on Saturday, September 28 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. to promote healthy living within the community. The **"Gateway to Health"** will include free wellness checkups, free healthy snacks along with detailed information about the Affordable Care Act. Information about the services that Bernalillo County provides and fun activities for the kids will also be included.

Commissioner De La Cruz, a long-time advocate for living a healthier lifestyle, invites everyone to participate in this worthwhile event.

Bernalillo County Presents the



Taste of

NEW MEXICO
2013

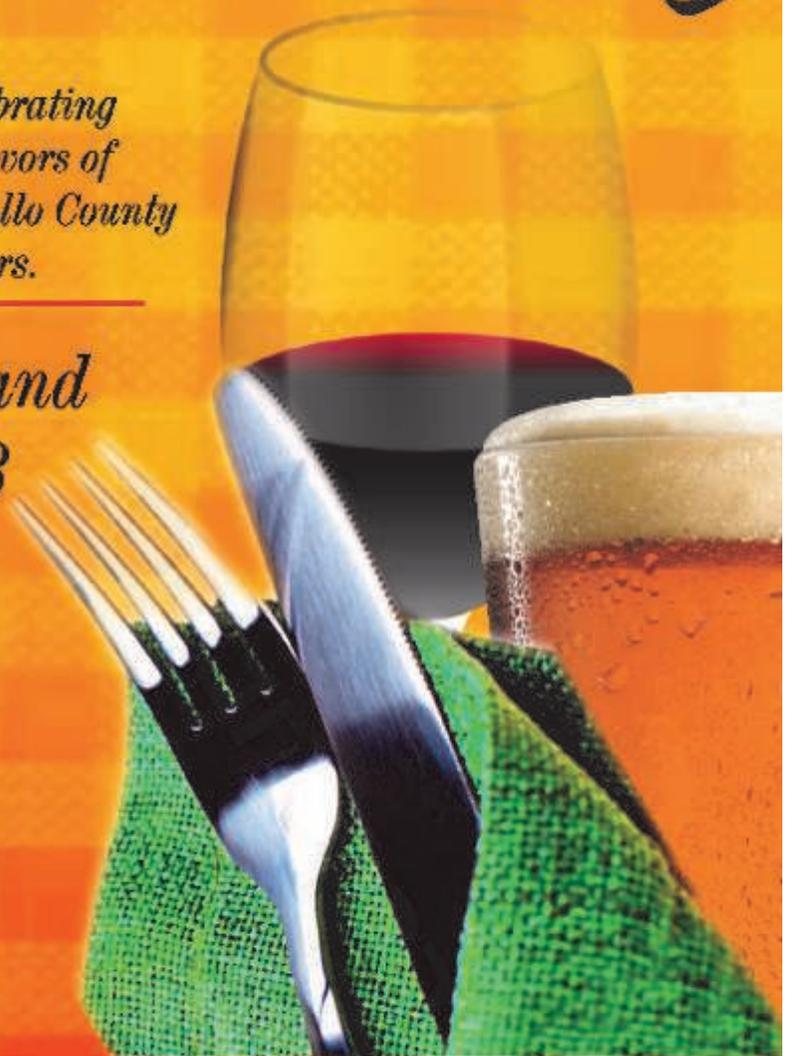
*A cultural, culinary experience celebrating
the diverse heritage and special flavors of
New Mexico presented by The Bernalillo County
Board of County Commissioners.*

*Saturday, October 12 and
Sunday, October 13*

*National Hispanic
Cultural Center*

Albuquerque, NM

12 p.m. to 5 p.m.



www.thetasteofnm.com

Many BernCo Open Space activities are on tap for September!!! Sign up today!!!!

Check out the event descriptions below and register today at www.bernco.gov/openspace, on the Event's page.

Food Preservation Methods

September 7 from 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at the Gutierrez-Hubbell House (6029 Isleta Blvd. SW)

This much loved workshop is back again. Find out how to put food up for the winter with methods such as hot bath canning, pressure canning and lacto-fermentation. Speakers Kim Pophal and Sofia Rose will elaborate on food preservation techniques, appropriate equipment and trouble shooting. Bring your favorite recipes to sample and share! Register at www.bernco.gov/openspace.

Nature Photography

September 8 from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. at Bachechi Open Space (9521 Rio Grande Blvd. NW)

This workshop is ideal for the novices interested in pursuing nature photography and those with experience who want a few extra tips. During the workshop, a friendly competition will also be presented for both novices and expert photographers. Register at www.bernco.gov/openspace.

Stargazing and Jazz

September 13 from 6 – 10:30 p.m. at Bachechi Open Space (9521 Rio Grande Blvd. NW)

Bernalillo County Open Space presents a free star party featuring The Albuquerque Astronomical Society and The Oasis 103.7. Bring your picnic basket and start off the evening at 6 p.m. with a live broadcast by The Oasis 103.7, solar scopes set up to look at the sun and nature walks led by Master Naturalists around Bachechi. At 7 p.m., a guest speaker will present on stargazing and celestial events in the night sky. Finally, listen to live music from Ambrose Rivera while looking through a number of powerful telescopes set out by TAAS members. Family activities will also be available for your enjoyment in the Bachechi Environmental Education Building throughout the evening. This is an event not to miss. For more information, visit www.bernco.gov/openspace.

Seed Saving

September 21 from 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at the Gutierrez-Hubbell House (6029 Isleta Blvd. SW)

Seed saving is both art and science, but anyone can learn the basics on saving common veggie and herb seeds. See how saving garden favorites can ensure a more adaptable crop for the future in this informative workshop. Participants will practice harvesting homegrown tomato seed as well as other commonly saved seeds. This workshop will be presented by expert Joshua Cravens of Save New Mexico Seeds and Arid Seed Cache. Register at www.bernco.gov/openspace.

Forest Ecology in the East Mountains

September 28 from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. at Ojito de San Antonio (30 San Antonio Dr., Cedar Crest)

Learn about the history and complex nature of our dryland forests and best management practices used by professional land managers to promote biodiversity while preventing forest fires in times of drought. Sue Hansen Putze, district manager of Ciudad Soil and Water Conservation District will present a fuelwood thinning project at Ojito de San Antonio discussing the process, applied techniques and end results. Register at www.bernco.gov/openspace.



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