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County Commission

Administrative Meeting
October 8, 2013 5 p.m.

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October 22, 2013 3 p.m.

Administrative Meeting
October 22, 2013 5 p.m.

County Planning Commission

First Wednesday of each month,
9 a.m.

Zoning Administration Meeting

Union Square this month only:
Oct. 8, 2013, 9 a.m.

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

New BernCo Public Works
Hotline #'s are available 24
hours a day, 7 days a week:
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BernCo Special Events Featured During October

When Bernalillo County residents think of October, they usually think of Balloon Fiesta. But this year, Bernalillo County will also offer an abundance of special events! This month, **BernCo at a Glance** highlights many of these events throughout its pages. Take note, see what interests you and your family, and join us in a celebration of autumn in the Land of Enchantment.

Taste of New Mexico Adds Flavor to Balloon Fiesta

Come and celebrate the diverse heritage and special flavors of New Mexico at the third annual *Taste of New Mexico*.

This cultural and culinary experience, presented by the Bernalillo County Board of Commissioners, takes place the second weekend of Balloon Fiesta - **Saturday, Oct. 12 and Sunday, Oct. 13, noon—5 p.m.** at the National Hispanic Cultural Center, 1701 Fourth Street SW, just south of Avenida Cesar Chavez.

This *sampling, tasting event* showcases a variety of locally-owned restaurants, breweries and wineries. Discover new restaurants, explore the artistry of local brew masters, and experience the complexities of New Mexico wine.

There is **no admission fee!** Tickets for food and beverage tasting are available in packs of 12 for \$10 or 25 tickets for \$20. Musical entertainment will play all afternoon, and there is a Children's Area for younger attendees and a separate Beer and Wine Garden for those over 21 years of age. **For more information and to see which local eateries, wineries and brew pubs are participating, please visit our websites:** www.bernco.gov or www.thetasteofnm.com.

Need Assistance or Resources?

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

More Upcoming Events

¡El Kookooee!

*burns on
Sunday, Oct. 27, 2013*

Festivities begin at 6 p.m.; the burning at around 7:30 p.m. Enjoy Aztec Dancers, belly dancers, and fire dancers. Plan on staying after the burn for a post-burn dance! The event will be held at the Rio Bravo Park, 3902 Isleta Boulevard SW.

The 2013 Marigold Parade

is set for Sunday, Nov. 3. The parade begins at 2 p.m. at the BCSO substation (corner of Centro Familiar and Isleta SW), ending at the Westside Community Center, 1250 Isleta SW. The festivities run through 6 p.m.

BernCo Bernie is on the move!
Have you found him yet?



**BernCo
at a Glance**

Annual Food Festival and Field Day Returning to the Land: Planting the Future

Sunday, Oct. 13 from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the Gutierrez-Hubbell House, located at 6029 Isleta Boulevard SE, in the “heart of the South Valley”

This year’s festival—”**Returning to the Land: Planting the Future**”, will include **great local food** with free samples, chef demonstrations, and food trucks; **live music**, and performances with Mala Mana, Cactus Tractor, street theater and spoken word; farm informational “**Round-ups**” featuring experts and organizations who will talk about opportunities in the farming community; **workshops** on a variety of topics from food preservation techniques to bread making; **kid’s activities**; including a climbing wall, face painting, live animals, seed spitting, sack races and more; film screenings on local agriculture; and seed exchanges and information on master bee keeping and master composting. Bicycle valet parking will also be available.

This FREE event, organized by the Mid Region Council of Governments and sponsored by Bernalillo County Open Space, is also supported by many other local organizations. Bring your out-of-town guests to learn about and support our local agriculture from the ground up. For more information, visit <http://www.mrcog-nm.gov/local-food/local-food-festival> or www.bernco.gov/openspace.

Also, if you want to participate in the **pie contest**, register with Edible Santa Fe at <http://ediblesantafe.com/?s=pie+contest&submit.x=0&submit.y=0>.

Bridge to the Arts @ Gateway: An Arts and Crafts Market

Held in conjunction with this year’s **Taste of New Mexico**, the **Bridge to the Arts @ Gateway** is a short walk over the Rio Grande from the National Hispanic Cultural Center. Presented by **BernCo Cultural Services & Art Out of the Box**, this event will feature more than 30 local arts and crafts vendors, food trucks, music and “*Youth Art in Action*”, coordinated by Working Classroom. The event is from **11:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 12**. Gateway Park is located at the intersection of Bridge and Isleta SW.

For those who would rather ride across the bridge from the **Taste** event, shuttle service will be available. For more information on the Bridge to Arts @ Gateway, call BernCo’s Cultural Services Department at 468-7247, or peruse the full-size sheet insert in this **BernCo at a Glance**.

I’m with BernCo Bernie!

Find BernCo Bernie at Bernalillo County’s MANY FREE events in October! Attend these fun and family-friendly events, take pictures with BernCo Bernie and post them to Instagram with the #BernCo Bernie. For a list of events, visit www.BernCoBernie.com.

Spirit of the North Valley – Fiesta de Alameda Celebration

Great food, talented local bands, and free family activities highlight this year's Spirit of The North Valley on **Saturday, Oct. 5, 2013 from 11a.m.—5 p.m.** at the Raymond G. Sanchez Community Center, 9800 Fourth Steet NW.

Enjoy live music by local headliners Paul Pino and Red Wine. Also on tap—seven food vendors, a car show and a grower's market.

This year's celebration is just part of Bernalillo County's new fall event lineup that coincides with the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta.

East Mountain Celebration

Come celebrate the people, food and music that make our community great at this year's East Mountain Celebration **Sunday, Oct. 6, 2013, from noon to 4 p.m.** at Los Vecinos Community Center, 478 ½ Old Highway 66, in the historic village of Tijeras.

This year's community celebration is **FREE** and open to both locals and visitors, and is part of Bernalillo County's new and improved fall event lineup, which coincides with the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta.

Enjoy free music from great local bands like Severo y Grupo Fuego, Blu Sol, and Kathryn Soapes; and dine from a variety of fantastic food vendors.

Commissioner Wayne Johnson will also honor this year's Outstanding Citizens for their community service.

Families are welcome at this event. Los Vecinos Community Center features a skate park, and kids can enjoy free activities like face painting, fun jumps, a petting zoo and obstacle courses.

Call (505) 314-0240 for more information.

Halloween Safety Tips for Parents

Parents of trick-or-treating kids can get so caught up in the fun themselves they might forget some simple safety ideas. Having a fun and safe Halloween will makes it all worthwhile!

Here are some common sense tips that can help keep kids safe:

- Trick or treating isn't what it used to be. In most cities, it's not safe to let kids walk the streets by themselves. Make sure that the children are accompanied by at least one or two adults.
- Help young children pick out a costume that will be safe.
- Know what other activities your older kids might be attending, such as parties at school or at shopping mall events. If they are going to a friend's home, get the phone number take time to meet their friends' parents.
- Serve your kids a filling meal before trick or treating and they won't be as tempted to eat candy before they bring it home. When they do get home, check the candy thoroughly.
- Teach your kids about not talking to—or getting into—stranger's cars, no matter what a person says to them.
- Be sure your children know how to cross a street properly. They should always look both ways before crossing the street, and only cross at corners or in marked crosswalks.
- Know the route your older kids will be taking if they are out on their own. Let them know that they are to check in with you every hour, by phone or by stopping back at home. Make sure that they know not to deviate from the planned route, and set a time they should return home.

Make this Halloween a fun, safe and happy time for you and your kids!

BernCo Public Works Update

Bernalillo County Receives FEMA Floodplain Management Award

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has upgraded Bernalillo County's Community Rating System (CRS) classification. As a result, flood insurance policy holders in Bernalillo County will receive a discount on their insurance premiums.

The CRS rating improved because the county implemented additional floodplain management programs that exceed FEMA requirements.

The county implemented new programs to receive the upgraded rating including making flood risk information more easily available to the public; implementing an annual outreach program to lenders, real estate agents and surveyors; and the implementation of stricter floodplain development standards.

Representatives from FEMA presented the community award to Bernalillo County on Sept. 20, 2013.

Public Meeting Notices

Public Meeting: Vista del Rio Drainage Improvements, Phase 4 Wednesday, Oct. 30, 5:30 p.m., BCSO Substation, 2312 Arenal SW

The public meeting will discuss the pre-construction schedule. Construction is expected to begin in February 2014.

Vista del Rio, Phase 4 will construct a storm drain system (Phase 4A) in Vista del Rio Road, Elena Circle, Rinconado Lane, Perry Road, and Blake Road that will be collected in a new pond with a pump station (Phase 4B) that will pump out to the riverside drain.

Public Meeting: Sunset Gardens Road, Phase 2 Wednesday, Nov. 6, 5:30 p.m., South Valley Multi-Purpose Senior Center

The public meeting will discuss the construction designs for the project. Construction is scheduled to begin in March, 2014.

The project will reconstruct Sunset Gardens Road, SW from Sunset Road to the Arenal Acequia, and will provide for storm drainage and a new roadway with curbs, gutters, and sidewalks. There will also be an expansion to the pond that is in the Vecinos Del Bosque Park, with storm drain coming from Sunset Gardens Road and Sunset Road.

Answers To Your Zoning, Building and Planning Questions

BernCo at a Glance welcomes a new regular feature to its pages. Send your zoning questions to Tom Kay at tkay@bernco.gov (314-0396); your building-related questions to Brad Jackson at bjackson@bernco.gov (314-0380) and your planning questions to Enrico Gradi at egradi@bernco.gov (314-0385).

Q: What are the most common zoning violations found in Bernalillo County?

A: The most common zoning violations include improper outdoor storage, trash and junk, inoperable vehicles, and commercial use of a residential property or commercial vehicles stored on a residentially zoned property.

(Next month, what to do if you receive a zoning violation.)

Bernalillo County Presents the



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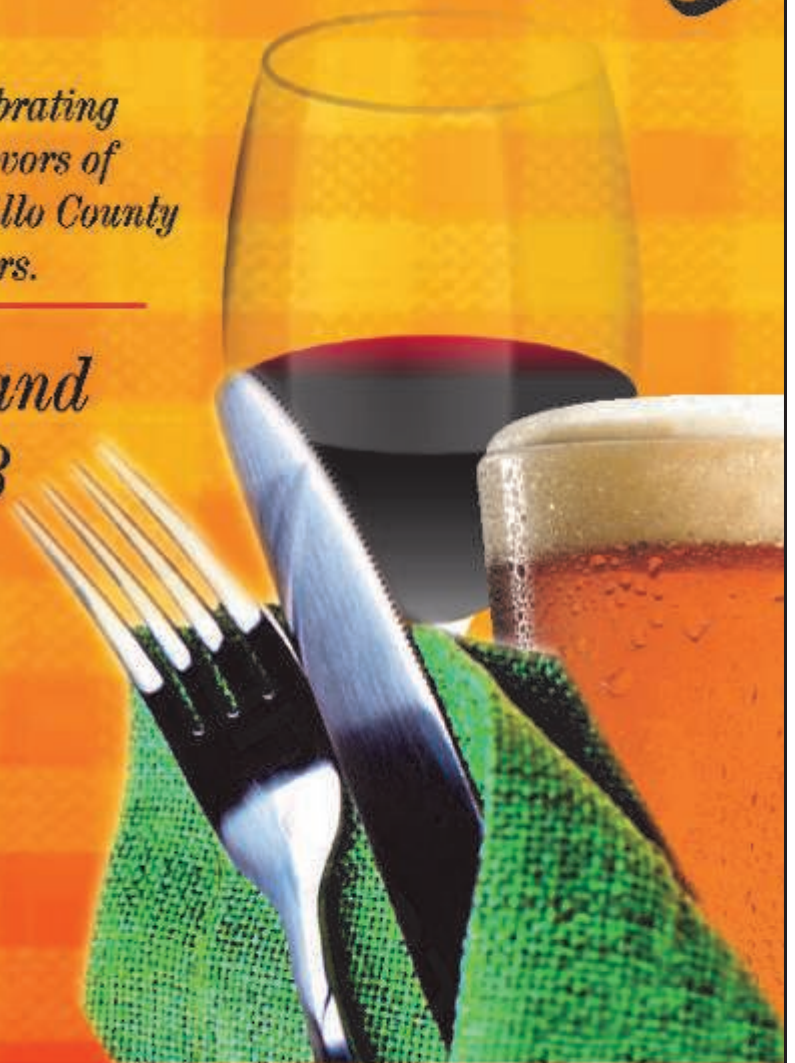
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*Saturday, October 12 and
Sunday, October 13*

*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 October—register today!

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

Nature Journaling

Saturday, Oct. 5, 9 – 11 a.m.

Take the time to stop, really look at, smell and draw the flowers. Nature journaling aids in deeper observations and learning, about the natural world and is a good practice for the professional or hobby naturalists. This workshop will offer easily applied techniques for journaling. Space is limited. Register at www.bernco.gov/openspace on the events page or call (505) 314-0398.

Fire and Clay

Saturday, Oct. 5, 1:30 – 4 p.m.

Fire provides the heat energy to transform the world around us. Learn about the traditions of micaceous pottery from Dr. Kurt Ansetz, and predicate in an open air firing that transforms clay into beautiful bowls. Register at www.bernco.gov/openspace on the events page or call (505) 314-0398.

Annual Food Festival and Field Day

Sunday, Oct. 13, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the Gutierrez-Hubbell House (6029 Isleta Boulevard SE)

This FREE event organized by the Mid-Region Council of Governments and sponsored by Bernalillo County Open Space is supported by numerous local organizations in celebration of this year's theme, *Returning to the Land: Planting the Future*.

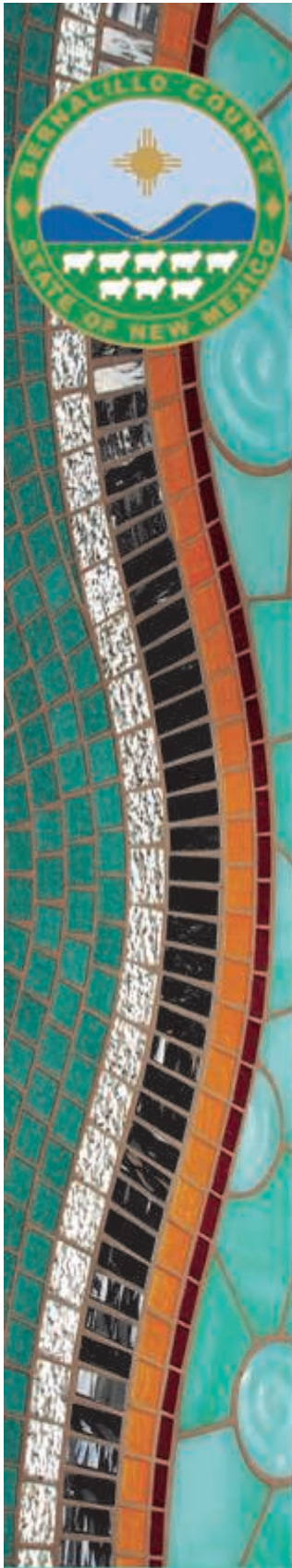
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Bring your out-of-town guests to learn about and support our local agriculture from the ground up. For more information, visit <http://www.mrcog-nm.gov/local-food/local-food-festival>. **You do not need to register for this event.**

Dia Del Rio

Saturday, October 19 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. at Durand Open Space

Join the City of Albuquerque Open Space Division and Bernalillo County Open Space for this annual volunteer event that celebrates the Rio Grande and its bosque. You and your family can help with a variety of projects, including native shrub planting, trail work, and trash cleanup at Durand Open Space. Visit www.cabq.gov/openspace for more information.



Bernalillo County Cultural Services
& Art Out Of The Box

present

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



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BERNALILLO COUNTY



WE'RE MORE THAN YOU THINK

News from the North Valley



The third annual Alameda Studio Tour will be held Saturday, Oct. 12 and Sunday, Oct. 13, 2013 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (both days) at artists' studios located throughout the Village of Alameda. Alameda is home to many established and emerging fine artists and skilled craftspeople. Thirty-four artists will open their studios and share their art work during the two days of the tour throughout the scenic Alameda valley area, just north of Albuquerque. The wide range of art includes paintings, jewelry, recycled art, photography, blown and stained glass, mixed media, folk art dolls, fiber arts and pottery. There's even an alpaca farm and a llama family to visit.

The Alameda artists will donate a portion of their proceeds to Art in the School, a non-profit art education organization which benefits children. (ArtintheSchool.org).

On Friday, Oct. 11, participating artists will host an evening reception and art preview from 4 – 8 p.m. at the Raymond G. Sanchez Community Center, 9800 4th Street NW, with refreshments, music, and a raffle.

For a printable map of the studios and a complete list of participating artists, visit the Alameda Studio Tour's web site: www.Alamedastudiotour.com.

North Valley Library Restoration Underway

The North Valley Public Library suffered severe damages as a result of a fire that happened in early July. Since the fire, the contents of the building have been removed for cleaning. Now begins the interior cleanup of the building and the library's subsequent restoration. The cleanup phase is expected to take about three weeks. At that time, a date for the reopening of the library can be determined.

The cleanup work has been delayed due to the necessary coordination between the county's and city's insurance carriers. The county's insurance carrier has approved approximately \$450,000 worth of work to be done and Williamson Restoration, Inc. of Albuquerque has been named as the restoration vendor. The first phase of the work will involve the cleaning of the entire building including the removal of ceiling grids, some of the insulation, ductwork, and possibly some electrical and mechanical equipment depending upon the level of damage sustained. The wood vaulted ceiling and all of the beams and posts will need to be sandblasted. The walls and the carpet must be removed. One structural column will need to be replaced.

Once the cleaning phase is completed, the second phase will begin and will include the replacement of the lighting, ceilings, insulation, ductwork, painting, carpeting, some windows and other work as needed. Finally, the library contents will be returned to the building.

Status updates about the library's restoration will be shared via this newsletter, the county's Facebook and Twitter accounts and the county's website, www.bernco.gov/NorthValleyLibraryRestoration.