

Bernalillo County



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UPCOMING EVENTS

County Government Month
April 2012

Community Celebrations
South Valley Pride Day
Westside CC
April 15th
SV Community Clean-up
April 14th

Spirit of the North Valley
Raymond G. Sanchez CC
April 21st

Day in Paradise
Paradise Hills CC
April 29th

East Mountain Celebration
Los Vecinos CC
May 6th

2nd Annual Taste of New Mexico
September 28th-30th
Harry E. Kinney Civic Plaza

COMMISSION MEETINGS

Administrative Meeting
Tuesday, February 14; 5 pm
Tuesday, February 28; 5:30 pm

Zoning Meeting
Tuesday, February 28; 3 pm

Board of Finance Meeting
Tuesday, February 14; 4:30 pm

County Planning Commission
1st Wednesday of each month 9 am

Meetings are held in the Vincent E. Griego Chambers in the basement of the City/County Government Building



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BernCo Info On The Go! Bernalillo County Offers a New Text Alerting Service



With the hectic pace of today's world, urgent information can't wait. Bernalillo County utilizes a communications service that sends important, valuable information directly to residents using the latest in technology. That means you get the information you need to know, wherever you are via cell phone text, email or web. Visit www.BernCo.gov/text to sign up today! It's secure, reliable and free.

Silver Alert Assistance For Seniors with Dementia And Alzheimer's Disease



The Department of Senior Affairs and the Albuquerque Police Department are pleased to announce the launching of Silver Alert on Tuesday, February 14, 2012, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm at the Barelas Senior Center.

Albuquerque Police and Senior Affairs departments have created a new program to help quickly find Alzheimer's or dementia patients who go missing. The program, "Silver Alert," will assist police, the media and the public in finding missing loved ones who may not be aware of their surroundings.

The caregiver must bring the senior who has already been diagnosed with dementia or Alzheimer's to Barelas Senior Center on Tuesday, February 14, 2012. A care coordination staff will interview the caregiver/senior to collect information that will be stored on a memory stick for the caregiver to keep. Organizers have set up small quiet areas in the center for the caregivers/seniors in hopes of eliminating the anxiety seniors may experience in large crowds. For detailed information please go to the following website: http://www.cabq.gov/public-safety/silveralert

Pajarito Open Space



The Pajarito Open Space preserves 20-acres of farmland in the Pajarito Village of the South Valley. This Open Space is managed for agriculture, migratory bird habitat, and recreation. Currently, the fields are cultivated by a contract farmer for alfalfa used to feed dairy cattle and for grasses that provide seed for migratory birds during the winter months. Although farming and habitat are integral to the mission of the Pajarito Open Space, recreation has blossomed as well. Approximately one mile of crusher fine trail was constructed around each of the three fields in 2009 and 2011, accommodating non-motorized users such as walkers, runners, bike riders, and horseback riders.

In December, at the direction of Commissioner Art De La Cruz and at the request of the Pajarito Village Association, Bernalillo County acquired a narrow tract to the south of the Pajarito Open Space using Open Space Mill Levy funds. This tract will soon allow pedestrian, bicycle and equestrian access from Pajarito Rd. to the Pajarito Open Space. Fencing, pruning, signage and trail construction work will commence this winter/spring to make this connection happen.

For more information about the Pajarito Open Space, visit www.bernco.gov/openspace

Neighborhood Outreach Grant Program



The Bernalillo County Neighborhood Outreach Grant Program will have its second solicitation, or Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for FY 2011/2012. The 30 day RFQ solicitation period opens on April 3, 2012, and run through May 3, 2012. Neighborhood Associations can request and submit proposals during this 30-day period.

Associations must make a formal request to the Bernalillo County Purchasing Department for a grant packet to submit a proposal. Requests for the grant packet will not be accepted until April 3, 2012. Recognized neighborhood associations in the City of Albuquerque and in the unincorporated areas of Bernalillo County are eligible to apply.

For more information contact: Bernadette Miera, Cultural Services Manager / Neighborhood Coordination, Economic Development & Cultural Services Department, (505) 468-1279, bmiera@bernco.gov

CALL FOR ART

Emerging and Established Artists in Bernalillo County

The Bernalillo County Public Art Program has initiated a 1% for Art project, and is hoping to purchase 10 to 20 pieces for the Public Art Collection.

This call is only open to artists who live in Bernalillo County.

- Paintings • Photography • Sculpture

Submission deadline: Friday, March 16, 2012 at 4 PM.



Prospectus, application and details are available at bernco.gov/public-art-program Click Opportunities for Artists

Neglect IS Cruelty

If you have a companion animal you have a responsibility

- Appropriate shelter insulated for the conditions
Clean potable water at all times
Veterinary care as needed (licensed and vaccinated)
Secure and appropriate enclosure or trolley system
Tethering or chaining to a single point is prohibited

KNOW THE LAW. KNOW YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES

Be educated : Be responsible : Be Humane

ANIMAL NEGLECT AND CRUELTY IS A CRIME
IF YOU WITNESS ANIMAL NEGLECT OR CRUELTY
DON'T ACCEPT IT...REPORT IT



Bernalillo County Animal Care Services 505-314-0280

Need Assistance or Resources?

Call Neighborhood Coordinators Bernadette Miera 478-1279 or 974-5578 (cell); Sherry Gutierrez 468-7247

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR



### Sunport Blvd Extension Public Meeting

Thursday, Feb. 9 @ 6:00pm  
Herman Sanchez Community Center  
1830 William Street SE

Bernalillo County Public Works Division in cooperation with the NMDOT and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) proposes an extension of Sunport Boulevard from Interstate Highway I-25 west to Broadway Boulevard (NM 47).

The project consists of constructing a four lane, median divided, roadway with bridges over the South Diversion Channel and Edmunds Street. The public meeting will allow residents to ask questions and provide comment.

### New Community Building For Pajarito Mesa Residents

Please Join Commission Chair Art De La Cruz  
Saturday, February 18 from 10 a.m. to noon  
to celebrate the opening of a new community building for  
Pajarito Mesa



Pajarito Mesa is an unincorporated part of the county where an estimated 400 families live without paved roads or public utilities and facilities.

Commissioner Art De La Cruz worked to locate a county building near the community's water fill station to serve the families that live there. The new building has space for community meetings and a county office. The building will also serve as a staging area for police, fire and rescue workers. The new community building is located at the intersection of Pajarito Road and Escarpment Road S.W.

### Bridge Corridor Redevelopment Public Meeting

Monday, Feb. 20 at 5:30pm  
South Valley Multi-Purpose Center  
2008 Larrazolo Rd SW

The Bridge Boulevard Corridor Redevelopment Plan goal is to create a more livable community by transforming Bridge Boulevard SW into a mixed-use, pedestrian- and transit-friendly corridor. The results of the planning effort will be to alleviate congestion, increase safety, revitalize neighborhood businesses, and ensure housing affordability. Redevelopment and transportation alternatives will be devised, evaluated, and integrated into the Corridor Plan. Extensive outreach efforts will be made to garner input from neighborhoods, businesses and property owners. The project work plan is already underway and has several components to be completed over the next 15 months. You are invited to participate in the community public meeting to learn more about this important study and share your ideas.

### District 5 Quarterly Meeting

Thursday, February 23rd at 6:00 p.m.  
McGrane Safety Complex

The agenda includes presentations by the Bernalillo County fire chief John Garcia and George Schroeder from Environmental Health to discuss the septic tank ordinance.

For more information contact Karen Brown at 468-7000

### New Dog Park To Open

Please Join Commission Chair Art De La Cruz  
Saturday, March 3, from 10 a.m. to noon  
located at 3910 Isleta Blvd. S.W.  
(near the county's South Valley Pool)



Bernalillo County's first-ever dog park will open with fanfare! The new park will give dogs a safe place to run without a leash, and provides pet owners a new place to exercise their pets.



### East Mountain Fire Meeting

Friday, March 16, 6:00 p.m.  
McGrane Public Safety Center  
48 Public School Road, Tijeras, NM

Free Greenwaste Disposal  
March 17-25 7:00 a.m.-5:15 p.m. each day  
East Mountain Transfer Station

## Bernalillo County Open Space Workshops

Fruit Tree Care: Pruning, Selection, and Planting  
Backyard Farming Series at the Gutierrez-Hubbell House,  
February 11th 9:00am-12:30pm



This workshop is back by popular demand!

This is the time of year to prune back those dead branches and shape your fruit trees. As tree doctor Al Shigo stated, "Pruning is one of the best things you can do for a tree and one of the worst things you can do to a tree." Learn correct techniques for pruning, which fruit trees thrive best in your area, when to plant, and proper planting guidelines.

Winter Natural Journaling  
Naturalist Series at Bachechi Open Space,  
February 26th 10:00am-1:00pm

This is one of a four-part journaling series based on the seasons led by Margy O'Brien!

A powerful way to become a better observer of nature and in tune with seasonal changes is through nature journaling. Many great naturalists like Rachel Carson, Aldo Leopold and John Muir fine-tuned their skills through journaling. This four-part series will give you the tools and skills needed to delve deeper into the wondrous world of nature. You do not need any prior experience with drawing or journaling to participate.

2012 Backyard Farming Workshops at the Gutierrez Hubbell House  
6029 Isleta SW - Albuquerque, NM 87105  
Saturdays from 9 to 12:30

FREE (RSVP is strongly suggested [calangan@bernco.gov](mailto:calangan@bernco.gov))

- 2/11 Tree Care
- 2/25 Transforming your front yard into an edible landscape
- 3/24 Beekeeping
- 4/21 Soil science & home composting
- 5/19 Innovative low-tech farming technologies
- 6/23 Composting with worms
- 8/25 Native seeds/foods
- 9/1 Food preservation
- 10/13 Hoop houses
- 10/14 Food Festival and Field Day
- 11/10 Advanced composting



### Cien Años Despues (100 Years Later)

Weaving Ourselves Whole-A Celebration of our Statehood Centennial  
Sunday, March 18th 2012 @ 3:00 p.m.

Gutierrez Hubbell House 6029 Isleta SW - Albuquerque, NM 87105

The Gutierrez Hubbell House will begin the New Mexico Centennial programming - Cien Años Despues Early Pajarito Family Histories by Samuel Sisneros and New Mexico's Assistant Attorney General Patricia Elaine Lujan presenting her research titled The Pajarito Land Grant: A Contextual Analysis of Its Confirmation by the U.S. Government. We welcome this earnest and informed work especially relevant for all of Bernalillo County, Albuquerque and New Mexico residents. (donations accepted)

Cien Años Despues (100 Years Later)  
Outdoor Films - A Celebration of our Statehood  
Saturday, June 1, 2012 @ 8:00 p.m.

Gutierrez Hubbell House 6029 Isleta SW - Albuquerque, NM 87105  
(bring your folding chair) donations welcomed

"LAND WATER PEOPLE TIME"  
documentary by Cynthia J. Gomez  
"ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE FENCE"  
documentary short by Samuel E. Sisneros  
"WITHIN ME"  
documentary by Andres Armijo and others

The Gutierrez Hubbell House Open Space, Hubbell House Alliance Inc. presents in partnership with Bernalillo County Parks and Recreation Open Space and NMSU Agriculture Extension Program

For more information please contact Colleen Langan-McRoberts, Open Space Coordinator at 505-314-0398 or [www.bernco.gov/openspace](http://www.bernco.gov/openspace)