



BERNCO at a Glance

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Autumn has arrived in Bernalillo County

COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

First Wednesday of month
Wednesday, Oct. 7, 9 a.m.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR HEARING

Second Tuesday of month
Tuesday, Oct. 13, 9 a.m.

BERNALILLO COUNTY COMMISSION MEETINGS

Zoning Meeting
Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2 p.m.

Administrative Meeting
Tuesday, Oct. 13, 5 p.m.

Administrative Meeting
Tuesday, Oct. 27, 5 p.m.

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

County offices will
be closed on
Wednesday, Nov. 11
in observance of
Veterans Day and
Thursday, Nov. 26 and
Friday, Nov. 27 for the
Thanksgiving holiday.

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BernCo Welcomes New County Manager

Welcome back to the county, Julie.

County Commissioners unanimously selected Julie Morgas Baca – a former Bernalillo County deputy county manager – to take over the reins as county manager when current manager Tom Zdunek retires. Baca's first day on the job will be Oct. 5.

Baca has more than 18 years of managerial experience. She served as Bernalillo County deputy county manager for the county's Community Services Division for nearly eight years, between January 2004 and December 2011.

Local Food Festival and Field Day

Take a ride out to the country and enjoy the autumn outdoors with this annual fall favorite. It's also the perfect event to take visiting family to after the conclusion of the Balloon Fiesta on Sunday, Oct. 11.



Held at the historic Gutierrez-Hubbell House from 11 a.m.

– 4 p.m., this FREE event features growers, vendors, chefs and community organizations all converging on the historic property to celebrates all things local and edible!



Cultivating Bernalillo County Food Summit

Like food? Make food?

Is food your business or a business you work in?

Then put this date on your calendar... **Monday, Nov. 16, 2015.**

More details to come for the Cultivating Bernalillo County Food Summit sponsored by Commissioner Debbie O'Malley.



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NM) and Twitter (@BernCounty)

BERNALILLO COUNTY



WE'RE MORE THAN YOU THINK



Autumn in BernCo

BERNALILLO COUNTY OFFICIALS

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Maggie Hart Stebbins, Chair, Dist. 3
Art De La Cruz, Vice Chair, Dist. 2
Debbie O'Malley, Member, Dist. 1
Lonnie C. Talbert, Member, Dist. 4
Wayne A. Johnson, Member, Dist. 5
Main office: (505) 468-7000

COUNTY ASSESSOR

Tanya R. Giddings
Main office: (505) 222-3700

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(505) 243-VOTE (8683)
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(505) 468-1243

COUNTY TREASURER

Manny Ortiz
Main office: (505) 468-7031

COURT OF WILLS, ESTATES & PROBATE

Probate Judge Willow Misty Parks
Main office: (505) 468-1232

SHERIFF

Manny Gonzales III
Main office (non-emergency):
(505) 468-7100

Visit www.bernco.gov
for more information

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Fire Departments to Offer Free Smoke Detectors

The Bernalillo County Fire Department (BCFD) is celebrating Fire Prevention Week Oct. 4 – 10. To extend the celebration to the entire month of October, BCFD is joining with the Red Cross, the Albuquerque Fire Department and other volunteers to offer free smoke detectors to residents. BCFD will distribute and install the smoke detectors in the unincorporated areas of the county, while AFD handles the areas inside the Albuquerque city limits. To fill out an application to receive a free smoke detector, go to www.bernco.gov or call (505) 468-7777 for more information.



BernCo Halloween Happenings

The Halloween fun begins at the **Los Padillas Community Center Trick or Treat Night**, 2117 Los Padillas Road SW on **Friday, Oct. 16, from 5:30 – 8 p.m.** It's an all ages event! Carnival games are just 25 cents each. There will also be a costume contest, face painting, a snack bar and fun prizes.

The **Mountain View Community Center Halloween Carnival**, 201 Prosperity Ave. SW is happening on **Thursday, Oct. 22 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.** A haunted egg hunt, game booths, costume contest, food and fun are all planned for all. At 25 cents per ticket, the fun is unlimited. Please bring a non-perishable food item to help with the food drive.

In the East Mountains, make plans to go to the **Vista Grande Community Center**, 15 La Madera Road in Sandia Park for **Trick or Treat Night on Oct. 23 from 7 – 9 p.m.** It's a free event. For kids ages 12 and older, dare to take a walk on the **Haunted Trail, open from 7:30 – 10 p.m.**, cost is \$5 per person. Be warned, don't walk the trail alone, bring a friend.

South Valley ghouls and goblins can show off their dance moves at the Halloween teen dance at the **Westside Community Center**, 1250 Isleta Blvd. SW on **Friday, Oct. 23 from 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.** For middle school and high school students only, \$5 per student at the door.

Raymond G. Sanchez Community Center Halloween Carnival, 9800 Fourth St. NW is the place to be in the North Valley on **Friday, Oct. 30 from 6 – 8:30 p.m.** There will be tasty treats to eat and drink, 25 cent game booths and a Halloween costume contest! This event is sure to raise the spirits.

Back to the East Mountains for more Halloween fun at the **Los Vecinos Community Center Halloween Carnival**, 478 ½ Old Hwy. 66 in Tijeras, on **Friday, Oct. 30 from 6:30 – 9 p.m.** Games, costume contest and food! Ticket prices are 25 cents each.



Annual Sugar Skull Fun Run Happens on Sunday, Nov. 1

The morning after your All Hallows' Eve fun, drag your bones to the 2nd Annual Sugar Skull Fun Run. The Dia de los Muertos themed race event will begin at 9 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 1 along the Bosque Trail in the South Valley. There are 2.5k and 5k runs and new this year is the 10k run; for \$25 per adult and \$15 for kids 12 years and under, the registration fee includes the coveted official Sugar Skull Fun Run t-shirt. To register, go to www.BernCo.gov/RunBernCo.

There will be a Dia de los Muertos costume contest for kids 12 years and under, and for family pets too! Dia de los Muertos face painters and craft vendors along with breakfast food trucks will be there starting at 8 a.m. Plan to arrive early and dress to impress!

This event benefits The Storehouse, New Mexico's largest food pantry.

BernCo Open Space Events that Educate and Enchant

Traditional Arts Demonstration | Oct. 2

6 – 9 p.m. at *Bachechi Open Space, 9521 Rio Grande Blvd. NW*

Celebrate the great historical tradition of art in New Mexico with this evening event that will feature a number of artists who will demonstrate their craft.

Annual Local Food Festival and Field Day | Oct. 11

11 a.m. – 4 p.m. at *Gutiérrez-Hubbell House, 6029 Isleta Blvd. SW*

Growers, vendors, chefs and community organizations all converging on the Gutierrez-Hubbell House property for this special annual event that celebrates all things local and edible! Live music, food tastings and children's activities are just some of the things planned for this community celebration.

Geocaching Hunt and Wildflower Hike | Oct. 18

9 – 10:30 a.m. at *Sabino Canyon Open Space, off of south NM 337, about six miles from Tijeras village*

Join geocacher Dennis Crowther on a geocaching hunt, exploring the property's history while you go. An additional wildflower walk will be offered at the same time for plant enthusiasts.

Bats: Flying with Hands and Seeing with Echos | Oct. 24

6 – 7:30 p.m. at *Bachechi Open Space, 9521 Rio Grande Blvd. NW*

Presented by Dr. Ernie Valdez, United States Geological Survey (USGS)

When the sun goes down and the birds stop singing, do you wonder what other vertebrate takes their place in the night sky? Around the world, like clock-work, bats take flight at night and feed on a variety of items while exploring their world through a variety of ways. This talk will cover the diversity of bats around the world and locally, as well as highlight their unique ability to fly, feed, drink, and "see" at night.

Eight Eyes, Eight Legs, and Sometimes a Bad Attitude | Oct. 30

6 – 7:30 p.m. at *Bachechi Open Space, 9521 Rio Grande Blvd. NW*

Arachnids in the southwestern U.S. presented by Dr. Sandy Brantley, Collection Manager, Division of Arthropods, MSB

There's more to our arachnid diversity than tarantulas and scorpions. Find out about vinegaroons, solifuges, harvestmen and the tiny pseudoscorpions. Our region has over 1000 species of spiders too. What better ways to get into the Halloween spirit?



BernCo Hotline Numbers

TO REPORT A ROAD MAINTENANCE

ISSUE:
(505) 848-1503
(505) 848-1504

TO REPORT
GRAFFITI:
(505) 24-ERASE
or (505) 243-7273

PARK WATCH
PROGRAM:
(505) 468-7777

Or send an email to:
ContactCenter@bernco.gov

BERNCO WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA HANDLES

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BernCo's Gutierrez-Hubbell House Joins National Register of Historic Places

The designation recognizes the property as worthy of preservation for its historic significance in the areas of architecture and transportation.

This property features a restored hacienda and outbuildings, as well as a working farm in the heart of the South Valley along the El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro.

Located at 6029 Isleta Blvd. SW, the Gutierrez-Hubbell House is one of the crown jewels of Bernalillo County's award-winning Open Space Program, and features outdoor education classes, workshops, special events and more throughout the year.



UPCOMING BERNCO EVENTS

Downtown Public

ARTScrawl

Friday, Oct. 2

4 – 6:30 p.m.

City/County

Government Center,

1 Civic Plaza NW

FREE event

Local Food Festival and Field Day

Sunday, Oct. 11

11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Gutierrez-Hubbell House

6029 Isleta Blvd. SW

FREE event

Sugar Skull Fun Run

Sunday, Nov. 1

Begins 9 a.m.

Bosque Trail

2.5k, 5k and 10k runs

Register at

www.bernco.gov/RunBernCo

Benefits The Storehouse,
largest food pantry in NM

Day of the Dog

Dia de los Perros

Saturday, Nov. 7

10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Rio Bravo

Dog Park

3910 Isleta Blvd SW

FREE event

Cultivating Bernalillo County Food Summit

Monday, Nov. 16

Save the Date!

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Final Draft of PROS Plan Ready for Review

Bernalillo County Parks and Recreation has been actively updating the Parks, Recreation & Open Space Facilities Master Plan (PROS Plan) over the past 18 months. This new plan will provide a 15-year roadmap for the development of future parks, recreation and open space facilities. This past June, meetings were held in each of the five county commission districts, and a survey was conducted to help the county prioritize projects proposed in the final draft plan.

The PROS Plan updates the previous plan developed in 2003. Bernalillo County has completed 75 percent of the projects identified in that plan. Several of the highest priority projects in the final draft of the PROS Plan were priority projects under the previous plan that were not completed, including the South Valley Pool, Paradise Hills Community Center, Westside Community Center, Raymond G. Sanchez Community Center, Los Vecinos Community Center and Los Padillas Community Center. To read the final draft plan in full, go online to www.bernco.gov.

Thank you to all county residents who completed a survey, participated in one of the public meetings and/or submitted a comment. For additional comments or questions about the final draft plan, please send them via email to parksplan@bernco.gov or call (505) 468-1418.

Voter Outreach Plan Announced

Bernalillo County Clerk Maggie Toulouse Oliver and the Bernalillo County Board of Commissioners unveiled a new plan to increase the number of registered voters in the county.

The goal of the plan ultimately is to train 250 new third party voter registration agents (VRA) county-wide. Clerk's office staff and the county commissioners will co-host five public events – one in each district – to train individuals interested in becoming voter registration agents, and will provide general information about voting and elections in Bernalillo County.

Third party voter registration agents are individuals who solicit and provide assistance to another person in the completion of a Voter Registration Form. Of the 418,508 registered voters in Bernalillo County, 16.2 percent were registered by a VRA. Please see insert for training dates and locations.

**Register
to VOTE**



Day of the Dog Dia de los Perros

Every dog has his day! Join Steve Stucker and the weather dogs at the Rio Bravo Dog Park, 3910 Isleta Blvd SW on Saturday, Nov. 7 from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. for this FREE event.

Bring your vaccinated, leashed dog to compete in silly dog trick contests.

Does your dog have the fastest tail wag, best pet trick, or longest howl? Put your dog to the test. For more information, visit www.bernco.gov or call (505) 468-7247.

NEED Assistance or Resources?

Contact Neighborhood Coordinator Darrell Dady at (505) 468-7364 or ddady@bernco.gov.



In Celebration of
**NATIONAL VOTER
REGISTRATION DAY,**

Bernalillo County Clerk
Maggie Toulouse Oliver and the Board
of County Commissioners are hosting
Voter Registration Agent Trainings
throughout Bernalillo County.

VRA VOTER
REGISTRATION
AGENT



TRAINING

Join us...

- **County Commission District 3 - Maggie Hart Stebbins**
Thursday, Oct. 8, 2015 - 5:30 to 8 pm
Hiland Theater
4800 Central Ave SE, Albuquerque NM 87108
- **County Commission District 2 - Art De La Cruz**
Saturday, Oct. 10, 2015 - 9:30 to 12 Noon
South Valley Multi-Purpose Senior Center
2008 Larrazolo Road SW, Albuquerque NM 87105
- **County Commission District 4 - Lonnie Talbert**
Saturday, Oct. 17, 2015 – 10:30 to 1 pm
Paradise Hills Community Center West Annex
6001 Paradise Blvd NW, Albuquerque NM 87114
- **County Commission District 5 - Wayne Johnson**
Saturday, Oct. 24, 2015 – 12 Noon to 2:30 pm
Los Vecinos Community Center
478 ½ Old Hwy 66, Tijeras NM 87059

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- Must bring a valid photo ID.
- Current agents encouraged to attend.
- County residents, young adults, high school and civic groups, non-profits and political organizations are welcome.

BECOME A VOTER REGISTRATION AGENT IN NEW MEXICO

What is a VRA?

A VRA is certified by the State of New Mexico to conduct voter registration. VRAs have successfully registered over 67,800 voters (16%) in Bernalillo County alone.

TRAINING

- Learn current rules
- Obtain Voter Registration Forms

POLL OFFICIAL RECRUITMENT

- Apply to be Election Workers for the 2016 Elections

Onsite registrations welcome or PRE-REGISTER

(not required to attend)

Call 505-468-1291, Option 6
or RSVP at:

<http://svy.mk/1MEUFbK>

*Visit us on Facebook and
Twitter to learn more.*

The Bernalillo County Clerk's Office is non-partisan and these events are designed to equip individuals and groups to actively engage Bernalillo County residents to become registered voters.



Con Motivo de la Celebración

DEL DIA NACIONAL DE REGISTRO DE VOTANTES

Secretaria del Condado de Bernalillo, Maggie Toulouse Oliver y la junta de comisionados del condado están organizado **cursos agente de registro** en todo el Condado de Bernalillo.



VRA **AGENTE DE REGISTRO** **FORMACIÓN**

Únase a nosotros...

- **Comisión de Condado del Distrito 3 – Maggie Hart Stebbins**
Jueves, 8 de Octubre, 2015 - 5:30 - 8 pm
Hiland Theater
4800 Central Ave SE, Albuquerque, NM 87108
- **Comisión de Condado del Distrito 2 – Art De La Cruz**
Sábado, 10 de Octubre, 2015 - 9:30 am hasta las 12 del mediodía
South Valley Multi-Purpose Senior Center
2008 Larrazolo Road SW, Albuquerque, NM 87105
- **Comisión de Condado del Distrito 4 – Lonnie Talbert**
Sábado, 17 de Octubre, 2015 - 10:30 am hasta las 1:30 pm
Paradise Hills Community Center West Annex
6001 Paradise Blvd NW, Albuquerque, NM 87114
- **Comisión de Condado del Distrito 5 – Wayne Johnson**
Sábado, 24 de Octubre, 2015 a las 12 del mediodía hasta las 2:30 pm
Los Vecinos Community Center
478 ½ Old HWY 66, Tijeras, NM 87059

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- Debe presentar una identificación con foto
- Los agentes actuales les anima a asistir
- Los residentes del condado, los jóvenes, la grupos de escuela Secundaria y cívicos, las organizaciones sin fines de lucro, y de las organizaciones políticas son bienvenidos.

CONVERTIRSE EN UN AGENTE DE REGISTRO ELECTORAL EN EL ESTADO DE NUEVO MÉXICO

¿Qué es un VRA?

La VRA es certificada por el Estado de Nuevo México, para realizar la registración de electores. La VRA se han registrado correctamente sobre 67.800 votantes (16%) en el Condado de Bernalillo.

FORMACIÓN

- Aprender las normas actuales
- Obtener las formas de registro

CONTRATACIÓN DE OFICIALES ELECTORALES

- Se aplica a ser trabajador electoral para las elecciones del 2016

**El Registro estará
disponible en la puerta,
o usted puede**

PRE-INSCRIBIRSE

el registro en línea.

(No es necesario asistir)
Para pre-registrarse, por favor llámenos por teléfono al 468-505-1291, opción 6 o RSVP en:

<http://svy.mk/1MEUFbk>

**Visítanos en Facebook y Twitter
para obtener más información.**

El Condado de Bernalillo Oficina del Secretario es una organización no partidista y estos eventos están diseñados para preparar a los individuos y grupos a participar activamente a los residentes del Condado de Bernalillo a convertirse en votantes registrados.