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April is National County Government Month

**COUNTY PLANNING
COMMISSION**
First Wednesday of month
Wednesday, April 6, 9 a.m.

**ZONING
ADMINISTRATOR
HEARING**
Second Wednesday of month
Wednesday, April 13, 9 a.m.

**BERNALILLO COUNTY
COMMISSION MEETINGS**
Administrative Meeting
Tuesday, April 12, 5 p.m.

Administrative Meeting
Tuesday, April 26, 5 p.m.

**BERNCO INFORMATION
SESSION STATE CAPITAL
OUTLAY PROCESS
2017 STATE LEGISLATIVE
SESSION**

April 28, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Attendance is *mandatory* if
your nonprofit organization
intends to pursue state capital
outlay funding next year with
administrative assistance from
BernCo. RSVP to Meaghan
Ellsworth, via email at
mellsworth@bernco.gov
or by telephone at
(505) 468-7410

All meetings listed above
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,
unless indicated otherwise

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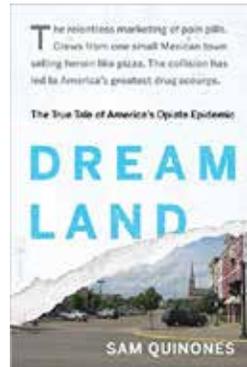


National County Government Month 2016

National County Government Month, held each April, is an annual celebration of county government. This year's theme is "Safe and Secure Counties." Bernalillo County and counties all across the country work to help keep American communities safe and secure by providing law enforcement and fire protection, health care, animal care services and much more.

Throughout the month, BernCo will post "Did You Know?" facts via the county's website, Facebook and Twitter. **Stay connected by liking us on Facebook at Bernalillo County NM and following us on Twitter at @BernCounty.** You will learn about the ways that Bernalillo County continues to focus on building a safe and secure community by managing public safety through the Bernalillo County Fire Department, the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Department, the Metropolitan Detention Center, and the Youth Services Center. Additional ways that BernCo works to keep residents safe and secure are by facilitating emergency management responses to natural disasters, our many health and mental health programs, and by helping to host events like the ones below.

Dreamland: The True Tale of America's Opiate Epidemic



Our community faces a major public health crisis, a true epidemic of heroin and opioid abuse that is ripping families apart, draining public resources and creating a new generation of addicts. But Bernalillo County, the US Attorney's Office, the University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center, and Healing Addiction in Our Community are working to create new strategies for prevention and intervention to turn the tide in this epidemic.

Commissioner Maggie Hart Stebbins invites the community to a free special event & keynote address to raise awareness about heroin and opioid abuse in our community. The event takes place on Monday, April 11, 2016 beginning at 5 p.m. at the African American Performing Arts Center, 310 San Pedro Drive NE.

Sam Quinones, author of "Dreamland: The True Tale of America's Opiate Epidemic," will deliver a keynote address at 6:30 p.m., followed by a roundtable discussion. Doors open at 5 p.m., followed by a book signing at 5:30 p.m. For more information please visit www.healingaddictionnm.org or contact Serenity Mesa at (505) 877-3644.

Join the Walk that Helps Those Affected with HIV

Commissioner Maggie Hart Stebbins invites everyone to the 2016 HIV Walk New Mexico and 5k Fun Run on Sunday, April 17 presented by Albuquerque Pride in conjunction with University of New Mexico Truman Health Services. The event will take place at the beautiful UNM North Golf Course Urban Open Space, 2201 Tucker Ave. NE. Check-in begins at noon, the opening ceremonies and welcome begin at 12:30 p.m. and the race begins at 1 p.m. The funds raised by the event support organizations that provide treatment, medication, prevention education, behavioral health services, and substance abuse counseling to those living with and affected by HIV/Stage 3 (AIDS). For more information go to www.abqpride.com/hivwalknm.



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WE'RE MORE THAN YOU THINK



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(505) 468-7100

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for more information

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Parents Who Host, Lose the Most

Underage drinking increases during celebratory times, such as prom and graduation. The Bernalillo County Office of Health and Social Services is launching a campaign, the "Parents Who Host, Lose the Most: Don't be a party to teenage drinking" campaign, to help provide parents with accurate information about the health and

safety risks associated with underage drinking and the legal consequences of providing alcohol to minors. This program encourages parents and allows the entire community to send a unified message that teen alcohol consumption is unhealthy, unsafe and unacceptable. More information at www.bernco.gov/DoNotHost.

Notice of Property Assessments

On March 30, the Bernalillo County Assessor's Office mailed out notices to all property owners in the county informing of them of the current assessed value of their property. Residents are encouraged to promptly open their Notice of Value, review it, and contact the Assessor's Office with any questions. The Notice of Value is important because it states what assessment the County Treasurer's Office will use when sending out property tax bills later in the year. State law gives property owners until April 29 at 5 p.m. to protest their assessments. Property owners have until April 29 to apply for property tax exemptions that could help lower their property tax bill in November. These exemptions include head of family, veterans and 100 percent disabled veterans. Applications for these exemptions along with more information are available at www.bernco.gov/assessor-office. The Assessor's Office will be hosting four educational workshops for property owners who have questions in the Vincent E. Griego Chambers, in the basement of the city/county government building, One Civic Plaza on Saturday, April 16 at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., and Saturday, April 23 at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. The Assessor's Office has a dedicated phone bank set up to help property owners who have questions or need assistance. The number to call is (505) 222-3700.

Talk to Us!

Bernalillo County wants to hear from you!

Bernalillo County has a formal process for renaming county buildings/facilities, which includes a committee hearing, a public comment period, and final approval by the Board of County Commissioners.

Below are the building/facility renaming proposals that are in the public comment period:

- Proposal to Build a Civil Rights Monument on the Grounds of the New Mexico Second Judicial District Court
- Proposal to Change the Name of Denison Park to Denison Park and Rodeo Grounds
- Proposal to Change the Name of the Pajarito Satellite Senior Center Meal Site to the Bernalillo County Visitor and Cultural Center

Visit us online at www.BernCo.gov to leave a comment or reach us by phone at (505) 468-7000.

OPEN SPACE APRIL EVENTS TANTALIZE THE SENSES AND ENLIGHTEN THE MIND



East Mountain Interpretive Tour and iNaturalist

April 2 from 3-4 p.m. at Carlito Springs, 82 Carlito Springs Road

Join master naturalists on a walking tour where you can learn about the plants and animals that inhabit the site. Also learn how to participate in an engaging citizen science project by observing the natural world with a keen eye and then posting your observations on iNaturalist.org.

Backyard Farming Series:

Landscape for Life

April 2 and 16 at the Gutierrez-Hubbell House, 6029 Isleta Blvd. SW

Successful Water Practices and Role of Plants - April 2, 9 a.m. – Noon
Successful Plant Practices and Selecting Materials - April 16, 9 a.m. – Noon
This nationally recognized program covers the basics needed to plan and design your home garden landscape focusing on sustainability, permaculture and wise use of our limited natural resources. Each workshop builds on information shared from previous classes and offers tools to assess your home landscape. After the workshop, there will be an extended mentor hands-on project for interested participants who want practical experiences and do not mind getting their hands dirty.

Citizen Science National Day

April 16, 2 – 4 p.m. at Bachechi Open Space, 9521 Rio Grande Blvd. NW

Learn about a number of important citizen science projects, as well as how to be a purposeful observer of nature and contribute to important body of data, which result in meaningful information used by land managers and scientists. There

will be information booths and hands-on activities—fun for the whole family!

Villages Along the Rio Grande: History and Culture of the Atrisco Neighborhood

April 23, 10:30a.m. at the Gutierrez-Hubbell House, 6029 Isleta Blvd. SW

Presented by historian and author Dr. Joseph Sánchez. Lecture series that goes from historic Old Town traveling south to the Pueblo of Isleta, one neighborhood at time.

Naturalist Series: Tropical and Desert Amphibian Responses to El Nino and La Nina

April 23, 5 – 6:30 p.m. at Bachechi Open Space, 9521 Rio Grande Blvd. NW

Presenter by Dr. Mason Ryan, Division of Amphibians and Reptiles, Museum of Southwestern Biology

Learn about how changing climate patterns affect the frog and toad diversity of the desert southwest to the tropics of Panama and Costa Rica.

Wonder of Learning

April 24, 1 – 3 p.m. at Bachechi Open Space, 9521 Rio Grande Blvd. NW

This event will provide an opportunity for families with young children (birth – eight years) and educators to explore literacy in nature.

It's Family Fun Day Every Sunday

Noon – 5 p.m. at Bachechi Open Space, 9521 Rio Grande Blvd. NW.

There are Nature Packs, a theme based hands-on learning station, art exhibits, and interpretive tours. No need to register, just come on down. April's theme is *Arthropods Abound*.

BernCo Water Conservation Ordinance Effective April 1

This ordinance applies to residents, who live in the unincorporated areas of Bernalillo County, outside of the city limits. Water restrictions include no outside sprinkler watering between the hours of 11 a.m. – 7 p.m., the hottest part of the day. If you have a timer, make sure to set it to water before 11 a.m. or after 7 p.m. Now is also the time to tune-up sprinkler systems, check for leaks and check sprinkler heads for overspray onto sidewalks or into the road, making adjustments accordingly. For more information and water conservation tips, visit www.bernco.gov/water.

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Hotline
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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

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UPCOMING BERNCO PUBLIC MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Sunset Road Improvements Project Public Meeting Wednesday, April 6

5:30 – 7 p.m.
South Valley Multi-Purpose Senior Center
2008 Larrazolo Road SW

BernCo Water Fair Friday, April 8 Saturday, April 9

9 a.m. - noon
McGrane Safety Complex
48 Public School Road, Tijeras

Capital Improvement Program District 4 Public Meeting Wednesday, April 13

6:30 – 8 p.m.
Raymond G. Sanchez Community Center
9800 Fourth St. NW

Capital Improvement Program District 3 Public Meeting Tuesday, April 19

6 – 7:30 p.m.
Hiland Theater, Studio F
4800 Central Ave. SE

Capital Improvement Program District 1 Public Meeting Thursday, April 21

5 – 6:30 p.m.
North Valley Senior Center
3825 Fourth St. NW

Day in Paradise Sunday, May 15

1 – 5 p.m.
Paradise Hills Community Center
5901 Paradise Blvd. NW

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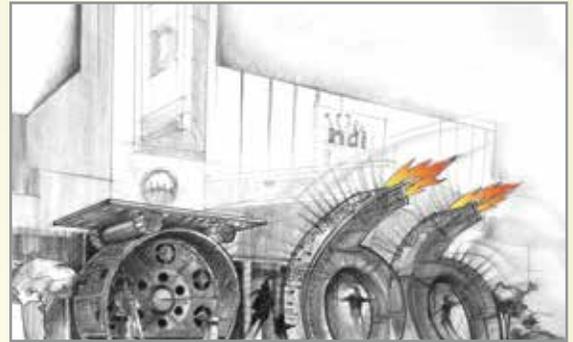


New Mexico Dahl Sheep Have a Permanent Residence at Hubbell North Saturday, April 9

The community is invited to attend a ribbon-cutting event for the newly constructed lodging quarters for the Dahl sheep at the Gutierrez-Hubbell House properties in the South Valley. The Dahl sheep have been recently added as a living exhibition to the BernCo open space, and there is a new baby lamb! The ribbon-cutting event will happen on Saturday, April 9 at 11 a.m. and will take place at the Hubbell North Farm House and Field, 5945 Isleta Blvd. SW. The New Mexico Dahl sheep breed has great historical significance in Bernalillo County. Learn more about the Dahl sheep's history and the New Baby Lamb Naming Contest at the event.

Reels and Wheels Public Art Dedication and Block Party Saturday, April 23

Return to Route 66 and relive the fun of yesteryear. The commissioned Reels and Wheels public art structure will be dedicated to the community, kicking off a block party. The public art piece rekindles the nostalgia of movies and cars along Route 66. Join us on Saturday, April 23 in front of the Hiland Theater, 4800 Central Ave. SE. The fun begins at 3 p.m. with food trucks, 50s style music, a hula hoop contest and roller derby girls serving slices of pie. Free silk screenings that commemorate the public art piece will be available to the community. Just bring with you a cotton item (t-shirt, pillow case, piece of fabric) and have the silk screening applied right before your eyes. A special movie showing of Cars will begin at 5:30 p.m. inside the historic theater. Come out and get your kicks on Route 66!



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South Valley Celebration Sunday, May 1

The celebration, formerly known as South Valley Pride Day, is scheduled for Sunday, May 1 at Westside Community Center, 1250 Isleta Blvd. SW. The traditional parade starts at 11 a.m. on Isleta Boulevard and ends at the community

center where the family-friendly event will feature great music from local entertainers, games for kids and families, great food, and the 2016 Outstanding Citizens celebration. The Community Cleanup is scheduled from 8 a.m. - noon on Saturday, April 30. Groups will gather at Westside Community Center, where volunteers will then fan out across the South Valley to beautify our communities. Youth and community groups are encouraged to sign up, call (505) 468-7599 today.

NEED Assistance or Resources?

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