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BernCo at a Glance

BernCo's Capital Outlay Priorities

COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
Second Wednesday of month
Wednesday, Feb. 10, 9 a.m.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR HEARING
Second Tuesday of month
Tuesday, Feb. 9, 9 a.m.

BERNALILLO COUNTY COMMISSION MEETINGS

ZONING MEETING
Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2 p.m.

FINANCE MEETING
Tuesday, Feb. 16, 4:30 p.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING
Tuesday, Feb. 16, 5 p.m.

All 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, unless indicated otherwise

BernCo Capital Outlay Priorities for 2016

The Bernalillo County Board of Commissioners has approved a list of capital outlay priorities that the county is asking the New Mexico Legislature to fund during its 2016 session, some of those requests include:

- $1 million | South Valley aquatics facility
- $1.4 million | Mid-North Valley recreation center
- $1 million | multi-service health and social service clinic in District 3
- $1 million | South Valley boxing/wrestling gym to be located at Los Padillas Community Center and adjacent land
- $500,000 | multi-use sports facility
- $200,000 | Phase III improvements to the UNM North Golf Course Urban Open Space
- $534,000 | improvements to the 2nd Street and Rio Bravo intersection
- $800,000 | two public safety officers' memorials in Bernalillo County
- $1 million each for Districts 4 and 5 road improvements to include new paving/rehabilitation
- $500,000 | provide an access road to Atrisco Heritage High School
- $600,000 | renovate, remodel, equip and furnish Fire Station 36 residential headquarters
- $455,000 | purchase a fire engine for the Bernalillo County Fire Department
- $940,000 | purchase vehicles for Bernalillo County Sheriff's Department

See BernCo on page 3 for the remaining capital outlay priorities.

BernCo Commission Has New Chair and Vice Chair

District 2 Commissioner Art De La Cruz is the new chair of the Bernalillo County Commission and District 5 Commissioner Wayne Johnson is the new vice chair. De La Cruz and Johnson will serve in their respective leadership capacities for the 2016 calendar year.

Community Input Requested on Behavioral Health Business Plan

Bernalillo County now has a formal business plan to serve as a road map to assist the county in leveraging resources, while working with the community to develop and implement a cohesive regional behavioral health care system. The business plan makes specific recommendations for how the county and the community should move forward to address unmet needs. A coordinated crisis care system is one of the core recommendations. Please visit www.bernco.gov/BC-behavioral-health to read the Behavioral Health Business Plan in full. A community survey asks for public comment on how the county and its community partners should prioritize the recommendations — which can be scaled up or down to fit the needs of the community.

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Capital Improvements in Bernalillo County

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Rio Grande Boulevard Bike Lanes Improvements Project Public Meeting

Learn more about the Rio Grande Boulevard Bike Lane Improvements project, which will widen the roadway and provide bicycle lanes along Rio Grande Boulevard from the Village of Los Ranchos boundary to Alameda Boulevard. The public meeting will take place on **Saturday, Feb. 6 from 2 – 3 p.m. at the Bachechi Open Space Environmental Education Building,** 9521 Rio Grande Blvd. NW.

Wills and Probate Legal Fair

Commissioner Maggie Hart Stebbins invites the public to a wills and probate legal fair. Join the Hon. Shannon Bacon with the Second Judicial District Court, Probate Judge Willow Misty Parks, BernCo Court of Wills, Estates & Probate and attorneys from the Second Judicial District Pro Bono Committee who will all be available to respond to questions regarding wills and probate. The event will take place on **Wednesday, Feb. 17 at the Hiland Theater, 4800 Central Ave. SE. Sign in begins at 11:30 a.m. with private consultations running from noon – 1:30 p.m.** RSVPs are required. Please RSVP by Friday, Feb. 12 to (505) 468-7108 or (505) 468-7000 or to jhartley@bernco.gov. Parking for the event is available in the front and back of the building. Please enter through the front door, off of Central Avenue.

Fire Station #35 Paseo del Norte Direct Access Groundbreaking

Bernalillo County Public Works has received state legislative funding in the amount of $275,000 to design and construct a new direct access for Fire Station #35 to Paseo del Norte Boulevard. The new direct access to Paseo del Norte for the county fire station will provide a reduction in the response-time for safety personnel to provide assistance to residents of Bernalillo County. Construction for the project will begin in late February 2016. A groundbreaking event will take place on Tuesday, Feb. 23 at 9:30 a.m. at Fire Station #35, 11700 Paseo Del Norte NE 87122. The public is invited to attend.

Second Street SW Corridor Improvement Project Public Meeting

The Second Street SW Corridor Project, funded by the Federal Land Access Program (FLAP), has been under way with its design phase and will be 30 percent complete by mid-February. A community meeting will inform and share with the public the project's preliminary designs and solicit comments. The public meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 23 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at the Mountain View Community Center, 201 Prosperity SW.

South Valley Pool / Rio Bravo Facilities Master Plan Community Meeting

BernCo Parks & Recreation will be holding a community meeting to discuss ideas for the master plan for the South Valley Pool and other adjacent facilities, including the Rio Bravo Senior Meal Site, South Valley Park, South Valley Little League, South Valley Skate Park and the South Valley Dog Park. This meeting will build on current efforts by the county to re-open the pool and improvements outlined in the county's recently adopted Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan. The community meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 17 beginning 6 p.m. at the Rio Bravo Senior Meal Site, 3910 Isleta Blvd. SW.

BernCo Capital Outlay Priorities for 2016

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- $1 million | site improvements and to plan, design, construct and equip expansion of Los Vecinos Community Center
- $75,000 | plan, design, construct, furnish, and equip a xeric neighborhood pocket park at Cielo Vista Circle Park
- $3 million | construction of the North Valley Utility Project which includes the sanitary sewer phase
- Reauthorize $145,000 from grant 15-0663 appropriated to Bernalillo County for a technical response unit and instead purchase a fire engine

BernCo Open Space Family Fun Days are Back

Beginning Sunday, Feb. 7 and every Sunday from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the Bachechi Open Space, 9521 Rio Grande Blvd. NW, the Bernalillo County Open Space program and Cottonwood Gulch will present Family Fun Days. During open hours, nature packs can be checked out, there will be theme-based, hands-on learning stations, art exhibits, and interpretive tours. Each month will focus on a different theme and each week will feature new activities for families that include an experiment for older explorers and a craft that will challenge the mind and hands. Come answer a challenge question to receive a prize!

For more information, visit www.bernco.gov, call (505) 314-0420 or email calangan@bernco.gov.

HERE ARE THE MONTHLY THEMES:

February, Searching in the Soil

Examine the worlds beneath our feet. Sample the soil, use our microscopes, and make some mud creations.

March, What's Up – Weather and Wind

Are you curious about the weather around you? Build your own weather station, or keep track of what happens at the park. We'll have experiment stations and new tools to try out.

April, Arthropods Abound

There's a whole new level of fun to learn in the world of insects. Collect your own, make some observations, mimic their sounds and help us keep track of the most abundant insects around.

May, The Power of Plants

Create a garden, protect pollinators, measure trees, and learn a new respect for the wildlife with every step.

Summer Fun Series for June, July and August: Family Fun Days will be on Saturdays from 5-8 p.m. Take some chill time with a cool activity, or check out the nature packs for an evening of fun.

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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

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Enrico Gradi Named New Director of Planning and Development Services Department

Gradi has been employed with Bernalillo County for nearly 17 years. His most recent position was community development manager for the Planning and Development Services Department. He has also served as a planner, impact fees administrator, neighborhood coordinator and chair of the county's Development Review Authority. He holds a master's degree in community and regional planning from the University of New Mexico.

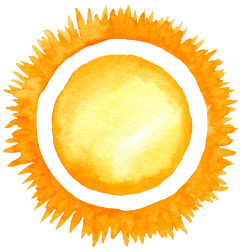
Gradi's experience in the department includes managing the Pajarito Land Use and Access Study, the Isleta Boulevard and Village Centers Sector Development Plan, the Bernalillo County/International Sunport Station Area Plan, the West Central Corridor Plan. Additionally, he successfully prepared and presented amendments to the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Comprehensive Plan.

The Planning and Development Services Department provides services in the following areas:

- Health Protection
- Building Services
- Community Services/ Neighborhood Outreach
- Zoning
- Planning

Hang Up on Fraud

The U.S. Department of the Treasury has issued a public service message to warn taxpayers about phone scammers who claim to be Internal Revenue Service agents. The tipoff is if you don't pay them immediately then they state that you will go to jail. The IRS would never make a telephone call like that. If you receive a similar type of phone call from someone claiming to be with the IRS, you should HANG UP.



Spring and Summer Fun with BernCo is Under Way

Registrations now open for adult and youth spring/summer sports leagues! Visit www.bernco.gov for more info and applications.

Get the BernCo Neighborhood Newsletter Delivered Directly to You

Visit http://notifications.bernco.gov/ to e-subscribe to the BernCo monthly neighborhood newsletter. *No waiting, just the latest county news at your fingertips!*

NEED Assistance or Resources?
Contact Neighborhood Coordinator Darrell Dady at **(505) 468-7364** or **ddady@bernco.gov.**