



# BERNCO at a Glance

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*Winter in the East Mountains, Bernalillo County*

## COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

First Wednesday of month  
Wednesday, Jan. 6, 9 a.m.

## ZONING ADMINISTRATOR HEARING

Second Tuesday of month  
Tuesday, Jan. 12, 9 a.m.

## BERNALILLO COUNTY COMMISSION MEETINGS

Administrative Meeting  
Tuesday, Jan. 12, 5 p.m.

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

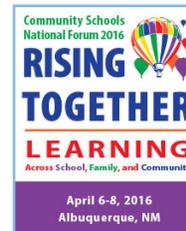
*Meetings are held in the  
Vincent E. Griego Chambers  
in the basement of the  
City/County Government Bldg.  
One Civic Plaza  
Fifth Street and Marquette NW*

County offices  
will be closed on  
Friday, Jan. 1, 2016  
for New Year's Day  
and Monday, Jan. 18  
in observance of the  
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.  
Holiday.

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## Community Schools National Conference to be Held in Albuquerque

You are invited to join the Coalition for Community Schools in partnership with the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County (ABC) Community School Partnership for the 2016 National Forum. The theme is Rising Together: Learning across School, Family and Community.



Parents, educators, administrators, and community leaders from across the United States will gather in Albuquerque April 6 - 8, 2016 to learn effective strategies that help students and families overcome obstacles to learning. Everyone interested in New Mexico's education system – parents, principals and teachers, policymakers, health care, business, nonprofit and social services leaders – are encouraged to register for the 2016 Coalition for Community Schools National Forum. Visit <http://www.communityschools.org/2016nationalforum/> to register and learn more.

The ABC Community School Partnership was created in 2007 through a joint powers agreement. The ABC Community School Partnership is a coalition of local government, business and nonprofit leaders dedicated to helping students finish school ready for college, careers, and life.

Major partners include Bernalillo County, the City of Albuquerque, Albuquerque Public Schools, United Way of Central New Mexico and the Albuquerque Business Education Compact.



## Lisa Sedillo White Deputy County Manager for New BernCo Division

County Manager Julie Morgas Baca has created a new General Services Division and appointed long-time county director Lisa Sedillo White as its deputy county manager. The General Services Division will include the Risk Management Department, the Right of Way/Real Estate Section, the Records Management Section, and the Procurement and Business Services Department.

Sedillo White has served as director of the Procurement and Business Services Department for the past 10 years, which includes purchasing, accounts payable, inventory, printing and graphics, travel, and the Unclaimed Indigent Cremation Program.

In addition to many others projects, she has undertaken key roles in the implementation of these county initiatives: Enterprise Resources Planning (ERP), DWI Seizure Program, Forgotten Heroes Burial Program and the expansion of the Unclaimed Indigent Cremation Program and the creation of the Printing and Graphics Section.



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Tanya R. Giddings  
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Maggie Toulouse Oliver  
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 (505) 468-1290  
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 (505) 468-1243

### COUNTY TREASURER

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 Main office: (505) 468-7031

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

### SHERIFF

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

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 for more information

## Bridge Boulevard Reconstruction Project Public Hearing

Bernalillo County invites you to attend a public hearing to hear a summary of the environmental assessment and to provide comment on the proposed build alternative. Displays, information, and project representatives will be available at the hearing scheduled for **Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2016 starting at 5:30 p.m. A presentation will start at 5:45 p.m. followed by a formal public comment period. The public hearing will take place at the South Valley Multi-Purpose Senior Center, 2008 Larrazolo Road SW** (north of Bridge Boulevard off of Atrisco Drive). Spanish translation will be available at the public hearing.

The environmental assessment is available for review online at [www.bridgeboulevard.com](http://www.bridgeboulevard.com). Copies will also be available through Jan. 22, 2016 at Bernalillo County Public Works Division, 2400 Broadway Blvd. SE. Comments on the environmental assessment and project are requested no later than Jan. 22, 2016. Please send comments to Kelly Sims, HDR Engineering, Inc., 2155 Louisiana Blvd. NE, Suite 9500, Albuquerque, NM 87110, by email to [kelly.sims@hdrinc.com](mailto:kelly.sims@hdrinc.com), or fax (505) 830-5454.



## Alameda Drain Master Trail Plan Public Meeting & Workshop

This Master Plan will guide the future development of a multi-use trail along the Alameda Drain. Stop in at any time between **5:30 – 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2016 at the Los Griegos Health and**

**Social Services Center, 1231 Candelaria NW** to learn about the project's progression. A formal presentation begins at 6 p.m. detailing the process to date. Comments and concerns from the public will guide the further refinement of the master plan document and drain and trail design solutions. The master plan corridor includes the portion of the Alameda Drain from Interstate 40 north to the North Diversion Channel, a length of approximately nine miles. This is one of several public involvement activities for the master plan, which is expected to be finalized in the spring of 2016. A segment of the corridor will then move into the design and construction phase. For more information, contact project manager, Diane Sholtis, P.E., at (505) 224-2124 or by email [dsholtis@bernco.gov](mailto:dsholtis@bernco.gov). More project info is online at [www.BernCo.gov/alamedadrainproject](http://www.BernCo.gov/alamedadrainproject).

## Second Street SW Corridor Improvement Project Public Meeting

The Second Street SW Corridor Project, funded by the Federal Land Access Program (FLAP), is under way with its design phase. The project will be 30 percent designed by mid-February 2016. The purpose of this meeting is to inform and share with the public the project's preliminary designs and to solicit public 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.**

This project will design and construct a multi-use trail from the Valle de Oro Wildlife Refuge entrance to Mountain View Elementary School; reconstruct Second Street from Valle de Oro Wildlife Refuge entrance to Desert Road; realign the Desert/Second Street intersection; and construct sidewalks along the west side of Second Street. The total project cost is \$12.5 million, including design, environmental clearance, and construction.



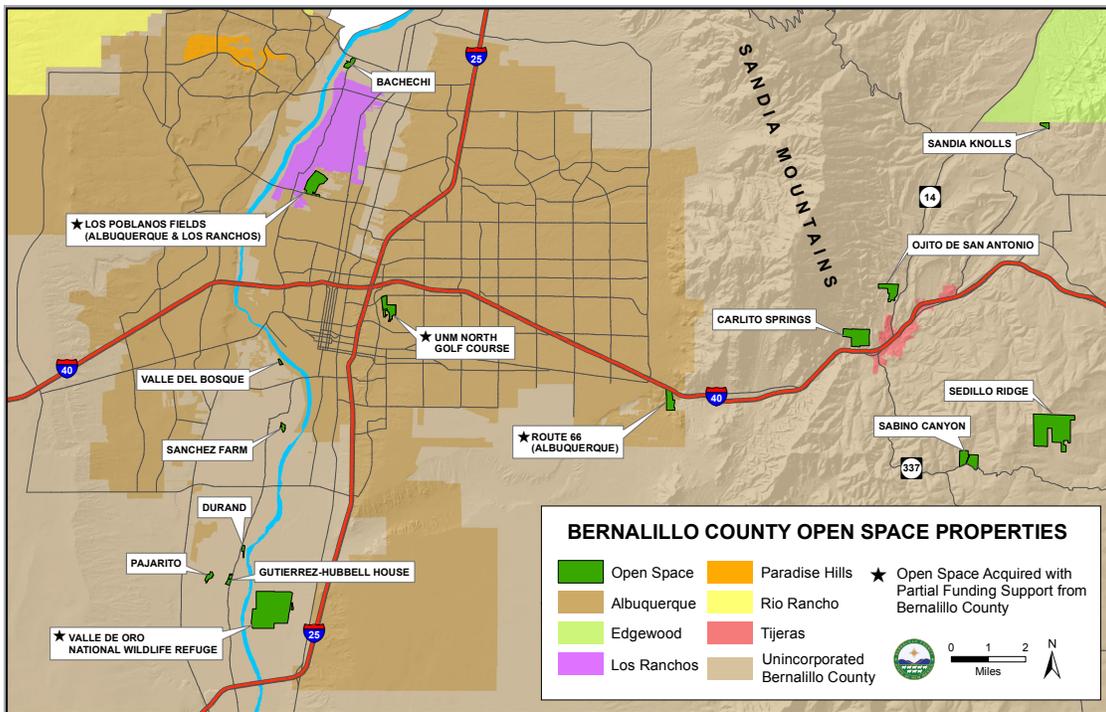
## Escape to BernCo's Open Spaces

Take the time to get outdoors and enjoy the county's Open Space properties that include beautiful hiking trails, scenic landscapes and serene places for quiet contemplation and relaxation.

Hiking, bird watching, geocaching and picnicking are some of the activities you can do at the Open Space properties.

All of the properties are open from dawn to dusk, unless otherwise posted.

Visit [www.bernco.gov/openspace](http://www.bernco.gov/openspace) for maps, directions and general information about the properties.



## Dahl Sheep are coming to BernCo!

In 2016, a Dahl sheep exhibit will be established at the Gutierrez-Hubbell House History and Cultural Center, 6029 Isleta Blvd. SW. There will be a sheep grazing area and a sheep exhibit corral that will serve as a 'living demonstration.' The corral will shelter three Dahl sheep, one ram and two ewes. This exhibition will be of historical and cultural significance and enhance the visitor's experience to the Gutierrez-Hubbell House.

*Details to come about a special community event!*



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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](mailto:ContactCenter@bernco.gov)

#### BERNCO WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA HANDLES

- Bernalillo County online [www.BernCo.gov](http://www.BernCo.gov)
- Bernalillo County on Facebook [Bernalillo County NM](#)
- Bernalillo County on Twitter [@BernCounty](#)
- Bernalillo County on YouTube [Bernalillo County](#)
- Bernalillo County on Flickr [bernalillo.county](#)
- BernCo Bernie online [www.BernCoBernie.com](http://www.BernCoBernie.com)
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## UPCOMING BERNCO PUBLIC HEARING AND MEETINGS

**Bridge Boulevard  
Public Hearing**  
Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2016  
5:30 p.m.  
South Valley Multi-Purpose  
Senior Center  
2008 Larrazolo Road SW

**Alameda Drain &  
Trail Master Plan  
Public Meeting &  
Workshop**  
Wednesday, Jan. 20  
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.  
Los Griegos Health and  
Social Services Center  
1231 Candelaria NW

**City/BernCo  
Comprehensive Plan  
Draft  
Open Houses**  
Wednesday, Jan. 27  
2 – 3:30 p.m.  
North Domingo Baca  
Multigenerational Center  
7521 Carmel Ave. NE

5:30 – 7 p.m.  
Los Duranes Community Center  
2920 Leopoldo NW

**Thursday, Jan. 28**  
1 – 2:30 p.m.  
Don Newton/Taylor Ranch  
Community Center  
4900 Kachina St. NW

6 – 7:30 p.m.  
South Valley Multi-Purpose  
Senior Center  
2008 Larrazolo Road SW

**Second Street SW  
Corridor Improvement  
Public Meeting**  
Tuesday, Feb. 23  
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.  
Mountain View  
Community Center  
201 Prosperity SE

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## BernCo Private Well Outreach Survey

Bernalillo County is gauging the effectiveness of the current services it provides for private well owners. Those services include a well monitoring program, well water sampling and well education events. Please take a moment to complete a survey that will assess how the county is doing and help Public Works to better organize even more opportunities for well owners. The survey can be found at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/berncowell>. Your time and participation are appreciated.



For questions about this survey, please contact Sara Chudnoff, county hydrogeologist, at (505) 224-1614 or by email [schudnoff@berncowell.gov](mailto:schudnoff@berncowell.gov).

## Drag Racers Subject to Vehicle Seizure

The approval of the amendment to the county's Vehicle Seizure and Forfeiture Ordinance now makes drag racing a criminal act that could result in on-the-spot seizure and ultimate forfeiture of a vehicle.

The new amendment declares illegal street racing or drag racing as a public nuisance that endangers the community at large. Vehicles used in these illegal activities can be taken away at the scene by law enforcement officers. An administrative hearing will determine if the vehicle was properly seized. This law affects drag racing activity that occurs outside the city limits, within the unincorporated areas of Bernalillo County.



For second-time or greater offenders, the county will initiate proceedings to permanently take away a vehicle that was used for drag racing. Vehicle owners who knowingly allow a previously arrested reckless driver to drive their vehicle may not be considered an innocent owner and could lose their vehicle. The amendment also creates and lists criteria necessary to address specific requirements and obligations pertaining to the release of seized vehicles to lienholders.

Seized vehicles will be sold at public auction and the proceeds will be used for administering this ordinance and DWI enforcement, prevention and education.

Temporary immobilization of a vehicle using an immobilization device, or boot, is an alternative available in lieu of vehicle forfeiture. The vehicle immobilization period would be determined by the driving record and history of the offender.

The county's Vehicle Seizure and Forfeiture Ordinance also addresses seizure and forfeiture of vehicles of DWI offenders with two or more DWIs and/or those individuals driving with a revoked license that was the result of a prior DWI conviction.

## Get the BernCo Neighborhood Newsletter Delivered Directly to You

Visit <http://notifications.berncowell.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@berncowell.gov](mailto:ddady@berncowell.gov).