



BERNCO at a Glance

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Bachechi
Family
Memorial
Rose Garden

*Bachechi Open Space located along Río Grande Boulevard,
just south of Alameda Boulevard*

COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

First Wednesday of month
Wednesday, Feb. 4, 9 a.m.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR HEARING

Second Tuesday of month
Tuesday, Feb. 10, 9 a.m.

BERNALILLO COUNTY COMMISSION MEETINGS

Zoning Meeting
Tuesday, Feb. 10, 4 p.m.

Board of Finance Meeting
Tuesday, Feb. 17, 4:30 p.m.

Administrative Meeting
Tuesday, Feb. 17, 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*

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Nonprofits Can Earn \$500 Cleaning Up Bernalillo County

Ten nonprofit youth groups can earn \$500 for cleanup or beautification projects in Bernalillo County. Applications will be accepted for the Clean and Beautiful Grant Program until Feb. 13, 2015. Applications will be evaluated based on cleanup or beautification projects in Bernalillo County and must include at least 10 participants, among other requirements.



An online application is available at www.bernco.gov/BernCo_NMCB. Applications must be delivered by Feb. 13, 2015 at 4 p.m. to the county's Office of Health and Social Services, 111 Union Square SE, Suite 202, Albuquerque, NM, 87102. For more information, contact Ana Lisa Montoya-Torres at (505) 468-7384, email amontoya@bernco.gov, or Vicente Ramirez at (505) 468-7402, email vramirez@bernco.gov.

Sunday Family Fun at Bachechi Open Space



Get outside and get active! Experience Sunday Family Fun at Bernalillo County's Bachechi Open Space, 9521 Rio Grande NW, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. every Sunday starting Feb. 1, 2015.

Check out Nature Packs, get hands-on learning opportunities, bring a picnic or enjoy the trails. There will also be activities led by Cottonwood Gulch.

For more information, visit bernco.gov/openspace or call (505) 314-0398.

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WE'RE MORE THAN YOU THINK



Bachechi Open Space

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(505) 468-7100

Visit www.bernco.gov
for more information

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All Over the Map

Joint exhibition highlights 125 years of
public art in Albuquerque area



Bernalillo County Cultural Services' Public Art Program, in conjunction with the City of Albuquerque's Public Art Urban Enhancement Program, present "All Over the Map: The Ongoing Dialogue of Public Art" at the Albuquerque Museum. All Over the Map highlights the past 125 years of public art in the region, as well as ideas about the future of public art in the metro area. The exhibition, which will run thru April 15, features artwork by more than 130 artists funded by city, county, state, and federal public art programs within the region.

The public art exhibit is part of the On the Map: Unfolding Albuquerque Art and Design, an expansive collaboration celebrating the history and present of Albuquerque art. More than 20 partnering, public and private organizations will present exhibitions, lectures, performances, and educational programming showcasing the diverse art of the greater Albuquerque region. For more hours, admission, and additional information visit www.albuquerquemuseum.org.

Parks Recreation and Open Space Master Plan 2015 - 2030

The Bernalillo County Parks and Recreation Department is currently updating the "Parks Recreation and Open Space Master Plan." The plan will provide a 15 year roadmap for the development of future parks, recreation and open space facilities.

Each public meeting will feature an interactive game, where community members will use game pieces based on real parks and recreation amenities, to determine priorities for each district while facing the challenge of staying within the available funding, as design professionals and governmental officials are charged with daily.

Community members are invited to review the draft and participate in the process by attending a community meeting:

Monday, Feb. 23, 6 p.m., Raymond G. Sanchez Community Center,
9800 Fourth Street NW, District 4

Tuesday, Feb. 24, 6 p.m., Keshet Performing Arts Center,
4121 Cutler Avenue NE, District 3

Wednesday, Feb. 25, 6 p.m., Westside Community Center,
1250 Isleta Boulevard SW, District 2

District 1 and 5 meetings will be held in March with dates and locations to be announced.

Starting Feb. 16, community members can also participate by visiting www.bernco.gov to watch an educational video about the process, review the draft documents of the Master Plan, and share their feedback. Community responses and comments will be accepted until March 31.

The final "Parks Recreation and Open Space Master Plan 2015-2030" will be presented to the Bernalillo County Board of Commissioners for adoption by mid-year, 2015.



Bachechi Open Space

- Arenal Storm Drain
 - ▶ *Design phase is 95 percent complete*
- Cordero Mesa Business Park Water Transmission Line
 - ▶ *Construction completed in January, 2015*
- Cordero Mesa Business Park Otto Pump Station
 - ▶ *Construction completed in January, 2015*
- Fiber-optic Cable Installation Project
 - ▶ *Rio Bravo Boulevard to Prince Street began construction in January, 2015; Broadway Boulevard corridor is in design phase*
- Goff Boulevard Improvements
 - ▶ *Construction is about 40 percent complete; project completion date is August, 2015*
- Paradise Hills Trail Project
 - ▶ *Construction began Dec. 1, 2014*
- Rio Grande Indoor Pool Renovation
 - ▶ *Project completion date is the latter part of April, 2015*
- South Valley Drinking Water Project, Phase 7A
 - ▶ *Project completed in late November, 2014; hook-up/connection notices were mailed to residents mid-January, 2015*
- Sage/Old Coors Intersection
 - ▶ *Project will advertise for construction bids in March, 2015*
- Southwest Valley Flood Reduction Project, Phase 2B
 - ▶ *Construction is about 95 percent complete*
- Sunport Boulevard Extension Project
 - ▶ *Environmental clearance is in process*
- Sunset Gardens Road Phase 2
 - ▶ *Construction is about 95 percent complete; now landscaping the park/pond retention area*
- Vista Del Rio Drainage Improvements, Phase 4
 - ▶ *Design phase near completion; construction will begin in summer 2015*

For more information about these and more projects underway in Bernalillo County, please visit www.bernco.gov/projects.

**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

Bernalillo County Legislative Priorities 2015

The Bernalillo County Board of Commissioners passed an administrative resolution establishing the county's legislative policy priorities for the 52nd Legislature, now in session in Santa Fe.

The county is pursuing legislative support and funding for several initiatives, including mental health and substance abuse programs, early childhood intervention programs, and support services and extended learning opportunities provided by the HB542 Community Schools Act.



For the full listing of Bernalillo County's 2015 legislative priorities, please visit <http://www.bernco.gov/bernco-view-lobbyist/>



BUILDING THE BRIDGE TO YOUR FUTURE - JOB EXPO DAYS -

Sponsored by
Commissioner
Art De La Cruz

Job Expo
Prep Workshops
Thursday, March 5

- Resume Assistance
- Dress for Success
- Interview Preparation

Albuquerque Hispano
Chamber of Commerce
1309 Fourth Street SW
10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

To sign up for the workshops,
RSVP to Shawn Perry-Turner,
call (505) 468-7817 or email
spturner@bernco.gov

Job Expo
Monday, March 9

- Government
- National companies
- Local companies
- Private companies

McKernan Events Center
933 Sunset Road SW
10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Companies will be
ready to interview
candidates on site.

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Your Neighbors Are Getting Rewarded For Recycling - What Are You Waiting For?

County staff is excited
about the growing number
of unincorporated county



households participating in its curbside recycling program. As of today, nearly 50 percent of eligible households have requested a cart specifically to use for recycling. If you aren't recycling yet, what are you waiting for? It's easy – no sorting necessary! It's included as part of your refuse service - and you can get rewarded for it. Call Waste Management today at (505) 892-1200 and have a recycling cart delivered at no additional charge!

Already recycling in unincorporated Bernalillo County? Then take advantage of the county's unique rewards program offered through Waste Management and powered by Recyclebank. Reward offers include discounts at local restaurants, popular retail stores, movie theaters and more. Sign-up is easy, and there is no additional charge for participating. Visit recyclebank.com/recycle and start earning valuable rewards today!

Cost of Living Increase for Minimum Wage Workers Approved

Bernalillo County Board of Commissioners approved a cost of living increase for minimum wage workers in the unincorporated areas of Bernalillo County, to \$8.65 an hour. The measure took effect on Jan. 26, 2015.

The ordinance increased the minimum wage by 50 cents per hour first on July 1, 2013, and again on Jan. 1, 2014. The measure applies to about 1,800 businesses and hundreds of workers in the unincorporated areas of Bernalillo County – areas that are located outside Albuquerque's city limits. Employers are required to post a notice published each year by the county's Planning and Development Services Department informing employees of the current minimum wage rates and their rights under the ordinance.

For more information, please visit www.bernco.gov.

Explore New Ideas for the South Valley Community

Bernalillo County Cultural Services and South Valley MainStreet - along with Creative Albuquerque and Working Classroom - will hold community listening sessions beginning this month.

Public comment from the sessions will determine how Bridge Boulevard - a key South Valley entrance corridor - will look, including public art, building facades and landscape design. The listening sessions will be held at the National Hispanic Cultural Center, 1701 Fourth Street SW, Albuquerque, NM 87102. Meeting schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, Feb. 17, 6 – 8 p.m. / Sharing Stories and History / Exploring Identity
Tuesday, March 10, 6 – 8 p.m. / Cultural Landscape – Examining the Historic Bridge Corridor

Saturday, April 11, 10 a.m. – noon / Creating a Sense of Place through Art
Tuesday, May 12, 6 – 8 p.m. / Interactive Review of Public Art Concepts
Saturday, June 6, 10 a.m. – noon / Final input on Public Art Concepts

NEED Assistance or Resources?

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