



# BERNCO at a Glance

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## COUNTY COMMISSION MEETINGS

Tuesday, Sept. 2, 2014  
Zoning Meeting, 4 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 4, 2014  
Special Meeting, 5 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2014  
Administrative Meeting, 5 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2014  
Administrative Meeting, 5 p.m.

## COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

First Wednesday of month  
Sept. 3, 2014, 9 a.m.

## ZONING ADMINISTRATOR HEARING

Second Tuesday of month  
Sept. 9, 2014, 9 a.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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## BernCo Commission Proposes \$27.57 Million in Capital Improvements to Voters

On August 12, the Bernalillo County Commission approved a \$27.57 million capital improvement proposal that would pay for better roads, upgrade libraries and help create a new river otter exhibit at the ABQ BioPark.

These community investments will be financed by general obligation bonds that allow the county to borrow money at low interest rates. Bernalillo County voters will be asked to consider the projects in the Nov. 4 general election.

Bernalillo County's Capital Improvement Plan is an inventory of existing and proposed capital projects that provides guidance to the public and lawmakers about Bernalillo County's infrastructure needs, including roads, animal care, trails, sidewalks, parks and more.

The 2014-2020 Capital Improvement Plan approved by the commission is a six-year plan that integrates public input, available funding and the county's top capital needs.

For more information about the county's Capital Improvement Program, please visit [www.bernco.gov/cip](http://www.bernco.gov/cip).

Historic Bridge MainStreet /South Valley

## Gateway Growers Market

Wednesday Afternoons  
May - September

Gateway Park, 100 Isleta Blvd. SW  
4 - 7 p.m.




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[WWW.BERNCO.GOV/SVMAINSTREET](http://WWW.BERNCO.GOV/SVMAINSTREET)

## NEED Assistance or Resources?

Contact Neighborhood Coordination Specialist Darrell Dady at (505) 468-7364 or at [ddady@bernco.gov](mailto:ddady@bernco.gov).



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Carlito Springs Open Space

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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10TH FLOOR  
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## South Valley Chile Fiesta Coming to Gateway Park on Saturday, Sept. 27



Autumn in New Mexico is such a wonderful time of the year. Who doesn't enjoy the aroma of fresh roasting green chile lingering in the crisp September air along with the sounds of New Mexican music playing and joyful sounds of children's laughter? To celebrate this special time, the first ever South Valley Chile Fiesta will be held on Saturday, Sept. 27 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Gateway Park, located at the corner of Bridge and Isleta Boulevards SW.

Be on hand as the South Valley warmly welcomes the surrounding community and chile lovers from throughout the area. Many exciting community activities are being planned for the fiesta including chile roasting, chile and salsa sampling, along with fun for the kids. Beautiful, handcrafted local arts and crafts will also be available.

**This event is made possible by Bernalillo County, and is a joint effort of the Mixing Bowl Kitchen, the South Valley Economic Development Center (SVEDC) and Historic South Valley Bridge MainStreet.**



Food vendors, contact Ernie Rivera at (505) 217-2463 or [ErnieR@mixingbowlnm.org](mailto:ErnieR@mixingbowlnm.org).



## BernCo's Accounting Department Receives Award

Bernalillo County's Accounting Department has been awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for the county's FY13 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR).

The announcement was made on June 19, at the GFOA headquarters in Chicago with notice sent by mail to the county a few days later. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

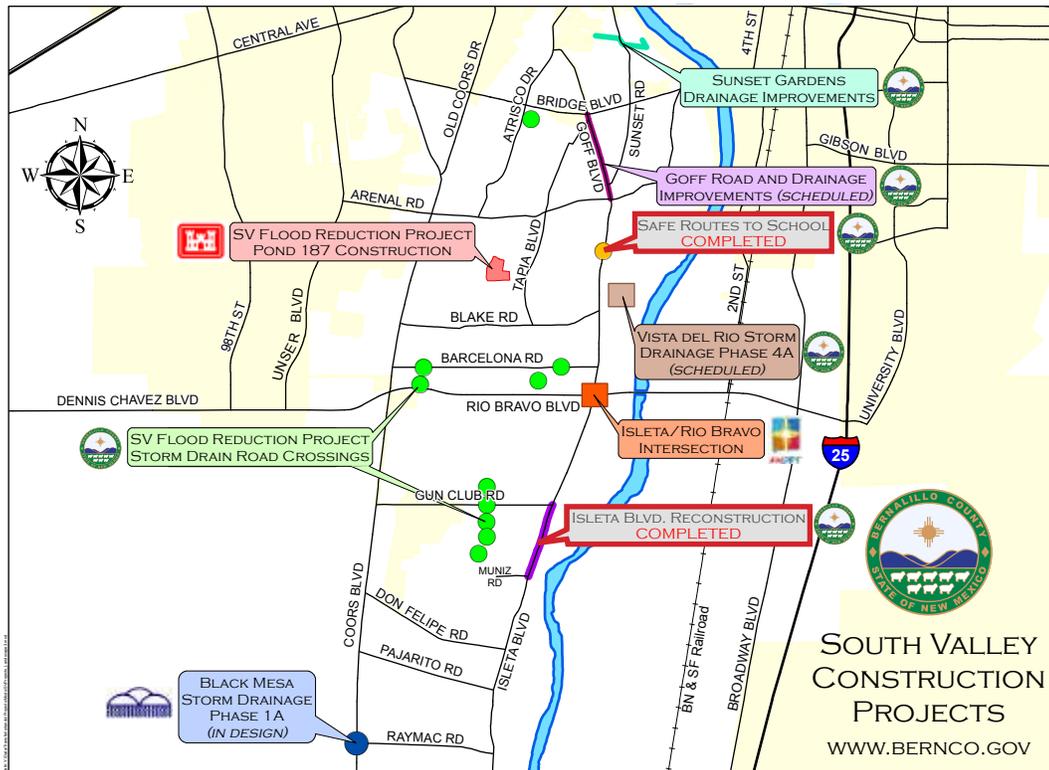
This is the 10th consecutive year and 14th year overall that Bernalillo County's Accounting Department has received this prestigious award.



# BERNCO Public Works

## South Valley Construction Projects Map and Information Update

The Isleta Boulevard Reconstruction and the Safe Routes to School projects have been completed, and a third project, the Black Mesa Storm Drainage Project, is now in its design phase. Bernalillo County appreciates your patience as work continues. For more information on these projects, visit [www.bernco.gov/svprojects](http://www.bernco.gov/svprojects).



## SANDBAGS AT COUNTY FIRE STATIONS

Sandbags are available at all county fire stations, <http://www.bernco.gov/Fire-Districts/>.

County residents can fill up and take as many sandbags as needed to protect their property during this monsoon season.

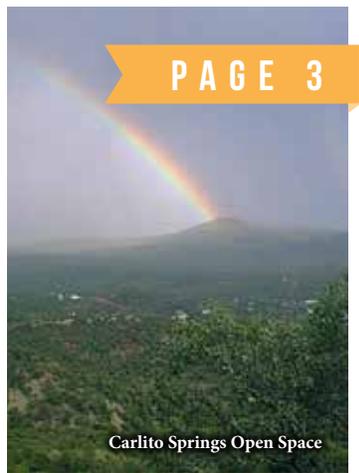
## Answers To Your Zoning, Building & Planning Questions from Bernalillo County Planning & Development Services

**Q** What do I need to bring to submit an application for a residential permit?

**A** You will need a site plan, elevations, floor plan(s), foundation plan, framing plan(s) (floor framing if applicable, and roof framing), electrical plan(s) and all pertinent details, wall sections, and building sections (as it applies to the proposed project). For more information, call (505) 314-0351.

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Public Works  
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AVAILABLE  
24 HOURS A DAY  
7 DAYS A WEEK  
  
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or send an e-mail to  
[contactcenter@bernco.gov](mailto:contactcenter@bernco.gov)

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Carlito Springs Open Space



Ojito de San Antonio Open Space

## OPEN SPACE FUTURE EVENTS

### TRADITIONAL NEW MEXICO ARTS DEMONSTRATION

Oct. 3, 6 – 9 p.m.,  
Bachechi Open Space (9521  
Rio Grande Boulevard NW)

Southwestern artists will demonstrate the art forms of weaving, punched tin, retablos and micaceous pottery.

### GET UP AND OUT

Oct. 5, 1 – 4 p.m.,  
UNM North Golf Course  
Urban Open Space  
(2201 Tucker Avenue NE)

Outdoor recreation activities for the entire family, with a special focus on geocaching.

### ANNUAL FOOD FESTIVAL AND FIELD DAY

Oct. 12, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.,  
Gutierrez-Hubbell House  
(6029 Isleta Boulevard SW)

To see a complete list of events and property information, visit [www.bernco.gov/openspace](http://www.bernco.gov/openspace).

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## “The New Mexico Connection”: Recent Acquisitions to the Bernalillo County Public Art Collection will be unveiled on Oct. 3



The Bernalillo County Arts Board announces the unveiling of its newest collection of two-dimensional artwork by artists who have worked in New Mexico during their careers. From iconic photographs by Lee Marmon and contemporary paintings by Neal Abrose Smith, to mythical collages by Holly Roberts, this collection features some of the best works of art Bernalillo County and the state of New Mexico has to offer.

The exhibit opening, also featuring music from Zack Freeman, is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 3, 2014 at the African American Performing Arts Center and Exhibition Hall, located at 310 San Pedro Drive NE. Light refreshments will be served.

The free exhibit will also be open Tuesdays through Fridays from Oct. 3 - 28. Hours are from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays and 10 a.m to 4 p.m. on Fridays.



## East Mountain Celebration is “Coming 'Round the Mountain” on Sunday, Sept. 28

Join District 5 Commissioner Wayne Johnson on Sept. 28 for some East Mountain fall fun in Tijeras! The fun The event runs from noon - 4 p.m. at the Los Vecinos Community Center at 478 1/2 Old Highway 66 in Tijeras.

This year’s festivities include live music, jumpers, food vendors, informational booths and the annual recognition of outstanding citizens from District 5. Call (505) 468-7212, or email [tmadrid@bernco.gov](mailto:tmadrid@bernco.gov) for more information on how to nominate an outstanding citizen.

In addition, to all of the other family-friendly activities, the movie “The Lone Ranger” will be shown in the Los Vecinos Community Center gym at 4 p.m.

Save the date for this **free event** in the beautiful East Mountains!

## Bernalillo County Fire Marshal Rescinds Open Burning Ban

Due to plentiful rainfall amounts during this year’s monsoon season in Bernalillo County, the county Fire Marshal’s Office on Aug. 12, rescinded the fire and open burning restrictions that had been imposed since March for all unincorporated areas of the county.

“The Bernalillo County Fire Marshal’s Office may reinstate fire and open burning restrictions if climatic conditions, drought, fire danger or other factors present a fire threat to personal or public property or public safety,” says Fire Marshal Chris Gober.

The public is urged to use fire cautiously and safely. The burning of dried tumbleweeds is now allowed in piles no larger than three feet by two feet. The prohibited, and burning is limited to the hours of 6 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Also, please note that the burn line number has also changed to (505) 468-7200.

For more information, contact the Bernalillo County Fire Prevention Bureau at (505) 468-1310.