



BERNCO at a Glance

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BERNALILLO COUNTY COMMISSION

All meetings are on
Tuesday, Nov. 18

Zoning Meeting - 2 p.m.

Board of Finance Meeting
4:30 p.m.

Administrative Meeting
5 p.m.

COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

First Wednesday of month
Nov. 5, 9 a.m.

ZONING ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING

Normally held the second
Tuesday of month.

Due to the Veterans Day
holiday, this month only,
meeting will be held on
Wednesday, Nov. 12

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:

Tuesday, Nov. 11, Veterans Day

Thursday and Friday,
Nov. 27 & 28 for the
Thanksgiving holiday weekend

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BernCo Receives Major Federal Funding Award

U.S. Department of Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx and Commissioner Art De La Cruz announced that \$8 million in federal funding has been awarded to Bernalillo County for transportation improvements leading to the Valle de Oro National Wildlife Refuge in the South Valley. The funding comes from the Federal Land Access Program (FLAP), within the U.S. Department of Transportation. The FLAP program was created to



Secretary Anthony Foxx

provide improved access to federal lands, such as Valle de Oro. The project will provide roadway improvements from the Valle de Oro entrance north along the Second Street corridor towards Rio Bravo, including the intersection of Second Street and Desert Road. Additionally, a new multi-use trail will be built along Second Street, including a new pedestrian and bike path. Environmental and design work for the Second Street corridor project will begin in January, 2015. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service established the Valle de Oro National Wildlife Refuge, the Southwest's first urban national wildlife refuge, just over two years ago. Today, the refuge covers 570 acres and is on the site of the former Price's Dairy farm at 7851 Second Street SW, along the Rio Grande bosque.



**DON'T FORGET TO VOTE ON ELECTION DAY,
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4**

All My Vote Centers will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

NEED Assistance or Resources?

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



BERNALILLO COUNTY



WE'RE MORE THAN YOU THINK



Carlito Springs Open Space

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BernCo Installs First Pedestrian-Activated Crosswalk in Metro Area



BernCo recently installed a new high-tech crosswalk in the South Valley to make it safer for kids and other pedestrians to cross Isleta Boulevard near McEwen Court. The High-Intensity Activated Crosswalk (HAWK) is the first of its kind in Bernalillo County and the metro area. The new crosswalk signal looks like a regular traffic light, but is unique in that it is pedestrian-activated.

Once activated, the traffic signal will flash yellow to indicate to drivers that pedestrians will be crossing the street and that the signal will soon be turning to a steady red. Drivers must stop on red and wait for all pedestrians to clear the crosswalk. At that time, drivers can then proceed. Because the new HAWK crosswalk is a first in the community, it is important that drivers and pedestrians understand how the HAWK signal operates. Go to www.bernco.gov/news/234714/ to see a video demonstration of the HAWK signal.



Bernalillo County Seeking Citizen Input for Three Property/Facility Naming Proposals

The first proposal is to name the newly built Bernalillo County Fire Station #46 in Sandia Park after the late Lt. Johnny Walker, who served the citizens of Bernalillo County for more than 24 years with the county's Fire Department.

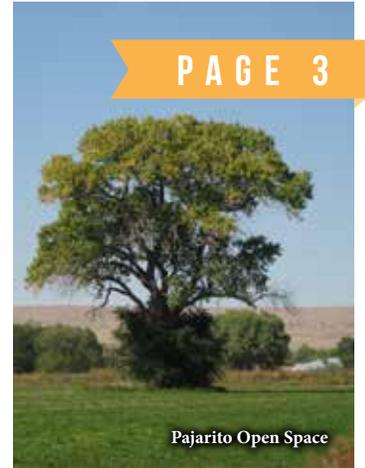
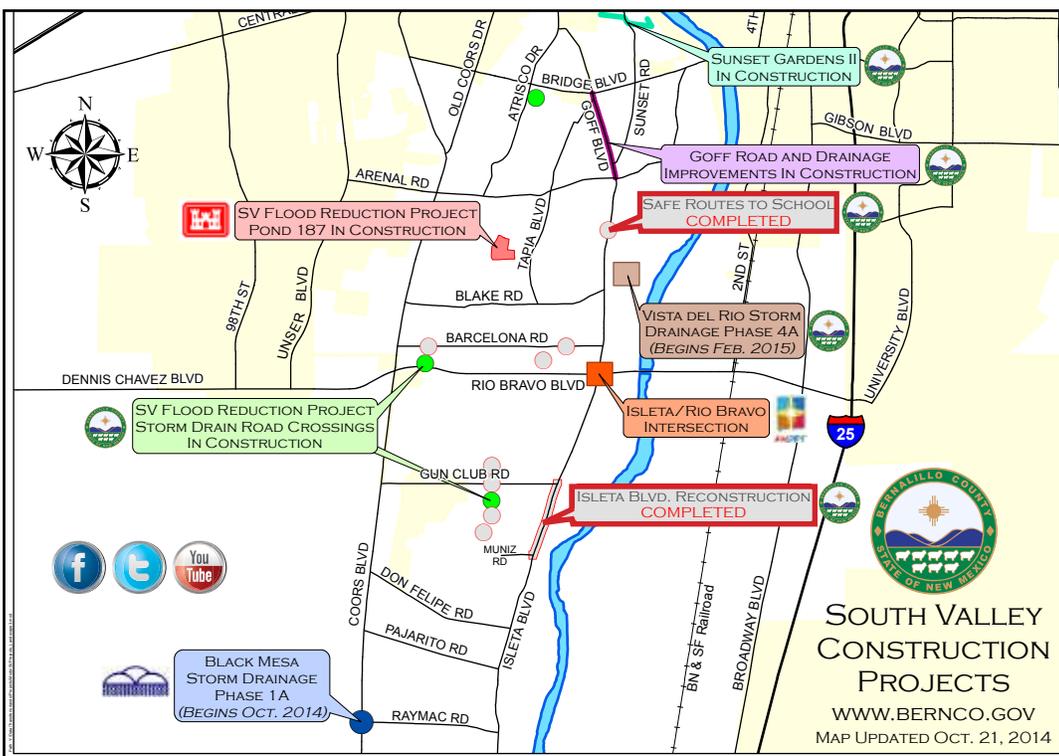
The second would have Bernalillo County's Westside Community Center Park's name changed to the Richard Rocco Memorial Park, in honor of the late Chief Warrant Officer Louis Richard Rocco. He was a longtime resident of the South Valley who was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor in 1975 for saving the lives of three of his fellow soldiers following a helicopter crash during his second tour of duty in Vietnam. Rocco was also awarded the Purple Heart and Bronze Star.

The third would name one of the five South Valley Little League fields after 14-year-old Martin Romero, who after being diagnosed with terminal cancer, worked with Make-A-Wish to donate \$2,000 for ballpark upgrades. Martin passed away earlier this year.

To read more about these proposals and find out how to give input, please visit <http://www.bernco.gov/news/234838/>.

South Valley Construction Projects Map and Information Update

The Isleta/Rio Bravo Boulevard intersection construction is on schedule; project completion is late December 2014. Seven of the 10 storm drain road crossings have been completed in the South Valley Flood Reduction Project. Work continues on the remaining three storm drain road crossings. Follow Bernalillo County on Facebook and Twitter to get updates and alerts as they happen, or visit www.bernco.gov/SVProjects for more information. And remember, please drive slowly through construction zones.



Pajarito Open Space



The public is invited to do some early Christmas shopping featuring city and county employee-made arts & crafts.

Friday, Nov. 21,
10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
415 Tijeras NW
(Corner of Fifth and
Tijeras Downtown)

All proceeds will benefit
the United Way.

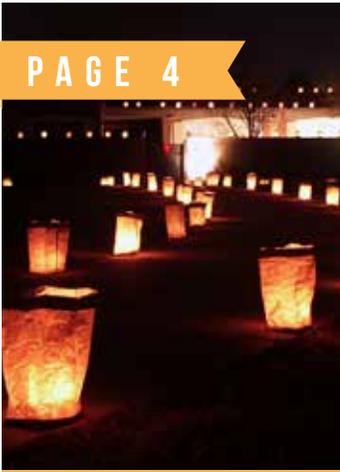
Answers To Your Zoning, Building & Planning Questions from Bernalillo County Planning & Development Services

Q What special requirements are there for a home-based day care business?

A If there are three or more children, you must apply for a conditional use permit. This consists of sign postings and a public hearing. If the Zoning Administrator approves, you can apply for a business license. Three to six children is considered a family daycare, and seven or more children is considered a day care center. If there are five or more children, you must also meet with a building inspector to ensure the building occupancy code is met.

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7 DAYS A WEEK

CALL (505) 848-1503
OR (505) 848-1504
or send an E-mail to
contactcenter@bernco.gov



COMING IN DECEMBER

HISTORIC BRIDGE MAIN STREET HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

at Gateway Park, Bridge and Isleta, SW.

Enjoy entertainment, luminarias and refreshments.

Look for exact day, date and time in the December BernCo at a Glance, or go to BernCo.gov for more details.

You may also contact Richard Meadows at (505) 217-2484.

Saturday, Dec. 13

5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

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ACEQUIA OF LIGHTS

Walk the luminaria-lit Atrisco Acequia while enjoying free refreshments and music. Walk begins behind the Holy Family Church, 562 Atrisco Drive SW (at Sunset Gardens) and ends at Five Points Road SW. Call (505) 681-3600 or (505) 550-5604 for more information.

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Bernalillo County's Award-Winning Open Space Program Closes Out its 2014 Schedule With a Flourish

November's programs are aimed at encouraging children and families to explore the great outdoors together.

PROGRAMS WILL INCLUDE:

CONSERVATION FARMING FORUM

Saturday, Nov. 15, 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at Bachechi Open Space, 9521 Rio Grande Boulevard NW

We all want to conserve and enhance our precious resources and wildlife. Learn an innovative technique that can create habitat that invites birds and pollinators on your property while creating a lovely garden for you and your family to enjoy. A panel of speakers will present on creating foodsheds that include and encourage all forms of life on the farm.



"CAN I TOUCH IT?" PRESENTED BY NATURE, NURTURE, PLAY

Sunday, Nov. 16, noon - 1:30 p.m. at Bachechi Open Space, 9521 Rio Grande Boulevard NW

Families will explore the feel of natural materials, from tree bark to feathers. We'll also talk about appropriate risk as a way to build children's competence.

"WE'RE ALL CONNECTED" PRESENTED BY THE COTTONWOOD GULCH FOUNDATION

Saturday, Nov. 29, 1 - 3 p.m. at Bachechi Open Space, 9521 Rio Grande Boulevard NW

Why does a tree matter to a duck? Why is a rock important to a fungus? Participants will make connections between the animals and plants in the Rio Grande Bosque during this last exploration of the year. Kids will enact an exciting example of the food web at Bachechi before they go on a hunt to connect the dots of our ecosystem.

Visit www.bernco.gov/openspace for more information and to register; or call Open Space Coordinator Colleen Langan-McRoberts to RSVP at (505) 314-0398.

Events in November and December Sponsored by Bernalillo County Office of Health and Social Services

Bernalillo County is committed to building a high quality of life for its residents. Through a formal grant process and partnerships with non-profit organizations, the county sponsors community events focused on enhancing and ensuring that health, recreational, art and cultural activities are made available. County-sponsored events during November and December include:

- **PB & J Family Services, Inc.**, Free Thanksgiving Celebration, **Tuesday, Nov. 25**, St. Anne's Parish, 1400 Arenal Road. SW, **11:30 a.m.** Open to the public.
- **Nob Hill MainStreet, Inc.**, Holiday Day Shop and Stroll, **Tuesday, Dec. 4**, Nob Hill area along Central Avenue from **5:30 to 10 p.m.** Open to the public.