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UPCOMING EVENTS

Memorial Day Holiday, May 27
County offices will be closed

**Fusion Theatre's
Second Pay What You Wish Event**
Saturday, June 15

National Night Out
Tuesday, August 6

International Community Day
Hyder Park, September 14

Taste of New Mexico
National Hispanic Cultural Center
October 12 & 13

Public Meetings

County Commission - Administrative
Tuesday, May 14 @ 5 p.m.
Tuesday, May 28 @ 5 p.m.

County Commission - Board of Finance
Tuesday, May 14 @ 4:30 p.m.

County Commission - Zoning
Tuesday, May 28 @ 3 p.m.

County Planning Commission
First Wednesday of the month
@ 9 a.m.

The above meetings are held
in the Vincent E. Griego Chambers
in the basement of the
City/County Government Building



BernCo at a Glance

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Assessor to Mail Property Owner Notices of Value May 1

The 2013 Notices of Value for Bernalillo County property owners were mailed on May 1.

County Assessor Tanya R. Giddings urges homeowners and property owners to carefully review their 2013 Notices of Value which assign a value to a home/property that determines the amount of property taxes owed.

Giddings also encourages property owners to take advantage of all exemptions which can lower their overall property tax bill. Examples include head of household and veterans exemptions.

Senior citizens 65 years and older, and disabled individuals may qualify for the County Assessor's Value Freeze Program which locks in assessed values at current rates. To qualify, applicants must show their income was \$32,000 or less in 2012.

The period to protest one's Notice of Value will run from **May 1 through May 30 at 5 p.m.** Protest forms are available online at www.bernco.gov, and can also be picked up at 501 Tijeras Ave. N.W. **Call 505.222.3700 for more information.**

Also, in an effort to better serve county residents, the Assessor's office will be in four different neighborhoods during the month of May. Assessor staff will be visiting various community centers throughout the county and will be available for any questions regarding property assessments, exemptions, and the protest process. The Assessor's Office will be available at the following locations on May 14, May 16, May 21 and May 23 from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

The four locations are:

Paradise Hills Community Center

Vista Grande Community Center

Raymond G. Sanchez Community Center

Westside Community Center

Please visit <http://www.bernco.gov/assessor-office/> for more information.

Need Assistance or Resources?
Contact Neighborhood Coordination Specialist, Darrell Dady, at 468-7364, or at ddady@bernco.gov



The FUSION Theatre Company

The FUSION Theatre Company's *Pay What You Wish* performances offer two entertaining programs. The first is on May 11, the second is set for June 15. **Pay What You Wish (\$2-\$37) - Here are details on the first, Humble Boy:**

Bernalillo County sponsors the *Pay What You Wish* performance of FUSION Theatre Company's **Humble Boy** by Charlotte Jones, winner of the Critics Circle Theatre Award for Best New Play. **Humble Boy** is a stunningly beautiful, funny, and a poignant retelling of the *Hamlet* story recommended for audiences ages 13 and older.

For additional information: go to FUSIONnm.org or call **505-886-1251**.

Doors open at 1 p.m. at the KiMo Theatre, 423 Central Ave. NW, Downtown ABQ.

How to Buy Tickets: On the Internet at kimotickets.com, or in person at the KiMo box office which is open from 11 a.m.—8 p.m, Wednesday thru Saturday, and one hour prior to performance times.

Additionally, if anyone does not have the ability to pay for a ticket, arrangements for free tickets can be made by contacting Dennis Gromelski at 505.766.9412 weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.



National Public Works Week is May 19 to 25

The week of May 19 - 25 is about sharing, energizing and educating the public on the importance of public works to our daily lives. In Bernalillo County, the Public Works Division is proud to contribute to the planning, building, managing and operating of our local communities and to improve our quality of life. Visit us online at www.bernco.gov/projects to learn more about what is going on in your neighborhood.

Cultural Assets Inventory & Mapping Survey

Bernalillo County is partnering with Creative Albuquerque to conduct a cultural assets inventory and mapping project for its future countywide cultural planning efforts. This data will be used as a planning tool and inspiration for further community planning and economic development. The ongoing cultural assets project seeks to gather public input about what culture we value and why it's worth preserving – from traditions to movies and music, festivals and historic properties. The project will document the many cultural assets located throughout Bernalillo County. Once the project is complete, the information will be used to help create a cultural services plan managed by Bernalillo County's Office of Cultural Services that would promote and highlight these cultural assets through tourism, cultural events and festivals.

To take the survey visit www.bernco.gov or contact Bernalillo County Cultural Services at 505-468-1279 to receive a hard copy of the survey. Deadline to participate in survey is May 31, 2013.



Tour del Bosque - Come Experience Bernalillo County



Tour del Bosque is an adventure-filled event that brings the whole family outdoors. Tour del Bosque will span two days over the course of Mother's Day weekend, May 11 - 12. There will be mountain bike racing, bosque trail bike riding and walking.

This is the inaugural year for this countywide event. Activities are scheduled across the county to acquaint residents with the wonderful recreational facilities and open spaces that exist within Bernalillo County.

On Saturday, May 11, the action gets started on the backside of the mountain with the Oak Flats Mountain Bike Race in Tijeras at 8 a.m. The bike trails range from 1.6 miles for children to 18 and 24 miles for adults. There are non-competitive and competitive events. Go to <http://www.newmexicosportsonline.com/events/details.aspx?id=515> to register.

Also taking place on Saturday, May 11 at 8 a.m., is a bike clinic at the North Valley Bike Park (Raymond G. Sanchez CC). A team of professional BMX riders will be on-site demonstrating their skills and offering instruction to all riders on trail and riding technique.

Simultaneously, in the South Valley, a bike rodeo and bike swap will be taking place at the new Gateway Park located on the corner of Bridge Boulevard and Isleta Boulevard. There, younger participants will learn proper bike safety techniques and improve their bike riding skills. The bike swap is where bike enthusiasts will be able to find or sell things bike-related.

All day on Sunday, May 12, residents can bike, walk or run all along the Bosque Trail. During the Tour del Bosque, water supplies, music and activities for all participants will be available at rest areas every five miles along the route. The race start time is 8 a.m.

Because festivities are taking place on Mother's Day, every mom will be treated extra-special during this event.

All residents are encouraged to come out and spend a day or both days in the great outdoors here in Bernalillo County—on the trails of the Tour del Bosque.

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

Accounting Director named Financial Manager of the Year 2013



Bernalillo County Accounting Director Jeff Lovato recently received the “**Financial Manager of the Year 2013**” award from the Association of Governmental Accountants (AGA), Albuquerque chapter, at its recent 2013 Professional Development Conference held at the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino on April 16 - 17. The prestigious award recognizes significant contributions toward government financial management made by an individual over the course of the past year. Bernalillo County thanks Jeff for his professionalism and promotion of high standards in the accounting field.



Neighborhood Association Workshop

Bernalillo County prides itself in its outreach to neighborhood associations in both the incorporated and unincorporated areas of the county. In an effort to continue to provide information and resources, we are hosting a workshop for neighborhood associations that will focus on needs and desires that you have expressed over the last couple of years. We are pleased to host this **FREE** workshop for all associations.



Workshop Overview

The county realizes that associations operate at various capacities. It is our hope that this workshop will provide valuable information for all associations. Sessions will range from conducting an effective meeting to taking the fear out of presenting to planning commissions and elected officials; and of course, crime prevention, which is a concern to all communities.

Wednesday, May 15, 2013, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

National Hispanic Cultural Center / Ortega Salon

Registration:

This **FREE** workshop is open to all City of Albuquerque and Bernalillo County recognized neighborhood associations. Space is limited to 50 participants, so register early! The first TWO association members attend for FREE. Each additional member is \$25. Checks or money orders can be made out to Bernalillo County. Morning refreshments and lunch are provided at no cost. Register by phone at: 505-468-7247; by e-mail: shgutierrez@bernco.gov; or online: www.bernco.gov/neighborhoodworkshop.

OASIS Albuquerque - 2013 Summer Catalog of Programs for ages 50+

OASIS Albuquerque is a national education organization dedicated to enriching the lives of adults age 50 and older through lifelong learning and service.

Catalogs are now available at area libraries, senior and community centers, and at the OASIS office. Go to www.oasisnet.org/albuquerque for registration info. Programs often fill up quickly, so early registration is encouraged! Class fees range from \$7 and up, and are held at the OASIS center located in Macy's department store in Coronado Mall and at other venues around town.

Both printed and downloadable online catalogs (PDF) are available now or a full catalog can be e-mailed upon request.

Classes/programs run May 13 -August 30, 2013; registration opens May 1. For more information call 505-889-0927 or visit oasisnet.org/Albuquerque.