

Bernalillo County



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Health Fair
Thursday, May 24th
9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Westside Community Center

Memorial Day
Monday, May 28th
COUNTY OFFICES CLOSED

INDEPENDENCE DAY
WEDNESDAY, JULY 4TH
COUNTY OFFICE CLOSED

2nd Annual Taste of New Mexico
September 28th-30th
Harry E. Kinney Civic Plaza

DON'T FORGET MOTHER'S DAY
SUNDAY, MAY 13TH



COMMISSION MEETINGS

Administrative Meeting
Tuesday, May 8; 5 pm
Tuesday, May 22; 5:30 pm

Zoning Meeting
Tuesday, May 22; 3 pm

Board of Finance Meeting
Tuesday, May 8; 4:30 pm

County Planning Commission
1st Wednesday of each month 9 am

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



A rare solar eclipse is coming to Albuquerque



A rare solar eclipse is coming to Albuquerque on May 20, and Bernalillo County is proud to host a special viewing and educational event at Mesa del Sol.

The county's sports fields and the Hard Rock Pavilion parking lot at Mesa del Sol will provide excellent views of the annular solar eclipse, when the moon is scheduled to block out the center of the sun and create a "ring of fire."

The special event will be hosted at the county's parks and recreation fields at 5601 University Blvd. S.E. Gates open at 2 p.m.

Guests will have access to a large movie screen streaming the eclipse as viewed by a University of New Mexico telescope.

The eclipse begins about 6:28 p.m. and runs until sunset, about 8:20 p.m.

There will be a designated area for professionals to bring their own telescopes and equipment and an area for other spectators to view the solar eclipse as well.

Experts advise it is critical to not look at the eclipse without proper eye protection.

KIDS CAMERA MAKING

The county's Mountain View Community Center staff will have a booth to help children make their own pinhole cameras, and protective glasses to view the eclipse will be handed out while supplies last.

Food vendors, music and plenty of parking are also available at this rare event.

Call Bernalillo County's Parks and Recreation Department at 505.314.0416 for more information.

Solar Eclipse Event:

Date: Sunday, May 20th

Time: 12 noon - 8:30 p.m.

**Location: 5601 University Blvd. SE
Bernalillo County's Parks and
Recreation Fields
(parking at Hard Rock Pavilion)**

Emergency Notification Opt-In for Cellular/VoIP Phones

In our continued effort to improve the safety of citizens in the **unincorporated areas** of Bernalillo County, Bernalillo County and the Emergency Communications Center (E9-1-1), are pleased to announce you may now register your cellular and/or VoIP phone number(s) for the purpose of receiving emergency notifications. Bernalillo County has an emergency notification system which can be used to send important messages to residents and businesses within the **unincorporated areas** of the County with the capability of sending thousands of messages in a very short time, based on the geographic location of an incident.



Examples of Emergency Notifications may be:

- Evacuation notices due to fires, floods or other environmental hazard.
- Notifications of dangerous situations in your area, such as an environmental hazard, law enforcement investigation or other instance where you may be instructed to remain in your home.

* Notifications are NOT automatic and are sent at the direction of an incident commander or other managing authority.

If you have a landline phone, either residential or business, your phone number has automatically been entered into the system and is capable of receiving an emergency notification.

If your primary phone is a cellular/VoIP phone number and you would like to receive the emergency notification you will need to register the phone number with Target Notification.

Keep in mind once you register your phone number and the Bernalillo County Emergency Communications Department sends out an emergency message, you will receive the notification even if you are NOT in the affected area at the time.

Also, if you change your cellular/VoIP phone number you will need to re-register it.

To opt in please go to <http://www.bernco.gov/emergency-notification-opt-in/> and go to "Click here to opt-in for EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION"

If you need further assistance please contact: Jared Sanchez at 798-7004

Need Assistance or Resources?

Call Neighborhood Coordinators Bernadette Miera 468-1279 or 974-5578 (cell); Sherry Gutierrez 468-7247

Voter Registration Information

Please visit our “My Voter Information” page on the berncoco.gov site for information specific to you. By entering your registered name and date of birth, you will access your current voter registration information, including name, address and political party, precinct, districts (with links to district information), a sample ballot (beginning May 1) and detailed information about how to cast your ballot.



Voting Absentee

To vote absentee, call our office at **243-VOTE** or e-mail us at clerk@berncoco.gov to request an application. You may also fill out, print and mail an application from home by visiting the Clerk’s page at www.berncoco.gov/clerk. Applications must be received in our office by Friday, June 1, in order to receive an absentee ballot by mail.

Voting Early

You may vote absentee in-person (Early) beginning **May 8th** at our Clerk’s Office Annex at 620 Lomas or at any one of 17 additional locations opening May 19th. Early voting will last through Saturday, June 2. To find the hours of operation and the closest early vote center to you, please visit: www.berncoco.gov/mvi

Voting On Election Day

This year, the biggest change will be how we vote on Election Day. Rather than voting at your regular Election Day precinct, you may now vote at any “My Vote Center” in Bernalillo County on Election Day, June 5th, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. To find the closest or most convenient Election Day vote center to you, please visit: www.berncoco.gov/mvi.

Vote Centers

98th & Central	Kennedy Middle School
A Montoya Elementary	La Cueva High School
Adobe Acres Elementary	LBJ Middle School
Albuquerque High School	Madison Middle School
Alice Hoppes Pavilion	Manzano High School
Arroyo Del Oso	Manzano Mesa Elementary
Atrisco Heritage High School	McKinley Middle School
Bandelier Elementary	Montezuma Elementary
Bellhaven Elementary	Montgomery Crossing
Caracol Plaza	Mountain View Elementary
Central & Juan Tabo	Ocate Elementary
Chaparrel Elementary School	Pajarito Elementary
Cibola High School	Paseo Crossing
Clerk’s Annex	Paseo Del Norte Shopping Center
Conejos Office Park	Polk Middle School
Coors Plaza	Raymond G. Sanchez Community Center
Daskalos Center	Rio Bravo Meal Site
Del Norte High School	Rio Grande High School
Desiderio Community Center	Sandia High School
Double Eagle Elementary	Siesta Hills
Duran Elementary	Sun Country Plaza
East San Jose Elementary	Taylor Middle School
Eisenhower Middle School	Truman Middle School
Eldorado High School	University of New Mexico
Forest Meadow	Valle Vista Elementary
Garfield Middle School	Valley High School
Goff Plaza	Van Buren Middle School
Guadalupe Plaza	Ventana Ranch Elementary
Hayes Middle School	Village Council Chambers
Highland High School	Vista Grande Community Center
Hoover Middle School	Volcano Vista High School
Hubert Humphrey Elementary	Washington Middle School
Isleta Recreation Center	West Mesa High School
Jackson Middle School	Zuni Elementary
Jefferson Middle School	

County Manager Seeks Input on How to Improve Bernalillo County's Award-winning Website

Bernalillo County's new website was unveiled a year ago, a major step forward that has given taxpayers more information about how county government works and how tax dollars are spent.



The County Manager made a commitment after his appointment to improve the county's customer service. Our website is critical in this effort to provide citizens the information they need to hold their government accountable and access the many services the county has to offer, from outstanding parks and recreation centers to permits and free help for small businesses.

Please take a few minutes to fill out the survey, which will help us do a better job managing the website. The link to the website survey is <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/berncowebiste>. We're also looking for volunteers to participate in an informal focus group to help us with these improvements. The bottom line is that the Bernalillo County Commission and County Manager look forward to your input and are eager to listen.

If you have any questions regarding the survey or focus group, please contact Janis Hartley at jhartley@bernco.gov or 505-468-7296.

The Think Big Event

The West Central Community Development Group would like to invite you to

THE THINK BIG EVENT

Saturday, May 19th 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Kmart parking lot (Central & Atrisco)

Celebrity appearances by the James Douglas Show and Actor Steven Michael Quezada.

Come Celebrate the Success of West Central

DWI Vehicle Seizure and Forfeiture Ordinance

The DWI Vehicle Seizure and Forfeiture Ordinance was originally scheduled to be heard at the May 8 Board of County Commissioners meeting. The proposal has been deferred to the June 12 County Commission meeting.

The proposed ordinance would allow law enforcement to seize vehicles driven by offenders arrested for a second DWI offense or for driving on a revoked driver's license that was the result of a DWI. The ordinance would affect drivers arrested in the unincorporated areas of the county, outside the city limits.

During the June 12 County Commission meeting, a public hearing will be held on the DWI seizure initiative before commissioners vote on adopting the proposed ordinance.

For further information please call Jennifer Vega Brown at 468-7068



2012 Mother's Day Historic Home and Garden Tour



Queen Annes, Victoriana, Bungalows. Tour some of Albuquerque's oldest and most architecturally beautiful homes.

Come downtown for a completely different view of Albuquerque, a bit of walking, and a day you won't soon forget. Every 2nd year residents of the 4th ward, the 8th & Forrester historic district, and other areas in the core of Downtown Albuquerque open up their old houses on Mothers Day for a bit of charm and history.

Day of event ticket sales are \$15, beginning at 10:30 a.m. at Mary Fox Park, 13th Street and Roma Avenue NW. Advance tickets are \$12.50, available at abqdna.com. Children 10 and under are free.

Proceeds support the Downtown Neighborhoods Association and assist in efforts such as historic preservation and street landscaping improvements.

Free burger from bRgR (3rd & Central) with each ticket. Complementary trolley service around the tour route.

PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION

Alameda Trail

Construction of the trail project along the south side of Alameda Blvd between Fourth Street and Edith Blvd is in progress. Construction is on schedule and is expected to be completed by the end of June 2012. The trail segment between Fourth and Second Street should be completed in May 2012. There will be a couple of nighttime single lane closures on Alameda Blvd in May to complete the median work at the Alameda Blvd intersections at Second and Fourth Streets. [A full closure of Edith Boulevard at Alameda Blvd is scheduled to be begin on May 9, 2012, and be in effect for up to four weeks.] This closure is necessary for construction of the pedestrian bridge deck over Edith Blvd. Edith Blvd traffic will be detoured to Alameda Road and Ortega Road during the closure. Local traffic will have access to Edith Blvd.

Bridge/Isleta Intersection Improvements

The Bridge/Isleta Intersection and South Valley Gateway Park, Phase 2 Project is halfway through the allotted four month construction period. The intersection portion of the project is approximately 85% complete at this time; and the park is 20% complete.

By May 4th, all of the intersection work will be completed except the traffic signalization. Some of the traffic signalization hardware is still being manufactured and should be delivered in early June. Once all of that equipment comes in, the traffic signalization work can be completed. There will be about two weeks in June where single lane closures on both Bridge and Isleta will occur for the installation of the traffic signalization.

The park construction should start picking up the pace during May. All of this work can be constructed without lane closures on either Bridge or Isleta Blvd. Concrete work will dominate the month of May; followed by tree plantings and crusher fine placement in June.

The intersection and park construction projects are expected to be completed on schedule.

We Want Your Input on the Bridge Boulevard Corridor Redevelopment Plan

Bernalillo County in cooperation with the U.S. Housing and Urban Development and U.S. Department of Transportation is working on a draft redevelopment plan for the Bridge Boulevard corridor from Coors Boulevard to the Barelás Bridge. The Bridge Boulevard Corridor Redevelopment Plan will include long-term planning recommendations to: increase safety, reduce traffic congestion, revitalize local businesses and improve housing availability and affordability. Bernalillo County invites you to participate in a design charrette to help plan for the future of Bridge Boulevard. At the **Kickoff Meeting on Wednesday, May 9th at 6:00 p.m. at the South Valley Multi-purpose Center (2008 Larrazolo Road SW)**, we will discuss existing conditions and issues to be considered during the design process. Using your input, the project team will develop concept plans and present them for review and feedback at the **Open House on Saturday, May 12th at 9 a.m. at the South Valley Multi-purpose Center (2008 Larrazolo Road SW)**. We hope to see you there! For more information please contact Richard Meadows at 848-1508 or Kelly Sims at 830-5545

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Community Celebrations

Please join the Bernalillo County Commission in celebrating our neighborhoods!

Join commissioners and other county leaders for great food, activities and entertainment at the following events:

East Mountain Celebration

Sunday, May 6, from 12 to 4 p.m.

Park at Los Vecinos Community Center and nearby school parking lots. Call 505.314.0240 for more information.

"Great People; Great Stories"

Centennial Celebration-East Mountain Historical Society 20th Anniversary Celebration and "Great People; Great Stories" Oral History Pilot Project Honor Ceremony will be held on Sunday, June 3, 2012, from 2:00pm-4:30pm at the historic Santo Nino Church and Luis Garcia Park in Tijeras, NM. There will be a recognition ceremony followed by refreshments and traditional music by local musicians. There will also be a showing of the Oral History Pilot Project video trailer and a premiere showing of Jean Pierre Larroque's short film about the East Mountain village of San Antonio, NM.

Cultural Landscape Report (CLR) for the Carlito Springs Open Space

Commissioner Wayne A. Johnson and the Bernalillo County Parks and Recreation Dept. cordially invite you to a **community meeting on Wednesday, May 9, from 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM** regarding Part II of the Cultural Landscape Report (CLR) for the Carlito Springs Open Space. Part II of the CLR recommends future rehabilitation efforts that will enable public access to Carlito Springs in a manner that protects the property's valuable resources and preserves its character. The meeting will be held at the Los Vecinos Community Center, 478 ½ Old Highway 66 in the Village of Tijeras.



The 179-acre Carlito Springs Open Space was acquired through Bernalillo County's Open Space Mill Levy. This unique property includes a natural spring, historic structures dating to the late 1800s, and lush natural and cultivated vegetation—all situated in the rugged foothills of the Sandia Mountains and overlooking the Village of Tijeras.

For more information, please contact Grant Brodehl at gpbrodehl@bernco.gov or (505) 314-0433.



Los Ranchos Arts and Crafts Market
Shop local from over 30 New Mexico Artists
Summer Market Hours/May Through August
Saturdays from 7 a.m. - 12 noon
6718 Rio Grande Blvd. NW
(just north of Chavez Rd)
Next to the Los Ranchos Growers Market

Heritage Preservation Month, May 2012 Celebrating 100 Years of Statehood

Cabeza de Vaca and Coronado



May 6

**Cabeza de Vaca and Coronado:
16th Century New World Explorers
Open Space Visitor Center
6500 Coors Blvd NW
Albuquerque, NM
2 P.M.**

New World explorers Francisco Vásquez de Coronado and Alvar Nuñez Cabeza de Baca were the first Europeans to explore Tierra Nueva—now known as the American Southwest—in the 16th Century. Local scholars, Matt Schmader and Baker Morrow, compare and contrast the feats of these Spanish conquistadors.

Registration Requested 575-897-8831- Jodi Hedderig,
City of Albuquerque, Open Space Division,
jhedderug@caba.gov, 505-897-8865.

The Historic Stained Glass Windows of Albuquerque's First United Methodist Church

May 6

**The Historic Stained Glass Windows of
Albuquerque's First United Methodist Church
(located at the corner of Lead & 4th Street)
Albuquerque, NM
3 p.m. – 5 p.m.**

By the time of statehood in 1912, First United Methodist Church in downtown Albuquerque had replaced the 1880 adobe sanctuary with a "new" stone one that contained beautiful stained glass windows which had ties to Louis Tiffany. These windows and additional mid-century windows depicting Biblical scenes will be part of a docent-led tour, discussing their history and symbolism.



Reservations Appreciated

Contact Kris Sly-Linton, Tlinton51@aol.com, (505) 243-4840

Zuni to 66: The De Anza Motor Lodge and its Zuni Connection



May 10

**"Zuni to 66: The De Anza Motor Lodge and its
Zuni Connection"
The Guild Cinema
3406 Central Avenue, NE
Albuquerque
6:30 P.M. screening and panel discussion
8:30 P.M. late show**

"Zuni to 66: The De Anza Motor Lodge and its Zuni Connection" is a short film documenting the history of Albuquerque's De Anza Motor Lodge through its ties with Zuni Pueblo and trader C. G. Wallace. Join the Route 66 De Anza Association for a film screening and panel discussion.

Suggested Donation \$10

(N.M. Community Foundation/Route 66 De Anza Association)

for entire list of events please visit www.nmhistoricpreservation.org