



BERNCO at a Glance

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COUNTY COMMISSION

ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING

Tuesday, June 10, 2014
5 p.m.

ZONING MEETING

Tuesday, June 24, 2014
3 p.m.

(Rescheduled from June 3)

ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING

Tuesday, June 24, 2014
5 p.m.

COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

First Wednesday of month
June 4, 2014, 9 a.m.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR MEETING

Second Tuesday of month
June 10, 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

South Valley Historic Bridge MainStreet Program Kicks Off Summer with Food, Film and Fun

- **Gateway Grower's Market** began on May 28 and will be held every Wednesday now through September, open from 4 - 7 p.m. at Gateway Park, located at 100 Isleta Boulevard SW.
- Interested growers can apply for a booth by contacting Richard Meadows at (505) 217-2484 or visiting online at www.bernco.gov/SVMainStreet. Cost is \$10 per market or \$60 for the season.
- **Movies in the Park**, are the third Saturdays of June, July and August at Gateway Park. Movies will begin at dusk. Food trucks will also be at the park for dinner and snacks!
 - **June 21**, "A League of their Own," (1992) with Tom Hanks, Geena Davis, and Madonna.
 - **July 19**, "The Milagro Beanfield War," (1988) based on the John Nichols book directed by Robert Redford.
 - **August 16**, "Salt of the Earth," 60th anniversary of the landmark film about a mining strike in southern New Mexico.

For volunteer opportunities in organizing South Valley MainStreet events and/or outreach to businesses, contact Richard Meadows, MainStreet Manager, via email at rmeadows@bernco.gov or by phone at (505) 217-2484. You may also check out the MainStreet website at www.bernco.gov/SVMainStreet.

Historic Bridge MainStreet / South Valley
Gateway Grower's Market
Wednesday Afternoons
May - September
Gateway Park, 100 Isleta Blvd. SW
4 - 7 p.m.
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WWW.BERNCO.GOV/SVMAINSTREET

NEED Assistance or Resources?

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

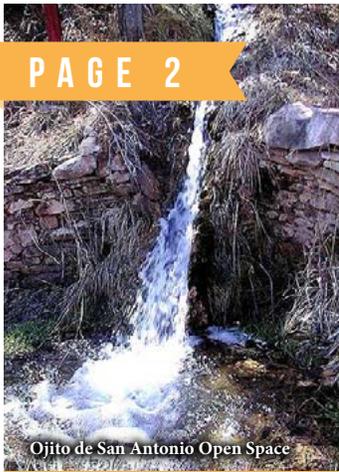
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Register Now for BernCo Open Space Fun Run on June 14 at UNM North Golf Course

Special family event celebrates improvements at UNM North Golf Course Urban Open Space

Registration is now open for the first-ever BernCo Open Space Fun Run, a special event sponsored by Bernalillo County at the newly renovated UNM North Golf Course Urban Open Space. This free family event is scheduled for **Saturday, June 14 at 9 a.m.** at the UNM North Golf Course Urban Open Space, **2201 Tucker Avenue NE.**

Registration is free and available online at www.bernco.gov/RunBernCo. The first 150 participants will receive a T-shirt and other promotional items from the event sponsors.

Residents from all over Bernalillo County are invited to participate in this event that is also meant to celebrate the county's newest Open Space property. Many improvements have been made to make this area a true urban oasis and Bernalillo County wants to celebrate and share them with the entire community.

Bernalillo County has overseen \$1.5 million in upgrades to the running trail, trees, landscaping and irrigation system at the UNM North Golf Course this year. The area is protected as an Urban Open Space under a special agreement between Bernalillo County and the University of New Mexico.

BernCo Open Space Fun Run activities include:

- 5k Fun Run and Walk at 9 a.m.
- Leashed pets are welcome
- Pet adoptions and information from BernCo Animal Care Services
- BernCo Natural Resource Services staff will be offering free "poop fairy" yard signs, "poop packs" (including bags), bumper stickers and window clings, along with other literature of interest to event attendees.

For more information about the fun run, please contact Kenneth Ortiz at (505) 934-8469 or kjortiz@bernco.gov.

BernCo Free Summer Lunches Now Being Served *Healthy meals being provided at 47 locations*

Bernalillo County's free summer meals program is now providing healthy meals for children at 47 locations throughout the county. No registration is required for the program, which runs from June 2 to Aug. 8.

The 47 locations are located outside the Albuquerque city limits in unincorporated parts of Bernalillo County, including the North and South Valleys, East Mountains and Paradise Hills. The locations were chosen based on the percentage of children receiving free and reduced school lunch in that area. County officials expect to again distribute about 150,000 meals over the summer.

For more information, visit www.bernco.gov/yss/summerlunch or call (505) 314-0430 or (505) 314-0425. The county program is separate from the City of Albuquerque's program which is expected to serve summer lunches at 165 sites within the city.

Bernalillo County's Summer Lunch Program is funded by a federal grant administered by the state Children, Youth and Families Department. The meals are prepared at the Albuquerque Public Schools central kitchen, and delivered to sites around the county.

BernCo Public Art Program Launches Call For Innovative Collaborative Art Project

The Bernalillo County Arts Board is seeking innovative thinkers in the fields of art and design, science, technology, architecture and beyond to collaborate on an exciting new project to be fast-tracked for completion in early 2015 to correspond with the city-wide exhibit **On the Map: Unfolding Albuquerque Art + Design**. The county is requesting applications to design, construct, and program an incubator for collaborative artist production.

This project is intended to push boundaries, spur thinking beyond the status quo, but has broader applications. The initial project will be the creation of a mobile unit that will facilitate ongoing projects that reflect the complex tapestry of central New Mexico's creativity. The budget for this project is \$100,000 and the **deadline to apply is July 11, 2014 at 5 p.m. MDT**.

For more information, contact Nan Masland, Public Art Project Coordinator, at (505) 314-0467 or visit www.bernco.gov to register.

PLAY BALL at the 2014 Jimmy Nieto Summer Blowout Softball Tournament June 20 – 22

All of the tournament action takes place on **June 20 – 22 at the Tom Tenorio Softball Complex**, located at 2900 Arenal Road SW. There's still time for your team to **get in on all the fun** by calling Ruben Trujillo at (505) 314-0397 to register for this **48-hour, around-the-clock tournament**. You can sign up in several divisions, including Recreational and Competitive, for men, women or coed. Registration ends once a total of 72 teams is reached. You can also e-mail Ruben at rutrujillo@bernco.gov, or visit www.bernco.gov/sports for more information.

New CPC Hearing Guidelines Effective June 4

Starting at the June 4, 2014 County Planning Commission hearing, applicants, agents and those in support or opposition to a request are now required to submit all evidence and presentation materials to the County Planning Commission through its staff. When the CPC's recommendation is forwarded to the Board of County Commissioners, additional new evidence cannot be presented. If an appeal is filed, the Board will make its decision based solely on the evidence in the record at each CPC hearing.

If new evidence is presented to the Board of County Commissioners, the party must show good cause as to why new evidence is necessary for the Board to review the case and why this new evidence was not available to the County Planning Commission. The Board will act on one of the following:

1. Remand the case to the County Planning Commission to hear the new evidence and any rebuttal evidence, or
2. If the proposed new evidence is brief and concise in nature and will not prejudice the other party's opportunity to respond to it, the Commission may allow the evidence to be presented and considered; swear any witness; allow the opposing party to rebut the new evidence, and allow for brief cross examination on the new evidence.

If you have questions regarding these changes, please contact Enrico Gradi at (505) 314-0485 or at egradi@bernco.gov.



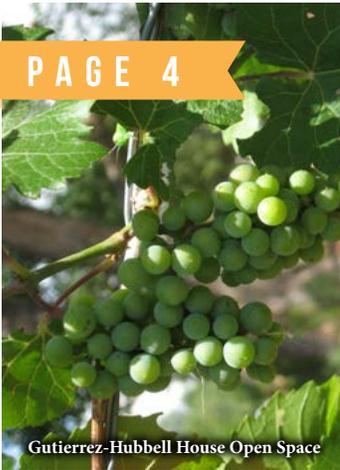
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contactcenter@bernco.gov



COMING EVENTS

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

TUESDAY,
AUGUST 5, 2014



Living with Bears in the East Mountains

Please help stop the elimination of the Sandia Mountains' few remaining bears

(Submitted by NM BearWatch and the Sandia Mountains BearWatch)

In the last three years, more than 140 Sandia Mountain-area bears have been either killed or relocated to other mountain ranges—out of what was originally reported to be a population of 50-73 bears.

The low reproduction rate of this vulnerable species cannot biologically sustain this continued high attrition rate. Only caring, proactive residents can stop the complete decimation of the Sandia Mountains' bear population. At the same time, the Manzano range bear population has also had much higher than usual kills and relocations.

Trapping/relocation doesn't usually work. For bears, it's far from happily ever after. They can be killed by a dominant bear in the new territory. Last year approximately 40 percent of all bears trapped from the Sandia Mountains were killed with the rest being taken to unknown forage and water. It's a vicious cycle—and one that only caring, proactive humans can break.

This Spring and early Summer, bears will be lower on the mountain and nearer to homes because warmer temperatures produce their first foods at the lower elevations. They will then move up the mountain as warmer summer temperatures produce needed forage in the higher elevations.

Here are some TIPS FOR LIVING WITH BEARS from New Mexico and Sandia Mountains BearWatch:

Water for Wildlife - As the drought continues, many natural springs have dried up. Please put water out for wildlife; however put water containers far away from your home and your neighbor's homes.

Garbage Kills Bears - One Arizona study showed that keeping trash in a garage, shed or bear-proof can, then putting it out the morning of pickup would cut the chances of a bear visit from 70 percent to two percent.

Bird Feeders Kill Bears - Seeds are a natural food for bears. Letting your bird feeders turn into bear feeders teaches bears to return for more. Hang your seed-feeders and hummingbird feeders at least 10 feet high and 10 feet away from anything a bear can climb. Never store seeds outside.

Keep barbecue grills clean or stored inside.

The Bear Facts - Bears are intelligent and resourceful.

- Black bears are naturally shy and very wary of people. Their normal response to any perceived danger is to run away.
- Over 90 percent of a bear's natural diet is grasses, berries, fruits, plants and nuts (acorns). 10 percent is insects and scavenged carcasses.
- Bears are not naturally nocturnal, but frequently forage at night in hopes of avoiding humans.
- In New Mexico, most bears are active from mid-April through mid-November.
- Keep bear-repellent spray with you when hiking or camping in bear country.

For information on how to join BearWatch, contact Jan Hayes at (505) 281-9282 or visit www.SandiaMountainBearWatch.org.

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