



BERNCO at a Glance

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COUNTY COMMISSION

No meetings in July.
Next meeting will be on
Tuesday, Aug. 12, 2014

COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

First Wednesday of month
July 2, 2014, 9 a.m.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR HEARING

Second Tuesday of month
July 8, 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

INDEPENDENCE DAY
FRIDAY, JULY 4, 2014
COUNTY OFFICES CLOSED



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One Less Spark Means One Less Wildfire

At its June 10 administrative meeting, the Bernalillo County Board of Commissioners voted to put in place a fireworks ban in all wildland areas of the county, including the East Mountains and the bosque. This comes as a result of the continued long term drought that Bernalillo County has been experiencing.

The restrictions ban the use of all fireworks in wildland areas which include unincorporated areas east of Louisiana Boulevard to the west face of the Sandia Mountains and from San Antonio north to the Sandia Pueblo; all of the East Mountain area; north, south and east to the county line; and portions of the unincorporated areas to include the Rio Grande bosque and wildland areas extending 1,000 feet from the outer edge of the bosque.

Also banned are the sale or use of display fireworks. The ban applies to the use of fireworks that shoot higher than 10 feet in the air, have a six foot or larger coverage area, and fireworks that are louder than a cap gun.

The use of ground and hand-held sparkling and smoke device type fireworks are limited to areas that are paved or barren. There should also be a readily accessible source of water (a bucket of water or a hose) for use to extinguish the fireworks.

If an individual is caught with prohibited fireworks, a citation could be issued and the individual may have to appear in court. **Violators could be fined up to \$1,000 and sentenced to less than one year in jail.** If it is determined that the use of fireworks was the cause of a fire that damaged property, the responsible individual may be held liable for those damages. **To report someone using illegal fireworks, call (505) 798-7000, or to report a fire call 911.**

There is also an **open burning ban county-wide that will be in place through mid-September, 2014.**

The Bernalillo County Fire Department wants to remind everyone that fire danger is high so remember—one less spark means one less wildfire.

Go to <http://www.bernco.gov/Fire-Prevention/> for more information.

NEED Assistance or Resources?

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



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National Night Out is set for Tuesday, August 5

The 31st Annual National Night Out, a crime/drug prevention event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch, is scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 5. Check with your area's neighborhood association or neighborhood watch leader for scheduled events. The National Night Out campaign involves citizens, law enforcement agencies, civic groups, businesses, neighborhood organizations and local officials from more than 15,000 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canada, and military bases worldwide. In all, more than 40 million people participated in last year's National Night Out event.

National Night Out is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, promote support and participation in crime prevention programs—including Neighborhood Watch and Park Watch—that strengthen neighborhood and police/community partnerships. This event has proven to be an effective, inexpensive and enjoyable program to promote neighborhood spirit and police/community partnerships for safer communities and neighborhoods across the country.

If you would like officers/staff from the BernCo Sheriff's Office, Fire Department or Animal Care Services, or Park Watch to attend your National Night Out event, please contact Neighborhood Coordination Specialist Darrell Dady for assistance at (505) 468-7364 or at ddady@bernco.gov.

Neighborhood Outreach Grant Program Solicitation Begins on September 14, 2014

Bernalillo County's uniqueness and quality of life is tied to strong neighborhoods and active residents. Neighborhood associations play a vital role in enhancing and strengthening their own neighborhoods. The Neighborhood Outreach Grant Program was created to assist neighborhood associations to continue their participation and outreach to residents of Bernalillo County.

Bernalillo County Cultural Services encourages collaboration between the county, other government agencies, non-profits and the community. Community building is core to project success. The process of bringing people together and building relationships is as important as project results.

Both city- and county-recognized neighborhood associations and coalitions are eligible to apply for funding. The grant solicitation is open for 30 days from Sept. 14 - Oct.13.

Projects must:

- Provide a public benefit
- Be free and open to all residents within neighborhood association boundaries
- Demonstrate broad community support
- Emphasize self-help, with project ideas initiated, planned and implemented by the neighbors and community members who will themselves be impacted by the project

Cultural Services staff is happy to assist with any questions.

Contact Sherry Gutierrez at (505) 468-7247 or at shgutierrez@bernco.gov or Bernadette Miera at (505) 468-1279 or at bmiera@bernco.gov.

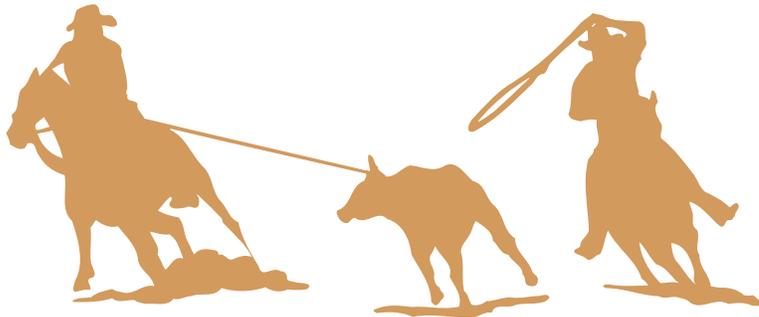
Prepay Property Taxes by Enrolling in Monthly Plan

To avoid a large one-time property tax payment, property owners can enroll in a monthly prepayment plan with the County Treasurer's Office. The plan allows for property owners to make partial payments over the course of the six months prior to the semi-annual property tax due date. This program is available to property owners who are current on their property taxes. To enroll in the prepayment program, eligible property owners can go online to http://www.bernco.gov/Treasurer-Monthly_Property_Tax_Form/ and download the form to begin the enrollment process. **For more information or questions about the monthly prepayment program, call (505) 468-7123.**



BernCo Sheep Days/Youth Rodeo August 2 & 3

The first ever BernCo Sheep Days will take place Aug. 2–3 at the Denison Park and Rodeo Grounds, 7001 Coors Boulevard SW. The county is partnering with the First Impression Rodeo Club in conjunction with its Youth Rodeo. BernCo Sheep Days is free to the public and will have enjoyable activities for the entire family. On Saturday, Aug. 2, the day will conclude with a Movie in the Park *Babe the Valiant Pig* at dusk. **For more information visit www.bernco.gov/SheepDays.**



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

Q How do I know if my property is within city or county limits?

A One of the first things our department has to determine is jurisdiction. Simply provide us your address or your Uniform Property Code (UPC) number from your tax bill so we can properly identify the lot. We match this information with our on-line Geographic Information System (GIS).



Historic Bridge MainStreet /South Valley

Gateway Grower's Market

Wednesday Afternoons
May - September

Gateway Park, 100 Isleta Blvd. SW
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Gutierrez-Hubbell House Open Space



Getting Your Kicks on Route 66 is Easy in the East Mountains

The RETRO 66-Relive the Route Association was founded in October, 2012 as a concept of Sen. Sue Wilson-Beffort and supported by Mayor Brad Hill of Edgewood and Mayor Ted Hart of Moriarty.



The RETRO Committee is committed to enhancing the quality of life of East Mountain residents through economic development along the Route 66 corridor. The committee does this by identifying, developing and promoting the area's resources, history and uniqueness to create an enriching and authentic visitor experience.

Founding members include Roger Holden, Debbie Pogue, Madeline Heitzman, Jerry Ueckert and Bill Gilmore - and many more have joined the group since its inception. Its work continues from yet others who came before them, including Bob Audette and Keith Matson.



Guest books at Lewis Antique Auto and Toy Museum and the Comfort Inn in Moriarty shows visitors from New Zealand, Australia, Japan, China, Italy, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Russia, Sweden, England, Norway, Scotland, Ireland, France, Spain, and many other countries, showing that Route 66 truly is an international destination.



The Retro 66-Relive the Route Association is a volunteer organization and is always looking for others that would like to share the joy of being part of a larger group working to revitalize the East Mountain area's stretch of the *Mother Road*.

If you wish to be on the mailing list of RETRO 66-Relive the Route Association, send your email to: relivetheroute66@gmail.com.

(East Mountain area feature article and photos by Roger Holden, President of the RETRO 66-Relive the Route Association)

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