



BernCo at a Glance E-newsletter

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CORONAVIRUS [COVID-19]

BERNALILLO COUNTY INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

[Click to visit website](#)

www.BernCo.gov/coronavirus

COVID-19 Public Health Requirements

- Foremost, please stay home if you are sick. Period.
- Masks are mandatory in public, non-compliance can result in a \$100 fine
- Mandatory 14-day isolation period for all out-of-state travel and/or visitors
- Practice social distancing -- be aware of your surroundings and others near you
- Adhere to the six-foot rule and stay at home except as needed for grocery shopping, medical assistance and exercise
- Limit group contact to five or fewer people
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash

New Mexico Department of Health:

- **New Mexicans with COVID-19 related questions should call the coronavirus hotline at 855-600-3453**
- **Non-COVID-19 related questions or concerns, call 833-551-0518**
- *****[NMDOH COVID-19 Public Dashboard](#) -- the data dashboard includes county-by-county breakdowns of positive cases by age, gender and ethnicity.**

Up-to-date information about state mandates and information:

www.newmexico.gov.

Information and resources from the CDC regarding coronavirus COVID-19:

www.cdc.gov.

CDC fact sheets to read and/or download,

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/communication/factsheets.html>

[NMConnect smartphone app for all New Mexicans](#)(click to learn more)

[Request an Absentee Application at
BerncoVotes.org](#)

Healthy voting tips...

Visit healthyvoting.org for tips on healthy, secure and safe ways to cast your ballot this year.

Visit BerncoVotes.org for elections and voting information in Bernalillo County. For statewide information on elections and voting visit the New Mexico Voter Information Portal at NMVote.org.



2020 General Election Key Dates

- September 14, 2020 – Clerk mails absentee application to all registered voters
- October 6, 2020 – Clerks begin mailing absentee ballots to voters who have requested them.
- October 6–16, 2020 – In-person Absentee Voting/Same Day Registration (SDR) at Clerk's Annex.
- October 17–31, 2020 – Early Voting/SDR
- October 20, 2020 – Deadline for clerk to receive mailed absentee applications.
- October 27, 2020 – Recommended final day for voters to mail absentee ballots.
- November 3, 2020 – Election Day
 - Absentee ballots must arrive by 7 p.m.

CORONAVIRUS AID RELIEF AND ECONOMIC SECURITY ACT

CARES ACT

DIRECT HELP FOR AMERICANS

RELIEF FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

SUPPORT FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

STABILITY FOR OUR ECONOMY

[BernCo Commissioners Approve Second Round of CARES Grants for Small Businesses](#)

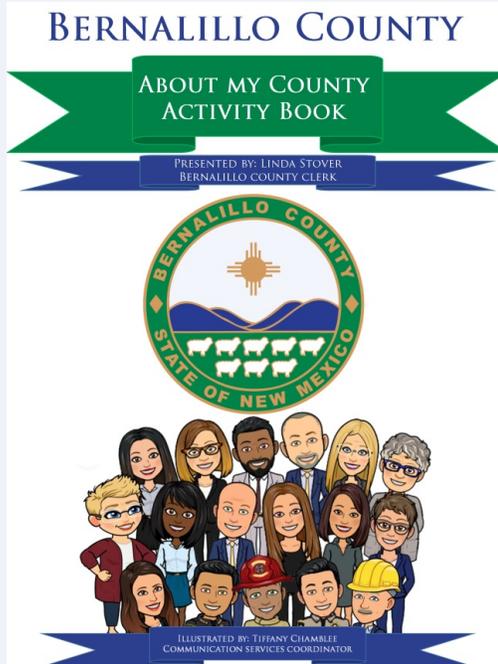
Bernalillo County is continuing to provide emergency financial support through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act federal stimulus package for qualified small businesses. Bernalillo County Commissioners approved a second round of grants, this time giving priority to businesses using the money for wages.

The grants will be up to \$10,000 for qualifying small businesses. The county allocated \$5-million in June and dispersed \$3.2 million during the first round of CARES grants, leaving roughly \$1.8 million available for this grant application period.

For a business to qualify, it must have a physical establishment located within Bernalillo County and have one–50 full–time employees, or equivalent part–time employees. Additionally, businesses and organizations must not have received more than \$3 million in taxable receipts per annum. Priority will be given to businesses and organizations that did not receive funds from the Small Business Administration's Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL), Federal Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), or small business assistance funds from the State of New Mexico or the City of Albuquerque. Reimbursement is not required for grant recipients.

The application process will open on Aug. 17, and close on Aug. 23, unless funds are exhausted sooner. Needed documentation for the grant application can be found on the county website at: www.bernco.gov.

APS Board of Education Recognizes Clerk Linda Stover



Bernalillo County Clerk Linda Stover was recognized during a virtual Albuquerque Public Schools Board of Education meeting “for her extraordinary work to teach students about county government and Bernalillo County.” The recognition was part of the Board’s **“Celebration of Staff and Community.”**

Clerk Stover spearheaded publication of the **“About My County Activity Book”** which is designed to introduce elementary school students to their own county government. Goals include inspiring students to a life in public and civil service, educating young people about how their county government works, and fostering a greater appreciation for the distinctions between Bernalillo County and City of Albuquerque services. Albuquerque Public Schools included the book in its curriculum and distributed it to all 4th graders in the system.

IAFF Fire Fighters Launch Virtual Fundraiser for Muscular Dystrophy Association as COVID Threatens Fill the Boot

As the COVID pandemic affects communities across the United States, it has also impacted in-person fundraising for the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA). For 66 years, the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) has collected critical funds in the community – one dollar at a time – as part of the Fill the Boot program. But this year, due to social distancing, that’s not possible.

This summer, the Albuquerque Fill the Boot will be conducted virtually.

[Click here for the link to the donor drive](#)



We are virtual this year!

More 'Chile Casas' ideas and resources on www.bernco.gov/bosquechilefestival

BOSQUE

CHILE FESTIVAL
A CELEBRATION OF FOOD, ART, AND CULTURE ON THE RIO GRANDE

AUGUST 15 + 16

TUNE IN ON
[FACEBOOK.COM/BOSQUECHILEFESTIVAL](https://www.facebook.com/bosquechilefestival)

National Hispanic Cultural Center

City of Albuquerque

YouTube, Twitter, Facebook, Instagram

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What to Expect After Appealing Your Notice of Value

Did you appeal your Notice of Value by filing a protest form, and wondered what is the next step? This short video will help show you what you can expect from the Bernalillo County Assessor's Office. The deadline to protest real property assessed values for 2020 was May 29, and since then our appraisal staff have been very busy contacting property owners and working to resolve their protests. In accordance with public health, all valuation protest board hearings will be held remotely until further notice.



BernCo Public Art - Call for Artists



Submission Deadline is Aug. 15

[BernCo Arts Board Seeking Qualified Artists for Tiny Home Village Project](#)

The Bernalillo County Arts Board is seeking qualified artists and artist teams interested in creating public art for the Tiny Home Village, now under construction in southeast Albuquerque.

The artwork will be located in the visitor parking area of the facility. Artists are encouraged to include a community outreach process in the design and implementation of the art. The established budget is \$43,000. The project will be participatory and will engage the surrounding community and village residents.

[BernCo Public Art Announces Call for Photographs for Alvarado Square Art](#)

The Bernalillo County Public Art program is announcing a call for artists to submit photographs for use in the building design of the new county headquarters at Alvarado Square.

Photographs chosen will help create a welcoming

environment for customers, county employees and the public. The photographs will be printed in a large scale and used on the walls of Alvarado Square's elevator lobbies, and additional photographs may be used on the windows of the new Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office suite.

The public art program is seeking photographs that represent the story and character of Bernalillo County, including the people, places, landscapes and events of the county.

Chosen photographers will receive \$1,500, with a limit of one photograph per artist. Copies of the winning photographs will also be framed and added to the public art program's permanent collection.

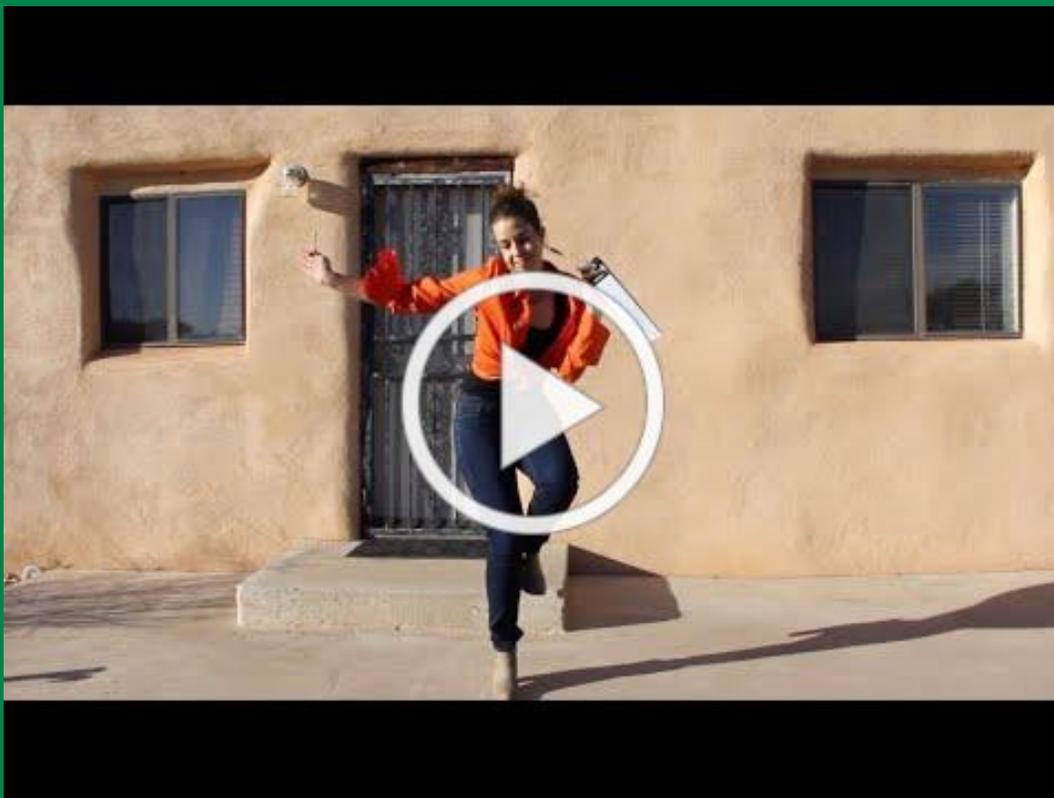
The deadline for submissions is Aug. 31, 2020 by mail or email. Complete submission guidelines are available online at [bernco.gov/community-services/current-call-for-entries.aspx](https://www.bernco.gov/community-services/current-call-for-entries.aspx). There is no fee to submit a proposal.



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i count because i care

New Mexico receives over \$7 billion each year through federal programs which benefit the entire community: health care, nutrition, highways, education, housing, jobs and more that allocate funds on per capita basis. Visit [2020census.gov](https://www.census.gov/2020census.gov) today and be counted!



The Bernalillo County Office of Senior and Social Services
is excited to collaborate with Covia Well Connected to present:

Books, Movies, Games & More!

FREE Phone and Online Groups for Seniors 60+



Bernalillo County Office of Senior and Social Services (OSSS) is pleased to work with Well Connected, a nationwide senior program. Visit Well Connected at <https://covia.org/services/well-connected/> and call 877.797.7299 or email coviaconnections@covia.org to register today!

Interested in volunteering to facilitate a group? Contact OSSS@bernco.gov to learn more.

Visit and like the Office of Senior and Social Services (OSSS) Facebook page at:
<https://www.facebook.com/BernCoOSSS>



Programs supported by Bernalillo County Office of Senior and Social Services





Book to Movie Discussion



Wednesdays, Sept. 16, Oct. 21, Nov. 18, and Dec. 16 | 4 - 5 pm

Each month the group will read and discuss a story and its movie adaptation. Was the movie true to the story, or not? We'll discuss the following:

- **The Curious Case of Benjamin Button** by F. Scott Fitzgerald. The movie stars Brad Pitt (September).
- **Fences**, a stage play by August Wilson. The movie stars Denzel Washington and Viola Davis (October).
- **Frankenstein** by Mary Shelley. The movie is titled *Mary Shelley's Frankenstein*, and stars Robert DeNiro (November).
- **The Gift of the Magi** by O. Henry. The most recent movie stars Marla Sokoloff and Mark Webber (December).

You can find the movies on streaming services such as Amazon Prime, Google Play, Netflix or YouTube.

Facilitated by Staci Miceli, Community Program Enhancement Specialist, Bernalillo County Office of Senior & Social Services

Bingo Wednesdays

Sept. 2 and 16, Oct. 7 and 21, Nov. 4 and 18,
Dec. 2 and 16 | 10 - 11 am

Bingo Saturdays

Sept. 5 – Dec. 26 | 10 - 11 am (beginners)
11 am - Noon (advanced)

Bingo? On the telephone? You bet! Join us for the classic game of chance and a few variations.

Call Well Connected to request Bingo cards, including cards in Braille: (877) 797-7299.



Facilitated by Brenda Cisneros-Fernandez, Public Health Specialist,
Bernalillo County Office of Senior and Social Services (Wednesday)
and Janice Rooker (Saturday)



Trivial Pursuit: Genus Edition

Every Tuesday, Sept. 1 - Dec. 29 | 4:30 - 5 pm



In the pursuit of trivial knowledge, the group will embark on a virtual game of Trivial Pursuit and compete to know the most about geography, entertainment, history, art & literature, science & nature, and sports & leisure.

Facilitated by Amber Carroll, Director of Covia Well Connected, and Brenda Cisneros-Fernandez, Public Health Specialist, Bernalillo County Office of Senior and Social Services, and Elantra V.



Teeniors and the Value of Human Connection

Tuesday, October 6 | Noon - 1 pm



Teeniors® are tech-savvy young people who help older adults learn technology through one-on-one, personalized coaching. Whether it's a smartphone, tablet, computer or software - the goal is to empower older adults to connect with their loved ones, engage with their communities, and the world, through technology - while providing paid, meaningful jobs for youth, showing how the power of human connection all over the world brings change to our communities.

Facilitated by Amber Carroll, Director of Covia Well Connected, and Trish Lopez, Teeniors NM
Bernalillo County Office of Senior and Social Services



Virtual Gardening Classes

Want to start a garden at home but not sure where to start? Participate in these live and interactive gardening classes led by local specialists and Master Gardeners to learn about harvesting produce, seed saving, and keeping yourself healthy with mindfulness practices in the garden.

Every Wednesday in August & September from 6 pm – 7 pm

August 12th Seed saving basics- you can do it from your own backyard.

August 19th Happy harvest. When and how to pick, wash and store for best results.

August 26th General garden Q and A. Bring your burning questions and ask a panel of horticultural experts. All questions welcome!

September 2nd YOUR health and the garden. Let's dig into our health- depression, cracked hands, sunburn and mindfulness. This workshop will include a short mindfulness practice session.

Classes are scheduled through Zoom. Click link to register for class. After registering you will receive an email with link to attend class at scheduled time

<https://nmsu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwqf-GorzOrHtlfxHzBKHq931zPFZHRk40Q>

For more information on making the most of your food, check out these other great resources on [food preservation and cooking](#)

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Virtual Food Preservation Classes

Learn how to extend the life of your summer garden produce by preserving it. Join instructor Cindy Davies, Home Economist with Bernalillo County Cooperative Extension to learn:

- Simple ways to dry foods at home
- How to use the freezer as a tool to preserve foods
- Quick pickling and fresh salsa using what you have

Thursdays at 10 – 11 am

August 20	Freezer Jam and Pesto Sauce
August 27	Fresh Salsa and Quick Pickled Vegetables
September 3	Fruit Leather and Drying Chili

Classes are scheduled through Zoom. [Click link to register for class.](#)

[Click Here to Register for Classes](#)

After registering you will receive an email with link to attend class at scheduled time.

Questions? Contact adunworth@phs.org

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Backyard Farming Buzz

Weekly Tips & Info for Your Garden



Introducing Backyard Farming Buzz from Bernalillo County Open Space and Gutiérrez Hubbell House! Until we can garden together again in person, Backyard Farming Buzz will bring regular updates to help you schedule and plan your late summer and fall garden activities. Look for the sunflower and bee on the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Facebook page for weather, planting, and planning tips. Let us know what kinds of gardening support would be helpful to you. Happy Growing!



*Albuquerque
Historical Society*



As the New Mexico museums are closed due to the coronavirus (COVID-19), many history organizations are providing free programs.

- **MURALS OF ALBUQUERQUE** (www.murosabq.com) This shows over 130 murals in the ABQ metro area. click on each picture and it shows the mural, gives its title and address, describes the image, and the artists.
- **TRIBUTES TO AUTHOR RUDOLFO ANAYA** (www.anaya.unm.edu) links to his archives at the UNM Center for Southwest Research are available.
- **The New Mexico History Museum** Has many programs on Facebook and YouTube including The Santa Fe River in NM History presented by William Mee,
 - YouTube: www.YouTube.com/user/NMmuseum
 - Find more visit www.nmhistorymuseum.org
 - Facebook: www.facebook.com/events/3051120368304586/

THERE IS NO POOP FAIRY

SCOOP YOUR POOP

GRAB IT

BAG IT

TOSS IT



BERNALILLO COUNTY 
WE'RE MORE THAN YOU THINK

Mile-Hi Farmers' Market

Sundays 10am – 1pm

July 5 – Sept. 27, 2020

**Alvarado Park
2000 Alvarado Dr. N.E.**



Join Us In the Neighborhood

Farm-fresh Produce ~ Baked Foods ~ Jerky
Carvings, Jewelry, Pottery, Soaps, Lotions
and many other wonderful goods!

COVID – 19 precautions



Recent BernCo News Releases

(click each news release below to read in full)

[Patio Grant Applications Complete](#)

Aug. 5, 2020 – The Bernalillo County Economic Development Department received 39 patio grant applications designed to offer gap funding for restaurants, outside the city limits of Albuquerque, who operate outdoor dining facilities.

“This is the county stepping up in an effort to help the small business owners,” says County Commission Vice Chair Charlene Pyskoty. “Our restaurant owners and employees work hard and shouldn’t have to suffer while the world grapples with the pandemic.”

Economic Development received 39 applications, and of those only 25 qualified for assistance under the funding provided by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

Thank you for reading BernCo at a Glance

For assistance, please contact:

- Metropolitan Detention Center (general inmate info): (505) 839-8700
- Roads and traffic: (505) 848-1504 or (505) 848-1503
- Animal Care Services: (505) 468-PETS
- Property Maintenance (report a park or facility that needs cleanup): (505) 224-2119
- Schedule a large item pick-up: (505) 892-1200
- Department of Behavioral Health Services customer service: (505) 468-1555
- Court of Wills, Estates and Probate (general info): (505) 468-1232
 - Schedule an appointment: call (505) 468-1229 or email, probate@bernco.gov
- Unclaimed & Indigent Cremation Program: (505) 468-7295
- Accounts Payable general inquiries: (505) 468-7020
- All other calls: (505) 468-7777 or email, contactcenter@bernco.gov

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- [Glyphosate Moratorium](#)

Website: www.BernCo.gov | Email: info@BernCo.gov