



BernCo at a Glance

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Youth Sports Engagement Survey



The Bernalillo County Youth Sports Commission is interested in understanding how many youth are playing organized sports in Bernalillo County along with the things that are making it hard for youth to participate in organized sports. If you are the parent/caregiver of a youth between the ages of 5-17, please consider completing a brief survey on the state of Youth Organized Sports Participation in Bernalillo County. Feel free to forward this link on to anyone in your own network that you think would be interested in completing the survey. Click on link below to be taken directly to the survey.

[**BernCo Youth Organized Sports Participation Survey**](#)

South Valley Pride Day Outstanding Citizen Nominations

Bernalillo County has opened nominations for this year's South Valley Pride Day Outstanding Citizens Award, which honors community members for their dedication and community service to improve County Commission District 2. Recipients of the award will be celebrated as outstanding role models during the annual parade and honored at a formal ceremony April 28 at Westside Community Center as part of South Valley Pride Day 2019. Possible South Valley Pride Day Outstanding Citizen candidates must be

Bernalillo County Commission District 2 residents with involvement in school or community groups, church groups, student government, a longtime community resident, business owners, ministers, volunteers, teachers, coaches, etc.

Nominations for the South Valley Pride Day 2019 Outstanding Citizen Awards will be accepted from Monday, Feb. 18, 2019 through Friday, March 22, 2019. Find the nomination form at <https://www.bernco.gov/southvalleypride>.

A nomination form, together with a one to two-page biography describing the deserving nominee, must be submitted to Los Padillas Community Center, 2117 Los Padillas Road SW, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87105 or via email to mjgarcia@bernco.gov.



BernCo Receives Triple A Bond Rating

Bernalillo County has kept its triple A bond rating with the three major rating companies in the country, Moody's, Fitch, and Standard and Poor's. Bond ratings are critical to government agencies. The higher bond rating means the county receives lower interest rates when selling bonds to finance voter-approved projects. While other governments in New Mexico have experienced downgraded ratings due to increasing unfunded pension liabilities, Bernalillo County was cited as having an ample monetary reserve position and an established pension reserve of \$3 million which was established in fiscal year 2018 and reduces the associated risk in the near term. On Tuesday, Feb. 26, the county will sell a \$23.1 million general obligation bond package to finance road, library, parks, storm drain, and facility improvement projects.

BernCo Open Space Presents Exciting and Educational Springtime Events

All events are FREE and held at
the Gutierrez-Hubbell House,
6029 Isleta Boulevard SW in the
South Valley



Landscape for Life, also developed in partnership with the Hubbell House Alliance, returns this spring with a five-session series on designing sustainable landscapes. Building on each session, the series teaches residents techniques on sustainability, permaculture and wise use of natural resources for their home.

All sessions are held from 9 a.m. to noon. Landscape for Life sessions this spring are:

“Successful Water Practices & Role of Plants” on Saturday, Feb. 23.

“Successful Plant Practices & Selecting Materials for Sustainability” on Saturday, March 2.

“Recycled and Natural Building Materials & Complete Garden Design” on Saturday, March 30.

The **History and Culture of New Mexico Series** this spring will hold educational presentations on the stories and people of New Mexico. Each presentation examines local New Mexican identity and experiences the unique stories of overlooked voices in the state's history. This program is funded in part by the New Mexico Humanities Council and NM Department of Cultural Affairs. All presentations are held from 1 to 2 p.m.

The History and Culture of New Mexico presentations this spring are:

“Stories from Northern New Mexico” by Paulette Atencio on Sunday, Feb. 24.

“New Mexico Before Columbus” by Alan Osborne on Sunday, March 24.
“Apache Voices” by Sherry Robinson on Sunday, April 28.

For more information or to register for these exciting events, please visit bernco.gov/openspace or call BernCo Open Space at (505) 314-0398.



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- Neighborhood Coordinator, Darrell Dady: (505) 468-7364, ddady@bernco.gov
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