



BernCo at a Glance

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Bernalillo County Animal Care and Resource Center is Open



This new animal care and resource center, at 3001 Second St. SW, is a little over 17,000 square feet and includes space for approximately 117 to 150 dogs and approximately 80–100 cats. Since many parts of the county are in rural areas, this new shelter will also provide more adequate housing for horses, cows, sheep and other livestock. Some of the exciting new programs and services will include many types of volunteer and recreational opportunities, educational and training classes for people and animals, camp programs, spay and neuter, microchipping and vaccination clinics, foster care, and much more. **For the immediate future, hours of operation will continue to be Monday – Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., with animal viewing from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

[Watch the Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony](#)

Third Annual BERNALILLO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE Sheriffs Ball

Sheriff Manuel Gonzales III



BernCo Sheriff Manuel Gonzalez III and his command staff will be hosting the **3rd Annual Sheriff's Ball: Giving from the Heart** happening on Saturday, Feb. 2 at Hotel Albuquerque. This year's event will have a performance by special guest, Chevel Shepherd, season 15 'The Voice' winner. Please join the sheriff in honoring the 2018 deputies and civilian of the year. The event will benefit two local charities, Bedz4Kids and the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics New Mexico. Tickets are \$100/person for the dinner and \$150/person for the dinner and after party.

[Get tickets and more info here.](#)

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



The **Backyard Farming Series** returns this spring with two educational workshops, led by knowledgeable experts with practical demonstrations. The series, developed in partnership with the Hubbell House Alliance, help residents transform their own backyards into thriving urban oases of food, medicine and wildlife habitat. All workshops are held from 9 a.m. to noon. The Backyard Farming Series workshops this spring are:

“Pruning and Tree Care” on Saturday, Jan. 26.

“Flowers for Pollinators and for Your Pleasure” on Saturday, April 13.

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. Participants who attend all five sessions will receive two free 55-gallon rain barrels from the BernCo Water Conservation Program.

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

“Sustainability in Home Gardens & Role of Soil in a Sustainable Garden” on Saturday, Feb. 2.

“Successful Soil Practices & Role of Water” on Saturday, Feb. 9.

“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 four 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:

"Genízaro Identity and Continuance" by Moisés Gonzales on Sunday, Jan. 27.

"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.



Learn more about the
2019 Mail-In Election

APS "All-Mail Ballot" Election

The Albuquerque Public School election is an "All-Mail Ballot" election. There will be NO early voting or election day polling locations. Each registered voter, within the boundaries of the Albuquerque Public School District, will be mailed an absentee ballot. BernCo began mailing the ballots on Jan. 8. **All completed absentee ballots must be received in the BernCo Clerk's Office, either in person or by mail, no later than 7 p.m. on Feb. 5, 2019.**

Input Requested for Naming Proposal Bernalillo County Government Center

Bernalillo County is seeking public input on a proposal to add "Alvarado Square" to the newly-named future home for Bernalillo County government. In about two years, Bernalillo County will begin its move to new administrative headquarters at Bernalillo County Government Center, also commonly referred to as Alvarado Square. The proposal for consideration is this: Should "Alvarado Square" become part of the building's name? The amended name would become Bernalillo County Government Center @ Alvarado Square. Bernalillo County government's future home is located at 415 Silver SW, the former Public Service Company of New Mexico building, which used "Alvarado Square" as a location identifier for many years.

[Leave your comment about the naming here.](#)



BernCo's First Mental Health-Focused Drop-In Center

The **Youth BLAST Drop-In Center** is a collaborative partnership with more than 14 nonprofit agencies, local alternative charter high school students, Bernalillo County's Behavioral Health Initiative and the City of Albuquerque. Named by young people, Youth BLAST ("Building Lives Around Self Truth") will provide multiple avenues to support belonging and building community for young people, ages 16-22, who are seeking a sense of connection and who may lack supportive, positive peers and adult role models. Connection and belonging are vital developmental needs for young people's positive mental and behavioral health and for their meaningful integration into community. Youth BLAST is located at the Johnny Tapia Community Center at Wells Park 500 Mountain Road NW, Albuquerque, NM 87102, and will be open Wednesdays through Fridays noon

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- Animal Care Services: (505) 468-PETS
- Property Maintenance (report a park or facility that needs cleanup): (505) 224-2119
- Department of Behavioral Health Services customer service: (505) 468-1555
- Court of Wills, Estates and Probate (general info): (505) 468-1232
 - To 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
- Neighborhood Coordinator, Darrell Dady: (505) 468-7364, ddady@bernco.gov
- All other calls: (505) 468-7777 or email, contactcenter@bernco.gov

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