



BernCo at a Glance E-newsletter

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CORONAVIRUS [COVID-19]

BERNALILLO COUNTY INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

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www.BernCo.gov/coronavirus

Public Health Order Continues to Ease Restrictions

- Foremost, please stay home if you are sick. Period.
- If you go out, wear a face mask
- 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,

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



On the Fourth of July, Bernalillo County and the City of Albuquerque are partnering to bring four spectacular non-spectator fireworks displays to residents all over the metro area.

The four fireworks displays will launch from Tom Tenorio Park in the South Valley, Ladera Golf Course, North Domingo Baca Park, and Manzano Mesa Park.

Residents in the areas of the displays are reminded that all four locations will be closed to the public, so no vehicles or pedestrians will be allowed. BCSO and APD will be patrolling the areas to keep people from parking on the side of the road, which could cause traffic problems.

These neighborhoods will have large aerial fireworks displays for the first time, so residents are encouraged to keep their pets indoors for the duration of the shows or whenever fireworks are going off in the area.

Bernalillo County and the City of Albuquerque encourage everyone to stay home and enjoy the shows from there.

Employee Wellness Act Postponed



Due to the circumstances surrounding the coronavirus (COVID 19), Bernalillo County Manager Julie Morgas Baca has postponed enactment of the Employee Wellness Act, also known as the paid time off ordinance, until Oct. 1, 2020. The ordinance, approved by the County Commission in 2019, was originally scheduled to take effect on July 1.

County Manager Eases Single-Use Plastic Bag Restrictions

Bernalillo County Manager Julie Morgas Baca is extending her order suspending the single-use plastic bag ban until she rescinds the order. The original order, in late March, eased restrictions for 60 days.

The order came via the Bernalillo County emergency management ordinance approved by the County Commission at its March 10 emergency meeting giving the county manager authority to make decisions regarding county operations during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.



Bernalillo County Open Space coordinator and parks resource specialist explain open space etiquette in these COVID-19 times.





BernCo and Teeniors Collaborate to Offer Free Tech Tutoring for Seniors

Free Coaching to Help Seniors Close the Digital Divide, Stay Connected During COVID-19

The Bernalillo County Office of Senior and Social Services is engaging the New Mexico startup Teeniors to help support local senior citizens as they adapt to the digital world during COVID-19.

Up to 30 one-on-one coaching sessions with a live, experienced tutor are available over phone and video calls for Bernalillo County seniors, age 55 and older.

Teeniors will provide virtual tutoring for any senior to receive help on any tech support question they have, from how to text, video call and shop online, to learning new programs like PowerPoint, Zoom and social media.

Teeniors are tech-savvy teens and young adults who help senior citizens, or any-aged person, learn technology through one-on-one, personalized coaching. Teeniors has provided one-on-one tutoring to almost 3,000 seniors in New Mexico, and provided part-time jobs to over 50 teens and young adults. Since the COVID-19 outbreak, Teeniors has pivoted from in-person coaching to 100% virtual coaching.

Seniors who would like to schedule a session can contact Teeniors at (505) 600-1297 or at teeniors@gmail.com. More information is available online at www.teeniors.com. Spanish speaking coaches are also available upon request.

BernCo Public Art - Call for Artists

[BernCo Arts Board Seeking Qualified Artists](#)

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.

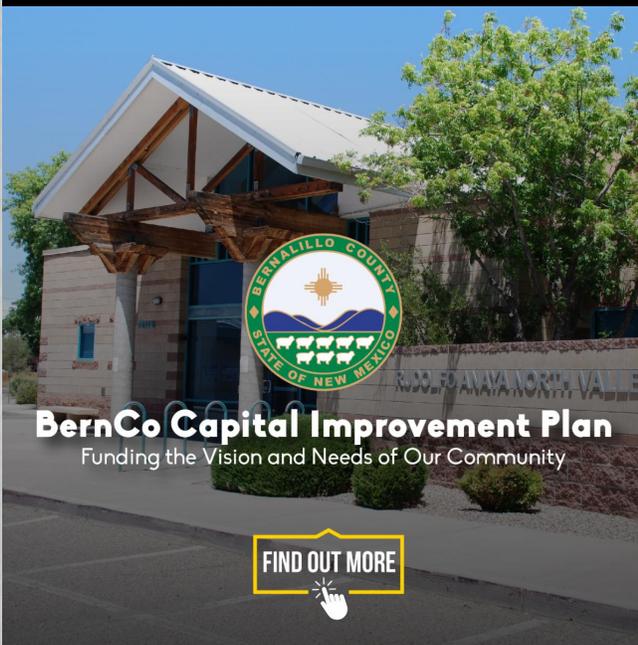


[BernCo Public Art Announces Call for Artists for Alvarado Square Mural](#)

The Bernalillo County Public Art program is announcing a call for artists for an indoor mural in the new County Commission chambers at Alvarado Square.

The Alvarado Square chambers mural will be located on the south-facing wall outside of the County Commission chambers at the new county headquarters. The mural will be visible to the public both from inside the building and outside from Silver Avenue through glass windows.

The mural will also be used in the creation of an acrylic/glass art element behind the concierge desk, to form a screen for the building's glass elevators.



BernCo Capital Improvement Plan

Bernalillo County has a continuous, six-year Capital Improvement Plan, which provides a link between the vision and needs of the public and the county's capital expenditure budgets. View this [interactive map](#) for the proposed uses and amounts of the 2020 government obligation bond. For more information visit www.bernco.gov/cip



Virtual Summer Recreation

Bernalillo County's Virtual Summer Recreation Programs is now in Week 2 with more videos, lessons, gaming and workouts – something for just about every kid to enjoy!

Read more about what [Bernalillo County Parks, Recreation and Open Space](#) has in store by clicking the

story below. And follow their page on Facebook to participate! See flier for details and read this story [here](#)

Bernalillo County Parks, Recreation and Open Space: Current Summer Schedule and Programs



BernCo Opens Rio Grande Pool and Fitness Centers for Limited Use

Bernalillo County Parks, Recreation and Open Space is slowly re-opening some of its facilities that closed in March due to coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic restrictions.

All Bernalillo County Parks, Recreation and Open Space facilities, such as ballfields, courts, rodeo arenas, swimming pools, playgrounds, open space buildings, and community centers remain closed until further notice for any organized activity, including traditional summer camp, sports team practices and games, little leagues, or rodeos, and special events at county facilities. BernCo Parks, Recreation and Open Space facility availabilities are limited and as follows:



OPEN:

Rio Grande Pool – Open 6 a.m. – 3 p.m. by reservation only

- Limited swimmers in facility – 4 lanes open, 4 lanes closed as separation between swimmers
- No spectators
- Social distancing will be observed
- Lap swim only
- No open recreational swim

Community Centers – Closed (Except for fitness centers)

- Fitness centers are open 7 a.m. – 2 p.m. by reservation only
- Virtual summer camp via Facebook and YouTube
- Special events are not being scheduled but requests for late summer or fall events are being reviewed on a case-by-case basis and must meet Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham’s public health order
- Ed Chismar mobile recreation unit making appearances

Summer lunch grab-n-go continues Monday – Friday, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

CLOSED AND CANCELLED:

- ALL outdoor swimming pools and splash pads
- Community centers
- Summer sports leagues (Youth basketball and adult softball)
- Play areas in county parks
- All ballfields and athletic facilities (Limited use for organizations with approved user agreements in place)
- Rodeo and equestrian arenas
- Jimmy Nieto Softball Tournament
- Gutierrez/Hubbell House Museum
- Bachechi environmental building and bathrooms

Bernalillo County management is in talks regarding after school programming as kids head back to class in mid-August. No determinations have been made at this time.

Any resident who has already paid for a summer program or camp is entitled to a refund or credit toward another program/season. Information about refunds/credits click [here](#).

Recent BernCo News Releases

(click each news release below to read in full)

[Commissioners Approve Nuisance Abatement Ordinance](#)

July 1, 2020 – Property owners who fail to keep their properties free of weeds and trash, or have substandard buildings may have the county cleaning up and billing the owners for the work.

Bernalillo County commissioners approved the nuisance abatement ordinance on Tuesday which now gives the Bernalillo County Planning and Development Services Department the authority, under the county’s statutory and home rule authority, to abate nuisances in the unincorporated areas of the county, outside the city limits.

[Commissioners Approve Budget Transfer to Fund Lapel Cameras](#)

June 30, 2020 – Bernalillo County commissioners have voted to appropriate \$1 million in funding for the purchase, support services, subscriptions, and infrastructure for body-worn cameras for the Sheriff’s Department.

[County Commission Approves Project Revenue Bonds for Martineztown Housing Development](#)

June 30, 2020 – Bernalillo County commissioners approved the issuance of \$7.5 million in project revenue bonds for the Albuquerque Housing Authority to be used for The Commons at Martineztown in central Albuquerque.

The tax-exempt bonds will fund the renovation of 96 existing affordable housing units in The Commons at Martineztown to house low-income senior residents and residents with disabilities.

[New Mexico Food Processing Facility Approved in BernCo](#)

June 30, 2020 – Bernalillo County Commissioners approved the issuance of up to \$9 million in taxable industrial revenue bonds for Santa Fe-based New Mexico Fresh Foods to locate in

an existing northern county warehouse.

How the 2020 Census Can Impact Communities

The 2020 Census is your chance to shape your community—and your future.

Fastest and easiest way -- go online to www.2020Census.gov



An accurate census count informs decisions about where to build and where to invest.

THERE IS NO POOP FAIRY

SCOOP YOUR POOP



GRAB IT BAG IT TOSS IT



BERNALILLO COUNTY 
WE'RE MORE THAN YOU THINK

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](#)

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