



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>

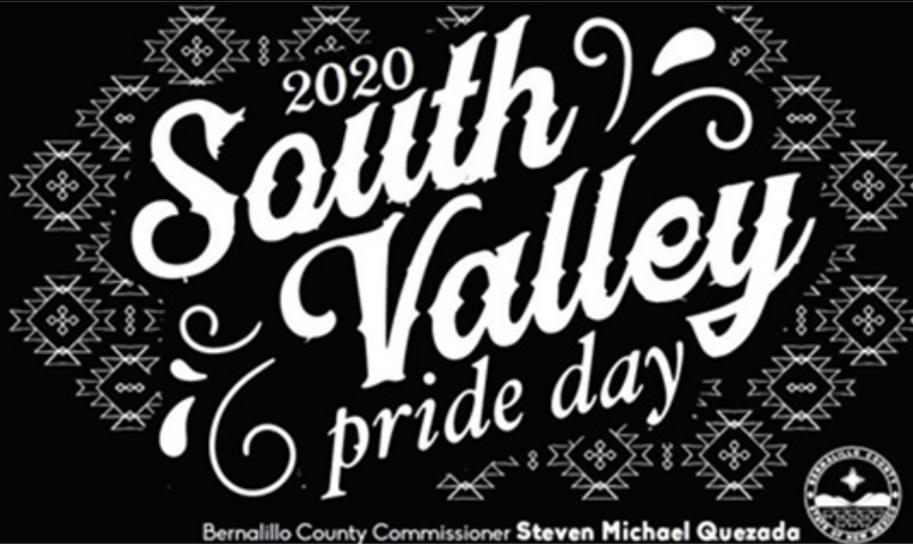
[NMConnect smartphone app for all New Mexicans](#)(click to learn more)

[Behavioral Health Provider CARES Grant
Application Opens Monday July 27](#)

The Department of Behavioral Health Services opens the application process for behavioral health providers who wish to apply for emergency financial support through the Bernalillo County Behavioral Health Provider CARES Grant. This grant is for qualified behavioral health providers to assist with costs associated with interruption caused by the coronavirus (COVID-19). Click [here](#) for more information.



Canceled: South Valley Pride Day 2020 Celebration



South Valley Pride Day 2020 has been canceled. The coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has necessitated the cancelation of this year's event.

Nine members of the District 2 community have been chosen as this year's South Valley Pride Day Outstanding Citizens and Bernalillo County is working on creative ways to make sure they will be recognized for that honor.

Bernalillo County is also planning to find other ways for citizens to show their South Valley and District 2 pride with contests and video presentations through the end of the year.

South Valley Pride Day is an annual BernCo Commission District 2 community celebration that brings families and friends together with great food, fun for the kids and great local entertainment.

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



PROPERTY TAX RELIEF

A graphic for property tax relief. It features a blue banner with the text "PROPERTY TAX RELIEF" in white. Below the banner is a photograph of a person wearing a white face mask, with a US dollar bill and a green seal in the background. At the bottom, there is a blue banner with the text "FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS" in white.

[Property Tax Relief Update](#)

The Treasurer's Office has posted the tax relief bill FAQs on her [website](#). Research indicates approximately 5,100 properties meet the requirements of the tax relief bill signed by the governor, effective June 29, 2020. Treasurer Bearce will be sending notification letters to the property owners along with a notice posted to all platforms, including social media, traditional media, community and nonprofit organizations, and other public and private partners.

Additionally, Treasurer Bearce is available to

speak at virtual group meetings by contacting her office at treasurers@bernco.gov.



Virtual Bosque Chile Festival to be Held Aug. 15 and 16
Organizers searching for vendors to be a part of the event

Bernalillo County and the National Hispanic Cultural Center present the 2020 Bosque Chile Festival, a celebration of food, art, and culture on the Rio Grande. The public is invited to join in the celebration of the chile harvest on Saturday, Aug. 15 and Sunday, Aug. 16, 2020.

Due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) and the State of New Mexico public health order, this year the festival will be presented virtually, on Facebook at www.facebook.com/bosquechilefestival.

The virtual event will offer entertainment, art engagement activities, an artisan market, chef demos, educational workshops and more.

Organizers are currently seeking vendors for the artisan market. Interested artisan and pre-packaged/value added food producers should visit www.bernco.gov/bosquechilefestival, complete and return the vendor application for consideration. Vendors interested in consideration must have an e-commerce site due to the virtual nature of the event.

Interested vendors can email bosquechilefestival@bernco.gov or call 505-328-4817 for more information.

Vendor applications are available at www.bernco.gov/bosquechile festival.

FREE!!

Movies in the Parking Lot

Saturday, July 25

Gates open at 7 p.m.

The Lion King



Isleta Amphitheater Parking Lot

5601 University Blvd. SE

Click [here](#) for more information



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!

New Inmate Commissary and Deposit Services



Bernalillo County Commissioners recently approved a new agreement with the Keefe Commissary Group for the commissary and deposit services for the Metropolitan Detention Center.

Family and friends now have a new, more convenient way to make deposits into inmate's

accounts by going to walk-in retailers where they already shop.

They can register at www.cashpaytoday.com, get a barcode and make a cash deposit at locations including Dollar General, Family Dollar, CVS, and 7-Eleven stores.

There are still other ways to make deposits and payments to inmate's accounts:

- Online deposits can be made at www.AccessCorrections.com
- Download the free Access Corrections App (download from the App Store or Google

- Pay)
• Phone: 866-345-1884. Live bilingual agents are available 24/7.

Keefe Commissary offers inmates various food and drinks, clothing, toiletries, and other miscellaneous items through orders from the kiosks or tablets. Monies deposited for inmates' commissary purchases goes into the Inmate's Personal Trust Account, which is then used to pay Keefe for the contracted sales and services.

Keefe reduced all commissary items costs to be less than the items that are offered in other New Mexico Counties by Keefe.

The term of this agreement is thirteen months (from June 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021) with options to extend for six additional one-year periods.
For more information on the new changes in commissary and deposit services at MDC, go to www.bernco.gov/metropolitan-detention-center.

BernCo Public Art - Call for Artists

[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. There is no fee to submit a proposal.



[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 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.



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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.2020census.gov) today and be counted!



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.murossabq.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.
- **LOS ALAMOS SCIENCE FEST VIRTUAL EVENTS** July 7-16 events include lectures, panel discussions, live science experiments. Visit www.LosAlamosHistory.org for full schedule and the links to Zoom, Mobile App and Desktop App.
- **TRIBUTES TO AUTHOR RUDOLFO ANAYA** (www.anaya.unm.edu) links to his archives at the UNM Center for Southwest Research are available.
- **OBSERVANCE OF 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NUCLEAR DEVICE DETONATION TRINITY TEST** July 16 - to see the online exhibits visit:
 - The Albuquerque Museum at www.cabq.gov/museum
 - Los Alamos History Museum - www.LosAlamosHistory.org/trinitytest On July 8, at 7 p.m., Trinity Project: the Myth, the Legend, the Legacy by Lab Historian Alan Carr,

- **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/
- **Anthropological Genetic History: the Suebi Connection to New Mexico Families, haplogroup 1** –July 11 at 1 p.m., cost: \$10 presented by Angel de Cervantes from the New Mexico DNA Project and the Iberian Peninsula DNA Institute. To pay and get a link for the program contact angelrcervantes@gmail.com
- **What is the New Mexico Humanities Council** –July 15 at 5 p.m., presented by Executive Director Brandon Johnson. To register visit www.nmhumanities.org or info@nmhumanities.org or call 505-633-7370
- **The Legacy of Artists & Sculptor Herb Goldman** –July 19 at 2 p.m., Livestreamed on the Albuquerque Historical Society (AHS) Facebook page. Presented by his daughter Lisa Goldman. Until the Museum of Albuquerque is available for group programs, AHS programs will take place by live stream on Facebook. Visit www.albughistsoc.org for more information.
- **Dr. Stephen Schneider speaks on his book, The Magic of Mariachi and Borderlines!** July 19 at 2 p.m., Free. A testimony to the people of the US/Mexican border. To receive the Zoom link email Bookworks at rsvp@bkwrks.com For other information visit Bookworks website at www.bkwrks.com
- **Run: The Super Athletes of the Sierra Madre** presented by Diana Molina. –July 22 at 5 p.m., Free. Must register at www.nmhumanities.org or info@nmhumanities.org or by calling 505-633-7370.
- **Lobo Living Room presents new football coach Danny Gonzales speaking.** –July 23 at 6 p.m., Free. Streamed on the Facebook page of the UNM Alumni Association. Visit alumni@unm.edu for more information. Past Lobo Living Room presentations are available at www.unmalumni.com/lobo-living-room.html
- **The Bandit Wars** –July 25 at 11 a.m.; Professor Andy Hernandez speaks on the events before and after Pancho Villa's 1916 raid on Columbus, NM. To register for the Zoom connection go to the website for the www.SilverCityMuseum.org
- **Boots, Suits, Citizens – How the NM Legislature Works**– July 29 at 5 p.m., Free. presented by former NM Senator. Dede Feldman. Must register at www.nmhumanities.org or info@nmhumanities.org or by calling 505-633-7370.



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)

[Bernalillo County Discussing After School Program Guidelines](#)

July 17, 2020 – Bernalillo County is complying with the current public health order that requires recreation facilities to remain closed at this time.

Following the public school plan for a reopening, Bernalillo County Parks, Recreation & Open Space staff is in the process of finalizing youth programming plans to coincide with the start of APS in-classroom attendance slated to begin in September.

As this plan is finalized, information and instructions will be posted here. Please check back periodically for updates.

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