



BernCo at a Glance E-newsletter

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CORONAVIRUS [COVID-19]

BERNALILLO COUNTY INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

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Do you know the difference between self-isolation and self-quarantine?

The answer to this question and many more are in the *Policies for the Prevention and Control of COVID-19*. Click [here](#) to learn more.

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 10 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)

Bernalillo County Fire Department to Host Inaugural Fallen Heroes 9/11 Memorial



The Bernalillo County Fire Department will host an inaugural Fallen Firefighters 9/11 Memorial on Sept. 11 at BCFD's Fire Headquarters, located at 6840 2nd Street, starting at 6:46 a.m. and promptly ending at 12:28 p.m.

BCFD will erect a temporary memorial by arraying 69 sets of firefighter bunker gear, surrounding their honor guard's memorial bell. Each set of gear will have a card listing five names, representing and paying tribute to the 343 firefighters who lost their lives that fateful day.

In order ensure social distancing, a Facebook live-stream will be conducted for the duration of the event and a dedicated drive-thru viewing lane will be provided for public participation.

The Illegal Dumping Partnership Supports the Upcoming 2020 Virtual Junk Jog on Sept. 19, hosted by Keep Albuquerque Beautiful and CABQ Solid Waste

Participants must register by Thursday, Sept. 10 at 5 p.m.

Join Keep Albuquerque Beautiful and the City's Solid Waste Management Department along with supporters Bernalillo County and the rest of the Illegal Dumping Partnership members on Saturday, Sept. 19 for the second annual Keep Albuquerque Beautiful Junk Jog plogging event.

Plogging, a combination of jogging and picking up litter, began several years ago as an organized activity in Sweden.

Illegal Dumping Partners (IDP)

Ploggers are encouraged to choose a route in their community or neighborhood and to follow COVID-19 safe practices including wearing a mask and maintaining social distancing while plogging. When ploggers are done, they can dispose of any waste and recyclables at a number of county and city drop-off sites.



Registered participants can pick up an event packet on Thursday, September 17 and Friday, September 18 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 4600 Edith NE.

Ploggers will receive a plastic garbage bag, gloves, fun swag, as well as a Keep Albuquerque Beautiful face mask. The first 30 ploggers to pick up their gear will receive a free New Mexico United flag cape and sticker. **Participants must register by Thursday, September 10 at 5 p.m.**

Click [here](#) to learn more.

For more about the Illegal Dumping Partnership, visit Bernco.gov/letstalktrash or follow it on Facebook at [@IllegalDumpingPartnershipNM](https://www.facebook.com/IllegalDumpingPartnershipNM)

Hazard Mitigation Plan Survey

The City of Albuquerque and Bernalillo County, in collaboration with the Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo Flood Control Authority (AMAFCA), the Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, the Village of Tijeras, the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District (MRGCD), and the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority (ABCWUA) is updating its *Hazard Mitigation Plan*, in an effort to be better prepared in the event of natural, or human-caused

disasters. The multi-agency task force wants to identify ways to reduce losses and protect the communities from hazard events. The agencies are seeking input from the public through a short, five-question, online Hazard Mitigation Survey to help better understand vulnerabilities, experiences, and opportunities to reduce the impacts of hazards before they occur. Responses will be taken until Sept. 30, 2020.

TAKE THE SURVEY

English: <https://bit.ly/HMP2020PublicSurvey>
Spanish: https://bit.ly/Encuesta_públicaHMP2020

Got Questions About the 2020 General Election?



2020 Election FAQ

Get answers to your 2020 General Election questions by visiting the Bernalillo County Clerk's Frequently-Asked Questions page [here](#).

Wondering about how to request an absentee ballot? Questions about deadlines? Check out these FAQs to see if we've got the answers you need. Happy Voting!

[Request an Absentee Application at BerncoVotes.org](https://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

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

BERNALILLO COUNTY DISTRICT 5
PRESENTS

TOWN HALL MEETING

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
5:30 P.M.

Public Safety | Housing | Access to Services

Learn what our Department of Behavioral Health Services is doing to address issues around mental health, homelessness, and substance abuse. Hear how this fits into an overall plan for public safety and services in your community.

Submit your questions in advanced to
behavioralhealth@bernco.gov

	HOST Charlene Pyskoty <i>County Commissioner District 5</i>		GUEST SPEAKER Margarita Chavez-Sanchez <i>Department of Behavioral Health Services Director</i>
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 **VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING**

WATCH THE LIVE MEETING AT
[WWW.BERNCO.GOV/TOWNHALL](https://www.bernco.gov/townhall)

The time to respond to the 2020 Census is now!

Responding to the 2020 Census is simple, safe, and easy and provides billions of dollars in federal funding to your community. You can respond by visiting 2020census.gov, calling 844.330.2020, or by mailing in your census questionnaire.



The voices of your children count, too. Remember to count them.

Your count ensures:

- ▶ Representation - Fair representation in government as our population grows
- ▶ Funding - More federal funds for state and local programs, such as
 - Education
 - Housing
 - Roads
 - Public transportation
 - Public safety
 - Healthcare
 - Senior care
 - Neighborhood improvements
 - Parks and recreation
- ▶ Information - Better census data to help businesses decide where to build factories, offices and stores that lead to new jobs

Census Day:

April 1, 2020

- Mobile-friendly census form available mid-March 2020
- Please submit forms by April 1, 2020
- By law (Title 13) information is kept confidential

PAGregion.com/census

County Commissioners Approve Additional Grant Funds for Bernalillo County Small Businesses

Bernalillo County is offering more emergency financial support through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act federal stimulus package for qualifying small businesses.

Read more [here](#).



Bernalillo County to Hold Memorial Burial Ceremony for Unclaimed and Indigent Residents

The county, in conjunction with Daniels Family Funeral Services, will honor Bernalillo County

unclaimed and indigent residents with a memorial burial ceremony on Thursday, Oct. 1, 2020.

Due to coronavirus (COVID-19) restrictions, this year's service will not be open to the public.

To find out if a deceased person is on the unclaimed/indigent list, go to

www.bernco.gov/Unclaimed_Indigent_Cremation_Program, scroll down to Burial Listings of Cremated Remains and click on Oct. 1, 2020 Memorial Ceremony under 'Memorial Lists.'



Gutierrez Hubbell House Offers Suffrage Exhibit

Residents looking for a fun scavenger hunt and a chance to see Bernalillo County and the Town of Bernalillo as they learn about the 19th amendment to the United States Constitution have the opportunity through the *Votes for Women: A Portrait of Persistence*, an outdoor exhibit created by the Smithsonian Institution.

More information about the exhibit and a map of the locations for the scavenger hunt can be found at: www.bernco.gov/VotesForWomenNM

VOTES FOR WOMEN

A Portrait of Persistence

BECAUSE OF
HER STORY

Smithsonian



For visitors looking to learn more, virtual programs will provide additional context and history:

- Celebrating 100 Years of Women Voting, viewable now at <https://youtu.be/sA4mqaSChFo>
- Saturday, Sept. 26, 10 a.m.: *Votes for Women* Virtual Exhibit Tour with Guest Curator Danielle Griego hosted by Bachechi Open Space <https://www.facebook.com/BachechiOpenSpace/>
- Saturday, Oct. 17, 11 a.m.: Women Voting, Women Leading in NM: a virtual conversation <https://tinyurl.com/VfWNM>

The exhibit begins Saturday, Sept. 5 and runs through Saturday, Nov. 14. The scavenger hunt and exhibit are free of charge.



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!

Reoccurring events in Sept.

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



Ready, Set, Grow!

Free Webinar Gardening Series

1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month
starting September 2nd at 3:00 pm.

Register Online

<https://desertblooms.nmsu.edu/ready-set-grow.html>

Featuring many guest speakers and hosted by Sara Moran and John Garlich of Bernalillo County Extension, Suzanne DeVos-Cole of Mora County Extension, and Marisa Thompson of the NMSU Department of Extension Plant Sciences.

For more information, email us at

desertblooms@nmsu.edu or

contact John Garlich at 505-243-1386

If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of an auxiliary aid or service to participate, please contact John Garlich in advance at 505-243-1386 or Garlich@nmsu.edu.

New Mexico State University is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer and educator. NMSU and the U.S. Department of Agriculture cooperating.

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@berncogov 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 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 Miceil, 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

THERE IS NO POOP FAIRY

SCOOP YOUR POOP



**GRAB IT
BAG IT
TOSS IT**



BERNALILLO COUNTY
WE'RE MORE THAN YOU THINK

Recent BernCo News Releases

(click each news release below to read in full)

[Board of County Commissioners Chooses Candidate for South Valley Legislative Seat](#)

Sept. 9, 2020 - The Bernalillo County Board of County Commissioners has chosen Art de la Cruz to fill the vacant District 12 seat of the New Mexico House of Representatives.

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