



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 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)



BernCo Office Closed for Labor Day

Bernalillo County offices will be closed on Monday, Sept. 7 for the Labor Day holiday, with the exception of county emergency and public safety services

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.



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

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.

Bernalillo County commissioners approved the use of an additional \$1 million of CARES money at a special

meeting held on Sept. 1.

The grants will be up to \$10,000 for qualifying small businesses located inside the city limits of Albuquerque as well as within the unincorporated areas of the county.

For a business to qualify, it must have a physical establishment located within Bernalillo County and have one-50 full-time employees, or equivalent part-time employees. Additionally, businesses and organizations must not have received more than \$3 million in taxable receipts per annum. Priority will be given to businesses and organizations that did not receive funds from the Small Business Administration's Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL), Federal Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), or small business assistance funds from the State of New Mexico or the City of Albuquerque. Reimbursement is not required for grant recipients.

The application process will open on Sept. 2 at 8 a.m. and will remain open until all funds are exhausted.

Required documentation for the grant application can be found on the county website at: www.berncogov.

[BernCo on Schedule for Move to Alvarado Square](#)

A project update for BernCo @ Alvarado Square (BC@AS) was presented to the County Commission at the last administrative meeting.

Construction at the BernCo @ Alvarado Square campus is more than 50% complete with an anticipated February 2021 completion date. Click [here](#) for more



Clerk Linda Stover Announces the Hire of Michelle Kavanaugh as Deputy Clerk



"I am pleased to announce that Michelle Kavanaugh is joining our team as deputy county clerk," says Clerk Linda Stover. "Michelle knows how government works. She's a government liaison and community organizer who's been working with Senator Tom Udall since 2014. We're thrilled to have her on the team."

County Treasurer Bearce Announces Strong Year End Results

Bernalillo County Treasurer Nancy M. Bearce announced the 2020 fiscal year (FY20) fourth quarter and annual results on Tuesday, Aug. 25 at the County Board of Finance meeting.

Treasurer Bearce presented the operations and investment results to the board and the public at large. The Board of Finance meets quarterly at the Vincent E. Griego Chambers at One Civic Plaza, however due to the coronavirus (COVID-19), the Board of Finance meeting was

held via ZOOM and was available for live stream on YouTube. The county Board of Finance meeting can be viewed [here](#).

Highlights of the fourth quarter include :

- The Treasurer's Office collected 96.84% of 2019 property taxes
- Investment income was nearly \$9.5 million a slight decrease from last year, due to the economy
- The 2020 investment policy was presented by the treasurer to the board



Nancy Bearce, Bernalillo County Treasurer

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.'



Watch the Burning of Zozobra Drive-in Style



Bernalillo County will hold a burning of Zozobra Watch Party Drive-in Style

When: Friday, Sept. 4, 2020

Where: Isleta Amphitheater, 5601 University Blvd. SE.

Gates open at 5:30 p.m. No admission permitted after 7:30 p.m.

Admission is \$20/car, unlimited occupants. The ticket sales will benefit Kiwanis Club of Santa Fe and the Bernalillo County Quality of Life Fund.

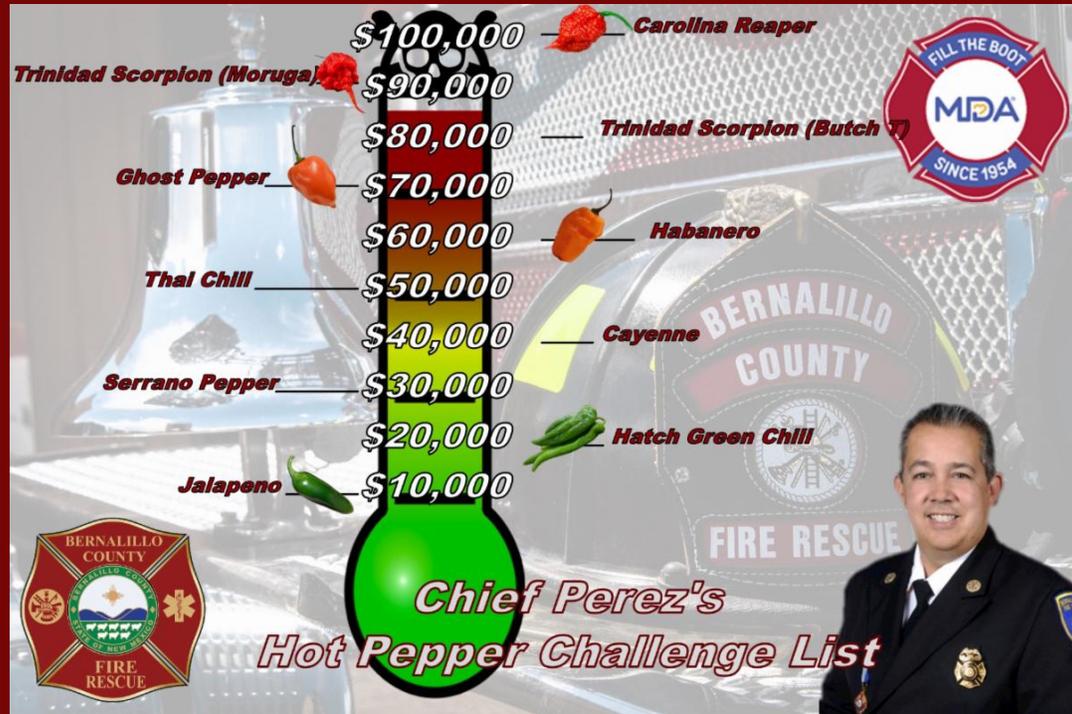
For additional details click [here](#).

Bernalillo County Fire Chief, Greg Perez launches a virtual challenge to “Fill the Boot” as COVID-19 threatens donations.

As the COVID-19 pandemic affects communities across the United States, it has also impacted in-person fundraising for the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA). For 66 years, the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) has collected critical funds in the community – one dollar at a time – as part of the Fill the Boot program. But this year, due to social distancing, that's not possible.

This summer, the Albuquerque Fill the Boot will be conducted virtually.

[Click here for the link to the donor drive.](#)



i COUNT NM

i count because i care

Door-to-Door Visits Begin Nationwide for 2020 Census

The Census is in the final stages of the count. Census workers will be conducting Nonresponse Followup (NRFU) operations by knocking on doors of homes that have not yet responded to the 2020 Census.



Health and Safety

Census takers are trained rigorously and will follow these CDC recommendations to mitigate the risk of COVID-19 transmission:

- Wear a face mask
- Will have face masks to provide to residents
- Maintain social distancing
- Practice hand hygiene
- Will not enter homes and will conduct interviews outside as much as possible or practical.

How to identify a Census Worker

A Census Taker will have a valid ID badge with their



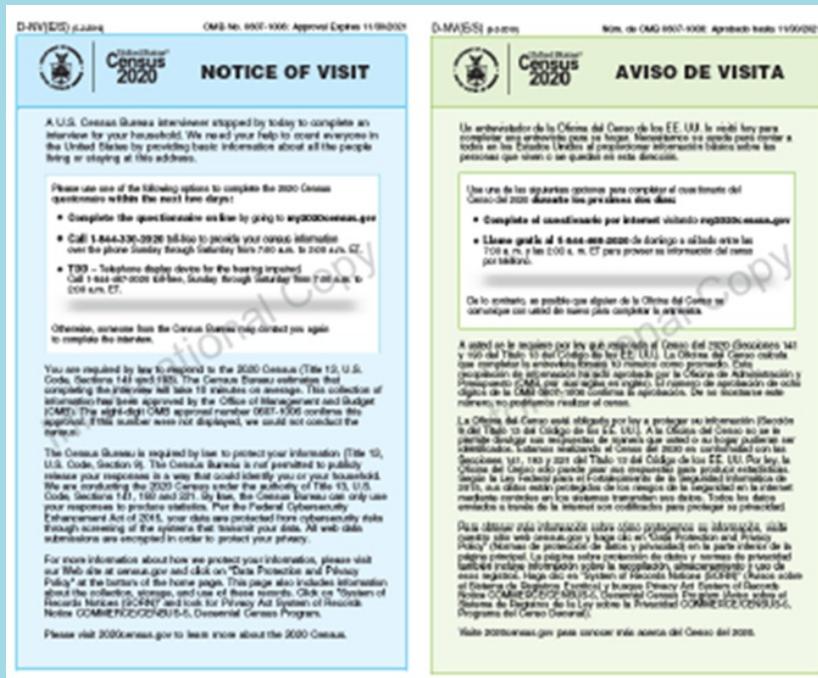
photograph, a U.S. Department of Commerce watermark and an expiration date.

Census workers may also carry Census Bureau bags and other equipment with the Census Bureau logo as pictured below.

Notice of Visit

Even though census workers are knocking on doors, residents can still self-respond online, by phone, or by mail.

Visit 2020census.gov or call 844-330-2020 (English) | 844-468-2020 (Spanish)



[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**

*County Commissioner
District 5*



GUEST SPEAKER
**Margarita
Chavez-
Sanchez**

*Department of Behavioral
Health Services Director*



VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING

**WATCH THE LIVE MEETING AT
WWW.BERNCO.GOV/TOWNHALL**

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.

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+



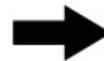
Bernalillo County Office of Senior and Social Services (OSSS) is pleased to work with Well Connected, a nationwide senior program. Visit Well Connected at <https://covia.org/services/well-connected/> and call 877.797.7299 or email coviaconnections@covia.org to register today!

Interested in volunteering to facilitate a group? Contact OSSS@bernco.gov 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 the 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 Miceli, 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



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!

THERE IS NO POOP FAIRY

SCOOP YOUR POOP

GRAB IT

BAG IT

TOSS IT



BERNALILLO COUNTY 
WE'RE MORE THAN YOU THINK

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)

[Behavioral Health Initiative Seeks Community Members to Serve on Subcommittees](#)

Aug. 26, 2020 - The Department of Behavioral Health Services is accepting resumes from members of the community who wish to participate on subcommittees of the Behavioral Health Initiative. Subcommittee members serve a critical role in the development of regional behavioral health care systems in the Albuquerque-Bernalillo County metro area.

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