



BERNCO at a Glance

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Second Annual Bosque Chile Festival is happening Aug. 19

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR HEARING

Second Wednesday of month
Wednesday, Aug. 9, 9 a.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 13, 9 a.m.

BERNALILLO COUNTY
COMMISSION MEETINGS
Board of Finance Meeting
Tuesday, Aug. 8, 4:30 p.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING
Tuesday, Aug. 8, 5 p.m.

SPECIAL ZONING MEETING
Tuesday, Aug. 15, 5 p.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING
Tuesday, Aug. 22, 5 p.m.

SPECIAL ZONING MEETING
Wednesday, Aug. 30, 5 p.m.

All meetings listed above
are held in the
Vincent E. Griego Chambers
in the basement of the
city/county government bldg.
One Civic Plaza
Fifth Street and Marquette NW,
unless indicated otherwise

County offices will be
closed on Monday, Sept. 4
in observance of the
Labor Day holiday



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BernCo Bernie Sheep Day and First Impressions Youth Rodeo

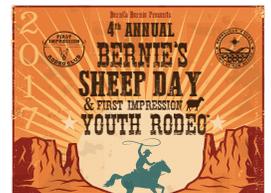
Saturday, Aug. 5, Dennison Park Rodeo Grounds, 7003 Coors Blvd. SW
9 a.m. 'til dusk (around 7 p.m.) It's a free event!

Hey cowboys and cowgirls, it's time to strap your boots on and get ready for the Fourth Annual BernCo Bernie's Sheep Day and First Impression Youth Day Rodeo!

There will be rough stock and timed events in the youth rodeo. Events include barrels, poles, flags, goat tying, steer dobbin', bull riding, calf riding, mutton busting, stick horse and more.

Cowboys and cowgirls can also see sheep shearing demonstrations, shop with artisan vendors and learn more about New Mexico's unique farm and ranch heritage.

This is a free family event and the entire community is welcome! More info at www.bernco.gov/SheepDay.



CHILE FESTIVAL

Bosque Chile Festival

Saturday, Aug. 19, National Hispanic Cultural Center
1701 4th St. SW

10 a.m. – 7 p.m. \$5 admission; kids five and under are free

A celebration of food, art and culture on the Rio Grande.

This event will offer entertainment, kids' activities, arts and crafts vendors, food trucks, beer, wine, an amateur salsa competition, agricultural workshops, chef demonstrations and more. Free Park and Ride shuttle service from the UNM Pit Arena. Tickets now on sale at the National Hispanic Cultural Center or online at www.nhccnm.org. Admission is \$5; kids five and under are free.

Food vendor and artisan vendor applications are still being accepted. Make great salsa? Enter the amateur salsa competition! Information and applications online at www.bernco.gov/BosqueChileFestival.

Like us on Facebook and receive up-to-date info about the Bosque Chile Festival, www.facebook.com/bosquechilefestival.

This event is presented by Bernalillo County and the National Hispanic Cultural Center.

La Familia Growers' Market Every Friday Afternoon this Summer

La Familia Growers' Market is open every Friday from 4 – 7 p.m. through the end of October at the Dolores Huerta Gateway Park, 100 Isleta Blvd. Buy locally grown fruits and vegetables. SNAP, Double Up Food Bucks, WIC and senior vouchers are accepted.



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BERNALILLO COUNTY



WE'RE MORE THAN YOU THINK



BERNALILLO COUNTY OFFICIALS

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Visit www.bernco.gov
for more information

Septic Systems and Their Effects on Groundwater

Friday, Aug. 18 from 1 - 3 p.m.

Deputy James McGrane Public Safety Center, 48 Public School Road, Tijeras

Learn about septic system contamination, the impact on groundwater and how it can be prevented with proper maintenance. This FREE workshop about septic effluence is open to all Bernalillo County residents, septic contractors and real estate agents.

For more information about septic systems, please visit www.bernco.gov/wastewaterFAQs.



Unser Boulevard Sound Study Public Meeting

Wednesday, Aug. 23 beginning at 6 p.m.

Paradise Hills Community Center,
5901 Paradise Blvd. NW

The project will evaluate the sound levels for the properties located along Unser Boulevard between Paradise and Irving Boulevards to determine whether

the noise levels warrant sound walls. The project study is now complete and the results will be shared at the public meeting.

For more information about the project and to read the full noise study, please visit www.bernco.gov/projects.

Expanding Horizons on the West Side Job Fair

Become a part of something that matters

Wednesday, Sept. 6 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

South Valley Multipurpose Senior Center, 2008 Larrazolo Road SW

Bernalillo County Commissioner Steven Michael Quezada and City Councilor Klarissa J. Peña are proud to present this job fair to the community.

Workshops on resume writing, and interviewing tips and techniques will be running throughout the day. Mark your calendar to attend this job fair and “**Become part of something that matters.**” More information at www.bernco.gov.



BernCo's Gov16 Program Schedule

Stay connected with BernCo by watching Gov16. That's channel 16 on your Comcast network.

Every Friday night:

- 5 – 6 p.m.
- 7 – 8 p.m.
- 9 – 10 p.m.
- 11 p.m. – midnight

All commission meetings air live on their respective evenings, and then are re-broadcast on the following day at 6 a.m., noon and 5 p.m.

Visit <http://bernalillocountynm.iqm2.com/Citizens/Default.aspx> to see the full schedule for BernCo commission meetings.

BERNCO OPEN SPACE EVENTS

Sunday Family Fun Days at Bachechi Open Space

Every Sunday from noon – 5 p.m. at Bachechi Open Space, 9521 Rio Grande Blvd. NW

August's Theme is Searching with your Senses -- *Touch the plants, smell the scenery, and hear the sounds around to uncover a secret side of Bachechi. Planned activities include making maps of the bosque, finding the best smells in the park, and even eating some wild edible plants.*

Four Seasons of Plant Wisdom Series:

Presenter: Bernadette Torres, herbalist and health practitioner

Fall Plant Wisdom | A Healthy Heart

Aug. 6, 1 – 2:30 p.m. at Bachechi Open Space, 9521 Rio Grande Blvd. NW

This workshop will focus on maintaining a healthy heart and cardiovascular system to provide energy and strength, as well as how to appropriately harvest plants.

Winter Plant Wisdom | Immune System

Sept. 10 • 1 – 2:30 p.m. at Bachechi Open Space, 9521 Rio Grande Blvd. NW

Learn what plants will help boost the immune system from colds and flus and how to use your own yard to produce medicine.

Backyard Farming Fall Series

All sessions are from 9 a.m. – noon at Gutierrez-Hubbell House, 6029 Isleta Blvd. SW

The Backyard Farming Series is back featuring experts in their fields who will provide hands-on experiences giving participants practical information to transform their backyards into a thriving urban oasis of food, medicine and wildlife habitat.

Aug. 5 | Flower Gardens and Arrangements

Flowers are important plants in any landscape both for esthetics and to attract pollinators. This workshop will focus on how to beautify your garden with vibrant colors and fragrant smells of flowering plants. The second part of the workshop will showcase how to create simple to elaborate flower arrangements and crafts.

Aug. 19 | Bountiful Harvest and Food Preservation

Get the most out of your garden by planting what you really want to harvest, and preserving your harvest to enjoy throughout the winter. Learn about a variety of food preservation techniques including drying, fermenting, canning and more.

Sept. 2 | Traditional Uses of Plants

Plants are an integral part of our history, culture and evolution. Discover some of the ancient yet relevant uses of plants including dyes, medicine, fibers and more.

Adventures at Bachechi Open Space | Basic Map and Compass Skills

Aug. 26, 9 – 10:30 a.m. at Bachechi Open Space, 9521 Rio Grande Blvd. NW

Presenter: Jim Patrick

Presenter and Master Naturalist Jim Patrick will cover all the basic skills and tools for navigation using a map and compass. These are essential skills for anyone who likes to adventure into the outdoors.

East Mountain Interpretive Series: Plant Walk at Sabino Canyon

Aug. 27, 9 – 10:30 a.m. at Sabino Canyon, 34 Forest Road 252 (Manzano Mountains)

Join master naturalist volunteers on an annual plant walk and survey at this beautiful property. Also, learn about the fieldwork staff and volunteers have done to improve the health of Sabino Canyon.

Adventures at Bachechi Open Space | Fort Building Workshop

Sept. 3, 1 – 3 p.m. at Bachechi Open Space, 9521 Rio Grande Blvd. NW

Presenter: Cass Landrum with Cottonwood Gulch

Learn the basics of fort building! Whether making a fairy house or building a personal survival structure, a guide will lead the way through each step. No traces will be left behind, as all structures will be taken down at the end of the day.

More details about all of these activities at www.bernco.gov/OpenSpace.



BernCo
Hotline
Numbers

TO REPORT A ROAD
MAINTENANCE
ISSUE:
(505) 848-1503
(505) 848-1504

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GRAFFITI:
(505) 243-7273

PARK WATCH
PROGRAM:
(505) 468-7777

Or send an email to:
ContactCenter@bernco.gov

BERNCO WEBSITE
AND SOCIAL MEDIA
HANDLES

www.BernCo.gov
www.BernCoBernie.com



UPCOMING BERNCO COMMUNITY EVENTS

Expanding Horizons on the West Side Job Fair

Wednesday, Sept. 6
9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
South Valley
Multipurpose
Senior Center
2008 Larrazolo Road SW

**Tiny Home Village
Speaker Forum Series**
Thursday, Sept. 28
Guest speaker,
Andrew Heben
with Opportunity Village
in Eugene, Oregon.
Location and time to
be announced soon!

**El Camino Real
Trade Fair**
Saturday, Oct. 14
Gutierrez-Hubbell House
6029 Isleta Blvd. SW
Free event!

**Sugar Skull
Fun Run**
Saturday, Oct. 28
National Hispanic
Cultural Center
1701 4th St. SW
Rattle your bones
for a good cause!

More details to come!

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Bernalillo County Animal Care and Resource Center Breaks Ground

BernCo officials and the community recently broke ground on the county's new Animal Care and Resource Center. The new facility will be 17,143 square feet and will include space for approximately 120 dogs and about 67 cats with additional space for large animals, small mammals, birds, and reptiles. Some of the exciting new programs and services will include community volunteer opportunities, educational and training classes for people and animals, youth camp programs, spaying and neutering, microchipping, vaccination clinics, foster care and animal adoption. Construction is expected to be completed by late summer 2018.

Talk to Us!

Bernalillo County wants to hear from you! Bernalillo County has a formal process for naming county buildings, facilities, and memorials, which includes a committee hearing, a public comment period, and final approval by the Board of County Commissioners.

Building/facility renaming proposals that are currently in the public comment period are:

- **Proposal to Create a Victims of Gun Violence Memorial**

The New Mexico Department of Cultural Affairs is seeking approval to build a memorial to honor the victims of gun violence on Bernalillo County property. The proposed location for the monument is the Bernalillo County District Attorney's Office, located at 520 Lomas NW in Downtown Albuquerque. The memorial would commemorate contemplative, meditative space for the surviving family members as well as an inspirational reminder to the staff of the judicial system and public that their efforts to protect our community are for an important purpose.

- **Two Proposed Public Safety Memorials**

Two memorials will be dedicated to honor and remember law enforcement officers, firefighters, corrections officers and first responders who have given their lives protecting others. Those being memorialized are fallen Bernalillo County, City of Albuquerque, federal, state, and local agency public safety officers who served or lived in Bernalillo County.

East Mountain Public Safety Memorial -- A proposal was submitted to name the undeveloped property located at 49 Public Schools Rd, Tijeras, NM 87059, the Bernalillo County Public Safety Memorial. The memorial is located across the street from the McGrane Public Safety Complex.

Arroyo Del Oso Park Public Safety Memorial -- A proposal was submitted to name the southeast portion of 8201 Osuna Road NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109, the Bernalillo County Public Safety Memorial. This area is located within the City of Albuquerque's Arroyo del Oso Park.

The Bernalillo County Naming Committee will take public comment into consideration when deciding whether to recommend approval of the proposals to the Bernalillo County Commission.

To view the proposals and make a public comment, please visit www.BernCo.gov.

NEED Assistance or Resources?

Contact neighborhood coordinator Darrell Dady at (505) 468-7364 or ddady@bernco.gov.