



BERNCO at a Glance

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Summertime and sunshine in Bernalillo County

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR HEARING

Second Wednesday of month
Wednesday, June 14, 9 a.m.
Wednesday, July 12, 9 a.m.

BERNALILLO COUNTY COMMISSION MEETINGS

ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING
Tuesday, June 13, 5 p.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING
Tuesday, June 27, 5 p.m.

No commission meetings
during the month of July

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 Tuesday, July 4
in observance of the
Independence Day holiday



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Summer Lunch Program

May 31 — Aug. 4, locations and times vary

The BernCo Office of Health and Social Services will be providing free and nutritious meals during the summer from May 31 through Aug. 4, 2017 at almost 50 locations throughout the county, for youth aged one - 18 years. No registration is required in order to receive a meal. BernCo is committed to supporting our community in partnership with the state Children, Youth and Families Department and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Bernalillo County's summer food service program has served thousands of free and nutritious meals for more than 30 years.



Program Rules:

1. Participants must be one to 18 years of age to receive a meal.
2. Meals or individual food items cannot be taken from the site.
3. Participants must receive an entire meal, including milk.
4. All meals will be served on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information, call (505) 314-0430 or (505) 314-0425, or visit www.bernco.gov/summerlunch.



Movies in the Park

Most Saturdays beginning June 3 – Aug. 26

Movies begin at dusk

Bring your lawn chairs and blankets, and even your own food and drinks; enjoy a FREE movie in the outdoors. It's today's version of a drive-in! Movies begin at dusk - and for the first time, food will be available at select venues for purchase.

June 3 | *Storks* @ Paradise Hills Community Center, 5901 Paradise Blvd. NW

June 10 | *The Secret Life of Pets* @ Westside Community Center, 1250 Isleta Blvd. SW

June 16 | *Kubo and the Two Strings* @ Raymond G. Sanchez Community Center, 9800 4th St. NW

June 17 | *The Jungle Book* @ Jerry Cline Park, 7205 Constitution Ave. NE

June 24 | *The Batman Lego Movie* @ Vista Grande Community Center, #15 Madera Road, Sandia Park

Full movie schedule at www.BernCo.gov. If you have weather-related questions or need more information, call the Movies in the Park hotline at (505) 314-0477.

La Familia Growers' Market

La Familia Growers' Market begins Friday, June 23 and will run from 4 – 7 p.m. each day through the end of October. SNAP, Double up Food Bucks, WIC and senior vouchers will be accepted.



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NM) and Twitter (@BernCounty)

BERNALILLO COUNTY



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**BERNALILLO
COUNTY OFFICIALS**

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Vice Chair, Dist. 2

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(505) 243-VOTE (8683)
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(505) 468-1290
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(505) 468-1243

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Main office: (505) 468-7031

**COURT OF WILLS, ESTATE
& PROBATE**

Probate Judge Willow Misty Parks
Main office: (505) 468-1232

SHERIFF

Manuel Gonzales III
Main office (non-emergency):
(505) 468-7100

Visit www.bernco.gov
for more information

Paradise Hills Mobility Study and Master Plan Meeting

Wednesday, June 7 beginning at 6 p.m.

Paradise Hills Community Center, 5901 Paradise Blvd. NW

Planning, design and construction of improvements to Paradise Hills Community Center, Paradise Hills Park and Park Lane, including parking, Rx Prescription Walk/trail, outdoor stage area, recreation improvements and site amenities.



Alameda Drain and Trail Public Meeting

Wednesday, June 14 from 6 – 8 p.m.

Raymond G. Sanchez Community Center, 9800 Fourth St. NW

Stop in at any time to learn about the project. There will be a short presentation at 6:30 p.m. detailing the process and summarizing the proposed drain and trail design solutions.

This project is the first phase of a multi-phase project to develop a multi-use trail and amenities along the Alameda Drain from Rio Grande Boulevard north to Cynthia Loop, just south of the North Diversion Channel, a length of approximately nine miles. Preview the master plan and download a comment form at www.bernco.gov/AlamedaDrainProject.



Greenprint Open House

Wednesday, June 14 from 4 – 7 p.m.

111 Union Square St. SE, BernCo Zoning Conference Room, first floor
Community-based mapping process to identify priority lands for preservation by Bernalillo County using the funds from the 2014 open space mill levy. The public will be able to view the final maps and the draft copy of the green print.

Residents Targeted by Property Tax Scams

Residents in Bernalillo County have been targeted by scammers over the phone trying to steal credit card and banking information, claiming to be from the Bernalillo County Treasurer's Office. Residents should hang up the phone immediately if they feel they are the target of a scam. Common tells that a scammer is calling include:

- Asking for credit card or other personal or financial information over the phone.
- Asking for payment by money order, check or any other method.
- Threatening that this is "your last chance" or "you will lose your home" if not paid immediately.
- Demanding money for taxes already paid.

Residents should never provide their credit card or banking information to unsolicited callers.

The BernCo Treasurer's Office will never ask for and does not accept payments over the phone. Residents who wish to pay their tax bills may do so through regular mail, in person at One Civic Plaza NW in Albuquerque or online at www.bernco.gov/treasurer/pay-property-tax.aspx. Residents can further educate themselves against credit card fraud by visiting the Federal Trade Commission's website at consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0216-protecting-against-credit-card-fraud.





Summer Family Fun Days at Bachechi Open Space

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

June's Theme is Plants and Pollinators

Discover the flowers in bloom and Bachechi and get to know the pollinators that make them possible through scavenger hunts, observations and experiments. Learn to identify your favorite flowers, then cut it open to see what's inside, or track a pollinator from plant to nest.

July's Theme is Arthropods Abound

Appreciate the arthropods around us by making them a hotel, or help us collect data on what insects are outside in the Open Space. We have a number of specimens you can look at under the microscope, or you can hunt for your own to observe.

Butterfly Awareness Month

June 7 from 7 – 8:30 p.m. at Bachechi Open Space, 9521 Rio Grande Blvd. NW

Presenter: Steve Carey

Learn about the plight of monarch butterflies, one of the most elegant species on earth, and what you can do to give them a helping hand right in your own backyard.

Persistent Places: Past and Present Communities

June 11 from 5 – 6:30 p.m. at Bachechi Open Space, 9521 Rio Grande Blvd. NW

Presenter: Lisa M. Fontes, Ph.D. Department of Anthropology, University of New Mexico

How do people make and/or understand places today? How has our understanding of place changed from what it was in the past? How can we apply archaeological and historical knowledge of southwest desert communities to better understand how we can both create new and conserve existing persistent places around us?

Petroglyphs of the Southwest

June 14 from 7 – 8:30 p.m. at Bachechi Open Space, 9521 Rio Grande Blvd. NW

Presenter: Diane Souder, National Park Service

Did you ever wonder what petroglyphs are and who made them? Join us for a discussion about petroglyphs throughout New Mexico and the Rio Grande Valley.

Wetland Action Plan Comanche Creek Watershed

July 12 from 7 – 8:30 p.m. at Bachechi Open Space, 9521 Rio Grande Blvd. NW

Presenter: Sarah Wentzel-Fisher, Quivera Coalition

Learn about a habitat restoration project on the Comanche Creek Watershed Project in the Carson National Forest led by the Quivera Coalition.

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

TO REPORT 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



14th Annual Jimmy Nieto Summer Softball Blowout

June 9 - 11 at the Tom Tenorio Softball Complex, 2900 Arenal Road SW

The event is a fun time for the entire family. There will be food vendors, jumpers for the kids, RV and camping spots, and music. For more info, call Ruben Trujillo at (505) 314-0397 or email rutrujillo@bernco.gov.

**UPCOMING
BERNCO
COMMUNITY
EVENTS**

*Mark your
calendars!*

**5th Annual
BernCo Bernie
Sheep Day and
First Impression
Youth Rodeo**
Saturday, Aug. 5
9 a.m. until dusk
Dennison Park
Rodeo Grounds
7001 Coors Blvd.
Free event!

Bosque Chile Festival
Saturday, Aug. 19
10 a.m. – 7 p.m.
National Hispanic
Cultural Center
1701 4th St. SW
*A celebration of
food, art and culture
on the Rio Grande*
\$5 admission

**New Mexico
Indulgences
(formerly
Chile y Chocolate)**
Saturday, Sept. 23
Gutierrez-Hubbell House
6029 Isleta Blvd. SW



Flooding is Possible. Know Your Risk.

KNOW YOUR FLOOD RISK: Bernalillo County and the City of Albuquerque provide a **Flood Map Information Service** to lenders, insurance agents, mortgage companies and the general public. You can find out what flood zone you are in by using this service.

FLOOD INSURANCE PROTECTS YOUR HOME: You can **buy flood insurance** even if you are not in a designated flood zone. Flood insurance is also available for renters.

PAY ATTENTION TO WEATHER REPORTS: The **National Weather Service provides information** to our area when there is a threat of flooding.

Use these reports to prepare ahead of time for the possibility of a flood. Have an **Emergency Response Plan** for your family to follow -- both the city and county have emergency response plans for flooding that you can access from their websites.

MAINTAIN YOUR PROPERTY: Make sure your home and property are ready for the rainy season. **Clean gutters, flow paths, culverts and storm drains.** Check these areas following any rain storm.

BUILD FOR PROTECTION: Bernalillo County and the City of Albuquerque have **specific building codes for development within flood zones.** Building to these codes will help protect your home.

For more information, please contact Don Briggs, for the unincorporated areas of the county (outside of the city limits), at (505) 848-1511 or visit www.bernco.gov/FloodZoneInfo. For areas inside of the city limits, call Rudy E. Rael at (505) 924-3977 or visit www.cabq.gov/hydrology.

Properly Dispose of Household Hazardous Waste

Household hazardous waste is the discarded, unused, or leftover portion of household products containing toxic chemicals. These wastes CANNOT be disposed of in regular garbage. Any product which is labeled WARNING, CAUTION, POISONOUS, TOXIC, FLAMMABLE, CORROSIVE, REACTIVE or EXPLOSIVE should be considered hazardous. Safely dispose of household hazardous waste at **Advanced Chemical Transport**, 6137 Edith Blvd. NE. Their business hours are:

Open Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Saturday 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
(Closed Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday)

For questions, call (505) 349-5220. This is a **FREE** service.
Please remember:

1. Bring products in original labeled containers.
If this is not possible, label the container with the contents.
2. Do not mix different or unknown materials together.
3. Check containers to make sure the lids are on tight.
4. Pack leaking containers in a large container. Use absorbent material such as cat litter or newspaper to absorb excess.



More info at www.bernco.gov/household-hazardous-waste-4261/.

NEED Assistance or Resources?

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