



BERNCO at a Glance

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Summer fun in Bernalillo County

**ZONING
ADMINISTRATOR
HEARING**
Second Wednesday of month
Wednesday, May 11, 9 a.m.

**BERNALILLO COUNTY
COMMISSION MEETINGS**
Zoning Meeting
Tuesday, May 3, 4 p.m.

Board of Finance Meeting
Tuesday, May 10, 4:30 p.m.

Administrative Meeting
Tuesday, May 10, 5 p.m.

Administrative Meeting
Tuesday, May 24, 5 p.m.

Zoning Meeting
Tuesday, June 14, 3 p.m.

Administrative Meeting
Tuesday, June 14, 5 p.m.

Administrative Meeting
Tuesday, June 28, 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, May 30
in observance of the
Memorial Day holiday

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Are You Ready for the Summer?

The 13th Annual Jimmy Nieto Softball Blowout takes place June 24 – 26 at the Tom Tenorio Softball Complex, 2900 Arenal Road SW. Registration is going on now. Team categories include men's recreation, men's competitive, co-ed recreation, co-ed competitive and women's. Cost is \$225 per team. The event is a fun time for the entire family. There will be food vendors, jumpers for the kids, RV and camping spots and a DJ. For more information, call Ruben Trujillo at (505) 314-0397 or email rutrujillo@bernco.gov.

Bernalillo County's always popular pools open for the summer on Saturday, May 28.

Locations include pools at Paradise Hills Community Center, Los Padillas Community Center, the Alameda Spray Park at Raymond G. Sanchez Community Center and the Rio Grande Indoor Pool. Call (505) 314-0400 or visit www.bernco.gov/aquatics for more information.



Movies in the Park is Back!

It's back! Bernalillo County's popular "Movies in the Park" summer series is kicking off this month and runs through July 30. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets; enjoy a free movie in the outdoors. It's today's version of a drive-in! Movies begin at dusk. Absolutely no alcohol, glass, sharp/dangerous items or video recording. Worried about a weather-related cancelation? Call the Info Hotline: (505) 314-0477. Visit www.bernco.gov for the full movie lineup!

Call (505) 314-0400 or visit www.bernco.gov/fun for information on additional summertime, fun time activities for the kids and the whole family.

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WE'RE MORE THAN YOU THINK



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Visit www.bernco.gov
for more information

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A Day in Paradise

Sunday, May 15
1 - 5 p.m.

Paradise Park
5901 Paradise Blvd. NW

Entertainment
Food Booths • Car Show • Vendors
FREE Jumpers & Games

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A Day in Paradise

Bernalillo County Commissioner Lonnie Talbert invites the public to enjoy A Day in Paradise, Sunday, May 15 from 1 – 5 p.m. at Paradise Hills Park, 5901 Paradise Blvd. NW. Enjoy this family-friendly event with great performances from youth clubs and groups, a live DJ, free jumpers, games, a car show, face painting, information booths and great food booths. Commissioner Talbert will also honor the 2016 Outstanding Citizens.

For more information, go to www.bernco.gov or call (505) 314-0245.

South Valley Celebration

The celebration, formerly known as South Valley Pride Day, is scheduled for Sunday, May 15 at Westside Community Center, 1250 Isleta Blvd. SW. The traditional parade starts at 11 a.m. on Isleta Boulevard and ends at the community center where this event for all ages will feature great music from local entertainers, games for kids and families, great food, and the 2016 Outstanding Citizens celebration. The Community Cleanup is scheduled from 8 a.m. - noon on Saturday, May 14. Groups will gather at Westside Community Center, where volunteers will then fan out across the South Valley to beautify our communities.

May is Mental Health Awareness Month

Please join Bernalillo County and the City of Albuquerque on Tuesday, May 24 to learn more about what is going on to address behavioral health care gaps in the community. The event will be located downtown at Civic Plaza and begins at 11 a.m. with a news conference happening at noon. There will be informational booths and food trucks.



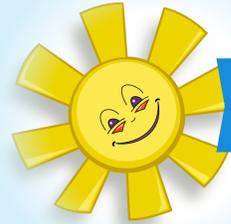
Talk to Us!

View an Adopted Ordinance | Adopted ordinances are those which have been voted upon, and approved by, the Bernalillo County Board of Commissioners but have not yet been codified into the county code.

- Ordinance 2016-14 - Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of Industrial Revenue Bonds for General Mills
- Ordinance 2016-13 - Amendments to Comprehensive Zoning Code
- Ordinance 2016-12 - Amendments to Scrap Tire Ordinance
- Ordinance 2016-8 - Establishing a Geographic Information System (GIS) Data Fee

To view these adopted ordinances visit www.BernCo.gov.

OPEN SPACE MAY & JUNE EVENTS TANTALIZE THE SENSES AND ENLIGHTEN THE MIND



April showers bring May flowers!

Stop and smell the flowers this month and next month with another fabulous lineup of events at the county's majestic Open Space properties.

Interpretive Tour and iNaturalist

Saturday, May 7 from 8:30 – 9:30 a.m., Ojito de San Antonio, 30 San Antonio Dr.

Join master naturalists on a walking tour of the Open Space properties and learn about the plants and animals that inhabit the sites. Also participate in an engaging citizen science project by observing the natural world with a keen eye and then posting observations on iNaturalist.org.

Register for this tour and view maps of all of the properties at www.bernco.gov/openspace.

Adventures at Bachechi Open Space: Evening Nature Walk

Saturday, May 14 from 7:30 – 9 p.m., Bachechi Open Space, 9521 Rio Grande Blvd. NW

Does the Open Space ever sleep? Join Cottonwood Gulch staff in a quiet walk under the moon, to see what's sneaking in the shadows once we've all gone to sleep. Join the hunt for nighttime photo synthesizers! To register, visit www.bernco.gov/openspace.

Backyard Farming Series: Landscape for Life

Recycled and Natural Building Materials in the Garden and

Complete Garden Design

Saturday, May 14, 9 a.m. – noon, Gutierrez-Hubbell House, 6029 Isleta Blvd. SW

This nationally recognized program covers the basics needed to plan and design your home garden landscape focusing on sustainability, permaculture and wise use of our limited natural resources. Each workshop builds on information shared from previous classes and offers tools to assess your home landscape. Following the workshop is an extended hands-on project for interested participants who want practical experience and don't mind getting their hands dirty.

Naturalist Series: Whirligig Beetles of the World

Saturday, May 21 from 5 – 6:30 p.m., Bachechi Open Space, 9521 Rio Grande Blvd. NW

Presenter - Dr. Grey Gustafson, Division of Arthropods, MSB

Learn everything there is to know about whirligig beetles - from their bewildering swimming patterns and smallest sperm in the beetle world to their two-part eyes that can see above and below the water surface. Come learn about this cool family of water beetles.

Register at www.bernco.gov/openspace.

Villages Along the Rio Grande: Albuquerque to Isleta Past and Present of the Barelvas Community

Saturday, May 28 from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Gutierrez-Hubbell House, 6029 Isleta Blvd. SW
Presented by guest speakers, Larry and Dorella Perea

Saturday, June 25 from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m., Gutierrez-Hubbell House, 6029 Isleta Blvd. SW
Guest speaker is Clara Peña.

In partnership with the Hubbell House Alliance, Bernalillo County Open Space presents this series that examines villages from historic Old Town traveling south to the Pueblo of Isleta, one neighborhood at time. Presentations are scheduled on the fourth Saturday of the month continuing through September. To register, visit www.bernco.gov/openspace.

Family Fun Days

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

Presented by guest speakers, Larry and Dorella Perea

May's theme is "The Power of Plants." Create a garden, protect pollinators, measure trees, and learn a new respect for the wildlife with every step. Each week features new activities for families that include an experiment for older explorers and a craft that will challenge the mind and hands. Come answer a challenge question to receive a prize! No need to register, just come on down.

For more information about any of these events, visit www.bernco.gov/openspace and check out the events page, or call (505) 314-0398.

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BernCo Hotline Numbers

TO REPORT A ROAD MAINTENANCE

ISSUE:
(505) 848-1503
(505) 848-1504

TO REPORT GRAFFITI:
(505) 24-ERASE
or (505) 243-7273

PARK WATCH PROGRAM:
(505) 468-7777

Or send an email to:
ContactCenter@bernco.gov

BERNCO WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA HANDLES

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www.BernCo.gov

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UPCOMING BERNCO PUBLIC MEETINGS AND EVENTS

South Valley Pool and Adobe Acres Facilities Neighborhood Meeting
Wednesday, May 11
6 p.m.
Rio Bravo Senior Meal Site
3912 Isleta Blvd. SW

Day in Paradise
Sunday, May 15
1 – 5 p.m.
Paradise Hills Park
5901 Paradise Blvd. NW

South Valley Celebration Community Cleanup
Saturday, May 14
8 a.m. - Noon
Volunteers meet at
Westside Community Center
1250 Isleta Blvd. SW

Parade and Main Attractions
Sunday, May 15
11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Westside Community Center
1250 Isleta Blvd. SW

Sanchez Farm, Tom Tenorio Park and Arenal Road Facilities Neighborhood Meeting
Wednesday, May 25
6 p.m.
Westside Community Center
1250 Isleta Blvd. SW

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Countywide Emergency Training Exercise

Bernalillo County participated in a coordinated statewide Strategic National Stockpile Exercise with county employees in April. Held at Fire Station 36 in the North Valley, the point of distribution exercise practiced the ability of Bernalillo County to open and operate a drive-through Point of Distribution

(POD) location, or a centralized distribution center, which would furnish preventative medication to county staff and the public in case of disease outbreaks or biological weapons attacks.

While the entire process takes only a few minutes to complete, ensuring a functional POD in case of a public health crisis will further guarantee county resources are available and well-staffed during a possible outbreak.

Upon arrival by vehicle to a drive-through POD, participants receive an informational flier about the outbreak (for the April exercise it was the plague), which educates them on the relevant disease and prevention. Participants then drive a few feet away to meet with a licensed emergency medical technician, who reviews medical information, discusses possible allergies and medications, and provides medical advice from a specifically designed intake form. Finally, the participant drives to the third station, which distributes medication.

The county's POD exercise was coordinated by the Bernalillo County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management. It served as part of the City Readiness Initiative and reinforces Bernalillo County's efforts to continually develop, practice and review plans for prevention and response for both natural and human-caused crises in the county in order to protect property and save lives.

Arenal Property Latest Addition to BernCo's Award-Winning Open Space Program

The Board of County Commissioners approved the acquisition and purchase of 23 acres of agricultural lands in the South Valley that will be an addition to the county's award-winning Open Space program. The cost of the property including water rights, as appraised, is just under \$1.85 million.

The property will be purchased with voter-approved Open Space mill levy funds and will be added to the county's Open Space inventory. In 2014, Bernalillo County voters approved a new .2 mill levy, or property tax, on the assessed value of property. The mill levy generates an estimated \$2.7 million a year that is to be used specifically for the acquisition, preservation, maintenance and programming of county open spaces.

The property is a part of the former Swendson Dairy located in the South Valley on Arenal Road directly across from Rio Grande High School. The 23.32 acres of land is and will continue to be used as agricultural lands as part of the Cultivating Bernalillo County Initiative, a series of programs and partnerships to support local farmers and increase access of our communities to local fresh food.

NEED Assistance or Resources?

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