



# BERNCO at a Glance

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ZONING  
ADMINISTRATOR  
HEARING  
Second Wednesday of month  
Wednesday, Oct. 5, 9 a.m.

BERNALILLO COUNTY  
COMMISSION MEETINGS

ZONING MEETING  
Tuesday, Oct. 4, 4 p.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE  
MEETING  
Tuesday, Oct. 11, 3 p.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE  
MEETING  
Tuesday, Oct. 25, 5 p.m.

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are held in the  
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city/county government bldg.  
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## Early Voting Convenience Centers Open on Saturday, Oct. 22

All early voting locations will be open Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m., from Oct. 22 to Nov. 5, with three exceptions:

- \* Clerk's Annex, 1500 Lomas Blvd. NW, opens Oct. 11, Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. until Nov. 5;
- \* Desiderio Community Center in Tohajiilee, Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m., Sat. 8 a.m. - noon;
- \* Isleta Recreation Center, Building 60, Tribal Road 40 on the Isleta Pueblo, Tuesday through Saturday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

## On Election Day, Nov. 8, all 69 locations will be open 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Visit [www.bernco.gov/myvoterinformation](http://www.bernco.gov/myvoterinformation) on a computer or mobile device to check voter registration status, view a sample ballot, request an absentee ballot, or find a nearby polling location.



## Bernalillo County Home Rule Urban County Charter

-- Will be on the Election Ballot --

Bernalillo County voters will have the opportunity to formally establish more local control of county government this fall in the November election, when a new constitution for the county goes to the voters for approval. The Bernalillo County charter would serve as a constitution, or framework for how Bernalillo County government is organized. The number of elected officials, county boundaries and most current ordinances would stay the same.

The charter would strengthen open government, ethics and compliance efforts; increase the efficiency of the county's purchasing processes; strengthen the county manager's ability to serve as chief executive of the county; and, establish a strong merit system for county employees. The bottom line is more local control of local government. The charter also calls for more financial audits to better protect tax dollars. For more information and to read the proposed charter, please visit

[www.bernco.gov/boards-commissions/urban-county-charter-commission.aspx](http://www.bernco.gov/boards-commissions/urban-county-charter-commission.aspx).

## 2016 General Obligation Bond Projects

Voters will be asked to approve a \$36 million bond package to help fund a number of Bernalillo County projects. General obligation bonds are one strand of revenue for capital projects that Bernalillo County uses and leverages to obtain additional funding from State of New Mexico capital outlay grants and federal transportation grants. General obligation bond funds are intended to go to the neediest projects, particularly those that are partially funded and need an extra push to achieve 100 percent funding. (continued on page 2)

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WE'RE MORE THAN YOU THINK



Early voting begins Oct. 22

**BERNALILLO  
COUNTY OFFICIALS**

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Art De La Cruz, Chair, Dist. 2  
Wayne A. Johnson, Vice Chair, Dist. 5  
Debbie O'Malley, Member, Dist. 1  
Maggie Hart Stebbins, Member, Dist. 3  
Lonnie C. Talbert, Member, Dist. 4  
Main office: (505) 468-7000

**COUNTY ASSESSOR**

Tanya R. Giddings  
Main office: (505) 222-3700

**COUNTY CLERK**

Maggie Toulouse Oliver  
Voting  
(505) 243-VOTE (8683)  
Recording & Filing  
(505) 468-1290  
Marriage Licenses  
(505) 468-1243

**COUNTY TREASURER**

Manny Ortiz  
Main office: (505) 468-7031

**COURT OF WILLS,  
ESTATES & PROBATE**

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

**SHERIFF**

Manuel Gonzales III  
Main office (non-emergency):  
(505) 798-7000

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for more information

Downtown Public  
**ARTSCRAWL**

Bernalillo County Cultural Services' Public Art Program, in collaboration with Albuquerque ARTScrawl and City of Albuquerque Public Art, present **Downtown Public ARTScrawl on Friday, Oct. 7, from 4 – 6:30 p.m.** Four Downtown government venues will be showcasing diverse collections of art and offering live music and refreshments. The art displays will be located at the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Government Center, One Civic Plaza NW on the 6th and 10th floors; the Bernalillo County Annex, 415 Tijeras, 1st floor; and the Albuquerque Convention Center. Many of the featured exhibits are part of Bernalillo County and the City of Albuquerque Public Art's 1% for the Art collections. More info at [www.ARTScrawlalbq.org](http://www.ARTScrawlalbq.org).



**Local Food Festival and Field Day**

Enjoy this free event on **Sunday, Oct. 9 from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the historic Gutierrez-Hubbell House, 6029 Isleta Blvd. SW.** Experience great local food, free samples, chef demos, food trucks, live music, film screenings, workshops, a beer and wine garden and kids' activities including face painting, petting zoo, and story time. *Ride a bike and park it in the bike valet!*

The continued success of this event reflects the ever-increasing demand for local agriculture, locally produced foods and gardening related activities. Connecting the public with local growers, producers, and businesses is crucial in sustaining local agriculture. The Local Food Festival and Field Day is one step in helping to make those connections. This annual event is presented by Bernalillo County Open Space, in cooperation with other community organizations.

**2016 General Obligation Bond Projects** (continued from page 1)

Six bond questions will be on the ballot.

**Question #1** will ask voters to approve the purchase of \$1.5 million in library materials

**Question #2** will ask voters to approve \$3.5 million for public safety improvements

**Question #3** will ask voters to approve \$5.4 million for parks, ball fields and aquatic redevelopments, fallen officer memorials; and a Route 66 visitors center

**Question #4** will ask voters to approve \$12.6 million for transportation and mobility needs such as paving and rehabilitating roadways, roadway striping, traffic calming and guardrails; bike lanes, sidewalks and trails in all districts; the Sunport Boulevard Extension project and the reconstruction of the Broadway/Woodward intersection; and the redevelopment of Bridge Boulevard

**Question #5** will ask voters to approve \$5.8 million for storm drainage and utilities needs such as North Valley drainage, South Valley drainage, the Montano gap levee, fiber optics design and installation, and the north Edith utility improvements

**Question #6** will ask voters to approve \$2.5 million for public housing rehabilitation needs in multifamily rental units and a tiny homes project for the chronically homeless population.

Please visit [www.bernco.gov/CIP](http://www.bernco.gov/CIP) for more information about the 2016 general obligation bond package and the project summaries.

# JOIN BERNCO OPEN SPACE FOR EVENTS ON HISTORY, HARVEST AND HAUNTINGS

## The Storied History of Carlito Springs

Oct. 8, 10 – 11a.m., Carlito Springs (82 Carlito Springs Road, Tijeras NM)

With its orchards and spring-fed waterways, Carlito Springs has been called “one of the most amazing landscapes in the Southwest.” Denise Tessier of the East Mountain Historical Society will share some of the storied history of this oasis overlooking Route 66 in Tijeras Canyon, both as a refreshing getaway for city dwellers and as the residence of a series of colorful characters, including Carl Magee, the famous newsman and inventor who gave Carlito Springs its name. This event is limited to 15 cars; however, is unlimited to people who are willing and able to hike to the event that will take place next to the Carlito Springs cabins. Carpooling is highly recommended due to limited parking near the main house and at the trailhead parking area. To register if you wish to drive, visit [www.bernco.gov/openspace](http://www.bernco.gov/openspace).

## Family Fun Days

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

During open hours, families can grab a nature pack, experience theme-based hands-on learning stations, art exhibits and interpretive tours. October's theme is Cycles of Life. As the seasons change, explore the cycles of life by adding to our seed mural, searching in a scavenger hunt, and mapping out the food chain. November's theme is Flights of Fancy. Grab a pair of binoculars and watch as cranes, crows and geese fly overhead.

## Bats: The Many Shapes, Sizes, and Colors Found Around the World

Oct. 22, 5 – 6:30 p.m., Bachechi Open Space (9521 Rio Grande Blvd. NW)

Presenter - Dr. Ernie Valdez, U.S. Geological Survey

Discover the different shapes, sizes and colors of bats that occur around the world, as well as learn about their unique behaviors that reflect their amazing morphology.

## Myth of the Hanging Tree by Robert Torrez

Oct. 27, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

Historian and author Robert J. Tórréz presents “Myth of the Hanging Tree: Stories of Crime and Punishment in Territorial New Mexico.” In this thoughtful study, several fascinating criminal cases are examined that reveal the harsh and often gruesome realities of the role hangings, legal or otherwise, played in the administration of frontier justice.

Contact Colleen McRoberts at (505) 314-0398 or [calangan@bernco.gov](mailto:calangan@bernco.gov) for questions about these events, school fieldtrips, presentations, volunteer opportunities or the Open Space properties.



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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](mailto:ContactCenter@bernco.gov)

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## NOVEMBER MEETINGS

## ZONING ADMINISTRATOR HEARING

Second Wednesday of month  
Wednesday, Nov. 9, 9 a.m.

## BERNALILLO COUNTY COMMISSION MEETINGS

## ZONING MEETING

Tuesday, Nov. 1, 4 p.m.

## BOARD OF FINANCE MEETING

Tuesday, Nov. 15, 4:30 p.m.

## ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING

Tuesday, Nov. 15, 5 p.m.

## ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING

Tuesday, Nov. 29, 5 p.m.

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THE  
**TRUST**  
for  
**PUBLIC**  
**LAND**



### Bernalillo County Greenprint Community Survey

Please help BernCo set Open Space priorities. Fill out a community survey at [www.surveymonkey.com/r/BERNCOUNTY](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BERNCOUNTY), before Oct. 7.

Bernalillo County is working with The Trust for Public Land on a “greenprint.” Through greenprinting, the county will make informed decisions about protecting important resources, including water resources, open space, cultural sites, wildlife habitat, and agricultural land. This process will help the county identify priority lands for conservation using funds raised by the voter approved mill levy passed in 2014. More greenprint info at [www.bernco.gov/OpenSpace](http://www.bernco.gov/OpenSpace).

### BernCo Assessor Offers Education Workshops for Mobile Home Buyers and Owners

Residents are invited to attend educational workshops to learn what they should know before and after buying a mobile home. The workshops are free to the public. At the workshops, residents will learn about tax releases, what they are, how to obtain one and what to do if they don't have one. Residents will also learn about the assessment process and the importance of ensuring the taxes have been paid on a mobile home before buying.

Two workshops are scheduled:

**Wednesday, Oct. 12 from 6 – 7 p.m. at the Raymond G. Sanchez Community Center, 9800 Fourth St. NW.**

**Wednesday, Oct. 19, from 6 – 7 p.m. at the South Valley Multi-Purpose Senior Center, 2008 Larrazolo Road SW.**

The BernCo Assessor along with the Treasurer's Office and MVD Express will be presenting information about property tax discounts, available options for making property tax payments and offering tutorials on how to properly register a mobile home. Spanish translation will be available at both workshops.

For more information, please contact the Bernalillo County Assessor's Office at (505) 222-3700 or email [assessor@bernco.gov](mailto:assessor@bernco.gov). *Se habla español.*

## Talk to Us!

**Bernalillo County wants to hear from you!** Bernalillo County has a formal process for amending ordinances and authorizing the issue and sale of revenue notes and bonds, which includes a public comment period and final approval by the Board of County Commissioners.

Below are the proposed ordinances that are in the public comment period:

\* Proposed Amendment of Ordinance - *Flood Prevention*

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

\* Proposal to change the name of Gateway Park to Dolores Huerta Park

\* Proposal to change the name of Cielo Vista Park to Skyview Park

The 2016 Stormwater Program MS4 Annual Report and the Stormwater Management Program Plan are available for public review and written comment. The reports cover stormwater compliance activities for the reporting period, July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016.

To leave a public comment, visit <http://www.bernco.gov/Government/talk-to-us.aspx>

## NEED Assistance or Resources?

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