Downtown Public ARTScrawl

Bernalillo County Cultural Services’ Public Art program, in collaboration with Albuquerque ARTScrawl and City of Albuquerque Public Art, presents Downtown Public ARTScrawl on Friday, Oct. 2, from 4 – 6:30 p.m.

Six 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, 1 Civic Plaza NW on the 6th and 10th floors; the Assessor’s Office, 510 Tijeras, 1st floor; the Bernalillo County Annex, 415 Tijeras, 1st floor; and the City of 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.

Second BernCo Bernie Book is in the Works

Bernalillo County is seeking an author to write the storyline of the next book in its BernCo Bernie children’s book series. The book is scheduled to be published in the summer of 2016.

Interested writers will provide a sample storyline to be considered. Information about how to enter the book writing contest can be found on BernCo Bernie’s website, www.BernCoBernie.com and clicking on “Adventures of BernCo Bernie” in the top menu.

Submissions must be turned in by Sept. 25, 2015 via email to Ana-Lisa Montoya, program manager, at amontoya@bernco.gov. The selected author will be notified by Oct. 2 and the final storyline would be due by Dec. 1. The selected author will receive a $1,000 cash prize, 10 copies of the finished book and will be invited to participate in all book promotion events.

Local Food Festival and Field Day

This annual fall favorite is the perfect event to take visiting family to after the conclusion of the Balloon Fiesta on Sunday, Oct. 11. Held at the historic Gutierrez-Hubbell House from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m., this free event features growers, vendors, chefs and community organizations all converging on the historic property to celebrates all things local and edible! Live music, food tastings and children’s activities are just some of the things planned for this community celebration.

For more information, visit www.bernco.gov/openspace or call (505) 314-0398.
BernCo’s Local Food Fest - The Peacock

BernCo at a Glance

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Visit www.bernco.gov for more information

Mobile Market Brings Fresh Food Options to Neighborhoods

Mobile Market is a pilot program that will bring fresh food to food deserts, neighborhoods where healthy food is hard to find, in Bernalillo County. The Mobile Market also offers cooking and nutrition classes.

The Mobile Market will visit the International District at First Nations Community Healthcare, 5608 Zuni Road SE, from 12-2 p.m. and at the University of New Mexico’s Southeast Heights Clinic, 8200 Central Ave. SE, from 3—5 p.m. International District dates are Sept. 1, 15 and 29; and Oct. 13.

South Valley locations include Presbyterian Medical Group clinic, 3436 Isleta Blvd. SW, from noon—2 p.m.; and the First Choice Community Healthcare, 2001 El Centro Familiar Blvd. SW, from 3-5 p.m. South Valley dates are Sept. 8 and 22, and Oct. 6 and 20.

The Mobile Market accepts cash, credit, EBT Cash Cards and EBT SNAP.

ACCELA Citizen Access Portal

BernCo offers its citizens, businesses, and visitors online access to county land, permit, inspection, and code enforcement information for the unincorporated area of Bernalillo County, 24 hours a day, seven days a week by going to http://epermits.bernco.gov/CitizenAccess/.

- Look up property information
- Search permit records
- Inspection history
- Submit a possible code violation
- Check the status of your permit

All of the above functionalities are available for the following departments: Planning and Development Services (Zoning, Building, Planning, and Health Protection Services), Public Works (Natural Resources, Traffic, and Development Review), Fire Department, Animal Care Services and the Economic Development.

Celebrate Dia de los Muertos in the South Valley

Mark your calendars! The Second Annual Sugar Skull Fun Run will be held on Sunday, Nov. 1. First race begins at 9 a.m. Registration information and more event details to come.
BernCo Open Space | It’s Fall Ya’ll

The Bosque Buzz | Sept. 12

10 – 11:30 a.m. at Bachechi Open Space, 9521 Rio Grande Blvd. NW

Come walk and take a closer look at the flowers of the Rio Grande bosque and their insect pollinators. Also, learn how Bernalillo County and Master Naturalist volunteers are creating habitats for pollinators at Bachechi Open Space.

Chile y Chocolate | Sept. 18

6:30 – 9 p.m. at the Gutiérrez-Hubbell House, 6029 Isleta Blvd. SW

Discover the history and art behind two New Mexico staples, chile and chocolate. This elegant evening event will include tastings, chef demonstrations, presentations and live music all under the stars at the historic Gutierrez-Hubbell House.

Geology Walk and Talk | Sept. 20

9 – 10:30 a.m. at Carlito Springs Open Space, 82 Carlitos Springs Road, Tijeras

Carlito Springs is ideally situated at the southern end of the Sandia Mountains and just above the Tijeras Canyon. It’s location in addition to rock retaining walls and naturally occurring tuff provides wonderful examples of various geological formations, structures and rock types.

Bear Fair at Elena Gallegos Open Space | Sept. 20

1 – 4 p.m., Elena Gallegos Picnic Area, Off Simms Park Road

Join the Sandia Mountain Bear Collaborative for this festive event that will include a panel discuss on living among bears and bear behavior, live music, kids activities, nature walks and information booths on wildlife.

Stories of the Middle Rio Grande: Genizaros Settlements featuring Robert J. Tórrez | Sept. 24

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

This presentation will discuss the capture and enslavement of Native Americans in colonial New Mexico and the evolution of this human traffic and the servitude it entailed into a class of free Native Americans called genizaros.

History of Sheep in New Mexico and a Changing Landscape | Sept. 26

9 – 11 a.m. at the Gutiérrez-Hubbell House, 6029 Isleta Blvd. SW

Sheep, the symbol of Bernalillo County, were brought to New Mexico in the late 1500’s by the Spaniards. These resilient animals have dramatically changed the culture and landscape throughout the state and continue to have a significant impact today.

Stories of Carlito Springs | Sept. 27

10a.m. – noon at Carlito Springs, 82 Carlitos Springs Road, Tijeras

Carlito Springs’ rich history encompasses colorful stories from past residence and visitors including Carl Magee who was the founder of the Albuquerque Tribune and inventor of the parking meter. Guest storytellers as well as visitors will be invited to recall some of their past memories and experiences at the property when it was a private residence and retreat.

BernCo Hotline Numbers

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Aging and Older Americans Program Plan Public Hearings Scheduled

The City of Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Area Agency on Aging along with the Older Americans Advisory Council will conduct a series of public hearings on the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Older Americans Program Area Plan. The draft plan identifies programs and resources in support of services to be offered for persons age 60 and older in Bernalillo County. Comments will be solicited from senior citizens, their advocates and other interested individuals and organizations on services to be funded with federal, state and local resources.

The public hearing dates are:

**Thursday, Sept. 3, 2015**
Los Griegos Health & Social Service  
1231 Candelaria Road NW  
10 a.m. – Noon

**Monday, Sept. 14, 2015**
Caesar Chavez Community Center  
7505 Kathryn Ave. SE  
2 – 4 p.m.

**Friday, Sept. 11, 2015**
Holiday Park Community Center  
11710 Comanche Road NE  
10 a.m. – Noon

**Tuesday, Sept. 29, 2015**
Alamosa Community Center  
6900 Gonzales Road SW  
10 a.m. – Noon

**Evaluations for Aging Septic Systems**

The Board of County Commissioners on Oct. 28, 2014 unanimously approved changes to the Bernalillo County Wastewater Systems Ordinance to prevent groundwater pollution from aging septic systems starting July 1, 2015.

The amended ordinance requires evaluation of on-site residential wastewater systems that are more than 30 years old and require repair or replacement when necessary; it also defines circumstances under which conventional septic systems may be replaced, based on the geology and the number and spacing of surrounding wastewater systems; and updates technical requirements to align the county ordinance with recently adopted state regulations.

The amendment calls for:
- Evaluation of septic tanks greater than 30 years in age;
- Residents to complete the initial evaluation within five years from the 30th anniversary date;
- A recurring, five-year evaluation of functioning septic systems greater than 30 years in age; and the replacement of septic systems found to be failing.
- Notification to Bernalillo County, if you have connected to municipal sewer and no longer have a functioning septic system.

The county has income-based financial assistance programs available to help residents connect to sewer or to assist with evaluation, repair or replacement of septic systems.

For more information, please visit [http://www.bernco.gov/public-works/aging-septic-system-inspections.aspx](http://www.bernco.gov/public-works/aging-septic-system-inspections.aspx)

**Sunport Boulevard Extension Project**

The public comment period for this project has been extended to Sept. 28, 2015. Written comments can be submitted to: Peter Hinckley, URS/AECOM, 6501 Americas Parkway NE, #900, Albuquerque, NM 87110, Attn: Sunport Boulevard Extension, or via email to peter.hinckley@aecom.com. For more info, please visit [www.bernco.gov/projects](http://www.bernco.gov/projects).

**Need Assistance or Resources?**

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