



BERNCO at a Glance

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NORTH VALLEY LITTLE LEAGUE

Entrance to the new Edward C. Sandoval North Valley Little League Complex

COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

First Wednesday of month
Wednesday, May 6, 9 a.m.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR HEARING

Second Tuesday of month
Tuesday, May 12, 9 a.m.

BERNALILLO COUNTY COMMISSION MEETINGS

Zoning Meeting
Tuesday, May 5, 4 p.m.

Special Zoning Hearing
for Santolina Master Plan
Monday, May 11, 4 p.m.

Board of Finance Meeting
Tuesday, May 12, 4:30p.m.

Administrative Meeting
Tuesday, May 12, 5 p.m.

Administrative Meeting
Tuesday, May 26, 5 p.m.

Special Zoning Hearing
for Santolina Master Plan
Thursday, May 28, 1:30 p.m.

*Meetings 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*

County offices will be closed on
Monday, May 25 in observance of the
Memorial Day holiday

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Kick your Summer into High Gear with Bernalillo County

From sports to swimming and summer lunch, Bernalillo County has you and your family covered. Bernalillo County's **summer lunch program kicks off Monday, June 1**, providing free healthy meals to children at 48 locations including parks, apartment complexes and community centers. The program is open to children up to 18 years of age, and no registration is required. Bernalillo County's summer meal sites are located in the North Valley, South Valley and East Mountains. Visit www.bernco.gov/yss/summerlunch for more information.



Looking for something to do this summer? Check out the Bernalillo County Community Center in your neighborhood. County community centers offer affordable before and after school programs, summer programs, field trips, arts and crafts and more. Call (505) 314-0400 or visit www.bernco.gov/fun for more information.



Bernalillo County's always popular **pools open for the summer on Saturday, May 23**. Locations include pools at Paradise Hills Community Center, Los Padillas Community Center and at the Alameda Spray Park at Raymond G. Sanchez Community Center.



The Rio Grande Indoor Pool is also scheduled to open this season after a complete overhaul. Call (505) 314-0400 or visit www.bernco.gov/aquatics for more information.

Movies in the Park is scheduled to kick-off on Friday, June 5 at dusk with the showing of "Strange Magic" at the Los Vecinos Community Center, 478 1/2 Old Hwy. 66, Tijeras, NM. Stay tuned for the rest of the summertime Movies in the Park lineup.



As always, Bernalillo County's **five fitness centers** are open throughout the year, providing a low-cost way to stay in shape for all seasons. Visit www.bernco.gov/fun for locations and hours.



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WE'RE MORE THAN YOU THINK



North Valley Little League batting cages

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Gateway Growers' Market Moves to Thursday Evenings, Begins May 14



The South Valley MainStreet program will host the Gateway Growers' Market every Thursday evening from 5 – 8 p.m. at Gateway Park, 100 Isleta Blvd. SE starting May 14. The market will offer local produce and specialty products. The market now accepts SNAP and WIC. For more information, contact Richard Meadows at rmeadows@berncogov or (505) 217-2484.

South Valley MainStreet to Review Art Concepts

Bernalillo County Cultural Services and South Valley MainStreet will review potential art concepts for the Historic Bridge Boulevard Redevelopment on **Tuesday, May 12 from 6 – 8 p.m. at the National Hispanic Cultural Center**, 1704 Fourth St. SW. For the past three months, community members have been exploring the history and identity of the South Valley. This session will examine potential locations, types, and mediums of public art for the MainStreet district's "entrada." For more information, contact Bernadette Miera at bmiera@berncogov.

Parks, Recreation & Open Space Facilities Master Plan 2015 - 2030

Bernalillo County Parks and Recreation is currently updating the 'Parks, Recreation & Open Space Facilities Master Plan 2015 - 2030.' This plan will provide a 15-year roadmap for the development of future parks, recreation and open space facilities. A series of public meetings will be held during the month of June to gather community input.

Each public meeting will feature an interactive exercise to determine parks and open space facility priorities for each district given the limitation of funding available.

The meeting schedule is:

Monday, June 8, 6 p.m.,

Bernalillo County Sheriff's North Area Command Center, 6900 Fourth St. NW

Wednesday, June 10, 6 p.m.,

Keshet Performance Space, 4121 Cutler Ave. NE

Tuesday, June 16, 6 p.m.,

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

Wednesday, June 17, 6 p.m.,

Los Vecinos Community Center, 478 ½ Old Hwy. 66, Tijeras, NM

Thursday, June 18, 6 p.m.,

Westside Community Center, 1250 Isleta Blvd. SW

Initially developed in 2003, Bernalillo County has completed 80 percent of the projects identified. These projects include the Rio Grande Pool renovation; Bachechi, Pajarito, Durand, and Ojito Open Spaces; Hubbell House renovations and other Open Space development; Vista Grande and Paradise Hills community center improvements; and playground upgrades throughout the county.

For more information call (505) 314-0436.

Preparing for the Fire Season

As summer approaches, we are reminded that it is fire season here in Bernalillo County and around the state. Due to the dry conditions, the county will probably soon be



under fire restrictions, which include smoking bans and regulations, campfires and open burning outside the city limits.

For more information about how residents can prepare for the fire season, contact the Bernalillo County Fire Prevention Bureau at (505) 468-1310.

Baseball Field Dedicated to Martin Romero

District 2 Commissioner Art De La Cruz and the South Valley Little League (SVLL) honored and remembered baseball enthusiast Martin Romero at a recent baseball field dedication ceremony held just before opening day.

Romero was a 14 year-old South Valley student and All-Star baseball player who lost his battle with brain cancer last year.

With the help of the Make-a-Wish Foundation, Romero's dying wish to help improve the South Valley Little League playing fields was realized. The Make-a-Wish Foundation donated \$2,000 to fund improvements at the SVLL fields and the Albuquerque Baseball Academy also donated \$1,000 for the purchase of baseball equipment in Romero's honor. At the dedication ceremony, the Romero family presented the new baseball equipment to the SVLL.



North Valley Little League Celebrates Grand Opening

District 1 Commissioner Debbie O'Malley and the North Valley Little League celebrated the grand opening of the Edward C. Sandoval North Valley Little League Complex, located at 4007 Edith Blvd. N.E.



The complex was named after former state Rep. Edward C. Sandoval, a long time legislator and advocate for the North Valley and especially the North Valley Little League. Sandoval, an avid baseball fan, has a long history with the North Valley Little League as a parent, manager, coach and mentor.

The new baseball complex features four new baseball fields, dugouts, batting cages, parking and other amenities. The new park was built on vacant land the county already owns, and will provide a permanent home for the North Valley Little League. The baseball complex cost about \$4.7 million to build.



North Valley Little League scoreboard

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

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UPCOMING BERNCO COMMUNITY EVENTS AND MEETINGS

South Valley Celebration

Sunday, May 3
Noon – 5 p.m.

Westside Community Center
1250 Isleta Blvd. SW

Bridge Boulevard Corridor Public Meeting

Thursday, May 7
Open House 4:30 – 6 p.m.
Presentation 6 – 7:30 p.m.
South Valley Multi-Purpose
Senior Center
2008 Larrazolo Road SW

Arenal Storm Drain Construction and AMAFCA Pond 187 Project Public Meeting

Monday, May 18
6 – 7:30 p.m.
Rio Grande High School,
La Sala
2300 Arenal Road SW

South Valley MainStreet Listening Session

Saturday, June 6
10 a.m. – Noon
National Hispanic Cultural
Center
1701 Fourth St. SW

Topic: *Final Input on Public
Art Concepts*

Rio Grande Indoor Pool Grand Re-opening

Sunday, June 7
Begins at Noon
Rio Grande High School Pool
2300 Arenal Road SW

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“The Adventures of BernCo Bernie” Book is Coming in June

BernCo Bernie, the spokes sheep of Bernalillo County, will be featured in a new book called “The Adventures of BernCo Bernie.” The book highlights the BernCo Open Space properties of the South Valley and teaches the reader about geocaching, a modern day activity similar to a scavenger hunt. There are several geocaches that take place on or around BernCo Open Space properties that will delight and educate the reader. The bilingual book was written by award-winning author Jill Lane of Bernalillo County, and translated into Spanish by award-winning author Nasario Garcia of Santa Fe. It was illustrated by Marisol Baird of Santa Fe. The book will be available at all Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Public Libraries beginning in early June. “The Adventures of BernCo Bernie” is the first book in a planned series.



Don't Recycle That!

The first step in making sure that you're sending the right materials to be recycled is to double check the list of materials that are acceptable for recycling. When you can't find something on the list, don't recycle it!

Unacceptable items found in your recycling are one way to contribute to contamination. Another rule of thumb is to make sure recyclables are clean and dry. Liquids and residue from food waste can ruin highly valuable pieces of cardboard. Liquids and food weaken paper fibers, making paper products less recyclable, or less valuable as a recycled material. If you follow those guidelines you'll actually take a big step toward making sure that your recycling is contamination-free. **So remember: If you're not sure if it's accepted, or if it's not clean, trashing it is actually the better option!** For more information about contamination and its impact on recycling, visit www.Recyclebank.com/contamination.



South Valley Second Street Projects Update

Second Street SW Valle del Oro Trail, Phase 1

This is a bike and pedestrian project located along Second Street, from the South Diversion Channel to Prosperity Avenue. The project will construct a multi-use trail at an estimated total cost of about \$948,000. Construction will begin in Fall, 2015.

Second Street/Valle del Oro Refuge Access Improvements (FLAP)

This is a road and bike/pedestrian improvements project located along Second Street from the Valle del Oro National Wildlife Refuge entrance to Mountain View Elementary School. It will reconstruct the roadway and add new features that include drainage, curb, gutter, sidewalks, multi-use trail, landscaping, lighting and signage. Additionally, it will realign the Desert Road intersection. Estimated total project cost is just under \$11.5 million. Environmental compliance work and pre-design work began in April, 2015.

For more information about these projects and all county projects, please visit www.bernco.gov/projects.

NEED Assistance or Resources?

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