



BERNCO at a Glance

BernCo's latest public art installation, Reels and Wheels, in front of the historic Hiland Theater

**ZONING
ADMINISTRATOR
HEARING**
Second Wednesday of month
Wednesday, July 13, 9 a.m.

**BERNALILLO COUNTY
COMMISSION MEETINGS**
No commission meetings
during the month of July.

The 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, July 4
in observance of the
Independence Day
holiday

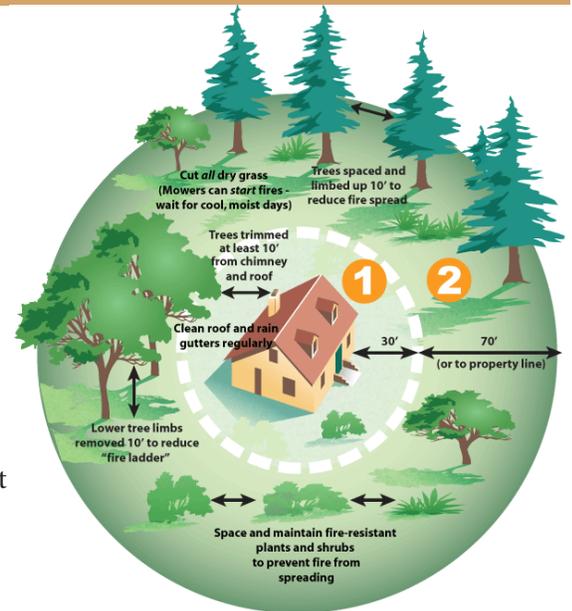
Protect Your Home, Starve a Fire

Fires need fuel such as dried needles and undergrowth, as well as dead and fallen trees. Fuel feeds power and energy to the flames. Fuel is the force which drives wildfires to consume thousands of acres, and to destroy our homes.

Recent experience with the Dog Head Fire in Torrance and Bernalillo counties has shown what ideal conditions, combined with plenty of fuel, can lead to in terms of damage. As of June 22, the Dog Head Fire had burned almost 18,000 acres, 12 homes, and has required more than 900 personnel to reach significant containment.

But fuel around your home can be managed. While good property management is not a sure-fire guarantee, clearing the space around your home of plant litter and dried timber may help protect it in case of fire, especially in woodland areas. A clean, open area will starve a fire of its needed fuel, making it harder to spread, harder to reach your home and harder to invade your community.

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Flash Floods: A Real Danger of Fire

In the aftermath of a destructive wildfire, the thoughts on many locals' minds are straightforward: "return, rebuild, recover." Communities want to gather together, find solidarity and heal. But while residents return to their homes, they must be alert to another deadly threat: flash floods.

Residents of affected communities must be vigilant this upcoming season. In addition to trees and power lines made unstable by the fire, the burned ground conditions will produce extensive runoff, especially in monsoon rains. Debris flows transporting downed trees, are especially dangerous.

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Reels and Wheels,
public art structure

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for more information

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Gateway Grower's Market



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Fresh locally grown produce and plants, and arts/crafts vendors. Every Wednesday afternoon from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at the South Valley Gateway Park, corner of Isleta and Bridge Boulevards SW. SNAP and WIC accepted.

National Night Out

The annual National Night Out (NNO), a crime/drug prevention event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch, is scheduled for **Tuesday, Aug. 2**. Check with your neighborhood association or neighborhood watch leader for scheduled events.

The National Night Out campaign involves citizens, law enforcement agencies, civic groups, businesses, neighborhood organizations and local officials from more than 15,000 communities. This event has proven to be an effective, inexpensive and enjoyable program that promotes neighborhood spirit and police/community partnerships for safer communities and neighborhoods across the country.

Neighborhoods can celebrate NNO with a variety of events and activities such as block parties, cookouts, visits from the local police and fire departments, exhibits and flashlight walks.

If you would like officers/staff from the BernCo Sheriff's Office, Fire Department, Animal Care Services, or Park Watch to attend your National Night Out event, please contact BernCo Neighborhood Coordinator Darrell Dady at (505) 468-7364 or ddady@bernco.gov.



BernCo Bernie Sheep Day and Rodeo are Comin'

Hey cowboys and cowgirls, it's time to strap your boots on and get ready for the Third Annual BernCo Bernie's Sheep Day and First Impression Youth Day Rodeo, Saturday, Aug. 6 at Bernalillo County's Dennison Park and Rodeo Grounds in the South Valley, 7001 Coors Blvd. SW. The event will run from 9 a.m. 'til the sheep come home.

Youth rodeo events include barrels, poles, flags, goat tying, steer dobbin', bull riding, calf riding, mutton busting, stick horse and more. Age categories are 6 and under, 7 - 9, 10 - 13, 14 - 18 and an open division for team roping, ribbon roping, breakaway and chute doggin'. All events are free for the youth to participate but registration is required, just go online to www.FIRC.bravesites.com.

Cowboys and cowgirls can also see sheep shearing demonstrations, enjoy pony rides, visit a petting zoo, and shop with cowboy craft vendors. Come out and meet the real BernCo Bernie sheep. This is a free event for the community. See you there, pardners!



CHILE FESTIVAL

Join in the celebration of the chile harvest on Saturday, August 20, 2016 from 11 a.m. - 7p.m. at the National Hispanic Cultural Center, 1701 Fourth St. SW! This is a free event and festivities include entertainment, kid's activities, arts and crafts vendors, food trucks, and chef demonstrations. Local individuals and restaurants will compete in a chile and salsa taste-off. Attendees can pick the winner of the chile and salsa taste off by purchasing a "sampler wrist band" for \$5. Stay late for the concert in the theatre. For more info, visit www.bernco.gov/bosquechilefestival or call (505) 468-1418.

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SUMMER FUN AT BERNCO OPEN SPACES AND TRAILS

**Summer Family Fun Days at Bachechi Open Space, 9521 Rio Grande Blvd. NW
Every Saturday in July and August from 5 – 8 p.m.**

Cool down in the summer months with an evening stroll under the trees, get engaged with nature by checking out a nature pack or enjoy a picnic in the park under the pecan trees as the sun sets behind the Bosque at the Bachechi Open Space. A different theme is featured each month with different hands-on activities each week. No need to register for these free activities, just come down to Bachechi on Saturday's where the whole family will have fun and learn something about the local environment. Sponsored by Bernalillo County Open Space and presented by Cottonwood Gulch.

• **July, Arid Adaptation**

Learn some desert adaptation strategies as you avoid the heat of the day. Stop by any week this month to adopt a plant and examine its desert strategies.

• **August, Why is(n't) it raining?**

Explore Bachechi before and after monsoons. Come in any week this month to help predict the weather, or just play in the mud.

• **Special Summer Features include:**

- Build and take home your own nature journal
- Finish Bosque Bingo and get a prize
- Join us each second Saturday to put on a puppet show featuring animals from around the Bosque and Bachechi

Villages Along the Rio Grande: Albuquerque to Isleta

Gutierrez-Hubbell House, 6029 Isleta Blvd. SW

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 a time. To register visit www.bernco.gov/openspace.

History of the Pajarito Neighborhood

July 23, starting at 10:30 a.m.

Presented by guest speaker Elaine Lujan

All the BernCo Open Space trails are open daily from dawn to dusk.

Visit www.bernco.gov/openspace to learn about the properties and for trail maps.



Movies in the Park

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.

JURASSIC WORLD, July 15, Los Padillas Community Center, 2117 Los Padillas Road SW

BIG HERO 6, July 16, Wilson Park, 1138 Cardenas Dr. SE

HOTEL TRANSYLVANIA 2, July 22, Raymond G. Sanchez Community Center, 9800 Fourth St. NW

CINDERELLA, July 23, North Domingo Baca Community Center, 7521 Carmel Ave. NE

STAR WARS: THE FORCE AWAKENS, July 30, Los Duranes Community Center, 2920 Leopoldo Road NW



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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

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**UPCOMING
BERNCO
EVENTS**

**GATEWAY
GROWERS MARKET
EVERY WEDNESDAY
AFTERNOON**

5:30 – 8 p.m.
South Valley Gateway Park
100 Isleta Blvd. SW
SNAP and WIC accepted
Come buy local!

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Here are a few things you can do to starve a fire and create defensible space around your home:

- At least five feet from your home: clean gutters of debris regularly, and use non-flammable landscaping and high-moisture vegetation.
- At least 10 feet: remove dead vegetation, plant litter and dry timber.
- At least 30 feet: keep out firewood and propane tanks, water plants regularly, space trees 30 feet apart, mow the lawn regularly below four inches and trim trees from hanging over the house.
- At least 100 feet: prune trees above six feet from the ground, and consider making “fuel breaks” with open lawns, driveway and walkways.
- At least 200 feet: remove smaller conifers growing between taller trees, trim tree canopies for 10 feet of separation and remove accumulations of woody debris.
- On all parts of your property: minimize the buildup of densely vegetated areas, thin ground space of leaves, needles and twigs, and keep plants from under buildings and away from decks.

Bernalillo County is working to create a safe fire season for citizens across the county, and especially in the East Mountains. Visit www.firewise.org for more wildland fire safety information.

Visit the BernCo Fire Department at www.bernco.gov/fire for more fire prevention tips, as well as current alerts and open burn restrictions. You may also call the Fire Prevention Bureau at (505) 468-1340.

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Residents should do the following to help keep themselves and their homes and properties safe:



- Consider purchasing flood insurance (more information at www.floodsmart.gov).
- Determine escape routes and safe rooms in your home in case a flood hits.
- Purchase a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration weather radio and/or monitor the National Weather Service website for warnings at www.weather.gov.
- Put together a go-bag with emergency supplies and first aid equipment.
- Safeguard valuables and critical documents in a safe deposit box or waterproof container.
- Prepare for flooding by elevating appliances and electrical wiring, anchoring fuel tanks and removing hazardous chemicals.

For information on how to keep you and your home safe after a wildfire, visit www.afterwildfirenm.org. Please find the time to consult their condensed guide.

NEED Assistance or Resources?

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