

# NEWSLETTER

## Planning & Zoning

The primary purpose of the Planning & Zoning

Department is to administer and enforce the Town of Bernalillo Zoning Regulations. The Department also guides public and private development through comprehensive planning, development policies and review standards in order to create and maintain a balanced community. P&Z is also responsible for reviewing individual subdivision plats, commercial and residential site plans, rezoning applications and use permits.



### Building Permits Required?

If you want to build a new home, renovate an existing home, or just make improvements to your residence, a permit may be required?

### Why do I need a building permit?

A permit is required to ensure that work meets minimum safety codes and standards and to determine if the project is in a flood zone. Building permits also ensure that all planning and zoning requirements, such as setback distances and zoning restrictions are met. Doing work without a permit can cost you money and may also affect your ability to sell your property at a future date.

### When is a building permit not required?

Permits are required for most types of construction work, however, they are not required for:

Sheds under 200 square feet

Fences and block walls less than 6' foot tall. Restrictions may apply to residences located on corner lots.

Decks under 200 square feet in area, under 30 inches in height, and not attached to another structure.

### Who do I talk to about building permits?

Joe Benney with the Planning and Zoning Department is the Certified Flood Plain Manager and the Certified Building Official. Joe can discuss your project and provide you with all the necessary information. Joe can be reached at 505-991-3950, 505-771-5822, or by email [jbenney@townofbernalillo.org](mailto:jbenney@townofbernalillo.org)



## MEETINGS

Town of Bernalillo Town Council Meetings held in the Council Chambers at Town Hall

April 11th @ 6:30 p.m.

April 25th @ 6:30 p.m.

Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting held in the Council Chambers at Town Hall

April 5th @ 6:30 p.m.

## CALL FOR COMMISSIONERS

**public service**

The Town of Bernalillo is soliciting letters of interest from Bernalillo

residents who wish to serve a two-year term as a Planning and Zoning Commissioner. The Planning and Zoning Commission consists of seven members, all of whom serve two year terms. The Planning and Zoning Commission is charged with the duties of enforcing and carrying out the provisions of all laws relating to planning, platting, and zoning with a general purpose of guiding and accomplishing the appropriate and positive physical development of the town.

Letters of interest may be submitted to Mayor Jack Torres, Town of Bernalillo, via mail to PO Box 638, Bernalillo, NM 87004 or delivered to Town Hall at 829, Camino del Pueblo between the hours of 8:00am-5:00pm.



### Spring has sprung and so have the weeds!

Please take the time to maintain your property in compliance with Town of Bernalillo Ordinance #73 which requires that weeds in excess of four inches in height must be removed from the following areas:

- Within the front, rear or side yard setbacks of the property
- Between your property line and the middle of an alley adjacent to the property
- Between your property line and the curb or street
- The area of any curbs or sidewalks on the property
- And the area ten feet outside the property line where there is no curb or street

*It's important to remember that the area between the wall or sidewalk and the curb and/or the alley is the responsibility of the homeowner. Weeds always seem to crop up in these forgotten areas and it is not the responsibility of the Town to maintain or clean-up those areas.*

To report excessive weeds call Joe Benny at the Town of Bernalillo at 771- 5882. Property owners with excessive weeds will be cited under this ordinance.

## PUBLIC MEETING April 5th, 2016 @ 6:30 p.m.

Town Hall Council Chambers



Proposed Small Farm Animal Ordinance

- ⇒ Review Draft Ordinance
- ⇒ Public Comment



The Facts about HB99  
REAL ID BILL

- ✓ Brings the state into compliance with the REAL ID Act.
- ✓ Current New Mexico driver's licenses remain valid until they expire for everyone, regardless of immigration status.
- ✓ Ensures New Mexico's undocumented immigrants continue to be licensed to drive.
- ✓ Creates two licenses— one that is REAL ID compliant and one that is not REAL ID compliant (Driving Authorization Card).
- ✓ U.S. citizens and lawfully present immigrants may apply for the REAL ID license by presenting additional federally required documents at MVD.
- ✓ Undocumented immigrants who currently have valid driver's licenses will NOT be required to submit fingerprints when they apply for a "driving authorization card," unless they let their licenses expire.
- ✓ First time "driving authorization card" applicants who are undocumented will have to submit their fingerprints for a background check, but the fingerprints and the results of the background check will not be shared with federal immigration or local law enforcement agencies.
- ✓ Current New Mexico driver's licenses will be valid for travel on domestic flights until at least 2020.
- ✓ Newly issued REAL ID and non-REAL ID licenses will be valid for travel on domestic flights until further notice by the federal government.



Coming soon to the  
**Pavilion in Rotary Park**  
**Bernalillo Farmers Market**

**Opening Day:**

Friday, June 17, 2016 (thereafter every Friday until October 28th)  
4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.



*If you are interested in becoming a vendor call Bonnie @ 250-9105*

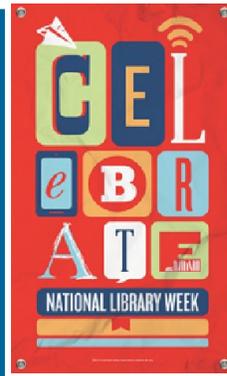


- ◆ Coronado Little League Opening Day—April 9
- ◆ Earth Day—April 22
- ◆ Arbor Day—April 29
- ◆ Great American Clean-Up—May 7
- ◆ Memorial Day Parade—May 30

Look for more information on our website:  
[www.townofbernalillo.org](http://www.townofbernalillo.org) or our Facebook page (town-of-Bernalillo)



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**National Library Week**  
April 10<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> is  
National Library Week.

Libraries today are more about what they do for and with library users as opposed to what they have for patrons. Libraries aren't only a place of quiet study, but also creative and engaging community centers where people can collaborate using new technologies, discuss books, or just relax. Our library offers access to a variety of print materials for all ages as well as digital resources, including e-Books, e-Research Databases, and Homework Help that can be accessed at the library or from home with a library card.

Come by the library and see what we can offer you.



**FAIR HOUSING IS THE LAW!**

Each April, we use Fair Housing Month to mark the passage of the 1968 Fair Housing Act, the landmark law which prohibits housing discrimination.

Specifically, the Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination in housing because of:

Race or color	National origin	Religion
Sex	Familial status	Disability

Anyone who feels he or she has been discriminated against may file a complaint of housing discrimination: 1-800-669-9777 (Toll Free), 1-800-927-9275 (TTY) or on-line at [www.hud.gov/fairhousing](http://www.hud.gov/fairhousing)



The Town of Bernalillo is looking for Summer Camp Counselors and Summer Lifeguards. More information is available on the website at <http://www.townofbernalillo.org/employment.htm>



**Sandoval County WIOA Program in Need of Youth Workers**

Sandoval County WIOA program is currently searching for youth workers 19-24 years old. If you would like more information about this program please contact Andrew Fresquez at 505-771-2160 Ext. #236 or email [afresquez@wccnm.org](mailto:afresquez@wccnm.org)

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