



# TOWN OF BERNALILLO

*"The City of Coronado"*

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August 2015



The Governing Body of the Town, at its June 8, 2015 meeting voted unanimously to offer the equivalent of \$1,250,000 to the Bernalillo Public Schools Board of Education for the Roosevelt Campus. At its June 18, 2015 meeting, the BPS Board voted 4-1 to accept the offer. The final hurdle, required by state statute, is the approval of the transaction by the NM State Board of Finance. The Board of Finance is expected to address the issue at its July 21, 2015 regular meeting.

The Town anxiously awaits consummating the transaction, and beginning the process of reviving the historic property, and bringing it back to life. Thousands of Bernalillo area children began their education on the Roosevelt Campus. Hundreds of educators began, and many ended their careers at Roosevelt. Mrs. Carroll, known to many as Billie Carroll was the matriarch of Roosevelt for much of its life as a school.

The site began as an elementary school in the early 1930's. Originally, the campus was home to children in grades one through twelve. For many years the campus was also home to the Sandoval County Equal Opportunity Commission (EOC). The campus was also home to Bernalillo's first Head Start Program (1960's). As the community grew, Roosevelt was transformed to kindergarten through 2nd grade; then kindergarten and administrative offices; and eventually Even Start (pre-kindergarten) classrooms. In 2010 BPS built Bernalillo Elementary and ceased using Roosevelt.

The campus has sadly fallen into a state of disrepair, and after careful consideration, the Town decided to tender their purchase offer to the schools. Some have asked, why should the Town purchase Roosevelt? Alt-

hough there were many factors to consider, several stood out. 1) The Roosevelt Campus has a long and rich history for thousands of us. The two story library is a WPA era building (Works Progress Administration) listed on the National Historic Register. This beautiful campus can once again become a significant asset for our community. It will take energy, planning and resources to transform it from its current sad state of neglect into a vibrant, productive facility. This process will take time, but the Town is committed to moving forward to revitalize the campus one phase at a time. 2) The timing is right. The appraised value of the property has decreased significantly over the past five years. The Town can afford the \$1,250,000 price and has funds set aside to begin revitalization. We will not borrow money, nor raise taxes to make the purchase. In addition, the time is still right to salvage the property. We have all seen the effects of vandalism and neglect. Vacant buildings will do nothing but deteriorate. The facility remains in good enough condition to salvage, today. Who knows what any more time will do to the property. 3) The campus is 7.67 acres, with 50,670 square feet of buildings and seven portables that lend themselves to multiple uses. We have already been approached by several potential tenants. Our goal will be to return the Roosevelt into an asset for the community. 4) As a Governing Body we must be ever vigilant to our current fiscal position, while looking toward the future. The Roosevelt Campus is contiguous to Town Hall and our Police Department Headquarters. This location adds the potential for even more uses by the Town. 5) Perhaps most importantly, the funds to purchase the property and begin revitalization are available today. Over the past five years we have generated significant savings by a number of actions (i.e., canceling costly, unnecessary service contracts; careful budgeting and management oversight of all expenditures; aggressively pursuing unpaid state and federal reimbursements; etc.). The

Town will not raise any taxes or fees, or sell bonds of any type to purchase the property. The \$1,250,000 is currently in our bank accounts and available. In addition, we continue to maintain adequate cash reserves to satisfy state statutes.

Some opportunities only come around once in a lifetime. After careful consideration, the Governing Body made the unanimous decision to move forward. The time is right. The price is right. We will carefully move forward. In time, the Roosevelt will once again be looked upon as a jewel in the middle of our community.

Our Town Council has seized the moment. Purchasing and revitalizing the Roosevelt Campus is a bold, historic action. We anticipate that history will have the possibility of repeating itself. We look forward to the future when many more generations of Bernalillo area families will look with fondness to the Roosevelt and the role the campus played in their lives.

**NEXT STEPS:**

- 1) New Mexico State Board of Finance anticipated approval of the transaction July 21, 2015
- 2) Purchase finalized by Town and BPS.
- 3) Town to begin rehabilitating the WPA two-story building in order to move the Martha Liebert Library.
- 4) Town to initiate community dialogue on potential uses of balance of campus.

Help us plan the future of this community jewel. We value and want your input.





TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE!



Movies start at sundown

Watch a movie under the stars. Bring your blankets, lawn chairs, and a picnic. FREE Popcorn.

July 25—The Man of Steel (PG-13)  
Fred Saiz Park

August 12 — TBD—Viewer's Choice  
Rotary Park

FIESTAS de  
**San Lorenzo**  
August 9th - 11th



- ◇ Fiesta Schedule available online at [www.townofbernalillo.org](http://www.townofbernalillo.org) or at Town Hall.
- ◇ Fiesta Poster now available for sale at Town Hall.



**Town Hall Activities**

**August 8th—10th**

**Food ♦ Music ♦ Carnival**

Entertainment schedule available online at [www.townofbernalillo.org](http://www.townofbernalillo.org)

**CALENDAR**

**August 4th:** Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting @ Town Hall @ 6:30 pm

**August 11th:** Town Council Meeting @ Town Hall @ 6:30 pm

**August 24th:** Town Council Meeting @ Town Hall @ 6:30 pm



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**46TH ANNUAL SANDOVAL COUNTY SHERIFF'S POSSE RODEO**



Friday, August 14th @ 7 p.m.  
& Saturday, August 15th @ 6 p.m.  
@ the Sandoval County Posse Grounds

**PARADE**

**SANDOVAL COUNTY SHERIFF'S POSSE RODEO PARADE**

Saturday, August 15th @ 10 a.m.  
On Camino Del Pueblo



**Tuesday, August 4, 2015**

*A good night to get to know your neighbors.*

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods a safer, better place to live.

Presbyterian Medical Services Head Start/Early Head Start  
Early Head Start: Prenatal to 3 yrs  
Head Start: 3yrs to 5yrs



We offer a variety of programs to care for our communities' smallest members including Head Start, Early Head Start, Pre-K, Parent Education / Home Visiting and Early Intervention. Services are free to eligible families. Call Bernalillo Head Start at (505) 771-0647 for more information

**We need good people who choose to serve  
Join the Planning & Zoning Commission**

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.

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. Letters of interest must be received by August 11, 2015



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