

DECEMBER

NEWSLETTER

A Month of Holiday Happenings

Children's CHRISTMAS FUND



The Town of Bernalillo will once again continue the tradition of the Children's Christmas Fund to benefit less fortunate children in our community. Monetary donation of any amount, or new toys will help brighten the holidays for the children of Bernalillo. Donations can be made at Town Hall.

Also, If you know of a child that might not otherwise receive a gift this season, gift application forms are available at Town Hall.



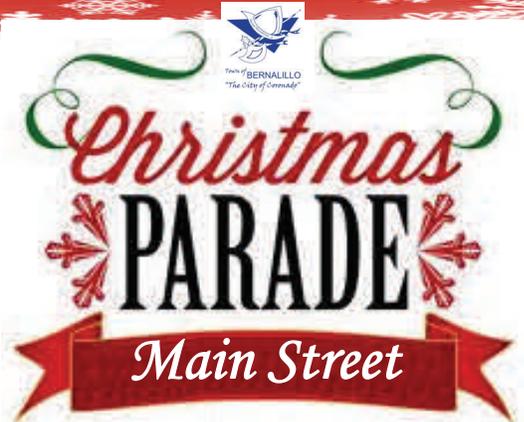
December 25
12 noon
Come see
Santa and his
helpers (the
firemen) at
Town Hall.



Friday, December 4th, 6:00 p.m.
Town Hall
Christmas Carolers
Biscochitos and hot apple cider
will be served.



We will also be lighting
up the water tower in
Rotary Park.



Saturday, December 5th, 6:30 p.m.
Calle Escuela to Rotary Park
Theme: Christmas Past, Present, and Future
Parade applications available at Town Hall
and on-line at www.townofbernalillo.org

Parade followed by a
Bonfire at Rotary Park
Biscochitos and hot apple
cider will be served.



Tuesday, December 22
6pm to 8pm

@ The Recreation Center
@ Rotary Park

Holiday displays, refreshments, and LIVE entertainment
SANTA CLAUS will make a special appearance to visit with children and give
goodies. All ages are welcome and everything is FREE!!!



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Village in the Bosque the Town's new mixed-income affordable housing development built in the footprint of the Town's public housing project at 857 Calle Los Mayores is complete and ready for residents. The project which included rehabbing old units and new construction was recently completed creating 98 housing units. Additions include solar panels, new landscaping, and new outdoor amenities. Improvements have been made to roads and sidewalks.

Santa Fe Civic Housing Authority manages Village in the Bosque. Applications for residency are still being accepted. Call 867-2792 if you have any questions or need more information.



DECEMBER IN THE LIBRARY

Look for the Library Book Car in the town parade on December 5th.

Every Tuesday we will put out a new craft that you can do throughout the week. Each craft will have a theme centered on getting ready for the holidays.

- Week 1**, December 1st - Tis the season
- Week 2**, December 8th – Giving
- Week 3**, December 15th – Decorating
- Week 4**, December 22nd – It's HERE!



Town of Bernalillo Municipal Elections: March 1st, 2016

Offices up for election:

- Two (2) at large council seats (4 year term)
- One Municipal Judge (4 year term)

Candidate filing date: **January 5th, 2016**

To be eligible to vote in the March 1st municipal election you must be registered by **February 2nd, 2016**

Absentee ballots can be issued beginning February 10th.

Absentee voting will begin on **January 26, 2016**

Early (In-person) voting at Town Hall begins **February 10, 2016**

Absentee and early voting end on **February 26, 2016**

For questions or to request an application to vote by absentee call the Town Clerk's Office at 771-7128 or email at iferro@townofbernalillo.org.



Grease is a byproduct of cooking. It comes from meat, lard, oil, shortening, butter, margarine, food scraps, baking goods, sauces and dairy products. When grease washes down the sink, it sticks to the insides of the pipes that connect your home or business to the town's sewer. Eventually, the grease can build up until it completely blocks sewer pipes. Garbage disposals don't keep grease out of sewer pipes. Products that claim to dissolve grease may dislodge a blockage, but will only cause problems farther on down the line when the grease hardens again.

How you can help at home:

- Don't pour grease down sink drains or toilets.
- Scrape grease and food scraps into the trash.
- Or, pour grease into steel cans, let it harden and throw in the trash.
- Catch food scraps and other solids with a strainer in the sink drain, and empty the strainer into the trash.
- Stop using your garbage disposal if possible, or try to minimize its use.

FIRE SAFETY IN THE HOME

Fireplace and Chimney Safety

Keep your family safe and warm in these cold winter months by following these fireplace and chimney safety tips:

- Inspect the fireplace. Make sure it has adequate protective linings and smoke ducts.
- Check to see that the chimney is clear and in good repair.
- Have chimneys inspected annually, and cleaned as necessary by a Certified Chimney Sweep.
- Keep the top of chimneys clear of tree limbs or debris
- Install a chimney cap to keep debris and animals out of the chimney
- Always open the damper before lighting the fire and keep it open until the ashes are cool.
- For burning firewood in wood stoves or fireplaces, choose well seasoned wood that has been dried for a minimum of six months to a year and stored properly.
- Place firewood or firelogs at the rear of the fireplace on a supporting grate. To start the fire, use a firelighter.
- Never use gasoline, charcoal lighter or other fuel to light or relight a fire.
- Do not use coal or charcoal in a fireplace because of the danger of carbon monoxide build-up.
- Do not treat artificial logs like real logs. Be sure to read the instructions on the logs and follow them carefully.
- Always use a screen around the fireplace to keep sparks from flying out.
- Warn children about the danger of fire.
- Keep flammable materials such as carpets, pillows, furniture or papers away from the fireplace area.
- At holiday time, make sure the Christmas tree is not close enough to be ignited by a spark. Be especially careful of accidentally igniting holiday wrapping papers.
- Always make sure that the fire is completely extinguished before going to bed for the night or when leaving the house.