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"The City of Coronado"

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OCTOBER 2017

Mayor Jack Torres would like to formally invite the residents of Bernalillo to the
2017 STATE OF THE TOWN ADDRESS
Mayor, Town Council, and Town of Bernalillo Department Heads will be available to answer questions from the public.
October 11th • 6:30pm
Town Hall Council Chambers



LAND OF ENCHANTMENT BLUES FESTIVAL 2017

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7TH
NOON-6:30 • LORETTO PARK

A great afternoon of Blues from local, regional and national Blues bands. Gates open at 11 am. Food trucks, local brews & wines available - along with arts & crafts! This is a family-friendly festival with children 12 & under free of charge!

Music Schedule:

Noon - 1:00 Memphis P'Tails
1:15 - 2:15 Felix y los Gatos
2:30 - 3:30 Holland K. Smith Band
3:45 - 4:45 Chill House Band with Hillary Smith
5:00 - 6:30 Danielle Nicole Band

\$15 ADVANCE TICKETS
\$20 AT THE DOOR
ALL AGES WELCOME
SERVICE ANIMALS ONLY
NO OUTSIDE FOOD

Info & Advance Tickets:
ENCHANTMENTBLUES.ORG



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Town of Bernalillo Lodgers' Tax • NM Arts • Kaktus Brewing Co.

Do I Need a Building Permit?
Janet Cunningham-Stephens - Planning & Zoning Director

Many residents are used to building a carport, reroofing the house, or demolishing an old structure on a weekend without thinking about contacting the Planning and Zoning Department for a permit. However, under the Town's ordinances, permits are required for the following types of work:

- New construction of a home or commercial building
- Placement of a mobile home (which must be 1985 or newer)
- Carport/Garage/Porch/Pergola/Deck
- Shed (if over 200 square feet)
- Fences, Walls, and Signs
- Reroofing
- Demolition
- Any work effecting structural elements, electrical, plumbing, or gas lines

Staff will check to verify that all regulations are met, whether it's the zoning classification, lot size, lot area, height, setbacks from property lines, or building code requirements, and determine if review by the Planning and Zoning Commission is necessary.

Other concerns are people living in storage sheds and recreational vehicles. RV's can only be occupied in a campground and cannot be hooked up to standard utilities since the use is for temporary shelter. Storage sheds are meant for the storage of belongings. Both violations are subject to code compliance by the Town. Also, homes must have utility services (i.e., water and sewer to meet building code requirements). When residences are found without service, the properties are considered substandard and the occupants are required to correct the situation or leave the property.

Staff also deal with weeds, inoperative vehicles, and trash. It's been a very rainy year and weeds are growing quickly. Per the ordinance, having weeds over 4 inches tall on any part of your lot is against the rules, and if they are along the street next to your property, or growing in an alley behind your home, it's your responsibility to clean half of the alley and up to the street/curb.

Last but not least, we receive complaints about neighbors parking on sidewalks, in front yards, and blocking access to fire hydrants. Please be courteous. Use the parking spaces in your garage or carport, and on your driveway. Store inoperative vehicles under cover in the side/rear yard of your lot. Blocking the street can be dangerous to children and pedestrians, as well as restrict emergency services. Time is critical when a fire occurs or an ambulance needs to reach someone having a medical emergency.

So before you build, reroof, or demolish something on your property, be sure to call us for information.

Joe Benney *Building Official* (505) 771-5882 or (505) 991-3950
Alana Lovato *Admin Assistant/GIS Tech* (505) 771-7118
Janet Cunningham-Stephens *Planning and Zoning Director*
(505) 771-5896.



**WINTER IS COMING:
FURNACE AND FIREPLACE MAINTENANCE
MIKE CARROL - BERNALILLO FIRE CHIEF**

To properly prepare your furnace for the winter months requires just a few hours of your time and a little effort in order to keep you and your

family safe and warm. If your furnace malfunctions, you can have it repaired before you need indoor heating.

Here are few tips in checking your furnace:

- Replace the air filter in your furnace each month. Locate the filter and pull it out, then slide in the new filter into the slot, following the arrows on the frame of the filter.
- Consider upgrading the filter if your current filter is a flat filter. Upgrading to a pleated filter, HEPA filter, or electrostatic filter which increases the energy efficiency of your furnace and allows the warm air to flow unimpeded through your home.
- Clear your air vents and ducts. Remove the vent covers with a screwdriver and use the extension hose of your vacuum to remove the dust.
- Inspect the blower belt for cracks. Turn off the power to the furnace at the main circuit breaker. Use a screwdriver to remove the steel cover of the air handler. The blower belt is the largest rubber belt that you see. Replace the belt if it is cracked.
- Inspect the exhaust flue outdoors to ensure it is free of obstructions such as branches or animal nests.
- Keep the area around your furnace unit free of debris and clutter.
- Open all your air vents. Remove furniture, boxes and clutter that get in the way of air flowing from the vents.
- Keep flammable objects away from your furnace.

If you have a fireplace, this is also a great time to make sure the chimney and flue are in good working order. Burning fires in a chimney leads to accumulation of the soot and creosote, a flammable, sticky substance that can cause chimney fires if it's not removed. Take a flashlight and peer inside the chimney flue to determine whether the chimney needs to be cleaned. You can purchase cleaning supplies for the chimney or you can also contact a professional as well.

Since it has been awhile since you used your fireplace, it's also a good idea to check the chimney for any animals that may have nested there. If you find an animal, please take the necessary steps to remove the animal before using your fireplace. *To reach ANIMAL CONTROL, please call 505-891-7226.*

Having carbon monoxide (CO) and radon detectors are important for everyone's safety. Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless, tasteless and toxic gas produced as a by-product of combustion. Also a fuel burning appliance, vehicle, tool or other device has the potential to produce dangerous levels of CO gas. You can purchase these detectors at most hardware stores.

These are just a few ways to get prepared for the winter ahead, the key to being ready is to prepare before cold weather arrives.

OCTOBER CALENDAR

- 9th - Town Council Meeting - Town Hall 6:30pm
- 10th - Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting - Town Hall 6:30pm
- 11th - 2017 State of the Town Address - Town Hall 6:30pm
- 17th - ESCAFCA Meeting - Town Hall 6:00pm
- 23rd - Town Council Meeting - Town Hall 6:30pm

TOWN OF BERNALILLO COAT DRIVE

The Town of Bernalillo will begin collecting new and gently used coats and for the youth of Bernalillo. All sizes are needed, infant to 2XL.

Please drop off donations at TOWN HALL, 829 Camino del Pueblo now through November 30th.

SHARE THE WARMTH!



**2017 BHS HOMECOMING PARADE
OCTOBER 12TH AT 5PM**

**MARTHA LIEBERT
LIBRARY**



REMINDER OF NEW HOURS - We are open until 7:30 p.m. every Tuesday and Wednesday!

STORY TIME FOR CHILDREN 2-5 YEARS OLD is now on Fridays from 10-10:45am starting on the 6th.

OCT 10th - NEW MEXICO ART AND ARCHITECTURE LECTURE - Kathy Flynn, Executive Director of the National New Deal Preservation Association, will be at the library to talk about New Mexico Art and Architecture that was commissioned through the New Deal! 6pm-7pm

WALK THROUGH HISTORY - The library will have a display of photos on New Deal Projects in New Mexico throughout the month of October.

OCT 17th - DIA DE LOS MUERTOS art project 6-7pm all ages.

OCT 24th - BOOK SALE 5:30-7pm

OCT 28th - HALLOWEEN FAMILY EVENT 10-Noon Family event with games, crafts, and more!

SPEAKER SERIES IS BACK! Throughout October and November local artisans, authors, and wine makers will be sharing information on their art.

OCT 7th - Pete Baca - Tin Art Work and Trastero Cabinets (Traditional and colonial furniture) 10am

OCT 14th - Rudy Miera - NM history and retablos - 10am

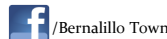
OCT 21st - Orlando Lucero - Colonial and New Mexico style furniture and retablos - 10am

Valle del Sol of New Mexico is here to help families and individuals with behavioral health programs and services, specifically designed to address the unique challenges faced by families in New Mexico. All services are free to qualifying individuals.

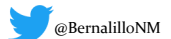


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