



# Town of Bernalillo

*"The City of Coronado"*

**PATRICIA A. CHÁVEZ**

Mayor

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## MAJOR'S UPDATE

### The 2010 U.S. Census is Important for Bernalillo - Census Jobs Available

This is the year, the U.S. Census strives to take an accurate count of everyone that lives in our community.

It is a vitally important event for Bernalillo since we rely on federal and state funding for many of our infrastructure and service projects. Finding the funds to replace our aging infrastructure and to improve services in our town has been one of my priorities. Federal and State funding levels for the next 10 years are set by the a complete count of our population.

A complete count of community members helps provide the baseline for key civil rights laws, such as the Voting Rights Acts and fair representation at all levels of government. It represents more than \$14,000.00 per individual over the next decade. Obtaining a complete count, also ensures that Bernalillo gets its fair share of the billions of dollar available for neighborhood improvements, public health, educational programs, good programs, transportation and other benefits. I encourage you to be counted as the official U.S. Census Bureau community canvassing begins.

The Census also determine funding for our local senior and health services organizations, schools and other community based organizations. If we are not counted, the funding Bernalillo needs becomes more difficult to obtain.

Over the next few weeks, the U.S. Census Bureau is recruiting census workers in Bernalillo and I am strongly encouraging local residents to apply.

These are temporary, part-time jobs which pay \$12.25/hour with mileage reimbursement at 55 cents per mile. Flexible work schedules may be possible and it includes four days of paid training. Applications and a test should take no longer than 90 minutes. The ability to speak a second language is a valuable skill.

Recruitment began in February and the Census Bureau is projecting a seven (7) month census cycle but it could be longer. **Job applicants should call 1-866-861-2010 to apply.** Interviews and testing will be done at 10:00 a.m. every Wednesday at the conference room of First Community Bank at the

## BERNALILLO WATER UPDATE

In 2005, ARS-USA was invited to set up a pilot water treatment test in Bernalillo using its new arsenic removal technology.

After the required RFP process, in 2007, the Town awarded contracts to Narasimhan Consulting Services (NCS) as the lead engineering firm, and ARS-USA for the arsenic treatment (water preparation) technology. NCS was responsible for the overall design of the water treatment process including the final filtration of the treated water which removes the treatment waste particles.

The ARS-USA technology was selected based on the pilot results and a preliminary engineering report and because it didn't introduce new chemicals as others do. The technology had very good reviews from the EPA and New Mexico Environment Department (NMED).

The filtration process designed and installed by NCS has not performed as required by their contract. After thorough review, the Town of Bernalillo terminated engineering and filtration system contracts with Narasimhan Consulting Services (NCS) for the Town's water wells effective March 11, 2010. The Town will seek remedy for non-performance and move to recover all damages and other losses through built-in NCS contract provisions and any other legal recourse available.

Town administrators are working closely with (NMED) and Wilson & Company, the Town's 'on-call' engineering contractor, to implement an immediate corrective action plan for the water filtration system for wells #3 and 4. Town officials along with NMED assure Bernalillo residents that water from these wells do not pose any acute health risks.

A new lead engineering firm, yet to be selected, will look at the solutions proposed for wells #1 and 2 which are currently under a construction contract. The Town does not foresee any delay in meeting schedules for the re-commissioning of wells #1 and 2.

## SATURDAY WITH THE MAYOR

The next Saturday morning with Mayor Patricia A. Chávez is scheduled for Saturday, March 6, 2010, from 10:00 a.m.—noon in the Council Chambers. To sign up for a 10 minute session with Mayor Chávez or for further information, call Ida Fierro at 505.771.7128.

While this forum provides residents who work Monday—Friday, with a opportunity to meet on issues or concerns, other times and other venues are also available. You can also present questions or concerns at 505.771.7129, by fax at 867-0481; or mail to:

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## NEWSLETTER HIGHLIGHTS:

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- 2009 Fire & Rescue Results

## FIRE & RESCUE CALLS GREW SIGNIFICANTLY

This past year was another growth year for the Town's Fire Department. Calls in 2009 reached 1,550—an increase of 207 over 2008. Especially notable was the increase in emergency medical services (EMS) calls which grew to 1,201. Mutual Aid



responses to Sandoval County calls doubled in 2009 to 67.

To handle the growth, Chief Estrada commented, "The new Iron Compass 'Onscene' mobile computer systems planned for implementation in 2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr 2010 will greatly improve the town's ability to arrive at the scene faster and be better prepared. Our fire personnel will have the medical history and other building or location-specific information necessary to deal with any emergency, efficiently and effectively."



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### **BERNALILLO YOUTH BASKETBALL PROGRAM—HEROS**

This year the BYBP successfully fielded 16 teams with 156 total participants. Mayor Patricia A. Chávez offers a tip of the hat and thanks to all youth, volunteers coaches, referees, recreation center personnel and others that made the program another resounding success this past year. The coaches included *Desi Aragon, Raymond Aragon, Raymond Archibeque, Danny Branson, Robbie Chavez, Santiago Chavez, Joseph DeHerrera, Lynette Deuel, Louie Duran, Mindi Madrid, Paul Madrid, Gilbert Martinez, Eddie Mendoza, Manuel Montaña, Alvina Paquin, Gerred Prairie, Addison Rocha, Eddie Torres III, Hugo Trillo, Gabriel Trujillo, and Maury Varela. Hard-working referees were Barbara Finley, Anthony Jaramillo, Floyd Jaramillo, Manuel Perez, and Joel Trillo.*



### **BERNALILLO CAMP CORONADO REGISTRATION**

The early registration period for the 2010 summer program is February 22 through March 19, 2010, Monday—Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Early registration qualifies for a \$20.00 discount. Registration is at the Recreation Center at Rotary Park. The camp is limited to the first 150 registrants on a first come, first serve basis. The fees include field trips, breakfast, lunch, materials and all activities. Call 505.238.0689 for full program details.

### **Reminder! Free Tax Preparation Help for Bernalillo Residents**

The Town of Bernalillo Housing Authority and the "Tax Help New Mexico", a free tax preparation service for low-income residents, is collaborating to help Bernalillo residents file their tax returns. The service is vitally helpful to working individuals who are eligible for IRS refunds under the "earned income tax credit" program. Individuals must file an IRS tax return in order to receive this benefit.

Appointments will begin the first week in February. Call Debbie Chavez at 505.261.2247 to schedule, 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday. No walk-ins will be taken.

### **2010 NAMIWALKS for the Mind of America—May 1st**

NAMI—the National Alliance on Mental Illness, a grassroots, self-help and advocacy organization is hosting the 2010 NAMIWALKS for the Mind of America on Saturday, May 1, 2010 at the Albuquerque Academy. Check in at 8:00 a.m. at the parking lot of Hoffmantown Church (8888 Harper NE); start time is at 9:00 a.m. Volunteers and Sponsors can contact Marilyn Salzman, NAMI Westside, 505.203.7179.

### **Librarian's Corner**

*Story Time For Children* begins at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 4, 2010; and, will continue every Thursday until further notice. Stories will be read in English and/or Spanish. Special guest presentations for children's hour will be announced and posted at the library the week prior.

*Adult Reader's Group:* A sign-up sheet at the Library's front desk is offered to those interested in joining the new reading group. A choice of times each week is available for the group and anticipate to formally launch the group(s) on April 7th. The groups will meet in the relaxing atmosphere of the Southwest Reading Room.

*Check out the Bestsellers Section.* Come and see the wide selection and new releases purchased every month. The Librarian's Pick for this month is "Iron River" by Jefferson Parker.

A special thanks goes to craftsman, Rick Catanach and the TOB Youth Conservation Corps personnel for building the beautiful new wood shelving. The shelves are ready for children's Spanish language books. This is a new section of the library that needs expansion.

English and/or Spanish *book donations* are always welcome. Muchas gracias, thank you to *Gloria Chavez - Robinson*, who donated several copies of the *La Herencia*. *La Herencia* is the quarterly journal of the Hispanic Genealogical Research Center of New Mexico. This publication is an excellent start for those interested in their New Mexican Hispanic heritage, and a good resource for researchers and others.

To help with research whether genealogical or otherwise, the Martha Liebert Public Library has *four computers with internet access*. A fifth computer (with no internet access) has children's programs and learning applications. Bring your children and have them read or improve their computer skills while you enjoy all the other benefits of the library. The library is opened from 10:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m., Monday—Friday; and 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. on Saturday. Librarian Elizabeth Aguilar, can be reached by email at [eaquilar@townofbernalillo.org](mailto:eaquilar@townofbernalillo.org) or by phone at 505.867.1440.

### **AN APPEAL TO PET OWNERS**

All too frequently, we step into unsanitary problems left behind by our pets and sometimes livestock. Pet owners should know that TOB Animal Control Ordinance Nos. 100 and 146 make it unlawful to allow your pet to leave these nuisances in our public areas including parks and sidewalks; and, especially on your neighbor's private property. Be mindful of your neighbors.

If pet or other livestock owners have any questions regarding vaccination, licensing, impoundment and other animal care and control ordinances, please stop by Town Hall for a copy of the TOB Animal Control Ordinance handbook.



### **ALEGRIA RESIDENTS DONATE STUFFED ANIMALS**

Mayor Patricia A. Chávez thanks the generosity of all Alegria residents who donated over 100 stuffed animals to the Bernalillo Police Department for our youth. Police officers provide this known safety net as comfort for our children as circumstances arise that require police interaction with them.

### **11<sup>th</sup> Annual Bernalillo EGGstravaganza**

The Town of Bernalillo Recreation Department and First Assembly of God Church will host the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Bernalillo Eggstravaganza on Saturday, April 3, 2010 at Rotary Park. The event starts at 10:00 a.m. and is open to all children, ages 1-12.



In addition to hunting for the randomly placed prize eggs, stay for the free bike raffle and fun jump! For more information, contact Jason Soto at 505.238.0689.

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Mar 2	ELECTION DAY, 7 a.m.—7 p.m.
Mar 2	P & Z Meeting, Town Hall—6:30 p.m.
Mar 6	Saturday With The Mayor—10:00 a.m.
Mar 8	Council Meeting, Town Hall—6:30 p.m. <i>Oath of Office Administered</i>
Mar 9	ESCAFCA Meeting, Town Hall—3:00 p.m.
Mar 22	Council Meeting, Town Hall—6:30 p.m.
April 3	Eggstravaganza, Rotary Park—10:00 a.m.
Apr 6	P & Z Meeting, Town Hall—6:30 p.m.
Apr 12	Council Meeting, Town Hall—6:30 p.m.
Apr 13	ESCAFCA Meeting, Town Hall—3:00 p.m.
April 26	Council Meeting, Town Hall—6:30 p.m.

### **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

The Town of Bernalillo is accepting resumes and applications for the following positions:

- Police Officer
- Public Works Director
- Building Maintenance Worker

Certain positions will remain open until filled. To apply or obtain more information, contact Yolanda Mora, HR Director at 505.771.7112.

**TIME CHANGE—SPRING AHEAD!** Daylight Saving Time starts on Sunday, March 14, 2010, 2:00 a.m.