



# Town of Bernalillo

*"The City of Coronado"*

**PATRICIA A. CHÁVEZ**

Mayor

## Mayor's Update

In recent weeks much media attention has been brought to bear regarding the Town of Bernalillo and credit card expenditures from 2007 through February 2009. As the Mayor of the Town of Bernalillo and lifelong resident, I fully understand citizens' concerns regarding government spending. Resolving longstanding accounting issues and implementing strong guidelines and policies for the Town credit cards usage is a top priority for both the Town Council and my administration.

With input from the State Auditor, I have appointed a task force to further review and evaluate credit card expenses. The task force will also outline recommendations for future guidelines and policies to achieve a higher degree of transparency and best practices in the town's record keeping.

As public servants, it is our duty to build and maintain a high-level of trust with the constituents we represent. Protecting our taxpayers and properly managing and reporting use of public funds builds that trust. I want the residents of the Town of Bernalillo to have continued confidence that public funds are being used in the best interest of the town. Steps have already been taken to strengthen the Town's financial procedures and processes. Indeed, it is because of these steps that the Town has finally received an A+ credit rating. But we are also keenly aware that we can continue to improve in this regard and that continues to be a top priority going forward.

Due to the recent resignation of the Town Administrator, we have had to absorb many of the administrator's responsibilities into other jobs. The most experienced staff members have been asked to take on tasks and responsibilities for critical functions and projects. This is the most logical and cost effective way to deliver services to the Town of Bernalillo at the present time.

Our experienced staff is the backbone of the administration. We need their combined skills set to manage the needs of the Town. I am aware and proud of the effort that directors and staff have made in addressing the new assignments and responsibilities. They are the foundation of our good work. (Continued next column)

## Be Creative @ Your Library

The Martha Liebert Library launches its 2009 summer reading program on June 3—August 3, 2009. The "Be Creative @ Your Library" programming will offer a variety of literacy experiences, contests, and prizes for youth of all ages and abilities. Youth participants will receive a logbook to record titles of books read during the program. They are also encouraged to attend other special performances featuring the following:

**Pink Elephant Theatre**, Wednesday, June 3, 10:30—11:30 a.m.

**Dianne the Magicienne**, Wednesday, June 17, 10:30—11:30 a.m.

**Judy Pancoast—composer, keyboard, vocals**, Monday, July 6, 10:30—11:30 a.m.

**Johnny Moon—Magic & Puppets**, Wednesday, July 29, 10:30—11:30 a.m.

Registration starts on May 15th and runs through May 30, 2009. Parents and youth can pick up a list of events and register early for the program at 124 Calle Malinche. For more information call Juanita Montañón or Olivia Bueno at 505.867.1440; or, go to <http://www.townofbernalillo.org>.

## Grand Opening

Mayor Patricia A. Chávez and the Town of Bernalillo Library Board cordially invited the public to attend the grand opening of the newly constructed Martha Liebert Southwest Reading Room. The event will be held at 124 Calle Malinche on Saturday, May 30, 2009, 6:00—8:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

The Southwest room holds a collection of book and periodicals about the history, geography and culture of the southwest, focusing primarily on New Mexico. For more information, contact Juanita Montañón at 505.867.1440.

## Update (cont.)

We have achieved many successes for the Town of Bernalillo and together we look forward to continuing to move our Town forward in the right direction to better serve our residents and businesses.

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If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please call 505.771.7129, fax 867-0481, or mail:

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## Saturday With The Mayor

The next Saturday morning with Mayor Patricia A. Chávez is scheduled for Saturday, May 2, 2009 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 through Friday, with a flexible opportunity to meet on issues or concerns, Mayor Chávez is always available to meet other times and in other venues.



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## GIS/Address Numbering—

### Emergency Response

Some Town of Bernalillo residents would be surprised to know that their home may not be found on the region's most critical maps. On an ordinary day, this might not be that important, but it could mean life or death in the case of an emergency. That is changing, thanks to an initiative funded and driven by the State of New Mexico E911 (Enhanced 911) program.

E911 is a service that automatically provides 911 dispatchers with a location and address from where the 911 call is coming. The technology and accuracy of the E911 continues to improve. Enhancements can now locate calls from a mobile phone as well as the regular landline home phone.

On occasion, when the Bernalillo emergency response team arrives, the location has no visible address sign; or, in some cases no address sign at all, causing critical delays. Over the next few weeks the Town of Bernalillo Police and Fire and Rescue Department personnel and volunteers will conduct a community outreach effort to improve 911 response times by correcting and/or improving address number sign information.

Staff and volunteers will look for homes, businesses or other premises with missing, old or incorrect addresses and provide new address numbers or apartment unit letters free of charge. Town citizens can also stop by the Town Hall to pick up their free address numbers and letters.

This public safety effort is in conjunction with the establishment of the town's new geographic information (GIS) mapping system. The system will track, update address data and support county E911 operations. GIS allows for a seamless integration of E911 mission critical data with county and state E911 systems.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Raul Araujo, GIS Services for the Town of Bernalillo, at 505.771.5896.

## Camp Coronado

Regular registration continues for the 2009 Camp Coronado. For additional information, contact Jason Soto at 505.238.0689.

## Librarian's Corner

**NON-FICTION:** El Arte de Conducir Bajo La Lluvia—Garth Stein; El Baile de La Victoria—Antonio Skarmeta; La Carretera—Cormack McCarthy; El Cielo Es Tan Real! - Choo Tomas; Fight For Your Money—David Bach; Last Lion: The Fall and Rise of Ted Kennedy—Peter S. Canellos, Editor; The Lost City of Z—David Grann; The Naked Rainbow and Other Stories—Nasario Garcia; Peaks and Valleys: Making Good and Bad Time Work For You—Spencer Johnson; The Survivor's Club: The Secrets and Science That Could Save Your Life—Ben Sherwood; Sweet Nata: Growing Up In Rural New Mexico—Gloria Zamora; What's Age Got To Do With It? — Robin McGraw; The Yankee Years—Joe Torre/Tom Verducci

**FICTION:** Corsair—Clive Cussler; Critical Mass—Whitney Strieber; Cutting For Stone—Abraham Verghese; Dog On It—Spencer Quinn; Fool—Christopher Moore; Handle With Care—Jodi Picoult; Houston We Have a Problem—Gwendolyn Zepeda; Lethal Legacy—Linda Fairstein; Paths of Glory—Jeffery Archer; The Second Opinion Michael Palmer; Terminal Freeze—Lincoln Child; Wild Sorrow—Sandi Ault

Librarian's pick: Sun Flower and the Secret Fan—Lisa See

Visit the Martha Liebert Public library at 124 Calle Malinche. For more information call 505.867.1440.

## Coming Soon

The Town of Bernalillo will be hosting the 2nd Annual Old Route 66 Classic Antique and Custom Car Show on July 25, 2009 at Loretto Park, 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. More details to follow.

To obtain an entry application, contact Felicia Rodriguez at 505.771.7121. Entries are limited.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 2 Saturday w/ the Mayor - Town Hall, 10:00 a.m.—noon  
May 5 Planning and Zoning Meeting—Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.  
May 11 Town Council Meeting—Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.  
May 12 ESCAFCA Meeting—Town Hall, 3:00 p.m.  
May 15 Entry Deadline for 22nd Annual Wine Festival Poster—Town Hall  
May 15-30 Registration for Summer Reading Program 2009—Library  
May 25 Town Hall Closed — Memorial Day Observed  
May 26 Town Council Meeting—Town Hall, 6:30  
May 30 Grand Opening Addition to Library, 6:00—8:00 p.m.

## Poster Competition

Mayor Patricia A. Chávez announces the competition for the selection of the 2009 commemorative poster for the 22nd Annual New Mexico Wine Festival at Bernalillo. The entry deadline is May 15, 2009.

The competition is open to New Mexico artists of any media. A full completion prospectus can be obtained from the office of Community Development in Town Hall, 829 Camino del Pueblo, Monday—Friday, 8:00 a.m.—5:00p.m. For more information contact Carla Salazar at 505.771.7114.

## Did You Know?

The Town of Bernalillo Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) will receive the 2009 Heritage Preservation Award in the category of "Organization". Awards are presented annually by the New Mexico Historic Preservation Division to recognize the activities of any individual, organization, or project which contribute significantly to the preservation of cultural resources.

This award is in acknowledgement that the restoration of earthen architecture in Bernalillo contributes to the local, state, and federal goal of conservation of community resources. For more information, please contact Carla Salazar at 505.771.7114.

## Employment Opportunities

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

- Lifeguards (seasonal)
- Maintenance Worker
- Park Maintenance (seasonal)
- Public Works Director
- Recreation Aide (seasonal)
- Utility Worker Seasonal

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