



Town of Bernalillo

"The City of Coronado"

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TOWN HALL UPDATE

New TOB Strategic Planning Initiative



On April 7, Mayor Torres and Council members launched a new strategic planning process that brings together the Council, town administrators and residents for informal planning discussions. The results of the discussions are compiled in a working document that reflects the areas of focus and concern of all parties present.

This first meeting's discussions focused on Water Quality, Budgets, Staffing, Project Priorities, Planning & Zoning, Customer Service Quality, Community Activities/Recreation, and Communications.

Applauding the council's new planning process, residents in attendance commented on their concerns and in one case, invited the Council to hold a meeting periodically on the west side of town to recognize and encourage participation from residents in those areas.

Future meetings will be scheduled and posted along with other Town meetings. The date will be available online on the town website at www.townofbernalillo.org, in this newsletter or posted at Town Hall.



Copies of the TOB Newsletter, articles and pictures are available at www.townofbernalillo.org/newsletters.htm

NEWSLETTER HIGHLIGHTS:

- Calendar of Events
- Employment Opportunities
- Town Hall Update
- Librarian's Corner
- Housing Department Update—HELP NM Inc
- 2010 Easter Egg Hunt

TOWN HALL UPDATE (CONTINUED)

Water Quality Corrective Action Plan

On March 29, the New Mexico Environment Department Drinking Water Bureau approved the use of Ferric Chloride for the removal of arsenic at municipal wells 3 & 4. The addition of Ferric Chloride was proposed by Wilson & Company, an engineering firm retained by the Town to prepare a corrective action plan. Ferric Chloride is commonly used for the removal of arsenic.

The Town began the injection of Ferric Chloride on April 15th. In order to monitor particulates that might break through the filtration system, the Town has installed a cartridge filter, like those on home filtration systems.

The Corrective Action Plan (CAP) also includes a change of filtration media at well 3 from zeolite to anthracite/sand. The Town may also modify the process stream to help eliminate the aluminum hydroxide breakthrough currently occurring in the treatment system.

The results from the Corrective Action Plan for wells 3 & 4 will be used by the Town to determine if modifications should be made to the proposed system at municipal wells 1 and 2.

On April 5, the Town made the decision to suspend the arsenic treatment project for wells 1 and 2 until results are available from well 4 as part of the Corrective Action Plan. Municipal wells 1 and 2 have been off since 1992.

"In the interest of public safety, the Town has decided to take a step back and concentrate resources on correcting the deficiencies at the wells currently providing our drinking water", said Mayor Jack Torres. "It is premature to proceed with a system that is currently not consistently removing arsenic to an acceptable level".



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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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

- ⇒ Town Administrator—Appointee
- ⇒ Police Chief—Appointee
- ⇒ Fire/Rescue Chief—Appointee
- ⇒ Town Treasurer—Appointee
- ⇒ Public Works Director—Permanent
- ⇒ Building Maintenance Worker—Permanent
- ⇒ Water Utility Worker—Seasonal
- ⇒ Recreational Aide—Seasonal
- ⇒ Life Guard—Seasonal

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- April 22 Earth Day Tree & Adobe Sale —11:00 a.m.
- April 26 Council Meeting, Town Hall—6:30 p.m.
- May 4 P & Z Meeting, Town Hall—6:30 p.m.
- May 10 Council Meeting, Town Hall—6:30 p.m.
- May 11 ESCAFCA Meeting, Town Hall—6:00 p.m.
- May 24 Council Meeting, Town Hall—6:30 p.m.
- May 31 Memorial Day Holiday—Town Hall Closed

Librarian's Corner

Grandpa, Grandma and parents, come and get a library card for yourselves and your kids! It only takes a couple of minutes. You will need two forms of ID. One may be a license and the other a utility bill showing your mailing address.



The Town of Bernalillo Library offers a quiet pleasant atmosphere for all. It now has free Internet access on the Library's computers or on its new

WIFI with your personal laptop.

'Check out' the Bestsellers and Audio Books Section. Several works by C. J. Box are in. The *Librarian's Pick* for this month is "America's First Warriors, Native Americans and Iraq" by Steven Clevenger.

Story Time For Children: Annie Petersen's new children's book presentation in the Southwest Reading Room was a resounding success.

On May 27th, Dianne, the Magicienne will be there to kick off the Summer Reading Program. Story Time is held every Thursday at 10:30 a.m. Stories are read in English and/or Spanish.

Our next guest author presentation is by TV anchorwoman turned children's author, Carla Aragon. She will present her new book "Dance of the Egg Shells/Baile De Los Cascarones" on Thursday May 20, 2010. Call the library at 867-1440 for the exact time.

The library is opened from 10:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m., Monday - Friday; and 10:00AM—2:00PM on Saturday. Go to www.townofbernalillo.org/newsletters.htm for more detail.

TOB HOUSING UPDATE: HELP-NEW MEXICO, INC, with TOB Housing office support, will provide emergency cash assistance and employment opportunities to residents of Sandoval County. One-time cash assistance for rent, utilities, car repairs, etc. is designated for families faced with unexpected emergencies caused by medical expenses, job loss or similar situations. Through this program the HELP NM also provides job training and employment placement support. To see if you qualify call Tracy at 435-3252 for an appointment. For additional details please refer to the Town website at <http://www.townofbernalillo.org/newsletters.htm>

2010 EGGstravaganza A Hopping Success



This year's Easter egg hunt brought out a record number of professional egg hunters and their families on a cool Bernalillo spring day. Approximately 350 children participated in the event. Including parents and volunteers, 600-700 people were in attendance. The event was organized by the Town of Bernalillo Recreation Department staff and approximately 30 volunteers from the Bernalillo First Assembly Church. Baskets and other prizes were given to those who found the Lucky Eggs. Courtesy of John Sapien State Farm Insurance, all children received free raffle tickets for the bicycle drawings. Five bicycles were awarded so look for the winners on their new bikes as your drive through Town.

Our heartfelt thanks to the sponsors, volunteers and the Rec Center staff who helped make this another memorable Easter for Bernalillo children.