



Town of Bernalillo

"The City of Coronado"

PATRICIA A. CHÁVEZ

Mayor

Cottonwood Tree

Sale/Firework Showcase

Mayor Patricia A. Chávez invites all residents to the Town's 1st Annual Keep Bernalillo Beautiful Cottonwood Tree sale and to a safe community, fun-filled family event to celebrate the 4th of July holiday on Sunday, June 29, 2008 at the Bernalillo High School football fields. Tree sales will end at dusk when the firework celebration begins.

Mayor Chávez and the Parks Department are promoting the preservation of Bernalillo's tree canopy and encourage residents to obtain and plant these trees on private property throughout the community. A selection of native Rio Grande cottonwoods, sold in one, two, five and fifteen-gallon containers for easily handling and planting will be sold below retail market price to encourage residential planting in Bernalillo. Trees will be available a variety of sizes and prices. Tree containers are available in 1 gal.—\$5.50; 2 gal.—\$8.50; 5 gal.—\$17.00; and 15 gal.—\$40.00.

The Rio Grande cottonwood is indigenous to the Rio Grande Valley. This tree species is common to our area and are considered moderately drought tolerant once established, as the root system is fast growing, grows easily near water, and in places where it can get its roots wet. The cottonwood can provide a vast amount of shade very quickly. The cottonwood is particularly adapted to the lower valleys, from 4000 to 7000 feet in elevation, especially along the Rio Grande in New Mexico and Colorado.

"Catch the Reading Bug"

Twinkles the Clown will make her annual visit to the library on **July 16th**. All events will be held from 10:30—11:30 a.m. Sign up now—call 505.867.1440.

House Watch

The Bernalillo Police Department initiates a new program available to keep homes safe—House Watch. Residents can now request a house watch (police patrol) while out of Town. Stop by the police department during normal business hours and request the service. Call Margie Hix at 505.771.5872 for more information.

Cops in the Park

Bernalillo Recreation and Police Departments partner to organize another "Cops in the Park" event on Friday, July 18, 2008, 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Emergency and law enforcement agencies from surrounding communities will be available to interact with our youth.

This is a free event. Refreshment will be provided.

1st Annual Rt. 66

Classic/Antique Car Show

The Town of Bernalillo will be hosting the 1st Annual Old Route 66 Classic Antique and Custom Car Show on July 26, 2008 at Loretto Park. 10:00a.m.—4:00 p.m. The event will sport numerous classic and antique cars, fun activity for children and families including food and other vendors.

To obtain a car entry application, contact Felicia Rodriguez at 505.771.7121. The number of entries are limited.

Sandoval County LEPC

LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee) develops emergency plans in case of an accident chemical release. Call Jess Lewis at 505.867.4581 for more information.

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

Patricia A. Chávez, Mayor

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Saturday With The Mayor

The next Saturday morning with Mayor Patricia A. Chávez is scheduled for Saturday, July 12, 2008 from 10:00 a.m.—12:00 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 to 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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Firework Safety

“Legal” fireworks are no louder than a cap pistol and do not go higher than six feet (6”) in the air. Bottle Rockets, roman candles, cherry bombs, palomitas, fire crackers, mortar shells and the like, are all **ILLEGAL**. Anyone caught using them is subject to a fine of \$300.00 and/or up to 90 days in jail.

- Do not to leave children unattended while lighting any type of firework.
- Keep a garden hose turned on and a bucket of water nearby.
- If a firework does not light, wait five minutes, DO NOT attempt to re-light the firework, at it may still be active, or it is not working properly. Have an adult carefully pick it up with a shovel and put it in a bucket of water.

For questions regarding fire hazards, please call Fire Chief, John Estrada at 991-1937.

Did You Know?

Mayor Patricia A. Chávez is pleased to announce the \$71,000.00 master plan improvements to fields in Rotary Park that serve Coronado Little League partners and the community at large. The improvements include shade covers over most of the spectator bleachers, storage units, fencing and gating, tree removal and trimming, and soil and grass cultivation. Look for more improvements to come!

MRCOG—PIC

Mayor Patricia A. Chávez has named Bill Kiely as the town’s representative on the MRCOG PIC (Public Involvement Committee). The panel of citizens represent member municipalities/counties in the region. Highlights of quarterly meetings include:

The 2030 Metropolitan Transportation Plan which identifies transportation projects to be built between now and 2030. The plan can be viewed online at www.mrcog.gov.

Additionally, EPA has lowered the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for the ozone. The new limit is at .075 ppm (parts per million). Sandoval County is currently at .073 ppm. This delays the need for establishing a testing program in the county for another five years.

Employment Opportunities

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

- Fire Fighters
- Housing Maintenance Worker
- Life Guards (Seasonal)
- Payroll Clerk
- Police Officers
- Water Utility Workers
- Wastewater Laboratory Technician
- Wastewater Operator III
- Wine Festival Staff (temporary/various positions)

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

Saturday Rail Service

The New Mexico Rail Runner started its Saturday summer schedule on Memorial Day and is in effect through Labor Day.

The Saturday schedule provides Rail Runner service starting at 10:25 a.m. with the last train arriving into Bernalillo at 10:12 p.m. A \$2.00 flat fee for unlimited travel applies. To view s u m m e r s c h e d u l e visit: www.nmrailrunner.com.

Call For Recycling Cart

The recycling service for the residents in the Town of Bernalillo Trash and recycling are now all part of the same garbage service.

Don’t forget to call Waste Management to order your recycling cart at 505.892.1200. A 96-gallon cart will be delivered the week of June 23, 2008.

FEMA FLOOD ZONE MEETINGS

A public information meeting will be held with FEMA representatives sometime in July. Visit the town’s website or call 867-3311 for firm dates after July 1, 2008.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- June 29 Firework Showcase—BHS High School, Dusk
- July 4 Town Hall Closed
- July 8 ESCAFCA Meeting—Town Hall, 3:00 p.m.
- July 8 Planning and Zoning Meeting—Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- July 12 Saturday w/ The Mayor—Town Hall, 10:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m.
- July 14 Town Council Meeting - Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- July 16 Twinkles The Clown, Martha Liebert Library, 10:30—11:30 a.m.
- July 18 Growers Market– South of OLOS Church, 4:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.
- July 26 1st Annual Antique/Classic Car Show—Loretto Park, 10:00 a.m.– 4:00 p.m.
- July 28 Town Council Meeting - Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Water Wells 1 & 2

Mayor Patricia A. Chávez is pleased to announce the plans currently underway to re-commission Water Wells #1/#2, now that the arsenic treatment facilities at Well #3 and #4 are complete; and, the Wastewater Treatment replacement is near completion. The wells are located east of I-25 and over \$8M has been earmarked to re-commission the wells.

The project scope includes tank rehabilitation and land acquisition, treatment facilities, and engineering at both sites. Mayor Chávez and the Town Council are committed to enhancements to the town’s water system and to continue delivering quality drinking water to citizens from all the wells permitted within the Town of Bernalillo.

As land is being acquired and financing secured, Phase I of Well #2 commences on July 15, 2008 to include tank rehabilitation, equipment procurement, and building installation. Civil and mechanical construction for the treatment facility will commence August 5, 2008. Completion date is scheduled for March 2009. Well #2 is anticipated to produce a minimum of 800 gpm and has a current arsenic level of 30ppb and fluoride level of 1 ppm (parts per million).

Phase II will follow with Well #1 which is anticipated to produce a minimum of 1100 gpm (gallons per minute) tested with an arsenic level of 30 ppb.

Once treated the arsenic levels at the two wells will be below the EPA federally mandated 10ppb index and fluoride will be treated to below the 2 ppm.

Mayor Chávez and staff have aggressively pursued and secured multiple funding sources. These projects will be financed through the town’s water enterprise fund, a GRT revenue bond, ACE (Army Corp of Engineers), and an EPA (Environment Protection Agency) Small Town Assistance Grant.