



Town of Bernalillo

"The City of Coronado"

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Mayor

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Mayor's Update—Budget

Mayor Patricia A. Chávez and the Town Council approved the 2009/2010 fiscal year budget in the May 26th council meeting. The budget view is surprisingly good considering the nation and state's economic woes. Bernalillo continues to grow. That requires careful planning and investment to preserve the quality of life for Bernalillo citizens.

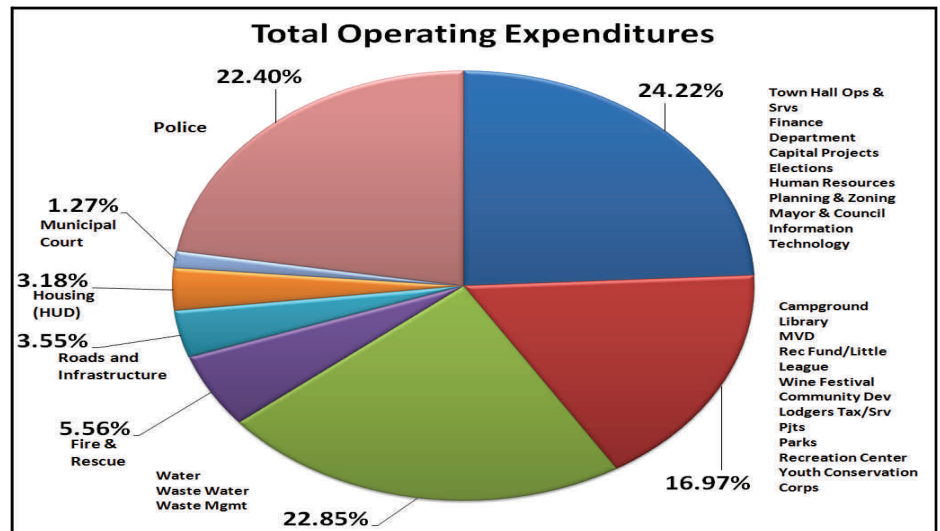
With revenues increasing by 11.43% to \$11,688,827.00, the projected 2009-2010 expenditure budget is \$10,996,340 including an increase in reserves. The impact of the economic recession and the associated sales decline was mitigated by an increase in sales revenues from several new businesses including the Las Huertas Center and WalMart.

A conservative approach to budgets and sound fiscal management have also improved our Bond rating from essentially no bond rating to an A+ rating. An increase in budget reserves improves Bernalillo's ability to respond to capital project opportunities that require matching funds. Administration has projected a zero (0) revenue increase and factored in a 5% overall reduction to assure a balanced budget.

Good insight and planning by the town's administration resulted in many new projects:

- *Widening and improvements of Calle Don Tomas including associated infrastructure, curbs, drainage and other changes. The changes are much needed and will meet ADA standards.
- *Road improvements and landscaping of Camino Del Pueblo, Bernalillo's historic main street, will add considerable appeal to citizens and visitors, and to businesses in that part of town.
- *The Midtown Rail Runner Station area, which is within easy walking distance from main street, will also receive upgrades to improve citizen access and safety.
- *The town's original water wells (#1 and #2) will be re-commissioned with associated arsenic treatment facilities.
- *Rotary Park, the mainstay of Bernalillo family activities, will get permanent bathroom facilities. The park is a multi-use recreational area with picnicking facilities, a large pavilion, a recreation center, pool and ball fields.

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Mayor's Update—continued

- *We will see complete installation and ongoing operations of the new Geographic Information Services function and TOB financial software that support critical town services and community projects.
- *Bernalillo citizens will see infrastructure improvements to Bosque Road and South Hill Road.
- *They will also see completion of the west side DPS station which will house Fire/Rescue and Police personnel and their equipment.
- *And finally two additional employees; a municipal court clerk and one shared parks/utility position will help us respond to Bernalillo citizen needs.

Cops In The Park

Mayor Patricia A. Chávez, and Bernalillo Recreation and Police Department personnel invite the public to "Cops In the Park" on Friday, July 24, 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. at Rotary Park. The event will feature law enforcement, fire and rescue, and military agencies that work together to make our community safe.

Camp Coronado day campers and residents will get an opportunity to see the police vehicles, fire engines, and rescue helicopter up-close and in a positive environment. Activities, informational material, music, demonstrations, fun jumps, food and refreshments are also part of the event.

Come get to know what role each agency plays in improving our quality of life.

Highlights:

- Calendar of Events
- Did You Know?!
- Cops In The Park
- Employment Opportunities
- Fireworks Showcase—July 3
- Go Green!
- Librarian's Corner
- Lodger's Tax Fund RFP
- Mayor's Update—Budget
- Officer Jason Adams, PD
- Old Route 66 Car Show—July 25
- Saturday w/Mayor

If you have questions, comments, or concerns call the Mayor at 505.771.7129, fax at 505.404.2582, or mail to:

Patricia A. Chávez, Mayor
P.O. Box 638
Bernalillo, NM 87004
<http://www.townofbernalillo.org>

Saturday With The Mayor

The next Saturday morning with Mayor Patricia A. Chávez is scheduled for Saturday, August 1, 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—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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Officer Jason Adams

Mayor Patricia A. Chávez asks residents to join in congratulating Town of Bernalillo Police Officer Jason Adams. He recently completed the required intense three week New Mexico motorcycle course in Rio Rancho. The course is led by officers from the New Mexico State Police, Albuquerque, and Rio Rancho Police Departments.

An officer must demonstrate proficiency in both slow and high speed police maneuvers. Bernalillo's motorcycle unit was started in 2006 and currently operates two 2009 Harley Davidson Police Motorcycles.

Officer Adams becomes the third police officer to qualify and joins Sgt. Jerry Nixon and Officer Anthony Ortega; certified to operate department motorcycles. Officer Adams started with the Bernalillo Police Department in August of 2007 and has over 6 years law enforcement experience.

Lodgers Tax Fund RFP

The Town of Bernalillo is accepting proposals submitted for the expenditure of Lodgers Tax funding until 5:00 p.m., Thursday, June 25, 2009. Proposals must include the "Request for Funding" form and are to be submitted to Juan Torres, P.O. Box 638, Bernalillo, New Mexico 87004. Proposals are available from Town Hall, 8:00 a.m.—5:00pm, Monday through Friday.

The requests for funding will be evaluated based on eligibility, feasibility, and any prior performance of applicant (applies only to previously funded applicants). The Town Council will consider staff recommendations for funding at the regular Town Council meeting of July 13, 2009.

Nonprofit organizations may request assistance in preparation of proposals from the Town of Bernalillo by contacting Juan Torres at 505.771.7138.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jun 22	Council Meeting, Town Hall—6:30 p.m.
Jun 27	Cine Bernalillo, Loretto Park, OLOS Gym/Zocolo, 7:00 p.m.
Jul 3	Town Hall Closed—Independence Day Observed
Jul 3	Firework Showcase (dusk)/Tree Sale (4:00 p.m.)—H.S. Football Fields
Jul 6	Judy Pancoast (keyboard/vocals), Martha Liebert Library, 10:30—11:30 a.m.
Jul 13	Council Meeting, Town Hall—6:30 p.m.
Jul 7	Planning and Zoning Meeting, Town Hall—6:30 p.m.
Jul 14	ESCAFCA Meeting, Town Hall—3:00 p.m.
Jul 24	Cops In The Park, Rotary Park—10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
Jul 24	Car Show Meet/Greet (5:00 p.m.)/Cruise—8:00 p.m.
Jul 25	Route 66 Car Show—Loretto Park, 10 a.m.—4:00 pm.
Jul 27	Town Council Meeting, Town Hall—6:30 p.m.
Jul 29	Johnny Moon, (magic/puppets), Martha Liebert Library, 10:30—11:30 a.m.
Aug 4	Saturday w/ the Mayor - Town Hall, 10:00 a.m.—noon



Beautiful Cars and Trucks, Custom Bikes, Food, Music and fun for the whole family!

July 25, 2009 @ Loretto Park in downtown Bernalillo, 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

The Meet & Greet—for the serious enthusiasts, will be held the evening before, on July 24th, from 5:00—8:00 p.m. @ Loretto Park. The car cruise through town begins at 8:00 p.m. Residents are encouraged to view the cruisers along main street.

The 2008 show exceeded expectations with 150 entries from throughout New Mexico. Registrants and vendors—please register early— last year's event was at capacity.

For questions or to obtain entry applications, contact Felicia Rodriguez at 505.771.7121, or email at fr Rodriguez@townofbernalillo.org. Forms are also available at www.townofbernalillo.org

Fireworks Showcase

Sundown July 3rd

Mayor Patricia A. Chávez and Fire Chief John Estrada invite all residents to the annual Town of Bernalillo Independence Day Fireworks Showcase on Friday July 3, 2009 at the Bernalillo High School football field.

Although a celebration for the entire family, caution is advised especially with children. You CANNOT bring your own fireworks and NO alcoholic beverages are permitted. For questions—please call Fire Chief, John Estrada at 505.991.1937.

Rio Grande cottonwood trees will also be on sale starting at 4:00 p.m.—call Carla Salazar at 505.771.7114.

Employment Opportunities

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

- P & Z Assistant
- Public Works Director
- Animal Control Officer
- Maintenance Supervisor

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.

Go Green!

Call to order a recycle bin from Waste Management—892.1200. The Town of Bernalillo residential recycling curbside collection service initiative contributes to a clean environment.

Librarian's Corner

NEW ARRIVALS: Annie's Ghosts—Steve Luxenberg; Banquo's Ghosts—Rich Lowry & Keith Korman; Cursed—Carol Higgins Clark; Execution Dock—Anne Perry; Fatally Flaky—Diane Mott Davidson; Fault Line—Barry Eisler; Just Take My Heart—Mary Higgins Clark; A Knife Edge—David Rollins; Lavender Morning—Jude Deveraux; The Long Fall—Walter Mosley; Long Lost—Harlan Coben; Malice—Lisa Jackson; The Order of Things—Lynne Hinton; Prayers For Sale—Sandra Dallas; Reunion—Therese Fowler; Still Life—Joy Fielding; True Detectives—Jonathan Kellerman; The Winner Stands Alone—Paulo Coelho.

Librarian's pick – Annie's Ghost's—A Journey Into A Family Secret—Steve Luxenberg

Visit the Martha Liebert Public Library at 124 Calle Malinche. For information on hours and other programs, call Olivia Bueno or Juanita Montaña at 505.867.1440.

Did You Know?!

—The swimming pool is open to the public, Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. starting on June 16th. Adult lap swim is on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 10:00 a.m.—noon. Fees are \$1.00 (children—12 years and under); \$1.50 (teenagers—13 to 18 years); \$2.00 (adults); and, \$1.00 (seniors 55 years +). Laps for adult swim can be reserved for \$3.00 (30 minutes). Call Jason Soto at 505.238.0689 for more information.

—There are 150 youth registered in the town's Camp Coronado program. In addition to the computer club, sports, and learning to use the library—field trips, swimming, and dance (line, country and traditional New Mexican style) instruction fills the program for day campers!