



# Town of Bernalillo

*"The City of Coronado"*

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Mayor

## Volunteer Firefighters

Mayor Patricia A. Chávez congratulates new volunteer firefighters who just completed Fire Fighter 1 and EMT training and obtaining certification. They completed these courses through the Bernalillo Fire Department Volunteer Academy.

The individuals are: Darren Sanchez, Donovan Jacks, Lucas Galle, Brandon Torrey, Vincent Tafuro (Junior Firefighter), Michael Kanak, Vincent Gnodle, and Eric Moreno (Junior Firefighter).

These young men will join the town's other volunteers and career firefighters in providing fire protection service to our community. Thank you all for your service to our community!

If you are interested in learning more about, or joining the Town of Bernalillo Fire Department volunteers, please contact Chief John Estrada at 505.771.7135.

## Swimming Pool Hours

The Bernalillo swimming pool is open, Monday — Friday, 10:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m. until August 15, 2008.

On August 22, 2008 through September 21, 2008, the pool will be open on Fridays, 3:00—6:00 p.m., Saturdays 10:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m., and Sundays 12:00 p.m. — 4:00 p.m.

For more information on the schedule, contact Jason Soto at 505.239.0689.

## National Night Out

The Bernalillo Police Department will be participate in National Night Out on Tuesday August 5, 2008 from 6:00— 8:00 p.m. The police department and local members of the community will be hosting five neighborhood block parties in Bernalillo.

The neighborhood gatherings will be at the following locations: Santiago Subdivision, Cottonwood Village, 1100 Block of Calle Palo Verde, Bernalillo Housing area, and Charring Cross Loop.

Mayor Chavez, along with members of the Governing Body and Police Chief Fred Radosevich will be attending these events. For more information, call Chief Fred Radosevich at 505.771.5877

## Spay/Neuter Clinic for Dogs in Bernalillo

The Town of Bernalillo Animal Control Department in conjunction with the Placitas Animal Rescue, and the Santa Fe Humane Society will be hosting a Dog Spay and Neuter Clinic on the weekends of August 14—16, August 21—22, and August 28—30, 2008 from 8:00 a.m. — 6:00 p.m. at Rotary Park. Bernalillo dog owners are encouraged to pre-register their pets. Slots are available on a first come, first serve basis.

Clinic slot registration begins on August 4, 2008 at the Bernalillo Police Department located at 739 Camino del Pueblo. The fee is \$30.00 and is due at registration.

Volunteers are also needed during the clinic. To volunteer, or for more information, call Margie Hix at 505.771.5872.

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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  
Town of Bernalillo  
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 2, 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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## Prevent Fires

The Town of Bernalillo Fire Department in conjunction with the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District ask citizens of Bernalillo and surrounding areas to use utmost care when visiting the Bosque area along the Rio Grande. This area includes the river bed and all the ditches. The use of fire for any purpose is prohibited while drought conditions continue.

You are asked to report careless use of fires, or to call in if you are concerned about the use of a fire. Call the Sandoval County 911 Dispatch Center directly at either 911 or 505.891.7226.

The fire danger in the area is currently rated “Extremely High” by the State Forestry Service and the town is making every attempt to communicate this information to the public.

Additionally, as a reminder to all residents: While yard cleaning this summer, remember to obtain a burn permit. There is a fee of \$10.00 for the permit and it is valid for 30 days. This ensures the safety of all community members.

For a permit application, more information, or if you have specific questions regarding the Bosque area, feel free to call the Bernalillo Fire Department at 505.771.7105. Have a careful and have a fire safe summer!

## Fiesta Entertainment

Mayor Patricia A. Chávez and the Town Council are pleased to augment the traditional Fiestas de San Lorenzo celebration with other fiesta entertainment, food, fun for all ages. San Lorenzo (Saint Lawrence) is Bernalillo’s patron saint.

The town sponsored activities will be held at Rotary Park, 100 Rotary Park Rd. Activities begin Friday, August 8, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. — 11:00 p.m.; and Saturday and Sunday August 9—10, 2008 beginning at noon —11:00 p.m.

Call the Community Development office at 505.771.7133 to obtain a detailed schedule.

## Did You Know?

Town of Bernalillo Police Chief Fred Radosevich is newly elected as Chairman of the Sandoval County Regional Dispatch Board. The board is an advisory board and is made up of Fire and Police Chiefs from Rio Rancho, Corrales, Bernalillo, Santa Ana and the Fire Chief and Sheriff from Sandoval County. The Sandoval County Regional Dispatch dispatches all police and fire services in Sandoval County. Look for more improvements to come!

## Festival Art Selected

Mayor Patricia A. Chávez through the Town of Bernalillo MainStreet program is pleased to announce “Harvest” by Laguna Pueblo artist Andrew Rodriguez as the commemorative poster art for the 2008 New Mexico Wine Festival @ Bernalillo. “Harvest” was one of more than thirty submissions in this year’s poster competition.

The image, is a terra cotta bas-relief, depicts the image of a Madonna emerging from the clay with an abundant offering of the grape harvest. The three dimensional image in clay has been reproduced in photographic format for the poster.

The poster will go on sale in mid-July for \$10.00. A limited edition of 200 posters with the artist’s signature will be sold for \$20.00 at the festival and at poster signing events to be announced prior to the festival.

The Town of Bernalillo through its MainStreet program sponsors the New Mexico Wine Festival as an economic and tourism development project. The 2008 New Mexico Wine Festival at Bernalillo will be held on Labor Day weekend, August 30 – September 1 at Loretto Park. Go to [www.TownofBernalillo.org](http://www.TownofBernalillo.org) for more festival information.

## College In The Future?

Town of Bernalillo and UNM-Los Alamos (Bernalillo) invite the public to an information session on Thursday, August 14, 2008 from 6:00 — 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall.

The session will cover information on opportunities to obtain a higher education in Bernalillo. UNM advisors and staff will be available to answer questions regarding college admissions, financial aid, going back to college, GED/ESL courses, scholarships, personal enrichment courses, and schedules.

For more information, contact Leonard Prairie or Joseph Moreno at 505.777.4071, or [jmoreno@unm.edu](mailto:jmoreno@unm.edu).

## Employment Opportunities

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

- Animal Control Officer
- Billing Clerk
- Fire Fighters
- Police Officer
- Police Service Aides
- Recreation Aide
- Water Utility Workers
- Public Works Director

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.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Aug 2 Saturday w/ The Mayor, Town Hall, 10:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m.
- Aug 5 National Night Out, 6:00—8:00 p.m.
- Aug 5 Planning and Zoning Meeting, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- Aug 8-10 Fiesta/Booths/Entertainment @ Rotary Park
- Aug 11 Town Council Meeting, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- Aug 12 ESCFCA Meeting, Town Hall, 3:00 p.m.
- Aug 14 UNM/TOB Information Session, Town Hall, 6:00—7:00 p.m.
- Aug 14-15; 21-22; Spay & Neuter Clinic Begins 8:00 a.m.— 6:00 p.m.
- Aug 25 Town Council Meeting - Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.



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## FEMA Information

FEMA updated and finalized Sandoval County FIRM maps which includes the Town of Bernalillo in March 2008. These maps were last updated in 1996. The current review and mapping factored a 1% chance in 100 year flood occurrence and an assessment of the levy within Sandoval County jurisdiction, west of the clear water ditch. FEMA has deemed this levy un-certifiable and as a consequence ignores its presence in the mapping review and outcome.

Although the levy spans the ~2 1/2 miles of Bernalillo, it does not belong to the Town of Bernalillo nor to Sandoval County. During a map review, FEMA requires whomever owns a levy to certify it. In the case of this levy, it was never certified. While the levy ownership is not clear, we have now learned that it belongs to either MRGCD (Mid-Rio Grande Conservancy District) or the Bureau of Reclamations. It is one of these two entities that has the operation and maintenance records and that will be required to certify the levy.

### What Does This All Mean Exactly?

Certain areas previously in a FIRM Zone X are now in Zone A as a result of the remapping. A FEMA Zone X is considered to be in a lower flood risk area compared to Zone A which is considered to be a higher risk area.

As a consequence, many home and business owners within Bernalillo and Sandoval County now affected by the remapping and zone designations; and, particularly, those that have federally-backed mortgages, are now being required to secure flood insurance by their mortgage companies. Some residents are reporting premium quotes of \$1,500.00—\$3,500.00.

Recently, Mayor Patricia A. Chávez and the Governing Body brought together several entities on July 14 to discuss the impact to residents and to identify a plan of action that ultimately addresses the levy certification so that FEMA can re-visit the current map revisions. The entities participating included Dale Hoff, FEMA representative, Region 6; Bill Borthwick, NM State Emergency Management Coordinator; Orlando Lucero, Sandoval County Commissioner; Subbah Shaw, Executive Director and Ray Gomez, cont.—next column)

## FEMA cont.

District Engineer—MRGCD; Sal Reyes and Jack Torres, ESCFCA Commissioners; Kelly Moe, Flood Plain Administrator and Stephen Jerge, Town Administrator—Town of Bernalillo; Brad Stapleton—Flood Plain Administrator—Sandoval County; and representatives from congressional offices of Senator Jeff Bingaman, Representative Heather Wilson, and Representative Tom Udall.

### What is the Town of Bernalillo doing to continue to address this issue in the future?

The following plan of action was effected on July 14, 2008 and evolved as a result of public meetings held on July 22 and July 23, 2008:

- Formally requested of MRGCD—O & M historical records for the levy; MOU (Maintenance and Operating Agreement) between MRGCD and Bureau of Reclamations (7/14).
- Town of Bernalillo and Sandoval County have joined forces to lead discovery process on levy ownership and identifying next steps in movement towards long-term fix of remapping (levy certification) (7/14).
- Town of Bernalillo scheduled public information meetings in Bernalillo with FEMA representatives (held on July 22 and July 23, 2008).
- Town of Bernalillo continues to issue information on FEMA grandfathering provisions for flood insurance program to ensure citizens obtain the “best” rate and information that is as complete as possible for informed decision-making and communication with insurance companies.
- Town of Bernalillo and Sandoval County to issue map letters to residents (6/2008).
- Town of Bernalillo continues dialogue and information gathering with/from Congressional delegation; and communicating findings to entities involved (5/2008 and ongoing).

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## FEMA cont.

- Town of Bernalillo/Sandoval County Flood Plan Administrators to pursue FEMA certification and training to obtain lower rating in FEMA Community Rating System (a drop in community classification could reduce flood insurance premiums).
- Town of Bernalillo initiated meeting with Village of Corrales and Sandoval County regarding levy certification process there (7/14).

### Insurance Information:

When you visit your respective insurance provider encourage conversation on the FEMA grandfathering provision. Take them a letter from the Town of Bernalillo and specific to your property (this documents historical reference to the FEMA mapping in place and associated with your property) along with any additional documentation that you have in your mortgage or appraisal paperwork that identifies what FEMA zone was in place and date home built when you secured the mortgage. This same paperwork will be helpful to you if you have property that is no longer mortgaged and for which you wish to obtain flood insurance. You can contact the Planning and Zoning Department at the Town of Bernalillo to request the letter.

As per FEMA guidelines, a standard flood insurance policy for the X Zone should not exceed \$2,000.00 and insurance agents must make reference to the “grandfather clause exception” provision. This provision could allow for a lower rate if structure(s) are built before a flood map was issued for the community; or, built in compliance with the flood map in effect at the time of construction.

Additionally, if a structure was built in compliance with the requirements in place at the time of construction, the zone and Base Flood Elevation (BFE) that was in effect then can be used for insurance rating purposes; and if either is affected due to the current FEMA map change. Property owners should always ask their agent to look at both options.

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### FEMA (cont. from pg. 3)

A policy for a Zone A, is more expensive and per law the coverage for a flood zone designated area must be obtained within 45 days. If this is not done, mortgage companies will secure the flood insurance on your behalf. In the next newsletter we will post the FEMA hotline number that will also facilitate further clarification on FEMA's National Flood Program.

Future updates on the FEMA designation will be provided through this monthly utility newsletter, the Town of Bernalillo website, and town staff in Administration and Planning and Zoning departments.

If you have new information regarding this matter, need more immediate updates, or have additional information for the town to factor in, feel free to contact Kelly Moe, Flood Plain Administrator at 505.771.7124; Stephen Jerge, Town Administrator at 505.771.7127; or, Mayor Patricia A. Chávez at 505.771.7129.

### People Make A Difference

Mayor Patricia A. Chávez on behalf of the Town of Bernalillo salutes Rosie Silva and Antoinette Silva from Rose's Pottery Store for making a difference in our community, again!

These two woman recently sponsored one of our youth finding herself in the juvenile justice system, achieve an academy milestone. Unknowingly, the Silva sisters opened another closed door to give our youth a fresh opportunity by paying summer school costs.

Their contribution and commitment to the community was acknowledged and recognized publicly by the Sandoval County Juvenile Justice Board on Friday, July 26, 2008. The board consist of about 90 individuals from various background who have joined forces to focus on reaching out to at-risk youth from throughout the county including Children, Youth and Families Department, local governments, school districts, youth service and community organizations and other groups that assist children and their families.

Thank you, Rosie and Antoinette for all you do for our youth and Bernalillo!

### Car Show Outcome

Mayor Patricia A. Chávez is pleased to announce award recipients from the Town of Bernalillo 1st Annual Old Route 66 Antique and Custom Car Show held on Saturday, July 26, 2008 at Loretto Park. The awards are as follows:

- Best of Show—Claude K. Kramer  
1940 Deluxe Coupe Street Rod
- Best Truck—Dan Ortega  
1955 Chevy Pickup
- Best Car—Johnny Klunkczyk 1933  
Chevy Coupe
- Best Motorcycle—Wanda Terrell  
1992 Harley
- Best Bicycle—Dale Adler
- Best Paint—Alvin Sandoval  
1955 Chevy Pickup
- Best Engine—Lew Knight  
1968 Chevy Camero
- Best Interior—Emilio Garcia  
1941 Chevy Coupe
- Pre-1939 Cars**
- First Place—Andrew & Margaret Mora 1935  
Chevy Sedan
- Runner-Up—Tim & Laura Paez  
1923 Ford T-Bucket

- Best 1939-1948 Cars**
- First Place—Roy & Karen Abeyta  
1948 Chevy Sedan
- Runner-Up—Joe Dean  
1941 Graham Hollywood

- Best 1949-1959 Cars**
- First Place—William H. Waltemath  
1957 Chevy Convertible
- Runner-Up—Felipe Garcia  
1955 Chevy Belair

- Best 1960-1977 Cars**
- First Place—Dennis Vokojevich  
1962 Pontiac Grand Prix
- Runner-Up—Tony Kos  
1970 Chevy Nova

- Best Pre-1960 Trucks**
- First Place—Tony Kos  
1955 Chevy Truck
- Runner-Up—Grand & Sherri Williams  
1950 GMC Truck

- Best 1960-1977 Trucks**
- First Place—Lawrence Medina  
1976 Dodge Power Wagon
- Runner-Up—Steve Amiot  
1970 Chevy El Camino SS

- Best Custom Vehicle**
- First Place—Kenny Valencia  
2002 GMC 4X4
- Runner-Up—Larry Montoya  
2001 Chrysler Prowler

- Best Foreign Pre-1950** First Place—Greg  
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### Car Show Outcome (cont.)

- Runner-Up—W.R. McEntire  
1975 RR Shadow

- Best Foreign 1950-2008**
- First Place—Louis Paul/Lyle Schultz  
1994 Jaguar XJS Convertible
- Runner-Up—Mary McCulloch  
1988 Toyota Supra

- Best Motorcycle**
- First Place—Wanda Terrell  
1992 Harley
- Runner-Up—Larry Campos  
1989 Harley

- Best Bicycle**
- First Place—Dale Adler
- Runner-Up—Karl Silva
- Best Rat Rod**
- First Place—Joey Demny  
1959 Ford Fairlane

- Runner-Up—Martin Montoya  
1930 Ford Custom

- Best Euro Car**
- First Place—Aaron Trujillo  
2005 Nissan Maxima
- Runner-Up—Fredrick Romero  
2004 Mazda RX-8

The event promoted as a free, fun family event attracted over 153 car entries easily representing a private investment of \$4.5 million in show cars and trucks. The event brought out over 5,000 community members as well as other car enthusiast to visit Bernalillo and to enjoy the diverse display of automotive wonder, contrast, and color. In addition, the show's "Meet and Greet" along with the Bernalillo Cruise through mainstreet and residential neighborhoods on Friday night was a huge success. That event itself attracted approximately 45 show cars who participated in the "cruise".

Mayor Chávez extends a warm thank you to all who make the Car Show a success: the organizing committee of Danette Lovato-P Pimentel Music Enterprises, town staff—Stephen Jerge, Felicia Rodriguez; volunteers Kenny Martinez, Anthony Apodaca, and William Mast. A special thank you goes to all town staff who supported the show and contributed to planning at varying junctures including a number of employees from Bernalillo's Fire, Police, Parks, and Administrative Departments. Your contributions and support have resulted in yet another economic impact to our community. Many of our businesses saw a positive spin-off effect from visitors stopping by their establishments!