



Town of Bernalillo

"The City of Coronado"

PATRICIA A. CHÁVEZ

Mayor

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Mayor's Update

TOB Personnel As Informal Mentors

"I want to take this opportunity to recognize and applaud the contribution that Town of Bernalillo personnel are making this summer on behalf of our youth", commented Mayor Patricia A. Chávez. A total of 16 interns; 11 NM Workforce Connections interns plus 5 Sandoval County summer interns, are working under the guidance of TOB administrators and supervisors according to Yolanda Mora, HR Director.

Mayor Chávez ensured that Bernalillo tapped into the stimulus money through the Workforce Connection of Central New Mexico (WCCNM) to increase our personnel investment in our local youth. WCCNM received nearly \$2.6 million in federal stimulus money for programs throughout the NM central region, with \$1.2 million for summer youth employment programs in their region.

Young men and women ages 16 - 24 applied for the 10-week summer program. Eligibility for the program was based on family financial income. Participants are working at various town work-locations from May through early September, with extended work periods for those ages 18-24, where available. The interns come from a variety of situations; from students in regular and alternative high schools to students attending community college or enrolled in university level studies.

They bring varied career interests from nursing, education, information technology to criminal law. They are working in various areas from; information technology, accounting and human resources, to community development and special events such as the Bernalillo San Lorenzo Fiestas and the Wine Festival.

Mayor Chávez is delighted that more young people of our community have opportunities for summer employment and to learn what it takes to run a growing community like Bernalillo.

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Wine Festival Art

Poster Art Winner—Johnny Mullins

Mayor Patricia A. Chávez is pleased to announce "Fruit on the Vine" by Corrales artist Johnny Mullins as the commemorative poster art for the 2009 New Mexico Wine Festival at Bernalillo.

"Fruit on the Vine" was one of 14 submissions in this year's poster competition. The painting is a 21"x34" period watercolor of a young woman harvesting grapes with an adobe home and the Sandia Mountains in the background.

A B.S.F.A. graduate of Eastern New Mexico University, Johnny worked in the commercial art field for 25 years. Johnny moved back to New Mexico to pursue his love of painting the Southwest. His style is a vivid combination of both realism and impressionism. He also paints in oils, does pencil and ink and has worked in clay and metal. He has shown his work, both nationally and internationally, in juried as well as one-man shows.

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. The Poster Signings and Live Remotes Schedule is as follows: August 29th, KIOT, Jackalope, Bernalillo, NM 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.; September 4th, KHFM, Gathering of Artists, Bernalillo, NM 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.; September 4th, Magic, Farmers Market, Bernalillo, NM 5:00—7:00 p.m.

The Town of Bernalillo sponsors the New Mexico Wine Festival as an economic and tourism development project. The 2009 New Mexico Wine Festival at Bernalillo will be held on Labor Day weekend, September, 5-7 at Loretto Park. Go to www.townofbernalillo.org for more festival information.

Bernalillo Healthy Options!

The TOB Municipal Swimming Pool is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10am - 4pm. Adult lap swim on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 10am - 12pm. Fees are \$1.00 for children 12 and under, \$1.50 for teenagers 13 - 18, \$2.00 for adults, and \$1.00 for seniors 55 and older. Laps for adult swim are available for \$3.00 for 30 minutes, maximum of 1 hour, first come first served.

Bernalillo Youth Basketball Program will begin taking registrations for boys and girls ages 5 - 13 on August 24, 2009 at the Town of Bernalillo Multi-Purpose Recreation Center and Gym. For more information on both topics above, contact Jason Soto at 238-0689.

Did You Know?!

Bernalillo resident and artist, Kim Koonce and her distinguished painting, "Storm Clouds Rising" commemorate the 2009 State Bar of NM Annual Meeting and Bench and Bar Conference on their annual poster. Way to go, Kim—congratulations!

Saturday With The Mayor

The next Saturday morning with Mayor Patricia A. Chávez is scheduled for Saturday, Aug 1, 2009 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 771.7128.

While this forum provides residents who work, Monday-Friday, with a flexible opportunity to meet on issues or concerns, Mayor Chávez is available to meet other times and in other venues. You can also present questions or concerns at 505.771.7129, fax at 867-0481; or mail to:

Patricia A. Chávez, Mayor

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Fiestas de San Lorenzo

Mayor Patricia A. Chávez and the Town Council are pleased to announce this year's Fiestas de San Lorenzo Town entertainment that expands the traditional religious celebration. The Town will feature new and exciting fiesta entertainment plus food and fun for all ages.

San Lorenzo (Saint Lawrence) is Bernalillo's patron saint and this commemoration is one of the Town's oldest celebrations dating back over 300 years. In a religious dance-drama, (Los Matachines) progress through the Town of Bernalillo in prayer, procession, and reenactment of history dating to the 1600's. The danzantes (dancers) span several generations as elders pass on their heritage and traditions to their descendents.

The town sponsored activities will be held at Rotary Park, 100 Rotary Park Road, beginning Friday, August 8, 2009 through Sunday August 9—10, 2009 beginning at 12 noon—11:00 p.m.

Call the Community Development office at 505.771.7114 to obtain a detailed schedule.

Entertainment Schedule

Sat., Aug 8

- 4:00—5:50 p.m. Westwind
- 6:00—6:50 p.m. Mariachi Bernalillo
7:00—8:50 p.m. Brian Olivas
- 9:00—11:00 p.m. Fuerza Chicano

Sun Aug 9

- 1:00—2:50 p.m. Grupo Herencia
- 3:00—3:50 p.m. Ariel Macias
- 4:00—5:50 p.m. Los Garapatas
- 6:00—6:50 p.m. Maiya Dominguez
- 7:00—8:50 p.m. Juntos Unidos
- 9:00—11:00 p.m. Chicano Grove

Mon Aug 10

- 4:00—5:50 p.m. Jenna
- 6:00—6:50 p.m. Red Wine
- 7:00—8:50 p.m. Tierra Mala

Employment Opportunities

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

- Public Works Director
- Parks Maintenance/Utility Worker
- Parks Maintenance Worker
- San Lorenzo Fiestas (Aug 9—11) Temporary
 - Clean Up Crew (4)
- Wine Festival (Sep 5 - 7) Temporary
 - Clean up Crew (8)
 - Cashiers (12)
 - ID Checkers (6)

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.

Sandoval County Sheriff's Posse Parade and Rodeo

Sandoval County Sheriff's Posse will host its 40th Annual Rodeo at the Posse Grounds on August 8—9, 2009. It is the Premier rodeo event in Sandoval County with prize purses, food and western fun. The Posse Grounds are at 1043 Rodeo Lane, south of state road 550 and just west of Rio Grande River in Bernalillo.

The rodeo kickoff event begins with a parade through Bernalillo on Saturday, August 8, 2009, 11:00 a.m. Lineup will begin at the south end of Town @ Camino del Pueblo and Bosque Road. For more information, contact the Sheriff's Posse at 505.867.8433.

Task Force Report Findings (Excerpts from press release dated 6/22/2009:

The Town of Bernalillo's external financial task force presented its assessment report at the Town Council meeting on June 22, 2009. The report findings clear the names of two employees; deems Mayor Patricia A. Chávez' expenses for the entire period justifiable, "reasonably well documented and in good condition"; and outlines potential patterns of misuse and questionable expenditures by the former town administrator.

Mayor Patricia A. Chávez had the following comments: "I want to offer my sincere apologies The town council and I were aware that we relied on state purchasing guidelines in the absence of formal financial policies and procedures. We, along with staff, focused on restructuring the entire financial portfolio and achieving a balanced budget. This included consolidation of all independent bank accounts under one umbrella, investing cash, catching up on late audits, and seeking funds for much needed capital improvement projects for our community.

We anticipated that the investment in our new financial management system and its 2008 deployment would help identify, and prevent the very problems that this task force report has revealed. In light of the task force findings, more immediate policy action is warranted. Copies of this report have been sent to the State Auditor's office and to the town's independent auditing firm Heinfield, Meech & Co. for their consideration. In addition to credit card and travel request policies that are already underway, I have also instructed town administrators to immediately take the report and build a timeline for the review, development and implementation of all its recommendations.

In this growing, vibrant community, I remain committed to maximum transparency and accountability. It hurts everyone, financially and otherwise, to be unfairly targeted politically and otherwise by the media and others as we attempt to work through our internal affairs."

The complete report is available for review by contacting Town Clerk, Ida Fierro at 505.771.7128.

Leadership NM Graduate

Santiago Chavez, Town of Bernalillo Interim Administrator is among 4 local and 26 state-wide leaders who recently graduated from the 2009 Leadership New Mexico Local Government Program.

An educational partnership between the New Mexico Association of Counties, the New Mexico Municipal League and Leadership New Mexico, the program offers county and municipal officials, the New Mexico National Guard, school boards and regional councils of government personnel and appointees, an opportunity to develop and enhance their leadership capabilities while fostering a higher lever of civic and community concern and participation.

The program recognizes that New Mexico's future prosperity is directly dependent upon the quality and contributions of its leadership. Leadership New Mexico is a non-partisan, non-profit organization founded in 1995.

Mayor Patricia A. Chávez asks you to join her in congratulating Santiago in his accomplishment!

Librarian's Corner

Non-Fiction A-Rod: The Many Lives Of Alex Rodriguez—Selena Roberts; A Bold Fresh Piece Of Humanity—Bill O'Reilly; Columbine—Dave Cullen; Crazy For The Storm—Norman Ollestad; Horse Soldiers—Doug Stanton; Losing Mum And Pup—Christopher Buckley; The Legend Of Sigurd & Gudrun—J.R.R. Tolkien; My Remarkable Journey—Larry King; Trickster In The Front Yard—Jim Belshaw; Voices Of The Buffalo Soldier—Frank N. Schubert

Fiction The 8th Confession—James Patterson; BoneMan's Daughters—Ted Dekker; Brimstone—Robert Parker; Cemetery Dance—Douglas Preston & Lincoln Child; The Color Of Lightning—Paulette Jiles; First Family—David Baldacci; Gone Tomorrow—Lee Child; Loitering With Intent—Stuart Woods; Relentless—Dean Koontz; The Scarecrow—Michael Connelly; Shanghai Girls—Lisa See; Summer On Blossom Street—Debbie Macomber; Tea For The Traditionally Built— Alexander McCall Smith; Wicked Prey—John Sanford

Librarian's Pick — Maria of Agreda: Mystical Lady In Blue—Marilyn H. Fedewa

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