



Town of Bernalillo

"The City of Coronado"

PATRICIA A. CHÁVEZ

Mayor

Your Tax Dollars At Work

U.S. Senator Pete Domenici and representatives from the offices of U.S. Senator Jeff Bingaman, Congresswoman Heather Wilson, and Congressman Tom Udall joined other federal, state, county, and local dignitaries in a groundbreaking ceremony on August 28, 2007. The event marked the official start of the Town wastewater system replacement; and, an arsenic treatment project that will bring two Bernalillo water wells into compliance with Environment Protection Agency (EPA) standards by February 2008.

The estimated cost for the combined community projects is \$16 million. The Wastewater Treatment Plant reconstruction has been funded through a combination of EPA, STAG (State, Tribal Assistant Grant), NM State Legislative, and Sandoval County sources totaling over \$3.5 million dollars. The funding balance to complete the project was achieved through an aggressive financial portfolio restructuring under the direction of Mayor Patricia A. Chávez and the guidance of Finance Director Santiago Chavez and Town Financial Advisor, Rob Burpo, First American. As a result, in September 2006, the Town was able to secure \$8,775,000 in Joint Utility Bonds. The bonds will be paid off in 2028 at a 4.184% coupon rate in a 20-year amortization schedule.

The arsenic project fund requirements of \$4 million, was secured through a cooperative agreement with the Army Corps of Engineers, whereby the Corps will reimburse the Town of Bernalillo for 75 percent of the cost at the completion of the arsenic treatment project. The Town has financed all project costs with the New Mexico Finance Authority to bridge the construction funding gap until grant dollars kick in.

Mayor Patricia A. Chávez and the Town Council are committed to the citizens of Bernalillo and are pleased to offer new state of the art wastewater and arsenic treatment facilities within the next fifteen (15) months. Continued on pg. 2.

Dog Park

The Town of Bernalillo dog park is located at 100 Rotary Park Road. Dog owners are encouraged to use the facility to walk their dogs. Be considerate of others —“poop” patrol is always advised in the park, in your neighborhoods or in other public places.

Noise Control Ordinance

The Town of Bernalillo noise control ordinance limits “noise” within the Town. During the hours of 10:00 p.m.—7:00 a.m. there are specific restrictions. Please be aware that radios, stereos or machinery of any type fall under this ordinance. Citations may be issued violating or exceeding the noise control limits set within the Town of Bernalillo.

If you have any questions, or comments, or to obtain a copy of the ordinance please contact Ida Fierro at 505.771.7128.

Reading Program Winners

The Town of Bernalillo Martha Liberty Public Library had an annual “summer reading program” that ran June—July 27, 2007.

Sixty (60) children, ages 5—15 signed up for the program; thirty (30) actively participated.

Certificates, books, pencils and bookmarks were given to Nick Abernathy (8—Placitas), Leandra Lucero (9— Bernalillo), and Kelly Hughes (7— Bernalillo). These participants read the most books during the program.

Congratulations to all participants and a special congratulations to those that were awarded for their reading achievements.

Saturday With The Mayor

The next Saturday morning with Mayor Patricia A. Chávez is scheduled for Saturday, October 6 from 10:00 a.m.—12:00 noon in the Council Chambers.

To sign up for a 10—minute session with Mayor Chávez, call Ida Fierro at 505. 771.7128.

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If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please call 867-3311, fax 867-0481, or mail:

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Bernalillo Military Men & Women

The Veterans Commemorative Celebration event is planned for Saturday, November 10, 2007 at Rotary Park, 10:00 a.m. Community members, federal, state and local dignitaries are invited. Come visit with your neighbors while we honor and recognize Bernalillo veterans, active service men and woman, and their families. Light brunch will be served.

If you have not already provided the name(s) of a veteran or active military person(s) born and raised in Bernalillo, or to obtain more information regarding the event, please submit information to Felicia Rodriguez at 771.7121.



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2007 Festival Success

The 20th Annual New Mexico Wine Festival at Bernalillo was by all accounts, the most successful festival to date. Over 27,000 attendees enjoyed Bernalillo's largest event over Labor Day Weekend, generating gross gate revenue of ~\$250,000.00. Other revenues include vendor fees/juried art show, etc. Profitability numbers will be reported as books are closed and expenses finalized.

The economic impact of the event on Bernalillo spins-off the grounds of Loretto park and into retailers, restaurants, gas stations, and the many fundraisers and entrepreneurial ventures that spring up throughout town. Our welcoming community along with festival entertainment, wineries, eateries, and artisans, AND Rail Runner service, make attending this event diverse, enjoyable and convenient—increasing attendance exponentially over the years.

The Town of Bernalillo through its MainStreet project and in partnership with New Mexico Wine Country, Inc., sponsor the festival. The event is not possible without the support of limited paid event staff and many volunteers from local organizations including the year-long planning and event coverage provided by Town personnel from multiple departments.

Mayor Patricia A. Chávez recognizes and appreciates the support received from staff and participating organizations and entities such as Sandoval County Sheriff's Posse, Bernalillo-Coronado Rotary Club, Duke City Civitans, Sandoval County DWI Prevention Program, PB&J Family Services, Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, First Assembly of God Church, Bernalillo Public Schools, Sandoval County, the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District, and the Mid-Region Council of Governments.

Thank you. You help showcase our community and make it possible for new and return visitors, alike, come back in tradition to taste the fruit of the vine on Labor Day Weekend in Bernalillo and throughout the year.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sep 28 Smithsonian Traveling Exhibit, Sand. Historical Society (thru Nov 9)
- Oct 6 Saturday Morning With Mayor Patricia A. Chávez
- Oct 8 Town Council Meeting, Council Chambers, 6:30 p.m.
- Oct 9 Planning and Zoning Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- Oct 9 ESCAFCA Board Meeting, Council Chambers, 3:00 p.m.
- Oct 13 Youth Basketball Registration Deadline
- Oct 22 Town Council Meeting, Council Chambers, 6:30 p.m.
- Nov 10 Veterans Commemorative Celebration, Rotary Pavilion, 10:00 a.m.

Librarian's Corner

New Books: The Judas Strain—James Rollins; Lone Survivor—Marcus Luttrell with Patrick Robinson; Marie Antoinette: The Journey—Antonia Fraser; Once a Nurse—Sunnie Bell; Silent Voices of WW II: When Sons of the Land of Enchantment Met Sons of the Rising Sun—Everett M. Rogers and Nancy R. Bartlit; Too Late to Say Goodbye—Ann Rule; Bats at the Beach—Brian Lies; How Do Dinosaurs Say Goodnight? - Jane Yolen and Mark Teague; How Do Dinosaurs Go to School? - Jand Yolen and Mark Teague; Mister Seahorse—Eric Carle; Taking a Bath With the Dog and Other Things That Make Me Happy—Scott Menchin

Librarian's Choice—Child

The Tale of Despereaux, being the story of a mouse, a princess, some soup, and a spool of thread—Kate DiCamillo.

Visit the Martha Liebert Public Library at 124 Calle Malinche. For more information call Juanita Montañó at 505.867.1440.

Your Tax Dollars (cont. from pg. 1)

In terms of technical jargon, the wastewater treatment plant will treat 1.9 million gallons of water daily and the two (2) arsenic treatment facilities at Well # 3 and Well #4 will lower arsenic levels to 5 PPB. These levels are well below the current EPA requirements of 10 PPB.

Our community investment and progress is made possible by the leadership of Town policy-makers, in-house personnel from multiple departments; and financial, engineer and construction partners including First Financial, RBC, Wilson & Company, NCS, ARS, H & T, RMCI, Bradbury and Stamm, and Cleary Builders.

Recreation Programs

The Town of Bernalillo Recreation Department offers many programs for all ages. Listed below are the winter opportunities to maintain a health lifestyle:

Senior Walking Program – Center opens 9 a.m., Monday—Friday. Community members are encouraged to use the main gym for walking and exercise. No other sports activities are scheduled. Fee: free.

Bernalillo Fitness Center—Open 9 a.m.—9 p.m.. Community members 17 years of age and older are eligible to use facility. The Fitness Center offers 2000 sq. ft. of carpeted, conditioned and equipped with commercial-grade treadmills, elliptical, and stairmaster machines along with nautilus and free weight equipment. Fee: \$10.00/month.

Bernalillo A.K.K.A—A.K.K.A is American Kenpo Karate Association. This organization offers the best in self defense training for all ages—men, women, and children. Head instructor Mr. Isidro (Lilo) Gonzales is a second degree black belt in American Kenpo Karate. Fee: Special rates available for residents as well as groups and families.

Adult Basketball Program—The program will feature games every Sunday at 9 a.m. starting in October 2007. Participation is limited to the first ten teams to register. Fee: \$400.00/team.

Youth Basketball Program—Now registering youth for the 2007—2008 season. Children ages 5 – 13 are eligible to participate. The program runs from October 2007—February 2008. Deadline is October 13, 2007 Fee: \$40.00/child; payable at registration.

After-school Program—For children in grades K—5th; after school each day. Parents must register children and schedule pick up by 6:00 p.m. A great alternative for parents and children to keep our youth safe, get help with homework, or interact with other children their age. Fee: free.

Call Jason Soto, 505.771.2078/239.0698, or Isidro Gonzales at 771.2078/263.4120 today to obtain more information on these great programs.

Smithsonian Exhibit Is Here!

The Smithsonian exhibit, "KEY INGREDIENTS: AMERICA BY FOOD" opens to the public on September 29. Daily— November 9, 2007, 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. including weekends at 161 Edmond Road in Bernalillo. Call Martha Liebert , 867.2755 for more information.