



# Town of Bernalillo

*"The City of Coronado"*

**PATRICIA A. CHÁVEZ**

Mayor

## Financial Health—A+ Bond Rating

Mayor Patricia A. Chávez announces that the town received an 'A+' rating for its 2008 gross receipts tax improvement revenue bonds. Last week Standard & Poor's Ratings Services assigned its A+ rating to Bernalillo's series 2008 gross receipts tax (GRT) improvement bonds.

Bernalillo residents should be very proud of this rating. The bond rating will give the town investment potential when financing capital improvements such as public safety buildings, water and sewer systems, and transit upgrades. It will also save the town thousands of dollars each year.

In order to obtain the Standard & Poor's rating the town had to demonstrate prudent financial management and a plan to implement capital improvement projects. Mayor Chávez thanks Town of Bernalillo Finance Director Santiago Chávez for establishing recognized accounting principals and securing a qualified audit this year. I also acknowledge the town council for their support of the Finance Department by providing staff and professional accounting software.

In New Mexico, the Gross Receipts Tax is the biggest income source for municipal governments to provide community services and facilities. Bernalillo's increased GRT revenues from recent commercial development will allow the town to finance new community service projects at a beneficial rate.

Finance Director Chávez states "that cities with high GRT revenues have better public facilities such as senior centers, recreational facilities and public safety buildings. (cont.)

## Recreation Programs

The Town of Bernalillo Recreation Department offers many programs for all ages. Take advantage of opportunities this winter to maintain a healthy lifestyle:

**Senior Walking Program**—Center opens at 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**—Opens at 9:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m. Community members 17 years of age and older are eligible to use facility. The Center offers 800 sq. ft. of conditioned space and is equipped with commercial grade treadmills, elliptical, and stairmaster machines along with nautilus and free weight equipment. Fee: \$20.00/month.

**Youth Basketball Program**—Register youth now for the 2008—2009 season. Children ages 5—13 are eligible to participate. The program runs from October 10, 2008 through February 2009. Fee: \$40.00/child; payable at registration.

**After-school Program**—Intended for children in grades K—5th; after school each day. Parents must register children and schedule pick up by 6:00 p.m. This offers parents a great alternative to keep our youth safe, get help with homework, or interact with other children their age. Fee: free. (cont. pg. 2)

## A+ Bond Rating (cont.)

Bernalillo is growing and new businesses have increased the gross receipts tax revenue for the town. It is important that the town do what it can to encourage development that would increase our GRT revenue stream."

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

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## Saturday With The Mayor

The next Saturday morning with Mayor Patricia A. Chávez is scheduled for Saturday, October 4, 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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# Town of Bernalillo

### 2008 Festival Success

The 21st Annual New Mexico Wine Festival held Labor Day Weekend drew large crowds despite rainy weather. The premier event of the Southwest featured eighteen New Mexico wineries who offered their wine for tasting and sales to a crowd of just over 26,000.

The Rail Runner service to the Festival brought over 19,000 riders from surrounding communities to enjoy the Festival and spend time in Bernalillo.

The economic impact to Bernalillo businesses from the New Mexico Wine Festival can be measured by the local restaurants, gas station and businesses. Throughout the Town many residents contributed to the success of the festival by parking cars on their vacant lots and generated a little extra income.

The festival is a town-sponsored through its Bernalillo Mainstreet Association in partnership with New Mexico Wine County, Inc. Over 60 temporary individuals are employed and many volunteers and organizations support the event including Town of Bernalillo administration and staff. The Town recognizes and appreciates the support received from the following organizations and entities: Sandoval County Sheriff's Posse, Duke City Civitans, the Sandoval County DWI Prevention Program, PB&J Family Services, First Assembly of God Church, Bernalillo Public Schools, Sandoval County, the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District and the Mid-Region Council of Governments. These organizations all received a monetary stipend for their services.

A final financial audited statement and outcome of the festival is anticipated to be publicly released in mid-October 2008. Thank you to all that participated and made the festival a success.

### Recreation Programs (cont. pg. 1)

**Shuffle Board**—All ages are welcomed to participate. Tuesday mornings, 9:00—11:00 a.m. Fee: free.

**Badminton**—All ages are welcomed to participate. Monday and Wednesday mornings, 9:00—11:00 a.m. Fee: free.

For more information call Jason Soto 238.0689.

### Employment Opportunities

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

- Motor Vehicle Clerk
- Police Officer
- Recreation Aide
- Housing Maintenance
- Maintenance Supervisor Town Hall
- Public Works Director
- Utility Worker

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.

### The "SEE" - Additional Service in Bernalillo

The "SEE" (Sandoval Easy Express) begins its Fall service schedule on Monday, September 29, 2008. Public comments received during the summer, yielded some route and time changes to provide better transfer between routes and to reduce travel times. The "SEE: Route 1 (free service) has been changed to include service along Bobby Place, Athena and Oak Streets. Service will also be provided to the Bernalillo Wal-Mart and to Santiago Way. The Sandoval County/U.S. 550 Rail Runner Station will be a coordinated transfer location for SEE routes 1, 4, and 22 in the morning and evening. A "SEE" route book is being developed and will be distributed in October.

The "SEE" provides public transit connections to the Rail Runners and provides service to locations in Bernalillo and communities along N.M. 4 and N.M. 22. Limited service is provided to Cuba by using Route 4 and transferring at San Ysidro to Route 8. Ride the "SEE" and save money. "

SEE" route information can be located at [www.sandovalcounty.com](http://www.sandovalcounty.com), [www.riometro.org](http://www.riometro.org) or by calling 1.877.660.1110. Comments regarding "SEE" service can be sent to [comments@sandovaleasyexpress.com](mailto:comments@sandovaleasyexpress.com).

Oct 4	Saturday w/Mayor, Town Hall, 10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.
Oct 7	Planning and Zoning Meeting - Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.
Oct 10	Youth Basketball Registration Ends, Recreation Center
Oct 13	Town Council Meeting - Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.
Oct 14	ESCAFCA Meeting - Town Hall, 3:00 p.m.
Oct 27	Town Council Meeting - Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.
Nov 4	Election Day
Nov 8	Veterans Commemorative Celebration, Recreation Center, 10:00 a.m.

### Librarian's Corner

**New Books:** The Case Against Barack Obama—David Freddoso; Ghost Among Us—James Van Praagh; Know Your Power—Nancy Pelosi; My Cousin The Saint—Justin Catanaso; The Obama Nation—Jerome R. Corsi; Swallow The Ocean—Laura M. Flynn; The Way of The World—Ron Suskind; When You Are Engulfed in Flames—David Sedaris; Betrayal—John Lescroart; Death in Honor—W.E.B. Griffin; The Edge of Recall—Kristen Heitzmann; The Guernsey Literary and Potatoes Peel Pie Society— M. Shaffer /A. Barrows; Rules of Deception—Christopher Reich; Silent Thunder—Roy Johansen; Somebody Else's Daughter—Elizabeth Brundage; Swan Peak—James Burke; Tribute—Nora Roberts; Undiscovered Country—Lin Enger; Where the River Ends—Charles Martin

**Librarian's Choice**—The Shack—William P. Young

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

### Military Men & Women

The Veterans Commemorative event is planned for Saturday, November 8, 2008 at Rotary Park, 10:00 a.m. Bernalillo service men and women, community members, and 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. Refreshment 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 call Felicia Rodriguez at 505.771-7121.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS