



Town of Bernalillo

"The City of Coronado"

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BPD COMMAND UNIT

The Town of Bernalillo Police Department is scheduled to receive its new Mobile Command Unit in October.

The Town applied for a grant for the Mobile Command Post under the 2009 Recovery Act: Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program in and was awarded \$102,600.00! The Town of Bernalillo added \$30,000.00 to complete the purchase.

The command post will be used for all community events and will be a resource for the Town's special events and available to all other public safety agencies in the county.

Mayor Patricia A. Chávez extends a special thanks and congratulations to Detective Jeff McGinnis and Officer Jeremy Romero who researched and wrote the successful grant proposal!

SAVE THE DATE!

2009 Veteran's Salute and Southwest Reading Room Open House—November 14, 2009, 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. @ the Town of Bernalillo Martha Liebert Public Library. Details in next newsletter.

SATURDAY WITH THE MAYOR

The next Saturday morning with Mayor Patricia A. Chávez is scheduled for Saturday, October 3, 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 771-7128.

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

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MAYOR'S UPDATE

Managing Bernalillo's Growth

Recent U.S. Census figures indicate Bernalillo was the fastest growing town in New Mexico. Our town grew by 17.16% from 2007 to 2008 (pop. 9,237). It was not a big surprise to Bernalillo's Planning & Zoning Department (P&Z) who has dealt with construction permits that went from 41 in 2003; to a peak of 390 in 2006 before a decline to 165 in 2008. More recently we see a strong trend for 2009. Based on anecdotal lot sales, P&Z conservatively estimates end of year 2009 permit numbers at between 125 and 150.

It is vitally important that we anticipate and continue to step up to the planning and management of this growth. We work hard to preserve the quality of life we currently enjoy while effectively managing the inevitable growth within and around us.

Along with an investment in personnel, financial management and geographically information systems we are poised to more effectively deal with this growth and make better management decisions. Revenues from housing construction, and increased revenues from commercial development and sales are all necessary to aid in the replacement of our aging infrastructure and address associated manpower needs.

We have procured outside funding and together with increased Town of Bernalillo gross receipts dollars have launched several new infrastructure projects. Construction of the Rotary Park bathroom structure is now underway. The letting of the Camino del Pueblo enhancement and Camino don Tomas improvement projects is initiated now in October with construction anticipated starting in early November 2009. Bid opening for the Westside Public Safety Station is scheduled for September 29, 2009.

When you read about Town public hearings and debates on growth issues and concerns, keep in mind that this is a necessary democratic, albeit sometimes, difficult process. These are important forums. Working together, we can manage this growth and still help Bernalillo maintain a healthy, prosperous, vibrant community with all its legacy, history and quality of life.

TOUGH ECONOMIC TIMES

Money is tight and we need to be extra careful with our limited resources these days; and as usual, there are people ready to take advantage of our situation. Here are some good resources for information and help.

<http://www.federalreserve.gov/pubs/foreclosurescamtips/default.htm>
(Avoiding Foreclosure Scams)

<http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/pubs/consumer/credit/cre13.shtm> (Repair Your Credit)

<http://www.federalreserveconsumerhelp.gov/?District=13> (problems w/ a bank or other financial institution)

<http://www.federalreserve.gov/consumerinfo/default.htm> (more resources)

HIGHLIGHTS:

- **BPD Command Unit**
- **Calendar of Events**
- **Call For Bernalillo Artists!**
- **Employment Opportunities**
- **Festival— Resounding Success!**
- **Fire and Rescue Volunteers**
- **Fire Safety Celebration**
- **Follow The Cancer Run**
- **Healthy Options**
- **Librarian's Corner**
- **Managing Bernalillo's Growth**
- **Saturday with the Mayor**
- **Save The Date-Veteran Salute**
- **Tough Economic Times**

LIBRARIAN'S CORNER

Juanita Montañón Retires

As you can see, we don't have our usual list of new book arrivals or the reading recommendation in this issue. The fact is, that after 19 years as an APS librarian and 14 years as our librarian, Juanita Montano has retired. Congratulations Juanita, you certainly deserve a rest, but, as you can see, we miss you.

Visit the Martha Liebert Public Library, 124 Calle Malinche, Monday—Friday, 10:00 a.m.—noon; and, 1:30—6:00 p.m. Call Olivia Bueno at 505.867.1440 for more information.

CALL FOR BERNALILLO

ARTISTS!

Mayor Patricia A. Chávez introduces the Bernalillo Arts and Crafts Holiday Stroll in conjunction with the Annual Christmas Nighttime Parade @ Loretto Park (former Tourism bldg.) on Saturday, December 5, 2009. Details to follow. Interested Bernalillo artists are asked to contact Felicia Rodriguez @ 505.771.7121 to reserve space and obtain fee information.



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FIRE SAFETY CELEBRATION

October 4th - 10th is National Fire Prevention Week. In partnership with Wal-Mart, Bernalillo Fire & Rescue will host a special fire safety celebration on October 10, 2009, 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. in the Wal-Mart parking lot.

The event will help educate children and adults on the key points of fire safety. Food, kids games, an EMS helicopter, the Isotopes mascot and other entertainment will all contribute to delivering the safety message. Call FF Matt Urioste at 505.991.2505 for additional information.

FESTIVAL—A RESOUNDING SUCCESS!!

The 22nd annual New Mexico Wine Festival at Bernalillo held on Labor Day weekend a resounding success. Over the years, the New Mexico Wine Festival at Bernalillo has become the largest and best attended wine, arts, food, and entertainment event in the state.

Mayor Patricia A. Chávez commented; "Wine-making is a tradition in Bernalillo going back to the 1800s and it is fitting and proper that Bernalillo hosts the state's premier wine festival. My special thanks to all the workers and vendors who contributed to our success but especially to Wine Festival Executive Director and Town Clerk Ida Fierro, Carla Salazar and other Town Hall staff who worked tirelessly on the festival."

In spite of the economy, this year's event exceeded 2008 total tickets sales by 644 tickets not counting those purchased using wireless devices and scanned electronically at the gate. Attendance exceeded 6,400. People from as far away as the Yukon and Newfoundland enjoyed a diversity of New Mexico wines, cuisine, art, and entertainment.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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

- Building Maintenance Worker
- Librarian
- Parks Maintenance/Utility Worker
- Public Works Director
- Town Administrator

Certain positions will remain open until filled. To apply or obtain more information, contact Yolanda Mora, HR Director at 505.771.7112.

BERNALILLO HEALTHY OPTIONS

It's Flu Season: Get Your Annual Flu Shots: Shots are available at Walgreens in Bernalillo, the cost for those who are not covered by insurance is \$24.99. Seniors are encouraged to get their annual flu shots. Questions regarding whether you or a family member should get the flu shot should be answered by your medical provider.

H1N1 Virus: (Swine Flu): A H1N1 flu shot will be available by medical providers by October. When the vaccination becomes available, people under 24 years old, people caring for infants, people with high-risk medical conditions and health-care workers are encouraged to get the shot.

Preventive Measures For The Flu: With the appropriate precautions and preventive measures, you can avoid infection or a least control the spread, especially among children. Proper preventive measures are those we should already be practicing. *Wash your hands well and often. *Cover your mouth/nose when you cough or sneeze; cough/sneeze into your arm if necessary. *Stay home from work or school if ill. *Practice good health habits (eat right, get enough sleep and stay active). *** If cold or flu symptoms become severe seek medical attention.

@ the Bernalillo Recreation Center Normal center hours are from 8:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information, contact Jason Soto at 505.238.0689.

Youth Basketball Program: Registration of 5—13 year olds for the 2009-2010 basketball season continues at the Recreation Center through October 9, 2009, weekdays from 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. Cost is \$40.00 per participant.

Badminton & Pickleball: The Badminton group meets at the center every Monday and Wednesday mornings 9:00 — 11:00 a.m. The Pickleball group meets every Tuesday and Thursday from 6:00— 8:00 p.m. All are welcome to participate.



Walking: All are invited to use the Recreation Center gym to walk from 8:30 a.m. — 10:00 a.m., Monday through Friday. A group walks outside during the summer but as the weather gets colder, we encourage everyone to use the gym to continue walking through the winter months.

After School Program: School age children are welcome to spend their after-school hours at the Recreation Center. Registration is not required, but an emergency contact form will need to be signed. Your child can get help with homework, partake in recreational activities, or can just hang out. This is a great alternative for parents who do not want their children to go home to an empty house after school. Children must be picked up by 6:00 p.m.

BERNALILLO FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT AND ITS TRAINED VOLUNTEERS

The Town of Bernalillo started its career Fire and Rescue Department in 2007 but the community has long been served by its cadre of volunteer firefighters and still is. Fire Chief John Estrada relies heavily on its 18 trained volunteers to meet the rescue and fire fighting needs of our town—24/7.

Mayor Patricia A. Chávez thanks all of our career and volunteer firefighters and welcomes three newest members of our volunteer team. *Firefighter Michelle McDonald* is an EMT Intermediate and was trained by the Bernalillo County Fire Department as a IFSAC Firefighter I. *Firefighter Gabriel Moss* is an EMT Basic and a veteran firefighter. He is a trained IFSAC Firefighter I and HazMat Technician. *Firefighter Biff Talada* is an EMT Basic and a veteran IFSAC Firefighter II.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sep 28 Council Meeting, Town Hall; 6:30 p.m.
- Oct 3 Saturday w/ the Mayor, Town Hall; 10:00 a.m.—noon
- Oct 6 P & Z Meeting, Town Hall ; 6:30 p.m.
- Oct 10 Fire Prevention Day, Wal-Mart; 9:00 a.m.—3:00 pm
- Oct 13 ESCAFCA Meeting, Town Hall; 3:00 p.m.
- Oct 13 Council Meeting, Town Hall; 6:30 p.m.
- Oct 26 Council Meeting, Town Hall; 6:30 p.m.

HTTP://FOLLOW THE RUN.ORG

Bernalillo Fire Department hosted **Dustin Huck** on his run for the American Cancer Society on September 23, 2009. Dustin is making his way home to West Texas from Southern California and working towards raising one million dollars for cancer research.

Mayor Patricia A. Chávez thanks FF Matt Miller, FF Ryan Louchard, FF James Estrada and FF Michael Kenak for extending their kindred spirit of Firefighters to Dustin in Bernalillo hospitality style @ the firehouse. Cancer touches all us—consider monetary support of this effort. See coverage of Dustin's visit in Bernalillo @ KRQE New 13.