



Town of Bernalillo

"The City of Coronado"

PATRICIA A. CHÁVEZ

Mayor

New Financial Management System

The Town of Bernalillo Finance Department is going through some exciting changes. The Town of Bernalillo recently contracted with Tyler Technology for a state-of-the-art accounting software system.

The new system will enable the finance department to provide improved services to citizens and business operations. The Finance Department will now have an technologically updated general ledger, utility billing system, streamlined payroll and other Human Resource reporting functionality.

In November, you will receive a newly formatted utility billing statement with features such as an easy to read print, monthly usage graph, and year-to-date comparisons.

Feel free to contact Santiago Chavez at 771.7110 if you have any questions regarding your new bill format; or, to let us know how you like the new bill.

General Election

November 4, 2008 is your last opportunity to vote for President, U.S. Senator and Representative, N.M. Senators and Representatives, as well as other County candidates that will represent you for the next two (2) and four (4) years.

This election is too critical to let your right to vote lapse. Polling places are open at 7:00 a.m. through 7:00 p.m. For more information on your polling location, call Sandoval County Bureau of Elections at 867.7577.

Military Men & Women

The Veterans Commemorative Celebration is planned for Saturday, November 8, 2008 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. Refreshment will be served.

If you have not already provided the name(s) of a veteran or active military person(s) born, raised, or residing in Bernalillo, and to obtain more information regarding the event and to RSVP, please call Felicia Rodriguez at 771-7121.

Annual Holiday Light Parade

The annual holiday nighttime light parade is planned for Saturday, December 6, 2008. The parade will begin at 6:00 p.m. at Calle de la Escuela.

An entry fee of \$10.00 per float will support the town's Christmas Toy Drive and benefit the children from the community.

Start the design and construction of floats today. Contact Carla Salazar at 771.7114 for an application or more information.

Thank You

Thank you P & Z Commissioner, Hazel Dameron for your generous contribution of toys for distribution by our Police and Fire Departments to children in our community.

You have kicked off the Bernalillo Children's Christmas Fund and season of giving!

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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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Official Tree Lighting

Mayor Patricia A. Chávez invites all residents and business to the Annual Christmas official town Christmas Tree Lighting at 6:00 p.m., Friday, December 5, 2008, in front of Town Hall.

In a candlelight event, come and enjoy children's voices from our local school choirs to formally launch the holiday season in Bernalillo.

Biscochitos and hot cider will be served.



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ESCAFCA Bond Issue on November Ballot

Eastern Sandoval County Arroyo Flood Control Authority (ESCAFCA) received funding from the New Mexico legislature to study flooding issues in the area. On November 4, 2008, voters will determine if ESCAFCA will receive additional funding to remedy the problems studied and identified by board members in the last two years. Voters in Bernalillo, Placitas and Algodones will have the opportunity to approve a \$6 million bond issue that will provide flood control and watershed management facilities in Eastern Sandoval County.

A “yes” vote for the ESCAFCA bond issue will ensure an organized process and system for controlling and approving new building and development. This guarantees that building is done responsibly and without causing run-off and increased flooding risk to neighbors.

The funding for ESCAFCA and its flood control facilities will be paid with a mill levy on homeowner’s property taxes. Voters will approve the mill levy every four years. This first mill levy will provide \$6 million to build facilities. The cost per \$100,000 of assessed property value is \$5.49 per month. ESCAFCA will partner with other Federal and State agencies for addition funding to build flood control projects.

Sharing in the responsibility for flood control will add real value to property. It has been well documented that flood control measures and watershed management practices add value by protecting structures from floodwaters. In addition, ESCAFCA prevent future development of land within the floodplain, thus reducing the likelihood that future homes will be exposed to flood damage.

For more information on ESCAFCA and the bond issue go to www.escafca.org.

Librarian’s Corner

NON-FICTION: Clemente: The Passion and Grace of Baseball’s Last Hero—David Maraniss; Dewey: The Small-Town Library Cat Who Touched the World— Myron/Witter; Into The Devil’s Den: How and FBI Informant Got Inside the Aryan Nations and a Special Agent Got Him Out—Dave Hall and Tim Burke; Murder By Family: The Incredible True Story of A Son’s Treachery and a Father’s Forgiveness—Kent Whitaker; Posterity: Letters of Great Americans To Their Children—Lori McCullough Lawson; The War Within: A Secret White House History 2006-2008—Bob Woodward

FICTION: The 19th Wife—David Ebershoff; Acheron—Sherrilyn Kenyon; Anathem—Neal Stephenson; Assassin—Stephen Coonts; American Wife—Curtis Sittenfeld; Being Elizabeth—Barbara Taylor Bradford; Brida—Paulo Coelho; The Condition—Jennifer Haigh; Damage Control -J.A. Jance; Dead Heat—Joe Rosenberg; Devil Bones—Kathy Reichs; Smoke Screen—Sandra Brown

Librarian’s pick – Posterity: Letters of Great Americans to Their Children—Lori McCullough Lawson

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

Emergency Numbers

- **Emergency Only—911**
- Non-Emergency Dispatch 891.7226
- Police Chief—771.5877
- Animal Control—891.7226
- Police Records—771.5872
- Concerned Citizen Hotline—771.5888

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Nov 4 General Election—polls open 7:00 a.m.—7:00 p.m.
- Nov 8 Veterans Commemorative Celebration, Rec. Center—10 a.m.
- Nov 10 Town Council Meeting—Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- Nov 11 Planning and Zoning Meeting - Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- Nov 11 ESCAFCA Meeting—Town Hall, 3:00 p.m.
- Nov 24 Town Council Meeting—Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- Nov 27-28 Thanksgiving Holiday—Town Hall Closed
- Dec 5 Town of Bernalillo Official Tree Lighting, 6:00 p.m.
- Dec 6 Nighttime Light Parade—Calle de la Escuela, 6:00 p.m.

Employment Opportunities

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

- Janitor
- Maintenance Worker
- Police Officer
- Public Works Director
- Recreation Aide

Certain positions will remain open until filled. To apply, or obtain more information on qualifications, contact Yolanda Mora, Director of Human Resources, 771.7112.

Festival of Trees

Our Lady of Sorrows Knights of Columbus—Council 7633 will be sponsoring a Festival of Trees on December 19, 2008 at Our Lady of Sorrows Social Center at 7:00 p.m.

The Knights of Columbus are asking for businesses, organizations and individual’s to donate a decorated Christmas Tree. The donated Christmas Tree will be on display at the Social Center on Friday, December 19, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. The trees will then be delivered to needy families on Saturday, December 20, 2008.

For more information contact Rick Poolaw, 315.8534, or Robert Maestas, 604.1975.

Coronado Campground

Are you having out of town visitors for the holidays; and need a site for those recreation vehicles? Coronado Campground is the place for you!

Campground hours are 24/7. A camp host is always on site to assist with finding a campsite. For information, call Robert Stephens at 505.980.8256.