



Town of Bernalillo

"The City of Coronado"

PATRICIA A. CHÁVEZ

Mayor

Season's Greetings

Mayor Patricia A. Chávez extends a warm holiday greetings to all residents and businesses. May the rich spirit of the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons bring your families health, joy, and many blessings.

Be mindful of your safety and that of our youth as you drive through neighborhoods and see others at work and play as a result of school closures and work holidays.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you as Mayor of this great community!

After School Program

The Town of Bernalillo offers an after school program for children in grades K—5th. The program begins immediately after school each day at the Recreation Center; and children must be picked up by 6:00 p.m., Monday—Friday.

This is a great opportunity for parents to consider as an alternative to keep their children in a safe and supervised environment. It helps our youth get help with their homework and interact with other children their own age.

Contact Jason Soto at 505.238.0689 for more information or to register your child(ren).

Did You Know?

Santa is scheduled to visit Bernalillo children on Christmas day, Thursday, December 25, 2008. He will be arriving at noon and presenting stockings filled with goodies to all the children who visit him at Town Hall.

Don't miss Santa's special visit—have your parents bring you to town hall!

Winter Safety

About 30 percent of residents in the Town of Bernalillo use wood stoves and fire places to heat their homes every winter. Unfortunately, many are unaware of the fire risk when heating with wood and solid fuels.

An average of 36 percent of residential home fires are attributable to heating-related causes every year. Often these fires are due to creosote buildup in chimneys and stovepipes. All home heating systems require regular maintenance to function safely and efficiently.

The Town of Bernalillo Fire Department encourages you to practice the following safety tips to keep those heating fires safely burning. Remember, fire safety is your personal responsibility—Fires Can Stop With You!

1. Have your chimney or wood stove inspected and cleaned annually by a certified chimney specialist;
2. Keep air inlets on wood stoves open, and never restrict air supply to fireplaces. Otherwise you may cause creosote buildup that could lead to a chimney fire;
3. Use fire-resistant materials on walls around wood stoves;
4. Never use flammable liquids to start a fire;
5. Never leave a fire in the fireplace unattended. Extinguish the fire before going to bed or leaving the house;
6. Soak hot ashes in water and place them in a metal container outside your home;
7. Install smoke alarms on every level of your home. Test monthly and change batteries once a year; and,
8. Extend all vent pipes at least three feet above the roof.

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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, December 6, 2008 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 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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24th Annual Nighttime Parade

The Town of Bernalillo boasts the oldest continuous nighttime parade in New Mexico! Join us as we celebrate the season. The parade theme is “A Storybook Christmas” and the parade will be held on Saturday, December 6, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

The parade route will be along Camino del Pueblo south from Calle Escuela to Avenida Bernalillo. At Avenida Bernalillo, the parade will turn north onto Calle San Lorenzo and end at Rotary Park. There, the Town will host a bonfire with bizcochitos and cider for all.

Ribbons will be awarded to the best entries in the categories of Youth, Commercial, Non-Commercial, and Vehicle. The entry fee is a \$25.00 donation to the “Children’s Christmas Fund”.

Float applications are now available on the Town website, www.townofbernalillo.org, at Town Hall, or by contacting Carla Salazar at 505.771.7114.

Official Tree Lighting

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

Come out and enjoy mingling with friends and neighbors as we listen to carols sung by our youth from local school choirs. This event serves to formally launch the holiday season in Bernalillo. Bizcochitos and hot cider will be served.

Facility Ground-breaking

Mayor Patricia A. Chávez invites the public to the ground-breaking ceremony of the Westside Public Safety Building on Thursday, December 11, 2008 at 3:30 p.m. at 1101 Montoya Rd., (near Wal-Mart).

This is another major initiative in expanding the Town’s public safety infrastructure and providing for the well-being of our community.

R.S.V.P. to Felicia Rodriguez at 505.771.7121.

Librarian’s Corner

NON-FICTION: Called Out of Darkness: A Spiritual Confession—Anne Rice; Dewey: The Small Town Library Cat Who Touched The World—Vicky Myron; Letter to My Daughter—Maya Angelou; Member of The Family—Cesar Millan; Michelle: A Biography—Liza Mundy; The Mona Lisa Stratagem: The Art of Women, Age, and Power—Harriet Rubin; A New Kind of Normal—Carol Kent; Somewhere in Heaven: The Remarkable Love Story of Dana and Christopher Reeve—Christopher Andersen; When I Lay My Isaac Down—Carol Kent

FICTION: Dirty Girls on Top—Alisa Valdez-Rodriguez; Escape—Robert Tannenbaum; Faces of Fear—John Saul; Foreign Body—Robin Cook; The Good Thief—Hannah Tinti; The Host—Stephenie Myer; The Lace Reader—Brunonia Barry; The Last Patriot—Brad Thor; The Laughter of Dead Kings—Elizabeth Peters; Made in The U.S.A—Billie Letts; The Mercedes Coffin—Kaye Kellerman; Moscow Rules—Daniel Silva; Off Season—Anne Rivers Siddons; Secrets of A Shoe Addict—Beth Harbison; Shadow of Power—Steve Martini; The Story of Edgar Sawtelle—David Wroblowski

Librarian’s pick - Dewey: The Small Town Library Cat Who Touched the World—Vicky Myron

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Dec 5 Town of Bernalillo Official Tree Lighting—Town Hall, 6:00 p.m.
- Dec 6 Saturday w/ Mayor, Town Hall, 10:00 a.m.—noon
- Dec 6 Nighttime Light Parade—Calle Escuela, 6:00 p.m.
- Dec 6 Toy Run, Potluck/Dance, Sand. Co. Sheriff’s Posse, 7:30 p.m.
- Dec 8 Town Council Meeting, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- Dec 9 ESCAFCA Meeting—Town Hall, 3:00 p.m.
- Dec 9 Planning and Zoning Meeting—Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- Dec 11 Westside Public Safety Ground-breaking, 1101 Montoya Rd., 3:30 p.m.
- Dec 19 Festival of Trees, Our Lady of Sorrows, 7:00 p.m.
- Dec 25 Santa Visits Bernalillo Children, Town Hall, noon
- Dec 25-26 Christmas Holiday—Town Hall Closed
- Jan 1-2 New Years Holiday—Town Hall Closed

Employment Opportunities

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

- GIS Technician
- Janitor
- Maintenance Supervisor
- Motor Vehicle Clerk
- 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, 505.771.7112.

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

Festival of Trees

Come out to enjoy the Festival of Trees sponsored by the Knights of Columbus on December 19, 2008 at Our Lady of Sorrows Social Center at 7:00 p.m.

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

Toy Run

The 8th Annual Toy Run for children of Sandoval County is scheduled in conjunction with the Town of Bernalillo Nighttime Parade. Potluck and dance at the Sandoval County Sheriff’s Posse on Saturday, December 6, 2008. Admission is an unwrapped gift for boy or girl; or, \$10. Contact Mike Montaña at 505.379.7463.