



Town of Bernalillo

"The City of Coronado"

PATRICIA A. CHÁVEZ

Mayor

2007 GREAT Graduation

The Town of Bernalillo, in partnership with Bernalillo Public Schools graduated 43—7th grade students at Bernalillo Middle School from the GREAT program on December 11th 2007.

The GREAT program (Gang Resistance Education and Training) was offered at the middle school. Bernalillo for the first time in 2007. Police Officer Darrell Sanchez presented the program over 13 weeks, teaching students gang prevention techniques.

Mayor Patricia A. Chávez and Superintendent Lowder were on hand to congratulate the students and present them with their certificates and medallions.

This program was well received by the students and staff and will continue in the spring semester. Mayor Chávez again, congratulates the students.

Saturday With The Mayor

The next Saturday morning with Mayor Patricia A. Chávez is scheduled for Saturday, January 5, 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 771.7128.

Martha Liebert Library

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

Employment Opportunities

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

- Fire Fighters (PT)
- Housing Maintenance Worker
- MVD Clerk
- Public Works Director
- Recreation Aide (PT)
- 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.

Koats for Kids

The Town of Bernalillo Recreation Center is the site for Koats for Kids distribution. Coats available in all sizes for those needing a winter coat. One coat per person will be issued; and individuals must stop by in person to receive a coat.

Hours of distribution are 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m., Monday—Friday. For more information, contact Jason Soto at 505.238.0689.

Municipal Election

In order to vote in the March 4th municipal election, you must be registered at the Sandoval County Clerk's office by Tuesday, February 5, 2008, 5:00 p.m.

To register to vote, update your voter registration (name, address, and/or address changes) or find out if you are already registered or eligible to vote, please call the Sandoval County Bureau of Elections at 505.867.7577.

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If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please call 771-7129, fax 867-0481, or mail:

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Holiday Greetings

Mayor Patricia A. Chávez extends season greetings to all residents and businesses. I wish each of you good health and prosperity in 2008.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve Bernalillo.



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Parade Winners Announced

Mayor Patricia A. Chávez announces the winners of the oldest continuous nighttime parade in New Mexico. The Town of Bernalillo held the 23rd Annual Nighttime Christmas Parade along main street on Saturday, December 1, 2007.

Youth Category: 3rd place—Bernalillo Middle School Cheerleaders; 2nd place—Bernalillo Middle School Marching Band; and, 1st place award—Cub Scout Packs #707 & #708.

Commercial Category: 3rd place—Village Academy; 2nd place—UNM Los Alamos, Bernalillo Branch; 1st place—Waste Management of New Mexico.

Non-commercial Category: 3rd place—Carroll Elementary/Town of Bernalillo; 2nd place—Bernalillo High School Cheerleaders; and, 1st place—Sandoval County/Town of Bernalillo DWI Prevention

Vehicle Category: 3rd place—the Motorcycle Toy Run; 2nd place—the Classic Chevy Car Club; and, 1st place—Deception Car Club.

In the Best of Theme category, “A Mariachi Christmas”, the cash prizes sponsored by the Greater Sandoval County Chamber of Commerce: 3rd place—the Classic Chevy Car Club; 2nd place—the Cub Scout Troops; and, in 1st place—the Carroll Elementary/Town of Bernalillo entry featuring a Mariachi Santa

Proceeds from parade entries, and generous donations from area businesses and individuals, allow the Town to host Santa’s visit on Christmas Day at Town Hall and the distribute toys to area children.

Mayor Patricia A. Chávez extends a special thank you to all contributors, volunteers, staff, and service agencies for your role in making the holidays brighter for our community.

Winter Safety

About 30 percent of residents in the Town of Bernalillo use wood stoves and fireplaces to heat their homes every winter. Unfortunately, many are unaware of the fire risks 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 Dept encourages you to practice the following fire 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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dec 31	New Years Holiday-Town Hall Closed
Jan 1	New Years Holiday-Town Hall Closed
Jan 8	Municipal Candidate Filing Deadline
Jan 8	Planning & Zoning Meet - Town Hall
Jan 14	Town Council Meeting- Town Hall
Jan 15	ESCAFCA Meeting - Town Hall
Jan 28	Council Meeting - Town Hall
Mar 4	Municipal Election

Recreation Program Added

The Town of Bernalillo Recreation Department has added a new program—Shuffleboard; Tuesday mornings from 9:00—11:00 a.m. for all skill levels.

Those with no experience playing will be taught by other participants. Participation in the program is free.

This is another opportunity for the community to maintain a healthy lifestyle.

Contact Jason Soto at 505.238.0689 for more information.

Route 66 Documentation Project

Share your Route 66 History! This project aims to create a comprehensive inventory of; and, guide material documentation of New Mexico Route 66 corridor from 1926 to the present.

Please share information about your civic and business records, postcard, oral histories, guidebooks, maps, photographs and related Route 66 material. Contact Russ Davidson, Project Manager, University of New Mexico, 505.362.3320 or at rdavidson@unm.edu.

Financial Literacy Classes

Empowering Our Communities New Mexico (Formerly Sandoval Economic Opportunity Corp.) has a matched savings plan designed to help families purchase a home, start a business, or further their education.

Call Empowering New Mexico at 505.867.3374 for information on how you can participate.

MVD Re-Opens

Register your vehicle and get your drivers license at the MVD office at Town Hall. The office is now re-opened; Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m. The office closes for lunch at noon—1:00 p.m. For more information, please contact Ida Fierro at 505.771.7128.