



Town of Bernalillo

"The City of Coronado"

PATRICIA A. CHÁVEZ

Mayor

Library Addition

Construction has begun on Phase Two of the Town of Bernalillo Martha Liebert Public Library. The project is an adaptive reuse of a 1920's wooden structure that was built as the first non-Catholic church in Bernalillo. A corridor will be constructed to connect the existing library to the restored building which will house the Southwest Collection and Reading Room. The project is funded by the Town of Bernalillo General and Sandoval County Library Bond dollars. The project cost including architectural design and construction is \$259,000.00.

Martha Liebert, established the first public library in Bernalillo in 1965 as a volunteer and continued to serve as librarian until her retirement in 1990. In 1985, Mayor Michael Foster honored Martha's great accomplishment by naming the Town Library the Martha Liebert Library. Mayor Patricia A. Chávez renewed the dedication when she named the new library facility in 2006.

Did You Know?

Town of Bernalillo Fire Fighter/Paramedic Brannon Porch and Fire Fighter/EMTB Matthew Miller completed the BCFD Fire Academy. Both participated in the 12 week academy, which involved physical strength, fire fighting classes and hands on training. Firefighters go through the academy to learn more on life saving techniques such as rope rescue, extrication of victims from cars, trenches and confined spaces including the different techniques of extinguishing fires.

Congratulations Brannon Porch and Matthew Miller on your completion of the BCFD Training Academy.

Road Construction Projects

Mayor Patricia A. Chávez is pleased to announce that commencing early in 2009, the Town of Bernalillo will be enhancing and improving several roads in Bernalillo: Camino del Pueblo from Avenida Bernalillo to US 550 (streetscape with ADA sidewalks and traffic calming measures); the Downtown Rail Runner Station (ADA sidewalks and road improvements); Don Tomas to Calle Barrionuevo (ADA sidewalks and road improvements); South Hill Road to US 550 (road improvements); Calle del Bosque (ADA sidewalks, traffic safety enhancements, and improved drainage); and Calle La Bona Tierra and Calle de Las Lomas (road blading and shaping with a 2 inch overlay).

The funding for these road enhancements are from the New Mexico Department Cooperative and the Town of Bernalillo Gross Receipts Tax dollars. The Town of Bernalillo continues to strive to make its arterial roads safe and easy for pedestrians and motorist that use these walkways and roadways.

Thank You

Thank you—muchismas gracias to: Inez Gabaldon—20 years of service to the Martha Liebert Library Board; Al Briley—21 years of service to the MainStreet Board; Hazel Damaron—20 years of service to the Planning and Zoning Commission; and Teresa Young—8 years of service to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

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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, January 10, 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 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.

2009 Greetings!

Best wishes for a prosperous and healthy 2009—*Mayor Patricia A. Chávez!*



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New Public Safety Building

Mayor Patricia A. Chávez and the Town Council broke ground on December 11, 2008 for the new site of the Town of Bernalillo Westside Public Safety Building on Montoya Rd.

The new 8,000 sq. ft. facility will house both the Town's fire and police departments. Completion is scheduled in May 2009.

Funding for the new Public Safety Building is made possible by through Legislative appropriations and Town of Bernalillo Gross Receipts Tax Funding.

This initiative moves the town forward in its efforts to obtain a lower ISO rating for its residents. This will ultimately mean lower insurance premiums in the future.

Librarian's Corner

NON-FICTION: Against Medical Advice—James Patterson; American Prince: A Memoir—Tony Curtis; Barefoot Contessa: Back to Basics—Ina Garten; Change We Can Believe In—Barack Obama; Doña Tules: Santa Fe's Courtesan and Gambler—Mary Straw Cook; Flat Belly Diet! - Liz Vaccariello (editor); From Promise To Power—David Mendell; Hot, Flat, and Crowded—Thomas L. Friedman; The Legs Are The Last To Go—Diahann Carroll; Outliers: The Story of Success—Malcolm Gladwell; Promises to Keep—Joe Biden; The Purpose of Christmas—Rick Warren; Real Life—Phil McGraw; Snowball: Warren Buffett and The Business of Life—Alice Schroeder; You Being Beautiful—Michael F. Roizen

FICTION: The Brass Verdict—Michael Connelly; The Christmas Sweater—Glen Beck; Coyote's Wife—Aimee & David Thurlo; Cross Country—James Patterson; Divine Justice—David Baldacci; A Dog Names Christmas—Greg Kincaid; The Fire—Katherine Neville; Heat Lightning—John Sanford; Hounded To Death—Rita Mae Brown; Jesus: A Story of Enlightenment—Deepak Chopra; The Lucky One—Nicholas Sparks; Lucky Billy—John Vernon; A Most Wanted Man—John LeCarre; I See You Everywhere—Julia Glass; Testimony—Anita Shreve; Your Heart Belongs to Me—Dean Koontz

Librarian's pick: The Christmas Sweater—Glen Beck

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

Rail Runner To Santa Fe

Commuter service into Santa Fe officially began December 17, 2008. The South Capitol Complex Station north of Alta Vista Street and the Santa Fe Depot at the Rail yard north of Paseo de Peralta will be open to the public.

The New Mexico Rail Runner Express will run on zone-based fares, with a roundtrip, day pass fare from downtown Bernalillo/550 stations to downtown Santa Fe costing \$7.00; and \$3.00 to downtown Albuquerque; get an additional discount of \$1.00 if tickets are purchased on-line. Children under 10 years of age ride free; and, monthly, annual, student, and senior fares are also discounted.

Finalized train fares and schedules along with bus connections are available <http://www.nmrailrunner.com>. See bus Route 1A to access Bernalillo stops.

Double Thanks

Thank you—Ramona Salazar and her 3rd grade class; and, Ann Marie Baca and the high school chorus for participating in the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony on December 5, 2008. Youthful voices of the season add to the joy of the holidays!

Traditions live on when future leaders of our community participate in town activities!

US 550 Station Parking

Rail Runner riders now have two parking areas to use at the Sandoval County / US 550 station. The Upper Parking Area (the old NMDOT park and ride lot) is now available to Rail Runner riders. A pedestrian overpass connects the Upper Parking Area to the rail platform. Identify the appropriate parking area and allow for adequate time to get to the rail platform. Generally, the following will expedite access to the platform: Lower Parking Area—handicap accessible parking, carpool parking, general parking, bus and shuttle connections. Upper Parking Area—general parking.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Jan 1-2 New Years Holiday—Town Hall Closed
- Jan 6 Planning and Zoning—Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- Jan 10 Saturday w/ Mayor, Town Hall, 10:00 a.m.—noon
- Jan 12 Town Council Meeting—Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- Jan 13 ESCAFCA Meeting—Town Hall, 3:00 p.m.
- Jan 26 Town Council Meeting—Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

2008 Parade Winners

Mayor Patricia A. Chávez announces the winners of the oldest continuous nighttime parade in New Mexico. The Town of Bernalillo held the **24th Annual Nighttime Christmas Parade** along its main street on Saturday, December 6, 2008.

In the **Youth Category**—Our Lady of Sorrows placed first for their entry, Bernalillo Public Schools Even Start Program placed second, and the Bernalillo Girls 7th Grade Basketball Team received the third-place ribbon.

In the **Commercial Category**—the Range Café placed first, Mendoza Construction placed second, and Montoya Farmer's Insurance received the third-place ribbon.

In the **Noncommercial Category**—UNM Los Alamos, Bernalillo Branch received the first-place ribbon followed by The Village Academy in second-place, and Romero Thunder placed third.

In the **Vehicle** entries—winner in first-place was awarded to the Classic Chevy Car Club, Deception Car Club followed in second place, and the Motorcycle Toy Run taking third-place.

In the **Best of Theme Category**, "A Storybook Christmas," the cash prizes sponsored by NCS Consulting and Punch Gravel awarded the grand prize to—the First Assembly of God Church entry featuring a "Jungle Book" Christmas; second-place to the Town of Bernalillo Youth Conservation Corp; and, third-place to the Range Café.

In a category added this year, the **Business Choice Award** went to the Range Café for their entry of "The Grinch That Stole Christmas".

Proceeds from parade entries, and generous donations from area businesses and individuals, allow the Town to host Santa's Christmas Day Visit to Town Hall and the distribution of toys to area children. Children of all ages received a bag of goodies from Santa on Christmas Day.

The Children's Christmas fund was established in 1990 by the Town of Bernalillo to brighten the holidays for children who might not otherwise receive gifts. The Town works with local service agencies, churches and schools to ensure that the holidays are brighter for all children.

Mayor Chávez thanks all residents, businesses and staff that made serving over 300 residents possible during this holiday season. Your generosity and hard work is much appreciated.