



Town of Bernalillo

"The City of Coronado"

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Downtown Rail Runner

Mayor Patricia A. Chávez is pleased to announce the official opening of the Downtown Rail Runner Station located on 820 Rail Road Track Rd. between Calle Don Francisco and Calle Duranes in Bernalillo. A dedication ceremony of the station will take place on Thursday, May 24, 2007 from 1:30-4:00 p.m. All residents, businesses, neighboring pueblos and communities are invited to the celebration.

The festivities planned for the dedication include light refreshments, music, and dance. Bernalillo's best - student performances of "Coro Infante de Roosevelt Elementary", Carroll Elementary Ballet Folklorico, and the Bernalillo High School "Marachi Ensemble" will be featured in the community celebration. Additionally, a special promotion to encourage residents and visitors to explore Bernalillo businesses will enjoy a special kickoff. Bernalillo businesses have been asked to participate in offering a limited number of free Rail Runner passes to customers to stimulate additional business and to encourage local use of the train service. The tickets are provided free of charge by the Town of Bernalillo.

"We want to ensure that business and train service events become a mainstay in our community. Combined, they contribute to a powerful, vibrant economy in our community", says Mayor Patricia A. Chávez. "Train service also provides alternative transportation to and from Bernalillo, literally providing our residents access to diverse employment, medical, educational and cultural pursuits while placing economic relief on their pocketbooks." The Rail Runner Express, in a ceremonial ride, will bring visitors to the event from the Alvarado Center Station.

For more information, call the Community Development office at 771-1733. Join Bernalillo in celebration and see the beautiful addition to our downtown area.

Coronado Campground— Free Use To Residents

Mayor Patricia A. Chávez, in conjunction with the Coronado Campground, is pleased to offer Bernalillo residents, free use of the recreation shelter located on the north side of the campground. In June, the fee is waived for residents with proof of a Bernalillo utility bill, and the shelter can be scheduled for your next family barbeque or party any time throughout the month.

The shelter is equipped with one small charcoal grill and will accommodate up to 32 people comfortably. There are four tables that can seat eight (8) individuals. The fee for the use of the shelter is normally \$52/day with a \$20 damage deposit that is refundable upon the conclusion of the event.

Call Robert Stephens at 980-8256 to book your reservation.

550 Corridor Study

On behalf of the Town of Bernalillo, Mayor Patricia A. Chávez thanks all who attended the 550 Corridor Study Open House hosted by the Mid-Region Council of Government and the Department of Transportation (DOT) on May 16th at Our Lady of Sorrows Social Center. Much of the information provided by the DOT on May 16 included long range plans that showed potential locations for an additional bridge. No final decisions have been made nor dollars allocated.

Our official public policy does not support an additional Rio Grande crossings within the jurisdiction of the Town of Bernalillo. Another crossing in Bernalillo is not an option as it would represent condemnation of much private property (and prime real estate), and essentially contribute to the demise of Bernalillo. We already have one river crossing in our community!
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Fireworks Showcase

In celebration of the 4th of July holiday, the Town of Bernalillo Fireworks Showcase is scheduled for Friday, June 29 beginning at dusk at Bernalillo High School football field. Plan to attend.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please call 867-3311, fax 867-0481, or mail: Patricia A. Chávez

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Further, this administration continues to support U.S. Hwy. 550 improvements that can be done within existing right-of-way and without going to a dual level structure. We will continue to protect private land ownership to the fullest degree possible and intervene emphatically on any proposal that has an adverse economic impact on our businesses.

As a region, all jurisdictions must necessarily revisit land use development and authorizing building permits/plans to ensure that they incorporate getting homeowners safely and efficiently from point of origination to work/play/shop destinations BEFORE those developments are approved and then worrying about transportation access/congestion as an afterthought.

I encourage your continued input on the U.S. Hwy. 550 Operational Improvement Study. Please provide written comments on this alternative to DOT. Our staff will make every effort to keep you informed. Visit www.townofbernalillo.org for updates.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- May 23—Community Open House, Council Chambers, 6:30 p.m.
- May 24—Downtown Station Dedication, 1:30—4:00 p.m.
- June 2—Saturday with Mayor Patricia A. Chávez, 10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.
- June 11—Town Council Meeting, Council Chambers, 6:30 p.m.
- June 12—Planning & Zoning Meeting, Council Chambers, 6:30 p.m.
- June 25—Town Council Meeting, Council Chambers, 6:30 p.m.
- June 29—Firework Showcase, Bernalillo High School—Football Field @ Dusk

Bernalillo Service Numbers

EMERGENCIES ONLY—911

- Non-emergency Dispatch—891-7226
- Police Chief—771-5877
- Police Records—771-5872
- Concerned Citizens Hotline—771-5888
- Animal Control—891.7226

Public Input—Rail Stations

Starting this month, the Town of Bernalillo and the Mid-Region Council of Governments are hosting several community events to gather public input on recommended land use for both Rail Runner station areas. Residents are invited to participate in a planning process that will examine the commuter potential of each station area. By July 2007, the Town hopes to adopt Station Area Plans that will include policy regarding land use, walk-ability, public space and trail networks, street and parking standards, density, design and more.

Public participation is crucial and residents are urged to take part in these upcoming community events to help determine how mixed-use, pedestrian-friendly development around each station can help enhance the existing character of historic Bernalillo.

Community Open House, Wednesday, May 23, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.—Bernalillo Town Hall - Get introduced to the project and discuss the future of Bernalillo commuter rail stations.

Community Planning and Design Workshops, Monday, June 4—Thursday, June 7, 2007: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. workshops; 6:00—8:00 p.m. Public Input each day; Our Lady of Sorrows Social Center

Residents, elected officials, planners, architects, landscape designers, and others will come together over several days to create plans that reflect a true community vision for the Rail Runner station areas. For information, call Maria Rinaldi at 771-7133.

Address Postings

The Town of Bernalillo has address numbers for residents to post on their homes. If you do not have your street number clearly posted on front of your home or fence, please stop at Town Hall, 829 Camino del Pueblo to obtain the address numbers to display at your residence.

Displaying your address is required in order for Emergency Service personnel to easily find your residence and provide assistance when needed. Take action now, minutes in finding your address during an emergency can mean—life or death. For more information regarding the addressing program, call Margaret Valdez at 771-7118.

ESCAFCA Formation

On March 20, 2007, Governor Bill Richardson signed the legislation approving the creation of the Eastern Sandoval County Arroyo and Flood Control Authority (ESCAFCA). Governor Richardson has appointed the following members from the covered jurisdictions: Town of Bernalillo—Bill Sapien and Debbie Kilfoy; Placitas—Wayne Sandoval and Dan Dennison; and, Algodones—Sal Reyes.

ESCAFCA held its first organizational meeting on Thursday, May 17, 2007 in the administrative offices of the Southern Sandoval County Arroyo and Flood Control Authority (SCAFCA).

Several public meeting will be conducted to gather input from the citizens of the Town of Bernalillo, Placitas, and Algodones pertaining to the various flood and erosion management issues in the area. The Board will meet on the third Thursday of the month. The specific meeting place will be posted in the very near future and notice will be provided via the newsletter.

Employment Opportunities

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

- Executive Secretary
- Lifeguards
- Recreation Aides
- Utility Worker
- Water Operators

Certain positions will remain open until filled. To apply, or obtain more information on qualifications, contact Yolanda Mora, Director of Human Resources, 771-7112.

Saturday With The Mayor

The next Saturday morning with the Mayor will be held on Saturday, June 2, 2007 from 10:00 a.m.—12:00 noon in the Council Chambers. Community members are encouraged to come discussed issues and concerns with the Mayor.

To sign up for your 10 minutes with Mayor Chávez or for further information, call Ida Fierro at 771-7128.