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TOWN OF BERNALILLO

"The City of Coronado"

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YOUR TAX DOLLARS AT WORK TOWN OF BERNALILLO PROJECTS

COMPLETED IN 2012

Project Name: Don Thomas Phase II (US550 to Calle Barrio Nuevo): Water line installation, fire hydrants, check valves and upgrades to the pedestrian trail

Amount: \$1,000,000.00

Funding Source: ARRA (Federal Stimulus Funds)

Project Name: Main Street Phase II (US550 to Calle Del Norte): ADA (handicapped compliant) sidewalks, crosswalks, and decorative street lighting.

Amount: \$1,212,000.00

Funding Source: GRIP 2 (State of New Mexico) and Town of Bernalillo

Project Name: Drinking Water Tanks 1 and 2 Rehabilitation: Restores 1.5 million gallons of drinking water storage and fire protection on the east side of the Rio Grande

Amount: \$665,00.00

Funding Source: EPA (Federal) and Town of Bernalillo

Project Name: Drinking Water Wells 3 and 4 Treatment Systems: Installation of ferric systems to remove arsenic.

Amount: \$350,000.00

Funding Source: State of New Mexico and Town of Bernalillo

Project Name: Phase 2 Drinking Water System Improvements in "Las Cocinitas": Replacement of asbestos lines and installation of fire hydrants and check valves

Amount: \$825,000.00

Funding Source: CDBG (Federal) and Town of Bernalillo



I-25/US 550 Interchange Project

The I-25 / US Highway 550 improvement project will begin Spring 2013! Detailed plans can be viewed at Town Hall.

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ESCAFCA Projects Move Along

Progress is being made on the two ESCAFCA flood control projects.

Athena Pond is becoming a hole in the ground, as Salls Brothers contractor hauls away dirt. The area will become a ponding area for storm water, and eventually also be a park/recreation area. Most of the earthwork should be done by the end of the year.

Work on installing the storm drains in Athena Avenue, Athena Loop, Carolina Drive, Melissa Road, and Mountain View Drive will be delayed until after the holidays. This happened because the storm drains have to be moved to avoid conflict with existing utilities. Salls Brothers is trying to keep the area wetted down to minimize dust.

South Hill Pond is also taking shape. CBKN Earthworks has been hauling up to 1000 cubic yards of dirt a day, with a good portion being taken by Sandoval County trucks. Huge chunks of concrete have been uncovered, and we hope to use them to help armor the slopes to control erosion.

On the Rio Grande levee, special equipment from the Army Corps of Engineers Kansas City District has been testing and drilling the levee and adjacent areas to determine the soil type and condition. The crew started after Thanksgiving and will finish their work the second week of December. A report will then be sent to Albuquerque District and to ESCAFCA to help decide what needs to be done to the levee.

Meetings

Town of Bernalillo City Council Meetings: Monday, January 14th and Monday, January 28th at 6:30 pm.

Town of Bernalillo Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting: TBA



Traffic and Safety Tips



Law enforcement won't just be scanning the streets for drunk drivers this New Year's Eve. Every year, the Police Department gets plenty of reports of people shooting off firearms to ring in the new year and this year we will be cracking down on that practice.

"When you have people out shooting guns off to celebrate, it's always a potential problem for other residents in the area," says Chief Julian Gonzales.

It's a tradition for some, but unloading a few celebratory rounds can be dangerous. It's not unheard of for someone to shoot off a firearm and have the bullet come back down through the roof of someone's home.

Town Ordinance 2-1-13, prohibits the discharge of firearms in the town and says it is "unlawful to discharge within the municipality limits any pistol, revolver, rifle, or shotgun", and people caught doing so would receive a violation. Add alcohol into the mix while you're using a weapon and you've got yourself a serious violation. "Any time the police catch you using a firearm where potential death or serious injury may occur, it could be a felony," says Chief Gonzales.

We encourage all residents to please keep firearms out of their New Years festivities for a safer start to 2012.



Friday, February 10th

2pm—5pm

Town of Bernalillo Recreation Center

Tickets: \$5.00



Town of Bernalillo Fire Department Home Safety Tips

The high cost of home heating fuels and utilities have caused many of you to search for alternate sources of home heating. The use of wood burning stoves is growing and space heaters are selling rapidly, or coming out of storage. Fireplaces are burning wood and manmade logs. All these methods of heating may be acceptable. They are, however, a major contributing factor in residential fires. Many of these fires can be prevented. The following fire safety tips can help you maintain a fire safe home this winter:



- Never discard hot ashes inside or near the home. Place them in a metal container outside and well away from the house.
- Never use a range or an oven as a supplemental heating device. Not only is it a safety hazard, it can be a source of potentially toxic fumes.
- If you use an electric heater, be sure not to overload the circuit. Only use extension cords which have the necessary rating to carry an amp load.
- Avoid using electrical space heaters in bathrooms or other areas where they may come in contact with water.
- Frozen water pipes? Never try to thaw them with a blow torch or other open flame, otherwise the pipe could conduct the heat and ignite the wall structure inside the wall space.
- If windows are used as emergency exits in your home, practice using them in the event fire should strike. Be sure that all the windows open easily.
- If there is a fire hydrant near your home you can assist the fire department by keeping the hydrant clear of snow so in the event it is needed, it can be located.
- Be sure every level of your home has a working smoke alarm, and be sure to check and clean it on a monthly basis.
- Contact us for advice if you have a question on home fire safety. Our phone number is 891-7226 .

WIN a 2013 Ford Mustang and other prizes!



Proceeds help support the Bernalillo High School Spartan Athletic program. Details and ticket information: www.bernalillo-schools.org/athletics or (505) 404-5145, \$10 per ticket, drawing May 2013.