



# TOWN OF BERNALILLO

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## Meet your Wastewater Department

The Town of Bernalillo's Wastewater team is dedicated to providing the highest quality treatment at the most reasonable cost to rate payers.



(From left to right: Larry Mickelsen, Mark Wooton, Anthony Baca and Joe Olivar)

The Town of Bernalillo Wastewater Department is made up of four employees. They run one wastewater treatment plant and nine lift stations located around the Town. They take care of over thirty miles of wastewater collection system lines and treated over 230 million gallons of water last year.

**Q: What is wastewater treatment?**

A: It is a process of cleaning used water and sewage so it can be returned safely to our environment. Before entering the Rio Grande, wastewater is processed at the Wastewater Treatment Plant to meet federal, state and Pueblo of Sandia standards. Our Wastewater Treatment Plant is designed to treat a capacity of 1.2 million gallons of water a day from homes and businesses in the Town of Bernalillo.

**Q: Where does wastewater come from?**

A: From homes, wastewater comes from human and household wastes from toilets, sinks, baths, dishwashers, garbage disposals, clothes washers and drains. From Industry, Schools, and Business, wastewater comes from chemical and other wastes from factories, food-service operations, school activities, retail stores, etc.

**Q: What should never be disposed of down a drain, garbage disposal or sewer manhole?**

A: In order to prevent blockages' and rising costs to treat the wastewater the following things should never be disposed of down a drain, garbage disposal or sewer manhole:

- Fats, oils or grease from cooking, cars or lawnmowers
- Coffee grinds
- Egg shells
- Produce stickers
- Chunks of Garbage
- Disposable diapers
- Feminine hygiene products
- Paints, turpentine, nail polish, polish remover
- Motor oil, transmission fluids, or anti-freeze
- "flushable" baby wipes
- Paper towels, rags or "flushable" cat litter
- Bags/wrappings and cardboard
- Prescription and over-the-counter medications

## DID YOU KNOW ?

Did you know that cooking grease is one of the major causes of residential sewer clogs resulting in sewer spills? The grease clings to the insides of the pipe, eventually causing blockage and potential sewer spills.

By following a few simple steps, you can help prevent costly sewer spills in the future.

- Pour small amounts of cooking oil into an old milk carton, frozen juice container, or other non-recyclable package, and dispose of in the garbage
- Wipe dishes and pots that are coated with greasy leftovers with a disposable towel prior to washing or placing in the dishwasher
- Place fat trimmings from meat into the trash, not the garbage disposal

**March 5th**— Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting, Town Hall Council Chambers, 6:30 pm

**March 11th**—Town Council Meeting, Town Hall Council Chambers, 6:30 pm

**March 25th**—Town Council Meeting, Town Hall Council

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## COUNTY WIDE REAPPRAISAL

The Sandoval County Assessor's Office will be in Bernalillo starting March 1st, 2013. They will be going door to door verifying their current data. Data collectors will be wearing **royal blue shirts or jackets** and will have a name badge.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Please call 867-7562 or visit <http://www.sandovalcountynm.gov/images/Assessor> if you have any questions.



1. Freight trains don't travel at fixed times, and schedules for passenger trains change. Always expect a train at each highway-rail intersection.
2. All train tracks are private property. Never walk on tracks; it's illegal trespass and highly dangerous. By the time a locomotive engineer sees a trespasser or vehicle on the tracks it's too late. It takes the average freight train traveling at 55 mph more than a mile—the length of 18 football fields—to stop. Trains cannot stop quickly enough to avoid a collision.
3. Trains have the right of way 100% of the time over emergency vehicles, cars, the police and pedestrians.
4. A train can extend three feet or more beyond the steel rail, putting the safety zone for pedestrians well beyond the three foot mark. If there are rails on the railroad ties always assume the track is in use, even if there are weeds or the track looks unused.
5. Trains can move in either direction at any time. Sometimes their cars are pushed by locomotives instead of being pulled, which is especially true in commuter and light rail passenger service.
6. Today's trains are quieter than ever, producing no telltale "clackety-clack." Any approaching train is always closer, moving faster, than you think.
7. Remember to cross train tracks only at designated pedestrian or roadway crossings, and obey all warning signs and signals posted there.
8. Stay alert around railroad tracks. No texting, headphones or other distractions that would prevent you from hearing an approaching train; never mix rails and recreation.

### Attention Homeowners & Property Owners in the Town of Bernalillo



Before allowing any plumber or any other contractor you have hired to dig on a street or sidewalk, make sure he or she receives the proper permit; a Right-of-Way permit, from the Town of Bernalillo.

#### ATTENTION

Keep in mind that it is unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to dig up or in any manner disturb the roadway, sidewalk or curbing of any street or alley within the Town of Bernalillo unless and until a permit is received from the Planning and Zoning Department. No permits shall be issued until the applicant has paid the permit fee. Please contact Ty Jameson at 771-5896 or Charlie Bratton at 771-5882 if you have any questions or come into Town Hall to pick up a permit application.



### ESCAFCA Update

South Hill Pond is almost complete. CBKN Dirtworks is putting the final touches on the project, which will be complete by mid-February. Earthwork is all done, and the slopes have been seeded with Hydro-mulch, which is the green-colored coating you can see from south Hill Road, and also with rock mulch on the steeper slopes. With a little moisture and warm weather, grass will sprout to control erosion and dust. Fencing has been put up to keep traffic off the slopes so the grass will have a chance to grow. The flat area outside the fence on the south side is reserved for Sandoval County use.

Athena pond was delayed because of cold weather, but Salls Brothers Construction is starting work on the storm sewers, and removing the last of the earth in the pond area. It will also be graded and seeded with a drought-tolerant mixture of fast-growing seeds, to control erosion and dust until the Town can put in the recreation facilities. An irrigation system is being installed to promote growth and provide for future grass. Fencing and street lighting will also be installed later this spring. The project is to be complete by mid May.



### 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](http://www.bernalillo-schools.org/athletics) or (505) 404-5145, \$10 per ticket

Drawing May 2013.

