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**SAFETY DURING INDEPENDENCE DAY**

Fourth of July and fireworks go hand in hand. As we celebrate this great, historic event please keep in mind that there is nothing patriotic about suffering injuries and having to go to the emergency room when everyone else is celebrating.



Fireworks are a staple for Fourth of July celebrations, typical firework injuries can be caused by firecrackers, bottle rockets, sparklers and more. Sparklers can burn at about 2,000 degrees, hot enough to melt metal.

Here are some fireworks safety tips to follow while setting off fireworks at home:

- Never allow young children to play with or ignite fireworks. If older children are playing with fireworks, always have adult supervision.
- Avoid buying fireworks that are packaged in brown paper. This is often a sign that the fireworks were made for professional displays and could be dangerous. Make sure fireworks are legal in your area before buying or using them.
- Never place any part of your body directly over a firework device when lighting the fuse. Back up to a safe distance immediately after lighting fireworks.
- Never try to re-light or pick up fireworks that have not ignited fully.
- Keep a bucket of water or a garden hose handy in case of fire.
- Never carry fireworks in a pocket or shoot them off in a metal or glass container.
- After fireworks complete their burning, soak it with plenty of water from a bucket or hose before discarding it to prevent a trash fire.

This **safety** reminder comes from the Town of Bernalillo Fire & Rescue Department to use caution and be safe this holiday season.

**Keep in mind only certain fireworks are permitted within Town Limits.** Pursuant to Ordinance 241, Safe and Sane fireworks include hand-held sparklers, smoke devices, ground spinners, pinwheels, and cone fountains less than six feet in height. **Illegal fireworks include, but not limited to, missile-type rockets, aerial spinners/shells, fire crackers, bottle rockets, roman candles, fountains over 6 feet, M-80's or M-100's, and cherry bombs.**

We would like to wish each and every one of you a Happy Fourth of July!

**PLANNING AND ZONING NEWS**

**Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the Planning and Zoning Department is open by appointment only.** All applications and forms are available at: [www.townofbernalillo.org/departments/planning\\_zoning](http://www.townofbernalillo.org/departments/planning_zoning). If you have building or construction questions, contact the Building Official at 505-771-5882. For other questions call the Planning & Zoning office at 505-771-7118.

**It's heating up outside and is the perfect time for home improvement projects.** Just a reminder...do NOT hire an unlicensed contractor AND get a building permit BEFORE you begin your project. If you're not sure if you need a building permit, contact the Building Official to find out.

**Warm Weather + Rain = WEEDS!** Weeds are unsightly and a FIRE HAZARD. Help keep our community beautiful and safe, please tend to any weeds in your yard. Code Enforcement will contact you if they are too tall or overgrown. If you have questions or complaints about weeds or other code issues, contact the Code Enforcement Officer at 505-771-3626.

**Have a safe and fun July!**

**BURN PERMIT INFORMATION**

Need to get rid of those pesky weeds you just pulled? Open burning of weeds is allowed within Town limits with the use of a permit.

Periods of burn restrictions may be put in place due to continued drought. If you have any questions, please contact Fire/Rescue Chief Mike Carroll at 505-771-7135.

The following is information pertinent to Burn Permits:

- Burning is permitted between the hours of 9 am - 4 pm.
- You must call the BURN HOTLINE **771-7104** every day you plan to burn to check if burning is permitted on that day.
- The area where open burning will take place must be clear of all combustible materials.
- You must have sufficient tools to work with open flame.
- Fire Extinguishing equipment must be on site to help ensure that that flames do not get out of control (i.e. garden hose with water access, fire extinguisher).
- Burn permits can be obtained by calling 771-7105 or 771-7135 or email [tchavez@townofbernalillo.org](mailto:tchavez@townofbernalillo.org)
- The Fee for burn permits will be waived during this time, to reduce the possibility of transmission of the COVID-19 virus.

**Town of Bernalillo Museum Update!**

The museum remains closed as it reworks its first exhibit. However, we have had success in our storytelling grants! We received a grant to carry out digital storytelling with young people in the area. Their stories will be on social media by the end of the summer. We will continue this work in the future, so contact us if you are interested. Let's work together to tell our family and community stories of resilience: what has your family done that has worked well and can help others? We'd love to hear your experiences. Your stories could appear in a museum exhibit! 505.771.5885 or by email at [museum@townofbernalillo.org](mailto:museum@townofbernalillo.org)

**SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL GROWERS**

The Bernalillo Farmers Market welcomes you to the 2020 Market! With the following rules in place because of COVID-19, you can still come and purchase locally grown fruits/vegetables/starter plants from local growers:

- Masks must be worn at all times
- Social distancing in effect (6 ft.)
- No handling of the fruits/vegetables/plants
- No smoking within 30 feet of Rotary Park Pavilion

The Bernalillo Farmers Market opens every Friday evening from 4 PM -7 PM starting June 19, 2020 in the Rotary Park Pavilion.

If you have any questions or would like to vend your produce, call Bonnie Hill at 505-228-5801.



## TOWN OF BERNALILLO COVID-19 UPDATE

**Following Governor's Leadership.** The Town will continue to follow the leadership of the Governor. Latest updates will be posted online on our website and Facebook as they are released. Call the Reception at Town Hall for more info: 505-867-3311.

**What About Events?** Currently, all events through July 31<sup>st</sup> are cancelled. We will reassess after further orders from the Governor.

**What about Camp Coronado Summer Recreation?** The Town has woefully decided to cancel the Camp Coronado Summer Recreation Program this year. For information about getting a refund, please contact Jason Soto - Recreation Director - for more info at 505-238-0689.

**What is Closed to the Public?** Recreation Center

### WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN YOU VISIT US

#### NO MASK means NO SERVICE!

The Town is adopting a strict policy that individuals who wish to come into Town Hall will be permitted to stay if they are wearing adequate face covering and being worn properly. **Wearing a face covering in public is a required directive put forth by Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham.**



**Appointments Only!** Any individuals who wish to conduct business at Town Hall must do so by appointments only. Only the individual involved in the transaction will be permitted into the building.

**Town Hall Reception:** 505-867-3311

**Utility Billing/Water Bill Department:** 505-771-7120 or 505-771-7122 (No In-Person Bill Payment, Appointments for Billing questions only)

**GUESTS WHO DO NOT ADHERE TO SOCIAL DISTANCING PRACTICES AND PROPER USE OF MASKS CAN AND WILL BE ASKED TO VACATE IMMEDIATELY.**

### FREE SUMMER LUNCH FOR KIDS & TEENS

Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays!  
11:30 am - 12:30 pm

**Rotary Park, Athena Park, Bernalillo Middle School**  
Ages 0-18 eat free ~ Adult \$4.00 per meal  
Program funded by USDA  
Bernalillo Public Schools Student Nutrition Department

### JULY CALENDAR

- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Town Facilities CLOSED in observance of Independence Day - reopen Monday, July 6
- 7<sup>th</sup> - Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting - 6:30pm - [www.townofbernalillo.org](http://www.townofbernalillo.org)
- 13<sup>th</sup> - Town Council Meeting - Remote Meeting - 6:30pm - [www.townofbernalillo.org](http://www.townofbernalillo.org)
- 27<sup>th</sup> - Town Council Meeting - Remote Meeting - 6:30pm - [www.townofbernalillo.org](http://www.townofbernalillo.org)
- 28<sup>th</sup> - ESCAFCA Meeting - Town Hall - 6:00pm

**This edition of the Town newsletter was made and printed in the second week of June 2020. For the most up-to-date information regarding the Town of Bernalillo, its facilities, events and more, visit [www.TOWNOFBERNALILLO.org](http://www.TOWNOFBERNALILLO.org) or call Town Hall Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm at 867-3311.**

## Martha Liebert Library

124 Calle Malinche ~ 867-1440

### THE LIBRARY IS OPEN FOR PATRONS!

**We ask that patrons please comply with the following guidelines while using the Town of Bernalillo's Martha Liebert Public Library in an effort that we do our part to reduce the spread the COVID-19 virus:**

#### CIRCULATION SERVICES

- Limited Services Available - obtaining a library card, checking out materials, limited computer access, limited Print/Copy/Fax services
- No Study Room Access
- 5 Item Max Check Out per Patron

#### RETURNING LIBRARY MATERIALS

- Use **OUTSIDE DROP BOX** to return all library materials
- DO NOT** return items to inside drop box or to staff

#### COMPUTER USE AT THE LIBRARY

- Appointment Only - Call ahead to make your appointment
- Time Limit - 1 hour per patron (additional time will not be added to appointment)
- Computers will be assigned to patrons by staff
- Library laptops not available at this time
- Printing, Copying, and Faxing available at the Library. Call ahead with your questions

#### VISITATION GUIDELINES

- Mask/Face Covering required during visit to Library
- During visit, maintain social distancing guidelines by keeping physical distance of 6 feet or more from patrons and staff
- If for health reasons you cannot wear a face covering, you will need to wait until all other patrons have cleared the building. During your visit, no other patrons will be allowed to enter until you've finished
- Limited Occupancy guidelines will be strictly followed

#### LOITERING / BROWSING BOOKS

- Patrons will be allowed **no more than 30 minutes** in the library to browse books
- LOITERING WILL NOT BE PERMITTED, YOU WILL BE ASKED TO VACATE IMMEDIATELY**

#### CURRENT LIBRARY HOURS

Monday - Friday: 9:30am - 5:30pm  
Sat: 9:00am - 1:00pm  
Closed on Sundays and Holidays

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE STOP BY THE LIBRARY AT THE OLD ROOSEVELT SCHOOL AT 124 LA MALINCHE OR CALL 505-867-1440



### MVD OFFICE IN TOWN HALL

**Masks/Face Coverings Required!** As directed from the State MVD Office, the Bernalillo MVD is adopting a strict policy that those wishing to have MVD services in-person must wear a mask/face covering and do so properly. **Wearing a face covering in public is a required directive put forth by Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham.**

**Appointments Only!** Appointments can only be made on the State MVD website [mvd.newmexico.gov](http://mvd.newmexico.gov) or by calling 1-888-683-4636.

#### During Your Appointment:

- Only individuals involved in the transaction will be permitted
- No children will be allowed in the MVD area
- Mask/Face Covering must be worn during visit
- \$5 Cash-Only Municipal Fee per transaction applicable

