



Town of BERNALILLO

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"The City of Coronado"

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MESSAGE TO BERNALILLO: COVID AFTER A YEAR

As Spring of 2021 unfolds everyone I know is anxious for the rebirth that comes with the season. It is our opportunity, as individuals and as a community, for a positive, forward outlook. We can also look back at the past twelve months and memorialize all we've lost with the resolve that the next twelve months hold the promise of renewal. The pandemic has impacted each of us, some more than others. Our collective charge is to move ahead, doing our best, whatever our circumstances.

Thank you to everyone who has shown their respect and care for others by continuing to follow safe practices. Thank you for wearing your mask, for social distancing, avoiding crowds, and washing/sanitizing your hands. All of us are COVID-fatigued, but as we see vaccines increase, we must remain committed to these safe practices. Someone recently said, "You don't spike the football at the ten-yard line." Let's show our

care of one another so all of us can spike the ball as we cross into the end zone.

At this writing (March 5th), we are working diligently with County personnel to get vaccine sites open in Bernalillo. Please register on the state website (cvs.vaccine.nmhealth.org) and get your vaccine as your name is called. Today we also opened our playgrounds and on March 8th we will have opened Town Hall on a limited basis. Details available on our website, Facebook page, or by calling us. Our approach has been to prioritize safety of citizens and staff while maintaining services. We appreciate the cooperation of all as our county numbers continue to improve. We look forward to a complete reopening once it is safe to do so.

We have missed a year's worth of community events and look forward to our restart. Going forward we will evaluate the community's status and each event on a case-by-case basis. Please check our

various media sources for updated information.

The pandemic has changed all of us in many ways. Our goal has been to constantly evaluate how we are performing and adapting to our ever-changing circumstances. I admire and appreciate all the cooperation and understanding from our community. I thank all the essential workers who have made life livable. I believe one benefit of the past year has been the need to focus on what really matters. Each of us is blessed in different ways and hopefully we have taken time to acknowledge and appreciate our blessings.

Bernalillo has a long history of resiliency. I am grateful to be a part of such a wonderful community and look forward as we experience another chapter of renewal in our storied past.

Please be kind, be patient.

Respectfully,

Mayor Jack Torres

TOWN FACILITIES LIMITED REOPENING

MASKS REQUIRED WHILE ON TOWN PREMISES

TOWN HALL

MONDAY-FRIDAY • 8AM-NOON • 867-3311

UTILITY BILLING: 771-7120 & 771-7122

MUNICIPAL COURT: 771-5893 & 771-7115

PLANNING & ZONING DEPT: 771-7118

PUBLIC WORKS DEPT: 404-2054

BERNALILLO MVD

MVD OPEN BY APPOINTMENT ONLY!

- NO WALK-IN SERVICES WILL BE PROVIDED
- MASKS MUST BE WORN DURING VISIT
- \$5 FEE PER TRANSACTION IN ADDITION TO MVD FEES

SCHEDULE YOUR APPOINTMENT TODAY!

MVD.NEWMEXICO.GOV • 888-683-4636

MARTHA LIEBERT PUBLIC LIBRARY

MONDAY-FRIDAY • 9AM-1PM • 867-1440

CURBSIDE PICK-UP ALSO AVAILABLE
TOWNOFBERNALILLO.ORG/DEPARTMENTS/PUBLIC_LIBRARY
MASKS REQUIRED WHILE IN LIBRARY

PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS REOPEN

- PLAY AT YOUR OWN RISK, WEAR MASK, PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING
- NO BBQ'S, GATHERINGS, OR OTHER GROUP ACTIVITIES
- WASH/SANITIZE HANDS AFTER USE OF EQUIPMENT

COVID VACCINE INFORMATION

CVVACCINE.NMHEALTH.ORG
1-855-600-3453

New Mexico's vaccination website (cvs.vaccine.nmhealth.org) enables users to complete comprehensive personal profiles. These profiles (which include personal medical conditions and employment information, along with other key data) allow the state to notify New Mexicans when vaccine doses become available in their area.

Users who have questions or would like support with the registration process - including New Mexicans who do not have internet access - can dial 1-855-600-3453, press option 0 for vaccine questions, and then option 4 for tech support.

Drive-Up COVID Testing at Recreation Center

The Town of Bernalillo has partnered with the State to bring a COVID testing site to Bernalillo! Here's what you need to know to be prepared for your visit:

- Register for your appointment (online only) at curative.com - find the *Bernalillo Recreation Center* and select the date and time you'd like to be tested. *Curative.com also has directions on how to take the test.*
- Operational Hours: **Mondays & Fridays 9am-4pm** at **Bernalillo Rec Center - 370 Rotary Park Road** (*hours subject to change, updated info can be found on townofbernalillo.org*)
- Testing line to form on Rotary Park Road near the Pavilion, *please enter from Camino Don Tomas*
- Be prepared to present your confirmation of appointment upon your arrival and throughout the testing process
- **Please do not eat, drink, or brush your teeth for 20 minutes PRIOR to testing**
- Oral swab test is self-administered while you remain in your vehicle
- **Staff are on-site to check-in and receive samples only!**
- Testing criteria, required information for testing, and results turnaround can vary widely for all non-Department of Health locations
- **Rotary Park Road will remain CLOSED to all thru traffic during testing; residents are asked to find alternative route**

ARBOR DAY

with the *Town of Bernalillo*

Rotary Park Pavilion

Friday, April 23rd
Starts at 3pm

Tree, Shrub, & Flower SALE
FREE Tree Seedlings
for Residents
All plants only available
while supplies last!



Contact Mike Kloepfel for more info
505-771-7133 mkloepfel@townofbernalillo.org

PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK DAY

Saturday APRIL 24 — 10am - 2pm

Bernalillo Police Department @ 739 Camino del Pueblo

The National Prescription Drug Take Back Day aims to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs, while also educating the general public about the potential for abuse of medications. **Bring your expired, unused, and unwanted prescription pills for disposal to the Bernalillo Police Department.** (The DEA can only accept pills or patches.)



The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

WHY SHOULD I FIX THAT SMALL LEAK?

Leaking toilets, faucets, showerheads, and other plumbing can waste a lot of water. In fact, a household with a leak wastes an average of 10,000 gallons of water each year. **Detecting and repairing leaks is often easy and can save homeowners up to 10 percent on their water bills.**

Your senses are your best tool. Listen for water dripping or running, a damp smell coming from around a water source, and look for puddling water inside and outside. If you find a leak that you will fix yourself (or will have a plumber fix) and you need to shut the water off to your home, please call us at 771-7120 or 771-7122 and ask to have your water turned off and then turned back on when your repair is complete.

Showerheads - Showerheads that leak at just 10 drops per minute waste up to 500 gallons per year.

Faucets - Make sure all faucets are shut tight when not in use, and be sure to check under the sink as well. If water appears to be leaking from a faucet, you'll want to get that repaired soon.

Toilets - If you suspect a toilet leak, check the flapper valve, overflow pipe, and float, which are all located inside the toilet tank. You can also identify a toilet leak by putting a drop of food coloring in the tank. If color shows up in the bowl after 10 minutes, a leak is highly likely.

Outside - Soggy spots in your lawn or yard indicate a leak with a sprinkler or service line.

If you have a leak, fix it. It not only saves water, but it could save you money on your water bill in the long run!



GET A BUILDING PERMIT BEFORE STARTING

Homeowners and Contractors,

Just a reminder that a Building Permit, or other type permit, may be required for many home improvement projects. **PRIOR TO** the start of a home improvement project, please read the "Homeowner Building Permit Application" available at the following webpage:

www.townofbernalillo.org/departments/planning_zoning

In addition, a Placement Permit is required prior to manufactured home placement and for ANY structure less than 120 square feet in size. This includes carports, sheds, concrete foundations and porches. Please visit the webpage listed above for more information, instructions and applications.

For more information, you can visit www.townofbernalillo.org/departments/planning_zoning OR call the Planning & Zoning Office at 505-771-7118.

SPRING HAS SPRUNG...BUT SO HAVE THE WEEDS!

Please take the time to maintain your property in compliance with Town of Bernalillo Ordinance No. 73 which requires that weeds in excess of four (4) inches in height, or an accumulation of weeds, must be removed from the following areas:

- Within the front, rear, or side yard setbacks of property.
- Between your property line and the middle of the ally adjacent to the property.
- Between your property line and the curb.
- The area ten (10) feet outside the property line.

Weeds always seem to crop up in these forgotten areas and it's important to remember that maintaining or cleaning-up the area between the wall/sidewalk and the curb/alley is the responsibility of the property owner.

To report excessive weeds, please contact Suzanne Hathon, Code Enforcement at the Town of Bernalillo, at 771-3626. Property owners with excessive weeds will be cited under Ordinance No. 73.

BURN PERMITS REQUIRED FOR OPEN BURNING

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 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).

TO OBTAIN YOUR BURN PERMIT BY PHONE OR ONLINE: 771-7105 OR 771-7135
WWW.TOWNOFBERNALILLO.ORG/DEPARTMENTS/FIRE_DEPARTMENT

~SAVE THE DATE~ KEEP BERNALILLO BEAUTIFUL

Saturday, May 15th

Bernalillo residents will be able to dispose waste for free at the landfill and at an In-Town dumpster. We are encouraging residents to beautify our community and your homes.

FREE 1/2 DAY OF DUMPING AT SANDOVAL CO. LANDFILL
8am-Noon — Proof of Bernalillo Residency Required

IN-TOWN DUMPSTER LOCATION
Public Works Yard at 585 Calle Chaparral ~ 9am-3pm
(car & truck loads only)

APRIL CALENDAR

6th - Planning & Zoning Meeting - Remote Meeting - 6:30 pm

12th - Town Council Meeting - Remote Meeting - 6:30pm

26th - Town Council Meeting - Remote Meeting - 6:30pm

27th - ESCAFCA Meeting - Remote Meeting - 6:30pm

Meeting Information can be found on Town Website