



Town of

BERNALILLO

DECEMBER 2021

"The City of Coronado"

MAYOR
JACK TORRES

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Over the past year, our department has been diligently working to improve multiple areas for the safety of the town, as shown below:

TRAINING

- Training Specialist - approval of the Mayor, a training specialist added to allow entire department to attend one 8-hour class a month to improve safety and efficiency
- All BPD officers received mandated Narcan Training; each officer also provided 1 Narcan nasal spray which is used during a suspected opioid overdose emergency. This cost was covered by the NM Department of Public Safety
- Within the Last 90 Days:
 - * 1 Officer attending CNM Basic Training - Certified Police Officer added to ranks once Basic Training is complete
 - * 1 Supervisor attending Northwestern Staff & Command School - Better equipping the supervisor for leadership role
 - * 1 Supervisor attending Rolling Surveillance I & II Training - teaches officer creative & proper surveillance techniques
 - * 2 Officers attending Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement & Drug Recognition Expert School - training is designed to create highly effective officers who are skilled in drug/alcohol detection and identification

EQUIPMENT & UPGRADES

- Axon Body 3 Cameras - obtained in June 2021, most up-to-date system in the country, funded by the NM Municipal League Insurance
- Animal Control Vehicles - purchased 2, enhancing that all vehicles are state-of-the-art
- Computer Aided Dispatch System - new system in every vehicle, updated system includes officer positioning and call details

PARTNERSHIPS

- Bernalillo Public Schools - School Resource Officer agreement updated to include vehicle reimbursement of \$42,000
- Sandoval County Drug Task Force - one officer from BPD on task force
- Department of Justice - \$4,560 grant awarded from the Bulletproof Vest Partnership
- BPD continues to work closely with Sandoval County Police, Sandia Pueblo Police, Santa Ana Police, and NM State Police Departments

STAFFING & MORALE

- 100% Staffed - one of the few departments in NM to be fully staffed
- BPD has a call response time of 3 minutes and 34 seconds
- All BPD officers rewarded with \$5,000 retention bonus
- All officers authorized optional soft uniform & overtime opportunities

Thank you to each of our officers who have chosen to stay with us & who continue keep Bernalillo safe

Making Christmas Magic

Annual Christmas Tree/Water Tower Lighting will be on December 3rd at 6pm at Town Hall. Join us as we light up the tree and Town Hall for the holiday season! Please join us for caroling, hot cider, and biscochitos! All ages welcome!

Family Christmas Celebration at the Library! Join us on December 4th at 10am for holiday magic! We will have a holiday backdrop to take your own family photos, stocking decorating to put up in the library, and you write a letter to Santa! We will also have a special story time featuring Santa & Mrs. Clause at 11:30am. Live Music performed by Harp player Julianne Rivera thanks to the generosity of the Friends of Libraries and Literacy. *Call the Library for more info or visit our website!*

Nighttime Christmas Parade is Back! Join us on December 4th at 6:30pm as the parade makes its way down main street, Camino del Pueblo! Be sure to dress warm and be ready to catch candy from the floats! The parade will conclude at Rotary Park with a bonfire, biscochitos, & hot cider! This year's theme is: **IT'S A FROSTY CHRISTMAS!** We encourage everyone to participate in the parade! Applications can be found online at townofbernalillo.org or picked up at Town Hall.

The Town is bringing back the Christmas light decorations competition this year! Let's BRIGHTEN BERNALILLO this Christmas Season by decorating your house or business with lights and luminarias. Prizes will be given for the 10 best houses and 5 best businesses decorated this year. *Applying is FREE but required for the competition.*

Judging will take place on December 18th! Please join us in making Bernalillo as Bright as a Star this Christmas for kids of all ages!

The Annual Children's Christmas Gift program will continue this year! We are accepting applications from families for children that may not receive any toys this year. Applications found at www.townofbernalillo.org and are **due December 3rd at 5pm.** Gift pick-up will occur Saturday, December 18th at the Bernalillo Recreation Center.

Children's Christmas Fund Continues! We are accepting new toys and donations to purchase toys. This annual drive is to benefit the children of Bernalillo. Donations can be dropped off at Town Hall, Monday - Friday 8am-5pm.

For APPLICATIONS & more information about the Christmas events, please contact Mike Kloeppel at Town Hall at 771-7133 or visit townofbernalillo.org

Martha Liebert Public Library

124 Calle Malinche | 867-1440

Monday - Friday 9:30 - 5:30 | Saturday 9:30 - 12:30

FAMILY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

FEATURING JULIANNE RIVERA

Saturday, December 4 at 10am - Noon

Join us at the Library for a special recital from JULIANNE RIVERA, professional harpist. She will join us for our Family Christmas Celebration with a Santa Storytime. This **free event** is made possible by the generous support of the Friends of Libraries and Literacy.



PROGRAMS & MORE

- **Adults can learn English for FREE!** You set the schedule!
- **Needlecrafting Club every Wednesday 1-3pm.** Bring your needles, hooks, and projects
- **Toddler Time Tuesdays at 10am!**
- **The Zone is Open Upstairs for the Afternoons |** Kids (6-12) and young adults (13 and older) are welcome to utilize the imagination space in the ZONE!! (Kids 6-12 must be accompanied by an older sibling or adult when visiting The Zone).
- **Book yourself a study room!** Study rooms are available for use by patrons! Hold a meeting, get some homework done, or bring your book club!

Want to find out more about what we have going on this month? Visit our BRAND NEW WEBSITE:
WWW.BERNALILLOLIBRARY.ORG

Don't forget to follow us on Facebook

Library to be CLOSED on the following days:
December 24-25 & December 31-January 1

FLOOD INSURANCE NOTICE

On October 1st FEMA launched Risk Rating 2.0, which includes changes to the National Flood Insurance Program. Flood insurance rates will now be based on a variety of factors and not just the flood zone in which your house is located. Flood insurance policy holders in Bernalillo may notice a reduction or slight increase in their flood insurance premiums. For more detail contact your insurance agent or go to: www.fema.gov/flood-insurance/risk-rating

DECEMBER CALENDAR

7th - Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting - Town Hall 6:30pm

13th - Town Council Meeting - Town Hall 6:30pm

24th - Town Facilities **CLOSED** in observance of **CHRISTMAS DAY**

27th - Town Council Meeting - Town Hall 6:30pm

31st - Town Facilities **CLOSED** in observance of **NEW YEARS DAY**

Meeting Information can be found on Town Website

(505) 867-3311

829 CAMINO DEL PUEBLO

THANK YOU FOR THE COATS

Thank you to all our residents who donated coats for the youth of Bernalillo! We know that during these uncertain times, each donation meant more than any before! Thank you to our residents for sharing with those who need them most.



THANKS FOR SHARING THE WARMTH!

BERNALILLO PUBLIC SAFETY ALERT SYSTEM

Residents can now sign up to receive emergency alerts and public notices regarding water leaks, water outages, road closures, and other public safety-type of announcements – FOR FREE!

The Town of Bernalillo will send you emergency alerts via text message or voice message to your landline. By opting in, you agree to receiving messages between the hours of 7am-10pm.



How to Opt-In

- Text "Join" to 833-244-7395
- Call the receptionist at Town Hall 505-867-3311



Free Pre-K and Early Intervention Services In Bernalillo!

- ♦ **Did you know PB&J offers free early intervention services to families with children ages birth -3?** If you've ever wondered about your baby or toddler's development, we can do a free developmental evaluation.
- ♦ **Did you know PB&J also has a Pre-k classroom for 4 and 5 year olds?** We have a full day program and provide breakfast, lunch, and snack.

Call us today for more information! 505-867-2356
255 Camino del Pueblo | Bernalillo, NM 87004
www.pbjfamilyservices.org

IT'S TIME TO RENEW BUSINESS LICENSES

Are you a business owner in Bernalillo? Don't forget that your 2022 Business Renewals are due no later than January 31st, 2022. Application packets will be mailed out the first week of December 2021.

Applications will only be processed if they are submitted with complete information, documentation, and payment. For more information, you can visit www.townofbernalillo.org (click on "How Do I" and then "Apply For"). You can also email bizreg@townofbernalillo.org or call the Planning & Zoning Office at 505-771-7118.

SMOKE DETECTOR TIPS

A smoke detector should be installed in every bedroom, and on every level of your home. **Test smoke detectors at least once a month by pressing the test button.** Smoke detectors should be installed on the ceiling, or high on a wall. **To reduce false alarms do not install smoke detectors within 10 feet of the kitchen stove.** Smoke detectors should be replaced every 10 years.