



Town of

BERNALILLO

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BERNALILLO'S MUSEUM IS OPEN!

Bernalillo's Community Museum opens to the public by appointment this month. The museum, developed by neighbors and supported by the Town Council, is a municipal museum guided by community members that have formed a Museum Advisory Council. We are putting the finishing touches on the first exhibit about museums, the new kinds of activities you can find in museums, and what a museum might offer the greater Bernalillo area. Visitors will be able to practice dancing, make their own map of their neighborhood, and make a model of their own museum exhibit.

The Bernalillo museum has adopted a community museum structure. Community museums are found around the world and help people tell their own stories, preserve their own heritage, connect visitors with local businesses, and support arts and culture planning. Exhibits at your museum will change regularly and spark conversations about important community issues.

The next few years are important for the organization: we'll be reaching out to gather stories and hear what you want from your museum. We hope you'll join in to help shape this project; so many neighbors have already donated time, crafting supplies, cardboard boxes (we use those for children's activities), ideas, photos, documents, and belongings for our exhibits. Please drop by, take a look, and join the many activities we have under way to preserve local stories, histories, and, ideas.



Town of Bernalillo Maintenance Superhero Dan Whitt putting together rolling whiteboards for museum exhibits.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE **FROM CHIEF SHARP**

The Police Department is currently staffed at 22 Sworn Officers and we have 3 sworn officers in the hiring process. I'm excited to share that we were awarded \$24,000, from the New Mexico Municipal League, for the most up to date Taser Body-Worn-Cameras in circulation.

Most recently, we have had four officers recently graduated from CNM's Academy. Officers Bui, De La Cruz, Pino, and Martinez (pictured below) are on Field Training Officer Status, adjusting well and serving the Town.

The Police Department has also been very active in the community! Recently, we joined efforts with Abarazos Family Support Services to inform our officers about the services Abrazos provides so we can better serve the community.

Also, be on the lookout for our newest addition to the Police Department Fleet: 2021 Dodge 1500 Ram.



All the Ways to Pay your Water Bill

The Town of Bernalillo Utility Billing Department provides the following options to pay your Water Bill:

In-Person – pay your bill in person at Town Hall at 829 S. Camino del Pueblo with one of our Utility Billing Clerks. At the window, we accept cash, credit card (no American Express), Money Order, & Checks (If checks do not clear, there will be an additional \$35 transactional fee added to account).

Drop Box – drop off your payment along with your payment coupon with your *account number* to the address listed on your utility bill at the outdoor drop box located just north of the main entrance at Town Hall (no cash please, check or money order only).

Mail – place your payment (check or money order) along with your payment coupon with your *account number* to the return address listed on your utility bill in the mail. This return address is the Town's automated bill and payment service located in Denver, CO. You can also mail your payments directly to: Town of Bernalillo, attn: Utility Billing, PO Box 638, Bernalillo NM 87004.

Online – Access your account info 24/7 when you set up your online bill pay option. You'll need your account number and service address (both are listed on your bill), as well as the amount of your most recent payment. There will be a \$1.25 service fee per transaction (fee will appear as separate charge on your statement). Visit www.townofbernalillo.org and click on "online payments".

Phone – **BRAND NEW!!!** Pay your utility bill by phone automated service! Access your account info 24/7. You'll need your account number and service address (both are listed on your bill). \$1.25 service fee per transaction (fee will appear as separate charge on your statement). Call 866-367-4984 to make your payment over the phone today!

BERNALILLO FARMERS MARKET

Grand Opening Friday, June 11th

Pavilion at Rotary Park 4-7pm



Fresh fruits, vegetables, herbs and more!
Every FRIDAY through OCTOBER!
Double your SNAP EBT dollars at the Farmer's Market!

If you have any questions about being a vendor, or just finding good, fresh food, call Bonnie Hill @ 228-5801

2021 PNM POLE AUDIT:

COMING TO BERNALILLO JULY-OCTOBER

Over the next few months, PNM will be completing an audit of the power poles. PNM has hired TechServ to complete the audit and the information gathered will determine how many attachments are on each pole, whether there are any unauthorized attachments, and identify any potential safety or maintenance concerns.

PNM needs our help! Because there are many poles located in or near customer's backyards or alleys behind homes, the pole auditors may require the ability to enter a customer's property to obtain pole attachment information. Please keep an eye out for TechServ auditors and allow them access to our pole(s), if needed. PNM asks that customers exercise precaution with their dogs by keeping them inside when the auditors are expected to be in their area.

When will the Audit be in Bernalillo? PNM considers Bernalillo to be in the Albuquerque Metro Area, it is anticipated that auditors will be in the area from July to October. TechServ will be conducting inspections for this pole audit Mondays-Saturdays from 7am-7pm.

For more information, visit www.pnm.com/2021poleaudit or call PNM customer service at 888-342-5766



Martha Liebert Public Library

124 Calle Malinche ~ 867-1440 ~ Monday - Friday ~ 9:30-5:30

Want to Learn English as a Second Language?

Do it for FREE at the Library!!!

The Martha Liebert Public Library has received an American Dream Literacy Initiative grant funded by Dollar General and sponsored by the American Library Association. If you would like to learn English as a second language or know someone else who might be interested, please visit the library to sign up for free tutoring.



¿Quiere aprender inglés como segundo idioma?

Hágalo GRATIS en la Biblioteca !!!

La Biblioteca Martha Liebert ha recibido un premio del American Dream Literacy Initiative fundado por el Dollar General y es patrocinado por American Library Association. Si usted o alguien más que conoce esta interesado en aprender inglés, por favor visítenos en la biblioteca para más información y también para que se registren para su clase. Todo es gratis. ¡Muchas Gracias!

COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN UPDATE NEEDS YOU

The Town is updating its Comprehensive Land Use Plan, which provides a basis for determining key strategies to guide and manage the future development of the Town of Bernalillo. The Plan is a policy guide for making decisions about the physical development of the Town.

It contains information about demographics, community culture, land use patterns and preferred development scenarios, the local economy, housing, transportation systems and community services.

Visit the Town of Bernalillo website for more info and to participate in our community survey!

Interested in joining us at the Town?

We may have the position that is just right for you! For full-time employees, the Town of Bernalillo offers a full benefits package including: Medical, Dental, Vision, Life & Disability, Accident & Critical Illness, Legal, and Auto/Home insurance discounts! For retirement, the Town is part of PERA and offers a Deferred Compensation Plan (457). To see which positions are available, please visit the Town of Bernalillo Website.



JULY CALENDAR

- 5th - CLOSED in observance of INDEPENDENCE DAY
- 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 - Remote Meeting - 6:30pm

Meeting Information can be found on Town Website