

Bernalillo County



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SAVE THE DATE

National Night Out
Tuesday, August 2nd

Hand in Hand District 2
October 2011
Mountain View
Community Center

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Need Assistance or  
Resources?  
Call Neighborhood  
Coordination

Bernadette Miera  
478-1279  
974-5578 (cell)

Lenton Malry  
468-7364  
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COMMISSION MEETINGS

**No BCC meetings for
the month of July**

County Planning Commission
1st Wednesday of the month
9 a.m.



National Night Out Tuesday, August 2

The "28th Annual National Night Out" (NNO), a unique crime/drug prevention event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW), is scheduled for Tuesday, August 2. Check with your neighborhood association or Neighborhood Watch leader for scheduled events.

The National Night Out campaign involves citizens, law enforcement agencies, civic groups, businesses, neighborhood organizations and local officials from over 15,000 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases worldwide. In all, over 37 million people participated in National Night Out 2010.

National Night Out is designed to:

- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness
- Promote support and participation in crime prevention programs
- Strengthen neighborhoods and police/community partnerships

Along with the traditional display of outdoor lights and front porch vigils, cities, towns and neighborhoods celebrate NNO with a variety of events and activities such as:

- block parties
- cookouts
- visits from elected officials, local police, sheriff and fire department representatives
- parades and exhibits
- flashlight walks
- contests
- youth activities

NNO has proven to be an effective, inexpensive and enjoyable program to promote neighborhood spirit and police/community partnerships for safer communities.

Here are some ideas that your neighborhood association may think about adopting:

- **Serve food, but keep it simple:** Watermelon, drinks, dessert Ice cream cones, fruit, snacks or pizza. Have a potluck.
- **Build Relationships:** Record neighborhood history or National Night Out stories, share photos from past block parties and NNO events or recognize your neighbors with an oldest or newest participating resident award. Invite your local officials and government public safety departments to develop communication between the neighborhoods and those agencies that provide emergency services.
- **Do something for the community:** Collect for a food bank, beautify a common area or plan a fall clean-up. Recruit additional Neighborhood Watch leaders and block captains, discuss neighborhood problems and opportunities, distribute neighborhood block list.
- **Have fun:** Plan activities for young and old such as a parade, Frisbee competition, chalk art, face painting, K-9 demonstration, bike safety presentation a disposable camera distribution/photo context or invite local government and non-profit agencies to provide information to residents

If you are interested in hosting a National Night Out event and would like county public safety staff to attend, call Neighborhood Coordination at 468-1279.



Facility Re-naming Proposals in District 3

Stanford Health Clinic Re-naming Proposal

Bernalillo County is seeking public input to name the District 3 public health facility currently being constructed at 2400 Wellesley SE after former Governor Bruce King and his wife Alice King. The Kings, residents of Stanley, New Mexico, dedicated decades of their lives to improving the quality of life for New Mexican children and families. This upgraded location will replace the current Stanford Health Clinic which serves the health needs of the indigent in Bernalillo County and surrounding counties. It will provide ample room for essential health services such as vital records requests, disease prevention services, counseling, WIC services, and drug treatment and needle exchange programs.

Family Wellness Center Naming Proposal

Bernalillo County is seeking public input on a current proposal to name a family wellness center in Commission District 3 after former County Commissioner and New Mexico State Representative Bob Hawk. The family-focused health center at 209 San Pablo SE, is a collaboration between Peanut Butter & Jelly Family Services, the University of New Mexico Hospital and Bernalillo County. Longtime Southeast Height's resident and elected official, Bob Hawk used his 20 years of public service to advocate for the improvement of mental health care in Albuquerque and throughout New Mexico.

**The county will be accepting public comment for 30 days.
To view bio's and submit your comment please go to www.bernco.gov**



Bernalillo County Housing Department to Receive More Funds to Rehab Homes

Over the past three years, the Bernalillo County Housing Department has applied for and received funding from the New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority to support its owner-occupied rehabilitation program. The Housing Department has received more than \$2.5 million in grant money for this program, with which it has successfully rehabbed 30 homes. The funds cover the cost of rehabilitating homes that are no longer up to environmental code or have health or safety issues. The program can also assist with bringing homes into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The Housing Department was recently informed that it will receive another \$820,000 toward its 2012 fiscal year budget. Over the next year, this will allow the Housing Department to rehabilitate 10 homes - five in the unincorporated areas of Bernalillo County and five in the City of Rio Rancho. This is the first collaboration of this type between Bernalillo County housing and the City of Rio Rancho. Rio Rancho does not have a housing department.

"The City of Rio Rancho is very appreciative of this collaboration," says Rio Rancho Mayor Tom Swisstack. "This is a good example of what happens when people work across jurisdictional boundaries on issues where the ultimate benefactor are the people we are serving."

Income eligible homeowners can apply for this program by visiting our Housing Department, located at 1900 Bridge Boulevard SW.

For more information, visit www.bernco.gov/housing or to speak directly to a housing representative, call 505-314-0200.

Notices of Value Mailed July 1

The Bernalillo County Assessor's office mailed out the remaining Notices of Value on Friday, July 1, 2011.

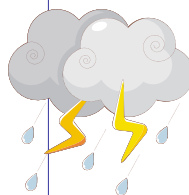
Property owners will have the opportunity to file a valuation protest on their respective properties within 30 days of the actual date of mailing.

Taxpayers who wish to protest the valuation may come to the Assessor's Office at 501 Tijeras NW and file a protest or use the forms available on the assessors website at www.bernco.gov. The forms may be mailed to the Bernalillo County Assessor's Office at P.O. Box 27108 Albuquerque, NM 87125. Protest valuation forms may also be faxed to the Assessor's Office at 222-3770.

The Assessor's Office is open to the public from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and may be contacted at 222-3700.



After the Storm



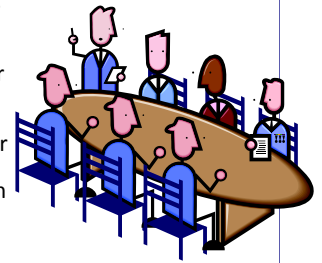
Storm water runoff occurs when precipitation from rain or snowmelt flows over the ground. Impervious surfaces like driveways, sidewalks, and streets prevent storm water from naturally soaking into the ground. Storm water picks up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants and flows into the storm sewer system and/or directly into the Rio Grande. Polluted runoff is the county's greatest threat to clean water.

Here are some storm water pollution solutions:

- "Scoop the Poop" – Pet waste is a major source of bacteria in local waters
- Recycle used oil and other automotive fluids
- Sweep up yard debris rather than hosing down areas
- Clean paint brushes in a sink, not outdoors
- Have your septic system inspected every 3 years
- Observe the storm sewer signs – "Only Rain Down the Drains"

County Planning Commission

The County Planning Commission (CPC) is a seven-member volunteer citizen group appointed by the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) to function as its advisor on land use within the unincorporated area of the county. Members may serve no more than two consecutive, three year terms. The CPC considers and offers recommendations for land use requests such as zone changes, special use permits, major subdivisions, and plans. Its responsibilities are set forth in the Bernalillo County Code, Chapter 62, Article II.



The CPC holds a public hearing on the first Wednesday of each month at 9:00 a.m. at the Vincent E. Griego Chambers at One Civic Plaza N.W. Prior to the public hearing, the CPC holds a study session with planning staff. The staff provides reports, new materials and site plans to the CPC and briefly describes the proposed requests. The study session is open to the public, however no public testimony is allowed.

Role

The CPC provides a fair and balanced decision especially when competing interests are represented at the public hearing. It allows stakeholders, citizens, and interest groups to voice their opinions and concerns. Often, the CPC grapples with various view points, and yet, still must make decisions that represent the public interest as a whole.

Decision-making

When considering an application, the CPC must satisfy the requirements of the law. The commission uses Resolution 116-86 from the Bernalillo County Zoning Ordinance to make its decision on proposed zone changes and special use permit requests. The CPC determines if proposed land use changes are consistent with the health, safety, and general welfare of county residents.

Applicants must demonstrate that an existing zoning status is inappropriate based on:

- 1) An error when the existing zone map pattern was created;
- 2) Changed neighborhood or community conditions justifying the land use change; or
- 3) A different land use category is needed, which is more advantageous to the community as set-forth in the Comprehensive Plan, the County Master Plan, or other pertinent plans even though (1) or (2) above do not apply.

CPC's decision is a recommendation to the BCC. A decision of denial or approval can be appealed to the Board of County Commissioners within 15 days of the date of the decision letter. If the commission recommends approval, and no appeal is filed, that recommendation is placed on the BCC consent agenda. If a recommendation is appealed, all records from previous hearings are forwarded to the BCC to consider the matter. The Board of County Commissioners gives final approval of a recommendation without public discussion.

North Valley Public Meetings Pedestrian and Bicyclist Safety Action Plan



Pedestrian and bicyclist facilities are an integral part of the county's transportation system. When planning for pedestrian and bicyclist facilities, the primary goal is to ensure safety for all travelers along county roadways, especially children en route to school and access for disabled persons. Please attend a public meeting to share your ideas.

Tuesday, July 26, 2011
5:30 pm
Sheriff Sub-Station, NV Command
6900 4th St NW

Thursday, August 4, 2011
5:30 pm
Raymond G. Sanchez Community Ctr.
9800 4th Street NW

For more info, contact Richard Meadows at 848-1508.