

BERNALILLO COUNTY



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County Commission

*All three meetings are on
Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2013*

Zoning Meeting
2 p.m.

Board of Finance Meeting
4:30 p.m.

Administrative Meeting
5 p.m.

**County Planning
Commission**

First Wednesday of month,
Nov. 6, 2013,
9 a.m.

**Zoning Administration
Meeting**

Nov. 12, 2013
9 a.m.

*Meetings are held in the
Vincent E. Griego Chambers*

New BernCo

Public Works Hotline #'s
are available 24 hours a day,
7 days a week.
Call 848-1503 or 848-1504.



Treasurer Kicks Off 2013 Property Tax Collection

County Treasurer Manny Ortiz recently met with representatives from local banks and credit unions to kick off the 2013 property tax season and has announced residents can make their 2013 tax payments at any of the participating banks and credit union locations, pay by mail, online, or in person at the Treasurer's Office.

The twelve banks/credit unions who will be accepting 2013 property tax payments—at all of their branches—include:

Bank of Albuquerque, Bank of the Rio Grande, MyBank, New Mexico Bank & Trust, Peoples Bank, Sunrise Bank, US Bank, Wells Fargo, First Financial Credit Union, Rio Grande Credit Union, State Employees Credit Union and U.S. New Mexico Federal Credit Union.

Other important details:

Bernalillo County 2013 tax bills were mailed on **Nov. 1, 2013**.

Collection Dates: Nov. 1, 2013 through Dec. 10, 2013 for the first half or full amount.

Any cash payment must be converted to a cashier's check or money order at the customer's expense and the tax coupon must be filled out with the customer's name, address and phone number.

Payments should be accompanied by valid 2013 tax coupon(s) or documentation referencing parcel/UPC number. The indicated payment amount should match the check amount.

Call the Treasurer's Office at (505) 468-7031 for more information.

Need Assistance or Resources?

**Contact Neighborhood Coordination Specialist, Darrell Dady,
at 468-7364, or at ddady@bernco.gov**

BernCo Commission Schedule & Holiday Closings

**There are only two
County Commission
meetings remaining in
2013:**

- Tuesday, Nov. 12
- Tuesday, Dec. 10

County Offices Closed:

Veterans Day, Monday,
Nov. 11

Thanksgiving, Thursday
and Friday, Nov. 28 and
29

Christmas Holiday,
Tuesday and Wednesday,
Dec. 24 and 25

**BernCo Bernie
is on the move
again.**



**BernCo
at a Glance**

Commissioners Move Forward on Fair and Equal Pay for Women

Commissioners Debbie O'Malley and Maggie Hart Stebbins have announced Bernalillo County will require vendors doing business with the county to disclose pay equity information, or pay gaps between what men and women are paid for doing the same work.

In 2010, women who worked full time earned 81 percent of men's median weekly earnings, according to the U.S. Department of Labor. The county will provide worksheet templates to assist contractors in producing pay equity disclosure reports necessary for reporting percentage differences between pay for women and men working in the same job categories. Individual names and pay amounts will not be collected. The forms and procedures are currently being developed by county staff and will take effect later this year.

Bernalillo County, like all New Mexico counties, is governed by state procurement law as enacted by the state Legislature. Gender pay equity is not currently addressed specifically in state law, but Commissioners O'Malley and Hart Stebbins seek to change that by asking lawmakers to adopt gender pay equity as a requirement in the state procurement code.

The measure was passed unanimously by the County Commission via a resolution in September, 2013.

For more information, vendors can call the Purchasing Department at (505) 468-7013.

General County Updates

North Valley Library Update

The North Valley Public Library at 7704 2nd Street NW suffered severe damages as a result of a fire in early July. Since the fire, the contents of the building have been removed for cleaning. Once the cleaning phase is completed, phase two will begin and will include the replacement of the lighting, ceilings, insulation, ductwork, painting, carpeting, some windows and other work as needed.

Go to: www.bernco.gov/northvalleylibraryrestoration for weekly updates and photos on the restorative progress of the library.

Geocaching with BernCo Bernie!

BernCo Bernie's geocaching adventure is still under way! Get the clues to the hidden caches at www.BernCoBernie.com.

Travel the four corners of Bernalillo County to find all eight secret caches and then solve the mystery riddle. Complete the hunt to claim a limited-edition commemorative BernCo coin. It's a real-world treasure hunt that's fun for all ages.

County Commissioners Pledge Support for 150 New Jobs

The Bernalillo County Commission has pledged its verbal support for a new customer service and technical support center to be operated by Canon Information Technology Services, Inc.

The company recently announced its plans to bring 150 jobs to Albuquerque at a news conference with state and local officials in attendance including Gov. Susana Martinez, Commission Chair Maggie Hart Stebbins and Albuquerque Mayor Richard J. Berry.

The cooperation between state and local elected officials and economic development staff was listed as a factor in the company's decision to choose Albuquerque over other competing cities.

The project incentives include \$600,000 in Local Economic Development Act funds to help the company renovate an existing office building on Jefferson Plaza N.E. The city, county and state have pledged \$200,000 each, pending County Commission and City Council approval.

Commissioners Hart Stebbins and O'Malley hope to schedule a vote on the county's \$200,000 incentive before the end of the year.

BCFD & AFD Begin Full Implementation of Closest Station Response Agreement

The Bernalillo County Fire Department (BCFD) and the Albuquerque Fire Department (AFD) in October began full implementation of an automatic aid agreement within the metro area that allows the closest fire station to respond to fires or medical calls, regardless of jurisdiction.

In an emergency, a delay can mean the difference between life and death. This new agreement will ensure that when residents and visitors call 9-1-1, they will have the fastest response possible from firefighters in the closest station. City and county emergency response will no longer be delayed by jurisdictional boundaries.

Over the past two years, BCFD and AFD have implemented several agreements that have formalized the relationship between the two fire departments, resulting in a higher functioning emergency response system. This combined effort will result in more effective emergency operations, more efficient use of resources, and a safer working environment for both city and county firefighters.

Animal Care Director Matt Pepper Appointed to National Animal Control Association Board of Directors



Since September 2011, Director Matt Pepper has brought many positive changes to the day-to-day operations of Bernalillo County Animal Care Services. Pepper was recently appointed to the Board of Directors for the National Animal Control Association by NACA President Todd Stosuy of Santa Cruz, Calif. The mission of the National Animal Control Association is to define and promote professionalism in the animal protection care and humane law enforcement fields by providing quality services, education, training, and support. Pepper previously served on the Board of Directors for NACA from 2009-2011.

Thanksgiving Turkey Tips

If you're thinking about deep frying your holiday turkey this year, watch a safety tip video on the subject by going to www.bernco.gov, click on the BernCo Videos tab, scroll down on the left side and click on Public Safety Matters, and then "Deep Frying Safety for the Holidays".

Bernalillo County Public Works Update

Bernalillo County Receives Transportation Planning Award

The New Mexico chapter of the American Planning Association has awarded Bernalillo County's *Pedestrian and Bicyclist Safety Action Plan* its 2013 Transportation Planning Award. The *Pedestrian and Bicyclist Safety Action Plan* is a study that identifies pedestrian and bicycling issues in the unincorporated areas of Bernalillo County and recommends and prioritizes projects to address them.

This award recognizes planners and planning projects throughout the state of New Mexico for outstanding achievement in the use of planning principles to solve transportation problems and to improve the quality of life in their community. Pedestrian and bicyclist facilities are an essential part of Bernalillo County's transportation system, and the county strives to integrate them into the planning, design and ultimate construction of every project.

The primary goal of the action plan is to ensure safety for all travelers along county roadways, to promote healthy lifestyles and recreational opportunities for all ages, and to improve air quality by reducing energy use. The American Planning Association was created in 1978 and is an independent, not-for-profit educational organization based in Washington, D.C.

To view the award-winning action plan, please visit www.bernco.gov/PedBikeStudy/.

America Recycles Day is Nov. 15

Give your trash/garbage another life! By putting your recyclables in the recycling bin, you give them new life. Some materials can travel through the recycling and manufacturing process to be back on the store shelf in as little as 30 days! Visit <http://www.iwanttoberecycled.org/> to see how recyclables are made into new products.

Paseo del Norte and I-25 Interchange Project

Project construction began Oct. 15. Sign up to receive automatic email/text traffic updates at http://www.paseoi25.com/news_information.aspx. Support the local businesses during construction - visit <http://www.paseoi25business.com/> to see listings of area businesses.

Answers To Your Zoning, Building and Planning Questions

Send your zoning questions to Tom Kay at tkay@bernco.gov (314-0396), building-related questions to Brad Jackson at bjackson@bernco.gov (314-0380), and your planning questions to Enrico Gradi at egradi@bernco.gov (314-0385).

Q: What happens if I get a zoning violation?

A: A notice of violation will be sent to the property owner to give you time to correct it. If the steps toward compliance are not seen after repeated attempts to contact the owner, zoning refers the matter to the courts. Zoning will work with the property owner by adjusting the time frame allotted to correct the violation as long as earnest attempts to correct the violation are made. If you get a zoning violation, please contact the inspector listed on the violation as soon as possible.