

Alameda News

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Community Calendar
Read to the Dogs at
Los Griegos Library
Thursday, April 19,
3:00 - 4:30 pm. and
Thursday May 17, 3:00
- 4:30 pm.



Los Griegos Library is located
at 1000 Griegos Road NW,
Albuquerque, NM 87107-
3749. (505) 761-4020

Los Ranchos Growers'
Market Summer Hours
Every Saturday—Hours 7
am - 12 noon.
Located at 6718 Rio
Grande Boulevard, N.W.
(tennis court parking lot)
See ad on Page 4

Fiesta de Alameda at
Raymond G. Sanchez
Community Center,
April 21st. See story
this page.

ANVA General Meeting

Thursday, April 19, 7 - 9 pm
Raymond G. Sanchez Community Center,
9800 4th Street, N.W

Agenda Items:

- 1. North valley Announcements**
- 2. New Mexico State Legislature Primary Candidates Meet and Greet**
The agenda for this meeting will be a meet and greet for the New Mexico State Legislature Primary Candidates for the Alameda/North Valley areas. Each candidate will be allowed to introduce themselves and will be given about three (3) minutes for remarks. If there is time one or two questions may be asked. After all of the candidates have been introduced and allowed to speak to the group; we will encourage the candidates to meet, talk and mingle with our community members in an informal manner. This meeting will provide an opportunity for our community members to meet with the candidates and hear why they are candidates in the 2012 election.
- 3. There will be a few other brief topics on the agenda including the annual Board Election for ANVA that will be held at the end of the meeting.**

Note: For Legislative District maps go to: www.nmlegis.gov/lcs/redcensus/

Fiesta de Alameda — April 21

Fiesta de Alameda will be held on Saturday, April 21, 2012. This celebration has been an annual event since 1994. The name has changed a few times but the heart and soul of the event has remained the same. Outstanding Citizens are the heroes of the day and are honored in the parade, on a poster and onstage during the ceremonies. There is something for the whole family, games, food, the parade, a car show, and some great entertainment. Come join us. The parade begins at 11:00 am in front of the el Pinto Restaurant and Outstanding Citizen ceremonies begin at 12:00 noon located on the fields just east of the Raymond G. Sanchez Community Center.

For more information please call 468-7800.

Westside private school and neighborhoods oppose another Walmart at Coors and Montano

Dan Shaw is a science teacher at the Bosque School in Albuquerque, and is leading an effort to oppose another "big-box" mega-store development adjacent to the school. At the center of the dispute is the proposed Walmart at the corner of Coors and Montano. Shaw states "This would have serious and permanent negative consequences for the City of Albuquerque, the bosque, its wildlife, and Bosque Environmental Monitoring Program. Also it would have major impacts on traffic and livability and other urban issues. Our school site abuts the proposed Walmart and serves as a gateway into the bosque for Bosque Environmental Monitoring Program study by thousands of Albuquerque Public Schools and other area school children each year."

The pending land use hearing and decision by the City of Albuquerque Environmental Planning Commission (EPC) are expected in May. The Daskalos-Silverleaf-Walmart plan, submitted to the Environmental Planning Commission (EPC) as Project #1003859, has been evaluated by City Planning staff and found to not meet at least eight major requirements, only partially meets twenty major requirements, and only fully meets less than ten major requirements of the City's applicable ordinances and zoning codes. There also remains the issue that the proposed Walmart facility itself does not have direct signalized access to a major arterial street, as required by the City's Large Retail Facility (Big Box) ordinance.

The site is on the edge of the Rio Grande bosque, one of the largest remaining riparian cottonwood forests in the southwest. The fifty acres directly adjacent to this proposed site and outside of the formal bosque designation includes at least one-hundred twenty-two vertebrate species including willow flycatcher and bald eagles.

This is a Bernalillo County-wide issue. If a big box applicant is approved at Coors and Montano in direct violation of existing City Ordinances and Sector Plans that were years in the making with Public and City Planning input, then big boxes could be developed anywhere in the county without regard to established land use criteria.

Residents of the Alameda area need to also understand that the proposed Walmart would also add much more truck traffic to Alameda Blvd. For more discussion on this aspect, see this issue's President's Column on Page 3.

CNM Hosts Event to Kickoff Free and Low-Cost Renewable Energy Job Training Opportunities

In partnership with New Mexico Workforce Solutions, Santa Fe Community College and Mesalands Community College in Tucumcari, the CNM Workforce Training Center announced at the January 2012 ANVA meeting about free and low-cost job training opportunities in the fields of solar, biofuels, wind, green building and energy efficiency that will be offered at CNM, Santa Fe Community and Mesalands Community College. The three colleges were each awarded a portion of a U.S. Department of Labor grant to expand workforce training programs in separate sectors of the renewable energy fields. The session will provide information about the job training programs, as well as qualification requirements for free or reduced costs.

Qualifying participants include:

- Displaced workers (or self-employed but now unemployed as a result of economic conditions)
- Incumbent workers in solar, wind, bio-fuels, energy efficiency/green building (construction, architects, contrac-

tors, photovoltaic, solar thermal, HVAC, plumbing, electrical, manufacturing, technical sales, realtors, etc.)

- Veterans and qualifying spouses of veterans
- Those who did not finish high school
- Those who qualify as low income

For more information, call the Workforce Training Center at 224-5243 or 224-5200. There is additional information on their web site: http://www.cnm.edu/depts/mco/news/newsreleases/2012/01-20-12_renewable-energy-job-training.php

Upcoming June 5 Primary Election North Valley Candidates

State Senator District 13 – Democratic Party

Carlos S Cordova
Bill B O'Neill
Chris S Catechis

State Representative District 15 – Democratic Party

Joe D Craig
Matt David Munoz
Emily A Kane

State Representative District 15 – Republican Party

Kenneth J King
Christopher T Saucedo

State Representative District 17 – Democratic Party

Edward C Sandoval – Incumbent

State Representative District 17 – Republican Party

Robert D Cain

County Commission District 4 Republican Party

Michael C Wiener – Incumbent
Lonnie C Talbert

County Clerk Democratic Party

Maggie Toulouse Oliver

County Treasurer Democratic Party

Manny Ortiz
Dennis Warren Latta
John Anthony Roybal
Marcos A Trujillo Jr.
Joe R Williams

County Treasurer Republican Party

George E Torres

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS Always dial 911 for Emergencies. **Bernalillo County Sheriff North Valley Area Command** -- 341-9024 or 341-9035 **Bernalillo Sheriff's Administration** -- 768-4100 **Non-Emergency Calls** -- 798-7000

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Michelle Lujan Grisham	468-7027	BCCDistrict1@bernco.gov

President's Column - Steve Wentworth

Note: The following views are those of the author and not necessarily those of the Alameda North Valley Association.

Redistricting will bring major changes to the Alameda / North Valley areas Legislative Representations.

It is going to be much more complicated for ANVA to advocate positions on issues in the New Mexico Legislature. Formerly the north valley area encompassed by ANVA was represented by Bill O'Neill in the House of Representatives and John Ryan in the NM Senate. Now the same geographic area is represented by two members of the house, and three senators.

This is an election year and most of the legislative seats are contested. You can go to the N.M. Legislative website: <http://www.nmlegis.gov/lcs/redcensus/> for additional information and maps of the districts. We strongly suggest you check out the maps to help you determine who the candidates are for the area you live in. If you are on the anvanews email lists – links to the different districts were provided in announcements for the **Primary Legislative Candidate Meet and Greet meeting on April 19, 2012, 7 PM at the Raymond G. Sanchez Community Center.** This will be an informal meeting allowing all a chance to meet some of the folks who will be deciding how your tax dollars will be spent.

Yes, we have had to tell several of the candidates where the community center is located and we do hope some are fast learners if they are elected and except to represent our community in a good manner.

You can register to vote before May 8 and still vote in the June 5th primary election. The early voting centers open May 19th. The early voting center in the North valley will be at 6125 4th St. NW in Guadalupe Plaza, but you can vote at any of the centers throughout the city. Early absentee voting opens on May 8th.

Bernalillo County has a new Deputy County Manager for Community Services – Mr. Vincent C. Murphy. He will be in charge of the operations and management of the offices of Social Services, Economic Development and Cultural Services Department, Housing Department, Parks and Recreation Department, Zoning, Building and Planning and the Office of Environmental Health. Mr. Murphy has extensive experience with different government positions ranging from local to federal government and work experience in the private sector – he has had to meet a payroll. We wish Mr. Murphy well and hope that he will be able to implement some of the very needed improvements to the different Bernalillo County departments under his jurisdiction.

Bernalillo County has started the series of public meetings for public input about future capital improvement projects.

Bernco has a new online feature that will allow the public to offer input if they can't attend the meetings. Go to www.bernco.gov/request to submit a project request. Residents will be able to follow-up on their project request. Every project request submitted will receive a confirmation number. If a resident provides an email address, a confirmation number and email will be sent back to them.

Examples of Capital Improvement Projects may include: Paving an unpaved road, water lines, public safety facilities, sanitary sewer lines, sidewalks, swimming pools, parks, park improvements and so on. Other information can be found at: <http://www.bernco.gov/upload/images/CIP/Handbook.pdf>

We urge you to provide input to the County if you feel there is a need for improvements to our community. **The deadline for submitting a capital improvement project request form is May 17, 2012. For additional information go to: <http://www.bernco.gov/news/130203/>**

Recently, the City of Albuquerque Administration proposed a \$93 million project to reconfigure the interchange at Paseo del Norte and I-25 to allow better traffic flow. A couple of years ago the costs were in the \$450 million range. People understood money would not be available for a number of years due to the economy, but there was hope that our Federal and State Legislators and other city and county governments would work together to make the improvements in a more long term comprehensive manner instead of the sale priced, band-aid approach that is now being proposed.

When the original plan was discussed many questioned why the plans only addressed the areas along I-25, primarily east of Jefferson and did not address the problems west on thru past Second and Fourth Street. The problems with Alameda Blvd. or the total reliance on this roadway as the only truck route between the town of Bernalillo and I-40 were not discussed in the plans.

At the recent Albuquerque City Council meeting questions were raised about whether the proposed Paseo del Norte plan would address the truck traffic issues and whether or not the proposed plan dealt with mass transit issues. It was obvious that comprehensive planning had not been conducted and there were many issues yet to be addressed.

Three City Councilors, Debbie O'Malley, Ike Benton and Ray Garduño, did the correct thing in not allowing the band-aid approach to move forward without voter approval. Our elected officials – on all levels, should work together with the transportation planners to provide a more long term solution that would not be completely obsolete as soon as it is completed like the proposed Paseo del Norte fix.

Going solar - Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church

According to the parish bulletin, workers from Positive Energy have been installing solar panels on the roof of the parish hall. These solar panels will generate electricity for our parish plant. Excess electricity not used by the parish will be sold to PNM. This project is a wonderful investment that will keep supplying the Parish Hall with energy and money for years to come. According to the study, the system will have paid for itself in seven years if the price of electricity continues at the present rate or sooner if the price increases.



Photo looking north at the new solar panels on the Parish Hall roof located at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church.

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