

Alameda News

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Community Calendar
Read to the Dogs at
Los Griegos Library
Thursday, June 21,
3:00 - 4:30 pm.
and Thursday July 20,
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

ANVA General Meeting
Thursday, June 21, 7 - 9 pm
Raymond G. Sanchez Community Center,
9800 4th Street, N.W

Agenda Items:

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Announcements

Bernalillo County Updates - invited guests include:

Commissioner Michael Wiener

Commissioner Michelle Lujan Grisham

Public Safety Issues – crime, traffic and fire issues.

Lieutenant Clair McCarthy - Bernalillo County Sheriff's Department

Chief John Garcia – Bernalillo County Fire Department

This should be an interesting meeting that will allow for questions and answers. Try to attend, bring your questions, voice your concerns, present your ideas and participate.

ABQ Concert Band Performing at Balloon Museum The all-volunteer Albuquerque Concert Band moves to the east lawn of the Balloon Museum this summer for a series of five evening concerts.

On Wednesday, June 27th, from 6 – 7 p.m. "Tall Paul's Magic Show" will entertain the crowd, followed by a concert by the band from 7 – 8 p.m.

On Wednesday, July 11th, the Fractal Man, Dr. Jonathan Wolfe, brings the magic of his fractal art to fascinate young and old alike. He will be aided by the sounds of musician Seth Hoffman. From 7 – 8 p.m. the Albuquerque Concert Band will complete the evening's entertainment.

July 25th from 6 – 7 p.m., Laurie Magovern returns with her engaging stories and fun. Live music by popular children's performer Susie Tallman & Friends will get the young crowd—and some of the "oldsters"—dancing and clapping along. The band will perform their hand-clapping music to the event from 7 – 8 p.m.

The final concert is scheduled for Wednesday, August 8th, with stories by Laurie Magovern and great family-friendly poetry by Albuquerque's recently-named Poet Laureate, Hakim Bellamy and then the concert band will pull out all stops to end the season with a rousing repertoire of music that inspires.

The all-ages events are free to all. Attendees are invited to bring lawn chairs, blankets and picnics, or enjoy the offerings of gourmet food trucks. Guests may not bring glass containers or alcoholic beverages into the events.

The Balloon Museum is open Tuesday through Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. year-round (closed Mondays). For more information, call 505-768-6020, visit www.cabq.gov/balloon, or call 311.



2nd Annual Alameda Artist Studio Tour being planned for October 13 & 14, 2012

In addition to it's scenic beauty, Alameda is also home to many established and emerging fine artists and skilled craftspeople. In 2011, a group of these artists got together and formed the first annual Alameda Studio Tour. Twenty-five artists opened their studios to the public, inspiring, educating, and offering their work for sale.

Another studio tour is in the planning stages and will be held October 13 & 14. The artists participating in the Tour will include both traditional and abstract painters, sculptors, potters, fiber artists, printmakers, weavers, jewelers, glass artists, and doll makers. The diversity of artisans and the natural, historic beauty of Alameda is what sets this studio tour apart from others. The signup deadline is August 1 and the fee is \$100. Planning meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of each month.

In order to better publicize the event in local newspapers, the studio tour is looking for businesses and individuals to help with a financial contribution or volunteering. If you are a business interested in helping, please see the Studio Tour web site - www.alamedastudiotour and click on **Sponsors**. Individuals interested in volunteering at an info booth please call Jeff Potter - 505-897-8621 or Martha Rajkay - 505-205-6463. Thanks!



Community Bicycle Recycling Program needs help.

This is a wonderful program that helps bring bikes to children. They are a not-for-profit, volunteer group that recycles bicycles. Recently they lost their storage space, and are looking for some free space in which to store bicycles. Ideally, they would need about 1500 square feet, and larger would be awesome. Currently they have about 60 bikes that are ready to be distributed, and another 200 or so that need to be repaired.

They are a 501 c 3 organization, so if you have some warehouse space, it would be a charitable contribution as well as helping a great cause. Donations of funding, bicycle and bicycle mechanical aptitude are also much appreciated. Check their web page at www.communitybikerecycling.org.

Contact: George Montoya, director, (505) 550-5604 (cell.)

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They accept donations of bikes and parts of any age and condition as well as monetary contributions to cover the costs of materials such as tubes, tires, handlebar grips, and seats in addition to recycling (yes, they have to pay to recycle bicycle tires). In addition to bicycles, recipients receive a bicycle helmet.

They are committed to reducing our waste stream and attempt to recycle parts of bicycles that can no longer be safely used. We give bicycles and bike safety and repair demonstrations to public schools and adult groups such as the Endorphin Power Company (for drug rehabilitation programs), and St. Martin's Hospitality Center (for the homeless). They partner with Albuquerque Alliance for Active Living, who are also financial supporters.

Bernalillo County Emergency Notification System – Reverse 9-1-1

Bernalillo County utilizes an emergency notification system (reverse 9-1-1) which can be used to send important messages to residents and businesses within the unincorporated areas of the County with the capability of sending thousands of messages in a very short time, based on the geographic location of an incident.

Examples of Emergency Notifications may be:

- Evacuation notices due to emergency situations, such as fire, flood or other environmental hazard.
- Notifications of dangerous situations in your area, such as an environmental hazard, law enforcement investigation or other instance where you may be instructed to remain in your home.

* Notifications are NOT automatic and are sent at the direction of an incident commander or other managing authority of a situation.

If you have a landline phone, either residential or business, your phone number has automatically been entered into the system and is capable of receiving an emergency notification.

Emergency Notification Opt-In for Cellular/VoIP (Voice Over Internet Provider) Phones

In our continued effort to improving the safety of citizens in the unincorporated areas of Bernalillo County, Bernalillo County and the Emergency Communications Center (E9-1-1), are pleased to announce you may now register your cellular and/or VoIP phone number(s) for the purpose of receiving emergency notifications.

If your primary phone is a cellular/VoIP phone number and you would like to receive the emergency notification you will need to register the phone number with Target Notification.

Keep in mind once you register your phone number and the Bernalillo County Emergency Communications Department sends out an emergency message, you will receive the notification even if you are NOT in the affected area at the time.

Also, if you change your cellular/VoIP phone number you will need to re-register it.

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

President's Column - Steve Wentworth

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

The next general meeting of ANVA should be interesting. We will have Bernalillo County (Bernco) updates from our Commissioners and Bernco representatives. We have invited the Bernco Sheriff's Dept. NV Commander, Lt. Claire McCarthy and Bernco Fire Chief John Garcia. Neighbors have had cars broken into - a gun was fired thru a truck in a residential neighborhood, theft problems and so forth. Traffic is always an issue and this meeting will allow folks to express their concerns and maybe get some solutions. The fire season is here and Chief Garcia has the huge job of trying to keep Bernalillo County safe.

County Commissioners imposed fire restrictions on open burning and fireworks outside the city limits of Albuquerque, in the unincorporated areas of Bernalillo County.

The following are not allowed due to the fire restrictions: Agricultural burning, bonfires, burning of explosives, campfires, ceremonial fires, cooking fires, hot torch burning, ignition of rocket motors, open burning, open flames, slash piles and burning weeds. Charcoal broilers, barbecue grills, wood and coal burning stoves used outside of private dwellings are classified as campfires and are prohibited.

The fireworks restrictions apply to the sale and use of any fireworks that shoot sparks and pieces outside a six foot circle and/or higher than 10 feet in the air or are louder than a cap gun. Fireworks that may pose a hazard by falling or tipping over during operation are also restricted.

Violators who are cited could face fines up to \$300 and/or 90 days in jail.

Albuquerque has restrictions on things that fly or explode - not sure what Los Ranchos and Rio Rancho will do. State law allows local jurisdictions the power to restrict the use of fireworks and to ban certain fireworks during droughts. However, local officials must hold a public hearing and issue a proclamation for a ban at least 20 days before a holiday for which fireworks can be sold. The governor has twice tried and failed to pass a state law aimed at allowing for cities, counties and the state to easier ban fireworks during extreme drought. It is a shame that the law did not pass.

Los Ranchos Rd construction is scheduled to begin Monday June 18, and will continue until July 18. The Bernco Public Works Division will begin roadway improvements on Los Ranchos Rd from Edith to the county limits, just west of 2nd Street. Residents can contact project engineer Amor Solano at (505) 848-1527 with questions or concerns.

Alameda Trail - Edith Blvd. continues to be closed and lanes continue to be blocked occasionally on Alameda Blvd. Bernco Public Works said Edith would be closed May 9, 2012, at Alameda for 4 weeks - we guess there have been problems because it is still closed. Bernco Public Works Department and the Bernco Public Information Office continue to do a terrible job of communicating with the public about the project.

The Alameda/North Valley community worked with NMDOT when Alameda Blvd. was widened to make the project better. Areas along the south side of Alameda were saved for an open space trail area. Trees were saved and additional landscaping was put in to make the area attractive for future generations. The trail was added as a functional and positive addition to the project. Concrete was colored a brown earth tone and was designed to meander through the area instead of in a straight manner that would not be appealing to people using it. The earth tone colored concrete was used in the entire project as a means to set the project apart

and give it some character.

Many of the items the community worked for to enhance the area were ignored. Asphalt - black trails were installed that were almost straight and certainly did not complement or match the trails on the rest of the project. The designs of the existing brown concrete walks were ignored. New concrete sidewalks at intersections were installed next to existing earth tone walkways. Regular white/gray concrete was used and it makes the project appear as if no planning was given to the project.

Did the Bernco Public Works Department and the Bernco Parks and Recreation Department have a reason for ignoring what was done in the past with community support? Was there no concern or planning given to the aesthetics or the continuity of the project? It would be logical to most people to continue the type of design that was originally implemented for the rest of the project. I believe the community is pleased that the project is finally going to be completed.

It is very sad that Bernco Public Works Department and the Parks and Recreation Department decided to ignore the obvious and the initial planning that was done for Alameda Blvd. by the community and NMDOT.

Bernalillo County Extension Office

UPCOMING EVENTS

1510 Menaul Blvd. NW • Albuquerque, NM 87107

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Email: bernalil@nmsu.edu • URL: http://

bernalilloextension.nmsu.edu

Food & Nutrition Classes

Learn to prepare some of the traditional New Mexican foods the healthy way!

Learn how to cook with fresh herbs and spices.

Thursday, June 21st 9:00 am to noon Mozzarella Cheese Class Cost \$5

Ongoing Kitchen Creation DIABETES Cooking school, contact office for class availability. Classes will be held at the County Cooperative Extension Services Office, 4H Building, 1510 Menaul NW, Albuq. NM 87107

Class size is limited, please contact Cindy Davies to reserve your spot 243-1386

Summer 2012 Food Preservation classes, cost is \$10 for each class.

Tuesday, July 10th 9:00 am Salsa and spicy relishes

Tuesday, July 17th & Thursday, August 2nd 9:00 am Homemade Pickles

Wednesday, August 8th & Tuesday, August 28th 9:00 am Water Bath Canning Tomatoes and Fruit

Thursday, August 9th & Wednesday, August 29th 9:00 am Pressure canning vegetables

Junior Master Gardeners

Tuesdays, June 26, Jul 3, 17, 24, 31, Aug 7, 14, 21

10:00am-11:45am Bernalillo County extension office.

Please register with John Garlisch 243-1386 or email garlisch@nmsu.edu

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COMMUNITY PROJECTS _____

MAKE CHECKS TO: ANVA, MAIL TO: 9359 GUADALUPE TR., NW, 87114



Los Ranchos Arts and Crafts Market

Shop Local from over 30 New Mexico Artists
Summer Market Hours / May Through August
Saturdays from 7 a.m.-12 noon
6718 Rio Grande Blvd. NW (just north of Chávez Rd.)
Next to the Los Ranchos Growers' Market