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Community Calendar

Los Ranchos Growers' Markets

Regular Season, May - mid-November:

- -November: 8 am - noon
- Fall Hours

Winter Markets: 2nd Saturday of the month, Dec - April, 10 am - noon

Operating every season since 1992

6718 Rio Grande Blvd NW

Sat. 6 September, 8 am - noon FALL HOURS - START ONE HOUR LATER AT 8 AM

In case of Inclement Weather: Market will be held outdoors in the regular location, tennis court parking lot, except in the case of inclement weather when the market will be held in the adjacent community barn

PLEASE RENEW YOUR ANVA DUES see page 4

ALAMEDA NORTH VALLEY ASSOCIATION NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, September 18, 2014 at 7 - 9 PM
Raymond G. Sanchez Community Center

Our next meeting will focus on Bernalillo County issues.

Invited guests include:

Bernco. Commissioner, Debbie O'Malley, Dist. 1, Chairwoman
Bernco. Commissioner, Lonnie Talbert, Dist. 4
Representative from the County Manager's Office

Candidates for:

New Mexico State Representative District 15

Emily Kane – Democrat (i)

Sarah Maestas Barnes – Republican

Bernalillo County Commission District 1

Debbie O'Malley - Democrat (i)

Simon Kubiak - Republican

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2014 International Balloon Fiesta

The Balloon Fiesta is set for October 4 – 12, 2014. You can go to www.balloonfiesta.com for more information. The Paseo project will certainly have negative impacts on the traffic mess that is generated each year in the area. Jefferson will be open north & south and will be closed from the east and west access off Paseo according to recent information.

Neighbors in the area can get neighborhood parking passes that should help them navigate the areas from the Balloon Fiesta Inc. Office on Alameda and Balloon Museum Drive. Remember - a few negative problems for the adjacent community area but wonderful benefits for the greater area and it is over after a little more than a week.

**Events and Programs @
Raymond G. Sanchez Community Center
9800 Fourth NW
468-7800**

Park’s Pals Pre-school Recreation Program

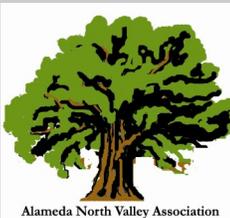
Ages 3-5
\$36 per 4 week session
Monday – Thursday
9 am- 12 pm
Registration Ongoing

Halloween Carnival

Saturday October 25, 2014
Food trucks, Game booths,
CANDY, Costume Contest &
Wreck'em Fun House
5 – 9 pm
.25 game booths
.50 to enter the Wreck'em Fun House

Adult Ceramics Program

Taking interest sign ups
Contact Sharon Hernandez at 468-7800



Alameda North Valley Association (ANVA) is a non-profit, non-partisan, and non-sectarian Association. ANVA is a group of citizens concerned about the north valley area.

2014 Officers: Steve Wentworth; President, Mark Rupert; Vice President Debi Hale, Treasurer; Mary Arrowsmith, Secretary; Jeff Potter, Newsletter Editor and Webmaster; other Board members are: Mary Arrowsmith, Karen Wentworth and

Debby Potter.

The Alameda News is published 4 - 5 times per year in months when ANVA holds a general meeting. ANVA Board meetings are held on alternate months. The ANVA website is <http://anvanews.com>

New North Valley Health Clinic

“Bringing a health clinic of this caliber to the North Valley was a collaborative effort for everyone involved. The Near North Valley Neighborhood Association was instrumental in keeping the project moving forward,” says Commission Chair Debbie O’Malley. “Area residents will have a new health clinic that will be nearby and convenient to access.”

The new clinic will be located at 3401 4th Street NW at the corner of 4th Street and Mildred NW and will be one of the largest primary care clinics in the UNM Hospitals system. It will provide coordinated care and a wide range of services from pediatrics to hospice needs. As many as 20 providers will practice at the clinic and when all services are operational, the clinic could serve as many as 1,800 patients per month.

“We are very excited about this welcome addition to our neighborhood,” says Richard Sandoval, president of the Near North Valley Neighborhood Association. “It will bring us comprehensive health care services, which we don’t have now, and new life to Fourth Street.”

Construction will begin immediately with the new clinic scheduled to open by April 2015.

Fall General Election – November 4, 2014

On November 4, there will be an election for Governor, Secretary of State, Treasurer, Auditor, and additional statewide offices. Voters will also choose US Congress people, a US Senator, all New Mexico House members, and many county and judicial offices. There will probably also be bond and other ballot issues.

For additional details - who’s running, where can I vote, etc. - see the League of Women Voters of Central New Mexico Election page at: <http://www.lwvabc.org/elections/index.html> The League of Women Voters of Central New Mexico web site is: <http://www.lwvabc.org/> The League will shortly have their Voter’s Guide ready for the election. The Guide is a source of straightforward information without political bias.

For information about polling places, early voting and so on go to: the **Bernalillo County Clerk’s office** at: <http://www.bernco.gov/clerk/> or call them at: **505) 243-VOTE (8683)**. Voter registration deadline is Oct. 7, 2014 at 5 p.m. Please go to <https://app.bernco.gov/wherewote/> to find out where to do early voting which runs thru October 18 to November 1, 2014.

Note: Information about the Bernco proposed ballot questions about a 1/8% gross receipts tax for mental health issues and the question about the decriminalization of possession of small amounts of marijuana are in a state of flux as this newsletter is written. Challenges by the Sec. of State and legal questions are confusing the ballot questions - so no information is being provided.

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.

We look forward to a cordial and forthright conversation about issues impacting the Alameda North Valley area. This will be a great chance for the community to meet the Commissioners and hear what their agenda is for our area. We will also be asking Bernalillo County for an update on projects and issues that concern the Alameda / North Valley area. The status of Bernco finances, legislative priorities, requests for NM Legislative funding and other important items may be topics.

The next General Election includes General Obligation Bond issues and offices for the Bernco County Commission, Sheriff, Judges, Treasurer, Assessor and many other offices. **ANVA has invited the Bernalillo County Commission District 1 candidates, Debbie O'Malley - incumbent and Simon Kubiak - challenger to attend. We have also invited New Mexico State Representative District 15 candidates, Emily Kane - incumbent and Sara Maestas Barnes - challenger to attend the meeting.** The invited candidates will be given time to express their views, opinions and reasons to vote for them.

All other candidates are welcome to attend to introduce themselves - they will be given a minute or two.

Apparently the City wants to expand Alameda Blvd. into a 6 lane roadway from I-25 to Edith - what do our County officials think about this terrible plan and potential disaster? At a previous meeting a Bernco Commissioner stated we should not worry because projects would not be started until the Paseo del Norte work is complete. Wrong answer! Our elected officials should be taking steps to stop this proposed project now before it is too late.

What is the status of the proposed planning for aquatics in Bernalillo County and specifically in our area to replace the only public swimming pool in the north valley? We understood the County moved ahead with a \$42,000 contract for consultants on the planning project. Bernco has a General Obligation Bond issue (listed below) for a Regional Aquatics Facility. Is a regional aquatics facility needed? Were the needs of our community considered?

There will be five Bernalillo County General Obligation Bond questions that will affect Alameda directly in the November election.

The first question would give \$1.3 million to libraries all over the city, including the North Valley Library to purchase new materials and library resources.

The second bond questions would appropriate \$5.7 million to upgrade county buildings, build a new animal shelter and install a new HVAC heating and cooling system at the Metropolitan Treatment and Assessment Services building.

The third Bernalillo County General Obligation bond would, among other things, provide \$1.25 million for a regional aquatics center. The county has not determined the location of the center. This bond question would also set aside \$610,000 for phase 2 of a project to give a new home to the North Valley Little League. This is only a portion of the money needed to complete the project.

The fourth bond question would authorize \$9 million to repair roads and trails in Bernalillo County. Each of the five commission districts will receive \$1 million for road rehabilitation repair. In addition the bond will give match funds for repair of roads as part of the CAP-COOP school bus program. It also allocates \$1 million for ADA Compliance and street lighting.

The bond provides \$500,000 for the North Edith project. The project is to develop sewer infrastructure and potentially build water infrastructure at the far northern end of Edith Blvd. The total

expected cost of the project is 3,432,000.

The fifth bond question sets aside funds to handle storm sewer, wastewater and flooding issues within the county. It also sets aside \$300,000 for fiber optics projects that will be installed when other utility work is done when possible. The allocation is part of a \$1,350,000 larger project.

The Bernalillo County Bonds cover a number of other projects. We have highlighted the projects that directly affect Alameda.

In addition to the Bernalillo County General Obligation, there is a question on the ballot authorizing bonds for \$25 million to the Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo Flood Control Authority.

The New Mexico General Obligation Bonds also have projects for the North Valley. Bond A will allocate \$365,000 to the North Valley Senior Citizens Center to buy and install equipment and to make improvements to the building. This bond question would also buy meal equipment for senior citizen centers throughout the county.

Good news - A new neighborhood association was recently formed to deal with proposed land use changes. The Daniel / Jacobson Neighborhood Association is located in an area east of the North Valley Library and primarily south of Los Ranchos Road next to the old Tewa Moulding Plant. The Tewa property owner proposed a large equestrian center and then a very large commercial contractor's yard - both uses wrong in the middle of a residential area. The Association formed after community members worked together against the proposed zone changes. They knew a residential development would be the best use for the inevitable development of the property. The Association worked to lower the proposed residential density by working with the developer to come up with Planned Development Area for residential uses that has a compromise lower density that better fits the North Valley Area Plan and fits the character of the area better than a higher density R-1 zone change. Of course a few residents didn't attend meetings and claimed they were not informed about the processes. The Daniel Jacobson Association worked in an honest and forthright manner to help their community. ANVA was proud to help our neighbors with the zoning issues and with the formation of the new association.

Good news - There is new roadway striping in the area where Second Street meets Forth going onto the bridge over the North Diversion Channel to the roundabout at Roy Road and NM 313. **Phil Montoya** contacted ANVA with an idea to make the area safer for all. He suggested restriping the right lane of Fourth Street to a right turn only into Second which stopped the merging conflicts of traffic from Second. There have been too many accidents at this area because the original striping layout done when the bridge was reworked. Phil Montoya saw the solution to a problem and lives may be saved by his good idea to fix the problem. Dave Mitchell, Operations and Maintenance Dir. for Bernco Public Works did a great job by immediately understanding the problem and solution as described by Montoya. Mitchell took steps to restripe the area in a prompt manner. Mitchell said: "the striping change at the top of Second Street where Fourth comes in is designed "to make it easier for people headed west turning onto southbound Second, but we went further, and now it also has a nice dedicated lane for northbound Second turning to eastbound Roy Road." Thanks to Phil Montoya and Dave Mitchell the area is much safer.

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