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**County Commission  
Administrative Meeting**  
Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2013

5 p.m.

**County Planning  
Commission**

First Wednesday of the month,  
Dec. 4, 2013, 9 a.m.

**Zoning Administration Meeting**  
Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2013  
9 a.m.

**County Development Review  
Authority Meeting,**  
Thursday, Dec. 12, 2013, 9 a.m.

Meetings are held in the  
Vincent E. Griego Chambers  
in the basement of the  
City/County Government Bldg.  
1 Civic Plaza  
5th and Marquette NW

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



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# BernCo at a Glance



*Prepare For Extreme Winter Conditions With BernCo*

**B**ernalillo County is diverse in its culture and beauty—but it's also diverse in its weather conditions, especially in the winter. What might be a beautiful day in the South Valley or Westside could be a snow-packed day in the East Mountains.

When bad weather hits our area this winter, visit the [www.bernco.gov](http://www.bernco.gov) home page for notifications on conditions direct from our crews who are actually on the roads; as well as a **new webpage**, [www.bernco.gov/WinterRoads](http://www.bernco.gov/WinterRoads), which will provide residents with tips on road closures; winter weather safety; and links to city, county and state road condition websites.

A downloadable and printable version of our **Winter 2013-14 Emergency Road and Winter Operation Procedures** is also available on the Winter Roads webpage. This brochure includes contact information, the county's priorities for winter snow removal, information on diversion of traffic during inclement weather, and preparation tips for both *being on the road* and *at home*.

And there's yet another way to stay connected with the latest weather information. At Nixle.com., city and county residents alike can receive free weather-related messages as part of their cell phone text messaging plan. You can opt to have these weather-related messages sent to your e-mail or simply access it over the web. For more information on signing up for the Nixle service, go to [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com).

Bernalillo County will do everything possible to keep you well informed on all of the latest road and highway conditions this winter—so stay connected with us at [www.bernco.gov](http://www.bernco.gov) and [www.bernco.gov/WinterRoads](http://www.bernco.gov/WinterRoads).

**Need Assistance or Resources?**

**Contact Neighborhood Coordination Specialist, Darrell Dady,  
at 468-7364, or at [ddady@bernco.gov](mailto:ddady@bernco.gov)**

*BernCo Offices will be Closed on the dates listed below :*

**Christmas holiday,**

Tuesday, Dec. 24  
&

Wednesday, Dec. 25

**New Year's Day,**

Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2014

**Have you found BernCo Bernie yet?**

For clues as to Bernie's current whereabouts and to learn more about our parks and open spaces, go to [www.BernCoBernie.com](http://www.BernCoBernie.com)

BernCo Bernie represents the eight sheep in the county's seal and is now serving as our ambassador promoting Bernalillo County's parks and open spaces.



**BernCo at a Glance**

*Eighth Annual Acequia of Lights*

**Eighth Annual South Valley**  
*acequia of lights*

**Refreshments**  
**Music**

**5:30-7:30 pm**  
**Saturday, Dec. 14, 2013**

**Atrisco Acequia behind Holy Family Church from Sunset Gardens SW to Five Points SW**

*Walk the luminaria-lit acequia and enjoy posole and hot chocolate...*

**T**he acequias hold a special historical significance to our area. Show your pride for their existence and spend an enjoyable evening, walking, meeting neighbors, enjoying nature and caroling.

**Parking Locations:** Valle Vista Elementary south parking lot on Sunset Gardens; Holy Family Church; south parking lot at Atrisco and Five Points SW.

Sponsored by Vecinos del Bosque Neighborhood Association, Holy Family Church, Partnership for Community Action, and Valley Vista Elementary School. **For more information, contact Rod Mahoney at 681-3600 or George Montoya at 550-5604.**

*BernCo Bernie & Animal Care Services Remind You:*

**I**f you have a companion animal, you have a responsibility to provide appropriate shelter, insulated for cold weather conditions, sufficient food and clean potable, unfrozen, water at all times. Don't forget veterinary care and a secure enclosure. **Tethering or chaining an animal to a single point is prohibited. Animal cruelty is a crime and if you witness it, report it to Bernalillo County Animal Care Services at 468-PETS (468-7387).**

## BernCo Public Works Update

## MRCOG

### North Valley Library/Phase II Restoration

*Help Make Transportation Work for you in the Future  
Take the Futures 2040 Public Questionnaire*

**P**hase II of the North Library restoration is currently underway. This phase is expected to be completed by the early part of January, 2014.

**T**he Mid-Region Council of Governments (MRCOG) is beginning work on the 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan, *Futures 2040*.

#### **Phase II action items to be completed include:**

- New insulation installed
- New drywall ceilings installed
- Grid and ceiling tiles installed
- Code upgrade fire alarm/intrusion system designed, installed and operational
- Roof top mechanical units ordered & shipped
- Lighting ordered & shipped
- Electrical rough-in completed
- Three new columns installed
- Wood clear coat completed
- Painting of drywall
- New carpet ordered and shipped

At MRCOG, planners, data analysts and cartographers are swinging into action preparing to update the plan for the 2040 timeframe. However, an essential part of this plan is learning what you think about transportation today and how it should serve us in the future. Please help MRCOG make this plan as effective as possible and take the **questionnaire**.

The purpose of the MTP is to help people in the metropolitan area determine how the area is growing, which way it is headed, and whether or not they want to continue growing in that direction. MRCOG needs to know how people view the current transportation system as well as learn how people view future challenges.

**For weekly updates and photos on the restorative progress of the library, go to:**  
[www.bernco.gov/NorthValleyLibraryRestoration](http://www.bernco.gov/NorthValleyLibraryRestoration).

**If you would like to know more or be more involved in this planning process, please visit the project website at <http://tinyurl.com/Futures2040> or call Julie Luna at 724-3639.**

### Paseo del Norte and I-25 Project

**P**roject construction continues daily through next year.

Did you know you can sign up to receive automatic email/text traffic updates? Go to [http://www.paseoi25.com/news\\_information.aspx](http://www.paseoi25.com/news_information.aspx).

Don't forget to support our local area businesses during construction - visit <http://www.paseoi25business.com/> to see a listing of those businesses.



BernCo Cultural Services and  
Neighborhood Coordination  
wish you a Happy and Safe  
Holiday Season!

Second Annual  
THINK LOCAL FIRST  
GUIDES Are Now Available



**T**his is the season for holiday shopping! So, why not support your friends and neighbors by shopping locally—from retailers to restaurants to home improvement and more!

To find a directory for those businesses? Then pick up a copy of the **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual THINK LOCAL FIRST GUIDE**, sponsored by Commissioner Wayne A. Johnson, District 5, and produced by the *New Mexico Green Chamber of Commerce*.

Printed by **the alibi**, the **THINK LOCAL FIRST GUIDE** is available **FREE** on newsstands where the **alibi** is distributed.

**For more information on the new Guide, call the Green Chamber at 244-3700.**

Rio Grande Pool Renovations Now Under Way

**T**he existing Rio Grande Pool is being replaced. Originally built in 1975, and now after nearly 40 years, county officials have determined it is time to replace the old pool with new components rather than continuing to pay for expensive ongoing repairs to the existing pool.

Overall, the renovation will provide a completely new pool (including a new slide), designed to provide the high school swim team with a home pool that meets competition standards. In addition to a new pool, the building will receive a new roof, heating, cooling and ventilation systems.

Following a public hearing regarding the upcoming Rio Grande Pool renovations held on Nov. 18, the \$2.9 million renovation project began on Nov. 22 and is expected to last through the spring, 2014. County officials anticipate the pool will be completed and ready to re-open by early next summer.

**For more information contact project manager Lisa Manwill at 848-1512, or visit the project's web page at [www.bernco.gov/rpoolrenovation](http://www.bernco.gov/rpoolrenovation).**

Answers to your Planning & Development Services Questions

**S**end your zoning questions to Tom Kay at [tkay@bernco.gov](mailto:tkay@bernco.gov) (314-0396), building-related questions to Brad Jackson at [bjackson@bernco.gov](mailto:bjackson@bernco.gov) (314-0380), and your planning questions to Enrico Gradi at [egradi@bernco.gov](mailto:egradi@bernco.gov) (314-0385).

**Q:** Does the Bernalillo County Zoning Department have restrictions on rummage/garage sales?

**A:** Yes. In residential areas only, four garage sales of no more than three consecutive days are allowed per calendar year. Also, all items must be of the type that is normally accumulated by a household.