

Newsletter

March 2009

FROM THE CLERK'S OFFICE

Gayle A. Jones, Administrator

Here it is spring already, which means we are at budget time once again. While the Village is holding its own in these times of economic trouble, we certainly aren't in a growth mode by any means! Our employees have done a very good job of tightening their belts and reducing overall spending. As a result, we have not had to reduce any services to the residents of Bosque Farms. I would like to thank our dedicated employees for their hard work and effort in keeping Bosque Farms the great Village that it is!

We have just about completed construction on the new Maintenance Shop out by the Wastewater Treatment Plant off of McNew. I know the Maintenance Crew is very happy to be moved into their new home.

We have just completed reconstruction of the in-field on one of the little league fields at the recreation site thanks to Legislative Appropriation. I know Yucca Little League is anxious to put that new in-field to use this spring.

The Council recently approved an architect for the Library addition. Mullen Heller Architecture will be designing and overseeing this project. Hopefully, this project should go to construction soon.

Our EMS crew has continued to be very busy. We have answered over 200 calls since we went into service in May of 2008. I would like to thank all of the EMS volunteers who devote their time and training to Bosque Farms EMS. We couldn't do it without each and every one of you!

Our thanks is the only pay our volunteers receive; so please, when you see one of our volunteers, Fire or EMS, thank them for their acts of service.



VILLAGE OF BOSQUE FARMS APRIL CLEANUP

The **Bosque Farms Spring Cleanup** will be held on Saturday and Sunday, the last two weekends in April.

**Sun. April 18th & Sat. 19th
and Sun 25th & Sat. 26th
from 8AM till 4PM.**



The dumpsters will be located at the **new Maintenance Yard next to the Waste Water Treatment Plant on DeSmet Road.**

Due to a limited number of dumpsters, residents will be allowed ONE load per household.

Residents must bring a water bill or utility bill for proof of residency.

NO computers, televisions, tires, concrete, large appliances (refrigerators, washers, etc.), ammunition or explosives, batteries, toxic chemicals, paint, asbestos, pesticides or refrigerators will be accepted. **Small appliances** such as toasters and microwaves are accepted. For more information, call the Village Office at 869-2358.

BICYCLE HELMET LAW

Since school will be out very soon, more young people will be riding their bicycles on the bike path and in our neighborhoods. Parents and riders, please remember that 17 years of age and under must wear **helmets** while riding bicycles. Have a safe summer.

RECYCLE DAY



Recycle your newspapers, cardboard and plastic items with the 4-H Club every 4th Saturday of the month from 9:00AM to Noon at the New Maintenance Yard. Thank you 4-H Club for your hard work!

How Homeowners Can Save Water!

Cheryl Hibdon, Assistant Clerk

Inside the home:

- Keep a pitcher of water in the refrigerator rather than running the tap until the water gets cold.
- Replace five-gallon-per-flush toilets with standard 1.9 gallon-per-flush models. This can save an average of 18,600 gallons of water per year and about \$90.00.
- Fixing that leaky toilet can save as much as 500 gallons a day, or as much as \$1,000.00 per year. Check toilets for leaks by putting a few drops of food coloring in your toilet tank. If the color begins to appear in the bowl without flushing, you have a leak.
- Repair dripping faucets by replacing washers. One drop per second can add up to 2,700 gallons per year.
- Don't let the water run while brushing teeth or shaving. On average, you will save more than five gallons of water.
- Take shorter showers. A quick shower rather than a bath can save an average of 20 gallons of water. EPA recommends taking three-to-five minute showers.
- Use both sides of the sink when washing dishes: one side to wash and the other to rinse. Don't wash dishes with the water running.
- Garbage disposals use approximately 11.5 gallons of water per day. Try composting organic wastes instead.
- Use the dishwasher and washer only when you have full loads.
- Install flow restrictors in faucets.
- When cleaning a fish tank, use the drained water on plants. The water is rich in nitrogen and phosphorus, a healthy treat for plants.
- Never pour water down the drain when there may be another use for it such as watering a plant or cleaning around your house.

Outside the home:

- Use mulch around trees to slow evaporation.
- Install covers on pools and spas and check for leaks around pumps.
- Water lawns and plants early in the morning or during the evening when there's less evaporation.
- Water your lawn only when it needs it and adjust sprinklers so you're not watering the street or your neighbor's yard. Also, aerated lawns absorb water better.
- Direct downspouts and other runoff toward shrubs, trees and gardens.
- Plant drought-resistant trees and plants.
- Use a broom instead of a hose to clean sidewalks and driveways.

Library Corner

Sohita Kyhnsen, Librarian

Our Summer Reading Program is still in the planning stage for this year...so look for the announcement in the News Bulletin in April.

We are enjoying our new computers and our new security camera system thanks to an unexpected \$20,000 from the State of NM. Our "Thanks" to Performance Computers for a great installation job.

We are still accepting clean used books for our ongoing book sale. Just give us a call and we can plan to be here so the books are NOT left outside.

Want to learn something new? Ask about our volunteer program...it is fun and only requires whatever time you wish to give us.

Our **New Book selections** feature the Jonas Brothers, High School Musical, Taylor Swift and Hannah Montana for the kids and we have the latest **Best Sellers** for the adults. And don't forget the best in **monthly magazines** for adults and kids are available for check-out.



Planning & Zoning

Donna Baker, P & Z Officer

Spring is fast approaching! And so is the new Property Maintenance Ordinance's approval. I would like to thank Councilor Wallace and her committee who tirelessly worked on this Ordinance. Their hard work is greatly appreciated!

Ordinances are reminders of what we can do to maintain the excellent quality of life we have here in the Village. The following are examples of what can happen when Ordinances are not followed:

1. When household trash is allowed to accumulate in the yard, or animals are not cleaned up after, disease carrying insects are attracted and the yard becomes unsightly to look at and unpleasant to live near.
2. General debris is stacked on a property; it detracts from the beauty of our Village and gives wild animals, like skunks, a place to hide.
3. Inoperable vehicles left in a yard leak oil and other fluids and leach battery acid, which taint the groundwater and soil we use to water and grow our vegetable gardens.





4. An overgrowth of weeds is a fire hazard and harbor mosquitoes.
5. A resident builds a structure without a permit. These structures may not be covered by a homeowner's insurance policy.
6. A resident operates a business without a Home Occupation Permit and the business may compromise the character and safety of the neighborhood.

The Property Maintenance Ordinance is a reminder of what we can do to maintain an excellent quality of life in the Village. I hope that we can all work together responsibly to provide a safe, healthy community today and in the future. Please take the time to review the Property Maintenance Ordinance either at the Village Office or on line at www.bosquefarms.us so you, as a resident, can be informed.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has just completed a review of

Valencia County and has identified approximately 95% of the Village as located within the "100-year" Floodplain. ("100-year" means there is a 1% chance of flood in any given year.)



FEMA has updated the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) accordingly. The Village joined the NFIP (National Flood Insurance Program) in 1987 and adopted a Flood Hazard Prevention Ordinance as outlined by FEMA and the NFIP at that time. The Ordinance was updated in 2000 when the FIRM was updated. Our Ordinance will again be updated when the FIRM goes into affect. The NFIP insures buildings, including mobile/manufactured homes, with two types of coverage: structural and content. Structural coverage is for the walls, floors, insulation, furnace and other items permanently attached to the structure. Contents coverage may be purchased separately provided the contents are in an insurable building. The mandatory purchase requirement applies to all forms of federal or federally related financial assistance for buildings located in the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA). While not mandated by law, a lender may require a flood insurance policy in any zone on a

Flood Insurance Rate Map. The NFIP offers flood insurance to those areas that FEMA has identified as flood hazard areas and that participate in the NFIP. All development within the floodplain must be regulated. Development is generally defined by FEMA as "any man-made change to the floodplain". This definition is all encompassing. Elevating a residential structure above the Base Flood Elevation (BFE) can decrease the cost of flood insurance. Building a residential structure below the BFE will greatly increase flood insurance rates. Non-residential structures located in SFHA (100-year floodplain) must be elevated to at least one (1) foot above the BFE or the structure must be flood-proofed. Additions that meet the standards of substantial improvement, which also involve significant improvements and/or structural changes to the existing structure, require the existing structure and the addition be elevated to the BFE. You may review Chapter 11 -1 Flood Hazard Prevention Ordinance on the Village's website at www.bosquefarms.us and the FIRM's are available for review in the Planning & Zoning Office.

Reminders:

Weeds will be appearing before you know it ~ they need to be removed from yards, easements, and private irrigation ditches.

All building improvements, metal fences, and any building development must start with a development review by the Planning & Zoning Officer. If in doubt about any type of buildings, structure or fence on your property – please contact me to avoid being in violation.



Inoperable vehicles are still a major concern within the Village. The new Property Maintenance Ordinance will deal with these issues, as inoperable motor vehicles are not allowable in the Village. If you have concerns about your antique, historic, special interest, parts cars or inoperable motor vehicle – please contact me.

It has also been brought to my attention that residents are having problems knowing where to take various items such as waste, paint, etc. Earth 911 has various information by stating what you would like to get rid of and your zip code www.earth911.com.

Bosque Farms Police Department

Joe Stidham, Chief

We have had calls asking when we are going to start having **Community Meetings** again. We have scheduled our 1st meeting for 2009 on Friday, March 13 at 6:00PM in the PD training room. The topic is: "Know Your Money" (real or counterfeit). Our guest speaker will be Secret Service Sp. Agent Chad Garrett. Hope to see you there. Upcoming meetings and the topics will be posted at various businesses throughout Bosque Farms and in the Valencia County News Bulletin. We look forward to seeing you at all the Community Meetings.

We would like to thank all the residents and businesses that participated in the Toys for Tots program. The generosity of everyone in this small community was incredible. We are so thankful for all the toys and monies that were donated. We would like to say a special thank you to Lodi's Beads for being a drop-off point for the donations.

Spring is just around the corner, and in a short time the ditches will be full of water. **Please educate your children of the dangers of playing in**



and around the ditches.

When spring approaches we see more people using the **multi-use path**. During the summer months we have an increase of calls and complaints, in regards to children on ATV's (four wheelers) using the path. Please remember the rules concerning the path. ATV's and motorized scooters are not permitted on the path. The exceptions to this are physically disabled persons who utilize motorized transportation such as a motorized wheelchair. For a list of all permissible and impermissible uses of the multi-use path, please contact the Village office or the police department.

The **Community Watch** is still out on patrol, trying to ensure that your home and your property remain safe while you are away from your residence. Thank you to each and every volunteer that makes this program work. If you would like your residence placed on the "Watch" list while you are out of town, please stop by the office and fill out a form.

Police Dept. office hours are 8:00AM to 4:30PM. Please remember if you need police assistance, our dispatch phone # is: 865-9130. Please dial 911 for any emergency.

ANIMALS RUNNING LOOSE

Joe Mestas, Animal Control Officer

It has been reported to us that more and more residents are allowing their animals to get out of their yards and run loose in our Village. **While walking your animals or running them, they must be on a leash.**

Under Animal Control Ordinance 8-3-1, ANIMALS RUNNING AT LARGE, it states:

It shall be unlawful for any owner, possessor, or keeper to allow or permit any animal(s) to run at large as defined in 8-1-2, or on any street, alley, sidewalk, vacant lot, public property, other unenclosed place in the Village or private property without the permission of the owner thereof. Any such animal(s) permitted to be at large in violation of this section is hereby declared to be a nuisance and menace to the public health and safety.

Every fierce, dangerous or vicious animal(s), when running at large upon the streets or in any other public place, are hereby declared to be a public nuisance. An animal(s) shall be deemed fierce, dangerous or vicious if it runs after, chases or attempts to bite any person or other animal(s).

8-3-2 IMPOUNDMENT

An animal control officer or municipal police officer may impound any animal(s) found running at large unaccompanied by and not under the control of the owner or handler. Any fee charged shall be paid pursuant to 8-1-5.



While walking your dogs along the bike path or through neighborhoods, please pick up after them so that your neighbors don't have to do it. Let's all help to make Bosque Farms beautiful.

Bosque Farms Fair Board

Maggi Geddes

We are meeting the 2nd Tuesday of the month at the Village Library at 7:00 PM. If you would like to help with the Fair, please feel free to attend. No date has been set for the August Fair yet, but will be decided soon. Please contact Maggie Geddes at 869-6250 if you have any questions about the Fair.



New Maintenance Building

Bob Knape, Supervisor

We have finally moved into our new building next to the Waste Water Treatment Plant on DeSmet Road. We now have room to move around and room for all our equipment. The April Cleanup dumpsters will be in our Maintenance Yard.

Water Department

Cliff Hibdon, Utilities Director

Once again spring is almost upon us. The Utility Department would appreciate the clearing of weeds and debris from around your water meter, grinder pumping unit and control box.

We have almost completed installing fifty radio read meters in the area of Ranchitos Road, Valle Grande Road and Valencia Drive. The funding was obtained by Mayor Ake from the legislature last year. Thank you Mayor!! The Village was also able to purchase two new handhelds and software upgrade for the water billing system.

The Maintenance Department has moved out of the well site on the boulevard and is now in their new building. The Utility Department has been cleaning up around the well site and it looks real good. Check it out when you drive by.

REMINDER: Grinder pumps do not like grease!!! Please place grease in your garbage, not down your sinks. Grease and oil damage grinder pump motors and do not mix well at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. You could be held liable for damages caused by grease build up in your grinder pump.

Community Center Updates

Shereen Snare, Community Center Director

We are off to a busy start this year! The Seniors have been busy with activities ranging from day trips to fun events in the center. Early in February a group went to Santa Fe for Senior Day at the Round House and met with our State Representatives and Senators. We sat in the Representatives Gallery and were introduced from the floor by Representative Barelás. After watching our law makers at work, we were provided with a tour of the capitol building. From there, the group enjoyed lunch in Santa Fe and then returned home. It was a great day. The seniors also go on many day trips to local points of interest. Join Us! **Activity Calendars** are available the last Thursday of each month, and sign up sheets are available for those who would like to participate.

The seniors are very involved in the **Older American Program**. This year our program representatives are Dorothy Vaughn, representing the Center and Lillie McNabb, our community representative. These individuals volunteer their time to meet with an Advisory Council to speak for the needs of the Senior Citizens of Bosque Farms. Seniors that attend the Bosque Farms program are from all over the county, and enjoy the various activities that are provided at the center.

The **First Annual Easter Spring Fling** is in the planning stages! Mark your calendar for Saturday April 4th! There will be games, entertainment and prizes for kids of all ages. An Easter Egg Decorating Contest, an Easter Bonnet Parade, a Bunny Hop and Ice Cream Social are just some of the activities planned for that day. Many organizations throughout Bosque Farms will be participating! Keep your bunny ears open for more information. We want this to be an event for your community. Have ideas? Want to volunteer? Contact Shereen Snare at 869-5133 for more information!

Don't Forget to plan ahead for your special occasions. We do rent the center for special occasions. The calendar fills up fast! Call Shereen at 869-5133 for more information. The price varies depending on your needs!

May is promising to bring a favorite back at the Center. The **Mothers Day Arts and Crafts Show** is scheduled for May 2nd and 3rd. Come by and see your friends and meet some new ones! Support your community and pick up something nice for Mothers Day gifts and the many graduations and weddings coming your way!

Check out Channel 95! If you have ComCast, you have the availability to see what activities are coming up at the center and in your community.

Meals are served at 11:45am Monday through Friday for seniors 60 and over for a donation of \$1.50. You can find the menu at **bosquefarms.us**. In addition you can find activities provided by the Center. Join us! Please call Shereen at 869-5133 for more information.

Baseball Field Improvements

The baseball field at the Recreation Site has been improved with rolls of grass planted recently. Lots of work, but a wonderful outcome for the Recreation Site! We know that the boys and girls will enjoy it.

Two of the more expensive items on our wish list that we are currently pursuing are a new tanker truck and a complete revamping of our self contained breathing system.

The time change is coming soon and a good time to check those smoke detector batteries.

Bosque Farms Elementary

Ron Hendrix, Bosque Farms Elementary Principal

Bosque Farms Elementary School is in the process of planning an addition to our school. The BFE staff is working with Dekker/Perich/Sabitini Architecture Firm to finalize plans. Our project is in the final funding process, so we hope to start construction in the fall. A community meeting was held earlier this month with the architect firm presenting the possible layout for our school. We are excited at the prospect of having more classrooms to house our ever increasing student population.

Spring Break is the week of March 23. Students return to school on Monday, March 30.

New Mexico Standard Based Assessments are administered April 7 through April 16. Once again, we plan to have an incentive program for the students, since it was so successful last year.



School events coming up in the spring are our annual BFE PTC Basket Night on Friday, May 8, and Field Day is scheduled for Wednesday, May 20.

Yucca Little League Schedule

Pam Stanley

The Yucca Little League Baseball Season is starting. Teams have been formed and games will be played from April 1st through June 15th. If you have any questions, please call Pam Stanley, 681-9499.

Fire Department News

Spencer Wood, Fire Chief

Another dry winter has set the stage for a potentially dangerous fire season. Although spring is not officially here yet it may be a good time to clean excess dry leaves and debris from around homes, out buildings, etc.

The adherence to the Open Burning Ordinance has been outstanding. Due to the compliance and conscious efforts of the residents I feel that a ban on burning is not necessary at this time but that may change. When you call into the Village office they will advise whether there have been any added restrictions.



The fire department continues to move forward with more training and is constantly adding new equipment. Recently we have added a new auxiliary pump to the brush truck which enables us to have access to water from remote water sources, such as the river and ditches. We have also added several more items to the service truck.

Cleaning Your Yard? Want to Burn Weeds, Etc?

Free Burn Permits are available in the Village Office.

Always call before you burn and ask if it is a "burn day" which is a day with winds not over 15 MPH. Lets keep our Village clean and free of weeds and blowing leaves but do it safely and by Bosque Farms rules. Please put the fires out—dead out!



**Pay bills online at
www.xpressbillpay.com**

Keep Bosque Farms Beautiful

Harriett Taylor, Coordinator

Feeling cramped in your garage, home and yard?
Wonder where all of that "Stuff" came from?
Are you ready to do your spring cleaning?

Well, I've got good news for you. The Village of Bosque Farms will have trash bins for your discards Saturday 4/18 & Sunday 4/19 and again Saturday 4/25 & Sunday 4/26. Please, no electronics. A note on a recycling event is later in this article.

Keeping in the spirit of the season, **Keep Bosque Farms Beautiful** will host our spring cleanup April 25, 2009. As in the past we will meet at the Village Offices at 8:30AM for our briefing and send-off refreshments. Trash bags will be handed out and I may have gloves available but plan to bring your own. Don't forget the sunscreen...I am planning on a sunny day.

We will return at 11:00 for our annual gourmet treat prepared by Chef Ake. He has done such a good job cooking hamburgers and hot dogs to perfection in the past and will be back by Popular Demand.

This is a good time to get out in the fresh air, meet new neighbors and greet those you have not seen in a while.

A Big Recycling event will be held the same day, 4/25 from 8:00 'til 12:00 behind the Los Lunas Village Offices on Don Pasquale. They will be taking electronics, oil, glass, plastics, paper and aluminum. No TV's or appliances.

Each and every piece of trash becomes a big part of the whole. It all adds up. Let's teach others not to litter by setting an example.

Thanks in advance to our returning volunteers and to our new ones as well.

For more information Call Harriett @ 450-8690.

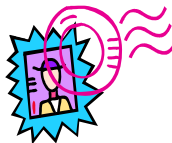
2009 BF VILLAGE HOLIDAYS

The BF Village Offices will be closed for the following Holidays during the remainder of 2009:

Good Friday	-----	Friday, April 10
Memorial Day	-----	Monday, May 25
Independence Day	-	Friday, July 3
Labor Day	-----	Monday, September 7
Veteran's Day	-----	Wednesday, November 11
Thanksgiving Day	--	Thursday, November 26
Day after		
Thanksgiving Day		Friday, November 27
Christmas Day	-----	Friday, December 25

Peralta/Bosque Farms Post Office Rate Increase

On May 11, 2009 the price for a 1-ounce First-Class Mail stamp will increase from 42 cents to 44 cents. Prices for other mailing services, Standard Mail, Periodicals, Package Services (including Parcel Post), and Extra Services, will also change. The average increase by class of mail is at or below the rate of inflation as measured by the Consumer Price index.



Customers can use their Forever Stamps, regardless of when purchased, to mail 1-ounce letters after the price change, without the need for additional postage. Forever Stamps are widely available through Post Offices, commercial retail outlets such as grocery stores and online.

Prices for mailing services will continue to adjust each May. Prices for most shipping services, including Express Mail and Priority Mail, were adjusted in January and will not change in May.

Valencia County Chamber of Commerce News

Rachel Pugh, Chamber Director

The **25th Anniversary Celebration St. Patrick's Day Balloon Rallye** will be held at the Los Lunas Sports Complex (soccer field) at 1660 Hwy. 314 on

March 14 & 15 from sun rise until noon.

Saturday, March 14 - Balloon Glow at 6:00 PM.

Arts & Crafts and Food Booths will be available throughout the Rallye.



Hey kids, come to the Easter Egg Hunts!

1-5 year olds— April 8th at noon
Daniel Fernandez Park

6-11 year olds—4PM to 6PM
Carson Drive Neighborhood Park



Valencia County C of C Summerfest 2009

June 12, 13 & 14 at the Los Lunas Sports Complex
1660 Hwy 314, Los Lunas, NM

Events include, Judged Car and Motorcycle Show, Three Day Swap Meet, Motorcycle Games, 50's Sock Hop, Sunday Church Service and much more!!!

For more information, call Valencia County Chamber of Commerce or go to www.loslunasnm.gov/chamber.

Village Office Hours

869-2358

Monday – Friday 8 am to 5 pm

Library Hours

869-2227

Monday & Tuesday 11 am to 5 pm

Wednesday & Thursday 10 am to 5 pm

Friday Closed

Saturday 10 am to 2 pm

Sunday Closed

Court Office Hours

869-9231

Monday & Friday 7:30-11:30am & 12:30-4:30 pm

Tuesday - Thursday 7:30 am to 4:30 pm

Court is held Tuesday & Thursday at 9:00 am.

To make court dates, call **869-9231**.

Mayor: Wayne Ake

Council
Members: Dolly Wallace
Bob Knowlton
Virgil Proctor
Bill Kennedy

Council Meetings are held every
3rd Thursday of each month.

Planning & Zoning Meetings are held
on the 1st Monday of each month.

All Village Council Meetings are open to
the public and have an “OPEN MIKE”
for comments from citizens. The
community is encouraged to attend these
meetings and provide comments on
matters of concern.

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