



Newsletter

October, 2008

FROM THE CLERK'S OFFICE

Gayle A. Jones, Administrator

Wow.....it's been a busy summer! We have completed another successful summer recreation program. The number of kids enrolled in our program seems to grow every year! We want to thank John Townsend and Crystal Olguin for all their help in making this program such a big success.

We have completed several projects and still have some in the works. We have completed our GRIP II project and the 2007-2008 Cooperative Paving project; which are both through the Department of Transportation. The Maintenance Shop is coming along and should be completed soon. I know the Maintenance Crew will be very happy to have a "home" of their own again soon.

We continue to make improvements to the little league fields at the recreation site thanks to Legislative Appropriations.



EMS has been **VERY** busy. 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!

While I'm on the subject of volunteers, I would also like to thank all of the volunteers in the Fire Department. I thank you for your dedication and service to Bosque Farms. Our thanks is the only pay these people receive; so when you see one of our volunteers, thank them for their acts of service.

VILLAGE OF BOSQUE FARMS OCTOBER CLEANUP

Roll-Off dumpsters will be available for trash collection at the **new Maintenance Yard located at 1355 De Smet Road by the Wastewater Treatment Plant.**

Due to a limited number of dumpsters, residents will be allowed ONE load per household. You must bring proof of residency. (water bill, electric bill, etc.)

WHEN? SATURDAY & SUNDAY
10-4 & 10-5 AND 10-11 & 10-12
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

NO appliances, tires, concrete, hazardous waste, ammunition or explosives, batteries, mercury thermometers, toxic chemicals, water or air reactive chemicals, radioactive waste, asbestos, pesticides or Freon will be accepted.

ON-LINE BILL PAY

COMING OCTOBER 2008

Water and sewer payments may be made on-line or over the phone.

Visit www.bosquefarms.us and go to the link www.xpressbillpay.com.

Turn to page 2 for further details.



Delinquent Billings And Disconnection Charges

Cheryl Hibdon, Assistant Clerk

Making your payments on time is important. 90% of the customers do submit their payments before the due date. However, the other 10% or 100-200 of Bosque Farms customers do not, which results in substantial extra time and effort spent collecting those payments. The Village of Bosque Farms currently charges 10% on past due accounts and a \$50.00 reconnect fee when a service is disconnected for non-payment. The Village of Bosque Farms sincerely wants to reduce the number of late and/or disconnected customers, while insuring that timely customers do not bear the cost of collecting on past due accounts.

In an effort to make the bill payment process as easy as possible we are offering many options for paying a bill: mail, night drop box at the office, payment in person during normal business hours, and as early as October 2008 phoning in with a credit card number during business hours, on-line bill pay and automatic bill payment.

COMING OCTOBER 2008, WATER AND SEWER PAYMENTS MAY BE MADE ON-LINE OR OVER THE PHONE.

Visit www.bosquefarms.us and go to the link www.expressbillpay.com.

You will be sent to a secure online payment system where you will set up your own account so you can access your water and/or sewer bill. You will receive your bills electronically (and by mail) and can choose to pay by credit card, debit card or electronic funds transfer. Auto pay is also available for those who would rather not worry about their payment being late. You can choose the day you want the funds pulled from your account.

The Village Office will also be able to accept credit card payments in person and by phone.

THANKS

Thanks to all of you for your compliments about the May 2008 Newsletter. It was informative due to the great response and contributions from all our departments and input from other area businesses. We will strive to put together future newsletters that all you residents will enjoy. If there is something you would like to know and read in future ones, please let us know. Just call the office!

Library Corner Come Take A Look & Get A Book

Sohita Kyhnsen, Librarian

Our Summer Reading Program was a huge success and we ended with a great picnic! Awards of 6 new BMX Bikes, donated by Bethlehem Masonic Lodge #56 from Belen, were given to the children who read the most books.

The Library entries for book restoration and creative book binding now has three Blue Ribbons! One from the Bosque Farms Fair and two from the New Mexico State Fair. The items will be on display after the fair is over.

Getting ready for Fall: Our inside annual book sale sponsored by the Friends of Bosque Farms Library will start November 1st and run thru December.

November to December is our annual "Overdue Books Forgiveness month". No questions asked...just put them in the book drop and we will be glad to have them back!



New Fall reading for the kids include all the Hannah Montana books and a new selection of Board Books. We also have the largest selection of English/Spanish books for the new readers and Juvenile age kids. For the Adults we always have the latest Best Sellers and have added some new items for the home school Teachers/Students.

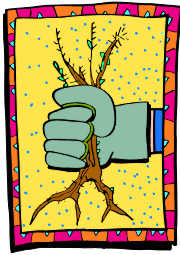
We are taking donations again of clean used books both hardcover and paperback. Please call the Library and make arrangements to drop off books when we are open. ***Please do not leave books outside the Library door.***

Have a wonderful Holiday Season
from all of us at the Library...
Sophita, Ronda and Maggi.

Planning & Zoning

Donna Baker, P & Z Officer

Fall is the time of year for cleaning weeds and yards as winter nears. Weeds and debris need to be cleared from yards, easements and private irrigation ditches. Overgrown weeds can become a serious fire hazard. Remember, burn permits are available for a two-week period at the Village Office.



The Council amended Ordinance 11-2 Weed Ordinance bringing the height of weeds to 12 ". You may view a copy of this amended Ordinance on the Village website.

All building improvements, metal fences, and any building development must start with a development review by the Planning & Zoning Officer as per Ordinance 10-1-18. If in doubt about any type of building, structure or fence on your property ~ please contact me to avoid being in violation of any Village Ordinances.

Reminders

Building and Structure Setbacks: front setback of 30 feet, sides and back setback of 10 feet. (Section 10-1-5.D.) Nothing should be within these setback requirements. **Accessory Structures:** "1. Units, vehicles and/or containers which are not originally intended for use as accessory structures shall not be permitted as permanent structures in A-R, R1 or R1A zone districts. This type of unit includes but is not limited to: semi trailers, panel truck bodies, railroad cars, buses, mobile homes, and other such units. Any shipping containers and portable shipping units shall have all logos and other identifying information removed or covered. 2. Portable storage units and shipping containers designed for temporary storage and/or movement of stored items shall be allowed in A-R, R1, R1A zone districts for up to ninety (90) days with an approved permit from the Planning & Zoning Administrator/Officer. 3. Portable storage units and cargo hauling vehicles shall be allowed as permanent storage structures in the C-1 zone district. Any cargo hauling vehicle used as a permanent storage structure shall have all logos and other identifying information removed or covered unless the information is specific to the business using the structure." (Section 10-1-5.R.)

Inoperable vehicles are still a concern in the Village. Remember that most organizations accept vehicles in any condition and will pick them up free of charge. Cars for Asthma 265-0732, Leukemia and Lymphoma Society 830-6040, National Kidney Foundation 266-4573 and Albuquerque Crushers 877-4615.

Duty and Request to Affix Numbers: Please affix numerals at least 3 inches high on your house in such a manner and location as to be plainly visible from the street for emergency services, as per Village Ordinance 10-3.



Keep yourself and your family safe!

As an update so far this year:

Planning & Zoning Commission: approved 4 Conditional Use Permits: 2 for auto sales; 1 for boarding and training horses and 1 to live in a recreational vehicle while building a new home. The Planning & Zoning also approved 10 new home occupation permits.

Governing Body: Approved a text change to the 10-1 Zoning Ordinance to include Residential Care/Assisted Living Facilities in the Special Use Overlay Zone (Section 10-1-12.D.15.) Approved six Zone Changes from Unzoned to Community Commercial (C-1) and another from Unzoned to Mixed Single-Family/Mobile Home Residential Zone (R-1A).

Planning & Zoning Department: Issued 39 Development Review Permits so far this year, which included 5 additions, 1 commercial building, 23 non-residential structures, a remodel and 9 residences within the Village. There have been a total of 1124 violation letters from January through August so far this year for various violations of the Village Municipal Code.

Just a reminder to view the Village's website at www.bosquefarms.us for the latest Planning & Zoning News!

Bosque Farms Police Department

Joe Stidham, Chief

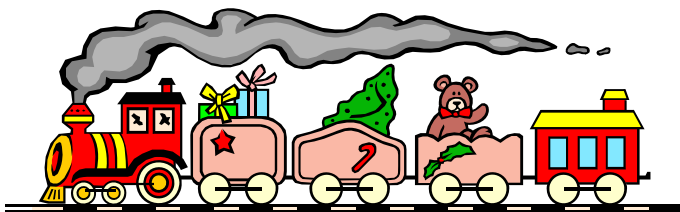
The Bosque Farms Police Department hired three new officers. We would like to welcome Officer Toby Lafave, Officer Tom McWhorter and Officer Stephen Devoti to the department.

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Officer Jermaine Wilkins for being named Bosque Farms Officer of the Year. Great job Officer Wilkins and keep up the good work.

The Community Fair and parade had a great turnout this year. It was nice to see so many of the residents participating and enjoying the activities. We would like to thank Ginny Adame and Rhonda Sanchez of the Valencia County DWI Program for joining the police department at the fair and handing out literature.

We will be hosting a Community Meeting in the month of October. The topic and date will be in the Valencia County bulletin and there will be flyers posted in businesses throughout the Village.

School is now in session and it is great to see so many parents utilizing the Multi-use path and the Village parking lot. We encourage those of you who are still parking on the side of the road, to use the Village parking lot to park your cars and then use the path to walk with your children to and from school. Please remember to slow down in all school zones.



We will start **Toys for Tots** campaign the week after Thanksgiving. If you would like to donate, you may bring new toys to the police department or the Village Office. We will also be collecting gift wrapping supplies. The residents have been very generous with their donations to this program. Dollar General also collects donations for the police department. Thank you to the residents and Dollar General for your participation.

The Community Watch Program is doing great. Many residents use the "Watch" to check their homes while they are away. Thank you to the volunteers that take the time to be on the "Watch Program". Each and every one of you help make our community a safer place to live.

Please remember if you need police assistance, our dispatch phone # is: **865-9130**. Please dial **911** for any emergency.

Barking and Howling Dogs

Joe Mestas, Animal Control Officer

We have received complaints about neighbors allowing dogs to bark and howl continuously during the day and/or night. Not only is it detrimental to our resident's sleep and peace and quiet, but not being respectful of your neighbors.

The Village of Bosque Farms Nuisance Ordinance 8-2-15

states: It is unlawful for an owner or keeper to allow any animal(s) to persistently bark, howl or make noise or to be kept or maintained in such numbers as to disturb by noxious or offensive odors or be kept in runs or kennels which are not maintained as to disturb by noxious or offensive odors, to otherwise endanger the health and welfare of the inhabitants of the Village of Bosque Farms.



All complaints filed pursuant to this Section shall be filed in writing with the Animal Control Officer or Bosque Farms Village Office and shall include the name and address of the complainant and name and address of person(s) permitting the nuisance to occur and to continue.

The Penalty Ordinance 8-2-16 states: Any person violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction, thereof, shall be fined in a sum not to exceed \$300.00 or imprisonment not to exceed ninety days. In addition to such penalties, the Village Attorney shall have the authority to apply to the District Court for the purpose of obtaining an order restraining any person from violating any of the provisions of this Ordinance, or to obtain the necessary relief as may be appropriate.

Please be respectful of your neighbors and heed the Nuisance Ordinance. You may also call the Village office with your complaint and the Animal Control Officer will investigate the complaint.

NEW MAINTENANCE BUILDING

Bob Knape, Supervisor

All inside work is still in progress, but the outside shell and electrical are installed.

We hope to move in sometime in December.

WATER DEPARTMENT REMINDERS

Cliff Hibdon, Utilities Director

Once again fall is around the corner.

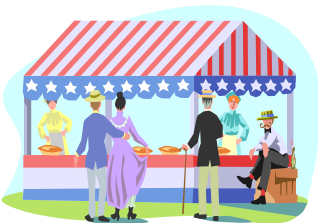
Please keep your water meter can clear of leaves and brush.

Don't forget to winterize your swamp coolers and **remember to call 811 for line spots before you dig. It's the law!**

Everyone should have a shut off valve on their water line. Remember you can shut off your water quicker than we can.

Thanks From Bosque Farms Fair Board

Maggi Geddes



We would like to thank everyone for making the 2008 Bosque Farms Fair a success.

If you would like to help with next year's fair, our 70th, we will start planning after the first of the year. Contact Maggi Geddes at 869-6250 and we will let you know when our meetings start.

WATER OR SEWER PROBLEMS?

During normal business hours call **869-2358**. For after hours, please call **Central Dispatch at 865-9130**.

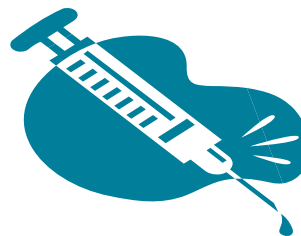
Community Center News

Gloria Stanley, Community Center Director

The Bosque Farms Community Center will be offering another AARP Driving Course on October 14th and October 15th, 2008 from 1 PM to 5 PM both days. It is an 8 hour course and you will have to take the class on both days. The cost is \$10.00 per person paid by check or money order only—no cash.

Our annual Halloween Party will be held on Halloween night, October 31st, from 6 PM to 8 PM. We will have a cake walk beginning at 6 PM. There will also be a Halloween Costume Contest for ages: 1 to 6, 7 to 12 and 13 and over. The costume contest will begin at 8 PM. This event will be held at the Bosque Farms Community Center located at 950 North Bosque Loop.

Christmas is right around the corner. Our Christmas Arts & Crafts Fair will be held November 22nd from 9 AM to 5 PM and November 23rd from 10 AM to 3 PM. 'Tis the time to do your shopping early. We will have a variety of Arts & Crafts. For more information, please call Gloria at 869-5133.



FLU SHOTS! The flu shots will be given the last of October or the first of November. Please call Gloria at 869-5133 the beginning of October to check on the date.

The Fiddlers & Musicians have a jam at the Bosque Farms Community Center at least 3 to 4 times a month. Please check online at bosquefarms.us for dates. It is shown on the calendar.



Meals are also served at 11:45 AM, Monday thru Friday for seniors 60 and over for a donation of \$1.50. You will find a menu at bosquefarms.us showing all meals served and a calendar showing all activities provided by the Center. Please join us. For more information, call Gloria at 869-5133.

Fire Department News

The spring fire season was extremely busy for the fire department. We answered 55 calls for service. Most of these calls were mutual aid for Valencia County. Again I compliment you, the residents, on your compliance with the burn ordinance as well as the care you take when burning.

The new thermal imager that Homeland Security supplied is now in service. We have been training with it and are confident that it will enhance our capabilities. If you see someone at the station and are interested in seeing this technology please stop in and we will gladly show it to you.

The on going training in the department has been outstanding. These trainings include Fire Fighter One Certification, Hazmat Awareness and Operations as well as CPR and First Aid. Our volunteers are one of the best trained fire departments in the county.

Due to the risk of exposure to Hepatitis we are in the process of finishing up a three shot vaccination. The village employees, Police and EMS also participated.

The fire department has pre-plan notebooks which show information on most of the businesses in the village. These pre-plans include: after hour's emergency phone numbers, hazards that we need to be aware of that are dangerous to personnel as well as utility disconnects. This information is used to help us protect property and ensure the safety of the personnel on scene. We are in the process of updating our pre-plans so if fire department volunteers show up at your door please accommodate them. If you have any hazardous or unique situations that you think we need to be aware of please contact the Village and leave a message for me.

It's that time of year again when we get ready to turn our heaters on and light that fireplace. Please get equipment serviced and inspected and make sure those chimneys and flues are clean. Remember when the time changes to check your smoke detectors and change those batteries. If your smoke detectors are more than 10 years old they should be replaced.



Have a great fall and Happy Holidays.
Spencer Wood
BFFD

Winterize Your Home

Winterizing your home helps prevent frozen pipes and costly plumbing repair bills and it saves water too!!!

1. Check all faucets outside and inside for leaks.
2. Remove all hoses and, where possible, turn off and drain outside bib plumbing.
3. Cover hose bibs with foam insulators. These are available at hardware stores.
4. Insulate your water pipes to help prevent freezing. Also, if your hot water pipes are insulated, less water will have to run before the hot water flows.
5. Open cabinet doors where plumbing is in outside walls during really cold spells.
6. When it's very cold, allow a small trickle of water to run through a faucet. The flowing water will help prevent freezing but also wastes water and should be done only when other options are not possible.
7. Turn off your irrigation system's water supply and drain the irrigation lines and pump.
8. Use a broom, blower, or shop vacuum to clean leaves and pine needles from walls, gutters and driveways rather than a hose and water.



Walk and Roll to School Day October 8th 8:00-8:55 AM

Dennis Gabaldon, Phys. Ed. Teacher

Join us at Bosque Farms Elementary Wednesday, October 8, 2008 from 8:00 - 8:55 AM for Walk and Roll to School Day. It is an annual event held around the world to promote safe walking and bicycling to school!

What are the benefits of kids walking and bicycling, using a skateboard, skates, scooter, wheelchair or other means to get to school along safe routes?

1. Daily exercise for kids!
2. Fewer cars dropping off kids at school, which means less congestion, safer streets and better air quality!
3. Parents save gas money
4. Students spend time with their friends and arrive at school energized and ready to learn!

For more information, call Dennis Gabaldon,
6 869-2646 or www.nmsaferoutes.com.

Keep Bosque Farms Beautiful

Harriett Taylor, Coordinator

Yes indeed, the time is here for our fall cleanup.

Trek for Trash, our fall cleanup, sponsored by New Mexico Clean and Beautiful will be held Saturday, October 4th.

We will meet at the Village complex at 8:00 AM (or so) for the briefing, morning refreshments and bags. We will reward our hungry crew around 11:00. Sandwiches and cold drinks will certainly refresh the weary...

Also, I would like to thank all of our volunteers who made the Great American Cleanup, held in April, a great success. Plenty of trash was picked up, but it is nice to know there is less and less to pick up as our cleanups go on. I am in hopes the message is getting out...Keep Bosque Farms Beautiful... Just one piece of trash really *can* make a difference.

Thanks also go out to Bob Knape and James Padilla of the maintenance department for being there for me every time I ask. Also thanks to Chief Stidham and his staff for keeping our volunteers safe, to Sophita and Maggi at the library for helping me get the word out. Mayor Ake, thank you for continuing your chef internship with us. I am sure that in time, you will receive your diploma, but until then, don't you agree "Practice makes perfect."??? And I cannot forget our councilors. Thank you too, for your help.

For more information Call Harriett @ 450-8690
Thank you



Peralta/Bosque Farms Post Office Hours

Monday– Friday 7:30 AM to 5:00
PM
Saturday 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon
Phone No. 869-9180

Valencia County

Chamber of Commerce News

8th Annual UNM-Valencia Wellness Fair

The UNM-Valencia Fitness & Wellness Education Center hosts an annual wellness fair as part of our effort to promote campus and community health on Thursday, October 9, 2008 from 10AM - 2PM. It is free to the public, free health screenings, information tables, massages and blood drive.

Invest in Yourself for Life! Wellness Works



HAUNTED HOUSE

Join us Friday, October 31, 2008 from 5pm to 8pm at the Los Lunas Village Hall, 660 Main St. Enjoyment for the whole family. Get your treats and check out the spooks and the not so spooks at the Haunted House at "SILLY HALL", ha, ha, ha... It's FREE folks! Come with a costume or just as you are. For more information call 352-3584.

Electric Light Christmas Parade

The Village of Los Lunas Parks & Recreation Department invites you to join them on Saturday, December 6, 2008 at 6:30 pm for the ELECTRIC LIGHT CHRISTMAS PARADE!
The parade starts at Carson Dr. & Main St. ending on Don Pasqual by City Hall.
For more information, call Kathy Martinez at 352-3584. Carson Drive and Cortez Rd. will be closed 2 hours before the parade.

Visit With Santa



KIDS, grab your parents and visit with Santa at Santa's Park (Daniel Fernandez Park) Saturday, December 13, 2008, 6:00 PM, 1103 Hwy 314 , Los Lunas. Daniel Fernandez Park will be alive with FREE candy stockings for children!! FREE hot chocolate and apple cider. Come join us and have fun with Santa.

VILLAGE HOLIDAYS

The Village Office will be closed for the following Holidays during the remainder of 2008:

Veteran's Day - - - - Tuesday, November 11
Thanksgiving Day - - Thursday, November 27
Day after
Thanksgiving Day-Friday, November 28
Christmas Day - - - - Thursday, December 25
Day after
Christmas Day - - Friday, December 26

7 Happy Holidays from all of us!

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-noon & 1-4:30 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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