



# Newsletter

MAY 2008

## FROM THE CLERK'S Office

Gayle A. Jones, Administrator

### SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM

The Village of Bosque Farms will once again be having a summer recreation program. The program is for youth ages 6-16; which includes Village youth, their guests and guests of Village residents. The purpose of the program is to encourage and facilitate health and fun activities for youth. The program will run daily 9:00 a.m. to 11:45 noon, lunch is provided and 12:45 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Monday through Friday starting on June 2, 2008 and ending on August 1, 2008. For more information please contact Gayle Jones, Clerk/Administrator at 869-2358.

### BOSQUE FARMS EMS

The new rescue unit has finally arrived! We are in the process of tying up all the loose ends and making sure we have everything we need. As soon as these details are taken care of, we will be able to respond to calls. We are excited about having this dream come to fruition. We have had several volunteers step up to make this possible and we appreciate their dedication. We are always looking for more volunteers to help with the rescue. If you are interested, please contact Gayle Jones, Village Clerk/Administrator at 869-2357.

## Public Works

Cliff Hibdon, Utilities Director and  
Cheryl Hibdon, Assistant Clerk

### YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

#### *Think Water!*

Take a second to think about the water situation in New Mexico. There isn't much water here, but our thirst for it is growing every day. Increasing population, water pollution and rising water costs are stressing the ability of the state's water resources to meet our expanding needs. We all must learn to use water more efficiently. It may be easier than you think - just follow some of these water efficient practices, and you'll not only be using less water, but also reducing your water and energy bills.



#### **Bathroom:**

Install a low-flow toilet. You'll save two to five gallons of water each time you flush. And try flushing the toilet less. It's not always necessary to flush after every use.

Use less water with each flush. Fill a one-quart plastic bottle with water, cap it, and place it in a corner of the toilet tank. This displaces some of the water in the tank and reduces the amount of water used in flushing. Don't use bricks; they deteriorate in the water and can damage the toilet.

Install a low-flow showerhead. You can reduce the flow of water from the usual 8 to 10 gallons per minute down to 2.5 gallons or even less. Keep showers short. Try taking showers "The Cowboy Way." Because water is scarce out here on the range, try turning the water off while shampooing and soaping and turning it back on to rinse off.

Turn off the water while brushing your teeth or shaving. Use a partially filled sink or a glass for rinsing.

Repair leaks in faucets and pipes. A slow, steady drip can waste 15 to 20 gallons per day; a faster drip, 100 gallons or more. Many leaks can be repaired with an inexpensive washer.

### ***Kitchen and Laundry:***

Use the automatic dishwasher only for full loads. Every load uses about 15 gallons of water.

Install a low-flow aerator in your kitchen faucet.

If you wash dishes by hand, don't leave the water running for rinsing. Remember, a running faucet uses up to 5 gallons of water a minute.

Keep a bottle of drinking water in the refrigerator. This beats the wasteful habit of running tap water to get it cool.

Save water normally wasted when running the tap for hot water. Use it for watering plants, hand washing, laundry or cleaning.

Wash only full loads of clothes. Each load uses about 35 gallons of water.

***The Village Water System is for inside use only. All properties must have a private irrigation well for outside water use.***

Properties which do not have an irrigation well and water outside with Village water are in violation of Village Water Ordinance No. 9-2-9 and could be fined in a sum not to exceed \$500.00 or imprisonment not to exceed ninety days.

### ***Outside Water Action***

Don't over water. Water only when plants need it and then water slowly and deeply. Landscaping can account for about half of a household's water use.



Water during the early morning or late evening. Avoid watering on windy days to reduce water lost to evaporation.

Position sprinklers so that the water lands only on the landscaped area.

Place a layer of mulch around trees and plants. Mulching helps reduce evaporation and keeps the soil moist longer.

Convert your lawn to a less-thirsty native grass such as Buffalo Grass.

Don't leave water hoses running carelessly. Use a shut-off nozzle or timer as insurance.

Install a water-efficient irrigation system, such as a drip system which delivers water directly to the plants.

Use a pail of soapy water and a hose with a shut-off nozzle to wash your car.



Check and repair leaks in pipes, hoses, faucets and couplings. Outside leaks can be extremely wasteful, especially when they occur in your main water line.

### ***Water, Water everywhere, but ...***

Nearly two-thirds of the earth's surface may be covered with water, but 97 percent of it is salty or other-wise undrinkable. Another two percent is locked in ice caps and glaciers. That leaves just one percent for all of humanity's needs - agriculture, manufacturing, recreation and household needs.

About 90 percent of New Mexico's communities depend on ground water for their drinking water supply. In some parts of the state we're taking it out faster than the earth can replenish it.

New Mexicans use more than 4 million acre-feet of water per year for everything including agriculture, industry and domestic use. That's nearly 1 million gallons of water per person.

If we each could save a few gallons today, we could help guarantee a healthy and

abundant water supply for tomorrow. Do your part - **THINK WATER!** (References taken from the website of the NM Office of the State Engineer: NM Water Conservation Program)

**CALL BEFORE YOU DIG! It's the law!** Call 260-1990 or if you are calling from a cell phone, dial 811.

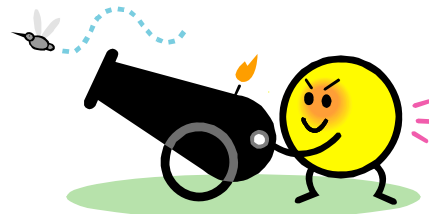
**Water or Sewer Problems? During normal business hours call 869-2358. For after hours, please call Central Dispatch at 865-9130.**

## **New Maintenance Building**

Robert Knape, Maintenance Supervisor

Finally, our Maintenance Department is going to have a permanent home. The contractor will be erecting our new building at the Waste Treatment Plant soon. Bar ML Construction will be pouring the foundation slab and Mid Valley Construction will be erecting the metal building. We hope to be moving in by the end of this year.

As you may have noticed, the renovation of the ditch crossing at Willow Trail and Otero Lateral crossing has been postponed until January 2009. We will notify you as soon as we have information to share with you.



Mosquito season is in full swing and we are spraying different areas each night when the winds are not blowing. You can help control mosquitoes in your own yards by not allowing water to stand and become breeding places.

## Planning & Zoning

Donna Baker, P & Z Officer

First I'd like to welcome Terrence Griffin to the Planning & Zoning Commission! Welcome Commissioner!

Now on to the news....

Moving can be a hectic and overwhelming experience for most people. The last thing on your mind is to check out the rules and regulations.

The 10-1 Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance covers most of the information that any new resident (or any resident) might need to know. All of the Planning & Zoning Ordinances are in place for the residents and their needs. Some may sound like they're restrictive but they are for the good of the Village and its residents.

The following information is the most important for new residents to know:

**Buildings and Structures:** All buildings, structures and ribbed metal panel shall not be erected or substantial improvements constructed without first obtaining a Development Review permit from the Planning & Zoning Officer. (Section 10-1-18) If in doubt about any type of building, structure or fence on your property ~ please contact me.

**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 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.)



**Recreational Vehicle Storage:** Are allowed provided it is *not* used as additional living quarters for more than sixty (60) days per year for an occasional guest. Property owners are to notify the Planning & Zoning Administrator/Officer when a guest will be staying more than 14 (fourteen) consecutive days. Recreational vehicles must not be parked or stored within ten (10) feet of any roadway, right-of-way or multi-use path.

**Storm Water Drainage:** It is the responsibility of the property owner to handle direct rainfall and storm water runoff. This does not mean pumping the water onto any adjacent roadway or right-of-way. (Section 10-1-5.N)

**Home Occupations:** Any type of business operated out of the home is required to obtain a Home Occupation Permit from the Planning & Zoning Commission. Downloadable forms are available on the Village web site. (Section 10-1-14)



**Inoperable Motor Vehicles** are not allowed within the Village, except for collector vehicles and parts cars. (Section 7-3-8) Go Green Auto will pick up any vehicle with or without a title at no charge to you. Their number is 489-5832.

**Weed Control:** The person in charge of the property is responsible to take appropriate action for the control of their weeds on their property, in any alley abutting their property, in the area between the property and the edge of the public right-of-way. Such person is responsible to destroy, cut, control and remove the weeds. (Section 11-2) This is extremely important this year due to the extreme drought conditions the Village is experiencing.

The Planning & Zoning Commission has been very busy this year. Here are some things that they have been working on: Text Changes to the 10-1 Zoning Ordinance, they have issued 3 new Conditional Use Permits, 7 Home Occupation Permits, and have completed 5 Zone Change Requests.

The following Development Review Permits have been issued: an addition, a commercial structure built, a carport, 5 detached garages, an attached garage, a porch enclosure, 2 ribbed metal fences, 3 sheds, and a sun room.

Please feel free to contact the Planning & Zoning Office if you need any information or just have questions....

Just a reminder to view the Village's website at [www.bosquefarms.us](http://www.bosquefarms.us)!

## Bosque Farms Fair Board

Maggi Geddes

The 69<sup>th</sup> Bosque Farms Community Fair will be held on August 1 – 3, 2008. We want to invite everyone to participate either with your entries or your presence. Don't forget the car show for your beautiful old cars. The Fair Books should be out in July and will be available at the Village office, Village Library and local businesses.



If you would like to help, the Fair Board meets the second Tuesday of the month at the Bosque Farms Library at 7:00 PM. For information call Maggi Geddes at 869-6250. With your help and entries, the 69<sup>th</sup> Bosque Farms Fair will be a huge success!



## Court

Judge Robert Kavanagh

First, thank you to all of you that have selected me to be your new Judge. As I stated prior to the election last March, I intend to provide the Village the best service as its' Judge that I can, and which the Village deserves. I am proud and grateful to be given the opportunity to fulfill that promise.



Our principal task here at court is to insure that our Ordinances are fairly and faithfully enforced. That task requires understanding and cooperation by all the various facets of our Village government because they, through the Council, originate the ordinances that affect the lives of all of us. The departments along with our police force enforce those ordinances through the issuance of citations and complaints, and here in the court, we try to resolve issues between what the citation or complaint alleges, and what the defendant replies, balancing as best we can the concerns of our community as expressed by the Village, and the rights which all of us enjoy as citizens and residents of this country, state and municipality.

But, having said that, you may notice that I have left out a very important element in the Ordinance development, implementation and enforcement process. That element is you the people here in the Village. It is you that these Ordinances affect, and it is you, through your involvement in their preparation, that can have a real impact on how our Village operates and meets the

needs of its residents. Therefore, I urge you to become involved in the affairs of our community as best you can and whenever you see that items of Village interest are to be presented and discussed. Then not only will you have the satisfaction of knowing that your concerns are being addressed, but also that your understanding of why they are resolved as they are, has been satisfied.

## Community Center

Gloria Stanley, Community Center Director

The Bosque Farms Community Center will be hosting a Christmas in August Arts & Crafts Show at the Community Center on August 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9AM to 5PM and August 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10AM to 3PM. Come and do your Christmas shopping early. We will have many vendors and lots of beautiful items for Christmas.



We serve meals for Senior Citizens 60 and over at the Bosque Farms Community Center located at 950 North Bosque Loop for a donation of \$1.50. We also have many activities for seniors. A calendar is available at the center or on our website ([bosquefarms.us](http://bosquefarms.us)). A menu is also available online. Yoga, Arts & Crafts, Bingo, trips and Dominos are some of the activities offered.

The Rockhound Club meets on the first Tuesday of every month. They have many members, but are looking for more.

For more information call: Gloria @ 869-5133.

## Library Corner - Check It Out!

Sophita Kyhnsen, Director

Registration for our Summer Reading Program starts Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. Our program this year will run until Wednesday, July 30<sup>th</sup>.

Our Sponsor this year is Bethlehem Masonic Lodge #56 in Belen and they are providing six (6) new BMX Bikes as special prizes for our young registered readers up to 14 years old.



Be sure and register and pick up the book logs so the kids can enter the drawing for the new bikes!

“READiscover New Mexico” is this years’ theme and we have some great places to visit in Valencia County that don’t take a lot of gas to get to!

**The Family Entertainment Programs** are all FREE and will be held in the Village Court Room (until we get our NEW Meeting Room addition). Following is the schedule:

**Thursday, June 5<sup>th</sup> – 1:30 PM**  
**Pink Elephant Theatre**

**Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup> – 1:30 PM**

**The Puppet Theatre – “The Dragon  
 And the Doodle Bug”**

**Thursday, July 10<sup>th</sup> – 2:00 PM**  
**Exotics of the Rainforest**

## Bosque Farms Police Department

Joe Stidham, Chief

The Bosque Farms Police Department has hired three new officers. We would like to welcome Officer Billy Hayes, Officer Ralph Baldonado and Officer Venessa Galindo to the department.

We have had residents ask us if we were going to have the community meetings again this year. This year we are going to hold a community meeting every quarter. As soon as the next one is scheduled, we will notify the Valencia County News Bulletin with the date and time. We will also place flyers in some of the businesses throughout the Village.

The end of the school year is approaching quickly. Remember to watch out for the children, especially in the residential areas. During the summer months we seem to have a problem with four wheelers on the Multi-Use Path. Please remember that four-wheelers are not allowed on the path. The ditches are at full capacity during this time. Please warn your children of the dangers of playing in and around the ditches.



We would like to welcome our new Community Watch volunteers. Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedules to help make the Village a safer place to live.

The Community Watch Program is working very well in this community. If you would like your home put on the "Watch List" while you are out of town, you may stop by the police department or the Village Office and pick up a form.

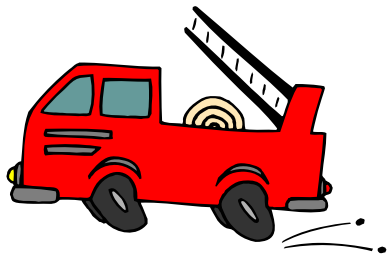
In the recent weeks we have had complaints of graffiti in the Village. If you see something suspicious, please call our **dispatch center (865-9130) immediately**. Thank you in advance for helping find the responsible parties and hopefully putting an end to this problem.

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

## Fire Department News

Spencer Wood, Fire Chief

The extremely dry conditions have been very challenging for county fire departments. The sporadic winds have caught many people by surprise and due to heavy fuels (tall weeds) the fires have been bigger than usual.



I compliment all of you who have gotten burning permits and adhered to the rules. The fire department has responded to very few illegal or out of control burns.

Please continue to contact the Village Office for burn restrictions that may change from

time to time depending on rainfall and wind conditions.

We expect the arrival of a new thermal imaging camera from a Homeland Security grant soon. The camera we bought with the money (again thank you residents) we raised has been an invaluable asset to us. Every time we respond to a call for service the camera is onboard.

The service truck that carries our tools and specialized equipment is about 95% complete. The final pieces of extrication and stabilization equipment are in and after some minor training will be ready for service.

The new Rescue unit will be in operation soon. We welcome them as part of our volunteer family and look forward to working with all of them. The station is now full of apparatus and will soon be operating at its full potential.

We have hosted two groups of children, BF Elementary 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and the Christian Academy. We explored the station, talked about the equipment and answered lots of very good questions. Fire safety was reviewed and reinforced. Assistant Chief, Natalie Barger is working on a new fire prevention program that when implemented will not only educate but entertain groups of all ages. Look for this soon.

Right now the fire department has 21 members who volunteer many hours a month away from their families and other obligations. There are lots of people volunteering their time in the village and I personally cannot thank them enough. Volunteers are one of the reasons Bosque Farms is such a great place to live.

## Bosque Farms Elementary School

If you have a child or know of a child who will be starting Kindergarten in 2008-2009 school year, please stop by the school to pick up a packet for registration. You will need to bring in an original birth certificate, updated shot record and proof of residence.

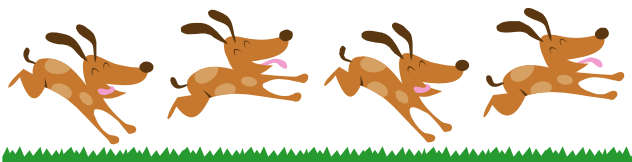


The last day of the current school year is May 22, so please watch out for our students this summer and help keep them safe.

## Animal Control

Joe Mestas, Animal Control Officer

Have you noticed dogs, cats and other animals running at large in Bosque Farms? The VILLAGE OF BOSQUE FARMS Ordinance 8-3-1 prohibits this and the Ordinance can be read on our Web site and in our Village office. Take time to check your fence line and gates and mend them. When you leave for work, make sure your gates are securely closed to prevent your animals from running loose.



If you have a dog who barks when you leave home or at night, be respectful of your neighbors by enclosing them in your house or garage. Don't let your animal be a nuisance to others. If Animal Control has to pick up your pet, you may be fined to retrieve it.

## Water Tank Up and Running

Cliff Hibdon, Utilities Director

Well tank #1 on Arena Road is back on line after having extensive rehabilitation. The inside and outside was sanded and painted. This is a first for this 20 year old tank. Some modifications were done and safety railings were added on top of the tank.

We are thankful to the Mayor, Wayne Ake, for securing grant money to fund this project. Also, a big hand to the contractor, Luckinbill, with whom we enjoyed working. A special thank you to the Utility crew for all of their hard work, especially Steve Drapeau. Thanks again to all of you!

## Burn Permits Are Required

Burn permits are required to burn anything in Bosque Farms. The permits are free and available at the Village Office and are good for a two week period. Prior to burning, it is required that you call one of the telephone numbers at the top of the permit and inquire if it is a "burn day". If winds will be blowing over 15 miles an hour during the day or evening, burning *will not* be permitted by order of the Fire Chief. We all want to keep our Village clean and free of weeds, but we also need to keep it safe. So get a permit and call before you burn.

## Keep Bosque Farms Beautiful

Harriett Taylor Coordinator

My how time flies...we are already well into spring and heading for summer.

Trek for Trash, our fall cleanup sponsored by New Mexico Clean and Beautiful was held September 29th and the Great American Cleanup 2008 was held April 19. Plenty of volunteers came out to help in both events. We enjoyed morning refreshments before heading out with bags, gloves and Toss No Mas T-shirts at the KAB cleanup and everyone was rewarded with a cookout in the park behind the village complex. "Gourmet" hot dogs and hamburgers were grilled to perfection by Chef Mayor Ake. (Thank you, sir.)

Of course it is great to see so many take an interest in our community and take pride in where we all live and where some of us work.



It is important to know just how important it is for all of us to think twice before we toss any piece of trash out of a vehicle. Each and every piece becomes a big part of the whole. It all adds up. I am sure all of us have driven down roads or through towns that looked "trashy" and felt a little uncomfortable. Litter affects the first impression of visitors and/or possible businesses looking to locate in the area.

Thanks go out to *all* of the volunteers including our Village Councilors and the Bosque Farms 4-H for all of their work at all of the events. The Bosque Farms Library, our Police Department and Maintenance Department are always there for us when we ask. Thank you.

## Valencia County Summerfest

Rachel Pugh, Executive Director Valencia County Chamber of Commerce

It's just around the corner "Summerfest" come one come all. June 13, 14 & 15, 2008



is a three day weekend made just for your Family! This 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Event is full of Good Old Fashioned fun for the whole family. Best of all, "Admittance is FREE". There will be a Car Show, Carnival, Outdoor Movie, Balloon Glow, Food, Art Show, Battle of the Bands, Wine and Micro Brew Tasting and Live Entertainment and much more.

Call the Valencia County Chamber of Commerce for details 352-3596. We are still looking for business sponsors. Or if you are interested in having a booth please call the Chamber or e-mail us at [chamberdirector@loslunas.gov](mailto:chamberdirector@loslunas.gov).

## **WATER OR SEWER PROBLEMS?**

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

## **Los Lunas 4<sup>th</sup> Of July Celebration**

Parade starts @ 9AM



Route: Valencia "Y" at the Visitors Center on Hwy 47. Cash prizes, call for info. 352-3584.

Entertainment, Food and Fireworks to Dusk! Daniel Fernandez Park, 1103 Hwy 314 Los Lunas starts at 4 pm.



Sponsored by: L.L. Parks & Rec. & Raks Building Supply.

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## **Recycle Day**

You may recycle plastic, cardboard, newspaper items on the fourth Saturday of each month from 9:00 AM to noon at the Bosque Farms Waste Water Treatment Plant. It is located at 1355 DeSmet Road, off McNew Lane.



**PLEASE REMEMBER:**  
If you need police or fire assistance, our Dispatch Phone # is: 865-9130. Please dial 911 for any emergency.

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869-2358  
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Library Hours  
869-2227  
Monday 11 am to 5 pm  
Tuesday 11 am to 5 pm

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