



# Newsletter

April 2012

## FROM THE CLERK'S OFFICE

Gayle A. Jones, Administrator

Well, another year gone! It seems like I just wrote the article for the Spring 2011 newsletter and here it is, time for the Spring 2012 edition.

For those of you that hadn't heard, we had a municipal election in March. Robert Knowlton was elected Mayor, Wayne Ake and Dolly Wallace were elected to the Council and Lar Thomas was elected Municipal Judge. Congratulations to all the newly elected officials!

We have started our budget process and will be having budget workshops in the very near future. Our revenues seem to be holding fairly steady, which will make the whole budget process that much easier.

We are losing one of our long-time employees, Donna Baker. She will be moving to San Antonio, Texas with her new husband. We wish them all the best in their new life together!

As always, if you have questions or concerns, my door is always open.

## CELL PHONE USAGE

It is against the law to use a cell phone in Bosque Farms **while driving**. Signs are posted within the Village limits. Please help keep our Village and yourself safe by obeying this ordinance.



## VILLAGE OF BOSQUE FARMS APRIL CLEANUP

James Padilla, Maintenance Supervisor

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

**Sat. & Sun. April 21 & 22**

**Sat. & Sun. April 28 & 29**

**From 8AM to 4PM**



The dumpsters will be located at the **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 or pesticides will be accepted.

**Small appliances** such as toasters and microwaves are accepted. For more information, call the Village Office at 869-2358.



## BOSQUE FARMS WELCOMES OUR NEW PLANNING AND ZONING OFFICER

Loretta Hatch has replaced Donna Baker as our new P&Z Officer. She is very knowledgeable about the ordinances and is ready to help you with licenses, permits and any questions you may have pertaining to Planning and Zoning. Welcome Loretta!

## PLANNING & ZONING

Loretta K. Hatch, P & Z Officer

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 a copy of the Property Maintenance Ordinance either at the Village Office or on line at [www.bosquefarmsnm.gov](http://www.bosquefarmsnm.gov) so you, as a resident, can be informed.

### Reminders:

Weeds will be appearing before you know it ~ they need to be removed from yards, easements, and don't forget the private irrigation ditches that run behind properties.



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, as they 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](http://www.earth911.com)

## FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Spencer Wood, Fire Chief



Get ready for a windy spring. With the dry winter that we have had, the fire season will come early this year.

If you see some of our fire personnel you may notice they are looking fit. The fire department members have just completed a wild land fire refresher course which was 6 hours of classroom review, along with that the membership has worked hard to get in shape to pass the Forest Service pack test. This physical fitness test requires a firefighter carry a 45 pound backpack 3 miles in 45 minutes. It was great to see our members exercising and I know we all feel a lot better.

Future training events that are planned are an Automobile Extrication class in April, and then it's back to fire school for a Saturday in May. There will also be Emergency Apparatus Driver training in September.

Our new fire truck is now in production and we are able to watch the progress on line. The expected delivery date is in late March. Most of the equipment to make the truck operational is already at the station. We look forward to the additional capabilities that this truck will add to our fleet.



Remember to always follow the rules on your burn permit and if the fire department shows up at your residence we are there to make sure our community stays safe.

Have a safe spring and a great summer.

## BICYCLE HELMET LAW



Parents and riders, please remember that children 17 years of age and under must wear helmets while riding bicycles. Please help keep our Bosque Farms young people safe

# WATER DEPARTMENT

Cheryl Hibdon, Assistant Clerk

## Water Conservation in Your Lawn and Garden

*Let it grow.* Adjust the height of your lawnmower to cut your grass higher. This helps protect roots from heat stress and reduces the loss of moisture to evaporation.



*Stay true to your roots.* Promote deep root growth with proper watering, aerating, fertilization, grass-clipping control and attention to lawn height. A lawn with deep roots requires less water and is more resistant to drought and disease.

*Plug away.* Aerate clay soils at least once a year to help the soil absorb and retain moisture, which helps your plants.

*Make the beds.* Add a 2- to 3-inch layer of mulch around flowers, shrubs and trees to help the soil retain moisture, discourage the growth of weeds, and provide essential nutrients.

*Soak, don't spray.* Install drip-irrigation or soaker hoses for more efficient watering in planting beds and beneath shrubs and trees.

*No cannonballs!* If you have a pool, keep the water level low to minimize loss from splashing. Use a cover to slow evaporation. An average-sized pool can lose about 1,000 gallons of water per month if left uncovered.



*Make it shine.* Use a bucket of soapy water and a hose with a shutoff nozzle to wash your car. Better yet, wash your car at a commercial car wash that recycles water.

*Think small.* When choosing plants, keep in mind that younger, smaller ones require less water to become established.

*Conserve water naturally.* Select plants that are native to your region and can thrive with little or no extra watering. Your local nursery can help you identify and select drought-tolerant plants.

*Keep it cool.* Water your lawn and landscape plants early in the morning when the sun's rays aren't working to evaporate your water.

At least 30 percent of water used annually by a single-family suburban household is for outdoor irrigation. A large portion of that goes to waste through evaporation or runoff caused by over-watering.



## Paying Your Water and Sewer Bills

We have tried to make it more convenient for you to pay your water and sewer bills by offering the following payment methods:

- Pay in the Village Office during normal business hours. We accept cash, check, money order, cashier's check, credit and debit cards.
- Drop your check or money order in the white payment box located next to the USPS blue box in the parking lot at the Village Complex
- Make a credit card, debit card or echeck payment by phone by calling 869-2358. We accept payment by credit card, debit card or check.
- Online at [www.bosquefarmsnm.gov](http://www.bosquefarmsnm.gov), follow the link, or
- Online at [www.xpressbillpay.com](http://www.xpressbillpay.com)



There is a convenience fee of \$1.25 for credit/debit cards and \$.30 for echeck payments, online or at the Village office. There is no charge for auto-pay. Sign up for auto-pay today!

### PLEASE NOTE:

When paying your water bills on line, your entire account number must be used. (xx-xxxxxx-xx).

## UTILITY DEPARTMENT

Cliff Hibdon, Utilities Director

It's that time of year again. Spring is on its way. If you would trim around the water meter and grinder pump, it would help us do our job more efficiently and would be appreciated.



Also remember, place your grease in the garbage, **not down the drain.**

The Village water system was inspected in December 2011 by NMED and no violations were found. Bosque Farms operators are doing a good job of delivering clean, safe water to our residents and take great pride in doing so.

Remember before digging, call New Mexico One Call (811). All the utilities will come out and mark their utilities on your property. It keeps you safe and it's the law!

**Water/Sewer Problems? Call 869-2358  
After 5:00pm and Holidays, Call 865-9130**

## ANIMAL CONTROL

Joe Mestas, Animal Control Officer

*This is being reprinted by popular demand.*

I am your **Animal Control Officer**. I am not the dreaded “dog catcher” or the “murderer” you call me.

I’m not the one who allows your pet to roam the streets, to contract diseases from other free-roaming animals, to be hit by passing motorists or poisoned by rotting garbage. I am the one who must look into those sick, pain-glazed eyes, try to remove the animal without causing it further pain and then humanely “put it to sleep” to put an end to its suffering.

I’m not the one who allows your pets to breed, then dumps the unwanted puppies and kittens on roadsides and in shelters. I’m the one who must find the tiny animals before they die of starvation, exposure or disease and as an act of mercy, exterminate them.

It hurts me to be forced to kill hundreds of thousands of animals each year, but because of your irresponsibility, I have no choice.

I’m not the one who abandons unwanted animals on farm roads, telling myself some friendly farmer will surely take them in and give them a good home. But I am the one who picks up the frightened animal who waits in vain for its beloved master, wondering why it has been abandoned. I am the one who must help that friendly farmer trap, tranquilize or kill that animal because it has begun to roam in packs with other abandoned hungry animals, killing livestock, fowl and game.

I am not the one who breeds and fights dogs in the name of “sport.” But I’m the one who fights the breeders and participants, and must pick up the dead and dying animals that have been left behind.

I’m not the one who keeps a pet confined in an area too small—without food, water, shelter of exercise. But I must deal with the irresponsible owner who does.



I’m not the one who refuses to spend time and money to keep up regular inoculations that all pets require. But I am the one who must pick up the sick animal that is dying of a preventable disease.

So remember, the next time your child is bitten by a stray dog, your trash is dumped and scattered, your pet is lost, stolen, poisoned or hit by a car, it is the **Animal Control Officer** you call, not the “dog catcher.”

The next time your pet is picked up, or you are cited for neglecting or abusing it, remember that I am only trying to get you to fulfill your responsibility to your pet, your neighbor and yourself.

Do not scorn me. Respect me, for I am the product of your irresponsibility. **I love animals, and I care.**

*Printed by the National Animal Control Association*

## LIBRARY CORNER

Sophita Kyhnsen, Librarian

Libraries... The heart of every community give the citizens a place to go to explore, discover and grow. Step into a library and you will find a world of resources of every kind. A world that offers special events, free computer use or just sit and read. Libraries are the heart of the community, it's true, and at the heart of our library are great people just like YOU!

The Summer Reading program will start registration late April, so for particular details, check the News Bulletin or call 869-2227.



We are ready to start taking book/video donations. However, we are only interested in fiction and non-fiction that are printed after 2008! Please give us a call first before bringing any donations in and PLEASE do not leave them by the front door.



Have a great Spring and Summer and remember our Summer Family Entertainment is always FREE! Watch for the schedule in the News Bulletin or call 869-2227.

## PLEASE REMEMBER NO DUMPING

Dumping yard waste, grass clippings, tree limbs, etc., is PROHIBITED along Conservancy ditch banks. Please do your part to keep Bosque Farms Beautiful and not piled with your yard waste.

## RECYCLE DAY

Recycle your newspapers, cardboard, aluminum and plastic items every 4th Saturday of the month from 9:00 AM to Noon at the Maintenance Yard on DeSmet Rd. The 4-H Club and their parents will be there to help you. Thanks to all of you!

Keep up to date on Village happenings by “liking” our facebook pages:

- ◆ [facebook.com/Bosque.Farms](https://www.facebook.com/Bosque.Farms)
- ◆ [facebook.com/BF.Police](https://www.facebook.com/BF.Police)
- ◆ [facebook.com/Comm.Ctr](https://www.facebook.com/Comm.Ctr)

# BOSQUE FARMS POLICE DEPARTMENT

Greg Jones, Chief

I know that most of you are accustomed to calling the Village office phone number (869-2358) to obtain services from the police department. Please realize that when you do so, you are reaching the police department's Administration and Records Clerk. Continue to use this number to retrieve a report or to speak with a supervisor or leave a message for a specific officer. **If you need the assistance of a police officer or need to report a crime, please call the Valencia Consolidated Dispatch Center at 865-9130. To report a crime in progress or to report an emergency dial "911".**

First, we would like to thank Mayor Ake for everything he has accomplished for the Village of Bosque Farms and the Bosque Farms Police Department during his eight years as mayor. He has and will continue to be a huge asset to this Village. We have enjoyed working with you. Mayor Ake we wish you well in all your endeavors.

The Bosque Farms Police Department would like to take this opportunity and thank each and every resident who donated to the Toys for Tots Program. It was amazing to see all the toys. We were able to assist Bosque Farms Elementary and Peralta Elementary in meeting the needs of ALL of the children that had been identified as needing toys in the two schools. There were plenty of remaining toys that were donated to the Domestic Violence Shelter. **WE COULD NOT DO THIS WITHOUT YOUR DONATIONS; YOU, AS RESIDENTS, MAKE THIS PROGRAM WORK.** A huge thank you to Lodi's Bead's, Dollar General, Paseo De Peralta and Mommy and Me, for all your assistance in collecting toys. Last but not least, the Bosque Farms Fire Department jumped on board and really helped us with many donations. A really BIG Thanks to Spencer & the GANG!!!

Would you like to be put on the Residence Watch list?? If so, stop by the office and fill out a form. Our Community Watch does an incredible job. **THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS FOR MAKING OUR COMMUNITY SAFER!!**

Speaking of Community Watch, one of our volunteers reported a suspicious vehicle in a residential

area, officers responded and an arrest was made. Thank you for a great job!!!

In the last newsletter, we had informed you about the elderly gentleman that had his wallet stolen. We were able to identify the suspect and an arrest was made. We had an auto burglary where two suspects were identified and arrested. We were able to connect these individuals to two additional auto burglaries in Bosque Farms and clear those cases, and we arrested another individual on yet another auto burglary and cleared that case. In October, we found a total of 310 pounds of marijuana (plants, dried and finished product) at a residence here in Bosque Farms. One person was charged and all the marijuana destroyed. We responded to a residential burglary and with a vehicle description we were able to locate and arrest the offender and return the property to the victim. We recovered a stolen motor vehicle and while searching the vehicle we were able to recover 126 pieces of stolen mail.

Detective Valdez and the Drug Task Force were able to arrest two individuals on copper wire thefts which eventually cleared two cases, and last but not least, Detective Valdez along with an investigator from the Recording Industry of America were able to purchase pirated CD's and DVD's while undercover, which resulted in three suspects being arrested and over 400 pirated CD's and DVD's being confiscated.

Remember if you see someone suspicious or suspicious activity, please call our dispatch center immediately.

Police Department hours are from 8am to 4:30pm Monday through Friday.

**Please remember, if you need police assistance, our dispatch phone # is: 865-9130. Call this number and a police officer will be dispatched to your location. This will usually alleviate you from having to come to the police station to file a report.**

**Dial "911" for any emergency.**

## A SKUNK SPRAYED YOUR ANIMAL??

A resident suggested dousing animal with imitation (not real) vanilla and then bathing animal. Hope it works!



# WHAT'S NEW AT THE BOSQUE FARMS COMMUNITY CENTER?

Rose Poitras, Community Center Director

Change is just around the corner...

*The Bosque Farms Community Center will be closed for renovation from approximately April through June.*

The Senior Meal Site for the Older American Program will be moved to the First Baptist Church of Bosque Farms during that time. The church is located at 1350 Bosque Farms Blvd, just across Hwy 47 from Sonic.

When the contractors have cleared out and everything is back in place, regular activities will resume. **Many of these activities are for the whole community!**

The dance floor has recently seen a lot of action! The **Plumb Adequate Band**, a newly formed local country and western group, has played several times at the center and is developing a following. The **Valencia County Jazz and Dance Bands** made their debut at the center and received a well-deserved standing ovation. **David Alan Staley**, a talented vocalist from Albuquerque, has made a lasting impression on those that have heard his 30's and 40's era performance. The **Fiddlers and Musicians of NM** have been holding their jams at the center for some time and always have a good turnout. During the renovation however, they will be meeting at the Cowboy Hall.



Although most weekday activities are geared toward seniors, *many of them are open to the adult community*. Adult is emphasized because children, being children, will tend to run and play, increasing the risk of injury from a fall to a possibly unsteady senior. Arts & Crafts, Bingo, Bonko, Bridge, Line Dancing, Quilting, Rock Hounds and Yoga are all adult friendly community activities.

The **youth and families** of the community are not forgotten. Once a month, a group of moms (complete with children) meet over coffee, visit and make plans for group outings. In the evenings, a girl scout troop and 4-H groups meet. Bringing the family to hear the bands play is the perfect opportunity for some family fun and a time to teach your kids how to dance. If you don't know how to dance, just come and enjoy the fun. Sometimes others are more than willing to give short impromptu lessons.



After the center reopens, check the village website, [bosquefarmsnm.gov](http://bosquefarmsnm.gov), the bulletin board on West Bosque Loop in front of the Village offices, the News Bulletin Noticias or Channel 95 to see what's planned each month or just call or drop by. If you have an idea for a community event or have any questions, please give me a call! I want to hear what *you* want to see happening at the center. **This is your Community Center...use it!**

# KEEP ANIMALS ON A LEASH

Per Ordinance 8-3-1, when walking or running your pets, they **MUST ALWAYS BE ON A LEASH.**



# BF VILLAGE 2012 HOLIDAYS

The Bosque Farms Village Offices will be closed for the observance of the following Holidays during 2012:

- Good Friday ----- Friday, April 6, 2012
- Memorial Day ----- Monday, May 28, 2012
- Independence Day ----- Wednesday, July 4, 2012
- Labor Day ----- Monday, Sep. 3, 2012
- Veteran's Day ----- Monday, Nov. 12, 2012
- Thanksgiving Day ----- Thursday, Nov. 22, 2012
- Day after Thanksgiving Day --- Friday, Nov. 23, 2012
- Christmas Eve ----- Monday, Dec. 24, 2012
- Christmas Day ----- Tuesday, Dec. 25, 2012
- New Year's Eve ----- Monday, Dec. 31, 2012

# PERALTA POST OFFICE NEWS

Mickie Silva, Peralta Postmaster

The staff at the Peralta Post Office thanks you for your continued support and use of the United States Postal Service. We invite you to come in and ask us about our new and exciting products and services. Business customers who would like to get the word out about your business can do so with our new retail product, **EDDM – Every Door Direct Mail** which is a way for you to reap the benefits of the Standard Mail costs in reaching your target audiences with advertising messages, special offers, and other information.

We have PO Boxes available for rent for secure and early delivery of your mail. We provide free shipping supplies for our Express and Priority products. Remember, **if it fits it ships ANYWHERE in the US at one flat rate**, and if you ship online you can save with lower online pricing. Call us at 1-800-275-8777 or visit us online at [www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com).



Spring is in the air and we'd like to remind you to help your carrier by maintaining your mailboxes in good condition. Also please ensure that the approach to your mailbox is clear by locating trash bins and vehicles away from the mailbox. Your children are precious, so please keep them safe by not allowing them to pick up your mail at the postal vehicle. Thank you!



# BOSQUE FARMS HISTORICAL EXCHANGE FORUM

*Submitted by Bob Courtney*

The following is a brief overview of the Bosque Farms Historical Exchange Forum (also known as the Forum), which is a new initiative sponsored by the Bosque Park Neighborhood Association. It is part of an overarching program aimed at promoting social welfare to benefit the community of Bosque Farms. The Forum Director is Bob Courtney.

The intent of the fiscally self-sustaining Forum is to help energize the residents by enhancing their knowledge and mutual celebration and appreciation of the historical events and contributions by the Village of Bosque Farms. A local setting, or venue, for the presentations will help personalize the events and educate future generations about the roles played by Bosque Farms in the development of Valencia County and the State of New Mexico. The home of the Forum is the Bosque Farms Community Center. Presentations are expected to commence after the Center renovations are completed, which should be around the middle of July, 2012. The presentations are intended to educate, inform and entertain residents in a relaxed environment, and not to sway anyone toward a particular religious or political persuasion.

Historical preservation will be accomplished by recording guest speaker presentations and demonstrations, exhibits, and personal interviews of Bosque Farms residents. The personal interviews have already commenced. The accumulated interviews will also serve as a resource for a future publication.

The Forum agendas will reflect a blending of guest speakers emphasizing local historical events, folk lore, and other topics of interest relating to the rest of Valencia County and the State. In turn, the Forum's coming events will also be posted in appropriate locations in Belen, Los Lunas, and the County.

The obvious benefit is the education of the greatest number of residents about the history of our local communities, the County and the State. The Forum will be broadened by enlisting presentations covering the rest of Valencia County, the State, and special occasions. An example of the latter would be presentations supporting the New Mexico State Centennial celebrations in 2012. It is hoped that side benefits of the guest speaker program will be

enhanced citizenship, resulting in more involvement in community activities and more active participation in the support of local government by Village residents.

Since the Forum will be self-sustaining, the program will not be a financial drain on the Village of Bosque Farms. The guest speaker program will be funded by monetary donations from the residents of Bosque Farms and the surrounding area and the local businesses. Personal checks can be made out to the "Bosque Park Neighborhood Association" and identified for the "Forum". All financial donations will be handled by the Secretary-Treasurer of the Bosque Park Neighborhood Association.

The level of participation and the success of the program will be significantly influenced by the appropriate selection of topics and guest speakers, smartly verbalizing and publicizing the events, and the support from the Mayor and Council of Bosque Farms. Mayor Ake has already embraced and publicly supported the Forum, as have all the members of the Council. Equally important to the success of the Forum will be the committees composed of volunteer Bosque Farms residents.

The Forum will expand the knowledge and celebration of historical events and contributions by Bosque Farms, Valencia County, and the State of New Mexico. Education should never stop at any age, and every effort needs to be made to archive our history for future generations. Belen has the Harvey House and Los Lunas has the Los Lunas Museum of Heritage and Arts, and now the community of Bosque Farms will have the Bosque Farms Historical Exchange Forum.

More detailed information about the Forum can be obtained by contacting Bob Courtney at 869.4664 or at [rlcbosque1@msn.com](mailto:rlcbosque1@msn.com)

## BURN PERMITS

A faxed Burn Permit will no longer be accepted. Free Burn Permits will be issued in our office for a period of two weeks only and no more than 5 days in advance.

Before burning, remember to get your permit and call one of the numbers at the top of the permit the day you want to burn and ask if it is a burn day. If the winds will be over 15 miles per hour during that day, burning will not be allowed. Burn safely. Thanks.

**Village Office Hours**

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

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

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

**New Web Site—www.bosquefarmsnm.gov**

Mayor: Bob Knowlton  
Council  
Members: Dolly Wallace  
Wayne Ake  
Russ Walkup  
Bill Kennedy

Council Meetings are held every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month.

Planning & Zoning Meetings are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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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