



Newsletter

October 2012

From Mayor Bob Knowlton's Desk:

I hope all is well with the residents of our wonderful Village! I have been your Mayor now for the past six months, and very much enjoying this opportunity you have given me. It has been a busy time.

Recently, the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Governing Body made changes to the Zoning Ordinance to put controls on so-called "Skid-Row" businesses. This includes businesses like tattoo parlors and smoke shops. With the limited number of commercial properties on Highway 47, the Village wanted to make sure that any potential new businesses would fit our community and therefore comply with certain conditions.

The Village completed a much needed remodel of our Community Center this spring. We received a Community Development Block Grant to fund the project. If you have not been to the Center in the past few months, check it out. We have beautiful new ADA compliant bathrooms, new flooring and paint, a new roof, a repaved parking lot, and other ADA improvements. Thanks to all involved in the renovation.

We recently had new roofs installed on both the Village administration building and the library. No more buckets under the leaking ceilings! On yet another construction note, the Village will soon be adding on to our library. A few years back, we received some funding from the State Legislature for an addition. It was not enough to complete the work, so we went back and asked for more monies. We received additional funds this past session. Special thanks to Representative David Chavez, Representative Kiki Saavedra, Senator David Ulibarri, and Senator Michael Sanchez for helping out with the funding. We should have the addition completed sometime later this winter.

On a different note, congratulations are in order for our Court Clerk, Linda Curtner. She received a much deserved award recently – New Mexico Court Clerk of the Year. Congratulations, Linda! Also, our new Mayor Pro Tem, and former Mayor, Wayne Ake, received a special Leader-

ship Award for his contributions to the Mid-Region Council of Governments organization. Congratulations, Wayne!

On my To-Do list, I hope to complete the re-write of the Animal Control Ordinance and get it through the Governing Body for approval within the next six months. There are many opinions about this Ordinance, but I know the Governing Body will do what is best for our community to safeguard our animals and residents, without being too onerous with the regulations.

If you need my attention for any reason, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you.

VILLAGE OF BOSQUE FARMS OCTOBER CLEANUP

James Padilla, Maintenance Supervisor

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

Sat. & Sun. October 20 & 21
Sat. & Sun. October 27 & 28
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 and will be asked to show 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.

FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Spencer Wood, Fire Chief

With the current and ongoing drought conditions we have survived another summer without any major fire events. I would like to thank you for your support during the open burn ban.

The rain that finally came on the evening of the fourth of July bailed us out, the cotton that was on the ground got wet and became a non issue. I would like to thank you residents for adhering to the fire-work restrictions. While there were a few violators the fourth of July again came and went without any fire related incidents.

We received our new pumper/tanker in May. You may have seen it in the fair parade or at the fair. We have been busy acquiring all the tools and hoses needed. While it is only 95% complete the new truck is ready to serve the community in ways the old truck never could. This new apparatus will go a long way in helping us keep our current I.S.O. (Insurance Service Organization) rating of four. Stop by the station some time when we are there, we'd love to show it to you.

The time change will soon be upon us and it is always a good time to change your smoke detector batteries. If your smoke detectors are 10 years old please replace them as they lose their sensitivity. If you have a gas fired furnace or water heater it is a good idea to also have a carbon monoxide detector.

Be sure to replace your filters in your furnaces. Not only will the heater work better but it will save you money. We had a couple of furnaces last year that overheated due to restricted airflow which is very dangerous.

Make sure to also clean and service your fireplaces and pellet stoves before it gets cold. **Be safe.**

Village of Bosque Farms Offices
will be closed for the following holidays:

Veterans Day	Monday, Nov. 12, 2012
Thanksgiving	Thursday, Nov. 22, 2012
Day after Thanksgiving	Friday, Nov. 23, 2012
Christmas Eve	Monday, Dec. 24, 2012
Christmas Day	Tuesday, Dec. 25, 2012
New Years Eve	Monday, Dec. 31, 2012

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.

MUNICIPAL COURT

Lar Thomas, Judge

I must say that it feels very rewarding to be back on the bench after a 4 year break. After much training for myself and the staff, I feel like we are running as efficiently as possible. All municipal departments have pitched in to make our system work very smoothly. The Police Department is doing a fine job of getting people to Court on time when needed and also provide a good measure of court security. All other departments have stepped up and assisted in the community service program that helps those that cannot pay fines while providing needed services to the village.

For those of you who have not heard, Linda Curtner, our Court Clerk for more than 32 years, was awarded the very prestigious "Municipal Court Clerk of the Year for 2012". Linda has never been graced with this honor before, though she has deserved it for years. Congratulations to her for her many years of outstanding service.

Many may know that we hired a back-up clerk for the court to assist in keeping the court on track all year round. Julie Gabaldon hired on this spring after working as an unpaid intern for 5 weeks. We created a half-time position for her so she can fill in when required and to take some of the work load off of Linda, our Chief Clerk. Julie is finishing up her degree in Business Administration from UNMVC this fall and will continue to work half-time while raising her 2 daughters.

I am always open to suggestions as to how we can better serve the Village of Bosque Farms. Any who may have suggestions should make them in writing, but may do so anonymously if desired. We truly want the village to remain the best place to live and raise our families, so any help is greatly appreciated.

PLANNING & ZONING

Loretta K. Hatch, P & Z Officer

Fall is the time of year for cleaning weeds and yards. 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. If we all do our part, we can keep our Village a beautiful and comfortable place to live.

Speaking of doing our part, a great big "THANK YOU" to all the volunteers who participated in the Keep Bosque Farms Beautiful clean up this Spring. Thanks to your efforts the public spaces in the Village are clean and beautiful. Keep Bosque Farms Beautiful is a great way to get to know your neighbors and as a plus the Mayor will cook you a Burger! Hope to see more of you at the next clean up.

It has been brought to my attention that some residents are conducting numerous garage/yard sales, please remember the Village of Bosque Farms Municipal Code 10-1-5.H. states, "Garage Sale or Yard Sale is permitted for no more than three (3) consecutive days and not more than four (4) sales per calendar year."

Village Ordinances are available on the Village website at www.bosquefarmsonm.gov. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me by calling the Village Office at 869-2358 or email me at pzadmin@bosquefarmsonm.gov

WHAT'S NEW AT THE BOSQUE FARMS COMMUNITY CENTER?

Rose Poitras, Community Center Director

A better question is what *isn't* new! Thanks to a CDBG grant which the previous Community Center Director, Shereen Snare, had been trying to secure, and to the Village Administrator, Gayle Jones, who was the grant executor, the center has undergone a beautiful transformation!

The First Baptist Church of Bosque Farms graciously hosted the Senior Meal Site for the Older American Program during the time that the center was closed for renovations. An Open House for the Community Center and A Grand Re-Opening of the Senior Meal Site were well attended in early August. Please feel welcome to stop in and look around!

The center is back in full swing now. Besides our day-time senior program, which continues to grow in participation, community activities are regularly scheduled at the center as well.

Here are the highlights... mark your calendars!

The first three give you the opportunity to dig into your closet to find your favorite dance shoes/cowboy boots and give them a little action! **Everything (except the Single Seniors parties) is family friendly!**

If you enjoy the **Fiddlers and Musicians of NM**, join them for their jams from 6-9 pm on October 4th, 19th and 27th, November 1st, 9th and 24th and December 6th, 21st and 29th.

Plumb Adequate Band, a local country and western favorite, will be playing from 7-9:30 pm on October 26th, November 23rd and December 28th.

The **Valencia County Community Jazz and Dance Bands** will be performing from 7-9:30 on October 13th. **They will also be playing as part of our Community Christmas Party between 2-5 pm on December 8th.**

The **Halloween Cake Walk** will take place from 7-8 pm on October 31st. A lot of cakes walked out of here last year! What a sight!

The **Valencia County Single Seniors (55+)** will have their Halloween Party from 6-9 pm on October 30th and their Christmas Party starting at 5 pm on December 15th. If you fit into that category and aren't already involved, you're missing out on some good times!

For your holiday shopping, forget about the crowds at chain stores! Shop locally for gifts that have the special touch of being handmade. The **Christmas Arts & Crafts Fair** has many new vendors as well as many of your favorites. It will be held from 9-4 November 17th and 10-3 November 18th. The **Bosque Fiber Fest Fiber Arts Show and Sale** will be from 9-4 on December 1st.

An activities calendar is available at the end of each month for the following month and can be picked up when the center is open. It can also be accessed online at bosquefarmsonm.gov/comm_ctr.html. If you have any questions or would like to help get other activities going, please call 869-5133.

Want to use a credit card or automatic draft from your checking account to pay your bill? Check out our website at www.bosquefarmsnm.gov, for the link to XpressBillPay and pay from any computer!

WATER DEPARTMENT

Cheryl Hibdon, Assistant Clerk

Just a reminder that on July 1 of every year, the minimum water and sewer rates (up to 5000 gallons) increase by 2%.

Because our water bills are in postcard form, the post office will not forward your water bill to you when you put in a temporary change of address. The water bills are returned to the Village offices. Please call us at 869-2358 if you do not receive your water bill and we will be happy to look up the amount for you.

Winterize Your Home

Winterizing your home helps prevent frozen pipes and costly plumbing repair bills, 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. For insulated hose bibs, turn off the feed valve in the insulated part of the garage and open the hose faucet to drain the water from the plumbing in the insulated wall.
5. 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.
6. Open cabinet doors where plumbing is in outside walls during really cold spells.
7. When it's very cold, allow a small trickle of water to run through a facet. The flowing water will help prevent freezing but also wastes water and should be done only when other options are not possible.
8. Turn off your irrigation system's water supply and drain the irrigation lines.
9. Use a broom, blowers, or shop vacuum to clean leaves and pine needles from walls and driveways rather than a hose and water.

UTILITY DEPARTMENT

Cliff Hibdon, Utilities Director

Once again we are coming into the fall season. When you winterize your swamp cooler and turn off the water, make sure all the lines are drained so they don't freeze and crack. Wrap and insulate all outdoor faucets, especially on the north side of buildings.

Every three years we take samples at selected homes for lead and copper. Once again those homes were well below the maximum levels. Thank you for your participation!

REMINDER: Grinder pumps do not like grease!!! Please place grease in the 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.

LIBRARY CORNER

Sophita Kyhnsen, Librarian

Our Summer Reading Program was great! We doubled the number of children that participated from last year. The Masonic Lodge in Belen donated 7 new bikes in 3 sizes along with new helmets that were given away in our drawing on Labor Day weekend. This year for the 5 year olds and under, we were able to give new Penworth Bears as prizes that were donated by the Director.

We have updated our Large Print book selection with best sellers, so stop in and check them out.

We have started our annual Fall Book Sale of donated books early as we had an unusual amount of donations this year. So stop in and start your Holiday shopping early.

Our thanks to Linda Lamont and Maryanne Lynch for exceptional help as volunteers this year. Their assistance has helped us provide better service to all our Patrons!

November 6, 2012 Election
Please vote YES on the Library GO Bond Issue "B"
Your library needs your vote!
This would help us do much needed upgrades to the library. We have exiting things in mind!
Find more info at <http://bondsforlibraries.org>

ANIMAL CONTROL

Joe Mestas, Animal Control Officer

It takes more than laws to guarantee good care for your dog, cat, horse or other companion animal. Here are some recommendations to help you give your animals the care they need and deserve. (For more information, call *Animal Protection of New Mexico (APNM) 505-265-2322*.)

FOOD:

Food must be nutritious, healthy and suitable for the animals in your care.

WATER:

Animals need clean drinking water at all times. This is especially important in our dry New Mexico climate.

SHELTER:

In addition to state laws regarding the mistreatment of animals, many counties and cities have additional and more specific laws that require shelter for animals be provided. Domesticated animals (animals who depend on humans for survival) need protection from the elements. You should provide weatherproof shelter for animals in your care. For dogs and cats, the shelter should have absorbent bedding (like straw); be large enough for the animal to turn around and stand up in; be small enough to retain the animal's body heat; and keep out rain, snow and wind. Horses and other larger animals should have provided a place to get out of harsh weather, wind and intense sun if they choose. Remember, animals burn more calories when they are cold. It costs less to maintain their weight and overall health when you help them keep warm!

SHADE:

Animals need shade to protect them during hot weather. You should provide open shade (a shady area with open air ventilation) to your animals. A dog house is not the same as open shade, because it can become as hot as an oven on a warm day.

TAKE CARE OF YOUR ANIMALS AND OUR COMMUNITY

Per Ordinance 8-3-1, when walking or running your pets, they MUST ALWAYS BE ON A LEASH. Please be considerate and take a plastic bag on your walks and pick up after your pets. Thank you.

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.

KEEP BOSQUE FARMS BEAUTIFUL

Harriett Taylor, Coordinator

I would like to thank all of our volunteers who made the Great American Cleanup held in April a great success. We even had a couple of new families join in! Thank you. I hope to see you again next year.

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 James of the maintenance department for being there for me every time I ask. Also thanks also go to Chief Jones and his staff for keeping our volunteers safe, to Sophita and Maggi at the library for helping me get the word out. I cannot forget Councilors Ake and Kennedy. Thank you, too for your help...every year.

We had a new chef this year...Mayor Knowlton, thank you for the wonderful job...no matter *what* the previous chef says...not naming names (Mayor Ake)...it's all good! :)

Next year we will have some fun things like a scavenger hunt or other contest. Call me with your ideas...

For more information on Future Cleanups

Call Harriett @ 450-8690

Thank you

P.S. Please shop in your Bosque Farms Businesses. There are shops for all of your needs right here in our Village and the business owners need our patronage.

■ The Village Offices will be doing a Fall Cleanup with the help of the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts on October 27th. We would love for you to come out and help. For more information call Loretta at the Village Offices at 869-2358 or email her at pzadmin@bosquefarmsmn.gov

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 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".**

School has once again started for the year and there are many children walking or riding their bikes to & from school. Please be aware there are two (2) school zones within the Village of Bosque Farms. The Bosque Farms Elementary has flashing lights to remind you that the speed limit is 15 miles per hour before and after school. The Christian Academy on the North Bosque Loop does not have flashing lights, but there are signs posting the speed limit for "when children are present".

Believe it or not it is time to start thinking about "TOYS FOR TOTS". This terrific program is not just for TOTS, there are many school age children that benefit from your generous donations. We have collected toys for many years for this program, and for the last two years we have made a special effort to work directly with the schools in our area when it comes time to distribute the toys that have been collected. The teachers see these children 5 days a week and they are able to identify families that may need assistance with having a better Christmas. If we have toys that are left over, we donate those to the Domestic Violence Shelter. So, we need your help in making sure that these children have a Christmas. You can drop off toys or monetary donations here at the police department or the Village office. If writing a check, please make it payable to "Bosque Farms Police Dept. Toys for Tots." You can also drop off toys at Lodi's Beads or Dollar General. Our collection dates are from November 1, 2012 through December 14, 2012. As always, **Thank You All** for all your efforts and support.

Our Community Watch Program is doing a great job of helping to keep our Village safe. The volunteers really provide a great service to this community. When leaving town and you would like to be put on the Residence Watch list, stop by the office and fill out a form.

Hats off to our Detective Sergeant John Valdez and Officer Sam Hanna, as they were doing a walk-through at the Bosque Farms Flea Market, they discovered a very valuable shotgun that was for sale for much less than its value. Upon further investigation, it was discovered to have been stolen in Albuquerque in 1992. The shotgun was confiscated and Detective Sergeant Valdez was able to determine the original owner of the weapon lived in west Texas. Detective Sergeant Valdez, while on a personal trip to Texas, was able to personally return the shotgun to the owner twenty years following its loss.

In May we had a residential burglary in Bosque Farms where firearms were stolen. Our department was able to connect three individuals to the crime as well as multiple burglaries throughout the county where other firearms were stolen. We were able to recover 8 stolen rifles and arrest 3 individuals for burglary, possession of stolen firearms and transferring and receiving stolen firearms. Two other individuals were arrested for possession of stolen firearms and transferring and receiving stolen firearms. Some of the stolen firearms have already been returned to the rightful owners.

Also in May this department investigated a felony larceny of copper wiring. The stolen copper, valued at approximately \$650, was located, seized and eventually returned to its owner. As a result of the investigation, one individual has been arrested for felony larceny, resisting and obstructing, and criminal damage to property.

In June, we arrested and charged a Meadow Lake man with shooting from a motor vehicle, tampering with evidence, and criminal damage to property after a shooting incident at the Bubble Lounge in Peralta. No one was injured as a result of the shooting.

In case you missed it on the news, one of our narcotics agents, along with Detective Sergeant Valdez, working in conjunction with the DEA and the Special Investigations Division of the Los Lunas Police Department, conducted an early morning raid in Los Lunas that resulted in the arrest of a city of Albuquerque employee. Seized during the operation were 128 live marijuana plants, 3 ½ pounds of dried marijuana and a semi-automatic handgun. The street value of the marijuana had an estimated value of \$270,000.00.

Once again...**We encourage you to immediately call our dispatch center (865-9130), if you see someone or something that appears suspicious.**

Police Department office hours are from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday.

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!

BOSQUE FARMS HISTORICAL EXCHANGE FORUM

Submitted by Bob Courtney

As previously stated, the intent of the fiscally self-sustaining Forum is the preservation and appreciation of the historical events and contributions by the Village of Bosque Farms. Preservation will be accomplished through presentations/demonstrations and interviews of local residents. Additionally, we will be celebrating the historical contributions and events of our historical neighbors along the Rio Grande corridor. Our historical neighbors include Isleta, Peralta, Tome, Los Lunas, Los Chavez, and Belen. We also hope to involve the smaller communities in Valencia County.

The home of the Forum is the Bosque Farms Community Center/Senior Center. The presentations are intended to educate, be inexpensive and fun in a relaxed environment, and not to sway anyone toward a particular religious or political persuasion. The Forum agendas reflect a blending of guest speakers emphasizing local historical events, folk lore, and other topics of interest relating to Bosque Farms, and the rest of Valencia County and the State.

On September 9, 2012 the Forum celebrated the New Mexico State Centennial. The guest speaker was B.G. Burr, the President of the Valencia County Historical Society. B.G.'s presentation was entitled, "Solomon Luna: Shepherd of Statehood." At the inauguration of the Forum on July 8, 2012, Dr. Richard Melzer gave a presentation entitled, "Bosque Farms, New Mexico: A Village History". Seventy-five percent (75%) of the audience attending Dr. Melzer's presentation were Bosque Farms residents. Both presentations were outstanding in content and delivery, and very well received by both audiences.

The next Forum presentation is scheduled for March 3, 2013. The tentative guest speaker, John Taylor, will discuss, "The Battle of Peralta." The presentation

schedule is open to change.

Personal interviews of Bosque Farms residents are in progress, and will be continuing through the winter months.

Initial contact has been made with the Bosque Farms Elementary School staff aimed at defining and maximizing interactions between the Forum and the school.

We are still seeking volunteers for various committees and welcome financial donations.

More detailed information about the Forum can be obtained by contacting Bob Courtney at 869.4664 or at rlcbosque1@msn.com. I would like to express my sincerest appreciation for the support shown by the residents of Bosque Farms and surrounding communities.

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NO CELL PHONE USAGE IN BOSQUE FARMS WHILE DRIVING

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.



On Monday September 17th, there was a groundbreaking for the new library addition. We are so excited to be adding on a conference room complete with an overhead projector. Look for exciting new things to come!

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 8:30 am.

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

Web Site—www.bosquefarmsnm.gov

Mayor: Bob Knowlton

Council

Members: Dolly Wallace

Wayne Ake

Russ Walkup

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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