



# Newsletter

April 2010

## FROM THE CLERK'S OFFICE

Gayle A. Jones, Administrator

As I sat here at my computer and wondered what I was going to write for this newsletter, the only thing that kept coming to mind was the Michael Malarsie Fund Raiser that was held last Saturday. What an awesome event! My husband and I came down for the afternoon and enjoyed every minute of it. I was thrilled at how this community and those around came out to support this young man and his family. I was also very proud as an American to give a little back to this Senior Airman for his service to our country.

Meanwhile, back at the Village.....I am happy to say that we are holding our own in these rough economic times. Thank goodness the Village Council had enough vision to implement some additional revenue sources. Thanks also go to the Village department heads for tightening their belts and staying well within their budgets. Now, this is no guarantee that things aren't going to get rougher, but I believe that the department heads and employees are willing to do whatever it takes to ride out the storm. Good job everyone!

## NOTICE

***The "Bosque Farms Animal Control Survey" is NOT from the Village of Bosque Farms. This survey is in no way connected to the Village.***

\*\*\*\*REMINDER\*\*\*\*

**The Village is attempting to help Waste Management collect past due accounts. If you are behind on your Waste Management bill for trash pick up, you will be sent a letter from the Village giving you 30 days to pay your bill or make payment arrangements with Waste Management. IF YOU HAVE NOT MADE A PAYMENT OR ARRANGEMENTS AT THE END OF THE 30 DAYS, YOU WILL BE CITED INTO MUNICIPAL COURT.**

## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Wayne Ake, Bosque Farms Mayor

I want to thank everyone for helping with the fundraiser for Michael Malarsie held Saturday, March 13 at the Rodeo Arena. It was a huge successful endeavor attended by people from all over New Mexico. \$70,000 dollars was raised for Michael and his family. The Village showed how the wonderful spirit of the people here in Bosque Farms can work together for a very worthwhile cause.

Thank you to all of you who tied yellow ribbons on your fences and trees. Please leave them and add more ribbons until Michael comes home. Thanks

## VILLAGE OF BOSQUE FARMS APRIL CLEANUP

Bob Knape, Maintenance Supervisor

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

**Sat. & Sun. April 17 & 18**  
**Sat. & Sun. April 24 & 25**  
**From 8AM to 4PM**



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

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

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

**NO** computers, televisions, tires, concrete, large appliances (refrigerators, washers, etc.), ammunition or explosives, batteries, toxic chemicals, paint, asbestos or pesticides will be accepted.

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

# PLANNING & ZONING

Donna Baker, 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.bosquefarms.us](http://www.bosquefarms.us) so you, as a resident, can be informed.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has completed a review of Valencia County and has identified approximately 95% of the Village as located within the "100-year" Floodplain. ("100-year" means there is a 1% chance of flood in any given year.) FEMA has updated the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) accordingly. The new FIRM's will go into effect on August 19, 2010. The Village joined the NFIP (National Flood Insurance Program) in 1987 and adopted a Flood Hazard Prevention Ordinance as outlined by FEMA and the NFIP at that time. The Ordinance was updated in 2000 when the FIRM was updated. Our Ordinance will again be updated when the FIRM goes into affect. The NFIP insures buildings, including mobile/manufactured homes, with two types of coverage: structural and content. Structural coverage is for the walls, floors, insulation, furnace and other items permanently attached to the structure.

Contents coverage may be purchased separately provided the contents are in an insurable building. The mandatory purchase requirement applies to all forms of federal or federally related financial assistance for buildings located in the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA). While not mandated by law, a lender may require a flood insurance policy in any zone on a Flood Insurance Rate Map.

The NFIP offers flood insurance to those areas that FEMA has identified as flood hazard areas and that participate in the NFIP. All development within the floodplain must be regulated. Development is generally defined by FEMA as "any man-made change to the floodplain. This definition is all encompassing. Elevating a residential structure above the Base Flood Elevation (BFE) can decrease the cost of flood insurance. Building a residential structure below the BFE will greatly increase flood insurance rates. Non-residential structures located in SFHA (100-year floodplain) must be elevated to at least one (1) foot above the BFE or the structure must be flood-proofed. Additions that meet the standards of substantial improvement, which also involve significant improvements and/or structural changes to the existing structure, require the existing structure and the addition be elevated to the BFE. You may review Chapter 11-1 Flood Hazard Prevention Ordinance on the Village's website at [www.bosquefarms.us](http://www.bosquefarms.us) and the proposed FIRM's are available for review in the Planning & Zoning Office. The new FIRM's will go into effect on August 19, 2010.

## 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.

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).

## WATER DEPARTMENT

Cliff Hibdon, Utilities Director

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

**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.

Also, grinder pumps don't appreciate powdered laundry soap. It creates a residue on the pump motors.

## WATER CONSERVATION IN YOUR LAWN AND GARDEN

Cheryl Hibdon, Assistant Clerk

*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.

## BICYCLE HELMET LAW

Parents and riders, please remember that 17 years of age and under must wear **helmets** while riding bicycles. Please help make our Bosque Farms young people safe and have fun this summer.



## BOSQUE FARMS 71ST ANNUAL FAIR

Cathy Sifford, Fair President

The Bosque Farms 71st Annual Fair will be held  
**August 5, 6, 7, 8, 2010.**

The Bosque Farms Fair Association is seeking volunteers. We need your talents and energy to help with all aspects of your community fair! Come join us; we meet at the Bosque Farms Community/Seniors Center, 7:00pm, usually the second Thursday of the month.

We are also seeking assistance from the business community. Sponsorships in the form of donations (goods, services, cash, auction items) helps insure the success of your fair. Also please consider advertising in the Fair Book.



Please contact Bosque Farms Fair Association President, Cathy Sifford, for more information. Call 410-7981, or email [cahtyshs@aol.com](mailto:cahtyshs@aol.com).

**FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK! "Bosque Farms Fair".**

## CLEANING YOUR YARD? WANT TO BURN WEEDS, ETC?

**Free Burn Permits are available in the Village Office.** Always call before you burn and ask if it is a "burn day" which is a day with winds not over 15 MPH. Lets keep our Village clean and free of weeds and blowing leaves but do it safely and by Bosque Farms rules.

# I AM YOUR ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Joe Mestas, Animal Control Officer

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 end its suffering.



I’m not the one who allows your pet 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 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 pick up dead and dying animals left behind.

I’m not the one who keeps a pet confined in an area too small-without food, water, shelter, or 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 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 do care.**

*Author Unknown*



## SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM INFORMATION

Shereen Snare, Community Center Director

The Village of Bosque Farms will be hosting a summer recreation program for youth age 6-16. The program will run from June 1<sup>st</sup> through July 30<sup>th</sup>. Village of Bosque Farms and Peralta youth, their guests, and guests of Bosque Farms and Peralta residents are encouraged to participate in this program.

**Registration for your child may be accomplished by contacting the Village of Bosque Farms Senior & Community Center at 869-5133.** There is a registration packet that must be filled out prior to your children participating. There will be small fees for special projects. You will also be required to pay for your child’s expenses and sign permission slips for various field trips that will be announced at a later date.

The purpose of the program is to provide and encourage healthy and fun activities for youth who choose to participate in the activities offered.

Last summer was a huge success with over one hundred children participating over the course of the summer. Special activities included a dance class, art classes, and nutrition classes sponsored by the NMSU Extension office, with hands on snack preparation. We also made trips to both the Los Lunas swimming pool, and the community pool at Los Padillas. We also made field trips to the Bosque Farms library, to attend special events that were held for youth.

# BOSQUE FARMS POLICE DEPARTMENT

Joe Stidham, Chief

It was great to see so many people participating in the fund raiser for Michael Malarsie. It was such an incredible day. Small communities can still do big things.

I would like to thank all the residents who donated to the Toys for Tots Program. This program would not even be in existence if it wasn't for the generosity of people wanting to ensure that all children have a Christmas. Lodi's Beads collected toys for us as well, so thank you to Lodi and her staff for all the help and support of the program.

We have hired two new officers to the department.

Officer Wayne Jones and Officer Daniel Gonzalez welcome to our department and to the Village of Bosque Farms.



Remember, if you are leaving town and would like to be put on our Community Watch, feel free to stop by the office and pick up a form. Our volunteers do a fantastic job of trying to make our

community a safer place to live. Thank you to each and every volunteer.

If your alarm company still has the police department phone number (869-2358) listed as the contact number, **please contact them and have them change the phone number to the Central Dispatch (865-9130) phone number.** This is very important. This ensures a quicker dispatch time.

Spring is just around the corner. The ditches will once again be at full capacity. Please warn your children about the dangers of playing in and around the ditches.



Summer is only a few months away. During the summer months, we have people riding scooters, and 4 wheelers on the multi-use path. Remember, motorized vehicles (with the exception of motorized wheelchairs) are prohibited on the path.

Office hours are from 8:00am to 4:30pm.

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

# RECYCLE DAY



Recycle your newspapers, cardboard and plastic items with the 4-H Club every 4th Saturday of the month from 9:00 AM to Noon at the new Maintenance Yard on DeSmet Rd.

Thank you 4-H Club and parents for your hard work!!!

# PERALTA/BOSQUE FARMS POST OFFICE NEWS

To mail a 1-ounce letter, it will continue to be \$0.44 until further notice by the U S Post Office. You may use the Forever Stamps, regardless of when purchased, to mail 1-ounce letters even after a price change, without the need for additional postage. Forever Stamps are widely available through Post Offices, commercial retail outlets such as grocery stores and on line.



Military postage is \$11.95 in a Flat Rate Box. Three sizes of these boxes are available in the Post Office and are available anywhere in the US.

For additional prices, zip codes or other information, call 1-800-ASK-USPS (800-275-8777) or visit us at [www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com).

# BOSQUE FARMS EMS

Gayle Jones

The EMS crew has been busy....not only on emergency calls, but on a recruitment campaign. We are actively **SEARCHING FOR VOLUNTEERS.** If you are trained or wish to become trained and volunteer your time, please contact Gayle Jones, Village Clerk/Administrator at 869-2357.

Remember, we wouldn't have a rescue service if it weren't for our volunteers who willingly give up their time. The Village appreciates everything you do for your community. Our thanks is the only pay our volunteers receive; so please, when you see one of our volunteers, Fire or EMS, thank them for their service.



# FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Spencer Wood, Fire Chief

Spring 2010 is upon us already and it seems that winter will never end. With the moisture that we received this winter the fire season hopefully will be uneventful.

Our March training meeting was spent on the river levy making sure all of our wild land fire fighting equipment was in good working order. As usual 20 members attended and the training was great review.

On March the 6<sup>th</sup> we traveled to the NM Fire Fighters Training Academy in Socorro. There were 14 of us that participated in four live burns in the academy's



fire buildings. It was a great refresher covering such topics as: tactics, communications, incident command, search and rescue, team work, thermal imagers, with an emphasis on fire fighter safety. We

all came home tired and smelling like smoke.

The paperwork is in process for our new breathing air system. This includes a new compressor and fill station that will allow us to fill our own air bottles. Currently we get our breathing air from a private company out of Albuquerque. Twelve new air packs are included with extra bottles. These items will enhance our capabilities by providing our fire personnel with the newest technology as well as extended on air minutes.

It's that time of year again when we need to check our smoke detector batteries. Remember to replace your smoke detector if they are 10 years and older.

Remember to get a burn permit and call in to see if it is a burn day.

## 2010 BF VILLAGE HOLIDAYS

The Bosque Farms Village Offices will be closed for the following Holidays during the remainder of 2010:

- Good Friday- - - - - Friday, April 2, 2010
- Memorial Day - - - - - Monday, May 31, 2010
- Independence Day - - - - - Monday, July 5, 2010
- Labor Day - - - - - Monday, Sept. 6, 2010
- Veteran's Day - - - - - Thursday, Nov. 11, 2010
- Thanksgiving Day - - - - - Thursday, Nov. 25, 2010
- Day after Thanksgiving Day-Friday, Nov. 26, 2010
- Christmas Day - - - - - Friday, Dec. 24, 2010
- New Year's Eve - - - - - Friday, Dec. 31, 2010

# BOSQUE FARMS ELEMENTRY CONSTRUCTION

Ron Hendrix, Principal

The construction at the Bosque Farms Elementary is going according to schedule. The remodeling of the old WPA building is going quite well and the foundations and stem walls for the new buildings are being poured. The project is scheduled for completion in December 2010. The school will move back over during Christmas Break.

If anyone has any questions about the status of the project you can email Mr. Hendrix at [rhendrix@llschools.net](mailto:rhendrix@llschools.net) or call him at 869-2646.

## PARENTS REMEMBER BICYCLE HELMET LAW

Parents, please remember that it is the law that 17 years of age and under must wear **helmets** while riding bicycles. We want to see all our young residents safe this summer.



## COMMUNITY CENTER NEWS

Shereen Snare, Community Center Director

The Bosque Farms Senior & Community Center will be sponsoring a Mother's Day Arts & Crafts show on May 1st from 9:00am to 5:00pm and May 2nd from 10:00am to 3:00pm. We have many crafters signed up for the show. Come, bring your friends and enjoy the craft show. The Community



Center is located at 950 North Bosque Loop...on the corner of Arena Road and North Bosque Loop.

Meals are also served for Senior Citizens Monday thru Friday at 11:45am. For a \$1.50 donation you can have a good hot meal at noon. The only requirement is to order your meal the day before. You can call 869-5133 before 1:00pm to order your meal for the next day.

We have many activities going on at the center. Please pick up a calendar of events at the center or log on to [www.bosquefarms.us](http://www.bosquefarms.us) on the internet and print out the Activity Agenda and the Meal Calendar for the month.

We are looking for programming ideas to enhance the community usage of the Senior & Community Center! Since a lot of folks, even Senior's, still work a 9-5 job, it would be nice to have classes or other activities in the evenings. Ideas that have been mentioned are Spanish classes, computer literacy classes, needle working and evening yoga. If you are interested in this type of activity, or would be interested in being a volunteer instructor, please call Shereen at the Center. 869-5133



## KEEP BOSQUE FARMS BEAUTIFUL

Harriett Taylor, Coordinator

Feeling cramped in your garage, in your home or in your yard?

Wonder where all of that "Stuff" came from?

Are you ready to do your spring cleaning?

Well, I've got good news for you. The Village of Bosque Farms will have trash bins for your discards Saturday 4/17 & Sunday 4/18 and again Saturday 4/24 & Sunday 4/25. Please, no electronics. A note on a recycling event for electronics is later in this article.

Keeping in the spirit of the season, Keep Bosque Farms Beautiful will host our spring cleanup April 27, 2009. As in the past we will meet at the Village Offices at 8:30am for our briefing and send-off refreshments. Trash bags will be handed out. Bring your own gloves. Don't forget the sunscreen...I am planning on a sunny day.



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

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

A Big Recycling event will be held 4/17 from 8:00am 'til 12:00pm behind the Los Lunas Village Offices on Don Pasqual. They will be taking electronics, oil, glass, plastics, paper and aluminum. No TV's or appliances.

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

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

*For more information, call Harriett @ 450-8690*

**Village Office Hours**

**869-2358**

Monday – Friday 8 am to 5 pm

**Library Hours**

**869-2227**

Monday & Tuesday 11 am to 5 pm

Wednesday & Thursday 10 am to 5 pm

Friday Closed

Saturday 10 am to 2 pm

Sunday Closed

**Court Office Hours**

**869-9231**

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

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

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

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

Mayor: Wayne Ake

Council Members: Dolly Wallace  
Bob Knowlton  
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.

**Village of Bosque Farms**

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**Peralta, NM 87042**

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