

# Newsletter

April 2011

## FROM THE CLERK'S OFFICE

Gayle A. Jones, Administrator

I can't believe how quickly time flies by. We are already working on the budget for 2011-2012! Preliminary figures look good. At least we aren't looking at furloughs or lay-offs.

We are continuing to help Waste Management collect delinquent bills for trash collection in the Village. It seems like we take three steps forward and slide two steps back. However, we will continue to do what we can to help Waste Management with their collections. We are doing this to help keep your monthly trash rates down. **PLEASE, if you are delinquent on your Waste Management Bill, please call them at 892-1200 and make payment arrangements.**

On another note, all roll-off trash containers have to be rented from Waste Management. This is included in our contract with Waste Management and by giving them exclusive rights to all roll-off rentals; this also helps to keep your monthly trash rate down.



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

## BOSQUE FARMS EMS

We are still experiencing a shortage of volunteers. This seems to be a problem nation wide and in all arenas. We are still looking for new volunteers to help out. If we were to have enough interested people, we could schedule a First Responder Class in the very near future. If you have some free time, are interested in EMS and would like to give back to your community, contact Gayle Jones, Village Clerk/Administrator at 869-2357.



## VILLAGE OF BOSQUE FARMS APRIL CLEANUP

Bob Knappe, Maintenance Supervisor

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

**Sat. & Sun. April 02 & 03**  
**Sat. & Sun. April 09 & 10**  
**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.



## EXCITING NEWS!!

Bosque Farms Police Department will be selling raffle tickets for a brand new 2011 Dodge pickup. Ticket prices are: \$5.00 each or 3 tickets for \$10.00. Contact the Police Department for info.

## 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. **Thank you.**

## 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, 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.

### 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 property.



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 allowed 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 on [www.earth911.com](http://www.earth911.com) you will know where to take your disposable items.

## ANIMAL CONTROL

Joe Mestas, Animal Control Officer

*This article was given to me by a resident two years ago when she had to give up her dog of 15 years. Due to his age and health condition, she shared it with me and I would like to share it with you. The dog's name was Roscoe-P-Coltrane.*

### RAINBOW BRIDGE

Just this side of Heaven is a place called Rainbow Bridge. When an animal dies that has been especially close to someone here, that pet goes to Rainbow Bridge. There are meadows and hills for all of our special friends so they can run and play together. There is plenty of food, water and sunshine and our friends are warm and comfortable.



All the animals who had been ill and old are restored to health and vigor, those who were hurt or maimed are made whole and strong again, just as we remember them in dreams of days and times gone by. The animals are happy and content, except for one small thing: they each miss someone very special, someone who was left behind.

They all run and play together, but the day comes when one suddenly stops and looks into the distance. His bright eyes are intent; his eager body begins to quiver. Suddenly, he breaks from the group, flying over the green grass, faster and faster. You have been spotted, and when you and your special friend finally meet, you cling together in joyous reunion, never to be parted again. The happy kisses rain upon your face; your hands again caress the beloved head, and you look once more into those trusting eyes, so long gone from your life, but never absent from your heart.

Then you cross the Rainbow Bridge together...

*Author Unknown*

## WATER DEPARTMENT

Cheryl Hibdon, Assistant Clerk

**Why is it important to conserve water?** Because increasing demand for water has already led to shortages in many communities. Conserving water is easy once you know how...

- **Change your habits**—A lot of water goes needlessly down the drain. Think about the amount of water you're using and how you can use less.
- **Repair leaks**—A single dripping faucet can waste hundreds, even thousands of gallons per year. Most leaks are easy to detect and repair with:
  - some basic know-how
  - simple tools
- **Install water-saving devices**—If you don't already have water-efficient or low-flow fixtures, you can cut your water use with:
  - aerators (to mix air with water)
  - displacement devices (to reduce the amount of water used in older toilets)Make sure devices are installed properly.



For helpful information on fixing leaks, go to: [www.ose.state.nm.us/wucp\\_FixALeak.html](http://www.ose.state.nm.us/wucp_FixALeak.html)

To have some fun while learning water conservation tips, go to: [www.epa.gov/watersense](http://www.epa.gov/watersense)

### Paying your utility 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 checks, electronic checks and credit or debit cards.
- Drop your payment in the white payment box located in the Village parking lot. (no cash please)
- Pay by phone by calling 869-2358 during normal business hours.
- Online at [www.bosquefarms.us](http://www.bosquefarms.us) and follow the link or go directly to [www.xpressbillpay.com](http://www.xpressbillpay.com)



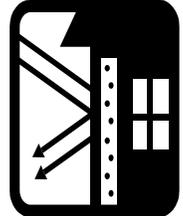
There is a convenience fee of \$1.25 for credit/debit cards and \$.30 for electronic checks. Sign up for auto-pay today at no charge.

## UTILITY DEPARTMENT

Cliff Hibdon, Utilities Director

The water department responded to numerous calls for emergency water turn offs this winter. If the homeowner had installed their own water shut off valve, they could have shut their water off immediately, thereby, reducing damage to their home and saving money.

- Insulation is cheap compared to the damage a leak could cause to your home
- Heat tape can help, but will fail to work in a power outage
- The north side of a structure remains the coldest during winter months



**If you have a leak, do not shut your water off at the water meter.** You may be held responsible for any damages if you tamper with the Village water meter. Please call the Village office at 869-2358 to have a Village employee turn the water off at the meter. For after-hours emergencies, please call dispatch at 865-9130.

The Village office has free magnets available with our office and emergency phone numbers listed on them for your convenience. Stop by and pick one up!

## BICYCLE HELMET LAW

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



## 2011 BF VILLAGE HOLIDAYS

The Bosque Farms Village Offices will be closed for the observance of the following Holidays during 2011:

Good Friday ----- April 22, 2011  
Memorial Day ----- May 30, 2011  
Independence Day ----- Monday, July 4, 2011  
Labor Day ----- Monday, September 5, 2011  
Columbus Day ----- Monday, October 10, 2011  
Veteran's Day ----- Friday, Nov. 11, 2011  
Thanksgiving Day ----- Thursday, Nov. 24, 2011  
Day after Thanksgiving Day- --- Friday, Nov. 25, 2011  
Christmas Day ----- Monday, Dec. 26, 2011

# BOSQUE FARMS POLICE DEPARTMENT

Greg Jones, Chief

First, 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".**

If you hear or observe suspicious activity, please call **DISPATCH IMMEDIATELY**. The Bosque Farms Police Department is also asking residents to report any incidents of graffiti.

## **New Cell phone ban within the Village Limits:**

During the February Council meeting, the Village Council adopted a new traffic ordinance that prohibits the use of a cell phone, to include TEXTING, while operating a motor vehicle. The new law went into effect March 10, 2011. The law does not limit the use of "hands-free" operation of a cell phone nor emergency phone calls made to specific enumerated emergency service providers.



**Has anyone noticed the new speed limit signs on Esperanza?**  
VERY IMPORTANT: The speed limit on Esperanza has been lowered to **25** miles per hour.

The school kids have come home to their new school. This is very exciting for the community as well as the children. Please remember to watch your speed not only at the new school, but in the area of the Christian Academy on North Bosque Loop. We would also like to give you a heads up, coming in the **NEAR FUTURE: THERE WILL BE NO PARKING IN FRONT OF THE BOSQUE FARMS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the donations for the Toys for Tots Program. Thank you to Lodi's Beads, Pat Griego's Zumba Class and Dollar General for all their efforts in helping us make this program such a success. It definitely was a COMMUNITY EFFORT.

If you are going to be out of town and you would like to be put on the **Community Watch** list, please stop by the office and fill out a form. Our volunteers do a really great job. Thanks to each and every one of you who donates your time to help make our community safer.

## **'I Didn't Know' Campaign Educates Parents About ATV Risks for Children**

In many cases where children have been injured or killed in an ATV incident, parents were unaware that:

- ATVs can weigh up to 800 pounds.
  - ATVs roll easily and tend to land on the rider.
- Most ATV's are not meant for passengers; a passenger can dangerously affect stability and control. Each year in the United States, 40,000 children under age 16 visit emergency departments because of an ATV injury. Children account for more than one-third of ATV-related injuries and 28 percent of ATV-related deaths. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that children under 16 years of age not operate ATVs.



"We know ATVs are a way of life for farmers and other land owners. But they pose a significant danger to children," said Regina Fisher, MS., Agricultural Youth Safety Specialist at the National Children's Center for Rural and Agricultural Health and Safety. "The 'I Didn't Know' campaign is designed to help parents make informed decisions. Children and young adolescents lack the knowledge, physical size and strength, cognitive and motor skills to operate an ATV safely, Fisher said.

For more information, see: [http://www.marshfieldclinic.org/nccrahs/?page=nccrahs\\_casn](http://www.marshfieldclinic.org/nccrahs/?page=nccrahs_casn)

Spring is almost here and once again the ditches will be at full capacity. Please warn your children of the dangers of playing in and around the ditches.

The 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.**

# FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Spencer Wood, Fire Chief

The spring fire season is now here and with the very dry winter that we have had, chances for fire danger have increased. With the forecast for high winds this spring, we all need to be very careful with our controlled burning. When doing your spring yard work try to create a clear space between your homes, sheds, barns, recreational vehicles, corrals, etc. That means get the weeds and debris cleaned up and disposed of. Wood piles and combustible materials should not be stacked against buildings. Fence lines need to be kept clean.

Open burning needs to be done with ample clear space around the fire. By having a water source on hand you can control the rate at which the fire is burning by applying a minimal amount of water (light spray). This will slow the growth of the fire and keep embers from traveling away from the fire.



Remember to get your burn permit from the village office. When we respond to an illegal burn in Bosque Farms a lot of times the property owner has a permit but did not read it and follow the rules.

The rules are as follows: You must call to verify if it is a burn day or not. During the work week you call the Village Office at 869-2358. On the weekends you have to call the County Dispatch Center at 865-2039.

**OPEN BURNING MUST BE ATTENDED AT ALL TIMES.**

**MATERIAL TO BE BURNED SHALL HAVE LOW MOISTURE CONTENT SUCH THAT THE BURNING SHALL SUSTAIN OPEN FLAME COMBUSTION.** This will reduce the smoke production. This is especially a problem when burning leaves. It may be best to spread them out a little rather than trying to burn them in a big pile.

**YOU CAN NOT BURN REFUSE, HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE, PRESERVATIVE TREATED WOOD, OR ANYTHING WITH PETROLEUM IN IT.**

Dry plant materials such as weeds, leaves, tree limbs and grass, are all acceptable to burn.

Beware of the weather conditions when you are burning. Our weather can change very quickly, so please pay attention.

Most of the complaints we get are from residents burning too late in the evening and don't completely put their fire out. When the inversion (colder air settling in for the evening on top of the warm air) sets in, any smoldering fire will create a layer of smoke that stays close to the ground. Not only does it make it hard to breathe for residents with respiratory issues, it is then brought into our homes through the swamp cooling system. When extinguishing your fires always apply water generously and stir the ashes with a rake or shovel until only black ashes are visible.

I know I say this every time, "The residents of Bosque Farms are the most conscientious when it comes to open burning." Keep up the good work.

## KEEP BOSQUE FARMS BEAUTIFUL

Harriett Taylor, Coordinator

Wow! It's almost Spring. Can you believe it? After the bout with minus degree temperatures in February, Spring is certainly a welcome concept!

Our residents are doing a great job of keeping our community free of trash and they certainly deserve credit for a great job!

To keep the ball rolling, Keep Bosque Farms Beautiful will be hosting our Spring Cleanup April 9, 2011 to coincide with the Maintenance Department's April Cleanup date. As in the past we will meet at the Village Offices at 8:30 AM 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. This is a good time to get out in the fresh air, meet new neighbors and greet those you have not seen in awhile.



We will return at 11:00 AM for our annual noon 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!

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

For more information Call Harriett @ 450-8690.

## BF LIBRARY CORNER

Sophita Kyhnsen, Librarian

Where else can you find all these interesting activities for FREE??

Your library of course! We will continue to offer free computer classes in the coming months and some other free classes too. Starting in April we will offer a "Story Time" twice a month for ages 3 years to 6 years and as we are limited in space, please stop in and sign up. The "Story Time" will be hosted by adult volunteers and it will be held on the first and third Saturday of the month.



Thanks to the Friends of the Library, we now have new Track Lighting in the Children's Room so the North wall is well lighted.

The Summer Reading Program this year will be ready mid-April for registering. This year we will promote "Reading Together" so the parents can check out some of their "younger" book favorites and start a family reading time...you might be surprised that you and your children like the same books...perhaps read it again for the First Time together!



We are moving things around in the library to utilize our space better. If we look a little "stacked up" in some areas, just wait, it will be worthwhile!

We are always open to having new volunteers. Just fill out an information card at the desk and we will put your talents to work.

Don't forget we also welcome your positive suggestions for better service.

Have a joyous Spring and Summer!

## RECYCLE DAY



Recycle your newspapers, cardboard, aluminum and plastic items with the 4-H Club every 4th Saturday of the month from 9:00 AM to Noon at the Maintenance Yard on DeSmet Rd. Thank you 4-H Club and parents for your hard work!!!

## KEEP ANIMALS ON A LEASH

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

## BOSQUE FARMS

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

Cynthia Philips, Principal

We are enjoying our beautiful campus and buildings and are happy to be back home. We would like to thank the community for all of their patience during our transition.

### BFE Construction

Construction at BFE is nearly complete. The last phase will be the field, which should be completed by mid-April.

### Upcoming Events at BFE

#### Kindergarten registration

We will be having kindergarten registration the week of April 4-8 from 9am-2pm. If you have a child, in our boundary area that will be turning five by August 31, 2011, please stop by the office to fill out a registration packet for the 2011-2012 school year. Please bring the following information with you: original birth certificate, current shot records, and proof of residency (mortgage statement, PNM bill, Gas bill, etc).

#### Basket Night

We will be having our annual Basket Night on May 6<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm – 8:30pm at the Village Park. We would like to invite the community to share in the fun and support Bosque Farms Elementary School.

Basket night is a fun community get together and a great way to wrap up our school year. Each classroom will be creating a "gift basket" based on the theme of their choice to be raffled off. We have a DJ to emcee the event, face painters, balloon artists and our Spirit Dance Team performing. Families are encouraged to bring a blanket, picnic dinner, football or Frisbee and lots of dollar bills. Each basket is displayed along with a container in front of it in which to place raffle tickets. The raffle tickets are sold for a dollar each and the drawing begins at 7:15pm.



#### Open House/Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

**March 24th from 5PM-7PM**

There will be a short ceremony at 5PM and then the community is welcome to tour the campus. We will have our "Glee Club" perform, sale of Frito pies, and have pictures from the beginning to the end of construction.

The last day of school will be May 20th. It will be a full 6 day of school

# BOSQUE FARMS SENIOR & COMMUNITY CENTER

Shereen Snare, Community Center Director

The Center focuses on the growing needs of the community. Daily activities include programming for seniors, educational opportunities and resource information. In addition, the Center provides planning for program, community and local government enhancement. Evening events include community meetings for youth and adults, and events for the whole family. We also rent the center for special events. Please call 869-5133 for further information and available dates.

## Senior Activities include:

- Senior Meal Program, in partnership with the Valencia County Older American Program. Serving lunch at 11:45 daily except holidays. A donation of \$1.50 is appreciated. Call in advance to reserve your lunch!
- Exercise classes. Yoga is Tuesday and Thursday at 9:30am and lead by Peggy Winters.
- Field trips. These trips are to surrounding locations of interest. Check the last Tuesday of each month for the following month's calendar. You must sign up to reserve your seat.
- Educational speakers. Presentations are given *monthly* on topics of interest for seniors. Lemuel Martinez, District Attorney, 13<sup>th</sup> Judicial District will be speaking in April.

Bridge group. Meets Tuesdays at 12:00 noon.

A full calendar of activities can be obtained at the Senior and Community Center. A calendar is posted at the Village of Bosque Farms Administrative offices.

We partner with the Valencia Single Seniors group, the RSVP program (Retired Senior Volunteer Program).

**Youth and family programming** includes the summer recreation program, 4-H meetings, the Easter Spring Fling.

Community Outreach includes Arts & Crafts Fairs, exercise classes, the Easter Spring Fling, a Holiday Community Musicales and Sing Fest, partnership with the New Mexico Fiddlers & Musicians.

## Events Coming Soon include:

May 7th & 8th: Mothers Day Arts & Crafts Fair.  
Please call 869-5133 for further information.  
And visit us on the web at [www.bosquefarms.us](http://www.bosquefarms.us) !



# BOSQUE FARMS FAIR

Cathy Sifford, Fair President

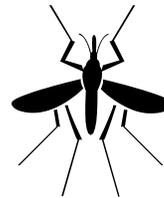
The Bosque Farms Community Fair Association will meet Wednesday, March 9th to begin planning the 2011 fair. The meeting will be at 7:00 PM at the Bosque Farms Community Center. We always welcome new members to help put on the fair, so please join us at the meeting or call Cathy at 410-7981 or Melanie at 401-9990 for more information. The Fair will probably be August 5th through 7th so look for Bosque Farms Fair on Facebook for more updates! Watch for Fair books out by 1st of July.

# MOSQUITOES PREVENTION & CONTROL

Mosquitoes will be flying and biting very soon. Per a brochure distributed by NMSU-ACES Valencia County Coop Extension Service, there are things that we as residents can do to help prevent them from becoming a problem.

## Prevention and Control:

Since mosquitoes lay eggs in water and their larval stages need water to complete their development, prevention involves elimination of standing water around your home.



Remember that some mosquito species can complete their development (from egg to adult) in just a few days, and tend to develop more quickly when temperatures are high.

Manage weeds and clear debris that may harbor adults and collect water.

Regularly clean and drain gutters.

Eliminate other sites where water may collect (e.g. old tires, outdoor flower containers, etc.).

Conserve natural predator populations such as bats and other insect larvae such as dragonflies. Some species of bats common in New Mexico, such as the Little Brown Myotis (*Myotis lucifugus*), can eat 4,000-8,000 mosquitoes in one night.

Reduce time spent outdoors during dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are most active.

Install or repair screens on doors, vents and windows.

Use insect repellents.

Change water in pet dishes, birdbaths, livestock troughs 1-2 times a week (at least twice per week during the hottest part of the summer).

## Mosquito Facts:

There are over 170 species of mosquitoes in North America. The life span of a female mosquito can range from 3 to 100 days, depending on species and environmental conditions; males typically live from 10 to 20 days.

One female may lay 100-300 eggs at a time, and may average 1,000-3,000 offspring during her lifespan.

Under ideal conditions, a mosquito can develop from egg to adult in 3 to 7 days.

Worldwide, mosquito-borne illness and diseases harm more people than any other single factor. In the United States, mosquitoes spread several types of viral encephalitis (inflammation of the brain), including West Nile Virus.

Mosquitoes transmit heart worms to cats and dogs.

Outside of the United States, mosquitoes can be carriers of various human diseases, including malaria, yellow fever and dengue fever.

Some species of bats can eat about 600 mosquitoes per hour, and up to 3,000 mosquitoes per night.

Homeowners are allowed to apply mosquito products labeled for home and garden mosquito larval control for standing water on their own property when cultural methods have failed.

**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 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**.

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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