

Newsletter

October 2013

From Mayor Bob Knowlton's Desk:

I hope the residents of Bosque Farms enjoyed the warm days of summer. If you have not been by the Village complex lately, you might make it a point to stop by. Check out the new library addition, and the original section of the library as well, which the Village spruced up this past spring. I made and donated the wooden sign in front of the library. I want to thank a number of folks for the wonderful landscaping in front of the library. Our Planning & Zoning Officer, Loretta Hatch, and our Clerk/Administrator, Gayle Jones, who applied for a Keep New Mexico Beautiful grant. The Village received funding from the grant to do the landscaping. We hired some youth to put in the plants and the landscaping. Thanks very much to all for your hard work. I also want to thank members of our local Boy Scout Troup 253. They have been busy with community service in The Farm. One of their Eagle Scout candidates has been revitalizing the horse shoe pits adjacent to the Fire Department. It looks great. I hope to see an ad hoc horse shoe pitching venue started there soon. Another Eagle Scout candidate will be working on landscaping in the park behind the Village complex as well. Thanks to all for their hard work.

I want to invite you to participate in some upcoming Village meetings. I hope to revisit the Animal Control ordinance rewrite. Several years back a committee put a lot of effort into writing a new draft ordinance. They recommended many changes to our existing three ordinances that address animal control. The Council met to discuss these recommended changes but never finalized any proposed changes. I hope to have just one workshop to discuss the status of the proposed ordinance and then take it to the Council for consideration. In addition, the Village plans to hold some workshops to discuss a possible increase in our sewer rate. The sewer system is aging and many grinder pumps are requiring servicing. The current sewer revenue will not be able to meet this added demand. Some years back we held a number of workshops to evaluate our water system rates. Many Village residents attended and provided some excellent suggestions. I encourage anyone interested to attend these workshops.

We received funding from the legislature for two projects this year. First, we will be installing new water meters throughout the Village that will be capable of being read by a radio read system while driving by the meter. This

should save considerable time and effort, as well as cutting down on meter misreads. Also, we received funding to resurface the tennis courts. I expect to see more usage of the courts once that project is completed. The Village continues to discuss the possibility of working with the Town of Peralta to supply wastewater treatment services for their proposed sewer collection project. We are asking the Legislature and the Governor for capital outlay monies to expand and enhance our sewage treatment plant. This will benefit the residents of the Village, also, because we need a second clarifier at the plant in case there is ever a need to service the single clarifier that exists at the plant. In addition, we will add processes to handle sludge more efficiently.

I welcome feedback from the residents of the Village. Please feel free to contact me. My email address is: b.knowlton@bosquefarmsnm.gov. You can call the Village office as well.

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 19 & 20
Sat. & Sun. October 26 & 27
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, tires, concrete, ammunition or explosives, batteries, toxic chemicals, paint, asbestos or pesticides will be accepted.

Large and Small appliances such as refrigerators, washers, driers, televisions, toasters, microwaves, furniture, air conditioners, stoves, mattresses, sinks and toilets 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 just prior to the fourth of July helped 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 firework restrictions. The fourth of July again came and went without any fire related incidents.

Our new firemen recently got to participate in extrication training where we dismantled two mini vans. They became familiar with the tools as well as the safety protocols.

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.



We did have a chimney fire last year right before Christmas when it was so cold. If your chimney has not been looked at in a couple of years now might be the time, so that any necessary repairs or cleaning can be accomplished before winter sets in.

Be safe.

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

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.

MUNICIPAL COURT

Lar Thomas, Judge

With all of the outside influences our children face every day, it is difficult to imagine how they will turn out. Much of what there is to offer our children in the real world is harmful to both mind and body.

This being said, there is one thing, as it pertains to the Court, that we can do to protect our children and that is to ensure they are properly secured in the vehicle while traveling the roads of our good Village, or anywhere else for that matter.



Gone are the days when all six kids would pile into the 57 Fairlane fighting for space on the seat and floor. Children do not have a choice regarding child restraints, therefore, the responsibility will always lie with the driver for compliance. In non-legalese, the law provides the following:

- Less than 1 year old = rear facing car seat in rear seat (if no rear seat, front seat with airbag deactivated).
- 1 year to 4 years or less than 40 pounds no matter what age = front or rear facing car seat.
- 5 years to 6 years or less than 60 pounds no matter what age = car seat or booster seat.
- 7 years to 12 years = car seat, booster seat or seat belt that fits properly.

Before anyone comments on the subject, the irony of allowing a child to ride on the back of a motorcycle without any restraints in light of the foregoing is not lost on me, but this act has been exempted.

Somewhat related to this topic was a recent case before me where two individuals were cited for riding in the back of a truck that was being driven down the road. In the old days, they could have been hauling hay and riding the load to the barn or the next field and they would have gone unnoticed, but this too is against the law today. I am not at liberty to share my opinions as to the sense some of these laws make, but as they say here in Valencia County, and probably the rest of the state: "Es' la ley", or "It's the law". As such, I am bound to enforce the laws as implemented.

In conclusion, common sense for most is a good indicator of how we should transport ourselves and our children around the village in vehicles. It's nice to see that most use it.

UTILITY DEPARTMENT

Cliff Hibdon, Utilities Director

WINTERIZING YOUR HOME

There are many ways to help prevent your water pipes from freezing in extreme weather. In the past two years, Bosque Farms has had some very extreme freezes which resulted in resident's water pipes freezing and then bursting. Here are some suggestions to help you through freezing weather:

1. Wrap exposed water pipes, especially those in unheated areas such as a basement or crawl space, with insulation and/or heat tape.
2. If your kitchen or bathroom sink is located against an outside wall, insulate the wall.
3. Providing ventilation to pipes will allow warmer air to circulate around the pipes, such as opening the cabinet door below the sink.
4. For mobile homes, make sure the skirting is in place.
5. Water pipes under the trailer can be wrapped with insulation and/or heat tape.
6. Disconnect and drain swamp cooler lines.
7. Make sure openings or cracks which allow cold outside air and wind near the pipes are sealed.
8. Pay special attention to water/sewer pipes located on the north side of your property, as they will freeze really bad in shaded areas.

What to do if your water service freezes:

If you do not have water from a faucet or shower, it is probably frozen. When only one faucet in your home is without water or there is no water from the hot side, but the cold side has water or vice versa, this normally means the pipe is frozen right under the kitchen or bathroom sink. If there is water in one part of the house, but not another, the pipes supplying water are frozen someplace inside the house, under the kitchen or bathroom cabinets, in the crawl space, under the trailer, in the garage or at the water heater. Suggestions for thawing frozen lines:

1. When you determine which pipes are frozen in the house, safely apply a heat source to the suspected section of the exposed pipe; for example, use an electric hair dryer, electric heater, heating pad, light bulb or heat tape.
2. If you cannot locate the frozen pipe inside your home or are unable to thaw the pipe yourself, contact your landlord or plumber for professional assistance.
3. If your pipes freeze, it is important to thaw them as soon as possible.
4. When your pipes thaw, there may be burst pipes that need to be repaired. Repair the broken pipes as soon as possible and turn the water back on to prevent additional freezing.

5. Property owners are responsible for repairs of frozen pipes immediately after the water meter up through the entire home or building.
6. If you cannot locate or thaw the freeze inside your home, you should call a plumber.

TO AVOID FROZEN PIPES, LEAVE A FAUCET DRIPPING WHEN YOU KNOW THE WEATHER IS GOING TO FREEZE.

PLANNING & ZONING

Loretta K. Hatch, P & Z Officer

There have been a lot of citations mailed regarding refuse and debris. October means the return of the Bosque Farms Fall Cleanup and the dumpsters. This is a great opportunity for residents to clean up their properties and get rid of some of the items that have accumulated over the year. Please take advantage of this service and help keep Bosque Farms beautiful. Also in October is our annual Fall clean up "Toss No Mas" here in the Village. It will be held on October 26th from 9AM to 12PM. We will meet at the Village office located at 1455 West Bosque Loop. This is a very important event that helps not only keep the Village Beautiful, but helps us to receive funding for beautification projects. Your time would be greatly appreciated.

Ordinances concerning refuse and debris can be found on our website at www.bosquefarmsonm.gov under Ord. 7-3 Property Maintenance Ordinance.



REMINDERS:

All building improvements, metal fences, and any building development must start with a Development Review/Floodplain Permit Application. If in doubt about any type of buildings, structure or fence on your property - please contact the Planning & Zoning Department to avoid being in violation of the Village Municipal Code.

Once a Development Review/Floodplain Permit Application is approved from the Planning & Zoning Dept., all building permits will be issued from Construction Industries Div. (CID). <http://www.rid.state.nm.us/cid/> can help with all your questions and concerns regarding your construction.

All residential properties must have no less than 60% of the land open space. This means that you may not store vehicles, equipment, etc. that would violate this section of the Municipal Code.

USER INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE ENVIRONMENT ONE GRINDER PUMP

Cliff Hibdon, Utilities Director

With proper care and by following a few guidelines, the grinder pump will give you years of dependable service.

Care and Use of the Grinder Pump

The Environment One grinder pump is capable of accepting and pumping a wide range of materials. Regulatory agencies advise that the following items should not be introduced into any sewer, either directly or through a kitchen waste disposal unit:

Glass	Diapers, socks, rags or cloth
Metal	Plastic objects (toys, utensils, etc.)
Seafood shells	Sanitary napkins or tampons
Goldfish stone	Kitty litter

In addition, you must **never** introduce into any sewer:

Explosives	Strong chemicals
Flammable material	Gasoline
Lubricating oil and/or grease	

Periods of Disuse

If your home or building is left unoccupied for longer than a couple of weeks, perform the following procedure:

Purge the System. Run clean water into the unit until the pump activates. Immediately turn off the water and allow the grinder pump to run until it shuts off automatically.

Duplex Units. Special attention must be taken to ensure that both pumps turn on when clean water is added to the tank.

Caution: Do not disconnect power to the unit.

Power Failure

Your grinder pump cannot dispose of wastewater without electrical power. If electrical power service is interrupted, keep water usage to a minimum.

LIBRARY CORNER

Amanda Carasco-Vigil, Librarian

Autumn is in the air! Come visit the Bosque Farms Public Library and Fall into a Book! We currently have new Adult Fiction, Non-Fiction, Audios, Videos, Children's and Junior Books! We are excited for the Season. Come and See our new Landscape and Sign!

Summer Reading Update:

The "Dig Into Reading" theme of our Summer Program was a great hit! We had 150 registered readers and 25 registered readers and crafters. We had elementary school age children participate in our crafts, to go with our theme we started out with our Caterpillars made out of egg cartons, butterflies made out of pompoms and for the 4th of July we

had our Independence March through the Village to the tune of "Yankie Doodle".

We had the Fire Department and Police Department do safety presentations, entertainers participated and The Exotics of the Rain Forest. "Teen and Tween" Week put their creative minds to work creating Fairy and Hobbit houses with all natural materials.

Awards for the reading program were given by the Masons of Belen Lodge #56 donating 7 bikes and helmets and 2 tricycles donated by the "Friends of the Library". The winners of the 2 Tricycles for the Summer Reading Program were:

Age 3-5 Lexi Smouse and Allison Zamora with runners up **Penelope Chavez, Noah Harrison, Miranda Cochran, Jude Venable** winning prizes. **Marlea Klobuchar** won a bear and crazy glasses for reading the most books in this age group.

Age 6-10 bikes won by **Mia Zamora, Taiba Qassem** and **Manuel Chavira.**

Age 11-15 bikes won by **Angelina Rey, Aydin Smouse** and **Kaysin Robison.**

Teen bike awarded to **Debbie Owen** who read the Most Books in the teen group. She read 60 books.

The Fairy/Hobbit House winner was **Angelica Sifuentes** winning a \$20 Hobby Lobby gift card. Runners up were **Fiona Joyce, Makayla Gates, Hannah Valencia** and **Tabitha Smiel** all winners of a \$10 Hobby Lobby gift card..

Also, to wrap up the summer, we had a Back to School day with Zoo to You who brought several animals and information about them and the Albuquerque Zoo. We gave away 50 backpacks with a few supplies packed inside them.

Upcoming Events:

We are currently taking registration for Story Hour and Crafts for 2yrs-preschool age. Our Story Hour will run from September 18, 2013 - November 20, 2013 for the Fall Session. Space is limited so come and register today!

Movie Night! The movie will be themed and will be a great night to spend with family and friends. Look for details posted at the library.

A BIG THANK YOU to my Library Staff, Wyn Sanchez and Marianne Lynch for their hard work in helping put the Summer Reading Program 2013 into full gear. This was their first year working on crafts and with their creativity, the children had a great time. Also thank you to my volunteers, Maggi Geddes and Linda Lamont who are greatly appreciated. Furthermore, thanks to Gayle Jones for participating in our Bike drawings and Fairy/Hobbit House Judging.

I have taken reigns at the Bosque Farms Public Library for a year now and have enjoyed getting to know the staff and all our patrons. I truly have the best job! Thank you, Bosque Farms, for supporting your local library. I welcome everyone to come and enjoy the wonderful and friendly atmosphere. We are now open on Fridays 10AM - 2PM. I look forward to seeing you at the Heart of the Community!

ANIMAL CONTROL

Joe Mestas, Animal Control Officer

CRUELTY OR PHYSICAL ABUSE OF ANIMALS

Ordinance 8-2-12 - It is unlawful for any person to act cruelly toward an animal. Cruelty to animals may be defined as, but not limited to:

- A) Torturing, tormenting, depriving of necessary substance, cruelly beating, mutilating, cruelly killing or over-driving any animal or to keep any animal under unsanitary or unhealthy conditions.
- B) Cruelly driving or working any animal when such animal is unfit for labor.

Reasonable force employed to drive off trespassing animals shall not be considered as cruelty to animals.

Ordinance 8-2-13 - WILD ANIMALS PROHIBITED

No person shall keep any animal which is defined as wild, except those animals kept in zoological park, veterinary hospital, animal shelter, public laboratory, circus, amusement show, educational facility, scientific facility, commercial fur-bearing animal enterprise or in the control of humane society.

COMMUNITY CENTER NEWS

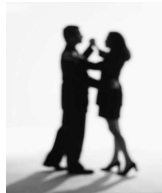
Rose Poitras, Community Center Director

Have you ever passed by the Community Center and wondered what goes on there? Now that summer is over and the winter holidays are still a ways off, it is the perfect time to find out! There's more than most of us are aware of. There is something for *everyone*.

Just for kids...there was a fun filled summer with the summer recreation program and Girl Scouts and 4-H meetings.

Many activities are family friendly:

Local and guest bands and other performers provide an assortment of listening and dancing opportunities throughout the year.



All ages - kids, parents and grandparents, are encouraged to take advantage of the dance lessons that are planned for this fall. Lessons are not only for beginners, but can be used to brush up or add more variety to your DANCE MOVES. Dancing is a great way to keep active and get to know others in the community.

The Bosque Farms Historical Forum provides knowledgeable speakers to present different topics of the history of the Village and surrounding areas. Attendees have the opportunity to ask questions and share their stories, then visit over light refreshments.

The Halloween Cake Walk on October 31st from 7-8 PM is a favorite! Ghosts, goblins, monsters and fairies buy 25 cent tickets for a chance to pick a cake from the table.

Shop local for handcrafted gifts this year at the Christmas Arts & Crafts Fair on November 16th from 9AM-4PM and November 17th from 10AM-3PM. Artists and crafters will fill the building with beautiful and unique items perfect for anyone on your shopping list.



The Community Christmas Party, on December 14th from 2-5 PM, is the perfect time for family and friends to gather and take some time to really enjoy the season. The VC Community Band and a Young at Heart quartet will be performing holiday favorites, with plenty of time to visit over the traditional holiday treats that everyone brings.

For those 60 and older:

The Bosque Farms Community Center is a Valencia County Older American Program senior meal site. Lunches are served weekdays, except for designate holidays, at 11:45 AM. Suggested donation is \$1 per meal.

A monthly calendar highlights senior outings as well as special activities and speakers.

Adults are welcome to join in many of the weekday activities that are on the calendar, including:

Bingo, bridge, line dance lessons, potlucks, quilting, rock hounding and yoga.

In comparison to some community centers, ours may be small and have its' limitations, but it has come a long way. With your help to spread the word, it could be a lot more in people's minds than just a building they pass by and wonder about.

Hope to see you soon!

BOSQUE FARMS COMMUNITY FAIR

Melanie Bennett

On behalf of the Bosque Farms Community Fair Association, we would like to thank everyone who supported the 74th Annual Fair. We appreciate those who entered exhibits, purchased ads in the Fair book, visited the Fair, and participated in other ways. We had a wonderful turnout this year and have great expectations for our 75th Anniversary Fair in 2014.

If you would like to help with the 2014 Fair, please contact Melanie Bennett at 401-9990 or email bosquefarm-fair@gmail.com. You can also visit our website bosquefarmscommunityfair.com and like us on Facebook to get our updates.

To raise funds for our big Anniversary Fair next year, we will be hosting an Arts and Crafts Fair on November 16 and 17 at Bosque Farms Elementary School. It will be from 9AM-4PM on Saturday and 10AM-3PM on Sunday. If you would like a table for the Craft Fair, you may contact Melanie Bennett (contact info above), who is organizing the Fair. Space rental is \$20 for one day or \$30 for both days. We will have many holiday gifts available, so come do your shopping with us! We will also be raffling items from each vendor. Food will be available both days.

BOSQUE FARMS POLICE DEPARTMENT

Greg Jones, Police Chief

I know most of you are accustomed to calling the Village office phone number (869-2358) to obtain services from the police department. I call your attention to the fact that this is the number to the department's Administration and Records Clerk. Use this number only to retrieve a report, 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 Regional Emergency Communications Center (DISPATCH) at **865-9130**. **To report a crime in progress or to report an emergency dial "911"**.

It was great to see everyone at the Bosque Farms Community Fair and even though it was an incredibly hot day it didn't seem to hamper anyone's fun. Thank you to all the hardworking volunteers who made sure everything ran smoothly.

School is back in session and as a result there are a lot of kiddos walking or riding their bikes and they often forget to watch for traffic. So, please remember to be watchful of them and to obey the speed limits in the school zones. In addition, there is a "No Left Turn" policy in effect at the Bosque Farms Elementary School during the times of drop off and pick up. We have experienced several motorists making "U-Turns" in the school zone to accommodate the no left turn policy. Not only are U-turns illegal across the double yellow line, they are extremely dangerous to the precious beings we are trying to protect... OUR CHILDREN. Please do not attempt a U-turn in any school zone.

Fall is almost here and the Christmas season is right around the corner, and that means it will soon be time to start our annual Christmas "Toys for Tots" Drive. Lodi's Beads and Dollar General have been gracious enough to offer their businesses as drop off locations for the toys. You may also drop off donations here at the police department and at the Village office. If you choose to make a monetary donation, please make your check payable to: "Toys for Tots". The drive runs from November 15th through December 18th. Thank you in advance for your incredible generosity.



Our statistics show that property crimes have increased from the last time you received a newsletter. It is very common that the majority of property crimes occur in the warmer months. We had several auto burglaries, with the majority of those involving unlocked vehicles. Make sure that you lock your vehicle at all times and try not to leave anything of value in your vehicle. If you do keep valuables in your car attempt to keep them out of sight. We had an increase in residential burglaries and larcenies, so we are listing a few tips to aide in the protection of your home and your property.

1. DON'T ADVERTISE YOU'RE AWAY

Use timers for lights as well as timers on radios and televisions, so that it appears someone is at home. Have someone pick up your mail and your newspapers.

2. MAKE IT HARD TO BREAK IN

Never leave doors or windows unlocked and never hide a key to your house where it can be easily found. Use solid or metal doors that are secured with good quality deadbolt locks. Deadbolt locks should have a horizontal bolt at least 1 inch long. With shorter bolts, a burglar can more easily use tools to spread the door frame and open the door.

3. DON'T MAKE IT EASY TO HIDE

Use outdoor security lighting to illuminate every access door. Use exterior lighting with motion detectors for other areas of your yard and driveway. Trim or remove shrubbery next to doors or windows. If you are going to have plants next to the house, you should use thorny plants such as cactus or roses.

4. INSTALL A HOME SECURITY ALARM SYSTEM IF POSSIBLE

5. GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS

The best home security comes from neighbors who look out for one another.

Due to a shortage of space we have provided only a small number of tips. There are several reputable websites that provide a lot of helpful information on protecting your home and your property.

Also, it is important to make a list of serial numbers for all of your electronics, tools, weapons and anything else that comes with identifying numbers. Keep your list in a safe place. In the event of a burglary or larceny, we will need those numbers, so that the stolen property can be entered into the NCIC database.

Please assist us anytime you get the chance; when you see someone behaving in a suspicious manner or hear a suspicious noise like breaking glass, please call our dispatch center (**865-9130**) immediately.

Our Community Watch Program is doing a great job of making our village safer and our VOLUNTEERS provide a tremendous service to this community. When you are leaving town and would like to be put on the Residence Watch list, stop by the Village office or police station and fill out a form.

Again, we encourage you to call our dispatch center (865-9130), when you see someone or something suspicious. 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.**

The police department's business hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.

BF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Sherilyn Urben, BF Teacher

I have the privilege of teaching music and dance to the students at Bosque Farms Elementary School. I would like to share with you the activities in which students are involved. All students are involved in a variety of singing and learning dances from around the world. Music reading skills begin with the kindergarten level. First and second grades are introduced to playing the xylophones, metallophones, glockenspiels and percussion instruments. In third grade, students begin playing the Baroque soprano recorder. Fourth graders do a unit on musical theater, and sometimes will present a presentation during the school day in the spring. Fourth and fifth graders do harmony parts both with singing and with the recorders. For the first time this year, the sixth graders will be embarking on an exploration of string instruments. Through a grant last spring, we were able to acquire enough baritone ukuleles to have students share an instrument. Since the baritone ukulele is set up like a guitar, students will be learning how to play songs and chords that can be transferred to the guitar. The 6th grade students may bring their own acoustic guitar or other string instrument (mandolin, violin, cello, bass, ukulele, Celtic harp) if they own one, to learn how to play a string instrument during our once a week music class. Parents are welcome to visit their child's class by signing in as a visitor.



BOSQUE FARMS HISTORICAL EXCHANGE FORUM

Submitted by Bob Courtney

The Forum sponsored two presentations during the month of June. On June 2nd, Dr. Maggie Espinosa McDonald's presentation was entitled, "Belen, New Mexico: The History of the Hub City", and on June 5th, John Taylor gave a presentation on, "The Los Lunas Mystery Stone". Both Maggie and John are well received local historians and authors

The guest speaker on September 15, 2013 was Don Bullis, the 1st Vice President of the Historical Society of New Mexico. Don discussed, "Law and Order in Territorial New Mexico" (1850-1912). As always, the presentation was at the Bosque Farms Community Center and was very informative.

At the April Council Meeting, Bob Courtney gave a presentation on the EVCCP aimed at requesting a permanent memorial for the volunteers of the EVCCP. Mayor

Knowlton approved a proclamation for a permanent memorial on May 9th. The design and development of the EVCCP memorial, with the help of Bosque Farms Elementary School's gifted children class, should take place in the September-October time frame.

On May 9th the Forum participated in the grand opening of the new addition to the Bosque Farms Library with an exhibit focusing on the Eastern Valencia County Citizens Patrol (EVCCP), and a poster on the first Bosque Farms News Letter. Bob Courtney also gave a very brief overview of the EVCCP, and videotaped Amanda Vigil's presentation.

Thanks to Mary Chamberlain, Lawrence Herron (Roy, N.M.), Rick Weatherbee, Tim, Todd and Rick Baughman, Sheriff Louis Burkhard, Virgil Proctor, John Yeager, and Doug Meister (Indianapolis, Ind.), we have been able to reconstruct the EVCCP uniform on two separate mannequins. Once adequate security is installed, one of the mannequins will be put on display at the Bosque Farms Library. The other mannequin will be used as a "traveling" display and be an alternate for the library.

The Forum was pleased to participate in the Bosque Farms Elementary School's open-house on September 12, 2013. Suzanne Sais's gifted children's class had primary responsibility for the EVCCP display, with help from Bosque Farms Police Chief Greg Jones and Valencia county Sheriff Louis Burkhard. Margaret Kennedy, and Mary and Bob Courtney were available for additional back-up.

The first reunion of the Eastern Valencia County Citizens Patrol took place at the home of Bob and Mary Courtney on July 13, 2013, which was covered by the Valencia County News Bulletin.

The article came out in the August 8, 2013 News Bulletin. The reunion was attended by former members of the EVCCP, Chief Jones, Sheriff Burkhard and New Mexico State Police representative Phillip Vargas. We are already planning next year's reunion.



The Forum was also present at the Bosque Farms Fair from August 2nd - 4th. The display included the EVCCP (with mannequin), early maps of Bosque Farms, the 1940 census, digital photographic display, the first Bosque Farms News Letter, and a poster depicting the building of Cowboy Hall. The Forum's newest project is the preservation of 50 years of Bosque Farms Rodeo Association history.

A TIP FROM PLANNING & ZONING

If you are unsure 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. Go to www.earth911.com.

POST OFFICE NEWS

Mickie Silva, Postmaster

The staff at the Peralta Post Office would, again, like to thank you for your continued support and use of the United States Postal Service. With the availability of the internet, and the readiness of our competitors to ship your packages, we sincerely appreciate your business!

It appears that the idea of a 5 day work week has been tabled for the meantime, pending further analysis. The restructuring and organization of the US Postal Service is changing constantly from the business that we've known. We will continue to keep you, our customer, at the forefront of any changes that come about here in Bosque Farms.

We would like to ask your assistance in keeping the approaches to your mailboxes free from trash cans, vehicles or any other objects that may not allow your carrier to deliver your mail safely and efficiently with out having to exit the vehicle. Your cooperation in this matter is sincerely appreciated.



If we can answer any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us.

HOLIDAYS FOR BF OFFICES

We will be closed for the following holidays:

Veteran's Day	Monday, Nov. 11, 2013
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, Nov. 28, 2013
Day after Thank. Day	Friday, Nov. 29, 2013
Christmas Eve (1/2 Day)	Tuesday, Dec. 24, 2013
Christmas Day	Wednesday, Dec. 25,
New Year's Eve (1/2 Day)	Tuesday, Dec 31, 2013

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.

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.



VILLAGE OF BOSQUE FARMS INFORMATION

Village Office

Monday - Friday 8 AM to 5 PM
Telephone Number 505-869-2357

Police Department

Monday - Friday 8 AM to 4:30 PM
Telephone Number 505-869-2358

Police Dispatch Center

505-865-9130

Library

Monday - Thursday 10 AM to 5 PM
Friday and Saturday 10 AM to 2 PM
Sunday Closed
Telephone Number 505-869-2227

Court Clerk

Monday - Friday
7:30 AM - 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM - 4:30 PM
Telephone Number 505-869-9231

Web Site:

www.bosquefarmsnm.gov

Mayor

Bob Knowlton

Council Members

Wayne Ake
Bill Kennedy
Russ Walkup
Dolly Wallace

Council Meetings are held every 3rd Thursday 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.

Planning & Zoning Meetings are held on the 1st Monday of each month.

Community Center

Telephone Number 505-869-5133