



SUMMER 2023 NEWSLETTER

A Note from the NEW Clerk

Vernon Abeita, Clerk

Greetings everyone! I would like to introduce myself, my name is Vernon B. Abeita, and I'm the new Clerk/Administrator for the Village of Bosque Farms. Some of you may remember me as the Bosque Farms EMS Director and some may recall me as the former Governor for the Pueblo of Isleta. I'm pleased and happy to be back serving the Village of Bosque Farms community. My door is always open and I'm here to help in any way I can. I appreciate Mayor Walkup for appointing me and the Village Councilors approving the appointment. I will do my absolute best for the Village of Bosque Farms.

Upon my return, I hit the ground running working on the FY 2023-2024 budget and preparing for local elections. The Village Council has opted to use Valencia County for the election process. There will still be early voting and the ability to vote here in the Village. There are some changes to the process and one of those changes is registering for candidacy of Mayor, Councilor, or Judge. Anyone interested in being a candidate for those positions **must file at Valencia County Clerk's Office on August 29th, 2023**. The elected office positions for the Village of Bosque Farms are: One mayor, two Councilor seats and one Judge. Below is a list of important dates for the upcoming election.

- **August 29, 2023, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** (one day only) **Candidate Filing Date.**
- **September 5, 2023, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** (one day only) **Write-in Candidate Filing Date.**
- **October 15, 2023, to November 3, 2023, Early Voting.**
- **November 7, 2023, Regular Local Election Date.**
- **January 1, 2024, Term of Office begins for newly elected candidates.**

Please be diligent to the dates and where to file for candidacy.

As of this newsletter we will be in our new fiscal year budget. As always, we ask to support local businesses because it benefits the entire village. As I mentioned before, my door is always open, and I look forward to serving the Village of Bosque Farms. Everyone, have a safe and wonderful summer.

Water Department

Mary Langley, Assistant Clerk/Utility Billing

Greetings residents! I hope everyone is staying safe and well hydrated during this summer heat!

A few things to remind residents of: annual utility rate increases went into effect in July. You will see the increase on your monthly bill beginning in Aug., when we bill for your July consumption. The Village is no longer giving pool fill-up adjustments on accounts. We apologize for any inconvenience to the residents. We have had an increase in damaged water meters due to residents and plumbers attempting to turn water off/on. I want to remind everyone that this is not only unsafe for residents, but it is also against Ordinance (9-2-18) for anyone not employed with the Village to tamper with water meters. We recommend residents install a property shut off valve for their convenience to turn the water on and off and avoid any fees associated with having the Water Department come out to turn water off/on.

The 2022 Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) is now available for residents to view and is posted to our website at www.bosquefarmsnm.gov.

Village of Bosque Farms Holiday Schedule	
New Year's Day.....	01/02/2023
President's Day.....	02/20/2023
Good Friday.....	04/07/2023
Memorial Day.....	05/29/2023
Independence Day.....	07/04/2023
Labor Day.....	09/04/2023
Veteran's Day.....	11/10/2023
Thanksgiving.....	11/11/2023
Day After Thanksgiving.....	11/24/2023
Christmas Day.....	12/25/2023

Office Hours

Village Office (505) 869-2359
Monday - Friday 8am to 5pm

Police Department (505) 869-2358
Monday - Friday 8:00am-4:30pm

Police Dispatch Center (505) 865-9130

Library (505) 869-2227

Monday - Friday 10:00am - 4:30pm
Saturday/Sunday CLOSED

Court Clerk Office (505) 869-9231

Monday - Friday 7:30am - 11:30am, 12:30pm-4:30pm
Court is held Tuesday & Thursday at 9:00am

Community Center (505) 869-5133

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Bosque Farms Police Department

Andrew Owen, Chief

Please take note when contacting the police department, the Village office phone number (869-2358) should only be utilized to obtain administrative type services. This is the number to the department’s Administration and Records Clerk. Only use this number to retrieve a report, speak with a supervisor or leave a message for a specific officer. The police department’s business hours are Monday through Friday, 7:30 am to 4:30 pm.

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”.** Please remember: When you see someone behaving in a suspicious manner or hear a suspicious noise like breaking glass, please call our dispatch center immediately. Your assistance in helping curb crime in Bosque Farms is vital to our community! Remember your eyes and ears are one of our best resources.

School will start just around the corner, August 1st. Children will be walking and riding their bikes to school, keep an eye out for them when at intersections. **Please** educate your children on proper safety when riding bikes.

The year 2022 was a very busy year for BFPD. Officers issued 3,303 traffic and misdemeanor citations, wrote 733 reports, investigated 122 traffic crashes, made 310 arrests all while answering 5,908 calls for service.

Dukan (our K-9) has been retired and is living the good life on the couch of Cpl Killough. Dobby (New K-9) has been putting in the hard work and has become nationally certified as a narcotic detection and patrol K-9. He along with his handler (Brad Killough), average 30 hours of training a month. He trains on tracking, apprehension and narcotic detection.

We want everyone to come out to the Bosque Farms Fair and meet our officers. We have also invited Safer New Mexico to set up a booth for traffic safety, seat belt information and car seat inspections.

Vitalant will have the Blood Mobile out for your donation. New Mexico is in dire need of more blood donations.

Our Toys for Tots campaign will Kick off in November with giving boxes set up at Dollar General, Caliente Designs and the Village office. If you do not want to give a new toy, you can always stop in the Police Department

and donate money. The toys and money donated will benefit children from Bosque Farms Elementary, Peralta Elementary School as well as the Valencia County Shelter Services. Our small Village is filled with residents that have huge hearts!

Our Community Watch Program is doing a great job of making our Village safer. Our Volunteers provide a tremendous service to this community. They donated 222 hours of their time in 2020, making a huge difference in our village. THANK YOU SO MUCH!!!!!! When you see our Community Watch vehicle out & about, please wave and smile at our volunteers. 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.

Your Police Department has grown over the last year. We now have 15 sworn police officers, 1 full time and 1 part time civilian. We have all new patrol cars, new computer systems and other new technologies that have been obtained through state funding.

We thank you for your continued support and look forward to seeing you at the Fair and around the streets this summer.

EMS

Chief J. Thomas

The EMS division is now under EMS Chief J. Thomas who took over from former Chief J. Fiedler. Chief Thomas comes to the Chief's position with over 9 years’ experience in the EMS field.

Update on what’s happening in the EMS Dept. Our new rescue is running well and assisting in providing high quality care to the residents of Bosque Farms and Peralta. Two of our volunteer EMS providers have been accepted into UNM's Paramedic program. Two of our EMS providers obtained higher medical licensures, going from EMT Basics to EMT Intermediates.

The BF EMS Dept. is always welcoming new volunteers. It is a very rewarding way to give back to the community. If anyone is interested in learning more about the department and what we have to offer, come into the Village Office and fill out an application.

As the days grow longer and hotter, please remember to drink plenty of water and watch the roads for people out enjoying the warmer days. Have a safe summer!

Mayor:

Russell Walkup

Council Members:

Ronita Wood

Michael Cheromiah

Bryan Burks

Tim Baughman

Council Meetings:

Held every 3rd Thursday of each month.

Planning & Zoning Meetings:

Held on the 1st Monday of each month.

Village websites:

<https://bosquefarmsnm.gov/>

<https://bosquefarmsnm.gov/government/codes-and-ordinances/>

<https://bosquefarmsnm.gov/wp-content/uploads/complaint-form.pdf>

****Due to COVID, our meetings have limited space. Please visit our Facebook page to watch live.**

Water Leak Reports

If you feel like that your consumption is high or you suspect a leak, don’t hesitate to call. We can download a report from your radio read water meter that will give us leak information, which will show an intermittent leak or a continuous leak, or no leak at all.

Disconnect/Reconnect Fees

If we are called out to shut off water service due to leaks and repairs, a **\$15.00 disconnect fee** to shut off the water will be billed to your water account. In addition, a **\$15.00 reconnect fee** will be billed when the water is turned back on.

Reminder: The base rate for water increase is 2%and the base rate for sewer increase is 3% on July 1 of every year.

Growers Market

George Torres, Market Manager

Congratulations Growers Market customers.

We opened the 2023 market season on the 15th of April. Our seasoned vendors brought with them the best of the cold crop items such as asparagus and lettuce, radishes and more. There was also a great variety of food plants *starts* from our USDA inspected farmers so you can get a head start to grow your own food plant in your own home space.

Now that our season is moving into early summer we are now offering much more produce from local farmer’s gardens so you have a greater variety of fresh healthy veggies.

If this letter makes it into the Albuquerque area residents we wish to thank them for shopping here at our market too. Even those from as far away as Jemez shop here because they too recognize great quality produce and crafts that we have here at this farmers market.

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Community Center

Rose Poitras, Director

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Good day!

Here's an update of activities available in Bosque Farms for those living in the area along with any willing to make the trek.

The summer recreation program, which had previously been held in the back yard of the community center, has been discontinued. The Bosque Farms Library, however, has a special calendar of summer activities that will be available on Monday, June 5th. Youth and adult activities alike are scheduled through July 21st.

The Summer Arts & Crafts Fair is only two months away. A group willing to take over both the summer and Christmas arts and crafts fairs on an ongoing basis, either for fundraising or as a community service project, is still desired. If a single group does not want to take that kind of responsibility, group sponsorship of individual fairs will be considered. If *this* doesn't happen, individual volunteers willing to help in any of the following areas would be very much appreciated: advertising, set up, breakdown, and/or cleaning.

Questions are always welcome, as well as discussions regarding the possibility of volunteering to spearhead new activities, or just helping where help is needed.

Thank you for your continued support! Have a great summer!

Letter from the Library

Toni-Lynn Hart, Director

New Magazines are now available at the Library: Cowboys and Indians, Mother Earth, Smithsonian, Consumer Reports, New Mexico Magazine, and Reader's Digest

Magazines for Children; Ranger Rick and Ranger Rick Jr.

All magazines, adults and children, Previous editions can be checked out

The current issue cannot be checked out.

Newspapers Albuquerque Journal and Valencia News Bulletin are available at the Library. Enjoy them in the study room or while sitting at our puzzle table.

Puzzles are available every day, come in and enjoy helping to build a puzzle

Ongoing Programs.

Preschool Story Time Wednesday Mornings 10:30am until 11:30am

Dance classes; Tap, Jazz and Ballet classes for Preschool thru Adults

Handicrafts; Knitting; Crochet, Needle point etc. Whatever your handicraft may be Monday 10:00am until 12:00pm

Painting Sessions Alternating Tuesdays 1:00-3:00pm Adults

Adult Storytime; Fridays 1:00pm-3:00pm

Adult Book Club; Monthly call for dates

Are you interested in Genealogy? We have the Library Edition of Ancestry on all of our Public computers. Worldwide newspapers, and Fold Three are also available for free public use. Fold three contains Military records. Genealogy help is available daily.

Museum passes, Free museum passes that admit 6 people to some New Mexico Museums and Monuments for free. The pass is checked out the same as other Library materials.

Electronic books are available through Libby. Instructions are available at the Library

Wi-Fi is available. Visit or call the Library for your log-in information.

Legos and Games are available daily

NOTICE! Watch for these upcoming events

A basic Genealogy class will be presented in August.

Reading Challenge: In September, we will challenge you to read books in different ways. E-Book, Print Book, Braille, Audio Book etc. You will receive a prize for your efforts. All ages can participate.

Talent Show, what is your talent? Come join us for the event Call or visit the Library to sign up. Sign up is now open. All ages come join in the fun.

Everything is free at the Library except printing from public computers

Call the Library before July 21st for Fantastic Summer Programs

For more information call 505-869-2227

WE WANT TO SEE YOU AT THE LIBRARY SOON!

P&Z / Code Enforcement

Mike Montoya, P&Z Administrator
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Commission Information:

The Planning and Zoning Commission meets every first Monday of the month at 6:30 pm in the Council Chambers. I would like to encourage all Village residents to take part in these meetings. This is where ordinances are developed, subdivisions, variances, conditional use permits, and much more are considered. These discussions have a large impact on your community. So please be informed and be involved, this is your community.

I want to remind everyone that most development in the Village requires a permit. "Development" doesn't just refer to new homes being built. Development can include sheds, carports, some fencing materials, roof repairs, and more. The permitting also gives you important information regarding the placement of development such as setbacks from property lines.

Bosque Farms is in the Flood Plain and it is important to record impermeable surfaces in the floodplain, so some things may not be as apparent to permit such as pouring concrete for walkways and patios or placing pavers, even some fence choices may have an impact on flooding.

We have three new Commissioners that have been appointed to your Planning and Zoning Commission. Michael Baber, Chris Gillespie & Kevin Schaus.

Community report:

We are in that weed time of year, a time that none of us like. 7-3-4 (A) Owner/occupant responsibility: (1) The person in charge of the real property is required and responsible to take the appropriate action for the control of weeds in conformance with this section: (a) on the real property owned or occupied by them; (b) In the alley and/or public utility easement abutting such real property to it center line; and (c) In the area between such real property and the edge of any abutting street. (2) Each such person in charge of property shall destroy, cut, control, and remove such weed as often as the growth and condition of such weeds may require in order to maintain a maximum height of 12' inches. Last year, 264 citations were issued for weeds, this takes time and money from the community especially when it goes to court. Currently as of June 2023, 142

citations have been issued with only 4 going to court, and 12 being fined \$50+.

The Village of Bosque Farms has 334 active business license registrations, anyone prior to engaging in any business activity must be licensed with the village. 52 of those licenses did not renew their license on March 16, 2022 as required by 5-1-4 and will be deactivated.

The Village of Bosque Farms issued 45 building permits in 2023. These permits include fencing, new homes, concrete pads, sheds/garages, etc. 4 permits have been denied for not having a registered license or plans not being in compliance with the VoBF Ordinances.

I've had many questions about the large piece of land that is being developed on Bosque Farms Blvd. I invite anyone who wants to see plans for that area or any other development to come to the office.

If you have any questions about Ordinances/ Planning and Zoning/Code Enforcement or your properties, please give me a call.

As always, have a wonderful day.

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Bosque Farms Community Fair

Shari Grandell, Committee President

You're ALL invited to the 84th Annual Bosque Farms Fair on August 4th & 5th. It's been said Bosque Farms has the longest running (continuous) community fair in the country!!!

Beginning on Friday at 3:30 pm come by Cowboy Hall and enjoy the Ice Cream Social. How can you beat free ice cream???

This year's theme, Go TOAD Wild at the Bosque Farms Fair, is based on our unique tradition of Toad Races. Registration for the Toad Races is scheduled for Friday from 4:00 - 6:00 pm with the event starting at 6:30 pm. There are several categories based on age and of course one of the all-time favorites, the business category. If your toad wins your specific category, you are automatically entered into the "Great Hop-off" for the 84th Annual Grand Champion Toad so make sure you stick around until the end! Cost is \$1 per toad BUT higher donations would be greatly appreciated!

Bring your appetite!!! At 5:00 pm the Bosque Farms Volunteer Fire Department will be having their annual Hot Dog Fundraiser. Enjoy a hotdog, soda, and chips for \$5 OR feel free to donate a higher amount. All monies go towards equipment, services, and training. Our firefighters need your support!

After the Toad Races, stay and participate and/or watch Universal Waste Systems' First Annual Battle of the Bales. Held in the arena, teams of 3 individuals will carry bales of hay for stacking. There will be age categories that will designate the number of bales carried. All participants must sign (or a parent or guardian if under 18) a liability waiver form.

Saturday morning at 8:30 am the parade begins with George Hobbes as the 2023 Grand Marshal! After the parade, please join us at the fairgrounds (Bosque Farms Rodeo Arena & Cowboy Hall) for vendors, kids' games, Women's Rolling Pin Throw, a presentation from Hawk's Aloft, horseshoes, chile contest, pet parade, and our all-important, AUCTION! Money from this year's auction will be used to put on next year's fair so please be as generous as you can! Also, don't forget to stop by the Bosque Farms Car Show at the sports complex from 8:00 am - 2:00 pm.

We appreciate all of our businesses and advertisers who help us put on the fair. Make sure you pick up a fair book and patronize all of our local businesses!

Utilities Department

David Chavez, Utilities Director

Summer is here, and the plants will be growing. Please keep in mind, it makes it easier for your utility workers when weeds, and debris are maintained around your grinder pump stations, electric boxes, and water meters. It also makes the job go faster so your back in service sooner.

If your light or buzzer ever goes off on your grinder pump, please call right away. During business hours, call the office, 869-2358. After hours or holidays, call dispatch, 865-9130. We are on call 24-hours a day and there are no reset buttons for you to push for the grinder pump. A little reminder you can stop the buzzer if you push the button on the lower left side of the control box, the light will remain lit.

The Village of Bosque Farms Water department takes pride in providing clean, safe and affordable water. It is important to check for leaks regularly around your property and inside your home. A small leak over a billing cycle can add up quickly. A little tip, check those running toilets and swamp coolers. Please call if you notice that your bill has increased, and you have not used any more water than usual. Your utility operators will gladly help investigate or determine if you have a leak.

We have completed the Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) for 2022, if you would like to check out how your water is doing, we have it on the web site www.bosqueframs.gov/wter.

A reminder to avoid any damages to equipment, the only people that should access water meters, control boxes and grinder pump stations are water and sewer department employees. We don't want to have to fine or bill anyone for damages, water loss and man hours to fix damaged equipment.

Please don't run over or park on the water meters or sewer pads. This can damage both meter cans and sewer pads as well as the underground pipes.

Rehab of the UV system at the water treatment plant is almost completed.

We have also started to spray for mosquitoes, you will see us out after sunset and before sunrise.

We would like to welcome Edward Romero to the Village of Bosque Farms family, he has joined our team of utility operators.