

Village of Los Lunas



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Similar to What State Passed

SMOKE FREE ORDINANCE ADOPTED

The Village of Los Lunas has joined the State of New Mexico in promoting clear air as the council passed the village's Clean Indoor Air ordinance which provides for smoke free areas in the community.

The ordinance is similar to the legislation which went to effect statewide earlier this year after being passed by the New Mexico State Legislature.

The purpose of the ordinance "is to protect the public health and safety by prohibiting smoking in indoor public places and indoor workplaces."

The ordinance states "it is unlawful for a person to smoke in any indoor workplace or indoor public place or in buses, taxicabs or other means of public transit not specifically exempt pursuant" to the ordinance.

Exemptions include a private residence (except while being used to provide child care, adult care or health care); retail tobacco shop; state-licensed gaming facility, casino or bingo parlor; designated outdoor smoking areas; private clubs; hotel and motel rooms designated as smoking-permitted rooms; and businesses of a sole proprietor or a business with fewer than two employees not commonly accessible to the public.

There are other exemptions to the ordinance.

Smoking is also prohibited near entrances, windows

and ventilation systems of all workplaces and public places where smoking is banned.

Enforcement of the ordinance shall be by citation from the Fire Department and Police Department as well as Code Enforcement Officers.

A person eighteen years of age or older who violates a provision of the ordinance is subject to:

- A fine not to exceed \$100 for the first violation;
- A fine not to exceed \$200 for the second violation within any consecutive twelve-month period of the first violation; and
- A fine not to exceed \$500 for the third and each subsequent violation within any consecutive twelve-month period of a previous violation.



COUNCIL OKAYS FINAL BUDGET

The Village Council has approved the final budget for Fiscal Year 2007-2008.

Estimated revenues are \$51.2 million while expenditures are expected to total \$52.9 million. The village may receive money for projects in one year and not complete the projects until the next year which can mean expenses are more than revenues.

Capital outlay projects for 2007-2008 include:

- Under the Administration Department, the construction of the Transportation Building and renovations to the Archuleta and Administration Building.
- The Police Department will have new police units and wi-fi connectivity for police cars.
- Street improvements will be made on Trujillo Road, to intersections on Main Street and in Los Morros Business Park. Los Lunas will spearhead an interchange study.
- Park improvements will total more than one million dollars.
- The Fire Department will have a new mini pumper and the substation will be renovated.
- The Central Dispatch headquarters for Valencia County located in the village Administration Building will be renovated with \$600,000.



Stay Alive on Friday and Saturday Nights

There's a new program on Friday and Saturday nights. Live and Let Live + Arrive Alive costs \$2.50 one way and \$5 round trip and operates from 7 pm to 2 am. It offers rides to people who want to go out and drink on those nights and want to return home safely. Call 363-9914 for help. The program uses the village's vans one of which is shown during a Fourth of July parade. And if you are going to drink then drink responsibly.

Summer Youth Program Cleans Up LL

Did you notice how nice Main Street looked this summer after the Summer Youth Program teenagers worked on cleaning up the area? Hopefully you did notice.

The Summer Youth Beautification Program got underway July 6 with orientation at the Daniel Fernandez Youth Center. Students were divided into two groups with one group working July 9-20 and the other July 23-August 3. Two college aides supervised the students.

Everyone has a responsibility to place trash in its place, points out Marie Marquez who oversees the summer youth program. She encourages people to have sympathy for kids who are out in the hot sun picking up the trash thrown out the window everyday.

The students worked primarily on Main Street beginning at Valencia Road on the east side of the village all the way to Los Morros Industrial Park on the west side. They also cleaned Lujan Road, Juan Perea Road, Los Lentes South.

The first group spent most of the two weeks picking up trash only to look back and see all the areas



Some of the 2007 summer youth workers pose with their work -- bags of trash.

Attend A Council Meeting!

The Los Lunas Village Council meets twice a month in the council chambers in the Administration Building on the corner of Don Pasqual and Main Street.

Remaining meeting dates for 2007 are:

August 23 September 6 & 20 October 4 & 18
November 1 & 29 December 6 & 20

Meetings begin at 6 p.m. Once in a while meetings are rescheduled so check with village officials at 839-3840 to be sure a meeting has not been changed.

The agenda will be available at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the scheduled meeting from the bulletin board in the lobby of the Administration Building, at 660 Main Street NW, Los Lunas, NM; the Los Lunas Library located at 460 Main Street NE; and posted on the village website (address: www.loslunasnm.gov).

full of trash again.

If you see someone throwing trash you can call the Toss-No-Mas hotline at 1-800-867-7666 to report any violators you may witness.

The second group spent most of the two weeks cutting, raking and bagging weeds.

The first group finished up on the last day with washing and cleaning up the vans to leave them ready for the second group. The first group was then treated to hamburger, fries, Cokes and ice cream sundaes. Group Two also enjoyed a meal when they completed their work.

All students were asked to write a short paragraph about what they learned from the program. Marquez said the focus of the Summer Youth employment is to, not only clean up the Community we live in, but teach responsibility, punctuality, respect and a little bit of what the working world is all about, and what it takes to earn your own money. It also helps the kids financially to buy school clothes.

Marquez said she enjoyed working with the kids on keeping Los Lunas clean.

A Report to Our Citizens

Village Financial Planner Peter Fernandez has put together A Report to Our Citizens which is available at the Village Administration Building, Don Pasqual and Main Street and on the village website www.loslunasnm.gov.

Information in the brochure includes demographics and goals, progress of the village in fiscal year 2006-2007, village service statistics, the village's revenues and expenditures and future challenges as well as the economic outlook.

Future issues the village must tackle as pointed out in the brochure include continued economic development opportunities, building a westside fire station, and dealing with traffic congestion on Main Street.

Utilities Director Finishes Course

Village Public Utilities Director Betty Behrend completed the Leadership New Mexico School. Watch for more about this in the September newsletter

VILLAGE OFFICIALS

Louis F. Huning Mayor
Councilors

Cecilia CC Castillo Charles Griego
Gerard Saiz Robert Vialpando

Municipal Judge Jeff Aragon

Village Administrator

Phillip Jaramillo Master Municipal Clerk
Chief of Police Nick Balido

Parks and Recreation Adds/Improves Parks

The village Parks and Recreation Department continues to grow and evolve just as the village grows.

Some improvements made the last year were made possible by the implementation of the park impact fee paid by developers of new subdivisions. The Village Council approved the implementation in March 2006 so the 2006-2007 fiscal year was the first year in which fees were collected with about \$600,000 taken in.

Implementing the park impact fee was a way for developers to help meet the demands placed upon public facilities by development.

The Village will have 15 parks with the addition of two new parks.

The North Los Lentes Road Park, near Trujillo Road, is Number 14. This five-acre property, now in development, will have two playgrounds, two tennis courts, two basketball courts, grass, and a trail.

The 15th park will be on 12 acres in Huning Ranch on the southwest side of the village below El Cerro de Los Lunas. This park is in the development stage.

Village parks include Community Parks which are the bigger parks and are Daniel Fernandez, Heritage and Los Cerritos Parks. The remaining facilities are called Neighborhood Parks and include Artistic, Chester Skinner, and Main Street.

During the past year new playground equipment was installed in Main Street and Artistic Parks while the equipment was refurbished at Daniel Fernandez.

Shade structures were placed at Heritage, Daniel Fernandez, Los Cerritos and River Parks as well as at the Enchantment Little League facility.

Currently under development is the Sports Complex at Morris Road and Highway 314. This already has the BMX track, soccer fields and baseball fields. It was the site of June's Summerfest, sponsored by the village and Valencia County Chamber of Commerce.

A paintball facility is being constructed at the Sports Complex giving paintballers a designated place to participate in that activity.

A park with a lot of recent construction is Main Street Park located across from the Village Administration Building. Being built on the east side is what Parks and Recreation Director Michael Jaramillo believes is the first memorial "that we know of to the public servant."

The memorial will commemorate those people who committed themselves to doing good work for the village in their lives and who have passed away. This can include employees, village councilors, planning and zoning members, and fire department volunteers.

Specific details are still being worked out regarding this new memorial but it will include a fountain and three flags -- New Mexico, United States and Los Lunas.

A playground as well as picnic benches and tables has been added to the Main Street Park where parking has been improved so it is more accessible.

Parks and Recreation Director Michael Jaramillo encourages people to do things to help improve the village parks. For instance there is a tree dedication



Kids play during Summerfest 2007 with adult supervision. New playgrounds have been installed in several village parks.

program. Trees have been planted in various parks in memory of people with the trees flourishing.

MOSQUITO/GRAFFITI HOT LINES

If you need to fight mosquitos or deal with getting graffiti covered call these numbers —

Mosquitos -- 975-8192

Graffiti — 975-7618

These numbers will get you to the people who deal with graffiti and mosquito control in Los Lunas.

LL Administrator Honored

Village Administrator Phillip Jaramillo has been placed on the New Mexico Municipal Clerk's Honor Roll 2007 after being nominated for the honor by Public Utilities Director Betty Behrend.

In her letter Behrend pointed that Jaramillo:

- helped Los Lunas grow from a small village of 3,000 population to a rapidly growing 13,700.

- helped develop a 40-year water plan.
- helped develop comprehensive zoning and land use plans.
- enabled the village to grow in an organized manner.
- has been responsible for running all the village elections.



P. Jaramillo

LL PARK RANGER OVERSEES OPEN SPACE

The village of Los Lunas has a new position -- park ranger.

The position came about after the donation of 1,525 acres of land on El Cerro de Los Lunas which is to be used as open space.

Village Parks and Recreation Director Michael Jaramillo says the job will be similar to the job a national park ranger does in protecting and preserving protected park and wilderness areas, as well as other natural resources and protected cultural resources.

The Los Lunas park ranger will be in charge of the operation, maintenance and preservation of El

Cerro de Los Lunas open space as well as certain areas of the village's community parks.

Jaramillo said the park ranger will be less of a police officer and more of a care taker and guide.

"Our park ranger will need to know every nook and cranny of El Cerro," pointed out Jaramillo.

When an emergency occurs on El Cerro then the ranger will be able to tell emergency crews how best to access areas of the hill.

The park ranger will be able to perform repair work on El Cerro or fix a sign on the trails.

The ranger will be very familiar

with the rules and regulations for the village open space. This means the ranger will suggest alternatives for people who may want to enjoy a recreation prohibited by the rules and regulations.

**PAY YOUR
VILLAGE WATER
BILL ONLINE —
Go To
WWW.LOSLUNASNM.GOV
AND FOLLOW
THE DIRECTIONS**



School is Back

in Session!

**Drive Carefully
in School Zones**

Watch Out For Our Kids!

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VILLAGE OPEN SPACE RULES & REGULATIONS

These are just a few of the Village Open Space Rules and Regulations.

Rules and regulations are in place for the protection of wildlife, the natural environment and all users of open space. Rules and regulations may vary depending on the open space property. Please check all rules and regulations posted on the kiosk at the entrance, parking areas or trailheads.

- Open space is open from sunrise to sunset, unattended vehicles left after dark will be ticketed or towed at the owners cost.
- Vehicles must be parked in designated parking areas only (trailheads). Only cars with a handicap license plate, placard, or sticker may park in the handicap accessible parking spaces.
- Unauthorized motorized vehicles are not permitted beyond parking lots. This includes cars, trucks, motorcycles, minibikes, snowmobiles, four-wheel drives, or any other motorized recreational vehicle.
- Except for emergency landings, landing and taking off with any motorized aircraft is prohibited on open space property. This includes airplanes, helicopters, ultralights, gliders, sailplanes and hot air balloons
- Camping is prohibited in all parks and open space.
- Horses are permitted on open space lands, however, they must be under physical control. Equestrians are strongly encouraged to stay on designated trails. They must be on a lead and may not be tied and left unattended. All trail users must yield to equestrians.
- Do not feed, disturb, molest, or kill wildlife. Hunting and trapping are not allowed. Relocating or releasing animals onto open space properties is not allowed.
- Discharging or carrying firearms, crossbows, fireworks, explosives or projectile weapons of any kind are not permitted. This includes paintball, BB, pellet, air, and blow guns; rockets, crossbows, longbows and slingshots.
- Do not collect, remove, destroy or deface any natural or man-made object within any park or open space area including trees, down timber, branches, shrubbery, plants, flowers, fences, signs, kiosks, rest rooms, cultural resources or shelters.
- All Los Lunas Open Space Parks are alcohol and tobacco free.
- Dogs are permitted on trails. All pets must be on a leash and under the physical control of its owner or guardian at all times. Any owner/guardian accompanying a dog in an off-leash area must have the ability to restrain his or her dog. Please remember to pick up, carry out and properly dispose of all dog excrement.
- Do not install or replace rocks, plant trees or other landscaping, or construct trails or other structures in the parks.
- Glass containers and bottles are not permitted.
- Do not build ground fires or collect firewood on open space. Fires are only permitted in grills and fireplaces provided at picnic shelters and picnic areas.
- Group-use permits are required for all groups larger than 25 people. Commercial use of open space is not allowed.
- It is prohibited to deposit any object or dispose of trash, garbage or hazardous material, or clean vehicles or livestock trailers on any open space property. Leaving objects on open space lands for the purposes of geocaching is unlawful unless the person placing or searching for the cache complies with all Rules and Regulations and the person placing the cache registers it with the Department.
- Posting advertisements or brochures on open space, in the parking lot or on vehicles is not permitted.
- Other prohibited activities include: polluting land, water or air; golfing, hang gliding, paragliding, parachuting, parasailing, remote-controlled land, water or air devices, mountain skateboards, ski bikes, off-road roller blades and similar devices.
- Climbing is an inherently dangerous activity. Climbing is at your own risk. The Village of Los Lunas does not install, inspect, nor maintain fixed protection devices. Your safety is your own responsibility.