

Village of Los Lunas



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Water Meter System Overhauled; More Efficient, Easy Bill Access

The village's water meter system has undergone an overhaul which will result in giving the village's six water and sewer employees time for other duties including maintenance and customer service.

The 2006-2007 budget had \$641,000 set aside to update the nearly 4,400 meters in the village. Each is now outfitted with a radio-type device that will transmit readings directly to a computer system.

The change took several months with no price increase to village customers.

The old system was still considered fairly modern although the village began using it in the early 1990s. The old system was a "touch-read" approach requiring meter readers to point a wand at the meter for billing information.

The new system, called a fixed-base system, is more efficient. Three staff members spent three days a month reading meters with the previous system. This

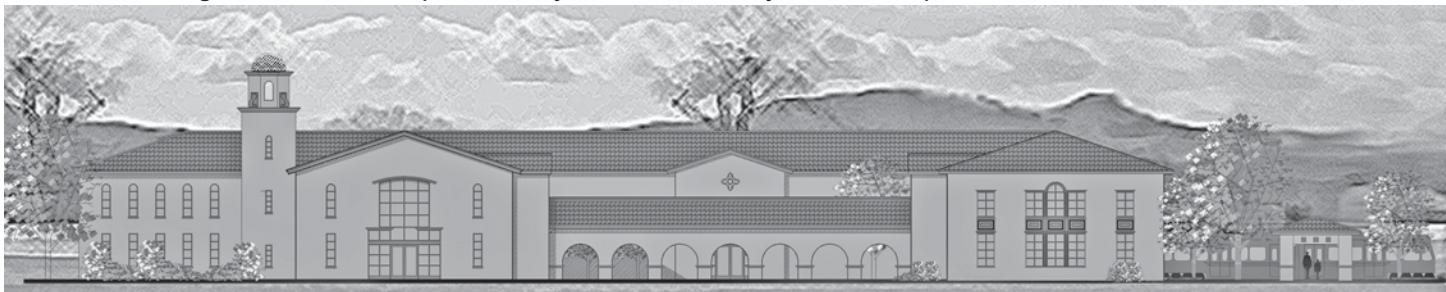
will no longer be necessary.

Greg Wortman, water and sewer department supervisor, expects employees will be able to do additional maintenance without having to read the meters.

The village is the first municipality in New Mexico to go to the new system.

With the new system in place customers will be able to set up online accounts to track their water usage. Customers without computer access will be able to call the water department to get an up-to-date reading. The radios placed inside each meter are designed to send readings several times daily.

Public Utilities Director Betty Behrend has said the new system will not result in higher water bills since the village budgeted for the improvements. The system will be installed in new housing developments by the developers, contractors or builders.



This is an artist's rendition of what the Village Intermodal Transportation Center will look like once all

phases have been constructed. Note El Cerro de Los Lunas in the background.

Work on Transportation Center Begins

Work has started on the new Intermodal Transportation Center at the intersection of Juan Perea and Courthouse Roads just off Highway 314. Longhorn Construction is the contractor after being awarded the job with the lowest bid of \$3,963,000.

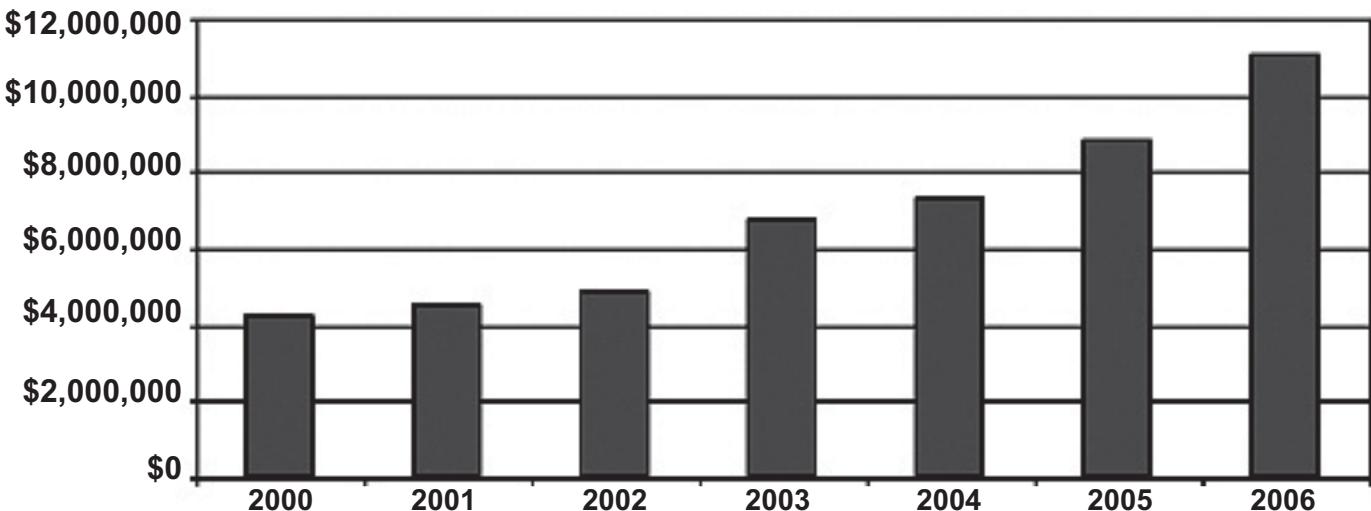
The center is located adjacent to the stop for the New Mexico Rail Runner which now runs between Belen and Highway 550 in Sandoval County.

The transportation center will house the village Technology and Transportation departments. The center will also have an auditorium which will hold about

115 people and will include a balcony. The auditorium will provide another venue for people to hold meetings and events in addition to the current council chambers.

Also in the center will be space for retail stores. Officials hope businesses which could be frequented by Rail Runner passengers and others will rent the space once the facility is built in seven to eight months.

Construction of the center will provide added security for the Rail Runner station area with more people in the area during the day. Cameras will also be placed in the area to increase security.



The Growth of Gross Receipts Tax in the Village

The graph above shows how the yearly income from Gross Receipts Tax has increased in Los Lunas over the last seven years. The growth reflects new businesses, small and large, coming into the village as well as the expansion of many businesses. Gross Receipts Taxes are an important part of the budget of New Mexico's municipalities.

February Cleanup Gets 32 Bags

The February Cleanup in the village consisted of people performing community service through the Municipal Court.

Although the weather was cold and windy, the group cleaned up Main Street between Carson Drive and Interstate 25, around Sun Ranch Village and the parking lot at the southeast side of Los Lentes and Main.

A total of 32 bags of trash was picked up.

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:

March 22 April 12 & 26
 May 10 & 24 June 7 & 21
 July 12 & 26 August 9 & 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).

Pay Your Village Water Bill Online Go To www.loslunasnm.gov and Follow the Directions

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 Councilors*

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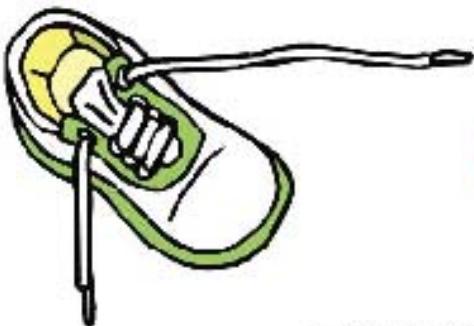
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Municipal Judge Jeff Aragon

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Chief of Police Nick Balido



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Health & Wellness Fair
Saturday, April 14, 2007
9:30 AM to 12:30 PM
Daniel Fernandez Gym

For more information contact
Debra Sanchez at 352-7624 or
Ginny Adame at 352-7723

Join the Village's
**GREAT
AMERICAN
CLEANUP DAY**

Saturday April 21 From 7:00 AM - Noon

Call Marie or Josie for Details 839-3842

Or Check the Village Website www.loslunasnm.gov

Under Construction

The Village of Los Lunas south parking lot and drive-up payment window at the administration building (Main Street and Don Pasqual) will be temporarily closed from March 5 through March 30.

The closure is due to the renovation of the payment window and drive up window which is part of a project that will add additional space to the administration building.

Please use the north lot and entry.
Thank you for your patience during this project.

Lunches will be provided as well as door prizes. Bring your family, friends, neighbors and anyone wishing to donate four hours to keep our community looking clean and beautiful. People needing to donate community service time can also participate.

Sign up begins promptly at 7 a.m. with transportation to distant areas. All cleanup supplies provided as well as water. Dress appropriately for the weather. In case of inclement weather the cleanup will take place the following weekend, same time, same location.

Easter Egg Hunt

Wednesday April 4

Noon 1-5 year olds

Carson Drive Neighborhood Park

4 PM 6-11 year olds

Daniel Fernandez Park

