

Village of Los Lunas



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Village Council Continues Open Burning Ban As Drought Conditions Remain

The continuing severe drought conditions throughout much of central New Mexico has resulted in the Village Council voting unanimously to continue a ban on open burning within the village limits including the open burning of cropland, fields, rangeland, debris, slash piles, leaves, tree limbs and ditches as well as having campfires or bonfires.

In addition, the sale and use within the municipal boundaries of missile-type rockets, helicopters, aerial spinners, and stick-type rockets is prohibited following the council's passage of the ban's continuation.

The sale and use within the municipality of ground audible devices including chasers and firecrackers has also been prohibited.

In conjunction with the ban, the following fireworks can only be used in areas that are paved or barren or have a readily accessible source of water: roman can-

dles, mines, shells, cone fountains, crackling devices, cylindrical fountains, flutter sparklers, ground spinners, illuminating torches, toy smoking devices and wheels.

The use of all fireworks within areas that are covered wholly or in part by timber, brush or native grass is banned. Village officials consulted with state forestry officials before placing this in the proclamation.

Any non-profit organization wishing to sponsor a public display of fireworks in the village must obtain a permit in compliance with safety requirements set by the village police and fire department.

The Village Council passed the proclamation which continued the ban at its April 20 meeting.

The proclamation is effective for thirty days from the day of adoption and the council may chose to pass a subsequent 30-day proclamation if severe drought conditions continue in the middle Rio Grande Valley.

Great American Cleanup A Success

The day of the Great American Cleanup, April 29, started out with much needed rain which people watched while sipping Starbucks coffee. Participants waited in the Village Administration Building Lobby for the rain to stop. A safety briefing was held, cleaning supplies handed out and the skies cleared.

Eighty volunteers showed up with eight organizations represented. Fifteen areas needed to be cleaned.

A total of 350 bags of trash was picked up which amounted to 7,000 pounds. One large roll off bin was placed in the back of the Administration Building on Friday and it was full by Saturday afternoon.

Thanks to everyone who showed up including Adolph Lopez, Albert & Mrs. Duran, Art Mondragon, Jerome Chavez, Betty Behrend, Diana Crowson, Theresa Medina, Tiana Gonzales, Juanita Gutierrez, Gerald Garcia, David DeAnda, Gary Urtiaga, Marcus Montoya, Sammy Lueras, Dwayne Campos, Police Officers who helped control the traffic, Michael Jaramillo and staff who supplied the vans. The village vehicle maintenance department rushed to have the van in working condition.

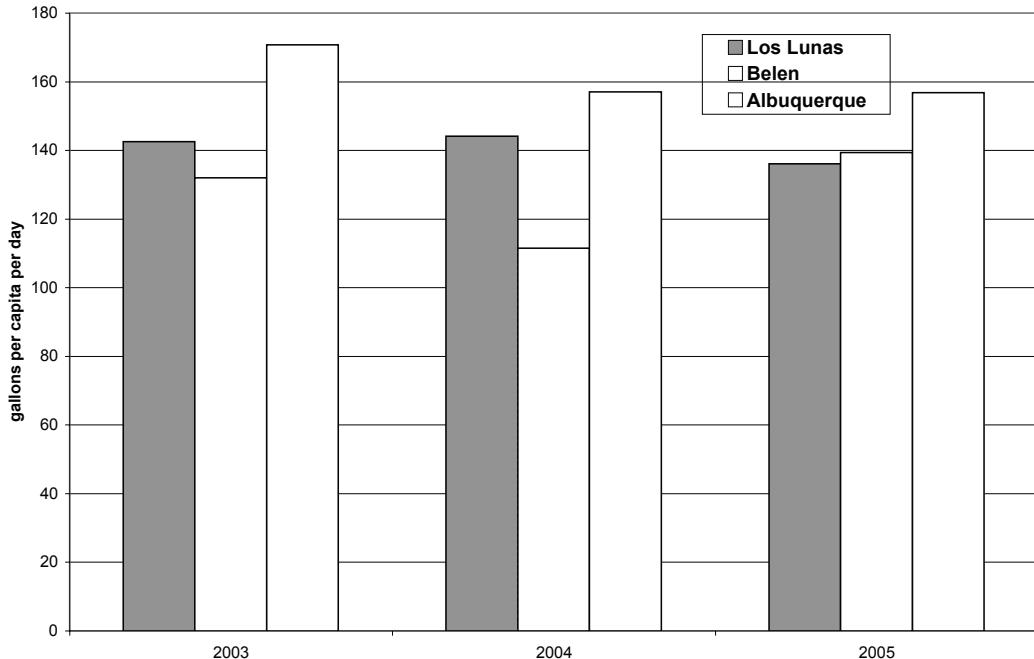
Thanks go out to Cyndi Sluder from Tierra Bonita, Bud and Suzanne Williams who helped



cook hot dogs. Also, thanks to Josie Navarrette who made the certificates of appreciation, Theresa and Heidi Baca who helped distribute posters, Los Lunas Schools for the ice, Wal-Mart Distribution Center Assistant Manager Robert Brown for the food and drinks, Starbucks Coffee Shop for the coffee and Marie Marquez who coordinated the event.

WATER USAGE IN THE VILLAGE

As the drought continues in central New Mexico, it's good to examine water usage. The chart to the right shows metered use of water in Albuquerque, Belen and Los Lunas including the gallons used per capita per day. The metered use represents the amount of water actually measured as used by residents, businesses and government accounts. In Los Lunas all water used is billed including government users. This can be a very effective conservation measure as it reflects increases and decreases in the use.



Report a Crime On Line

To help control crime problems in our community, you can now report a crime on line.

If you suspect drug dealing, fencing, prostitution or other criminal activity and want to bring it to the attention of the Los Lunas Police Department you can report it by going to www.loslunasnm.gov/crime.html.

You do not have to submit your name if you choose to report a crime. Information requested includes the date of the crime, a description of the crime, a description of the person involved, a vehicle description and additional comments.

Attend A Council Meeting!

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

Meeting dates for 2006 are:

May 11 & 25 June 8 & 22

July 6 & 20 August 3 & 17

September 7 & 21 October 5 & 19

November 2 & 16 December 14 & 28

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 Administrative Building, located at 660 Main Street NW, Los Lunas, NM; the Los Lunas Library located at 460 Main Street NE in Los Lunas, NM; and posted on the village website (address: www.loslunasnm.gov).

Business Licenses Issued

The following businesses have been issued licenses by the village of Los Lunas since March 1:

Applause Janitorial, 550-8741	Pete & Repete's Mobile RV Service, 818-5850
JJ Jr Company, 261-5214	La Luna Natural Therapeutics, 865-4155
Gary Howard Electric, 693-4410	Sequoia Landscaping, Inc., 977-2767
TML Construction, 228-5836	L & S Plumbing Partnership, Ltd., 972 331-6850
Norment Security Group, 334 286-6460	Desmond's Online Auctions, 363-1590
R.P.D. Security Protective Services, 261-5534	X-Factor Communications, Inc. 714 935-9990
Los Lunas Therapeutic Massage, 865-6579	Circle K Store #8938, 866-1933
Millenial Connections, 565-0626	Don Juan Construction, LLC, 288-8124
T.J's New Mexican Restaurant, 866-5123	DYD Enterprises, 565-0663
Hot Locks Hair Design Studio, 565-1986	The Good Ol Boys Custom Homes, 934-0269
Alex's Chop Shop Lawn Services, 565-0663	Care Net Pregnancy of Valencia County, 615-0492
Socks That Fit, 404-0762	Aaron's Lawn & Maintenance, 203-8744
Straight Arrow Tile, 249-1597	Clifford Garley, 565-4186
B Anne D. LLC, 865-6817	Leyba Metal, 980-0013
Madrid Engineering, LLC, 859-2929	

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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

Who Needs Building Permits in the Village

About to do some renovations to your home or office? Wondering if you, your worker or the company you hire need to get a building permit before embarking on the work? Well, here's the answers to some of the questions you might have about construction in the village.

Any owners or authorized agent (of an owner) who intends to construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, demolish, or change the occupancy of a building or structure, or to erect, install, enlarge, alter, repair, remove, convert or replace any electrical, gas, mechanical or plumbing system, the installation of which is regulated by the 2003 International Residential Code®, or to cause any such work to be done, shall first make application to the Village of Los Lunas building inspector and obtain the required building permit.

There are some exemptions to the requirement for a building permit, but exemptions do not mean that the work can be done in a manner which violates the International Residential Code® or any other laws or ordinances of the Village of Los Lunas.

Among the exemptions to obtaining a building permit are:

- One-story detached accessory structures, provided the floor area does not exceed 200 square feet.
- Fences not over six feet.
- Retaining walls not over four feet in height measured from the bottom of the footing to the top of the wall.

- Sidewalks and driveways no more than 30 inches above adjacent grade and not over any basement or story below.
- Painting, papering, tiling, carpeting, cabinets, counter tops and similar finish work.
- Prefabricated swimming pools that



are less than 24 inches deep.

- Swings and other playground equipment accessory to a one or two-story dwelling.

A permit is not required for minor electrical repair work including the replacement of lamps or the connection of approved portable electrical equipment to approved permanently installed receptacles.

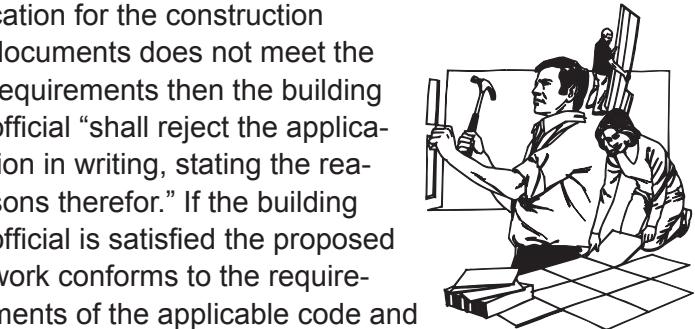
When it comes to dealing with gas and building permits, permits are not needed to install portable heating, cooking or clothes drying appliances, the replacement of any minor part that does not alter approval of equipment or make such equipment unsafe and portable fuel cell appliances not connected to a fixed piping system and not interconnected to a power grid.

There are several exemptions relating to portable heating and ventilation

appliances, portable cooling units, portable evaporative coolers and piping. Information regarding these exemptions is available by contacting the village's building inspector at 839-3840.

To obtain a permit the applicant fills out a form that includes a description of the work; description of the land on which the work will be done; the use and occupancy for which the work is intended; the valuation of the work; construction documents; and the signature of the applicant or the applicant's authorized agent.

Village building officials must act on the permit applications within a reasonable time. If the application for the construction documents does not meet the requirements then the building official "shall reject the application in writing, stating the reasons therefor." If the building official is satisfied the proposed work conforms to the requirements of the applicable code and laws and ordinances, the building official issues a permit as soon as practicable.



VILLAGE TACKLES MOSQUITOS

Summer will soon be here. With the hotter temperatures comes those pesky mosquitoes. The Village of Los Lunas will be fighting the insects in a variety of ways so your summer will be more enjoyable.

Village Parks and Recreation Director Michael Jaramillo says concerns about the West Nile Virus have caused the village to locate and map the more than 75 man-made retention ponds in the village.

These holding ponds are breeding sites for mosquitoes. The Parks and Recreation Department is now in charge of combatting summer's skin-biting insects.

Village equipment will treat sites for the early stages (larvae) of mosquitoes.

Spraying will be performed throughout the village in the morning and afternoon using the Ultra-

Low Volume sprayer which provides a spray mist. The sprayer will focus on areas with lots of grass and water collection areas, but will still cover the village.

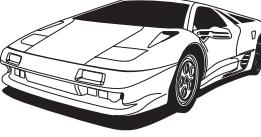
The sprayer replaces a fogging machine which will be used as a backup to combat mosquitoes.

Jaramillo says that if residents have concerns about mosquitoes in an area village employes can do testing and site collection to locate breeding sites for the insects.

Residents who have questions about mosquito control can call the Parks and Recreation Department at 352-3584. Businesses should also call if concerns have been raised about insects in the area of the business.

The village can also place gambusia (fish) into ponds to help fight mosquitoes breeding.

10th Annual Car Show

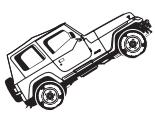


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