

Village of Los Lunas



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**Need to reach someone at
the Village of Los Lunas?**

**Look on page 2 for a
list of phone numbers
Or visit the village website at
loslunas.nm.gov**

On the website you can

- Read the council agenda
- Report a crime
- Report damage to parks
- Find applications for building permits, business licenses and community development items
- Request public records
- Apply for new utility service
- Report potholes and sidewalk needs
- And much more!

Workshop Focuses on Enhancing Area Around Transportation Center, Rail Runner Station

Ten projects have been identified that could enhance the area around the Los Lunas Transportation Center and New Mexico Rail Runner Express station area.

The projects were identified at a public workshop held in June sponsored by the Village of Los Lunas in conjunction with the Mid-Region Council of Governments and the New Mexico Department of Transportation.

The goal of the workshop was to coordinate infrastructure projects specified in the newly adopted Rail Runner Station Area Plan.

A key recommendation of the newly adopted plan is addressing safety for people walking, biking, driving and taking the bus to the newly constructed and now open Los Lunas Transportation Center and Rail Runner station.

Among the ten projects identified are street enhancements on NM Highway 314 which would be designed to accommodate pedestrians and bicyclists while contributing to the "sense of arrival" at the station.

These improvements include crosswalk and median treatments, lighting and sidewalks to improve travel safety in the area.

Better pedestrian crossings at NM Highway 314 and Courthouse Road are being recommended. These crossings were discussed extensively at the workshop.

A long term project is at-grade



The New Mexico Rail Runner Express heads south out of the Los Lunas. In the background can be seen the tower and top story of the Los Lunas Transportation Center.

pedestrian crossings for NM Highway 314 both north and south of Courthouse Road as well as a new parking area and improved sidewalks, lighting, directional signage and bike lanes on Courthouse Road.

Additional parking at the Los Lunas station is strongly identified as a need for the area.

The day-long workshop about the Rail Runner Station Area Plan developed a general project scope, approximate cost, and a list of agencies involved in the projects.

The report produced through the workshop will be used by the participating agencies to organize and budget future infrastructure projects.

The report produced from the workshop can be viewed at www.loslunasnm.gov.

For more information on the New Mexico Rail Runner Area Plan or this report please contact Los Lunas Community Development Department Director Art Mondragon at 839-3840.

Update on Various Village Road Projects

The final work is being done on the Morris Road project so that the Morris Road intersection with Sichler Road should be open by the end of August.

Main Street between the Highline

Canal and Sichler Road is back to normal in time for school.

Plans are in the design phase for improvement to the intersections of Main Street and Los Lentes, Carson Street and Highway 314.

Summer Cleanup

Students from the village's Summer Youth Employment program clean up on Emilio Lopez in July in the picture to the right.

The youth employment program consists of beautification work only, such as picking up trash and cutting weeds. This summer there were two sessions lasting two weeks each.

The program allows students to get work experience, earn a little money and learn to stay in school.



Church Group Conducts Cleanup

A cleanup was conducted on July 26, 2008 by the Church of Latter Day Saints of Los Lunas. They cleaned from I-25 to Hwy. 314 along Main Street picking up about 25 bags of trash. This is the second cleanup they conducted as a group. The first one was behind Smith's Shopping Plaza in February.

Smoke Free Celebrates Anniversary

It's been a year since the Village joined the State of New Mexico in promoting clean air as the council passed the village's Clean Indoor Air ordinance which provides for smoke free areas in the community.

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

A year after the ordinance was passed, the village should be a healthier place.

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

LL POLICE OFFICERS WANTED

The Los Lunas Police Department is accepting applications for the position of Police Officer.

Minimum requirements are:

- At least 21 years old
- No domestic violence or felony convictions
- Be able to pass a physical agility and written test
- High school diploma or GED
- No DWI convictions during the last 7 years

Certified officers are preferred but the village accepts non-certified applications.

Certified officers start at \$15.19 per hour on probation. Uncertified start at \$13.26 per hour.

Benefits include 100% insurance, 50% dental, annual and sick leave accrued on a monthly basis, 11 paid holidays with 20 and 22 year retirement plans.

There's more — bike patrol, criminal investigations, community policing, traffic enforcement, and S.W.A.T. as well as educational opportunities.

Pick up your application at the Los Lunas Police Department located in the Village Administration Building, Don

Pasqual and Main Street Monday through Friday 8 AM through 4 PM.

Applications are being accepted until all positions are filled.

Los Lunas Police Department is an equal opportunity employer.



Congratulations to July 4th Parade Winners

Hundreds of folks lined Main Street waiting for and then watching the long July 4th parade.

Congratulations to the winners:

Float category — 1. Faith Family Church; 2. Knights of Columbus; 3. Enchantment Little League - Major All Stars.

Community Tidbits

Are you being careful when you water so you don't waste our precious commodity? Water your plants, not the pavement.

Notice graffiti? Report it to the Village Parks and Recreation Department at 352-3584.

Safety should be the Number One Priority for everyone. That means driving safely so be sure you're concentrating on your driving, not your makeup, lunch or cell phone.

And watch out for school zones -- make sure you only drive 15 miles per hour when school zones lights are flashing.

The village is a great community. Show your respect for our community by treating it properly.

Judges' Choices: Enchantment Little League - Minor Blue; Christ the King Lutheran Church and School; Enchantment Little League - Minor Orange; Diamond Spain; Stretch & Grow; Valencia County Sheriff's Posse; and Yucca Little League.

Other awards were **Resurrection Life Choice**, Foster Grandparent Program; **Valencia County Chamber's Choice**, Little Britches 4-H; **Best Horse Mounted Group**, Bosque Farms Junior Rodeo; and **Animal-drawn Entry**, Little Learners Development Center.

Vialpando Elected New Mayor Pro Tem



Village Councilor Robert Vialpando, left, is the new Mayor Pro Tem replacing Cecilia CC Castillo, right, who served in the position for the previous year. At the meeting where he was elected Mayor Pro Tem by the council, Vialpando pointed out that the Mayor Pro Tem experiences a little glimpse of the mayor's job while serving in that position. Vialpando will serve for a year.



*School Is Back
In Session!
Keep Our
Children Safe!*

Budget Receives Final Council Approval

The village council has unanimously approved the

final budget for the 2008-2009 fiscal year.

The final budget is similar to the preliminary budget with just a little over \$56.9 million in estimated revenues and \$62.4 million in estimated expenditures.

An expected decline in gross receipts tax revenue means the village expects to dip into the reserve fund in the upcoming year. The village has been building up the reserve fund for several years.

Projects for the 2008-2009 fiscal year include improvements to the waste water treatment plant, the interceptor sewer line extension, Fred Luna Senior Center improvements, I-25 interchange study, grant-funded drainage at Los Morros Business Park, Christmas lights/Fourth of July decorations, and preliminary work on the westside fire station.

LL Museum Needs Docents

The Los Lunas Museum of Heritage and Arts is looking for docents with experience in archiving or an interest in heritage preservation.

Call James Fernandez or Patty Guggino at the museum, 352-7720. The Museum is located at the intersection of Main Street and Luna Avenue, under the water tower.

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.

Scheduled 2008 meeting dates are:

August 21

September 11 & 25 October 9 & 23

November 6 & 20 December 4 & 18

Meetings begin at 6 p.m. Once in a while meetings are canceled 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).

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*

TREK FOR TRASH

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 27

7 AM - NOON

MEET IN FRONT OF THE VILLAGE

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

DON PASQUAL AND MAIN STREET

LUNCH, AS WELL AS TRASH BAGS, WILL BE PROVIDED. PRIZES WILL BE GIVEN TO VOLUNTEERS THROUGH A RANDOM DRAWING. T-SHIRTS WILL BE PROVIDED TO THE FIRST 50 VOLUNTEERS. PLEASE DRESS APPROPRIATELY FOR THE WEATHER. IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, THE CLEANUP WILL BE CANCELLED.

**LET'S CLEAN UP
LOS LUNAS
TOGETHER**

**THANK YOU
TO MAIN ST./
HWY 6 DRIVERS**

Thank you to the many courteous and patient people who drove through the construction area on Main Street/Highway 6 near Don Pasqual during the work on the Interceptor Sewer Phase II project.