

Village of Los Lunas



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Candidates File for Council Seats; Districts 1 & 3 Vote on March 4

Candidates for District One and Three Village Council Seats filed to run for office on Tuesday, January 8.

See the list of candidates to the right.

Absentee ballot applications for the March 4 election will be available at the office of the municipal clerk at the Administration Building, located at Don Pasqual and Main Street, beginning Wednesday, February 6. Applications for absentee ballots must be completed and accepted prior to 5 PM February 29.

Absentee voting by machine will be conducted at the Administration Building beginning at 8 AM Wednesday, February 13, and closing at 5 PM February 29.

Completed absentee ballots will be accepted until 7 PM March 4.

The polling site for the March 4 election will be the Village Administration Building. Polls will be open from 7 AM to 7 PM Tuesday March 4.

Anyone wishing to register to vote so that they may vote in this election must register with the Valencia County Clerk not later than Tuesday, February 5, which is the date the registration books will close.

Maps of Districts One and Three which were created after the 2000 Census are located on page 3. Only people who live within these areas will vote in the 2008 election.

District One Council Candidates

Amanda M. Perea

Cecilia CC Castillo

District Three Council Candidates

Gerard Saiz

Donald M. Mondragon

Note: Candidates are in the order they will appear on the ballot.

First Time Since 1998

Garbage Collection Rates Increase

Beginning with this month, January 2008, the single residential/multi-residential rate for once a week garbage collection in the village limits will be \$16.21 which is an increase of \$2 per month.

In January 2009 the rate will increase by another dollar to \$17.21 per month and in January 2010 the rate will increase another dollar to \$18.21 per month.

All customers with more than one garbage can will be charged an additional \$7.85 beginning this month. That fee will be increased to \$8.85 per month in January 2009 and \$9.85 in January 2010.

Public Utilities Director Betty Behrend explained to the village council that the garbage rate has remained the same since 1998 despite the rising costs of fuel and equipment. The council approved the rate increases.

Fees for garbage collection will be automatically adjusted to reflect the cost of living as determined by the Consumer Price Index starting with the adoption of the ordinance increasing the rates

The ordinance passed by the council also included new commercial rates for solid waste service as well as basic compactor bin fees.

Two free special pickups of trash and debris in the amount of a large pickup truck load will be allowed per year per address with a garbage account with the village.

Additional pickups per address will be charged a fee set by the village administrator as he may deem necessary and proper to defray costs of the collection and disposal.



Council Passes Open Meetings Resolution

The Los Lunas Village Council passed its annual Open Meetings Resolution at its November 29, 2007 meeting.

The resolution states that all meetings of the council will be "open to the public at all times;" will be held only after reasonable notice to the public; and will be held at the Village Council Chambers at 660 Main Street in the Administration Building.

The resolution also says special meetings may be called by the mayor or a majority of the council members upon three days notice or an emergency meeting will be called only under the unforeseen circumstances that demand immediate action to protect the health, safety and property of citizens or to protect the public body from substantial financial loss.

Christmas Decorations Go to Village of Cimarron

The 2007 Christmas holiday is over, but the Christmas Spirit of the Village of Los Lunas will live on in the Village of Cimarron.

The Los Lunas Council voted at its November 29, 2007, meeting to give the Christmas decorations which the village no longer uses to the Village of Cimarron so that municipality could spread some holiday cheer.

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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:

January 10 & 24 February 7 & 21

March 13 & 27 April 10 & 24

May 8 & 22 June 12 & 26

July 10 & 24 August 7 & 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).

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Road, Infrastructure Work Continue

A variety of road and infrastructure work continues in the village.

Improvements were completed this past fall on Mesa Loop, Amber Circle, Roberts Court and Fernandez Street.

Trujillo Road has been repaved, a sidewalk added and the curve reduced. Other improvements are pending.

Canal Boulevard has been straightened out with the extension of Redondo Court.

Morris Road is closed until the end of April as work continues on the installation of the Morris Road lift station and the 18-inch water line extension along that road. A new sewer line will cross Interstate 25, head east on Morris Road where it will serve the new Valencia County Courthouse and then proceed to the wastewater treatment plant.

Road work in the design phase includes the intersection of Main Street and Carson Drive and improvements to Carson Drive.

Treatment Plant Expansion Started

Work has begun on the expansion of the village wastewater treatment plant with the ultimate goal of producing much cleaner effluent.

New headworks as well as a new screening system will be built to help accomplish this goal. The plant will have almost double the capacity it has been operating with when the project is finished.

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

VILLAGE OFFICIALS

Louis F. Huning **Mayor**

Councilors

Cecilia CC Castillo *Charles Griego*

Gerard Saiz *Robert Vialpando*

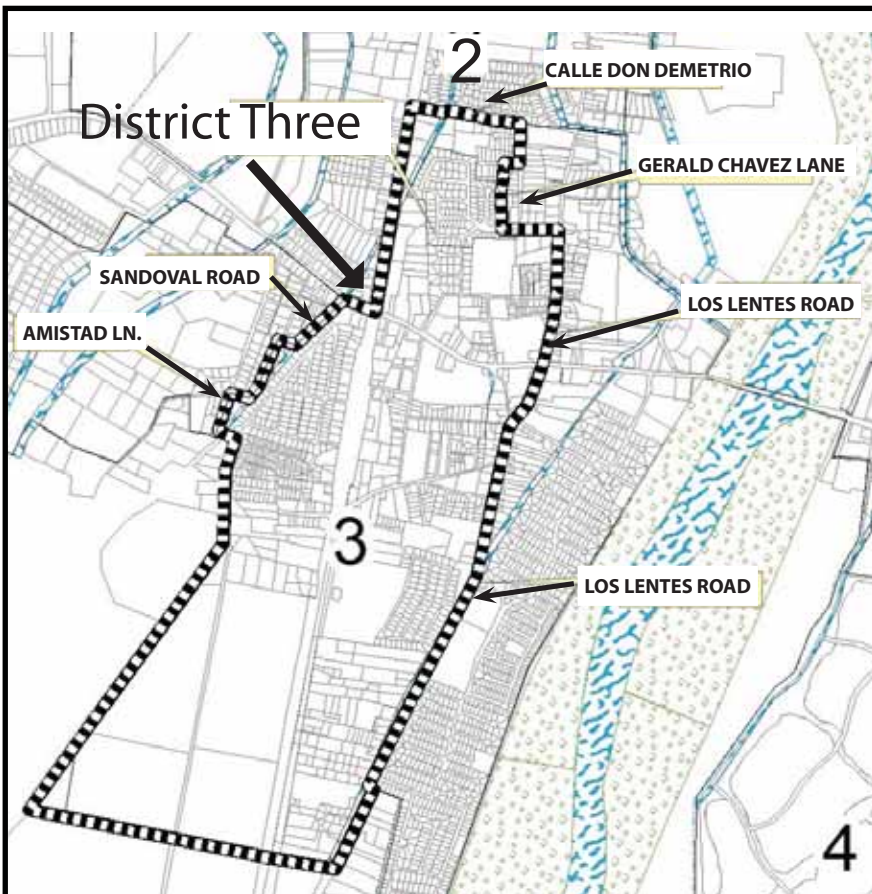
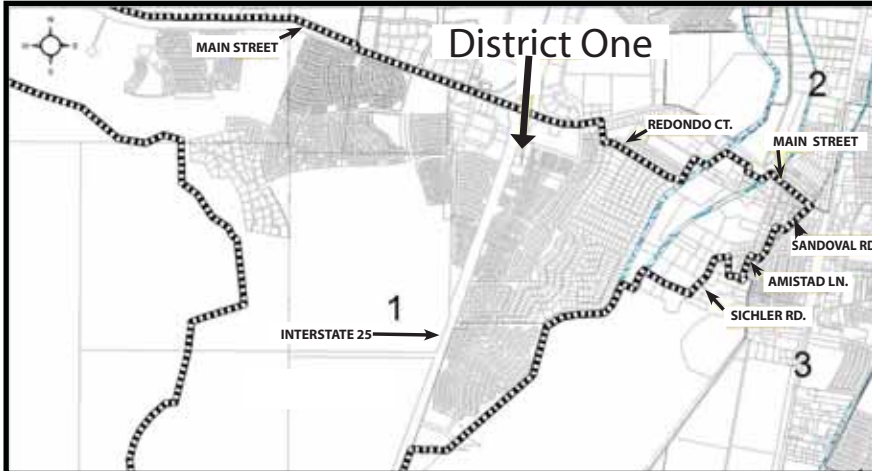
Municipal Judge *Jeff Aragon*

Village Administrator

Phillip Jaramillo **Master Municipal Clerk**

Chief of Police *Nick Balido*

District One and Three Voters Cast Ballot on March 4; Maps of Council Areas Below



Los Lunas Partners In Education Supports School Projects

The Village of Los Lunas and the Los Lunas Schools have joined together to form Los Lunas Partners in Education (PIE).

PIE is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to help support and fund school projects for the students of Los Lunas Schools.

President of LL PIE Phillip Jaramillo explains there are projects that educators feel will help make a positive impact on students' education. However, there is not always the funding in a school's budget to fulfill the request of every teacher for materials needed to help enhance a curriculum.

PIE steps in to help out in this situation.

After an educator fills out a grant application, PIE board members review the application and approve the funding. This is how a project goes from being an idea to becoming a reality, points out Jaramillo.

PIE funds grants with the help of businesses and individuals. There are five different levels of contributions ranging from \$25 up to \$5,000 or more.

Additional information about Los Lunas PIE is available at www.loslunasnm.gov/PIE or calling Sylvia Cordova at 352-7625.



Los Lunas Merillat Plant Receives NAIOP Award

The New Mexico Chapter of the National Association of Industrial and Office Properties (NAIOP) presented an Award of Excellence this past fall for the construction of the Merillat plant which was completed in 2007 in Los Lunas.

The Industrial Award of Excellence was presented because the plant was finished ahead of schedule and on its \$22.2 million budget.

The 360,000 square foot cabinet-making plant

can be seen from Interstate 25 north of Exit 203.

Merillat is based in Adrian, Michigan.

The project team for the Los Lunas plant included Reid and Associates as design builder with Studio Southwest Architects.

**VISIT THE NEWLY REVISED
VILLAGE WEBSITE**

www.loslunasnm.gov

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Trash Picked Up

Fifty-one bags of trash were picked up during the last clean up of 2007 at the end of December.

Register to Vote!

**Voters in District One and Three
Vote March 4 for Council Election
Primary Election June 2008
General Election November 2008**

CALL VALENCIA COUNTY BUREAU OF ELECTIONS 866-2080 FOR INFORMATION

The Importance of Preserving History



Do you know who this man is?

His name is Maximiliano Luna (1870—1899).

If you searched typical genealogical resources you would find . . .

- 1880 Census lists him as the 10 year old son of a sheep raiser.
- Pedigree chart going back to Don Domingo de Luna in the 1700s.
- Birth, Marriage, and Death Records

Maximiliano Luna was more than a shepherd's son...

He was . . .

- Born June 16, 1870 in Los Lunas, Territory of New Mexico
- Only child of Tranquilino Luna and Amalia Jaramillo y Romero — first residents of the Luna Mansion.
- Educated at a Jesuit college in Las Vegas and at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C.
- Probate Clerk of Valencia County
- Sheriff of Valencia County
- Speaker of the House for the New Mexico Territory
- Captain of the F Troop of Teddy Roosevelt's Roughriders and the only American of pure Spanish descent who charged San Juan Hill during the Spanish American War
- Honored by the State Legislature and a bust was placed in the Capitol Building in Santa Fe.

The role that Los Lunas played in the framework of New Mexico, Mexico, the United States and the rest of the world is worth preserving. The Los Lunas Museum of Heritage & Arts, located at Main Street and Luna Avenue, is preserving the heritage and memories. The Museum is currently seeking donations to purchase furnishings to store and present the collected information. Your contribution is greatly appreciated.

Yes! I would like to make a donation of:

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