

Shopping Locally Even More Important in New Fiscal Year

GRT Funds Programs

With the arrival of the month of July comes the start of a new fiscal year for the Village of Los Lunas.

This means a new budget and an integral part of that budget is the general fund.

The general fund pays for the services people depend on in the community including the police and fire departments, municipal court, library, parks and recreation, community development and street department.

28% from GRT

Twenty-eight percent of the general fund revenues for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 are generated through gross receipts tax and property tax revenue created within the village limits.

This 28 percent is \$6.7 million which funds many services throughout the village.

Enterprise Fund

The total anticipated revenues for the village in 2008-2009 is \$56.9 million which includes \$20.9 million in the general fund and \$28.3 million in the enterprise fund.

The Enterprise Fund Revenue is the money generated by the bills sent to customers served by the village's water, sewer and solid waste departments. The Enterprise Fund Expense is the money spent to provide services to those customers including salaries and benefits, transportation, equipment, equipment maintenance and other items.

Additional Revenues

Additional revenues in the general fund include:

- Village services such as park fees, bookkeeping charges and subdivision and engineering fees

which make up eight percent or \$1.2 million.

- State shared taxes make up \$5.6 million which includes auto and cigarette taxes as well as additional gross receipts taxes which again means paying gross receipts tax in Los Lunas is important.

- Other general fund revenue totals \$7.3 million which includes \$6.4 million in legislative appropriations sponsored primarily by local legislators. This part of the fund also includes grants for projects as well as money to purchase library books through the state General Obligation Bonds.

Capital Improvements

Several capital improvement projects are part of the 2008-2009 budget. Among the projects listed are:

- Interchange study, \$1 million. The village is the lead agency to have a study conducted for construction of an additional I-25 interchange in the Los Lunas area.

- Highway 6 intersections, \$2.8 million (see story page 3 about the work on Main Street/Highway 6 intersections.

- Grant-funded drainage at Los Morros Business Park which is located west of Interstate 25, \$1.2 million.

- Improvements on Highway 314, Trujillo Road and Carson Park Drainage, a total of \$455,000.

- Christmas lights/Fourth of July decorations, \$70,000.

- Preliminary work on the westside fire station, \$200,000.

- Improvements to the Fred Luna Senior Center, \$390,000.

- Police units and equipment, \$91,290.

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• Lighting for the sports complex on Highway 314, \$450,000

- Westside (Huning Ranch area) park improvements, \$400,000.

General park improvements, \$209,000.

A large portion of the funding for capital outlay projects comes through the New Mexico State Legislature under the sponsorship of area senators and representatives including Senator Michael Sanchez and Representatives Elias Barela and Andrew Barreras.

Youth Program Underway; Cleanups Resume in August

The village's Summer Youth Employment got underway July 7, which was the start of the first session for the Summer Youth Beautification Program.

That first session lasted two weeks and the second session is July 21 through August 1.

This summer youth program is possible through a grant awarded to the Village of Los Lunas after an application had been made.

The youth employment program consists of beautification work only, which includes picking up trash, cutting weeds, and anything having to do with beautifying the community.

The monthly cleanups in the village resume in August after the Summer Youth Program ends.

Marie Marquez, who oversees the students working in the Summer Youth Employment program, points out this is a good opportunity for youth to get some work experience, earn a little money for school clothes and learn to stay in school to get their education.

All motorists need to be cautious when driving through the streets where the youth, and anyone else, are working.

VISIT THE VILLAGE WEBSITE

www.loslunasnm.gov

LOS LUNAS 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.



Traffic Detours On Main Street/Highway 6

All east and westbound traffic on Main Street (NM Highway 6) will travel the westbound lanes through Wednesday, August 6, from the Belen Highline Canal to Sichler Road.

This allows the jack and bore work at the Belen Highline Canal and the New Belen Acequia to run the sewer line through this area.

As the work progresses then the intersections with Canal Boulevard and Sichler Road will be closed. When Canal Boulevard is closed, traffic will detour to Grant Boulevard. When Sichler Road is closed, traffic will detour to Sandoval Road.

This is part of the \$4.2 million Interceptor Sewer Improvement project.

Don't Waste Water

From April 1 through September 30 spray irrigation is allowed in the Village of Los Lunas from 6 p.m. to 10 a.m. on all properties.

Shut-off nozzles in the village are required on any hoses used for hand watering, vehicle or equipment washing or other outdoor uses.

Information on the village's ordinance regarding no water waste can be found at Chapter 8.24 Water Waste Restrictions under About Us Municipal Codes at www.loslunasnm.gov.



Roads Being Upgraded

Update on Intersection Improvements

The Village of Los Lunas has experienced tremendous growth over the last years. The 2000 Census said the village population was 10,400. The December 2006 estimated population was 14,489.

Village officials are continually working on transportation improvements which help not only residents, but also nonresidents, who travel through the community to reach their destinations.

A few years ago the Village Transportation Study found several intersections in the village which needed improvements. In the last three years, major work has been done on these intersections. Some of them will see additional work.

Here's the status on those intersections:

1) NM 314 and Main Street — work on intersection improvements is on hold until the interceptor sewer line project has been completed.

2) Los Lentes and Main Street — a right turn lane will be added to southbound Los Lentes and the intersection will be realigned. Work on this project is waiting for paperwork to be completed by a business.

3) NM 47 and Main Street — two left lanes from Main Street to Highway 47 southbound have alleviated many of the traffic backups.

4) Camelot and Main Street — new right turn lanes added with the construction of Walgreen's have eased

some of the traffic problems. Additional work on this intersection is forthcoming.

5) NM 263 and Main Street — nothing is planned right now.

6) Los Cerritos and Main Street — a new traffic light has lessened traffic problems. More work may be done when retail stores build in the area.

7) Desert Willow and Main Street — no plans are currently in the works for this intersection.

An intersection which will soon undergo work but was not listed in the Transportation Study is Carson Drive and Main Street/Highway 6. Eastbound Main Street/Highway 6 at Carson Drive will have a right turn lane onto Carson Drive added.

In addition, Main Street/Highway 6 east of the intersection with Carson Drive will have a raised concrete median with a left turn bay into Calle de Wences when heading east and a left turn bay into Carson Drive when heading west on Main Street/Highway 6.

Off-Road Vehicle Laws and Mandatory Requirements

With summer here, it's the perfect time to look at the laws and mandatory requirements for off-road vehicles, also referred to as All Terrain Vehicles (ATVs).

All off-road vehicles must be registered.

No one shall operate an off-road vehicle on any street or highway.

Persons under 18 years of age must complete an off-road motor vehicle safety course, with parental consent, to operate an off-road vehicle.

Persons under 18 years of age must wear eye protection, wear a safety helmet and be supervised by a parent, legal guardian or someone over 18 years of age with a valid drivers license when operating an off-road vehicle.

Los Lunas Chief Nick Balido wants the public to be aware that officers of the Los Lunas police department

will be proactive in enforcing all off-road motor vehicle laws in the Village of Los Lunas.

If you have any questions regarding the off-road motor vehicle laws, please contact the Police Department at 839-3855.

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12 NOON TO 5 P.M. TUESDAY THROUGH FRIDAY
10 A.M. TO 5 P.M. SATURDAY

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:

July 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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Saturday, July 26, 2008 2 to 5 P.M.

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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.

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