

Village of Los Lunas



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Interceptor Sewer Project Will Reroute Village Traffic

Work begins soon on a \$4.2 million Interceptor Sewer Improvement project which will result in traffic being re-routed on sections of Main Street as well as Tondre Road.

The project is expected to last about a year, but this is dependent upon the weather and any emergencies which may occur.

This is Phase II of the Interceptor Improvement Project. The \$3.98 million Phase I included the installation of the Morris Road lift station with a sewer line crossing Interstate 25.

An 18-inch sewer line was extended along Morris Road where it serves the new Valencia County Courthouse and then proceeds across Highway 314 to the wastewater treatment plant.

In Phase II a new interceptor sewer line will be run from the Belen Highline Canal to Sichler Road. This will take all sewer flows from west of the Highline Canal, both north and south of Main Street, to the new lift station on Morris Road.

The Highline Canal is the ditch west of the Village Administration Building and east of the New Mexico State Campus, formerly known as the Hospital and Training School.

When the work is being done

on this part of the project then both eastbound and westbound traffic will be one lane in each direction rather than the normal two.

An eight-inch collector line will be built on Tondre Road from Don Pasqual to Highway 314 where a lift station will be constructed. This part of the project is expected to be done at a different time then the work on Main Street as Tondre Road will be closed to all but local traffic.

In addition, traffic will be routed differently through the intersection of Tondre Road and Highway 314 when the lift station is installed.

An Interceptor line will also be extended on Highway 314 from Main Street to the north village limits. The new line will be tied in at Main Street and Highway 314.

Los Lunas Public Utilities Director Betty Behrend said it is hoped the work at Main Street and Highway 314 might be done at night. Whether it is done at night or during the day, there will be some inconveniences. She asks that everyone be patient during the construction.

Behrend said preliminary plans call for a single lane of traffic to remain open in each direction when

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Auditors Highlight 2007 Village Progress

In the process of performing the annual audit of the village's finances, the auditors wrote about the following highlights of village progress during the 2006-2007 fiscal year.

- Obtained police department mobile crime unit
- Completed New Mexico Rail Runner Express station.
- Awarded the ninth Certificate of Achievement for Outstanding Development and Preparation of the Governmental Operating Budget.
- Implemented Phase II of the village-wide wireless network system.
- Hired three certified and six uncertified police officers.
- Annexed 1,525 acres of open space.
- Implemented enhanced online web information

for municipal court.

- Implemented radio frequency identification system at the municipal library and increased circulation.
- Adopted new water ordinance to help protect village's water supply.
- Adopted new comprehensive personnel ordinance and fireworks ordinance.
- Made over 100 water rights transfers with 3,336 acre feet diversion with a value of \$25 million. (This is total and not for the single year).
- Completed north Los Lentes Road improvements (Main Street to Highway 314).
- Repaved Los Lunas Senior Center parking lot.
- Completed road improvements on eight streets.
- Established Valencia County Communications Center which is the village's responsibility.

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the work is being done at the Main Street (also known as Highway 6) and Highway 314 intersection.

The contractor for the Phase II project, New Mexico Underground Contractor, Inc., of Albuquerque, is expected to work on as much of the project as possible while school is not in session this summer. This should help with the traffic concerns.

New Mexico Underground's bid of \$4.211 million for Phase II was the lowest of seven bids received by village officials in April. New Mexico Underground has done several projects in the village.

The Interceptor Improvement Project is designed to help provide services for the village's increasing population and continued economic development.

Work is currently proceeding on the expansion of

the village wastewater treatment plant with the ultimate goal of producing cleaner effluent.

New headworks as well as a new screening system are being built to help accomplish this goal. When the work is completed, the plant will operate at almost double its previous capacity.

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.

July 4th Extravaganza

Celebrate on Friday, July 4th
Parade on Main Street
Festivities at Daniel Fernandez Park
Enjoy the 4th at Home!

Summer Fest

FRIDAY, JUNE 13 — BATTLE OF THE BANDS

Hot Air Balloon Glow

SATURDAY, JUNE 14 — CAR & MOTORCYCLE SHOW

MICRO BEER & WINE TASTING
OUTDOOR MOVIE



SATURDAY, JUNE 15 — VALENCIA COUNTY'S LARGEST
AUTO & MOTORCYCLE PART SWAP MEET

ALL WEEKEND — CARNIVAL & ART SHOW



MORRIS ROAD AND HIGHWAY 314

REGISTRATION OR INFORMATION CALL THE

VALENCIA COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AT 352-3596



Draft NM Rail Runner Station Plan Available

The Draft Village of Los Lunas New Mexico Rail Runner Express Station Area Plan, the product of a yearlong public planning effort, is now available.

Los Lunas residents are encouraged to review and comment on the document.

Copies of the draft are available for review at the Village Administration Building (Don Pasqual and Main Street), the Los Lunas Library (460 Main Street), and can be viewed on the Village of Los Lunas website at www.loslunasnm.gov/railrunnerdraft.

The Station Area Plan will guide future changes in the area within one-half mile of the Rail Runner station. Specifically, the plan proposes the creation of a vibrant new district surrounding the station.

This area will offer convenience to people living near the station and traveling through by all modes of transportation, including rail commuters, local transit riders, drivers, cyclists, and, especially pedestrians.

The plan envisions retail destinations at the heart of the station area, as well as a range of housing types and sizes to meet the broader needs of the station area, the Village, and the region.

The plan proposes strategies for improving the station area and accommodating new development, including recommendations for future zoning modifications,

though the plan itself does not change existing zoning.

The Village currently has no intention or need to use eminent domain (condemnation of property) to implement the plan. In fact, the plan potentially improves property values by allowing more flexibility in how properties can be developed.

A plan goal is to make Los Lunas a more people-oriented, environmentally-friendly and vibrant village.

Key elements of the plan include:

- Land use and design guidance,
- Recommended transportation improvements to improve safety and convenience,
- Development standards to ensure that new development is appropriate to the architectural style and scale of Los Lunas, and
- Implementation priorities and responsibilities to help achieve the plan goals.

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

WANTED LOS LUNAS POLICE OFFICERS

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

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

- High school diploma or GED
- No DWI convictions during the last 7 years

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 so now is your opportunity to help the citizens of Los Lunas while doing something you may have always dreamed of.

And remember — the Los Lunas Police Department is an equal opportunity employer.





Students from the UNM-VC Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society clean up stand in front of the Keep Los Lunas Clean and Beautiful van with coordinator Marie Marquez.

Students Clean Up Los Lunas

A group of students from University of New Mexico-Valencia Campus Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society conducted a cleanup April 12, 2008.

The Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society's project goal was to give other high school youth groups and organizations an incentive to get involved in the community.

The event was organized by Rachel Gillentine, the Beta Zeta Zeta Chapter President.

During the four hour work period the group cleaned an area on Lambros Loop south of Heritage Park.

Village Keep Los Lunas Clean and Beautiful Coordinator Marie Marquez said the students did a great job and picked up 30 bags of trash. After the cleanup the group met at Dion's for lunch.

Thanks go to Bobby Griego and the staff from the Street Department who picked up the bags.

The group included Candace Chavez, Shawn Plake, Jared McDonald, Kathy Metzger, Juan Armos, Frank Fencl, Josh Brannen, Crystal Brannen, Yuri Vizcarra, Daniel Twocrow Richard Stump and Nel Rodgers.

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:

May 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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Tri-Community Recycling Day Proves Success

On April 26, 2008 Tierra Bonita, Keep Bosque Farms Beautiful and Keep Los Lunas Clean and Beautiful partnered to host a Tri-Community Recycling Day behind the Village of Lunas Administration Office Building in the morning. Items accepted were paper, cardboard, aluminum and computer parts.

Keep Los Lunas Clean and Beautiful Coordinator Marie Marquez said residents seemed pleased the recycling day was held. Concerns brought up included the need for recycling of other items such as hazardous materials (oil, paint, etc.), tires, glass etc.

Marquez points out that appropriate recyclers need to be located who can haul the items away at no charge. Currently the village does not have the manpower to add such items to the recycling effort.

Wal-Mart Distribution Center provided food and drinks. Organizations that helped included Artie Gomez and Boy Scout Troop 360, Jim Rickey, the Beuiler Family, Latter Day Saints Church members, Joe Belding and staff of Enchantment Electronic Recycling and Village of Bosque Farms employees.

Employees of the following Los Lunas Departments also helped — Solid Waste, Parks and Recreation, Municipal Court, Fire, Community Development and Administration.

Thanks go to all the other wonderful people who helped in one way or another, said Marquez.

Senior Center Renovations

The Los Lunas Senior Center, located on Don Pasqual just north of the village administration building, will undergo a \$300,000 renovation.

The center is a village facility, but the senior program is overseen by Valencia County.

At an April Village Council meeting, it was announced the village will pay for the design and engineering of the expansion so that all the appropriated legislative funds can be spent on the center. In addition, village officials will manage the renovation project.

The renovations will be designed to accommodate more recreation space in the building.

The county will act as the fiscal agent for the new funding.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS

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Gerard Saiz Robert Vialpando**

**Municipal Judge Jeff Aragon
Village Administrator**

**Phillip Jaramillo Master Municipal Clerk
Chief of Police Nick Balido**