

Village of Los Lunas



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Spending in Village Even More Important Now To Bring Tax Money Back To Village Budget

Spending your shopping dollars at shops and businesses in the Village of Los Lunas has become even more important this year.

The changing economic scene has resulted in changes in people's spending habits. Some people are spending less, others are reallocating how their limited resources are spent.

Gross receipts tax are an important part of the income for the Village of Los Lunas.

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 provides needed services throughout the village.

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

This year it is even more important to support your local businesses which in turn pay Gross Receipts Tax to the Village to continue providing services to residents and people who use the roads and other services in the community.

Cost of Insurance Could Decrease; Village Fire Rating Drops to Class 5 in February

Effective February 1, 2009, the Village of Los Lunas will have a Class 5 fire rating which is a step better than the Class 6 assigned to the village since May, 1995.

Fire ratings influence the cost of fire insurance and the lower the fire rating the better it can be for communities.

Los Lunas Fire Chief Ataliano "Lito" Chavez explains there are three components to the ratings for fire departments and communities — the dispatching center, the water supply and the fire department itself.

Valencia County has a new dispatching center headquartered in the Los Lunas Police Department. This new center dispatches for fire, police and emergency medical personnel for the municipalities and the unincorporated area of the county as well as dispatching other agencies.

The Village of Los Lunas has made various improvements to the water system over the last few years including digging new wells and extending lines and hydrants.

Training and equipment for the fire department

and its members are among the issues when a community is tested for its rating. Types of calls and response time as well as coverage for growing areas in the community are also part of the ratings tests.

Chief Chavez said receiving a lower rating can be good for a community because it can result in decreased insurance costs as well as additional funding from the state for the fire department.

Fire safety will increase in the village with the construction and staffing of a new Westside fire station in the Los Morros Industrial Park area. Currently the fire department operates out of the main station at the intersection of Main Street and Don Diego and a substation on the Los Lunas Campus, formerly known as the Los Lunas Hospital and Training School.

The village fire department has 15 full time firefighters and 21 volunteers.

The change in rating is effective only in the village limits of Los Lunas, said Chavez. People who live in the unincorporated areas of Valencia County need to check with county officials about the rating of their particular area.

56 Bags of Trash Collected

A total of 56 bags of trash were collected the last weekend of October during a community service cleanup coordinated by the village's Keep New Mexico Beautiful coordinator Marie Marquez.

Everyone can help every day with cleaning up our community by picking up trash when you spot it and making sure you throw trash into the proper receptacle.

**PAY YOUR WATER BILL
ONLINE — Go To
WWW.LOSLUNASNM.GOV**

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:

November 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 at 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 PHONE NUMBERS

Emergency.....	911
Administrative Offices.....	839-3840
Animal Control.....	839-3842
Fire Dept. (non-emergency).....	839-3847
Keep Los Lunas Clean & Beautiful.....	839-3842
Municipal Court.....	839-3844
Parks and Recreation.....	352-3584
Police Dept. (non-emergency).....	865-9130
Public Library.....	839-3850
Public Works.....	839-3840
Recycling Information.....	839-3840
Senior Citizens Center.....	839-3853
Solid Waste.....	839-3840
Street Maintenance.....	839-3840
Transportation Dept.....	352-3595
Water Dept.....	839-3841
Wellness Center.....	839-3859

FAX Numbers

Administrative Offices.....	352-3580
Police Department.....	352-7741
Fire Department.....	352-7750

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

Christmas Light Parade

Saturday, December 6 6:30 PM

**Begins at Carson Drive and Main Street
Heads West on Main Street to
Administration Building
Call the Village of Los Lunas Parks
& Recreation Dept.
for information 352-3584**



Work Progresses on Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements

Work is scheduled to be completed in Summer, 2009, on the update and expansion of the Village of Los Lunas wastewater treatment plant.

The wastewater treatment plant treats all the village sewage which is basically everything that goes down the drain as well as what comes from toilets within the limits of the village. The treatment prevents contamination of the ground water supply.

Currently the village's wastewater treatment system services about 4,200 residential customers, 85 apartments and some 400 commercial units.

Village Public Utilities Director Betty Behrend said the project contractor is putting in electrical conduit and pipe and pipes are in the ground for the interceptor sewer line. In addition the water line extension is in.

Work is progressing on construction of the housing for the new treatment filter process which will produce an even higher quality of effluent than what the village has been producing.

The new plant will handle 1.2 million gallons per day while the older plant, which will continue to operate, will process .6 million gallons per day.

Time for Business Licenses

It's time to renew your business license. It is best to renew your license before December 31.

If you are in business in the Village of Los Lunas and don't have a business license then it is definitely time to get one.

A nice thing about living in Los Lunas is the great variety of businesses available. Those businesses should all have a license to operate which has been issued by the village.

All businesses, whether Mom and Pop or multi-national, pay the same fee, \$25.

A license is required for "all persons, firms, corporations or associations of any character engaged in any of the various pursuits, businesses or occupations" in the village before March 15 every year at the latest.

In the event that any license fee is not paid by the fifteenth day of March, a penalty in the amount of ten percent of the license fee due shall be added for late filing, according to the village ordinance.

Licenses are renewed annually. Village staff send out notices in the latter part of the year to make it easier to renew.

VISIT WITH SANTA AT SANTA'S PARK

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2007

6:00 PM DANIEL FERNANDEZ PARK

1103 HIGHWAY 314 SOUTH LOS LUNAS

STOCKING GIVEN TO CHILDREN PRESENT

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BY THE LOS LUNAS
PARKS & RECREATION
DEPARTMENT
352-3584



Motorized Vehicles Prohibited on El Cerro de Los Lunas

No motorized vehicles, including motorcycles, all terrain vehicles, four wheel drive vehicles, and aircraft are allowed on El Cerro de Los Lunas Preserve, located on the west side of the village.

The walking and hiking trails are open for everyone to enjoy but not with a motorized vehicle, pointed out Michael Jaramillo, village Parks and Recreation Department director.

The 1,525 acre preserve was donated to the village in November 2006, by Huning Limited Partnership. At the time of the donation, Jack Huning said that dedicating El Cerro of Los Lunas as public open space ensures that the historic landmark is preserved for future generations to enjoy.

Benefits of the Village owning El Cerro de Los Lunas Preserve include;

- Ensuring public access for all to enjoy the beauty.



El Cerro de Los Lunas on the village's west side has been a landmark for travelers for centuries.



Motorized vehicles including all terrain vehicles are not allowed on El Cerro de Los Lunas.

- Providing an outdoor classroom which can teach natural systems, geology, ecology, botany, archaeology and history.

Violators who use a motorized vehicle on El Cerro de Los Lunas can and will be cited under the Village of Los Lunas Municipal Code Section 9.080.040, 9.12.010 and 9.12.100, explained Jaramillo. Each offense carries a \$500 fine, 90 days in jail or both.

**Help Your Friends!
Help Your Neighbors!
Shop in Valencia County
Keep Our Jobs in
Valencia County**

Highway 314 Closed from James Street to South of Griego; Local/Emergency Access Provided

Highway 314 from James Street to south of Griego Road in Los Lunas will be closed until approximately the middle of January.

Local and emergency access will be available for residents and businesses. Through traffic from NM 314 to Main Street (NM 6) will be detoured using Griego Road and Los Lentes Road.

Work on the village's \$4.2 million Interceptor Sewer Improvement project is causing this closure which is being coordinated with the New Mexico Department of Transportation.

The current project 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.

In Phase II a new interceptor sewer line is being run from the Belen Highline Canal to Sichler Road.

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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.

An eight-inch collector line is being built on Tondre Road from Don Pasqual to Highway 314 where a lift station will be constructed. An Interceptor line is now being extended on Highway 314 from Main Street to the village limits on the north. The new line will be tied in at Main Street and Highway 314.

The contractor for the Phase II project, New Mexico Underground Contractor, Inc., of Albuquerque, is trying to keep the inconvenience minimized while working on this project. New Mexico Underground is closing as small a portion of Highway 314 as possible.

The Interceptor Improvement Project is designed to help provide services in an area of the village that currently does not have these services.