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Village Council Plans Projects for Community; Looks for Funding of Those Projects

The Los Lunas Village Council has approved the local Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP) which details improvements and projects planned for the next four years.

The ICIP includes anticipated costs as well as potential funding sources for these projects. Although a project may be on the ICIP list for a specific year, it might be moved up or down depending on the availability of funding.

Funding for these projects comes from legislative appropriations, grants and local funding. Funding is imperative for any project.

The council would like to obtain partial or total funding for these top projects in 2010-2011:

- Westside Fire Station which has an estimated cost of \$1.25 million
- Reconstruction of Highway 314 south from Main Street through the intersection with Courthouse Road, estimated cost \$5.4 million.
- Expansion of Senior Citizens Center on Don

Pasqual, estimated cost \$500,000

- Additional parking on the east side of the Transportation Center/Rail Runner Express station, estimated cost \$500,000.

- Improvements to various intersections on Main Street (NM Highway 6) in the village, estimated cost \$3.2 million.

The council also approved projects for succeeding years. The top projects are:

2011-2012 — Interstate 25 interchange and bridge; westside fire station equipment; another water well; street overlays and east side recycle center.

2012-2013 — sludge site improvements; purchase of land for a landfill and construction of landfill; additional property acquisition; Chavez lift station; and west side soccer complex.

2013-2014 — construction of parks and recreation department building; reconstruction of NM 314 north of Main Street; and an at-grade crossing on Highway 314 by the Transportation Center.

Sewer Project Means Road Closures

Watch for road closures, detours and lane changes due to the continuing work on the village's \$4.2 million Interceptor Sewer Improvement project.

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. 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 will be built on Tondre Road from Don Pasqual to Highway 314 where a lift station will be constructed. 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.

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.

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

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ONLINE — Go To
WWW.LOSLUNASNM.GOV
AND FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS**

122 Volunteers Gather 257 Bags During Trek for Trash

The annual Trek for Trash Community Cleanup was very successful considering the many events that were taking place the weekend of September 27, 2008, said organizer Marie Marquez.

A total of 122 volunteers showed up and they collected 257 bags of trash.

Participating students came from Los Lunas Middle School, Los Lunas High School Volleyball Team, LLHS Student Council, Raymond Gabaldon Intermediate, Valencia Elementary, Tome Elementary, Cub Scouts, and Boys Scouts Troop 360.

In addition, other people who helped came from the San Clemente Church, Tierra Bonita and the Los Lunas Fire Department. Individuals also helped.

Marquez pointed out It was nice to see so many students. She added that the LLHS students showed up bright and early with lots of energy and were ready to go in order to finish up early since it was homecoming weekend.

The areas cleaned included Highway 6 from Highway 314 to Wal-Mart, Sun Ranch commercial area, Main Street east to Taco Bell, Los Lentos South, Juan Perea Road to Morris Road and Emilio Lopez Road.

Toss No Mas T-Shirts were handed out to the first 50 people. Participants were issued safety vests, gloves and trash bags.

TLC Heating & Plumbing gave away bottles of water. Allsup's, B-Jar Construction, Gugginos, Giant and Dollar General also donated water. Other participating merchants donated money, food and soft drinks for our hard working volunteers.

Merchants that helped include The New Beginnings, LLC, Los Lunas Accounting & Tax Service, Western Disposal Service, Inc., Rio Grande Financial Network, Montanita Publishing Co., Donald B. Leach, O.D., P.C., Drafting & Design Service Co., Southwest Sewer Service, Inc., Dion's Restaurant, Huning Limited Partnership, Tai's Chinese Restaurant, Inc., Lopez

Food Vending Contract Awarded for Transportation Center/Rail Runner Station

The Village Council has awarded a contract to the New Mexico Commission of the Blind for operation of a food vending service at the Transportation Center Rail Runner Express Station at Juan Perea and Court-house Roads.

The commission was one of five entities bidding on the contract and received the highest number of points when the organization's proposal was evaluated.

As this newsletter went to press, details were being worked out before the Commission begins operating at the station.



Some of the participants who helped clean up the village during the September Trek for Trash.

LP Gas, LLC, Sundance Mechanical & Utility Corp., Bizzell Power, Inc., The Moo Doc, Andrew Barreras, State Representative, Exit Altura Realty, Grandin Testing Lab, Inc., Acupuncture Associates of America, Inc., Kasha LLC, DBA: Western Skies Inn.

Also Curb South, LLC, Ortega Plumbing & Heating, Inc., Smith's Food & Drug Stores, Waste Management, Andy's Boot Shop, Rocky Mountain Truck Driving School, Fox Electric, LTD Co., NM Restaurant Investors- Village Inn, Factory to U, Wal-Mart Supercenter, Wal-Mart Distribution Center, Provoost Construction, Hansen & Prezzano Builders, LLC, Dycoda Graphics, TLC Plumbing & Heating.

Marquez thanked everyone for helping to make a difference in Los Lunas by participating in the Trek for Trash.

Arsenic Treatment Equipment Helps Bring Village in Compliance

The village is purchasing arsenic treatment equipment in another step to bring the water system in compliance with federal regulations regarding the amount of arsenic in drinking water.

The federal regulations changed in 2006. Under the previous regulations, water systems could have up to 50 parts per billion (ppb) of arsenic in the water. In January 2006, the allowable level of arsenic dropped to 10 ppb.

When the regulations changed, the village's arsenic level was well below the 50 ppb. Currently the level is between 12 to 20 ppb. The village has until 2009 to bring the level down which is the reason for beginning the treatment.

The equipment is being purchased from Tonka Equipment for a one-time cost of \$1.59 million with a yearly operations and maintenance cost of \$158,000.

The equipment will be installed in 2009. It is hoped that the arsenic level will be reduced to 7 ppb, and there is the possibility it could be reduced even more.

Arsenic occurs naturally in water systems but it is still labeled a chronic contaminate. Arsenic is not an immediate risk to the public.

5th Annual Christmas Craft Show

Saturday, November 1, 2007

Los Lunas High School Cafeteria

1776 Emilio Lopez Road

9 am - 3 pm Music, Food & Shopping

Concession provided by LLHS Baseball Team

Crafters Wanted!

Please call with any questions

Katherine @ 877-6217 Judy @ 873-3931



Bond B Is for Libraries On the Nov.4, 2008 Ballot

An \$11,000,000 GO bond issue that benefits people of all ages living in all NM cities, towns and villages will be voted on during the November 4, 2008 election.

If the bond is approved then Valencia County's libraries receive the following:

Belen Public Library \$44,209

Belen School District \$40,551

Bosque Farms Public Library \$12,786

Isleta Pueblo Public Library \$9,180

Los Lunas Public Library \$52,236

Los Lunas School District \$58,662

UNM/Valencia Campus Library \$35,724

Valencia County total \$253,348

GO Bonds have had an amazing impact. From Gallup to Tucumcari, Las Vegas to Las Cruces and everywhere in between New Mexicans have benefited from the up-to-date information and new books found at their public libraries. During the 2006 bond cycle public libraries increased their spending for collections by 39 percent and increased the number of computer workstations by 46 percent. One public library tripled the number of books in their children's library, another reduced the wait time for use of a computer from two hours to ten minutes. As a result, since receiving Bond Issue funds, the number of public library visits has increased by 15 percent.



A library customer in Belen had just visited his doctor and had been told he had Gilbert's Syndrome. His conversation with his doctor had left him a bit confused and uncertain about the seriousness of his malady. He was delighted that the Library had a newly published book on liver disease and access to a medical database.

In Los Lunas the daughter of Mexican immigrants used the library's new scholarship books and computer to apply for scholarships. She just completed her freshman year at UNM on a full scholarship.

For more information about the library bonds on the November 4, 2008 ballot go to <http://bondsforlibraries.org>

Haunted House

October 31

5 - 8 pm

**A Spooktacular
Event**



**at the Village
Administration
Building**

Call Parks & Recreation

352-3584 for information

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:

October 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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Fireup Helps With Fire Prevention

October is Fire Prevention Month and the village's new fire mascot, Fireup, has been making tours of schools and other facilities in the community to make sure people are safe.

Fireup is from the National Fire Safety Council and has been in the village since July 14.

Anyone wanting Fireup to visit should contract Vivian at the Los Lunas fire department's non-emergency number, 866-2116.

The village fire fighters will be supporting the fight against breast cancer in October by wearing pink shirts and making the public more aware of the dangers of breast cancer.

Above Fire Chief Lito Chavez welcomes Fireup to the community.

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

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Chief of Police *Nick Balido*

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