

Village of Los Lunas



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Candidates File January 5; Election Set for March 2

On Tuesday, January 5, 2010, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., candidates will file for office in the Village's municipal election.

This is the only time that candidates may file so that the candidate's name appears on the ballot for the election to be held on Tuesday, March 2, 2010.

Voters in the Village of Los Lunas will be deciding on a mayor and a municipal judge. Voters in Village Council Districts Two and Four will also be voting on a village councilor. All terms are for four years.

The certification of candidates will be completed by 5 p.m. Wednesday, January 6, with a list of candidates posted by 9 a.m. Thursday, January 7.

Candidates will draw for ballot order at 5:01 p.m. Thursday, January 7.

Write-in candidates may file for office on Tuesday, January 12. The names of write-in candidates do not appear on the ballot.

Certification of write-in candidates will be done Wednesday, January 13, with the list of write-in candidates posted by 9 a.m. Thursday, January 14.

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The last day to withdraw as a write-in candidate is Tuesday, January 26, which is the first day to issue absentee ballots.

Voter registration closes Tuesday, February 2. Persons desiring to register should call the Valencia County Clerk's Bureau of Elections at 866-2080.

Early voting begins Wednesday, February 10, at the Village Administration Building, 660 Main Street N.W., the corner of Main and Don Pasqual.

The last day for absentee ballots and early voting is Friday, February 26.

Election Day is Tuesday, March 2, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. The polling place is the Village Administration Building, 660 Main Street N.W.

Only people living within the village limits of Los Lunas will vote in this election. Some addresses may list Los Lunas, but that address may be in the unincorporated area of Valencia County.

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

The continually evolving economic scene in the United States has resulted in changes in people's spending habits throughout the country.

Some people are spending less, others are real-locating their limited resources as they search for holiday presents as well as everyday items.

Spending your shopping dollars at shops and businesses in the Village of Los Lunas has become even more important this year with the changes in people's spending habits.

The gross receipts tax charged on many purchases is an important part of the income for the Village of Los Lunas. When people spend less then there may be less gross receipts tax paid and passed

on to governmental agencies.

More than fifty-two percent of the general fund revenues for Fiscal Year 2009-2010 are generated through gross receipts tax and property tax revenue created within the village limits. These monies provide needed services throughout the village.

The general fund pays for the services people depend on 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 in the community.

Work Set for Main/Highway 314

Work will begin soon on the improvements to the intersection of Highway 314 and Main Street, also known as Highway 6.

TLC Plumbing & Utilities was awarded the contract for the work at a November Village Council meeting after submitting the low bid of \$692,627.

Drivers need to be careful going through this busy intersection while the road work is going on.

Improvements/changes include:

- Adding a right turn lane from westbound Main Street on to northbound Highway 314.
- Adding a right turn lane from northbound 314 on to eastbound Main Street.
- Creating two left turn lanes from northbound Highway 314 to westbound Main Street.
- Improving and lengthening the left turn lane from eastbound Main Street to northbound 314.
- Adding a right turn lane from southbound 314 to westbound Main Street.
- Creating two left turn lanes from southbound 314 to eastbound Main Street.

Help Your Friends! Help Your Neighbors!

Shop in Los Lunas for the Holidays!

Shop in Los Lunas All The Time!

Help Keep Jobs in Los Lunas!

Attend A Council Meeting!

The Los Lunas Village Council meets twice monthly in the council chambers in the administration building at 660 Main St. NW. Remaining 2009 dates are:

December 17

Meeting dates for 2010 are:

January 14 & 28	February 11 & 25
March 11 & 25	April 8 & 22
May 13 & 27	June 10 & 24
July 8 & 22	August 5 & 19
September 9 & 23	October 7 & 21
November 4 & 18	December 2 & 16

Meetings begin at 6 p.m. Once in a while meetings are canceled or rescheduled so check with officials at 839-3840 or the village website at www.loslunasnm.gov.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS

Robert Vialpando Mayor

Councilors

Cecilia CC Castillo	Charles Griego
Richard Lovato	Gerard Saiz
Municipal Judge Jeff Aragon	
Police Chief Roy E. Melnick	
Fire Chief Atiliano "Lito" Chavez	
Village Administrator Peter Fernandez	

Beautification Program Gets Award

The Village's Keep Los Lunas Clean and Beautiful program has received a Gold Affiliate Recognition Award from the New Mexico Clean and Beautiful program.

The award was presented to the village's Keep Los Lunas Clean and Beautiful coordinators, Josie Navarette and Marie Marquez, at a ceremony held in New Mexico's State Capitol Rotunda.

2010 Village Holiday Garbage Pickup Days

HOLIDAY OBSERVED	REGULAR TRASH PICKUP DAY	WILL BE PICKED UP ON
New Year's Day	Friday, Jan. 1	Thursday, Dec. 31
M. L. King Jr. Day	Monday, Jan. 18	Tuesday, Jan. 19
Good Friday	Friday, April 2	Thursday, April 1
Memorial Day	Monday, May 31	Tuesday, June 1
Fourth of July	Monday, July 5	Tuesday, July 6
Labor Day	Monday, Sept. 6	Tuesday, Sept. 7
Columbus Day	Monday, Oct. 11	Tuesday, Oct. 12
Veterans Day	Thursday, Nov. 11	Wednesday, Nov. 10
Thanksgiving	Thursday, Nov. 25	Wednesday, Nov. 24
Day after		
Thanksgiving	Friday, Nov. 26	Monday, Nov. 29
Christmas Eve	Friday, Dec. 24	Thursday, Dec. 24
New Year's Holiday	Friday, Dec. 31	Thursday, Dec. 30

PLEASE NOTE: We will no longer be able to pick up garbage carts set out late. Therefore, any late garbage carts will be picked up on your next regular scheduled pickup day. **Please place your cart out by 7:00 a.m. on your scheduled pickup day.**

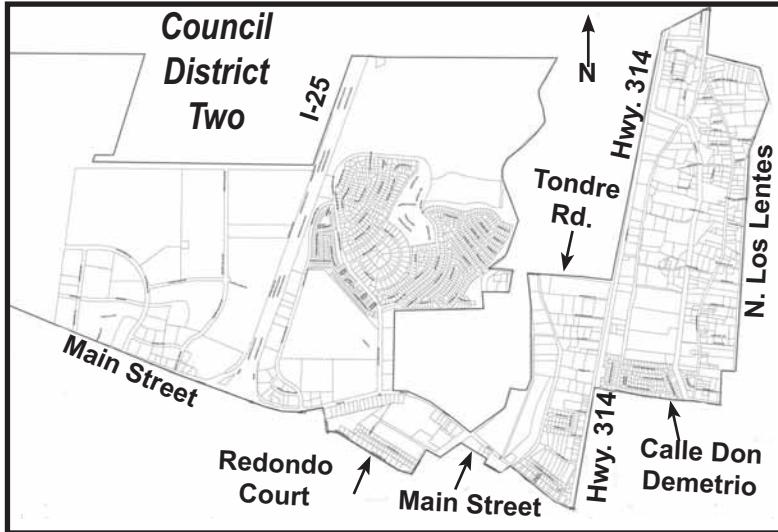
Happy Holidays
From the
Mayor, Council
& Staff of the
Village of Los Lunas

Time for Business Licenses

Renew your business license in the village before December 31.

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.



Mondragon Retires After 23 Years of Service

Village of Los Lunas Community Development Director Art Mondragon retired November 30 after 23 years of service to the community.

Among the items under his guidance are the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance, the zoning map, the establishment of impact fees and main street overlay and the Drainage Ordinance.

When Mondragon began his career with the village, the municipality had 6,000 population. Now it is nearing 16,000.

During his years with the village, Mondragon accumulated a wealth of information about issues that concern the area, points out Village Administrator Peter Fernandez.

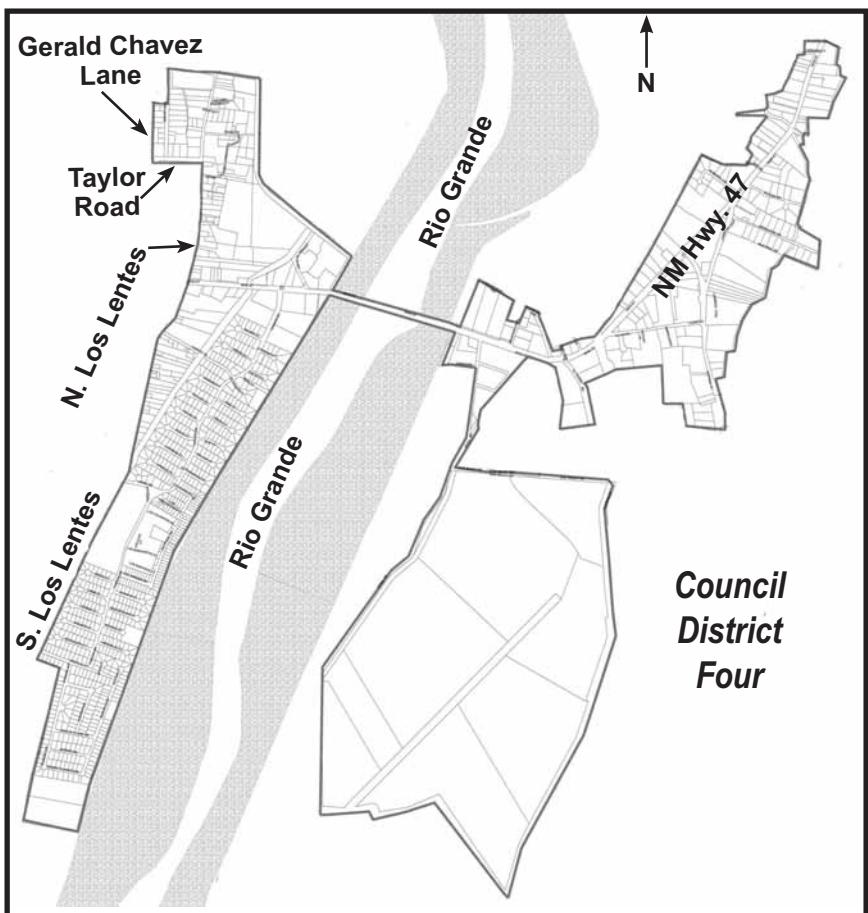
A huge knowledge source for the village is leaving with Mondragon's retirement. He has

an excellent memory as well as the ability to seek out the information people may be looking for.

Mondragon remained calm even in difficult and stressful situations, said Fernandez, adding that the now-retired Community Development Director always spoke in a non-threatening tone.



Art Mondragon



MUNICIPAL ELECTION
MARCH 2, 2010
 All Registered Voters
 in the
 Village Can Vote for
Mayor and Municipal Judge.
 Voters in Districts
 Two and Four Also Vote
 for Village Council

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 BUREAU OF ELECTIONS**
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 REGISTERING TO VOTE





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