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Resolve to Help The Community in 2009

A new year often means a time to create resolutions, whether new or old.

In these ever-changing economic times it may prove even more important to make and keep resolutions especially when it comes to supporting our community.

Some businesses in New Mexico are having to cut back as others find ways to keep employees and perhaps even increase their revenue a bit.

Los Lunas has been fortunate and experienced a good deal of growth over the last ten years — residential and commercial.

Both “big box” and “Mom and Pop” stores have opened their doors in Los Lunas and most of them have managed to keep those doors open to serve the community.

These stores and their employees strive to provide services people need and want.

The holiday season is often the time when retail stores, restaurants and a wide variety of businesses experience more sales than any other time of the year.

With the beginning of 2009, all stores will be working even harder to provide valuable services and goods to customers.

This is the time to resolve to help the greater Los Lunas, as well as Valencia County, community by supporting as many businesses as possible in the New Year.

Remember that by Shopping in Los Lunas and Valencia County you help your neighbors and friends as well as the businesses. This helps all of us ultimately.

NM Rail Runner Express Now Goes to Santa Fe



The New Mexico Rail Runner Express began its trips to Santa Fe in December, just in time for people to attend the New Mexico Legislative Session.

It is approximately two hours from the Los Lunas station to the Santa Fe Depot.

For three weekends, riding on the train was free. Riders are now charged with the fees dependent upon how many “zones” are traveled.

Information about the train may be found at www.nmrailrunner.com or calling 1 866-795-RAIL (this is a toll free call).

At left, passengers at the Los Lunas station prepare to board the train on the last weekend free service was provided.

Renew Your Business License Today!

It's time to renew your business license. 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.



"Cattle Drive" — A Bob Lee Work

Museum Has New Exhibit

"Through the Eyes of the Cowboy" is the new exhibit at the Village's Museum of Heritage and Arts, located at the intersection of Main Street and Luna Avenue, which is under the water tower.

The exhibit features western artist Bob Lee and the history of cattle and sheep ranching in the greater Los Lunas area.

The exhibit runs until March 31.

The museum is open from noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays. It is closed Sunday and Monday.

Admission is free to the museum.

The museum's last exhibit of 2008 was Saints and Sacred Places which featured the history of area churches and the artwork of Rio Abajo Santeros.

Village Garbage Pickup Days

Presidents' Day is not a Village holiday. The regular routes will be run on Monday, February 16, 2009. Here are the changes for the year.

HOLIDAY OBSERVED	REGULAR TRASH PICKUP DAY	WILL BE PICKED UP ON
Good Friday	Friday, April 10	Thursday, April 9
Memorial Day	Monday, May 25	Tuesday, May 26
Fourth of July	Friday, July 3	Thursday, July 2
Labor Day	Monday, Sept. 7	Tuesday, Sept. 8
Columbus Day	Monday, Oct. 12	Tuesday, Oct. 13
Veterans Day	Wednesday, Nov. 11	Tuesday, Nov. 10
Thanksgiving	Thursday, Nov. 26	Wednesday, Nov. 25
Day after Thanksgiving	Friday, Nov. 27	Monday, Nov. 30
Christmas Eve	Thursday, Dec. 24	Wednesday, Dec. 23
Christmas Day	Friday, Dec. 25	Monday, Dec. 28
New Year's Holiday	Friday, Jan. 1, 2010	Thursday, Dec. 31, 2009

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.**

Council Passes

Open Meetings Resolution

The Los Lunas Village Council passed its annual Open Meetings Resolution at its December 4, 2008 meeting.

The resolution states that all meetings of the council will be "open to the public at all times;" will be held only after reasonable notice to the public; and will be held at the Village Council Chambers at 660 Main Street in the administration building.

The resolution also says special meetings may be called by the mayor or a majority of the council members upon three days notice or an emergency meeting will be called only under the unforeseen circumstances that demand immediate action to protect the health, safety and property of citizens or to protect the public body from substantial financial loss.

Attend A Council Meeting!

The Los Lunas Village Council meets twice monthly in the council chambers located in the administration building at 660 Main St. NW.

Meeting dates for 2009 are:

January 22 February 5 & 19

March 5 & 19 April 9 & 23

May 7 & 21 June 4 & 18

July 9 & 23 August 6 & 20

September 3 & 17 October 8 & 22

November 5 & 19 December 3 & 17

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

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