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Village Starts New Fiscal Year — Revenues Predicted To Be Down

A new fiscal year began July 1 for the Village of Los Lunas and it will probably be a year in which revenues will be down and expenses will be up, explained Village Administrator Peter Fernandez to the village council.

Estimated revenues for 2009-2010 are \$43,064,537 which is \$13.8 million below the 2008-2009 revenues of \$56,947,055. Estimated 2009-2010 expenses are \$44,401,124, \$18 million less than 2008-2009 expenses of \$62,423,261.

Funds are sometimes held over from year to year to finish a project which can result in expenses being more than revenues in a year.

Estimated revenues for the general fund during the 2009-2010 fiscal year are \$20,865,200 while general fund budgeted expenses are \$21,239,998. The village was expected to have a cash balance of \$6,184,889 when the new fiscal year started.

The general fund includes operating expenses of \$3.8 million, capital outlay of \$9.3 million and personnel services that total \$8 million.

The \$9.3 million capital outlay is divided into:

- Administration – \$692,615;
- Police Department – \$15,000;
- Fire Department – \$64,312;
- Parks and Recreation Department – \$306,000;
- Library – \$12,000;
- Vehicle Maintenance – \$144,178; and
- Street Department – \$8,166,290 which includes \$2.18 million in stimulus money for improving intersections on Highway 314 (see story page 3); \$2.4 million for improvements to Main Street intersections as part of GRIP II; \$3 million for an I-25 interchange corridor study and funds for rights-of-way; a truck; Christmas/July 4th decorations; Los Cerritos drainage and other Main Street improvements.

Additional capital outlay projects include \$6 million for arsenic treatment for the water system (see story page 2) and \$2.2 million in highway co-op funds for street improvements in the village.

New in the personnel services are:

- Four grant-funded positions in the police department;
- Three positions at the dispatch center;
- Implementation of 24-hour shifts at the fire department; and
- A health insurance alternate plan.

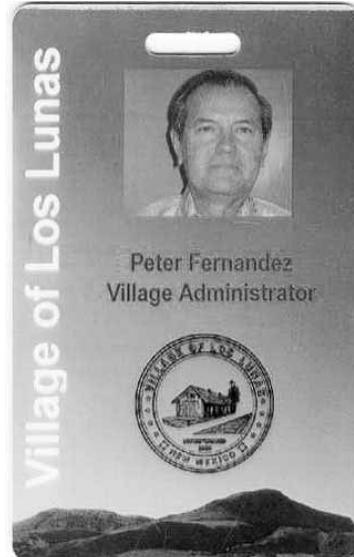
The Enterprise Funds were projected as:

- Water/Sewer Fund: \$12.3 million revenue and \$11.3 expenditures.

Solid Waste Fund: \$2.1 million revenue and \$2.0 expenditures.

The figures in this story are from May and will be updated in a report to the council at the July 23 meeting.

Village Employees Now Have Identification Badges



Village employees now have identification badges which feature the employee's picture.

The badges have a blue background, Village of Los Lunas on the left in white, and the employee's name and title in red.

The badges also have the village logo and a picture of El Cerro de Los Lunas

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

Arsenic Treatment Plant Project Begins This Summer

Work begins this summer on the village's arsenic treatment project which has been in the planning stage for eight years.

RCMI, Inc., was awarded the job by the village council with a low bid of \$2,380,871.

On Jan. 23, 2001, the Environmental Protection Agency lowered the arsenic maximum contaminant level to 10 parts per billion (ppb). Federal regulations had previously mandated drinking water systems could have up to 50 ppb.

When the regulations changed, all of the village's wells were below the 50 ppb, but higher than 10 ppb.

According to Village officials, the treatment project should bring the ppb down to seven once it is finished.

Arsenic is a naturally-occurring mineral in ground water, especially in New Mexico where arsenic occurs naturally in volcanic soils and then leaches from the soil into the water. People may drink water containing arsenic for years and not show any effects.

Village Garbage Pickup Days

HOLIDAY OBSERVED	REGULAR TRASH PICKUP DAY	WILL BE PICKED UP ON
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.

Help Your Friends! Help Your Neighbors!

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 located in the administration building at 660 Main St. NW.

Remaining meeting dates for 2009 are:

July 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.

Watch for Teens Cleaning Up Village this Month

The village's Summer Youth Employment program will have a total of 30 teenagers out cleaning up different areas of the village this month.

Fifteen teens will work the first two weeks of July and another fifteen will work the second two weeks.

The youth employment program consists of beautification work which includes picking up trash, cutting weeds and other items having to do with beautifying the community.

The teens will be working in a variety of places in the village so be cautious when driving where the youth, and anyone else, is working.

Village Emergency Services Receives Portion of Tax

The Village of Los Lunas will receive a portion of the new Gross Receipts Tax collected to support emergency services throughout the county.

Voters approved the increase in GRT in the November 2008 general election. The increase applies to purchases of taxable items in the unincorporated and incorporated parts of the county.

Funds collected through this tax will be divided between emergency services in the unincorporated area of Valencia County, the City of Belen, the Village of Los Lunas, and the Village of Bosque Farms based upon the population of each.

Los Lunas Fire Chief Atiliano Lito Chavez told the village council that preliminary estimates show that the unincorporated area will receive 60 percent of the funds collected, the Village of Los Lunas, 21 percent, the City of Belen 16 percent and the Village of Bosque Farms, 3 percent.

Estimates are that \$1.5 million could be collected annually with the Village of Los Lunas receiving about \$126,000 to enhance emergency services. This number is subject to change.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS

Robert Vialpando Mayor

Councilors

Cecilia CC Castillo **Charles Griego**

Richard Lovato **Gerard Saiz**

Municipal Judge Jeff Aragon

Police Chief Roy E. Melnick

Village Administrator Peter Fernandez

Roadway Projects to Improve Pedestrian and Bicycle Access to Rail Runner Station

The Village of Los Lunas has received approximately \$2.2 million dollars of federal Highway (American Recovery and Reinvestment) Act of 2009 funding for roadway improvements near the Rail Runner Station, located at the intersection of Courthouse and Juan Perea Roads.

The funding is dedicated for projects identified in a 2008 Village workshop held to identify how to improve safety for people walking, biking and driving in the area around the Rail Runner station.

The Village is still working on the design of these projects, but they will focus on:

- improving the intersection and pedestrian crossing at NM 314 and Courthouse Road,
- bicycle facilities (such as bike paths and lanes) along NM 314,
- pedestrian improvements along Courthouse Road, and a

- pedestrian crossing for the rail road track and NM 314 between Courthouse road and NM 6.

A construction schedule has not yet been developed.

"We're excited to move forward on these improvements so quickly. Not only will these help Village residents safely – and comfortably – walk and ride their bicycles to the Rail Runner station, but they help visitors get from the Rail Runner to our local businesses and restaurants" says Los Lunas Mayor Robert Vialpando.

These improvements are part of the station area planning effort that the Village has been leading with the assistance of the Mid-Region Council of Governments.

For more information on the Station Area Plan or this report please contact Community Development Director Art Mondragon at 352-7659.

ELECTRONIC RECYCLING

At The Village of Los Lunas Transfer Station

8 AM - 11 AM 1:30 PM - 3 PM EVERY TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY

7480 MAIN STREET NW (ABOUT 3 MILES

WEST OF I-25 ON NM 6 ON THE NORTH SIDE)

CALL 352-7632 TO VERIFY SOMEONE IS THERE BEFORE GOING OUT

THE FOLLOWING ELECTRONICS CAN BE RECYCLED AT NO CHARGE: computers, monitors, computer peripherals (mice/keyboards), printers, copiers, scanners, fax machines, phones, backup batteries, laptops, gaming systems, batteries, VCR/DVD players and stereos.

TVs will be accepted for a \$6 disposal fee for 28" or smaller and \$11 for larger. Take the money to the cashier at the east end of the Village Administration Building, Don Pasqual and Main Street. Bring the receipt to the Transfer Station when you bring the TV.

Hard drives are wiped of information. Working computers are donated to non-profits or schools. Everything else is disassembled and recycled through carefully chosen local and national recyclers that comply with all local and federal laws and do not export.

Sponsored by The Village of Los Lunas, Resources AD and the New Mexico Recycling Coalition

Route 66 and The Great Depression

Starts August 12th at the Museum of Heritage and Arts



Dorothea Lange: Resettled farm child from Taos Junction to Bosque Farms project, New Mexico. Photography for the Farm Security Administration, December 1935. U.S. Library of Congress

A look at the famed Route 66 that came through Los Lunas and the effects of The Depression on Valencia County, New Mexico, and Our Nation.

Featuring photos by photographer Dorothea Lange during her 1935-39 trip across the United States including extensive photography in New Mexico and Valencia County.

Museum of Heritage and Arts

Main Street & Luna Avenue Under the Water Tower
Open Noon - 5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturdays
Call 505 352-7720 for more information

Road Work Continues

Have you noticed the road work in the village lately? There's several larger and smaller projects that are improving access in the community.

Work is expected to begin this summer on the intersection of Main Street and Los Lentes. The biggest change will be the addition of a right turn lane from southbound Los Lentes to westbound Main Street/Highway 6.

In addition, the traffic light will be resynchronized to facilitate traffic movement.

Work has been completed at Main Street and Carson Drive where additional parking is now available at the post office, the south post office entrance is an exit/entrance and the bank entrance/exit is aligned with the post office entrance/exit.

The repaving of Edeal Road (the portion that is in the village limits) is currently being accomplished.

Other roads in the village slated to have extensive work are: Giron Court and Drive, Gomez Court and Drive, Maestas Drive, Mission Drive, Mountain Laurel, Vaughn Street.

Senior Citizens Addition Now Open

The Fred Luna Senior Center, located on Don Pasqual just north of the Village Administration Building, recently dedicated the new expansion of the dining area and courtyard with shade addition.

The project contractor, JDavies Builder, also made enhancements to the entire building's electrical system and redid the doors.

Stop by and see what's been done!

LOS LUNAS
MUNICIPAL ELECTION
MARCH 2, 2010
All Registered Voters
in the Village vote for
Mayor and Municipal Judge.

Voters in Districts
Two and Four Also Vote
for Village Council.

Primary Election June 2010
General Election November 2010

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