

# Village of Los Lunas



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## Lovato Named New Village Councilor

The Los Lunas Village Council has chosen Richard Lovato to serve out the term of Robert Vialpando as a member of the council representing District Four.

Vialpando is serving as mayor following the resignation of longtime Mayor Louis F. Huning for health reasons.

Lovato grew up in Los Lunas and graduated from Los Lunas High School in 1963. He went on to earn a degree in civil engineering from the University of New Mexico in 1972. He has worked for the City of Albuquerque and in the private sector and is now retired.

Since his retirement Lovato has been spending time maintaining his home and working in his yard.

Lovato will finish the remainder of Vialpando's term which ends in March 2010.

The 2010 election will include the election of a mayor, municipal judge and two council positions, District Two and District Four.



*Municipal Judge Jeff Aragon, right, swears in Richard Lovato as Village Councilor as Village Administrative Secretary Debra Sanchez holds the Bible*

## Administrator Fernandez At The Helm

Longtime village employee Peter Fernandez will serve as village administrator/clerk/treasurer following the resignation of Phillip Jaramillo. Fernandez was appointed to serve by the Village council until the March 2010 election.

Fernandez graduated from Los Lunas High School in 1967. He earned a degree in general business and accounting from New Mexico Highlands University and served in the Air Force for four years.

He worked in Denver, Colorado, for nine years before returning to Valencia County. He started at the Village of Los Lunas as a computer specialist and has worked as the financial services planner for the past 11 years.

Married to his high school sweetheart, Priscilla, the couple has three sons, Michael who lives in Albuquerque with his family; Jason, a resident of Arizona and who has twins with his wife; and John and his wife in Utah, both captains in the Air Force.

Peter Fernandez is currently serving as president of the Valencia County Chamber of Commerce.

(See Page 2 for picture of swearing in of Peter Fernandez)

## Village Applies for Cops Funding

At the April 23 meeting, the Village Council approved applying for a grant to fund four new positions in the Los Lunas Police Department.

The grant is part of the 2009 Cops Hiring Recovery Program (CHRP).

If approved, the grant would fund the hiring of four new positions for three years.

At the end of the three years, the village would be required to keep the officers on the police force for at least 12 months.

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## **Fernandez is Sworn In**

*Peter Fernandez is sworn in as Village of Los Lunas administrator/clerk/treasurer by Municipal Judge Jeff Aragon, right, as Fernandez's wife, Priscilla, looks on. See more about Fernandez on page 1.*

## **18 Percent of Retail Space Vacant**

About 18 percent of the retail space in the Los Lunas-Belen trade area is vacant, according to the retail development strategy conducted by Basile Baumann Prost Cole & Associates.

The company was hired by the village last fall to conduct the study looking at the current retail areas in Los Lunas.

Among the areas for future retail opportunity are the Interstate 25 Interchange and around the New Mexico Rail Runner Express Station as well as along Main Street in Los Lunas.

Strengthening the current healthy retail sites is strongly encouraged. Retail support should be encouraged by disseminating marketing information about the area.

## **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:

May 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](http://www.loslunasnm.gov).

## **April Recycling Event Proves Successful**

The Great American Cleanup Recycling Event held by Keep Los Lunas Clean & Beautiful and Tierra Bonita on the weekend of April 25th was a great success, said coordinator Marie Marquez. She pointed out that 57 people helped that day and that 12 items could be recycled.

Approximately 125 vehicles went through the recycling event and vehicles kept on arriving even after the event ended 15 minutes early. The early closing occurred because most items were electronics and Joel Belding from Enchantment Electronic Recycling had a full truck.

All cell phones collected were donated to the Domestic Violence Organization. A representative from the Toys for Tots organization came from Albuquerque to collect the bicycles to be refurbished for needy children. Paint was collected by Belen for graffiti cleanup.

Marquez expressed her thanks to Boy Scout Troop 360, Los Lunas High School Volleyball Team, Trio See Club at the University of New Mexico Valencia Campus, students from San Clemente Catholic Church, community service workers from Municipal and Magistrate Courts, and the village staff who assisted as well as volunteers who wanted to participate in a good cause.

Thanks also go to Donut King in Belen for donating donuts. Smith's Food & Drug donated a gift card. Wal-Mart Distribution Center donated drinks. Big "C's" Pizza, Dominos, Dion's, Papa Johns, & Casa de Pizza donated pizza for the volunteers.

The Keep Los Lunas Clean & Beautiful Program is still accepting organization cleanups.

Marquez says that if any group organization is interested in doing a cleanup for Community Service hours or just because the group has caring members, then please contact Marie Marquez and she will schedule the group. The group will be supplied with bags, gloves and safety vests.

Marie can be reached at 352-7658.

## **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

## Committee Will Assist Corridor Study

A twelve to fifteen member committee is being formed to assist in outreach while the Corridor Study is conducted.

The Committee will bring community information to the study planner and also take information back out to the community.

The committee will be composed of representatives of government and the private sector.

The objective of the Corridor Study is to assess transportation problems within the New Mexico 6/ Main Street corridor in Los Lunas, evaluate potential solutions to the identified problems and prepare federal and state documents regarding this issue.

Potential solutions include improvements to the existing roadway system, use of alternative travel modes and new east-west roadways.



## Celebrate July 4th In Los Lunas

### Parade Along Main Street Festivities at Daniel Fernandez Park



*Enjoy the 4th at Home!*

**Drought Conditions May Limit Fireworks**

**Check with the Village Fire Department**

**On Limited Use of Fireworks — 839-3847**



# 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**



# Summer Recreation

## Six Week Program for Youth from Six to Fourteen

**First Session — June 1 - June 18, 2009      Second Session — July 6 - July 23, 2009**  
**Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.      Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

**Registration Fees — Village Resident - \$45 per child    County Resident - \$60 per child**

**Cash or credit/debit card only — no personal checks accepted**

**Fee includes: first and second session, all scheduled field trips, lunch provided by  
Los Lunas schools**

**Activities are scheduled to include kickball, flag football, dodgeball, BB gun, basketball, archery,  
toppleball, arts and crafts, flag games, fishing, wiffle/mushball, soccer and volleyball.**

**Field trips may include Cliff's Amusement Park, Hinkle Family Fun center, Fishing at Tingley  
Beach, Isleta Fun Connection, and movies.**

# Summerfest

## A THREE-DAY FAMILY ORIENTED EVENT RECREATING A 1950s ATMOSPHERE FRIDAY, JUNE 12

**NOON - 8 P.M. — NEW MEXICO'S LARGEST CAR & MOTORCYCLE SWAP MEET**

**8 P.M. - MIDNIGHT — DOUBLE FEATURE OUTDOOR MOVIE "CARS AND GREASE"**



## SATURDAY, JUNE 13

**9 A.M. - 8 P.M. — CAR & MOTORCYCLE SWAP MEET**

**9 A.M. - 1 P.M. — CAR SHOW/EXHIBITION**

**1 P.M. - 2 P.M. — AWARDS PRESENTATION**

**2 P.M. - 7 P.M. — ENTERTAINMENT & GAMES**

**7 P.M. - 10 P.M. — 50's SOCK HOP**



## SUNDAY, JUNE 14

**9 A.M. - 4 P.M. — NEW MEXICO'S LARGEST CAR & MOTORCYCLE SWAP MEET**

**FOOD • VENDORS • ARTS & CRAFTS • BUSINESS BOOTHS  
ENTERTAINMENT AND GAMES • CARNIVAL**



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MORRIS ROAD AND HIGHWAY 314**

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**VALENCIA COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AT 352-3596**