

Village of Los Lunas



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Shop Valencia County For All Your Holiday Needs; Keep Tax Dollars Here

Okay, another Thanksgiving and Christmas will be here soon. Maybe this season you want to spend less because you're feeling the impact of the economic downturn of the last year. Or perhaps you've had a good summer and fall in your job so you can spend a little more than you thought was possible only six months ago.

Whatever your budget for the upcoming holiday season, you need to shop in Valencia County first so your tax dollars stays in the area and the jobs allocated with the spending also remain here.

Valencia County, including Los Lunas, has many shopping opportunities so it's not necessary to go outside the area to find what you want

And there's plenty of restaurants where you can enjoy a wide variety of menu choices. Want New Mexican food? It's available at a number of places. How about a sandwich? You'll have plenty of choices to

keep your stomach filled.

Spending your shopping dollars in Valencia County including the Village of Los Lunas is very important for the local government and for the citizens. When you purchase locally the local government receives Gross Receipts Tax allocations.

Approximately fifty percent of the general fund revenues for the Village of Los Lunas are generated through gross receipts tax and property tax revenue created within the village limits

The funds from the Gross Receipts Tax provide needed services throughout the village.

The general fund pays for services that include public safety (police and fire), judicial, highway and streets, culture and recreation and finance and administration.

Shop Valencia County and the Village of Los Lunas first -- your community services depend on it!

Police Promotions

Family and friends pin the badges signifying promotion on Los Lunas police officers during special ceremonies at a Los Lunas Village Council meeting. See more details on the reverse side of this page.



and the Great Depression
through December 31st
at the
Los Lunas Museum
of Heritage and Arts

253 Main Street Corner Main & Luna
Under the Water Tower
For more information,
call 505 352-7720

Village Police Officers Promoted

At a recent meeting the Los Lunas Village Council watched as Los Lunas Police Chief Roy E. Melnick introduced the council to the officers who have been promoted to higher position and/or specific positions within the department.

Mayor Robert Vialpando presented the officers with their new badges and family members or friends pinned the badges on the officers during the closing of the promotion ceremony.

The following were promoted:

- Sergeant Vince Torres to Lieutenant, Patrol Operations Commander.
- Patrolman Carl Padilla to Lieutenant, Criminal Investigations Commander.
- Patrolman Naithan Gurule to Sergeant, Criminal Investigations Supervisor.
- Patrolman Robert Ferreyra to Sergeant, Patrol Operations Supervisor.
- Patrolman Peter Alderete to Sergeant, Patrol Operations Supervisor.
- School Resource Officer Archie Romero to Sergeant, Patrol Operations Supervisor.
- Detective Mark Torres to Sergeant, Criminal Investigations Supervisor, Region 1 Drug Task Force.
- Patrolman Johnny Cappelli to Detective, Criminal Investigations.
- Patrolman Horacio DeAnda to Canine Officer, Patrol Operations.
- Patrolman James Rich to School Resource Officer, Los Lunas Schools.
- Assistant Chief David Gurule to the newly created position of Deputy Chief, responsible for the overall Administrative Operations of the department.

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:

November 19 December 3 & 17

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



Los Lunas Police Chief Roy E. Melnick pins the badge on newly promoted Deputy Chief David Gurule.

• Captain Charles Nuanes was transferred into the newly created position of Professional Standards Accreditation Manager, responsible for bringing the department's policies and procedures up to the State of New Mexico Professional Law Enforcement Standards.

Time for Business Licenses

It's time to renew your business license.

If you are in business in the Village of Los Lunas and don't have a business license then it is definitely time to get one.

A nice thing about living in Los Lunas is the great variety of businesses available. Those businesses should all have a license issued by the village.

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.

It is best to renew your license before December 31.

Licenses must be renewed annually. Village staff send out reminder letters in the latter part of the year to make it easier to renew.

Village Arsenic Project Reduces Parts Per Billion

Contractor RMCI continues its work on the village arsenic project which will reduce the parts per billion (ppb) of arsenic in the village's water.

The intent of the village's arsenic project is to bring down the parts per billion below ten. Village Public Utilities Director Betty Behrend says the number should be around seven when the project is completed.

Village officials routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. The village's water system recently violated a drinking water standard.

Testing results from quarterly arsenic samples collected February 5, 2009, April 23, 2009, and July 22, 2009, show Village Wells 3, 4, and 5 exceeded the standards or maximum contaminant level (MCL) for arsenic.

The current running annual average for arsenic is 12.5 parts per billion at Well 3. The mandatory federal standard for arsenic is 10 parts per billion.

This means the village water system exceeded the arsenic maximum contaminant level in the third quarter of 2009. Wells 4 and 5 also exceeded the arsenic maximum contaminant level in the third quarter.

There is no immediate risk from this nor is there a need to use an alternative water supply such as bottled water. If you have specific health concerns, or have a compromised immune system, you might consult your doctor or drink and use bottle water.

Arsenic enters drinking water supplies from natural deposits in the earth or from agricultural and industrial practices.

Human exposure to arsenic can cause both short and long term health effects, but such effects are unlikely to occur from United States public water supplies that are in compliance with the arsenic standard.

When the village arsenic project is completed the arsenic treatment system (equipment cost of approximately \$1.5 million) will be located in new buildings at each of the village's well sites. RCMI received the construction contract with a bid of \$2.380,871.



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



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.



CALL VALENCIA COUNTY
BUREAU OF ELECTIONS
866-2080 FOR
INFORMATION

ABOUT REGISTERING
Primary Election June 2010
General Election November 2010

LLHS Tiger Band Sells Fruit, Participates in Scholarship Program

The annual Los Lunas High School Tiger Band Fruit Sale is going on now.

Band members are taking orders for fruit which arrives just in time for holiday gift giving and enjoyment.

If you are interested then send an email that includes your name, address and phone number to LLHSTigerBand@aol.com and a band member will contact you to take your order.

This fund raiser helps students raise money for the band's trip to Disneyland in April 2010.

The band is also participating in the Hometown Scholarship Program. This program involves \$5 donations with the proceeds going to scholarships and leadership development programs.

For more information visit www.hometownscholarship.com.

The Los Lunas High School Band continues to grow under the leadership of directors Henry Estrada and Mariko McWhorter as well as with the hard work of the students.

Watch for Highway 314/ Main Street Reconstruction

The job for reconstructing Highway 314 and Main Street (also known as NM 6) is expected to be awarded in late November.

Improvements/changes include:

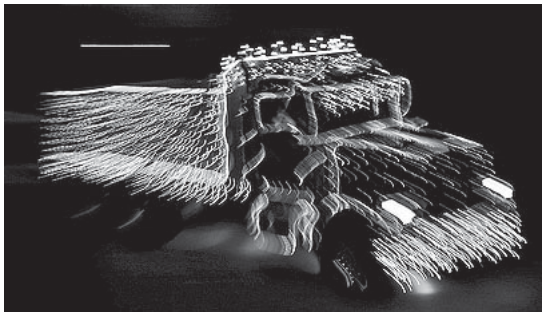
- Adding a right turn lane from westbound Main Street on to northbound Highway 314.
- Adding a right turn lane from northbound 314 on to eastbound Main Street.
- Creating two left turn lanes from northbound Highway 314 to westbound Main Street.
- Improving and lengthening the left turn lane from eastbound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

Watch for this project starting in the winter. Please be patient and careful going through this major intersection.

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

Christmas Light Parade

Saturday, December 5 6:30 PM



**Begins at Carson Drive
and Main Street**

**Heads West on Main Street
to Village Administration Building**
Call the Parks & Recreation Department
for information 352-3584

VISIT WITH SANTA AT THE PARK

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12 2 PM

DANIEL FERNANDEZ PARK

**1103 HIGHWAY 314 SOUTH LOS LUNAS
STOCKING GIVEN TO CHILDREN PRESENT**

