

Village of Los Lunas



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Early Voting Now Open; Election Day March 2

Early voting is now being conducted for the March 2 Village of Los Lunas municipal election.

Registered voters in the village limits may go to the Administration Building, Main Street and Don Pasqual, to vote from eight a.m. to five p.m. during the early voting period. Last day to vote early is Friday, February 26.

Voters go the polls on Tuesday, March 2. The polling location, open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., is the Village

Administration Building located at the intersection of Don Pasqual and Main Street.

Candidates for mayor are, in ballot order, Frank A. Otero, Robert E. Vialpando and Gene Sais.

Candidate for District 2 Village Council Seat is Charles Griego.

Candidate for District 4 Village Council Seat is Richard Lovato.

Candidates for municipal judge, in ballot order, are Jeff P. Aragon and Stephanie W. Williams.

Important Village of Los Lunas 2010 Election Dates **Friday, February 26**

Last Day for Absentee & Early Voting
Tuesday, March 2 — Election Day

7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

**Voting At The
Village Administration Building
Don Pasqual and Main Street**

Did You Resolve to Get in Shape? Need Some Help?

Check out the Village Recreation Facilities!

Everything from the fitness center at Daniel Fernandez Park to volleyball to basketball and many other recreational opportunities.

Check it out at www.loslunasnm.gov or visit Daniel Fernandez Recreation Center on NM Highway 314 south of Main Street



What Goes On at the Los Lunas Library?

Los Lunas Public Library Director Cynthia Shetter has great statistics she's sharing about what goes on at the library and its branch, the Museum of Heritage & Arts.

During the village's 2008-2009 fiscal year

- 74,226 people walked through the doors.

- 67,054 books, movies, cds, and more were borrowed.

- Of those borrowed items 19,121 were children's materials.

- 25,989 people used the computers.

- 28,600 reference questions were answered.

- 6,670 people attended youth and adult programs.

That means in One Day

- 274 people walked through the doors.

- 247 books, movies, cds, and more were borrowed.

- Of those borrowed items 71 were children's materials.

- 96 people used the computers.

- 106 reference questions were answered.

- 25 people attended youth and adult programs.

So far, for this fiscal year

- Circulation of materials has increased 12.3% over the same period as last year.

- Computer usage has increased 14.1% over the same period as last year.

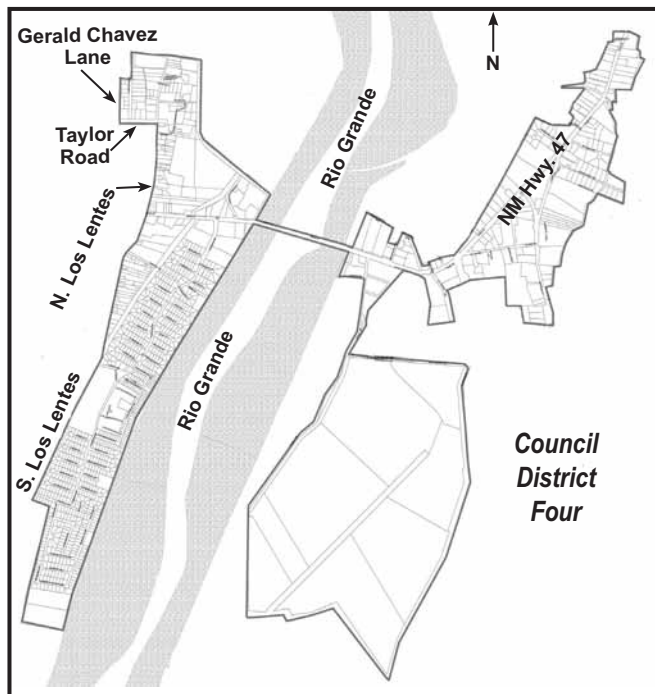
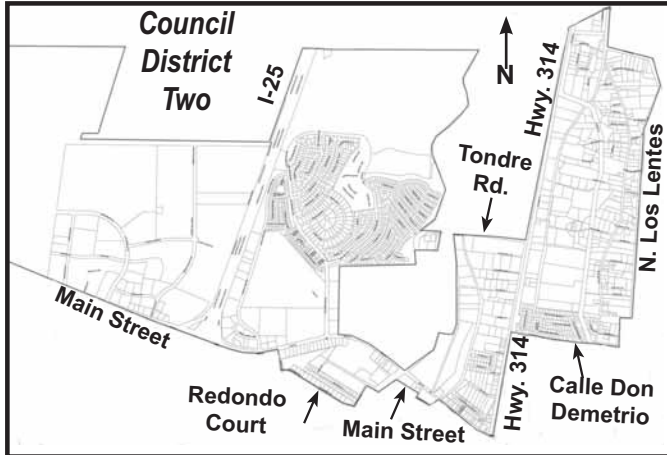
MUNICIPAL ELECTION



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



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*

Library Becomes Economic Hub of the Community

The Los Lunas Public Library and its branch the Los Lunas Museum of Heritage & Arts completed a Return on Investment study in June 2009. The study found that for every tax dollar invested in the library there was a \$3.87 return to the community.

This is a substantial return for taxpayers considering that the economic news is currently often grim, says Library Director Cynthia Shetter.

Most communities have felt the impact of the financial crisis but how has it affected the Los Lunas Public Library?

Shetter points out that the library has become the economic hub for the community.

Now it is a common occurrence to see staff members assisting patrons with online job applications, proof reading resumes or helping someone apply for unemployment and social security benefits. The librarian's role has expanded in order to keep up with the needs of our community.

The library boasts 24 public access computers for patrons of all ages to research, communicate, and develop their careers. Internet technology has changed the way people shop, bank, do business and communicate. The library has been there to assist in this transition.

During this current economic crisis the library has become even more valuable to the community, says Shetter. People are turning to the library to provide vital computer training assistance and utilizing the library's collection in place of making purchases. Citizens are even cancelling their Internet at home and using the library's Hi-Speed and Wi-Fi Internet. All of this has turned the library into an economic hub for our community.

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 2010 dates are:

February 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.

Keep Yourself Safe by Affixing House Numbers

If you don't have identifying numbers on the exterior of your home or office building then it's time to attach at least three-inch tall or higher numbers.

Putting the numbers on the building will help fire and rescue personnel find you and will also mean you are complying with village ordinances.

A survey by the village Code Enforcement Division revealed that many homes and/or buildings do not have street numbers. Numbers are required by Village Municipal Code Title 12 Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places Chapter 12.04 Street Naming and House Numbering Section 12.04.050 Duty to request and affix numbers.

Code Enforcement Division officers are asking citizens' cooperation and community spirit to affix the designated street numbers on the front of buildings so the number may be easily readable from the street.

Numbers should be no less than three (3) inches in height and of a corresponding width.

The safety and health of every resident and the proper placement of addresses can mean a quicker response by police or emergency personnel.

If you have questions call Mark Leeder (extension 7710) or Josie Navarette (Extension 7656) at the Village's Code Enforcement Division, 839-3840.

Recycle Many Items April 17 on Recycling Day

The village will host a recycling day Saturday, April 17, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. for the following items:

Electronics, cell phones, flattened cardboard, clothes, bagged paper, aluminum, oil (free of water and other substances), batteries, metal and copper.

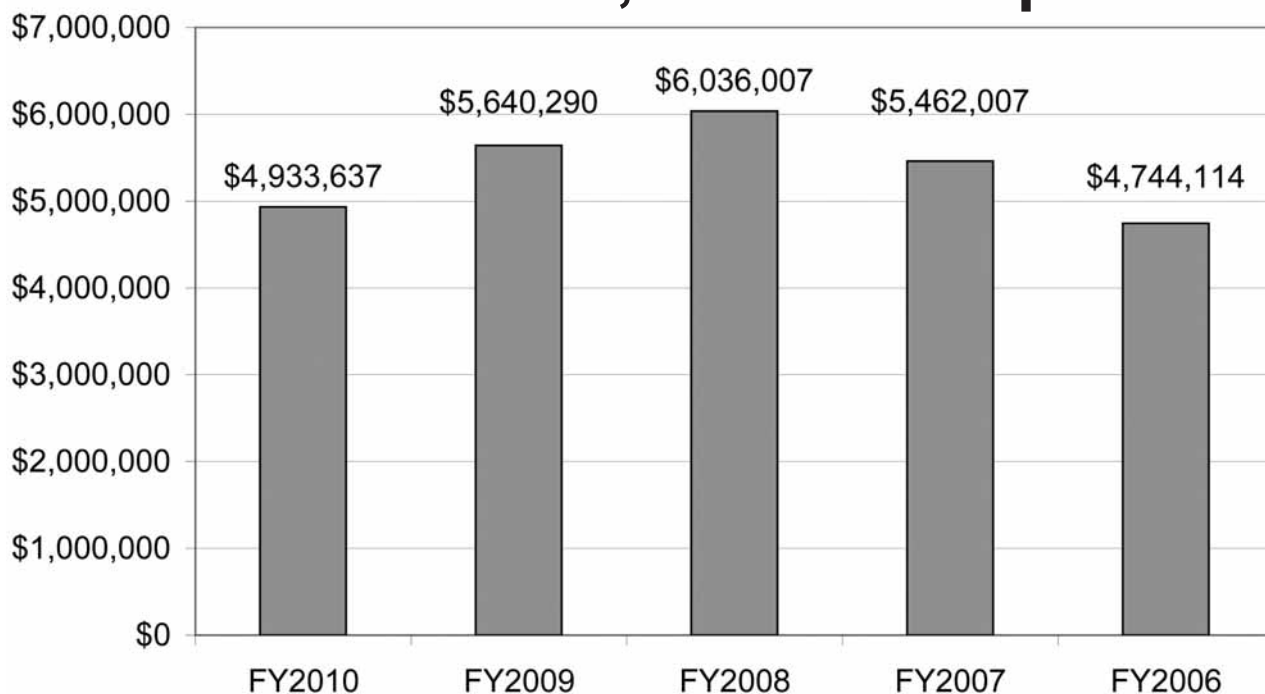
Also radiators, brass, steel, bicycles, household appliances, tires and televisions for which there will be a minimal charge of \$5 for a 24" TV and smaller and

\$10 for anything larger than that size.

Roll off bins will be available for those items not accepted for recycling.

The event will be held north of the Village Administration Offices in the parking lot located on Don Pasqual. Bins and other receptacles will be labeled. It will be a drive-through event and volunteers will be available to assist people.

GRT Revenues Down; Please Shop Locally



In a slow economy spending locally becomes even more important. The graph above shows the amount of Gross Receipts Tax Revenue (GRT) for the first six months of this fiscal year (2009-2010) on the left and compares that amount to the previous four years. GRT revenues provide needed services throughout the village. Continue to shop locally and bring the GRT revenue back to the village for the services that create a good quality of life.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

The Los Lunas Water System has a level of Arsenic above Drinking Water Standards for the fourth quarter of 2009

Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Although this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we are doing to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Testing results from quarterly arsenic samples collected on February 5, 2009, April 23, 2009, July 22, 2009 and October 30, 2009 show that Wells 3, 4, 5 and 6 exceeded the **new** standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL), for arsenic. The current running annual average for arsenic is 0.01675 mg/L (17 ppb) at Well 3. The standard for arsenic is 0.010 mg/L or 10 parts per billion (ppb); this standard was 50 ppb and the water supply was in compliance. Nothing in the water has changed except the new standard. Therefore, the Los Lunas Water System has exceeded the arsenic MCL in the fourth quarter of 2009 (October - December). Wells 4, 5 and 6 have also exceeded the arsenic MCL in this quarter.

What should I do?

You **DO NOT** need to use an alternative (e.g., bottled) water supply. However, if you have specific health concerns, or have a compromised immune system you may consult your doctor or drink and use bottled water.

What does this mean?

This is not an immediate risk. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. However some people who drink water containing arsenic in excess of the MCL over many years could experience skin damage or problems with their circulatory system, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

What happened? What is being done?

The arsenic in our water is from the erosion of natural deposits. The Los Lunas Water System will continue to post this arsenic public notice every 3 months as long as this MCL exceedence persists. Construction of arsenic treatment facilities at Wells 3, 4, 5 and 6 are nearing completion. Wells 5 & 6 should be on line the first of March 2010.

For more information, please contact Betty Behrend at (505) 839-3842 or PO Box 1209, Los Lunas, NM, 87031.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people doing business with your establishment, temporary workers or visitors, etc.). You can do this by posting this notice in public places and distributing copies by hand or mail.

This notice is being sent to you by the Los Lunas Water System.

System #NM 35 253-32

Address PO Box 1209, Los Lunas, NM 87031 Phone (505) 839-3842

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Signed by: Betty Behrend Dated: 2-3-10