

Village of Los Lunas



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Three File for Mayor; Two for Municipal Judge; Council Seats Are Unopposed

Seven candidates have filed for four positions in the Village of Los Lunas Municipal Election.

Voters will 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.

Filing for mayor were Frank. A. Otero, Gene Sais, and Robert E. Vialpando. (Note that the candidates are listed in alphabetical order, not ballot order. The drawing for ballot position occurred following closing time for this newsletter. Watch for the February newsletter for candidate ballot order.)

Incumbent Charles Griego filed for the position of Village Councilor, District Two. He was first elected to the council in 1982 and has been elected every four years since that time.

Incumbent Richard Lovato filed for the position of Village Councilor, District Four. He was appointed to the council in April, 2009, to fill the council seat vacated when Robert Vialpando was appointed Mayor

of Los Lunas.

Filing for Los Lunas municipal judge were Jeff P. Aragon and Stephanie W. Williams.

All candidates are running for four year terms in their respective positions.

See inside this newsletter for maps showing the District Two and Four council districts which have candidates running for that office.

Write-in candidates could file for office on Tuesday, January 12. The names of write-in candidates do not appear on the ballot.

The last day to withdraw as a write-in candidate is Tuesday, January 26, which is the first day to issue absentee ballots.

Help Your Friends! Help Your Neighbors!
Shop in Los Lunas All The Time!
Help Keep Jobs in Los Lunas!

Important Village of Los Lunas 2010 Election Dates

Tuesday, January 26

First Day to Issue Absentee Ballot

Tuesday, February 2

Voter Registration Closes

Wednesday, February 10

Early Voting Begins

Friday, February 26

Last Day for Absentee & Early Voting

Tuesday, March 2 — Election Day

7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

**Early and Election Day Voting at
The Village Administration Building
Don Pasqual and Main Street**



Village Presented Beautification Award
Josie Navarette, left, and Marie Marquez display the Gold Community Recognition Award for community beautification presented to the Village of Los Lunas in December. See the story and additional photo in this newsletter.

Los Lunas Recognized for Beautification Efforts



Los Lunas beautification coordinator Marie Marquez, left, and village administrator Peter Fernandez display the village's award.

Closed Your Business? Notify the Village

Many businesses have renewed their business license with the village over the past weeks. However, some companies are no longer in business. What should business owners do if they are no longer conducting that business?

Notify the village if you are no longer conducting business. Once notified then the business will be marked as "inactive." When the company is conducting business again then the file will be reactivated and marked as "active" after the village has been notified.

Business license applications need to be signed so double check the paperwork to be sure everything is complete before sending in the application with the payment.

A business 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 by March 15 every year.

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

The Village of Los Lunas was among only 13 New Mexico communities and organizations recognized for their efforts regarding local beautification.

The 13 were given awards at a New Mexico Clean & Beautiful Awards ceremony at the State Capitol building in Santa Fe in December.

The village was honored with a Gold Community Recognition Award. The only other community recognized with this award was the Village of Mosquero.

The awards recognize communities and organizations for their efforts to make their communities cleaner, more beautiful and overall, make a difference by improving the community's surrounding environment.

Police Open House Noted; Longtime Employees Honored

November's Open House for the newly renovated Los Lunas Police Department drew many community members.

Police Chief Roy E. Melnick thanks the village employees who helped with the event: Deputy Chief David Gurule, Rhonda Sanchez, Sgt. Naithan Gurule, Lt. Carl Padilla, Lt. Vince Torres, Detective Denise Romero, Sgt. Robert Ferreyra, Sgt. Archie Romero, Horacio Deanda, canine "Ricky Luna", Jamie Ford, Marcella Cavalier, Art Mondragon, Sgt. Mark Torres and Detective Johnny Cappelli.

Melnick noted the dedication and hard work of village employees Phillip Bradshaw, Ronald Hubbell, Joseph Barta, and Travis Rodriguez in accomplishing the changes at the department.

Two police department employees have been presented with plaques noting their service: Lieutenant Max Blea for dedicating 22 years of service as a police officer and Executive Secretary Christine Torres for 25 years of service to 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:

January 28 February 11 & 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

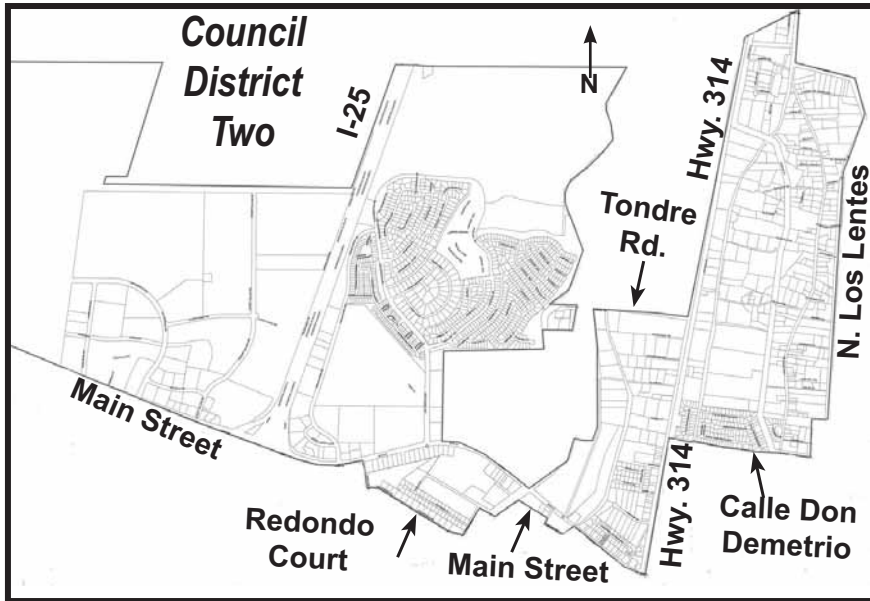
Meetings begin at 6 p.m. Once in a while meetings are canceled or rescheduled so check with officials at 839-3840 or the village website at www.loslunasnm.gov.

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



Cleanups Scheduled February, March

Cleanups are scheduled February 20 and March 20 from 8 a.m. to noon in the village.

Those interested should meet in front of the Village Administration Building, Don Pasqual and Main Street.

Marie Marquez coordinates the cleanups and will assign those who participate. Questions can be answered by calling Marquez at 352-7658.

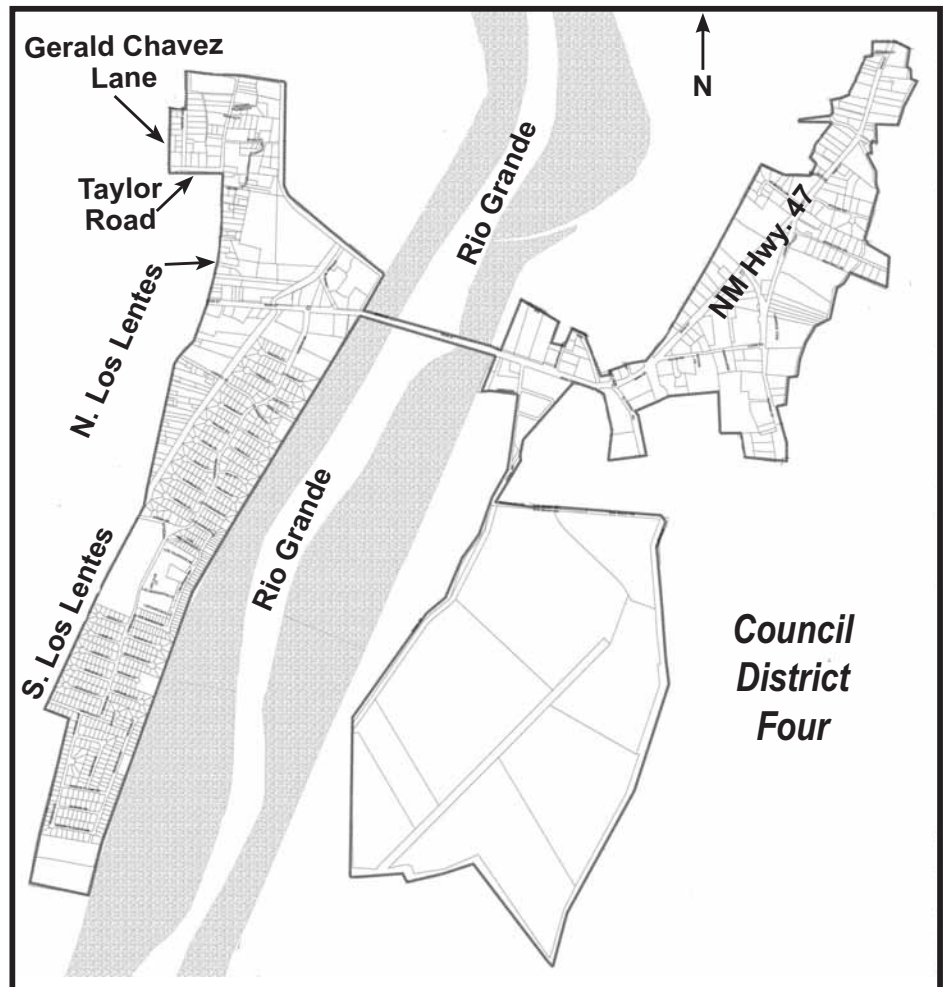
In Stitches at the Library

There's always room for more with the group at the Los Lunas library doing needlework, spinning tall yarns, and unraveling the mysteries of knitting, crocheting, embroidery, and anything else that has to do with a needle.

The group meets at the Los Lunas Public Library, 460 Main Street S.E., Fridays at 2:30 p.m. to needle 'close-knit' friends and embroider 'purls of wisdom.'

Members teach, learn, or simply gather wool. Warm up those cold winter days with something that will leave you in stitches.

Call Marie at 839-3850 for more information.



CALL VALENCIA COUNTY
BUREAU OF ELECTIONS
866-2080 FOR INFORMATION
ABOUT REGISTERING TO VOTE

Valencia County Fiber to Finish Textiles on Display Also

Smithsonian “Seeds of Change” Traveling Exhibit at Los Lunas Museum Starting Jan. 23

On the morning of October 12, 1492, Christopher Columbus and his men waded ashore on a tiny corral island located in what would become North America.

At that moment two worlds collided—the New and the Old Worlds. What followed was 500 years of interaction and exchange.

The Seeds of Change exhibit tells the story of this interaction and exchange that occurred after Columbus’s historic voyages to the New World, and the global impact of this exchange.

Five key “seeds” — corn, potatoes, diseases, horses, and sugar — form the core of this exhibit. Each seed has a profound impact on the way people live, and together they reshaped the very nature of life for humans, plants, and animals around the planet.

In conjunction with this exhibit the local Fiber to Finish Guild will be displaying their textile products from their 2009 Fiber to Finish Color Challenge in preparation for the Handweavers Guild of America 2010 Convergence to be held in Albuquerque, July 18 - 25, 2010.

Members were challenged to create a fiber-related product using paintings by Georgia O’Keefe, R.C. Gorman, and Gustave Baumann as inspiration.

Home crafts such as dying and spinning of wool have been passed down through the ages for cloth-

ing as well as art. In fact, Valencia County’s economic and cultural history centers upon Don Juan De Onate’s introduction of Spanish “Churro” sheep in 1598.

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nization of the southwest and helped make New Mexico one of the oldest sheep regions in the United States.

These exhibits are on display at the Museum of Heritage & Arts January 23 thru June 30, 2010.

The museum is open Tuesday thru Friday noon to 5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Seeds of Change is organized by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service and borrowed from Mesa Verde National Park.



Thursday’s the Day for Video Games at Library

It’s Game On @ The Library!

The Los Lunas Public Library is alive with the sound of video games every Thursday from 3 to 6 p.m. The library is located at 460 Main St NE.

Teens, tweens, and even adults can participate in the Library’s Wii Game On! program. Participants must have a valid Los Lunas Public Library Card and library staff will be on hand to help those unfamiliar with the system and games if they desire to learn.

Game On! video games are rated (T) Teen or (E) Everyone and include Wii Guitar Hero 5, Mario Kart, Mario Party 8, Outdoor Challenge, Wii Sports, Wii Super Mario Brothers, and Wii Punch Out.

Game On @ The Library! brings the Los Lunas library to the forefront of where technology, youth culture and learning come together.

Gaming provides technological offerings not always traditionally held by libraries but relevant to today’s learning and cultural environments. Gaming

at the library can bridge the gaps between children, teens and adults, bringing them together as families and friends under one space.

Today’s students, grades K through college, are “Digital Natives”; they have never known the world without computers, video games, digital music players, and cell phones.

These students think, learn, and process information differently from their predecessors, relying frequently on electronic media to learn kinesthetic and visual representation skills. Studies have found that video games facilitate learning on several levels:

- Games are a mode of active engagement. In many games the process of solving a problem is important as finding the answer.

- Games span language barriers, and players do not necessarily need to speak English to participate.

So come get your Game On! at the Los Lunas Library. For more information please call 839-3850.