

# Village of Los Lunas



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## Vialpando Elected Mayor

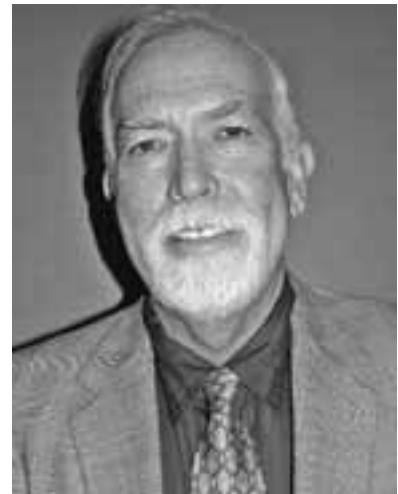
Incumbent Mayor Robert Vialpando won election to a four-year term on municipal Election Day March 2.

Vialpando won with 1,121 votes of the 2,268 cast in the mayoral race. Gene Sais received 763 votes and Frank A. Otero, 384.

Vialpando was appointed Mayor by the Los Lunas Village Council following the resignation of Mayor Louis F. Huning in April 2009. He was in his fourth term as village councilor when the appointment was made.

Los Lunas Village Councilors Charles Griego and Richard Lovato ran unopposed and received 585 and 269 votes, respectively. Griego, who represents District Two, will begin his eighth term as village councilor. Lovato was appointed in April to fill the District Four seat vacated by Vialpando when he became mayor.

In the Los Lunas Municipal Judge race, incumbent Jeff P. Aragon received 1,486 votes to his challenger Stephanie W. Williams's 778 of the 2,264 votes cast. Aragon will be serving his third term as judge.



Robert Vialpando

## Lectures Compliment Museum Exhibit

Take some time and visit the Los Lunas Museum of Heritage & Arts, located at the corner of Luna Avenue and Main Street to view the current exhibit, *Seeds of Change*.

*Seeds of Change* tells the story of the interaction and exchange that occurred after Columbus's historic voyages to the New World and the 500 years that followed. The exhibit will be on display through June 30.

To compliment the *Seeds of Change* exhibit the museum has scheduled Chautauqua performer Bill Dunmire, to deliver two presentations.

With degrees in wildlife management and zoology from the University of California, Berkley, Dunmire enjoyed a 28-year career with the National Park Service. He served as Superintendent of Carlsbad Caverns, NM, and Guadalupe Mountains, Texas, National Parks in 1985. Then he spent seven years as a field biologist in New Mexico for the Nature Conservancy. Now he is a writer/lecturer and photographer.

On Saturday, March 27 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Dunmire will talk about Native People of North America: What They Grew and Gathered at the Los Lunas

Transportation Center, 751 Juan Perea Rd.

This slide-illustrated talk relates the connections between plants and native people of New Mexico, especially Pueblo and Navajo Indians. It deals with the earliest farming in America but also emphasizes the importance of a host of common wild plants.

On Saturday, April 17, also at the Transportation Center, Dunmire will talk about Our Gift from Spain: how Mediterranean Plants and Food Came to New Mexico.

This slide-illustrated talk relates the story of how Old World cultivated plants and foods made their way from pre-Columbian Spain to the colonial frontier of New Mexico and the greater Southwest.

These presentations are funded by the Village of Los Lunas and the New Mexico Humanities Council.

## Council Hires New CD Director

Christina Ainsworth joins the staff of the Village of Los Lunas this month as the Community Development Director. She most recently served eight years as lead planner for the Development Services Department of the City of El Paso.

# Police Implement Missing Child Program

When a child is reported missing, time is one of law enforcement's greatest enemies.

In order to ensure a high level of preparedness for child abduction cases, Los Lunas Police Chief Roy Melnick has announced the implementation of LOCATER™, (Lost Child Alert Technology Resource) provided by the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, Alexandria, Virginia.

The LOCATER program allows law enforcement agencies to scan photos of the missing child and enter the information related to the description of the missing child and the facts and circumstances relating to the child's disappearance to other law enforcement agencies.

The program enables law enforcement agencies



## Clean Up Results in 28 Bags of Trash

The monthly clean up in the village resulted in 28 bags of trash being picked up in February.

Areas cleaned included Los Cerritos and Main Street, the commercial area of Sun Ranch and Desert Willow Street.

Community volunteer Jim Rickey collects trash in the above photo.

## 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

### Jane Smith



Age: 4 DOB: 1/1/2006  
Sex: Female  
Race: White  
Hair: Brown Eyes: Blue  
Height: 4'  
Weight: 60

Missing From: Los Lunas, NM  
Missing Since: 2/22/2010  
Detail: This is a SAMPLE POSTER for training purposes to show what we can send out if we actually have a missing child.

## Sample Poster

to rapidly disseminate images and information about missing and abducted children to other law enforcement agencies, the media, and the public. Although it is designed for missing child posters, the technology may also be used for a number of purposes such as stolen vehicles, wanted persons, and crime alerts.

Melnick said he is pleased to be working with the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children® (NCMEC) to implement LOCATER. The NCMEC has found that when pictures of missing children or abductors are made available to the public, one in six children is recovered as a direct result.

The Los Lunas department trained eight officers in the use of LOCATER to create missing child posters that can then be transmitted locally, statewide and nationwide through email within minutes.

Chief Melnick said that he and all members of the Los Lunas Police Department are committed to utilizing the latest technology and resources available to law enforcement to ensure that if, in the rare case, a child from the area should go missing, "we will do all we can to ensure a safe recovery."

For more information contact Chief Roy Melnick at 505 352-7650 or Lieutenant Vince Torres at 505 352-7733.

## 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:

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

# New Business Licenses

The following new businesses were recently issued licenses by the Village of Los Lunas. All addresses are Los Lunas and phone numbers are 505 unless otherwise noted.

One Call Does It All, 2728 Hwy. 47, 818-0055  
A Better You, 1181 Los Nardos Drive, 697-8892  
A Lasting Impression Permanent Cosmetics, 820 Main St. NE, 331-8629  
A-1 Cuts & Curls Beauty Salon, 2050 Main St., 865-3787  
AAA Upholstery, 1363 Crestview Drive, 306-5143  
Abq Safety Supply, 800 Purple Aster Ave. SW, 807-0454  
Accu Stripe Inc., 332 Muriel NE, Albuquerque, 296-7529  
Adaptive Non-Emergency Transportation, 472 Court-house Rd., 865-6602  
Andy Lee General Contractor, 3435 Girard Blvd. NE., Albuquerque, 332-2323  
Best Enterprises LLC, 4720 McKnight NE, Albuquerque, 453-8743  
Bob's Burgers, 6628 Caminito NW, Albuquerque, 792-2001  
Britton Construction Inc., 6005 Coronado NE, Albuquerque, 268-2626  
Bubba's Graphic Design & Printing, 267 Courthouse Rd., 916-0456  
Camille Defillippo, P.O. Box 405, Bosque, 362-3611  
Cover Me Pretty, P.O. Box 2142, 804-4283  
D & S Enterprises Unlimited LLC, P.O. Box 51, 710-7922  
Dare to Wear II, 467 HWY #314, 315-8039  
Dumpster Express, 7418 Riverton NW, Albuquerque, 899-3867  
Elise Elliott DVM, 1945 Maestas Drive, 280-4627  
Elite Nails, 2510 Main St. NE, 866-4513  
G & G Greg Powdrell Western BBQ, 1823 Walter SE, Albuquerque, 974-2509  
GA Tech Services LLC, 517 Rio Vista Drive, Rio Rancho, 710-2264  
Gallegos Residential and Commercial Painting, P.O. Box 1582, Peralta, 259-3791  
German Wurst, 20 Thresher Lane, Belen, 550-0536  
Get Nailed By Rita, 601 Main St. SE, 319-9105  
Grab Your Beijo Bags, 1570 Camino Rustica SW, 977-2794  
Great American Steak & Seafood Co., 3300 Princeton NE, Albuquerque, 884-4157  
Green Developments LLC, 1080 Colibri, 975-4839  
Hire A Vet Services, 3321 Prairie Sage, 307-0993  
I Care Technologies, 1810 Camino Rincon SW, 916-0225  
Jerky By Art, 1910 Main St., 865-5753  
King Taco, P.O. Box 13495, Albuquerque, 353-6409  
Knurds, 1607 Avenida del Paz, 865-4592  
La Luz Tire Shop, 3484-B Hwy. 47, 340-7909  
La Tienda, 227 Hwy. #314., 865-9870  
Los Lunas Brake & Service, 511 N. Hwy. #314, 304-7404  
Majestic Homes LLC, P.O. BOX 45294, Rio Rancho, 459-8391  
McCravy Electric Company, 8409 4th St. NW, Los Ranchos, 898-6983  
Megan Critter Spa, 341 Ted Baca Lane, 859-2612  
Mesilla Valley Sleep Lab, 1155 Commerce Drive, Las Cruces, (575) 766-5337  
Mister B'S Barber & Beauty Salon, 31 Gurule Rd., Peralta, 550-7056  
Modern Print, 3419 Hwy. 47, 750-7768  
Moe's Place, P.O. Box 2855, 865-5933  
Nails By Racheal, 1181 Colibri Ave., 565-2632  
New Mexico Gas Company Inc., 2431 Main St. SE, 697-3819  
NM Showstoppers, 1031 Festival Ct. NW, 710-6719

Over the Top Performance, P.O. Box 1701, 507-4186  
Pinnacle Security LLC, 1290 Sandhill, Orem, UT, (801) 437-1020

Poshchic, 373 Calle Felipe, 980-6661  
Prospect Wood Fibers, 311 Stover Rd. NE, 991-6786  
Quetzal Mechanical, 2813 Azar Pl. NE, Albuquerque, 350-0432  
Relief @ Hand Massage Works, 16 San Juan, Laguna, 918-6270  
Riggs Hidden and Concealed, 833 Luna Hill Ave., 480-0949  
Sandra Hanna, 167 Big Sky Ave. SW, 620-9192  
Schmidt Electrical Contracting, 2500 Harris Rd. SW, Albuquerque, 877-4201  
Serversyde LLC, 1400 Main St. NW, 916-0554  
Shell Tiger Lube, 4001A San Pedro NE, Albuquerque, 864-7272  
Show Ready By Cordova Inc., 420 Cordova Rd., SW, 459-7900  
Skin Beauty By Jenn, 820 Main St., 459-6724  
Snacks By Jesse, 445 Camino del Rey, 565-9106  
Sparling Construction Co., Inc., 8900 Washington NE, Albuquerque, 821-1034  
Speech It Up!, 882 Avenida Pastoral, 550-1497  
Taqueria Don Taco, 7 Novela Ln., 974-2236  
The Purple People Feeder, 8302 Apache Ave. NE, Albuquerque, 804-9297  
The Spot, 12A Rael Rd., 340-4887  
The Unique Gifts & Accessories, 530 Rain Lily Rd. SW, 865-9948  
Third Goddess Therapeutics, 06 Mills Lane, 250-4483  
Triad Custom Homes, 04 Hana Ct., 702-5708  
True Compass Realty, 1902 Vista Escondida Ct. SW, 480-7677  
Valencia Hearing Associates, 3459 Hwy. 47, 866-0914  
Valley Ice & Water, 3415 Hwy. 47, 864-6867  
Valley Services, 1067 Archuleta Ct., 304-7230  
World Finance, 1603 Main St. SW, 977-621us

## Computer Classes Available

The Los Lunas Public Library provides adults with beginning and intermediate computer classes free of charge. The classes are aimed at those who have never used a computer before as well as those who would like to brush-up their skills.

Each class is composed of a few students so each gets individual attention. Students are taught how to set up an email address and exchange photos and letters with family and friends.

Beginning classes are scheduled Tuesdays in March with intermediate classes on Thursdays. Class times are 2 and 3 p.m. respectively.

All classes are held on the second floor of the Los Lunas Transportation Center (next to the Rail Runner Express station), 751 Juan Perea Rd.

Space is limited so call Marie to reserve your spot or if you need more information: 352-7641.

# **Help Clean Up Our Community**

Community clean ups will be held the following Saturdays from 8 a.m. to noon in the Village of Los Lunas — March 20, May 15, June 19, July 10, and August 14.

The meeting place is the Village Administration Building at Don Pasqual and Main Street. Some dates may change due to inclement weather or special events.

Call Marie Marquez at 352-7658 the day before

you are planning to participate in the clean up as a way to be sure the event is still scheduled.

The April event is the Great American Cleanup Recycling Day (see information below). The September clean up day will be the annual Trek for Trash.

For more information you can call Marie Marquez at 352-7658 or Josie Navarette at 363-9620 or email [marquezm@loslunasnm.gov](mailto:marquezm@loslunasnm.gov).

# **VILLAGE OF LOS LUNAS GREAT RECYCLING DAY SATURDAY, APRIL 17, 2010**

**To help clean up the environment, the Village of Los Lunas will host a recycling day Saturday, April 17, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The following will be collected:**

- Electronics
- Cell Phones
- Batteries
- Clothes



- Aluminum
- Metal
- Copper
- Radiators



- Paper — must be bagged
- Household Appliances
- Oil — must be free of water or other substances
- Cardboard — boxes must be flattened (Master Fibers)
- TVs — minimal charge for a 24" TV - \$5.00. Anything beyond that size will be \$10.00
- Glass — must be in cardboard boxes
- Tires — no rims, no big tires (\$1.50/tire)



- Brass
- Steel
- Bicycles

**There will be a roll-off bin for those items not accepted.**

**This event for Los Lunas residents will be held behind the Village of Los Lunas Administration Building on Don Pasqual across from Katherine Gallegos Elementary School. Bins & other receptacles will be at the location and will be labeled. It will be a drive-through event with volunteers assisting.**

## **RECYCLERS**

**A & R Recycling  
Enchantment Electronics Recycling  
Clothes Helping Kids**

**Recycling Day serves as the Great American Cleanup Event for the Village**



**Richard Rivera — Bikes for kids  
Master Fibers  
Big "O" Tires**