

# Village of Los Lunas



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## Shop in Los Lunas Where Your Tax Dollar Works For Your Community

Shopping in Los Lunas continues to be important as you and your family celebrate the holiday season.

And, of course, it's not just shopping during the holidays that's important. It's shopping all year long in Los Lunas that brings improvements as well as maintaining the quality of life in the village.

The gross receipts tax charged on many purchases is an important part of the income for the Village of Los Lunas. When people spend less then there may be less gross receipts tax paid and passed on to

governmental agencies.

More than fifty-two percent of the general fund revenues for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 are generated through gross receipts tax and property tax revenue created within the village limits. These monies provide needed services throughout the village.

The general fund pays for the services people depend on including the police and fire departments, municipal court, library and museum, parks and recreation, community development and street department.

## New Harmonies: Celebrating American Roots Music Comes to Los Lunas Museum

The Los Lunas Museum of Heritage and Arts is the final stop for the traveling Smithsonian exhibition New Harmonies: Celebrating American Roots Music.

The exhibit will remain at the museum through the end of the year, but Dec. 24, 25 and Dec. 31 are village holidays and the museum will be closed.

New Harmonies opened in Los Lunas on November 13 with performances by Kenneth B. Keppeler and Jeanie McLerie of the musical group Bayou Seco, as well as Roberto Martinez and Los Reyes de Albuquerque, all scholars for the New Mexico Humanities Council and the New Harmonies exhibition.

Keppeler and Jeanie McLerie performed traditional American Roots music and discussed its origin variations in style by region and culture, the impact of music on culture and culture on music within communities.

Roberto Martinez's presentation was titled "La Musica de la Gente" and was presented in English and corrido music sung in Spanish, accompanied by guitar, violin, vihuela, requinto and guitarrón. Traditional Nuevomexicano and Mexican music were presented which were part of the cultural fabric of colonial and 19th century New Mexico.

From the diddley bow to Bo Didley (who once lived in Valencia County), New Harmonies addresses the history and influences of roots music in America.

New Harmonies is part of the Museum on Main Street program, a unique partnership between the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Services, state humanities councils and local host institutions.

The Museum of Heritage and Arts is located under the water tower at Main Street and Luna Avenues, open Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The phone number is 352-7720.

## Speaker Discusses Corridos

Dr. Enrique Lamadrid will speak on corridos and their place in New Mexico culture and history December 4 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Los Lunas Transportation Center, located at the corner of Courthouse and Juan Perea Roads.

Lamadrid was curatorial consultant to SITES, Smithsonian's traveling exhibit "Corridos sin Fronteras/ Ballads without Borders". He has lectured on corridos in Washington D.C., San Diego, San Antonio and Edinburg, Texas, and numerous sites in New Mexico.

# **ICIP Plans For Future**

Village officials continue to plan for future services and facilities even as those officials closely monitor budgets in light of the current economic situation. Officials want to be ready if money become available for those services and facilities.

The Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP) is revised every year for review and approval by the village council. The ICIP includes anticipated costs as well as potential funding sources for improvements and projects for the village for the next four years.

Funding for the projects comes from legislative appropriations, grants and local funding. Such funding may be difficult to procure, but village officials want to be prepared in case funding becomes available. Preparation includes listing projects in the ICIP.

The top five projects in the order of ranking for Fiscal Year 2012-2013 are:

- Rewriting the village's comprehensive plan with a cost of \$55,000.
- Westside fire substation, \$4 million.
- Reconstruction of NM Highway 314 south from Main Street, \$3.5 million total with part in 2012 and the other in 2013 fiscal year.
- Morris Road extension, \$1.9 million.
- A water loop on the east side of the Rio Grande, \$2.2. million.

The remaining plans for fiscal years 2012-2016 are available on the village website: [loslunasnm.gov](http://loslunasnm.gov).

## **Grease: Your Plumbing's Worst Nightmare!**

Most people have seen how grease congeals when that grease is left sitting in pan, even if it is only for the time it takes to eat breakfast.

Pouring that grease, whether congealed or not, down the sink can cause harm to the pipes in a building and ultimately to the village sewer system.

Dump the grease in the trash and wipe out pots and pans with a paper towel before washing.

Pouring the grease into the sink, which then leads to the pipes, can result in clogging the pipes which can mean calling a plumber to make repairs, or even replacing piping.

Consider putting a grease trap or grease interceptor on sinks. These devices are designed to intercept most greases and solids before they enter a wastewater disposal system.

Restaurants and food service kitchens produce a lot of waste grease which should not go into the drain lines of the sinks. Grease can congeal within the sewer and cause blockage and backup.

## **Village Receives Clean Up Award**

The Village of Los Lunas will received a Silver Community Recognition Award at the New Mexico Clean and Beautiful Awards ceremony November 19 at the Capitol Rotunda in Santa Fe. The award recognizes the cleanup programs held in the village coordinated by Marie Marquez and Josie Navarette.

## **Clean Up Nets 38 Bags of Trash**

The crews cleaned up 38 large bags of trash during the October monthly cleanup in the village.

The areas cleaned included Juan Perea Road, Morris Road, Los Lentes South, Desert Willow Road, Canal Boulevard, Main Street from the NM 314 east to Los Morros, and the Sun Ranch commercial area.

## **Retirements, Promotions at Los Lunas Police Department**

A retirement at the Los Lunas Police Department has resulted in the promotion of three officers.

Patrol Sergeant Joseph Werner retired in October after 20 years of service.

At a village council meeting Werner thanked all the village employees and especially his fellow police officers for helping him serve the community.

Detective Rodney Jones has been promoted to patrol sergeant, announced Chief Roy E. Melnick.

Patrol Officer Curtis Lucero has been promoted to detective.

Patrol Officer Meghan Sanchez will now be a full time traffic enforcement officer which is a new position in the Los Lunas department.

## **Saturday, November 13 American Recycling Day Event Call Marie at 352-7658 for information**

## **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:

November 18 December 2 & 16

Meetings begin at 6 p.m. Meetings may be canceled or rescheduled so check with officials at 839-3840 or the village website at [www.loslunasnm.gov](http://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

## New Coffee Shop at Transportation Center/Rail Runner Station

There's a new coffee shop in Los Lunas called Coffee Shop Los Lunas at the Rail Runner.

It's located in the Transportation Center where the Rail Runner stops. The coffee shop is open from four in the morning to five in the afternoon.

Among the foods offered are burritos, sandwiches, soups, fruit, coffee, pastries, juices, and frozen desserts. Specialty dishes are served periodically.

The cafe is owned and operated by José Arias and Consuelo Diaz. The couple operated the Star of Bethlehem restaurant in Belen as well as a coffee shop in the Belen Library.

The restaurant is able to provide food for special events held at the Transportation Center which has a large and several small meeting rooms. To make arrangements to use the center facilities call Community Services Director Frank Otero at 352-7722.

José Arias says the Coffee Shop offers quick service at reasonable prices. Customers place their orders in advance by calling 804-9222.

The Coffee Shop Los Lunas at the Rail Runner is offering coffee for seniors at 50 cents per cup to introduce the shop to folks.

## Pardon Our Progress — Work Continues on Main Street, NM 314

Three different road projects are ongoing that affect both Main Street and NM 314.

Work at Main Street and NM 314 includes constructing new turn lanes, new sidewalks and the installation of a much safer railroad crossing device. A recent equipment issue has slowed this project.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) work on the west side of NM 314 south of Main Street enhances pedestrian walkways and landscaping, and brings wheelchair ramps and signal crossing safety to

the intersection of NM 314 and Courthouse Road.

On the east side of NM 314, south of Main Street to Courthouse Road, the ARRA project will enhance pedestrian walkways and create a safety crossing across NM 314.

The three projects are occurring at the same time because village officials are taking advantage of the remaining warm weather as well as staying on schedule with the financing requirements for the projects. The mayor and council appreciate the public's patience as road safety improvements continue in the village.

## Plastics Recycling Back

Plastics recycling is back in the village on a trial basis for 90 days beginning Oct. 18. The plastics recycling bin is at the Recycling Center north of the Village Administration Building at Don Pasqual and Main Street.

The recycling will be monitored using these criteria:

- Users must discard only plastics in the bin (plastics numbered one through seven). Discarding garbage will result in the program being stopped.

- Cost/benefits and fairness to village rate payers.

- Operational demands and cost of village employees.

Plastics #1 through #7 will be accepted.



Left to right Los Lunas Village Councilors Charles Griego, Cecilia CC Castillo, Richard Lovato and Gerard Saiz with Mayor Robert Vialpando, center.

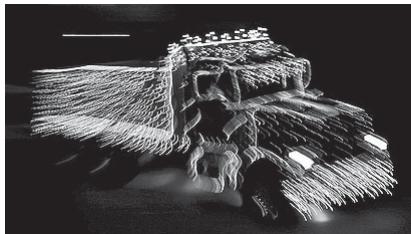
**Happy Holidays**  
From the  
Mayor, Council  
and Staff of the  
Village of Los Lunas



Consuelo Diaz and José Arias at Coffee Shop Los Lunas.

# Christmas Light Parade

## Saturday, December 4 6:30 PM



**Begins at Carson Drive and Main Street. Heads West on Main Street to Village Administration Building Call Parks & Recreation Department for information 352-3584**

## Visit With Santa At The Park

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11 6 PM**

**DANIEL FERNANDEZ PARK**



**1103 NM 314 SOUTH LOS LUNAS**

**STOCKING GIVEN TO CHILDREN PRESENT**

## Museum Victorian Christmas Fund Raiser Dec. 18



*"A Victorian Christmas," a fund raiser for the Los Lunas Museum of Heritage and Arts, will be held Saturday, December 18, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Luna Mansion, 110 Main Street NE.*

*The event consists of a sit down dinner, music, event remembrance/goodie bag, and silent auction. Dress will be semiformal or Victorian era costumes.*

*Ticket prices are \$100 per person or \$175 per couple. Event sponsorships are available. Seating is limited to a total of 125 individuals.*

*For further information please contact the Los Lunas Museum of Heritage and Arts at 352-7720.*