

Village of Los Lunas



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Plastics Recycling Is Back!

Plastics recycling is back in the village on a trial basis for 90 days beginning Oct. 18.



The plastics recycling bin will be at the Recycling Center north of the Village Administration Building located at Don Pasqual and Main Street.

The return of the plastics recycling will be monitored using this 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 including:

#1 — soft drink, water, juice and beer (plastics) bottles; mouthwash bottles; peanut butter containers; salad dressing and vegetable oil containers.

#2 — milk jugs; juice bottles; bleach, detergent, household cleaner bottles; shampoo bottles; some trash/shopping bags; butter and yogurt containers; and cereal box liners.

#3 — window cleaner and detergent bottles; shampoo bottles; cooking oil bottles; peanut butter jars; and water jugs.

#4 — plastic bags/grocery sacks; dry cleaning bags; shrink-wrap; squeezable bottles; and bread/frozen food bags.



Museum Fund Raiser Scheduled Dec. 18

The Village's Museum of Heritage and Arts will hold a Victorian Christmas fund raiser Saturday, December 18, at the Luna Mansion, 110 Main Street N.E.

Watch for details as the date gets closer.

Other upcoming museum events include —

• October 9 through November 6 features a photographic exhibition on unique architecture of New Mexico by Bob Christensen.

• Saturday, October 23, Dr. Margaret "Maggie" Espinosa McDonald speaks about U.S. Sen. Dennis Chavez and his legacy dealing with Prisoner of War issues, the Dennis Chavez corrido and the Bataan corrido.

• New Harmonies Exhibition opens Saturday, Nov. 13, with performances by Bayou Seco from noon to 2 p.m., followed by Roberto Martinez and Reyes de Albuquerque.

For more information call the museum at 352-7720.

Highway 314/Main Work Continues

Work continues at Highway 314 and Main Street.

Detours may change daily depending upon what part of the intersection is being worked on.

Remember that the railroad crossing will be replaced on Main Street which will mean detours around that entire area during the installation.

The goal of these improvements is to create an intersection that will be easier to navigate, but this will take time and patience.

#5 — yogurt containers; syrup bottles; ketchup bottles; caps; straws; and medicine bottles.

#6 — aspirin bottles.

Other acceptable plastics are three and five gallon water bottles.

No hazardous waste such as batteries, motor or hydraulic oil containers, food waste, styrofoam, pesticide/fertilizer containers, metal pipe of any kind and medical waste such as syringes or cotton swabs should be placed in the recycling bin. Using the plastics recycling bin for these wastes could result in the program being discontinued.

Trek for Trash Volunteers Clean Up Our Community

The Trek for Trash Community Event drew some 90 volunteers on September 25th.

The turnout included Boy and Girl Scouts with their parents, the Western Heights Neighborhood Association, Huning Ranch residents, people from the Los Lunas Schools and San Clemente Catholic Church, as well as Municipal Court Community Service workers and others.

The Wal Mart Distribution Center provided food, drinks, a grill, a cook crew and a trash cleanup crew on the cleanup day. Albertson's and Water King provided water for the event.

Trek Coordinator Marie Marquez expressed appreciation to businesses supporting the clean up program.



Trek for Trash Volunteers

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

VILLAGE OFFICIALS

Robert Vialpando Mayor

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Gerard Saiz

Municipal Judge Jeff Aragon

Police Chief Roy E. Melnick

Fire Chief Atiliano "Lito" Chavez

Village Administrator Peter Fernandez



Clean Up Set October 23

The village's monthly cleanup will take place Saturday, October 23, from 8 a.m. to noon.

Those interested should meet in front of the Village Administration Building, Don Pasqual and Main Street, at 8 a.m.

Anyone needing to do community service can call 352-7658 or show up that morning.

Live/Work Meeting October 20

The Los Lunas Live/Work Meeting will be held October 20 from 5:30 to 7:30 P.m. at the Transportation Center, corner of Courthouse and Juan Perea Roads. For information about the Live-Work in Los Lunas program contact Ralph Mims at 839-3840 or mimsr@loslunasnm.gov.

Mobile Veteran Help Center Here

A mobile veteran center will be at Daniel Fernandez Park Thursday October 21 and 28 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to provide readjustment counseling services to combat veterans, military sexual trauma counseling to all veterans and bereavement counseling to all veterans and family members.

Your Tax Dollars Work For You
When You Shop Los Lunas

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:

October 21

November 4 & 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.

Statewide GO
Bond Issue "B":

Library Acquisitions
Nov. 2nd General Election
Total: \$7 million

**** Valencia County's public, school and academic libraries would receive these estimated amounts:**

• Belen Public Library: \$29,772

• Bosque Farms Public Library \$8,603

• Los Lunas School District \$42,730

• Belen School District \$26,660

• Los Lunas Public Library \$35,178

• UNM-Valencia Library \$29,004

State sources estimate the annual cost for this bond is 45¢ per \$100,000 of the assessed valuation of a home over a 10 - year period.

For more information, contact Cynthia Shetter,
Director, Los Lunas Public Library, 839-3850

Segway Provides New Way of Community Policing

Noticed a Los Lunas police officer “driving” a Segway®?

What’s a Segway you ask?

The Segway Personal Transporter is a two-wheeled self-balancing electric vehicle.



The Los Lunas Police Department recently purchased a new Segway to expand the department’s community policing program.

The Segway will be used by officers to patrol shopping centers, neighborhoods and parks as well as special events such as Summer Fest, parades and sports functions. The Los Lunas Police Department’s School Resource Officer will also use the Segway at various school campuses throughout the week.

Police Chief Roy Melnick said the Segway is not only practical, but provides a topic of conversation between community members and officers.

It also provides better accessibility during patrol operations and special events.

The Segway is energy efficient since it can travel up to 24 miles over a variety of terrain on a single charge, for approximately a penny per mile. The Segway was funded out of the police department operating budget at a cost of \$7,600. The department hopes to add more Segways if the program continues to be a success so more than one officer at a time can use them.

Detective Johnny Cappelli, the lead officer involved in the Segway project, has been out riding the vehicle throughout the village.

Fire Safety for Everyone

October is Fire Prevention Safety Month.

Everyone should have an escape plan if a fire occurs in your house. That plan should include:

1. Two different ways out of the structure.
2. Someone assigned to help those that need help getting out.
3. Someone assigned to call 911.
4. A meeting place for everyone once they get out.

October is the perfect time to check your smoke detectors to be sure they function correctly.

If you have a fire, get out of the building or house and stay out!

Haunted House



October 31 5 p.m.

A Spooktacular Event at

Daniel Fernandez Park

South Highway 314

Call Parks & Recreation at
352-3584 for more information

Preparing Your Garbage for Pick Up In the Village

The Village Solid Waste Department collects garbage once a week from residences. The Municipal Code section on garbage includes the following:

- “No person shall permit to accumulate upon premises owned, leased or occupied, any garbage or refuse, except in covered watertight containers made of metal or plastic.

- “Any unauthorized accumulation of garbage, refuse or debris is declared to be a nuisance and is prohibited.

- “No person shall cast, place, sweep or deposit anywhere in the village any garbage, refuse, or debris in such a manner that it may be carried or deposited by the elements upon the street, sidewalk, alley, sewer, parkway, or other public place, or into any occupied premises within the village.”

The Municipal Code calls for garbage to be deposited in “closed fly-proof containers” before being deposited into the container provided by the village.

Do not overfill the container so garbage ends up on the ground when being picked up.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

The Los Lunas Water System has a level of Arsenic above Drinking Water Standards for the third quarter of 2010

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 October 2009, March 2010, April 2010 and July 2010 show that Wells 3 and 4 exceeded the maximum contaminant level (MCL), for arsenic. The current running annual average for arsenic is 0.014 mg/L (14 ppb) at Well 3 and at 0.013 mg/L (13ppb) at well 4.

The standard for arsenic is 0.010 mg/L or 10 parts per billion (ppb); the old standard was 50 ppb and the water supply was in compliance. Nothing in the source water has changed except the standard. Therefore, the Los Lunas Water System has exceeded the arsenic MCL in the third quarter of 2010 (July - September).

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 complete and the **most recent tests show levels in the water are below the 10 ppb**, however compliance is based on an annual average and until the lower levels currently pumped lowers the annual average the notice of violation will be sent out.

For more information, please contact James Blasing 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

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Signed by: James M Blasing Dated: 10-6-2010