

Village of Los Lunas



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More Businesses Arrive in the Village of Los Lunas

To help encourage people to shop in Los Lunas this newsletter will feature businesses that recently arrived, plan to open or changed hands in the village. Village Economic Development Manager Ralph Mims has prepared the information.

Noblin Funeral Services will be located at 2211-D Main Street beginning in February and will have nine jobs. Phone is 866-9992 and website www.noblinfuneralservice.com. It will be the only funeral home in Los Lunas.

Robert Noblin purchased the former Riverside Funeral Home of Belen in 2005 and now serves over 225 families per year. The funeral home's name changed in December 2010.

The Los Lunas Chapel will be a full service funeral home, offering complete traditional funerals, cremation and memorial services, pre-arrangement and a reception room. A licensed funeral director is available 24 hours a day.

Back to Basics Herbal Health Store says it is the "One Stop for your Natural Health Needs" with its location at 1603 Main Street SW Suite A. The grand opening will be March 4th. It employs five. Phone 869-3901. Website www.backtothebasicsclinic.com.

The store has been in business ten years selling vitamins, herbs, supplements, essential oils and flower essence as well as offering alternative medical choices including a holistic clinic. The owner is on the board of directors for New Mexico Physicians of Naturopathic Medicine.

Moe's New Mexican Restaurant with its "Authentic Home Made New Mexican Food" has changed ownership as of January at 1603 Main Street SW Suite E. It employs three. Phone 865-5933

The owners say the restaurant offers a traditional taste of New Mexico food which has been recognized for generations. They say the food is tasty if a bit hot but it is all good New Mexico cuisine at Moe's.

Pardon Our Progress — Projects Continue

Work continues on the village's road improvement projects, says Public Utilities Director James Blasing who points out that the progress of any road project depends on the weather.

The work on the intersection of NM314 and Main Street (also known as NM6) will continue once signal equipment has arrived. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act projects on the east and west side of south NM314 are ongoing.

The sewer force main replacement project on the bridge over the Rio Grande has started and is progressing well.

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Bring Your Library Books in On Time! Fees Start April 1

The Los Lunas Public Library will begin charging late fees on all items on April 1.

The fees will be 15¢ per item per day. This means if a family has 20 items one week overdue then the charge would be \$21. Ten items four days overdue would be \$6.

The fee starts the fourth week which gives library patrons a week grace period to bring items in.

The fee on videos and DVDs is also 15¢ per day but these items can only be checked out for one week.

More Databases Available Through Los Lunas Library

Two new databases have been added to the Statewide Magazines Online Database or InfoTrac and are available to Los Lunas Library patrons, says library director Cynthia Shetter.

ChiltonLibrary.com represents one of the most authoritative automotive repair databases available to car owners. There are thousands of year, make and model combinations covering the most popular vehicles of the past 30 years, plus additional coverage of specialty models. ChiltonLibrary.com has information about servicing or repairing virtually any system on your vehicle.

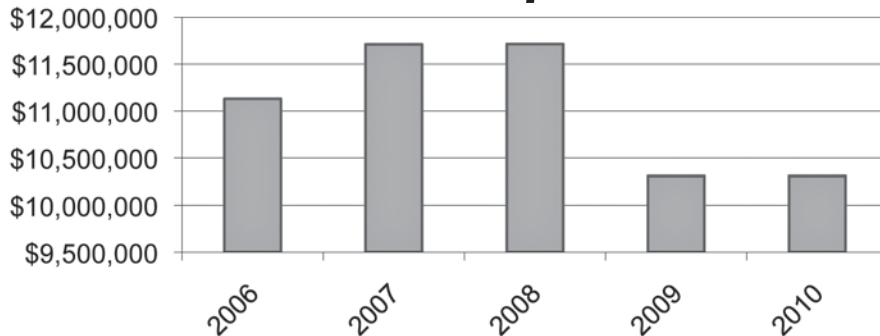
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Shetter points out the state library will decide whether to continue the subscriptions. She urges library patrons to utilize the databases and let the library staff know if they are useful. The state library will contact the Los Lunas library on how well the databases were received.

Access is available through the library website <http://www.loslunasnm.gov/library>. Look for InfoTrac under Quick-links on the right. Patrons can also access directly: http://infotrac.galegroup.com/itweb/nm_p_loslunas.

Call the Los Lunas Public Library at 839-3850 for the password. Once you have accessed the database, click on Additional Products and you'll see the two new databases listed toward the bottom.

Annual Gross Receipts Tax Revenue Down But Steady



Gross Receipts Tax revenue in the village has been impacted by the recession. It has been down the previous two years, but remained steady in those years. Village officials budgeted conservatively to go with the lower GRT receipts. Please continue to shop in the village.

March 11 Home/Garden Expo

The 2011 Valencia County Extension Home and Garden Expo will be held Friday, March 11, at the UNM-Valencia Campus, 280 La Entrada Road, Los Lunas.

Track One will center on Home Economics featuring Healthy Eating, Cooking with Garden Products, Food Preservation and Floral Arranging.

Track Two will be Garden with Pruning for the Home Owner, Month by Month Gardening in Valencia County, Fruit Tree Grafting Basics and Soil Health.

The free event begins with a welcome at 8 a.m. and is sponsored by the Valencia County division of the New Mexico State University Cooperative Extension Service. Call 565-3002 to attend or 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.

Meeting dates for 2011 are:

February 17 March 10 & 24
April 14 & 28 May 12 & 26 June 9 & 23
July 7 & 21 August 4 & 18
September 8 & 22 October 6 & 20
November 3 & 17 December 1 & 15

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.

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

PAY YOUR WATER BILL ONLINE — Go To www.loslunasnm.gov

A Little Garbage Etiquette

It may seem strange to talk about garbage etiquette, but being careful when putting the trash out will create a better looking and more livable Los Lunas.

Do not overfill trash cans. Excess trash may not go into the truck and end up on the street.

All trash must be put in the trash can. Trash placed around the can will not be picked up.

If your trash can is overflowing consider obtaining a second trash can at an additional charge each month.

Village residents can request two pick ups of large items each year by calling 352-7632.

Village of Los Lunas 2011 Garbage Pickup Days

HOLIDAY OBSERVED	REGULAR TRASH PICKUP DAY	WILL BE PICKED UP ON
Good Friday	Friday, April 22	Thursday, April 21
Memorial Day	Monday, May 30	Tuesday, May 31
Fourth of July	Monday, July 4	Tuesday, July 5
Labor Day	Monday, Sept. 5	Tuesday, Sept. 6
Columbus Day	Monday, Oct. 10	Tuesday, Oct. 11
Veterans Day	Friday, Nov. 11	Thursday, Nov. 10
Thanksgiving	Thursday, Nov. 24	Wednesday, Nov. 23
Day after Thanksgiving	Friday, Nov. 25	Monday, Nov. 28
Christmas	Monday, Dec. 26	Tuesday, Dec. 27

PLEASE NOTE: The Village no longer picks up garbage carts set out late. Any late garbage carts will be picked up on the next regularly scheduled pickup day. Please place your cart out by 7:00 a.m. on the scheduled pickup day.

GREAT AMERICAN CLEANUP RECYLING DAY

Saturday March 26

8:00 a.m. to noon

**North of the the Village
Administration Building**

Main & Don Pasqual

Call 352-7658 for information



Items accepted will be glass, clothes, coats, shoes, cardboard, paper, bicycles, plastic, oil (must be water free), aluminum, metal, cell phones, computers, monitors, fax machines, small and large household appliances including televisions (\$10 for large and \$5 small), refrigerators, stoves, freezers (\$10), dehumidifiers, dishwashers, water heaters, dryers, and camping gear.

Check the Village Website

Www.loslunasnm.gov for more info

Did You Renew Your Business Registration?

Registration is required annually for "all persons, firms, corporations or associations of any character engaged in any of the various pursuits, businesses or occupations," as called for in the municipal code.

Cop & Kids Fun Run Saturday March 26

*Sponsored by the Los Lunas Police Department
At the Los Lunas High School*



Track at 8 a.m.

*Categories include
5K Competitive, and
Fitness Walk plus
Kids Non-Competitive*

**\$20 race entry
includes post-
race refreshments,
T-shirt and race**

*Contact Kathy Gurule at 610-1204, the
Los Lunas Police Department at 660
Main Street or www.loslunasnm.gov*

Alligators Not Pets in LL

When the village police answered a domestic violence call in January, the officer found an alligator in the home.

The Village Municipal Code says that residents should not have vicious animals as pets. In addition, pets are to be humanely kept and this alligator was in an environment which was much too small.

Animal control officers encourage people to keep pets, but make sure they are the right kinds of pets for New Mexico and for a home environment.

The alligator was transported to a new home in Colorado.

Live/Work Los Lunas

Participants are being sought to be involved in a focus group for Live/Work Los Lunas. Anyone interested in the focus group or the project to develop additional home-based jobs should contact Ralph Mims at the Village of Los Lunas, 505 839-5654 or mimsr@loslunasnm.gov.

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 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 routine arsenic samples indicate that Well # 3 did not meet the Running Annual Average of MCL's for arsenic. The quarterly samples are as follows for Well #3:

A sample collected during the first quarter 2010 on March 24, 2010 had a result of 15ppb.

A sample collected during the second quarter 2010 on April 28, 2010 had a result of 14ppb.

A sample collected during the third quarter 2010 on July 21, 2010 had a result of 8ppb.

A sample collected during the fourth quarter 2010 on October, 19, 2010 had a result of 6ppb.

These 4 sample results produce a Running Annual Average of 11ppb. The standard for arsenic is 0.010 mg/L or 10ppb and is based on the Running Annual Average of these four consecutive quarterly samples. Therefore, the Los Lunas Water System in Well #3 has exceeded the arsenic MCL in the fourth quarter by 1ppb.

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. The arsenic treatment facilities are complete and online **The most recent tests show levels in the water are below the 10 ppb in all Wells**, 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.

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

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Signed by James M Blasing Dated: 1-25-11