

Village of Los Lunas



660 Main Street NW P.O. Box 1209
Los Lunas New Mexico 87031
Phone (505) 839-3840 FAX (505) 352-3580 www.loslunasnm.gov

Volume 15 Number 1

January 2011

Pardon our Progress — An Update on Road Projects

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 project on Calle de Las Familias creating new sidewalks, drainage mitigation and street structure is progressing well, says Blasing. Substantial completion is expected by the end of January.

The work on the intersection of NM 314 and Main Street (also known as NM6) will be going on through January with various lane closures. Signal equipment is still on order and there will be more activity when it arrives.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act projects on the east and west side of NM314 are continuing to progress with the west side close to fifty percent complete and the east side twenty-five percent complete. These projects extend south from Main Street to Courthouse Road and Daniel Fernandez Park.

The sewer force main replacement project that will affect the right-hand, east-bound lane on the bridge over the Rio Grande is now hoped to start in mid-January.

Utilities Director Blasing points out that we are now in the season where weather can affect the progress of projects. He asks the patience of residents as well as travelers through the area.

Live/Work Los Lunas

Participants are being sought to be involved in a focus group for Live/Work Los Lunas.

Live/Work Los Lunas is a home-based work project to assist in developing economic-based jobs where village residents can work at home.

It is anticipated the focus group will be meeting within the next three months.

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.

Plastics Recycling Stays For Now!

The reinstated village plastics recycling program will remain at its site at the Recycling Center north of the Village Administration Building located at Don Pasqual and Main Street for now, says Utilities Director James Blasing.

Plastics recycling will continue to be monitored using this criteria:

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

• Cost/benefits and fairness to village rate payers.

• Operational demands and cost of village employees. Plastics #1 through #7 are accepted including:

#1 — soft drink, water, juice and beer (plastic) 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.



Village of Los Lunas 2011 Garbage Pickup Days

HOLIDAY OBSERVED	REGULAR TRASH PICKUP DAY	WILL BE PICKED UP ON
M.L.King Jr.Day	Monday, Jan. 17	Tuesday, Jan. 18
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.

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

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:

January 20 February 3 & 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

Monthly Cleanups Scheduled for 2011

Keep Los Lunas Clean and Beautiful has scheduled monthly cleanups for 2011.

For the cleanups, a certain area is selected for cleaning within the Village of Los Lunas under the direction of Marie Marquez and Josie Navarette, coordinators of the Keep Los Lunas Clean and Beautiful program.

Individuals, agencies and organizations are encouraged to participate in the cleanups.

Vests, gloves and bags are furnished on the day of the cleanups.

If you are interest in participating then call Marie Marquez at 352-7658/730-2217 or Josie Navarette at 363-9620 or you can email Marie at marquezm@loslunasnm.gov.

Cleanup dates for 2011 are:

January 22 — monthly cleanup begins at 8 a.m. and ends at noon. Meet in front of the Village Administration building, Main Street and Don Pasqual.

February 12 — monthly cleanup 8 a.m. until noon. Meet in front of Village Administration.

March — Great American Cleanup Recycling Day Event. Date to be determined. Begins at 8 a.m. and ends at noon. Back parking lot of the Village Administration building.

April 9 — monthly cleanup 8 a.m. until noon. Meet in front of Village Administration.

May 14 — monthly cleanup 8 a.m. until noon. Meet in front of Village Administration.

June 4 — monthly cleanup 8 a.m. until noon. Meet in front of Village Administration.

July 9 — monthly cleanup 8 a.m. until noon. Meet in front of Village Administration.

August 14 — monthly cleanup 8 a.m. until noon. Meet in front of the Village Administration.

September — Trek for Trash. Date to be determined. Begins at 9 a.m., ends at 1 p.m. Meet in front of Village Administration.

October 8 — monthly cleanup 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Meet in front of Village Administration.

November 19 — monthly cleanup 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Meet in front of Village Administration.

December 17 — monthly cleanup 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Meet in front of Village Administration.

Some dates are subject to change due to inclement weather or special events. If you are planning to attend call ahead to make sure the cleanup is taking place.

Contact Marie Marquez or Josie Navarette if you want to participate. Phone numbers listed above.

A New You for 2011? Try Village's Recreation Facilities

It's a new year. Do you want to do new and different things or perhaps want to create a new you?

Whichever one you decide, take a look at what's available in Los Lunas to help you.

The Daniel Fernandez Youth Center has a public recreation facility inside the building and is located at Daniel Fernandez Park, 1103 Highway 314 SW.

Housed at Daniel Fernandez are a gymnasium, fitness center, aerobics room, conference room and offices. The charge is \$2 per day for use of the facilities with no membership fees.

Those interested can pay the \$2 or purchase a Sports and Fitness Card costing \$30 for 20 visits.

Senior citizens 65 and older get fifty percent off.

The fitness center includes a bench press, Smith machine, leg extension attachments, leg press, assortment of curl bars and dumb bells.

The cardio lover may like the tread mills, ellipticals and the stationary bicycle. Also available is an assortment of hydraulic equipment. Certified fitness

trainers can help with workouts.

Aerobics classes are offered Monday through Saturday, mornings and evenings.

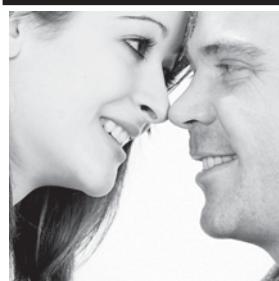
Many other sports are offered through the village's Parks and Recreation Department including men's basketball for 35-year-olds and over, tennis and men's softball.

If you like to walk, hike or jog to exercise you can explore the 1,444 acres of open space on El Cerro de Los Lunas located on the westside of Los Lunas at the southwest corner of Interstate 25 and NM6.

Looking for a new you wardrobe or hairstyle? Plenty of places to shop or be pampered in the Village of Los Lunas.

You don't have to stop shopping with the wardrobe or hairstyle. There's all types of bargains for all types of purchases.

You can depend on the shops and businesses, as well as local government, to help you do new and different things or create a new you in 2011.



**Shop
Los Lunas
First For
Valentine's Day
A Variety of Stores!
Chose Your Restaurant!
Enjoy Valentine's Day in Los Lunas**

Did You Renew Your Business Registration?

Business registrations needs to be renewed every year in the village.

If you are in business in the Village and don't have a business registration then it is time to register.

All businesses, whether Mom and Pop or multi-national, pay the same fee, \$25.

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.

**Help Keep Our
Community
Clean
Join the**



**GREAT
AMERICAN
CLEANUP
RECYLING DAY**

**A Saturday in March
From 8 A.M. - Noon**

**Watch for Details about the Event
or call Marie or Josie 352-7658**

***Check the Village Website
www.loslunasnm.gov***

Museum of Heritage and Arts

Presents

Landmarks of Valencia County

By Artist Barbara Garrett

January 8 - March 5, 2011

Valencia County is steeped in the history of Native Americans, conquistadors and waves of immigration. While many of today's descendants preserve the knowledge of the county's history

Barbara Garrett's

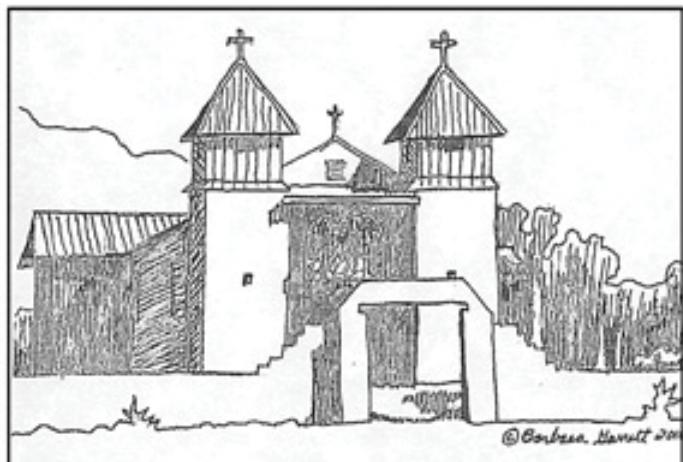
Landmarks of Valencia County offers the artist's renditions of the area's rich landscape, history and culture.

Los Lunas Museum of Heritage and Arts

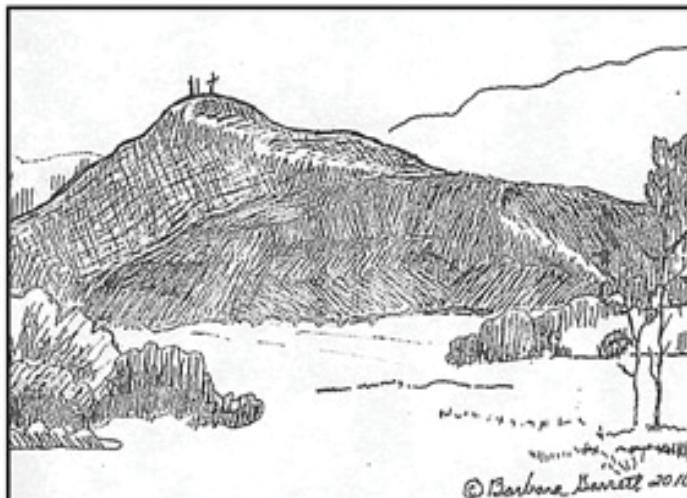
Main Street and Luna Avenue

Under the Water Tower 352-7720

Open Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.



Sangre de Cristo Church by Barbara Garrett



Tomé Hill Valencia County by Barbara Garrett

Building, Fire Inspectors

Help Keep Village Safe

Two positions detailed in the village's municipal code help make the village a safer place to live, work and travel through — building inspector and fire inspector.

The building inspector makes sure the required building permits have been secured prior to any construction, installation, alteration, repair or addition to or within a building, structure or premises in the municipality.

The inspector makes sure all minimum construction standards and building codes adopted by the village are complied with for any building, structure or premises within the municipality.

The building inspector reviews all plans and specifications, and prior to the issuance of a building permit determines that the proposed construction and land use indicates compliance with the zoning and subdivision laws and ordinances of the municipality and the State of New Mexico.

Fire Inspector

The village fire inspector ensures village fire codes are complied with for any building, structure or premises within the municipality.

The fire inspector reviews all plans and specifications submitted to the municipality and, prior to the issuance of a building permit, determines that the proposed construction complies with the village's fire code.

The municipal code says the fire inspector may, during reasonable hours, enter any building or go on any premises in the discharge of the official duties for the purpose of testing any installation in the village. The inspector may cut or disconnect any installation or device when necessary for safety to life or property or to correct any incorrect installation of a device, appliance or equipment.

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

*Keep You and Your Buildings Safe for 2011
Building Street Numbers Should Be Displayed
in Numbers At Least Three Inches High
Emergency Vehicles Will Find You More Easily
And Your Friends Will Find You Too!*