

# Village of Los Lunas



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## More Businesses Locating Or Relocating in the Village

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

Recent changes include:

Performance Plus, 2510 Main Street NE, is a computer repair and service store which moved to its current location in March in the Smith's Shopping Center. Formerly located in Bosque Farms, the business has been around since 2003. The owners like Los Lunas because of its location, being closer to customers and the future economic growth of the village. Contact: Kevin Neuville at 869-6395. web site [www.pc-nm.com](http://www.pc-nm.com) email: [guru@pc-nm.com](mailto:guru@pc-nm.com).

Eileen's Galleria Hair Salon is now located at 367 Main Street SE. In business for two years, the new space is 2200 square feet. Eileen likes her new location due to its great storefront location and parking. She feels Los Lunas has great potential and good employment capabilities. Contact: Eileen Jaramillo, 565-4247, web site: [eileengalleriaandspa.com](http://eileengalleriaandspa.com)

Shanti Yoga focuses on Yoga services at 367 Main Street SE and will feature Vinyasa Yoga a special form of Yoga in its 750 square feet of space. Contact: Joell Torres-Sosa and Jessica Montano, web site: [www.shantiyogaall.com](http://www.shantiyogaall.com), telephone 550-8154.

Gun-Hawk Firearms, 544 Main Street NW, buys and sell firearms. The owner likes being in Los Lunas because he sees future growth. He has been in business for three months. Contact: Mark Chavez 550-6290. Email: [mark@gunhawkfirearms.com](mailto:mark@gunhawkfirearms.com).

## Live/Work Los Lunas

Watch for information in the local newspaper about the next meeting 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.

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](mailto:mimsr@loslunasnm.gov).

## LL Council Extends Administrator Contract For Another Year

The Los Lunas Village Council extended the contract for the village's administrator for another year at the April 14 meeting.

Fernandez has served in that position since April 2009.

After graduating from Los Lunas High School in 1967, he earned a degree in general business and accounting from New Mexico Highlands University and served in the Air Force for four years.

He worked for 21 years with the United States General Accounting Office in Denver and Albuquerque. He started at the village as a computer specialist and worked as the financial services planner for 11 years.

Fernandez has been married to his high school sweetheart, Priscilla, for the 42 years. The couple has three sons, Michael who lives in Albuquerque with his family; Jason, who lives with his wife and twins in Phoenix, Arizona; and John, a captain in the Air Force who returns from deployment in Qatar at the end of May to be assigned to teach at the Air Force Academy so that he will reside with his wife and new daughter in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Peter Fernandez has been active in the community including serving as president of the Valencia County Chamber of Commerce.

## Make Sure You Have A Business License

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. Call Village Administration at 839-3840 for more information.



## Ditchbank Bandits Clean Up

*The trash piles up in the above picture as the Ditchbank Bandits clean up both sides of the Rio Grande (both east and west) for several blocks south of Main Street. A total of 60 bags of trash was picked up with 40 volunteers giving a hand. The Village "Keep Los Lunas Clean and Beautiful" program donated bags and gloves for group members. Marie Marquez of Clean and Beautiful encourages all groups to help clean up Los Lunas. Contact the Clean and Beautiful program at 839-3842.*

## Saiz Chosen Mayor Pro Tem

The Village Council selected Councilor Girard Saiz to serve as mayor pro tem for a year beginning in April.

Saiz was first elected village councilor in 2000 when he ran for the position as an at-large candidate. The 2000 election was the last village election that did not have council seats that were districted.

Since 2000 he has run for council twice, 2004 and 2008, and retained his district council seat..

The mayor pro tem fills in for the mayor when the mayor is not able to perform his duties.

Village Councilor Richard Lovato was the most recent mayor pro tem.



**Girard Saiz**

## Village Summer Youth Program Hiring Workers

The Village is accepting applications for local youth to work for the Summer Youth Employment Program sponsored by the New Mexico Clean and Beautiful grant.

This year the work session will be the four weeks between July 11 and August 5.

Applications must be received no later than May 20 before 4 p.m. and are available at the village Administration Building, 660 Main Street NW.

Employment consists of outdoor environmental work which includes cutting weeds, picking up trash, and some landscaping.

Applicants must meet at least the following requirements:

- Must be a resident of the Village of Los Lunas and enrolled in public or private school. Proof is required.
- Must be fourteen to nineteen years old (students 14-15 must get a work permit which can be obtained at the orientation for those hired).

A Social Security card and school I.D. must be presented at orientation if hired.

## 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 2011 meeting dates are:

May 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](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

# **Michael Romero - Officer of Year**

Officer Michael Romero is the "Officer of the Year" for 2010 at the Los Lunas Police Department, said Chief Roy E. Melnick.



**Officer  
Michael Romero**

a patrol officer he works a day split shift. He hopes to eventually work in the gang or narcotics unit.

He has two sons who he spends time with when not on duty or working out at a fitness center.

He earned his Associate of Arts degree from Albuquerque Technical-Vocational Institute.

## **Water Conservation Important Inside**

Water conservation is important both outside and inside the house. Water leaks indoors can mean higher water bills and no conservation. One of the major culprits for water leaks is the toilet.

One of the easiest ways to check for a toilet leak, says Los Lunas Public Utilities Director James Blasing, is to put 10 to 15 drops of food coloring (a blue, red or green is best) in the reservoir tank. After 15 minutes, check the toilet bowl for any sign of dye color. If there's color in the bowl, the toilet is leaking.

Leaks and noises are the most common problems with tank toilets and the two types of problems are often interrelated, although some leaky toilets are silent.

Many common toilet leaks can be fixed by making minor adjustments. For instance, a running toilet may be caused by an improperly adjusted float ball.

Two common culprits for toilet leaks are the valve seat, which may need to be cleaned, and the flapper, or tank ball, which may need to be adjusted, cleaned or replaced.

Taking care of problem leaks with the toilet could reduce your water bill as well as save water in a year when we have had little moisture.

# **New Police Officer Working in Village**

Otto King has joined the village's police force.

He arrives after spending five years active duty in the United States Army and five years reserve duty. He was employed with the New Mexico National Guard just prior to being employed by the village.

He worked with the Demand Drug Reduction program which gives kids an opportunity to stay busy while getting in shape and learning about drill and ceremony. He was also part of the New Mexico National Guard's search and rescue team.

King is slated to attend the Police Academy in Santa Fe New Mexico in June. Upon completion of the academy in November, he will be in a three month field training program. After successfully completing the program, he will be assigned to a patrol shift.



**Officer Otto King**

## **Four Los Lunas Police Officers Receive Medals**

Four Village of Los Lunas police officers received medals presented by Police Chief Roy E. Melnick at an April council meeting. The medals commend the officers' work protecting area citizens.

Sgt. Archie Romero and Officer Charles Files received Medals of Commendation for their actions handling a May 2010 situation where a woman threatened suicide.

Officer Santiago Beyal received a Medal of Honor for his ability to diffuse potential problems during an August 2010 call in the village.

Sgt. Robert Ferreyra received a Medal of Honor for his handling of a March 2011 domestic violence situation in the village.

Melnick complimented all the officers for their professionalism, competence, leadership and clear thinking throughout the dangerous situations as well as their ability to protect the lives of the citizens.

## **Check with the Village Fire Department On Use of Fireworks — 839-3847**

# Summerfest

JUNE 10, 11 & 12

## BUSINESS EXPO

## FREE FAMILY

## COMMUNITY EVENT

### HERITAGE PARK —

### LAMBROS LOOP

FOR REGISTRATION OR INFORMATION

CALL THE  
VALENCIA COUNTY  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AT  
352-3596

## Library, Museum Offer Kids Summer Program

The Los Lunas Public Library and Museum of Heritage and Arts offer an extensive summer program for kids.

Activities include Story and Craft at the museum, summer reading contests, Wii and board games and other interesting events.

Check the village website at [losunasnm.gov](http://losunasnm.gov) or stop by the library at 460 Main Street NE or the museum, located under the water tower at Luna Avenue and Main Street.

## RAILROADING IN VALENCIA COUNTY

MUSEUM OF HERITAGE AND ARTS

LUNA AVENUE AND MAIN STREET

UNDER THE DOWNTOWN WATER TOWER

OPEN 10 A.M. - 5 P.M. TUESDAY-SATURDAY

# Celebrate

# July 4th

## In Los Lunas

## Monday July 4

Parade on  
Main Street  
Festivities  
at Daniel  
Fernandez  
Park



## Enjoy the 4th at Home!

### 77 Pounds of Drugs Collected

A total of 77 pounds of assorted drugs were collected by the Los Lunas Police Department at the end of April when the department served as a drop off site for unwanted/unused prescription drugs.

This is 40 pounds more than the September collection of 35 pounds.

People were encouraged to bring any and all prescription medication they had in their households that was not in use so it could be disposed of.

The Los Lunas Police Department worked with the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) on this project.

### Upcoming Clean Up Days

Upcoming monthly clean up days are June 4, July 9, and August 13. Cleanups are 8 a.m. to noon and people meet in front of the Village Administration Building, Main Street and Don Pasqual.

September 24 will be the Trek for Trash which begins at 9 a.m. and ends at 1 p.m.