

Village of Los Lunas



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Village Businesses Arrive/Change Ownership

Four new businesses have opened in Los Lunas:

- I'd Go Wireless, 2510 Main Street Suite K, Contact Karl Foster, Director of Operations (480) 284-3885 and Michael Massey (505) 937-4619;
- Rio Grande Children's Dentistry, 106 Main Street Suite B, Jeanne Marie Torrez and Melissa Nunez, 865-1999;
- Revolving Door/Otra Vez Thrift Boutique, 3414 Highway 47, Emily Montoya, owner, 565-9000; and
- Peechi Pet Shop, 3415 Highway 47 Suite A, 916-5370 or 916-5372.

Los Lunas Oil and Lube Center at 1505 Main Street has changed hands, Eric Garcia, 865-4139.

Economic Development Manager Ralph L. Mims is happy to assist those interested in doing business in the village. He is available at 505 839-5654 (direct line), 505 604-4156 (cell), or e-mail mimsr@loslunasnm.gov.

Los Lunas Museum of Heritage and Arts Presents

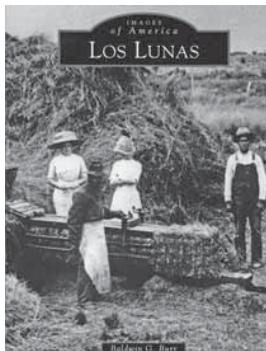
B.G. Burr

discussing his book

Los Lunas

Saturday July 14

2 - 4 p.m.



Los Lunas is now available the Museum of Heritage and Arts as well as the Los Lunas Public Library for \$20.

Written by Los Lunas Museum of Heritage and Arts photo archivist and oral historian Baldwin G. Burr, the 128-page book is the story of Los Lunas and the surrounding area with 180 pictures.

Museum of Heritage and Arts

Main Street and Luna Avenue

Under the Downtown Water Tower 352-7720

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

Village "Holding Its Own" As New Budget Year Starts

The first of July starts the budget year for New Mexico municipalities including Los Lunas. Although gross receipts tax revenue is down five percent over all, Village Administrator Gregory Martin says the village is "holding its own" in the midst of a still-recovering economy.

During the 2012-13 budget year the village will maintain services as well as have a substantial reserve in the General Fund.

Municipal governments in New Mexico must retain a reserve equal to one-twelfth of General Fund expenses, and the village's reserve is several times that number. The reserve is important in case a government entity's revenues come in under projections.

Next year's budget allocates funding to exterior site improvements to the administration building such as landscaping and reshaping the parking lots, the branding campaign, and investing in property for the new corridor between I-25 and Highway 47, as well as Transportation Center building and other miscellaneous improvements.

Another expense may be expanding the village's wastewater system which operates near capacity after the state prison connected to the system.

The village will continue its level of service offering 17 community and neighborhood parks, extensive public library hours, a multi-faceted recreation program, and cultural programs that include the Museum of Heritage and Arts.

Gross receipts tax revenue accounts for more than fifty percent of the village's general fund income so shopping in Los Lunas continues to be important. Administrator Martin points out it is easy to shop in Los Lunas because the village now has many stores.

Live/Work Presentation Set For July 24

Live/Work will meet at the Village of Los Lunas Transportation Center, corner of Courthouse and Juan Perea Roads, Tuesday, July 24, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Marcia Rosen will talk about Growing Your Business: How To Get More Business on a Budget. The presentation is for business owners, self-employed entrepreneurs, professionals and non-profit organizations.

22 Bags of Trash Cleaned Up

Eleven volunteers from the Jubilee community on the village's westside cleaned Highway 6 between Jubilee and Huning Ranch in May and collected 22 bags of trash.

The event was coordinated by Jim Schnitzler. Keep Los Lunas Clean & Beautiful coordinators supplied the group with safety vests, gloves and bags for the morning clean up.

Nine-Year-Old Honored for Aiding Father

Nine-year-old Gabriel Gurule was honored at a May village council meeting for obtaining help for his father when the father was injured while the two were hiking El Cerro de Los Lunas in April.

Gabriel hiked up and down the hill several times because his father was unable to move.

Also honored at the meeting were the police officers, fire personnel and emergency medical specialists who helped bring Ben Gurule off the hill after he was injured.

The youth was presented with several awards.

Watch for More Recycling Events

Village employee Marie Marquez has been coordinating Keep Los Lunas Clean and Beautiful for many years. She recently attended the New Mexico Recycling Conference 2012 and now plans to use the knowledge from that conference to organize more recycling events in the community. Watch for news about these events in the coming months.

Students Clean Up This Summer

Twenty students and two supervisors were hired to do clean up work in the village using a grant from the New Mexico Clean and Beautiful Program.

They work for four weeks for four hours in the morning cleaning up different areas of the village after being transported to the area by village vans.

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

VILLAGE OFFICIALS

Robert Vialpando Mayor

Councilors

Charles Griego Richard Lovato

Amanda Perea Gerard Saiz

Municipal Judge Jeff Aragon

Police Chief Roy E. Melnick

Fire Chief Atiliano "Lito" Chavez

Village Administrator Gregory Martin

Business Round Table

Will Help Area Businesses

Several business owners gathered together at the Transportation Center in Los Lunas in June for the first of six sessions of the Letting Go of Stuff® Business Round Tables.

Darren L Johnson has partnered with the village to offer a six-month developmental process designed to help business owners succeed.

"We want the best for our business owners," says Ralph Mims, the village's economic development manager. "I believe the Letting Go of Stuff® Business Round Tables will provide our local business owners with the best opportunity to grow their businesses."

For more information about the Letting Go of Stuff® Business Round Tables for the Village of Los Lunas visit <http://www.BusinessRoundTables.com>.

DF Center Offers Senior Fitness Class

The Daniel Fernandez Youth Center (DFYC) is now offering a new fitness class specifically designed for adults 50 and better - EnhanceFitness®.

EnhanceFitness is a physical activity program designed to improve functional fitness and well-being. Functional fitness means staying strong, balanced and flexible in order to retain the ability and joy to conduct one's daily life.

Classes meet three times a week for an hour, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday beginning at 10:15 a.m. DFYC is located at 1103 Highway 314 NW on the south side of Los Lunas. Call the DFYC site supervisor at 505/839-3845 to inquire about class participation.

EnhanceFitness is designed to be socially stimulating while focusing on areas of recognized importance for seniors and elders such as stretching, low-impact aerobics, strength training and balance.

It is also physically safe for older adults, including the 'near frail;' yet, challenging for more active participants. Many current programs attract seniors who have always been physically active, and this program may appeal to individuals who haven't participated in an organized exercise program before.

Attend A Council Meeting!

The Los Lunas Village Council meets twice monthly in the council chambers in the administration building at Don Pasqual and Main Street.

Meeting dates for 2012 are:

July 12 & 26 August 9 & 23

September 6 & 20 October 11 & 25

November 15 & 29 December 6 & 20

Meetings begin at 6 p.m. Meetings may be canceled or rescheduled so check at 839-3840 or the village website at www.loslunasnm.gov.

Los Lunas Community Branding Recap:

Small Community. Big Possibilities. Delivering on the Brand Promise

The following was written by Jim Glover of The Idea Group. Glover is working on branding Los Lunas.

I just returned from the US Olympic Track and Field Trials in Eugene, Oregon. What a sensational event. Go Team U.S.A.!

From a community branding perspective, Eugene is known as TrackTown USA and it lives up to its name in every way.

Runners are everywhere. Running trails line the rivers and parks. Nike was born in Eugene. University of Oregon is a track powerhouse. And everyone is a track and field fan. This is why the community has been host to five U.S. Olympic trials. In other words, Eugene delivers on its brand promise.

Los Lunas, with its new slogan of Small Community. Big Possibilities., has the same opportunity as Eugene to deliver on its brand promise of making big things happen in its small town.

The completion of the Los Lunas Transportation Center, the nicest structure on the Rail Runner line, is proof that Los Lunas can deliver!

As the Village moves forward with a goal to always accomplish big things, its brand will become known as a community that works together to achieve its goals.

The end result of this branding initiative will be a community with a great quality of life supported by its residents, businesses, organizations and local govern-

ment driven by the desire to bring about big possibilities.

While most communities have little or no brand identity, the Los Lunas brand will be strong and clear.

Los Lunas: Small community. Big Possibilities. I don't know about you but that sounds pretty good to me.

Your input and thoughts regarding the community branding project are always welcome. Please visit the village website, www.loslunasnm.gov or stop by the administration building, 660 Main Street NW, to view more of the branding presentation.

New Village Administrator Loves Return to the West

It's a long way from Strasburg, Virginia, to Los Lunas, but a shorter distance from St. Johns, Arizona, to Los Lunas.

Los Lunas Village Administrator Gregory Martin spent the last year as assistant town manager at Strasburg. Before that he spent three years as city manager at St. Johns. He jumped at the opportunity to return to the West with his family and in May he was sworn in as administrator.

Martin's love of the West also comes from attending school at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, where he earned a bachelor's degree in Spanish translation and a master's degree in Public Administration.

"I'm thrilled to be here," says Martin. "The future of Los Lunas is so bright with tremendous assets, tremendous people and great leadership."

"My hope is that I can facilitate the forward movement and positive direction the village has been heading in," he continued. "There may be challenges ahead, but it's all part of the process and we can deal with those challenges to make a better community."

Martin, and his wife Chelsey, have settled into a house in Los Lunas with their eight children, five boys and three girls, who range in age from two to seventeen.



Gregory Martin

Youth Police Academy Graduates 10

Ten youths successfully graduated from the Los Lunas Police Department's first ever Youth Police Academy in May.

The academy began in January and consisted of training related to the history of law enforcement, juvenile law, youth protection / personal safety, ethics, dangerous drugs / narcotics, evidence handling / processing, basic patrol procedures, forensics, crime scene investigations and accident investigations.

Graduates are: Colton Vocu, Gabriel Gamboa, Antonio Vargas, Brendan Moody, Aiden Morrison, Ashley Holland, Justin Riel, Gabriela Guerro-Chavez, Taylor Sandoval and Serena Tafoya.

**SHOP Los LUNAS
EVERY DAY**

Los Lunas's 7th Annual
NATIONAL NIGHT OUT
Tuesday, August 7, 2012
5 - 8 p.m.

Daniel Fernandez Park

1101 Highway 314 SW - South Los Lunas
* Hamburgers and Other Food * Displays

FREE * Athletic Demonstration
* Many Other Activities **FREE**

Property Inventory System Available Online

A new technology allows citizens to keep track of valuable personal property free of charge online.

Report It Citizen Property Inventory System also allows law enforcement to quickly identify and recover stolen property statewide and nationwide and link it to criminals associated with the sale or possession of stolen property.

Go to the village website, www.loslunasnm.gov, and then go to the police department to find out how you can protect your property.

Lieutenant Graduates From FBI Academy

Lieutenant Naithan Gurule graduated from the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Police Academy (FBINA) and is the first graduate of the academy in the history of the Los Lunas Police Department.

The FBINA is an extensive eleven week academic and physical fitness program where future law enforcement executive management leaders are developed.

Two New Police Officers on the Streets

Los Lunas Police Officers Jeremy Shaw and Buster Whitley graduated from the New Mexico Department of Public Safety Police Academy on June 1. Both officers have been assigned to field training officers in the department and will complete an extensive 12-week field training program before being assigned to their own patrol units.

The officers were hired under a COPS grant where the village will receive \$391,934 to fully fund the officers' wages and benefits for three years.

Carson Drive Improvements

The village council awarded G. Sandoval Inc. the contract to make improvements to Carson Drive between De Vargas Court and Pine Court. The contract was for \$194,885.

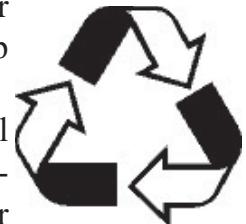
The work includes rebuilding the street, and the water structure under the street if necessary, creating curbs and gutters as well as pedestrian refuge islands on Carson Drive, and providing handicapped ramps.

Funding for the project is from the Municipal Arterial Program which is referred to as MAP.

Don't Create Trash!
Recycle At The Village
Recycling Center

The village's recycling center is a clean and efficient way to stop producing trash.

Located at 197 Don Pasqual Road, behind the Village Administration Building and the Senior Center, the recycling center is open 24 hours seven days a week.



Someone works with the recycling Monday through Friday 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. and an employee helps keep the center clean and operational over the weekends.

Here's what you can drop off at the Recycling Center:

- Cardboard (please break down)
- Plastics of all kinds -- numbers one to six
 - Newspapers, magazines, books, phone books and other papers
 - Aluminum and tin
- All metal washers, driers, refrigerators, water heaters and stoves
- Computers and all electrical devices including phones, laptops, radios, etc.

*Televisions (there is a charge of \$15 per television
If you have questions call 352-7699 Monday through
Friday 7 a.m. - 4 p.m.*

**REUSE
REDUCE
RECYCLE** *Americans use 2.5 million plastic bottles every hour. The average American use 650 pounds of paper each year — 100 million tons of wood could be saved yearly if all that paper was recycled.*

Recycling one aluminum can saves enough energy to run a television for three hours.

Dial 911 Instead of Driving

If you have a medical emergency then dial 911 rather than driving to the fire or police station.

Do not drive to the fire or police station because there may not be anyone who can help you at either of those places when you arrive.

When you dial 911 the dispatch center contacts the department that will respond to your emergency.