

Village of Los Lunas



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Health Facility Moves, Other Businesses In LL

First Choice Community HealthCare has moved from South Highway 85 to 145 Don Pasqual NW (behind the Village Administration building) with a new building and additional services. The phone number is (505) 865-4618.

A ground breaking was held October 17 for Good Life Memory Care Living located at 1650 North Los Lentes. Contact person is Chad Partington, (806) 535-6322.

The Chrysler Jeep Dodge and Ram dealership has opened at 377 Emilio Lopez Road with Rick Harrison as general sales manager. Phone number is (505) 866-3008.

Village 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 at mimsr@loslunasnm.gov.

New Municipal Judge Excited About Job

The new Los Lunas Municipal Judge looks forward to the challenges of the position and to using his background to help him make decisions.

Henry L. Perea retired in 2010 having worked 24 years in the corrections industry.

After graduating from Los Lunas High School, Perea spent four years in the Air National Guard. He then went to work at what was then known as the Bernalillo County Detention Center.

The facility became the Metropolitan Detention Center. Perea stayed with the facility and worked his way up to Deputy Chief of Corrections, the position he was in when he retired.

"I'm very excited about the job as the municipal judge of Los Lunas," said Perea. He is the son of long-time Village Councilor Henry Perea.

Judge Perea points out he has been involved in Partners in Wellness, a helping organization housed in a building named for the judge's father which is located on Morris Road.

New Municipal Court Hours

Effective the week of October 15, 2012, the offices of the Los Lunas Municipal Court will be open to the public Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (including noon to 1 p.m.) and closed on Fridays.

Medical Center Planned for LL; County Signs JPA with Belen

The Valencia County Commission voted in September to sign a Joint Powers Agreement with the City of Belen to commit all mill levy funds collected for a hospital in Valencia County to a facility in Belen.

This past summer Darin Miller, president of Oklahoma City-based Miller Architects, LLC, announced plans to build a hospital in Los Lunas called the Valencia Regional Medical Center.

A hospital / medical center in Los Lunas could be eligible for a portion of the mill levy funds.

In 2006 Valencia County voters approved a mill levy which would be used to operate a medical facility in the county. Collection of the tax began with the 2007 property tax bill.

Several other counties in New Mexico have a similar tax. Funding from Sandoval County's mill levy has been given to two medical facilities in the county -- Presbyterian's Rust Medical Center and UNM Sandoval Regional Medical Center.

No formal announcement has been made regarding a potential builder / provider of a hospital / medical center in Belen.

Darin Miller was in Valencia County in October to provide additional information about the progress of the Valencia Regional Medical Center including meeting with citizens in Los Lunas and Rio Communities.

The mill levy funds for a medical facility are under the control of the Valencia County Commission. The county commissioner representing most of Los Lunas is Mary Andersen. Other commissioners are Ron Gentry, Donald Holliday, Georgia Otero-Kirkham, and Lawrence Romero.

Live/Work Meets October 23

Live / Work Los Lunas meets Tuesday, October 23, 6 to 7:30 p.m., at the Transportation Center, corner of Courthouse and Juan Perea Roads.

Guest speaker will be Shirley F. Bailey who will discuss procurement strategies including resources, tools and information necessary for small business to actively prepare for, find opportunities with, and market to federal contracting agencies across the service, supply, and construction industries.

Trek For Trash Cleans Up Village

The September 2012 Trek for Trash drew 67 volunteers in weather that was perfect for cleaning up the village.

Staff workers who helped with a variety of duties included Debra Candelaria, Marcie McKenzie, Marcella Cavalier, Lorraine Marquez and Adolph Lopez. Organizer Marie Marquez also thanked bus drivers Carolyn Martinez and Dan Krow from the Rio Metro and Jose Silva and Aaron Sanchez from the street department for their help.

Among the sponsors who donated money, supplies, and gift cards were: Walmart Stores, Inc.; Senator Michael S. Sanchez; Back to the Basics, LLC; Don's Enterprises; Superior Towing; The Moo Doc; Nails Spa; Huning Limited Partnership; Tai's Chinese Restaurant; Raks Building Supply.

Also TLC Sound; El Paraiso Management Services; Dions; Pepsi-Cola Bottling Co.; Andy's Boots & Shoe Repair; Days Inn; Ortega Plumbing & Heating; Hansen & Prezzano Builders, LLC; Coca-Cola Bottling Co.; and Andrew Barreras, LLC.

Groups participating included: Calvary Church, two Girl Scout troops, a Boy Scout outreach group, Valencia High School cheer leading group, people from Community Service; as well as local residents.

A total of 97 bags of trash and five truck tires were picked up. Areas cleaned were: Main Street, Los Morros, Desert Willow, Palmilla, Heritage Park, Lambros Loop, Los Lentes South, Juan Perea Road, Transportation Center parking lot, Courthouse Road, Luna Avenue, Los Lentes Park, Trujillo Street, Griego Road, Lujan Road, Emilio Lopez, and the walk/bike path next to Highway 314.

The Walmart Distribution Center loaned a big grill to prepare a lunch of hot dogs, chips and drinks for the volunteers. Door prizes donated by area merchants were given out.

Employees Work on Health

Village employees are working on being healthy.

As part of the Village's new contract with Lovelace Health Plan, employees are urged to fill out a Healthy Steps Wellness Interest Survey sponsored by Lovelace.

The survey asks the employees what health topics they are interested in, when they can participate in staying-healthy activities, and in what manner they want to receive information about staying healthy.

Human Resources Manager Christine Nardi is helping coordinate the gathering of information.

Village Council Plans For Future with ICIP

The Village Council has approved the Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP) for 2014-2017. What does that mean for the average citizen in Los Lunas? It means the council is planning for the future.

The ICIP is a list of projects that would improve life in the village if those projects are built. It is important to have the list ready should funding become available for the projects.

Funding comes from a variety of sources including legislative appropriations, grants, the village budget, and loans which are then repaid from the village budget.

Top projects for the upcoming budget year are —

- Expansion of the wastewater treatment plant;
- Construction of a westside fire substation;
- Building a water line loop east of the Rio Grande;
- Extension of Morris Road; and
- Reconstruction of Highway 314 south of Main Street.

Other projects include railroad crossing quiet zones, the Huning Ranch park, expansion of the Transportation Center, and park improvements to El Cerro de Los Lunas.

The complete 2014-2017 ICIP is available on the website at loslunasnm.gov. under the Community Development Department / Capital Improvement Plan.

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.

Remaining meeting dates for 2012 are:

October 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.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS

Robert Vialpando Mayor

Councilors

Charles Griego Richard Lovato

Amanda Perea Gerard Saiz

Municipal Judge Henry Perea

Police Chief Roy E. Melnick

Fire Chief Atiliano "Lito" Chavez

Village Administrator Gregory Martin

Los Lunas Community Branding: Lighting Up the Los Lunas Brand

The following was written by Jim Glover of The Idea Group. Glover works with Los Lunas on branding and associated projects.

The December 1 Los Lunas Christmas Light Parade is a great way for the community brand to shine.

This festive event unites the community to join together to build the floats and to line the streets on the first Saturday in December to watch and celebrate these "illuminating" efforts.

The parade creates many memorable moments

Report A Crime Online

If you want to report a crime, you can do so by calling 9-1-1 or you can use your computer.

To report a crime online, go to the village's website at www.loslunasnm.gov, click under Departments, click the Police Department, and then choose Report a Crime.

The form to Report a Crime will allow anyone to report something anonymously. However it is important to keep in mind that names are kept confidential if someone does sign off on the report.

Reports could be made about drug dealing, prostitution, or any other criminal activity that a person feels the Los Lunas Police Department should be made aware of.

Speed Trailer Can Help With Drivers Speeding Through Areas

Are drivers rushing through your neighborhood with no regard for speed limit signs?

The Los Lunas Police Department Speed Trailer is used as an educational tool as a reminder and deterrent so that drivers will travel the posted speed limits thus making the roadways safer in Los Lunas.

Everyone who works for Los Lunas Police Department wants to reduce the number of crashes in Los Lunas and keep the community safe.

You can request that the Police Department station the Speed Trailer in a certain area.

To make the request go to the village's website at www.loslunasnm.gov, click under Departments, click the Police Department, and then choose the Speed Trailer Request Form so you can fill out the form. You may also call (505) 839-3855 and ask for Lt. Joe Sanchez or Treena Saavedra to discuss having the Speed Trailer placed at a specific location.

for residents and visitors of Los Lunas. These positive impressions, which are captured in the minds of all participants, significantly contribute to the Los Lunas community brand.

A brand is comprised of absolutely everything so the Los Lunas Light Parade conveys a strong sense of community, tradition, and public support and enthusiasm, all great aspects of a quality brand. It clearly shows that the people of Los Lunas take pride in their community and enjoy sharing it with others.

To someone visiting Los Lunas for the event, whether it is a potential business owner, a family thinking about moving to the neighborhood, or a tourist investigating things to do in the village, this favorable experience will certainly resonate for a long time. When they think of Los Lunas they will smile and recall the good times they shared at the parade. This bodes well when they consider returning to Los Lunas.

Keep up the great work, Los Lunas. Make this year's Christmas Light Parade the best ever. If you are participating with another float this year, make it the brightest ever. If you've never entered a float, now is the time to do so. If you plan to watch from the sidelines, invite more family and friends to attend.

These efforts will really brighten up the Los Lunas community brand for everyone to see.

The Village of Los Lunas welcomes your input and thoughts regarding the community branding project. If you are interested in joining the Los Lunas Branding Alliance, please call Community Development Director Christina Ainsworth at 839-3840 or email her at ainsworthc@loslunasnm.gov,

Tips for Freezing Weather

The Los Lunas Water Department answers many calls regarding frozen or broken water pipes during the cold weather. Here's some prevention measures before the temperatures start dropping:

- Wrap all exposed pipes located outside or in unheated areas of the home, especially pipes in external walls or located on north side exposures.
- Remove garden hoses from outside faucets. Insulate outside faucets with styrofoam covers that can be purchased at hardware or home improvement stores.
- Cover vents around the foundation of your home where plumbing may be exposed.

Code Enforcement Division Helps Enhance Quality of Life

The Code Enforcement Division of the Village's Community Development Department enhances the quality of life and economy of Los Lunas by enforcing regulations that preserve and protect neighborhoods.

The division employs a building inspector/code enforcement supervisor and three code enforcement officers who are also trained as animal control officers.

They work together to investigate and prosecute violations dealing with the parts of the village's municipal code that cover signs, nuisances such as junk vehicles and lots with overgrown vegetation, housing standards, and adult entertainment, as well as residential and commercial zoning among other items.

Violations of the village ordinances regarding nuisances can include flat tires, dismantling of a vehicle, a wrecked vehicle, no licence plate on a vehicle, expired tags, and vegetation growing around vehicles.

Excessive growth of grass and weeds (four inches or higher) and accumulation of trash, junk, and debris may be considered a nuisance.

Code Enforcement deals with heavy trucks or vehicles parking on public streets which is prohibited. No vehicle over 80 inches in width may park on a public street for anything other than loading or unloading.

The Code Enforcement Division also deals with signs, building permits, animal control, and abatement of dangerous buildings.

To report a code violation call 505 839-3840 or go online at www.loslunasnm.gov. It is important to have a specific address, detailed description of the violation(s) and the time/date a violation takes place.

THE AMERICAN RECYCLING EVENT

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17

DON PASQUAL AND MAIN STREET 9 A.M. - 3 P.M.

The following are collected:

- Electronics
- Clothes
- Brass
- Cell Phones
- Aluminum
- Steel
- Batteries
- Metal
- Bicycles
- Copper
- Radiators
- Paper – must be bagged
- Glass — must be in cardboard boxes
- Household Appliances
- Tires — no rims, no big tires (\$1.50/tire)
- Oil – must be free of water or other substances
- Cardboard – boxes must be flattened
- TVs – minimal charge for a 24" TV - \$5. Anything beyond \$10.

**Call the
Museum of Heritage and Art
for information about programs 352-7720**

First Annual Valencia County Commercial Lenders Summit

Wednesday, Oct. 24, 2012

2 -5 p.m. at the Los Lunas Transportation Center

Highway 314 and Courthouse Road

*Commercial lenders from area institutions will answer
your questions about financing your business.*

**Make your reservation by contacting Village Economic
Development Manager Ralph Mims at 505 839-5654 or
mimsr@loslunasnm.gov.**

*Sponsored by the Village of Los Lunas, Valencia County
Chamber of Commerce and the UNM-Valencia Campus
Small Business Development Center*

Haunted House



Oct. 31

5 p.m.

**Daniel Fernandez
Park Gym**

1103 Highway 314 South

**Call Parks & Recreation at
352-3584 for more information**