

# New Businesses Open

Now open for business in the Village are:

• Gerald Madrid Bail Bonds 428 Courthouse Road NE, 865-7917, [www.geraldmadridbb@yahoo.com](http://www.geraldmadridbb@yahoo.com), e-mail [gmadrid726@aol.com](mailto:gmadrid726@aol.com)

• Main Street Auto Repair, LLC 544B Main Street St, SW, owners Virgil Richardson and Victor Vigil, 304-7404

Economic Development Manager Ralph L. Mims assists 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](mailto:mimsr@loslunasnm.gov).

## Trash Pickup Alert

Trash pickup for Memorial Day, Monday, May 27, will be picked up Tuesday, May 28. Trash pickup scheduled Thursday, July 4, will be picked up Friday, July 5.

**Spring Swap Meet Sunday, May 5**  
Los Lunas Sports Complex  
Corner of Morris Road and Highway 314

## Resolution/Position Paper Urges Support of LL Medical Center

The Los Lunas Village Council has passed a resolution adopting a position statement that compares the proposed Valencia Regional Medical Center (VRMC) in Los Lunas to the proposed Belen hospital.

The resolution calls for informing Valencia County citizens about the two proposed hospital projects in Belen and Los Lunas and solicits the support of county citizens for construction of a hospital in Los Lunas because the location is the most sustainable and has an operator that will be the most successful.

The resolution points out that:

- a hospital in Valencia County is of vital importance to the health and well-being of county inhabitants;
- long term sustainability and staffing needs of the hospital are of primary concern in selecting the final location of the hospital and the operator of the hospital;
- the construction of a hospital in Los Lunas will be more sustainable than the construction of a hospital in Belen; and
- the operator of the proposed VRMC has significant ties to New Mexico.

The position statement uses the following criteria to compare the proposed VRMC and Belen hospital: location, community support, funding, operator, ownership, feasibility study, future expansion, financial plans, and developer.

Excerpts from the position statement include:

**Location:** The VRMC's proposed location is in Los Lunas, the economic and population center of Valencia County, while the proposed Belen hospital is in a community experiencing little to no economic or population growth.

**Operator:** The VRMC has a known New Mexico entity, Lovelace Health System, while the proposed operator of the Belen hospital, Ameris, has no New Mexico connections.

**Future Expansion:** VRMC will expand throughout Valencia County, first with programs, and then with facilities. No future expansion plans have been discussed for the proposed Belen hospital.

The complete text of the resolution approved by the Village Council is available on the village website at [www.loslunasnm.gov](http://www.loslunasnm.gov).

The Valencia County Commission has control of more than \$14 million in mill levy funds for a medical facility in Valencia County.

Now is the time to influence how your tax dollars are used by contacting Valencia County Commissioners to tell them you want the funds designated to VRMC in Los Lunas.

The \$55 million VRMC project would be 110,000 square feet with 85,000 square feet for a hospital and 25,000 square feet of clinic space. It is projected the hospital project would create 500 local construction jobs and 450 full-time medical jobs. The hospital budget is estimated at \$40 million a year, including \$14 million for salaries and benefits.

# VILLAGE OF LOS LUNAS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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Offices:**

**505 839-3840**

**[www.loslunasnm.gov](http://www.loslunasnm.gov)**

## Los Lunas Loves Lovelace

We need your support for the new hospital!

**If you want the new Lovelace hospital to be located in the Village of Los Lunas, please visit the Village's website at**

**[www.loslunasnm.gov](http://www.loslunasnm.gov)**

**and follow the link to let the Valencia County Commissioners know.**

**The Village of Los Lunas thanks you!**



## Police 2012 Employees of the Year Named

Nikki Baca and Misty Shiplet, pictured above, are the Los Lunas Police Department Employees of the Year for 2012.

Baca has been with the department since May 2008. She is a certified defensive tactics instructor and has worked in the gangs and narcotics unit as well as bike patrol. She has also been a training officer.

Shiplet has been with the department 18 months following three years as a dispatcher for the county 911 system. She works in the clerical division.

## LiveWork Meets April 23/May 21

Do you have a home-based or mobile business? Thinking of opening a home-based or mobile business? Then attend the LiveWork meetings held monthly from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Village Transportation Center, located at the intersection of Juan Perea and Courthouse Roads.

This month's meeting will be April 23. Community Development Director Christina Ainsworth will discuss how the village's home occupation ordinance facilitates home-based businesses.

The May meeting will be held Tuesday, May 21.

## Senior Center Calendar Available

Are you a senior citizen looking for a place to spend time in activities with other seniors? Try the Fred Luna Senior Center on Don Pasqual north of the Village Administration Building.

A calendar of events is available on the village website site [www.loslunasnm.gov](http://www.loslunasnm.gov) under Residents/Fred Luna Senior Center.

## 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.

Upcoming 2013 meeting dates are:

April 18 May 9 & 23 June 6 & 20

July 11 & 25 August 8 & 22 September 12 & 26  
October 10 & 24 November 7 & 21 December 5 & 19

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](http://www.loslunasnm.gov).

## New LL Fire Marshal Urges Caution, Safety

Everyone in the community has to do their part so that Los Lunas and Valencia County remain safe during such a dry period in New Mexico, says Jason Gonzales, fire marshal for the Village of Los Lunas.

The position of fire marshal is new to the village. It replaces the fire inspector/investigator/emergency coordinator position filled for more than ten years by Zach Romero. Romero has retired and Gonzales is now the fire marshal.

The duties of the fire marshal include directing and supervising management of fire scene causes and origin investigations; coordinating fire prevention programs; providing training; enforcing fire and safety laws; and other duties.

Although only 28, Gonzales has been involved in fire fighting for many years. He grew up in Rio Communities where he served as chief of the Rio Grande Estates Fire Department. He is not serving with the Rio Grande Estates Department currently.

He has been with the Los Lunas Fire Department eight years, most recently as firefighter and emergency medical technician.

"Everyone is on high alert right now because it has been so dry," said Gonzales. He encouraged people to maintain defensible space of fifty to one hundred feet around buildings.

## Obtain Permit Before Burning

New Mexico continues to experience a drought with very little rain predicted.

If you must burn weeds or burn for agricultural management then obtain a burn permit at the Village Fire Department, 465 Main St. SW.

Los Lunas Fire Marshal Jason Gonzales urges people to use common sense when it comes to burning. And always remember to call Valencia County dispatch at 865-2039 to confirm if it's a burn day.

## 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**

# **A Community that Works™ — An Economic Development Update**

## **Volunteering for the Rural Forum in Los Lunas**

*By Ralph L. Mims, Economic Development Manager*

I have more exciting news to share with you from Los Lunas economic development.

Each year the economic development professionals from the 100+ communities in New Mexico gather to discuss how to enhance the economic outlook for their villages, towns and cities and to increase job creation at the local level. This annual event is called the "Rural Forum."

The Village of Los Lunas, with its partners UNM Valencia Campus and the Small Business Development Center at the campus, are proud to host this year's event in our community, August 6 - 8, 2013.

The conference is branded as "Put a Tiger in Your Tank: Practical Tools to Energize Your Economy." Marketing to the state's industry professional begins this month. We are producing a great event and already are generating fantastic buzz around the Land of Enchantment for the Village of Los Lunas. We anticipate over 250 attendees will register for the three-day gathering.

Hosting this major event is a great opportunity for Los Lunas to shine and to showcase our community to economic development leaders from all corners of the state. We can let them experience first-hand why we are a small community with big possibilities. Producing

a successful Rural Forum will continue to raise the stature of our brand to all the participants.

It's nice to add that there is a small economic impact from these attendees as they stay in our motels, enjoy our restaurants, and explore our retail outlets.

The 2013 Rural Forum is also your opportunity to assist the Village in hosting a fantastic event. We are seeking volunteers to work with us as event ambassadors to ensure that every attendee, sponsor, and guest speaker enjoys a memorable time during their stay in the Village. If you are interested in volunteering during August 6 - 8, please contact me — Ralph L. Mims, MCP Village of Los Lunas Economic Development Manager

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## **Public Works Director Is Returning Home**

The Village's new Public Works Director has returned to his hometown.

Rudy Archuleta is a graduate of Los Lunas Hlgh School who earned a Bachelor of Science in engineering at New Mexico State University.

His most recent job was at the New Mexico Department of Transportation where he designed and managed road construction projects.

His prior work experience was at Bohannon Huston Inc. and Molzen Corbin in Albuquerque.

His employment experience has given him a good background for his job as public works director where he will deal with drainage, roads, rights-of-way, and utility lines as well as many other village projects.



He says he is returning

to the community where he grew up because he wants to give back to Los Lunas.

He looks forward to putting his skills and abilities to use improving the community and making it a better place for everyone to live and work.

Archuleta's parents, Rudy and Evelyn, are retired educators in the Los Lunas school systems. His mother has returned to the classroom at Dennis Chavez School in Los Chavez.

His great-grandfather, Don Antonio Archuleta, served as the first mayor of Los Lunas.

## **Got Drugs? Turn in unused or expired medication for safe disposal**

Saturday April 27, 2013 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Los Lunas Police Department Smith's Food and Drug

Main Street and Don Pasqual 2580 Main Street NE

No Questions Asked No Sharps, Inhalers, or Liquids

## **Don't Dump Garbage Just Anywhere!**

Dumping bags of garbage anywhere in the village is illegal and unsightly.

The village provides garbage pickup service to residences and commercial facilities. Anyone dumping garbage can be cited for a misdemeanor.

## **Softball Registration Open/Volleyball Tournaments**

Men's softball registration is now open. Round robin volleyball tournaments every Monday and Wednesday night. Call 352-7662 for more information.

## **Great Mother's Day Gifts Are Found In Los Lunas**

**Flowers • Clothes • Jewelry**

**Whatever Mom Likes, Los Lunas Has It!**

# LOS LUNAS PUBLIC LIBRARY 2013 USER SURVEY

Survey is also available at <http://surveymonkey.com/s/FR6S2YZ>. Please return by August 1, 2013.

1. How would you evaluate the library's services in the following areas (choose one for each row)?

|   | Not Aware of Service     | N/A                      | Unsatisfactory           | Good                     | Excellent                |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Hours of Operation                                | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Ease of Requesting Materials from Other Libraries | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Cleanliness                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Comfort   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Helpfulness of Staff                              | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Ease in Locating Library Materials                | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Nonfiction Book Collection                        | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Fiction Book Collection                           | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| DVD Collection                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Audio Book Collection                             | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Children's Collection                             | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Teen Collection                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Adult Programs                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Children's Programs                               | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Number of Public Computers                        | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Computer Training                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Ebook Website Access                              | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Ebook Selections                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> |

2. How often do you visit the library (choose one) ?

Once a day Once a week Once a month Once every few month Once a year Never Other

3. Why do you visit the library (choose all that apply)?

|   |   |  |
|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Borrow books                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Online job/career search                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Attend children's programs    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Use the computer               | <input type="checkbox"/> Business research  | <input type="checkbox"/> Attend adult programs         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Educational research           | <input type="checkbox"/> A quiet place to read or work                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Safe place to be after school |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Borrow DVDs and/or Audio books | <input type="checkbox"/> E-government (apply for Social Security, Unemployment, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                   |

4. How old are you? (choose one)

Under 13 Years Old 14 - 19 20 - 29 30 - 49 50 - 69 70 + Years Old

5. Please indicate the geographic area you reside in: (choose one)

|   |                                   |   |                                       |
|---|-----------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Village of Los Lunas | <input type="checkbox"/> Tome     | <input type="checkbox"/> El Cerro Mission | <input type="checkbox"/> Belen        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bosque Farms         | <input type="checkbox"/> Peralta  | <input type="checkbox"/> Los Chavez       | <input type="checkbox"/> Albuquerque  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Meadow Lake          | <input type="checkbox"/> Valencia | <input type="checkbox"/> Isleta           | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

6. Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Completed surveys may be returned to the Los Lunas Water Department in Los Lunas (do not mail with water bill payment), brought into the library at 460 Main Street NE, or mailed to Los Lunas Public Library, PO Box 1209, Los Lunas, NM 87031

Thank you for taking the time to assist us in better serving the community's needs.

*Village of Los Lunas Public Library Staff*