

VILLAGE OF LOS LUNAS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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Big Possibilities.*

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www.loslunasnm.gov

Chile Festival Set Sept. 6, 7, 8 in LL

Wagner's Farmland Experience will host the second annual Viva New Mexico Chile Festival on the 288-acre farm located at 1420 Desert Willow Road on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, September 6, 7 and 8.

In celebration of New Mexico's hottest crop, there will be New Mexican cuisine, arts and crafts, local wineries and brews, and top-notch musical entertainment.

Other activities include a corn maze, hayrides, petting zoo, cow milking demonstrations, a u-pick garden, pony rides, and much more.

Owner Roxanne Wagner said last year's festival drew 10,000 people. She added, "The event promises to become a wonderful, enduring New Mexico tradition. We hope this festival will be the topic of conversation until the next one."

The Chile Festival will be 4 p.m. to 11 p.m. Friday, Sept. 6; 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 7; and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 8.

Business Openings/Changes

Now open for business in the Village are:

- Asahi Japanese Restaurant (steak and sushi), 143 Hwy 314 NW; contact Mikyunh Kha, 505-459-1751;
- Lazur Cycles 1930 Main Street NE, Suite 7, contact Joaquin C. Lazur, 505-512-9669.

Larry Atwell is the new owner of Outback Storage, 3507 Main Street NE, 505-866-7000.

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.

Support Still Important For Mill Levy Funds; LL Medical Center Planning Continues

Support is still needed for allocating the mill levy funds collected in Valencia County to Valencia Regional Medical Center.

Darin Miller of Miller Development + Architecture and his team continue to plan and design Valencia Regional Medical Center (VRMC) on the west side of Los Lunas. Construction is expected to start in summer 2014 with an opening date of winter 2015.

Allocation of mill levy funds to VRMC in Los Lunas would result in a facility with more services including birthing services as well as satellite county services.

Information is available about the facility on the village website at loslunasnm.gov/vrmc.

The mill levy has been collected in Valencia County since 2007 after voters approved the mill levy which is to be allocated to a hospital in Valencia County.

People are encouraged to contact Valencia County Commissioners to express support for allocating the mill levy to VRMC.

An easy way to communicate with Valencia County Commissioners about supporting allocation of mill levy funds to the Valencia Regional Medical Center is below. No funds have been spent on any medical facility in the county.

Lovelace Health System has agreed to manage the new facility and its programs.

Miller is working with Lovelace Health System on reviewing area studies about medical and hospital care to map out construction without mill levy support.

The full \$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 full VRMC project would create 500 local construction jobs and 450 full-time medical jobs. The VRMC budget is estimated at \$40 million a year, including \$14 million for salaries and benefits.

**Support the Valencia
Regional Medical Center
Visit the Village website at
www.loslunasnm.gov/vrmc
to let Valencia County
Commissioners know you
want their support of the new
medical facility in Los Lunas.
Los Lunas Loves Lovelace**

New Planning Technician Starts Work

The new planning technician at the Village brings a master's degree and enthusiasm for working in a community rich in culture and history to his job.

Nathaniel Feddes has a master's degree in community and regional planning from the University of New Mexico.

Feddes is looking forward to his work at the Village where he has settled into an office in the Administrative Building at 660 Main Street NW.

"It's a small village so I'll do a bit of everything which makes my job very exciting," said Feddes.

He said he is also excited about planning for Los Lunas because the area has such a rich cultural background and history.

Feddes will be working closely with the Village Planning and Zoning Commission. In addition, he will review such documents as the Village Master Transportation Plan to see if they need to be updated.

Be Careful on the Streets! School's Back in Session!

Students are back in school for the new year and everyone needs to watch for the changes in traffic patterns after the summer break.

There are many school zones in the village. Drivers need to pay attention to the signs indicating a slower speed and watch for children, as well as adults, who may be in the area.

BE A VOLUNTEER FOR TOSS NO MÁS

Sept. 21 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Meet in front of

**Village Administration Building
Don Pasqual and Main Street**

Lunch and trash bags will be provided.

Dress appropriately for the weather. In case of inclement weather, the cleanup will be cancelled.

CALL 839-3842 or 352-7658 TO VOLUNTEER

Village of Los Lunas



Feddes

Youth Workers Clean Up

Over 700 bags of trash were collected by the students who worked in the Summer Youth Program 2013 this summer.

Areas cleaned include Juan Perea Road from the Rail Runner Station to Morris Road along the tracks, along Highway 314 on the walkway by the railroad tracks, and North Los Lentos Road.

Two Special Pickups Per Year

The Village Solid Waste Department will pick up, at no charge, two special loads of trash and debris in the amount of a large pick-up truck load (4.5 cubic yard) for each Village of Los Lunas address per calendar year.

Any additional requests require a \$25 fee for each request. For questions and concerns, call 505-352-7632.

Transfer Station Available to Residents

Village residents are able to take some trash to the transfer station at 7480 Main Street, which is two miles west of Interstate 25 on NM 6.

The transfer station is generally open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from eight a.m. to 10:30 a.m., closed for lunch, and open from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

This schedule can change because of workloads, inspections, severe weather or village special projects. Residents should call 505-352-7699 a day in advance or to ask about what can be brought to the transfer station.

Anyone bringing anything to the transfer station must have a valid New Mexico driver's license and a current and original Village of Los Lunas water bill. The addresses on these should match.

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:

August 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 505-839-3840 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

Branding During the Holidays — Start Now!

By Ralph L. Mims, Economic Development Manager

The holidays are rapidly approaching and now is the best time to start branding your business to enhance your seasonal sales opportunities.

Remember that your brand is the sum of the impressions, both good and bad, you create in the minds of your customers. The holidays are a great time to enhance the strength and stature of your brand. Here are some tips that you can use based on the 7Ps of Marketing:

- **Product:** Make sure you have the right selection on hand to accommodate customer buying demands.
- **Price:** Look at the price promotions you can offer to entice customers to visit your business.
- **Place:** Be sure to make it easy for your customers to find your business and purchase your products.
- **Promotion:** Start early promoting your business to maintain top of mind with your customers.
- **People:** Start now to train your employees on how to engage your customers during the seasonal rush.

LiveWork Meets Aug. 20; Learn about Business

Set aside time on Tuesday, August 20, to attend the LiveWork meeting and learn how to improve or even start a home-based or mobile business. Or for that matter learn how to improve the business you are already actively engaged in.

The LiveWork meeting is at the Los Lunas Transportation Center at the corner of Courthouse and Juan Perea Roads from six to 7:30 p.m.

Anyone and everyone interested in or wanting to know about working at home or working in a mobile environment or wanting to improve their business is invited to attend LiveWork meetings.

The Los Lunas LiveWork program provides start-up support to home-based and mobile entrepreneurs by offering knowledge, strategy, tactics, and inspiration to start such businesses in our community.

LiveWork speakers cover a variety of topics that help businesses operate in today's world.

Remember

*LiveWork Los Lunas — Your Home for Success
www.liveworkloslunas.org*

Trash Pickup Alert

Trash pickup for Labor Day, Monday, September 2 will be Tuesday, September 3. The trash pickup for Columbus Day, Monday, October 14, will be on Tuesday, October 15.

• **Physical Evidence:** Spruce up your business location to look great, both inside and out. Think first impressions — they are so important.

• **Process:** Think about how you and your employees will handle purchases, returns, and customer inquiries during the holidays.

By working to improve each component of the 7Ps of Marketing, you will enhance your brand in time for your holiday business and create a great shopping experience for your customers.

For more information regarding economic development and business in the village contact me, Ralph L. Mims, MCP; Economic Development Manager, Community Development Department; 505-839-5654, direct line; 505-604-4156, cell; or e-mail me at mimsr@loslunasnm.gov.

Remember, Reflect and Rejoice! 1st Annual Juried Art Show

The Los Lunas Museum of Heritage & Arts is accepting submissions for the 1st Annual Juried Art Exhibit. To submit work for consideration pick up an application at the museum or visit www.loslunasnm.gov/museum.

The theme is the 85th anniversary of the Village of Lunas.

Submissions must be

Post Marked/Delivered by September 15, 2013

Exhibit — Nov. 2 - Dec. 7, 2013

Los Lunas Museum of Heritage and Arts

251 Main Street SE Under the Downtown Water Tower

505-352-7720 www.loslunasnm.gov/museum

Open Burning Ban Lifted

The ban on open burning within the incorporated areas of the Village has been lifted

Fire Chief Atiliano "Lito" Chavez reminds everyone that caution still needs to be taken.

Anybody wishing to conduct open burning in the Village needs to obtain a burn permit and abide by the Open Burn Ordinance. Burn permits can be obtained at the Fire Department, 465 Main Street SE, during normal business hours.

Call 505-866-2116 with questions.

Expo Cancelled/Scavenger Hunt To Be Held

The Los Lunas Chamber of Commerce will hold a Holiday Scavenger Hunt and the previously scheduled Business Expo has been cancelled. Watch for details in upcoming newsletters about the scavenger hunt.



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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Los Lunas Water System Has Levels of Arsenic Above Drinking Water Standards

Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Although this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we are doing to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Testing results we received show that our system exceeds the standard or maximum contaminant level (MCL), for arsenic. The standard for arsenic is 0.010 mg/L. The average level of arsenic in samples taken during the **3rd quarter 2010** was 0.014 mg/L and **4th quarter 2010** was 0.011 mg/L for Well #3. The average level of arsenic in samples taken during **3rd quarter of 2010** was 0.013 mg/L for Well #4.

The tables below show the dates, locations, and values detected:

Sample Location	Sample Date	Quarter & Year	Result mg/L	RAA mg/L
Well 3	10/30/2009	4 th qtr 2009	0.01716	
Well 3	3/24/2010	1 st qtr 2010	0.01515	
Well 3	4/28/2010	2 nd qtr 2010	0.01401	
Well 3	7/21/2010	3rd qtr 2010	0.00795	0.014
Well 3	10/19/2010	4th qtr 2010	0.00628	0.011

Sample Location	Sample Date	Quarter & Year	Result mg/L	RAA mg/L
Well 4	10/30/2009	4 th qtr 2009	0.01440467	
Well 4	3/24/2010	1 st qtr 2010	0.01690981	
Well 4	4/28/2010	2 nd qtr 2010	0.01411097	
Well 4	7/21/2010	3rd qtr 2010	0.00505679	0.013

What should I do?

- There is nothing you need to do. You do not need to boil your water or take corrective actions. However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.
- If you have a severely compromised immune system, have an infant, are pregnant, or are elderly, you may be at increased risk and should seek advice from your health care providers about drinking this water.

What does this mean?

This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified within 24 hours. However, some people who drink water containing arsenic in excess of the MCL over many years could experience skin damage or problems with their circulatory system, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

What is being done?

Arsenic contamination is rarely due to human activity. The Village arsenic treatment plants initially came online during calendar year 2010. During this startup period, Village water operators were familiarizing themselves with the new treatment plants and treatment process. After comprehensive evaluation of the treatment process, Village water operators brought the Los Lunas water system back into compliance on 3/24/2011 with a result of 0.005mg/L at Well #3.

For more information, please contact:

Rudy P. Archuleta, P.E.

Public Works Director

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Or

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