

Village of Los Lunas



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New Businesses Open

The following businesses are now open:

Crown Boutique, 336 Munoz NW, 865-4152,
Nicole Golino and Kathy Trujillo;

Marine Recruitment Center, 1400 Main Street,
Suite H, Sergeant Jose Calderon, cell: 250-0372 or
office: 565-4895; and

Nutrition Center, 1400 Main Street, Suite J,
Robert Herrera; 288-3594.

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

Los Lunas Programs/ Buildings/Parks Addresses

Administration Building	660 Main St. NW
Artistic Park.....	901 Camino del Rey SW
Artiaga Park.....	1160 Artiaga Court SE
Buena Vista Park	Carrisa Court NW
Chester Skinner Park.....	1660 Heaton Loop SE
Community Development Dept...	Administration Building
Community Services Dept.....	3447 Lambros Loop
Daniel Fernandez Park.....	1103 Highway 314 SW
Enchantment Little League Park ..	1251 Highway 314 SW
Fire Department.....	465 Main St. SE
Heritage Park.....	3447 Lambros Loop
Huning Ranch Park....	Sundance & Huning Ranch Loop SW
Los Cerritos Park	1501 Los Cerritos NW
Los Lunas Sports Complex.....	1600 Highway 314 SW
Memorial Park.....	643 Main St. SW
Museum of Heritage & Arts....	Main Street & Luna Avenue
Parks, Recreation and Streets Dept.	3447 Lambros Loop
Police Department	660 Main St. NW
Public Library.....	460 Main St. NE
River Park.....	1660 Main St. SE
Recycling. . .	Don Pasqual next to the Fred Luna Senior Center
San Antonio Park.....	1819 Los Lentos NE
Fred Luna Senior Citizens Center....	197 Don Pasqual NW
Transportation Building...	Courthouse & Juan Perea Roads
Valley View Park.....	922 Grant Blvd. SW
Wellness Center.....	3447 Lambros Loop

Lovelace Partners on Hospital Development

Lovelace Health System has partnered with Miller
Development + Architecture, LLC, on the development
of the Valencia Regional Medical Center in Los Lunas.

Darin Miller of Miller Development + Architecture
has said the facility would have 110,000 square feet
with 85,000 square feet for a hospital with correspond-
ing needs and 25,000 square feet of clinic space.
There would be 30 to 40 inpatient beds, an obstetrics
unit, MRI and CT scan services, and an outpatient sur-
gical unit.

Lovelace Health System would manage the \$55
million facility which is to be built west of Interstate
25 in Los Lunas. That \$55 million includes \$31 million
in construction; \$11 million for equipment; \$6 in oper-
ating start-up costs; \$5 million in fees and financing
costs; and \$2 million in contingency funds.

Miller Development + Architecture, along with
Lovelace Health System, will present the proposed
Valencia Regional Medical Center in a workshop
format in January or February before the Valencia
County Commission. Anyone can attend commission
meetings. Letters of support for the hospital in Los
Lunas can also be sent to the commission.

It is projected that 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.

Municipal Court Open Fridays

The Municipal Court is now open Monday through
Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The court is located in the
Administration Building, 660 Main Street NW.

Municipal Judge Henry Perea points out the court
offices were closed this fall on Fridays. Perea found
that the demands of the general public necessitated
the court offices being open five days a week.

Perea said, "My commitment to the residents of
Los Lunas is paramount when it comes to ensuring
their business with the court is handled in the most
expedient and professional manner."



Santa and his elves made sure they found out children's holiday wishes during the Winter Ball sponsored by the Los Lunas Police Department.

LLPD Hosts Winter Ball, Cops and Kids Events

Approximately 300 toys were given away and 500 meals were served thanks to Panda Express at the 7th annual Winter Ball hosted by the Los Lunas Police Department at Daniel Fernandez Park Gym.

The day after the Winter Ball LLPD employees took 18 children to Isleta Fun Connection for bowling and lunch followed by shopping at the Walmart Supercenter in Los Lunas. Participating children were selected by the Los Lunas schools.

The events fostered better relationships between police and the public. It also gave the children a chance to get to know officers from their community on a more personal level, said LLPD Chief Roy E. Melnick.

Sponsors of the events were: Panda Express, Isleta Fun Connection, Snap Fitness, Gunhawk Firearms, Louis and Nancy Huning, Magistrate Court Judge Tina Gallegos, Sun Loans, Los Lunas Chamber of Commerce, and Valencia County Business Women.

Live / Work Meeting Scheduled

The Los Lunas Live / Work group meets Tuesday, January 22, at the Transportation Center, corner of Courthouse and Juan Perea Roads, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

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:

January 24 February 7 & 21 March 7 & 21

April 4 & 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.

2013 Village Holiday Garbage Pickup Days

HOLIDAY OBSERVED	REGULAR TRASH PICKUP DAY	WILL BE PICKED UP ON
M.L.King Jr.Day	Monday,Jan.21	Tuesday,Jan.22
Presidents Day	Monday, Feb. 18	Tuesday, Feb. 19
Good Friday	Friday, March 29	Thursday, March 28
Memorial Day	Monday, May 27	Tuesday, May 28
Fourth of July	Thursday, July 4	Wednesday, July 3
Labor Day	Monday, Sept. 2	Tuesday, Sept. 3
Columbus Day	Monday, Oct. 14	Tuesday, Oct. 15
Veterans Day	Monday, Nov. 11	Tuesday, Nov. 12
Thanksgiving	Thursday, Nov. 28	Wednesday, Nov. 27
Day after Thanksgiving	Friday, Nov. 29	Monday, Dec. 2
Christmas	Wednesday, Dec. 25	Thursday, Dec. 26

The Village no longer picks up garbage carts set out late. Any late garbage carts will be picked up on the next regularly scheduled pickup day. Your cart should be out by 7 a.m. on the scheduled pickup day.

Two Retire After Combined 54 Years

Congratulations to Kathy Martinez and Manuel Baca Jr. who retired in December from the Parks, Recreation and Streets Department with a combined 54 years of service to the Village of Los Lunas.

Martinez worked 29 years with the Village, 14 of them as recreation supervisor. Manuel Baca Jr. worked 25 years and the past 20 as a Park Technician II.

Gun Buy Back to Solve Robbery

The Los Lunas Police Department has been conducting a gun buy back program as part of the effort to solve a robbery at the Los Lunas Walmart on early Christmas morning.

Three people broke into the store and stole \$30,000 in merchandise ranging from guns to iPads. A fourth person waited in a getaway vehicle.

Anyone having information about the pickup, the robbery or interested in the gun buy back program should call LLPD detectives at 352-7674.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS

Robert Vialpando Mayor

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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

Economic Development and You!

Happy New Year, Los Lunas. May we all share in a fantastic 2013. My name is Ralph L. Mims and I am the economic development manager for the Village.

With the arrival of the new year, the Village is launching this column to keep you — our residents, businesses, and organizations — up to date on the latest economic development activities.

We have titled this column “A Community That Works,” which mimics the new slogan developed to promote and position economic development efforts and partnerships of our thriving business community.

The goals and purpose of the economic development office include:

- 1) Expanding, and retaining businesses in the Village of Los Lunas as well as recruiting businesses;
- 2) Providing Village businesses with economic development programs that provide funding as well as technical and marketing information;
- 3) Attending various nationwide trade shows to market Los Lunas in conjunction with the Village’s community branding efforts;
- 4) Assisting existing home-based businesses through the Los Lunas Live / Work Program. The Live

Museum of Heritage and Arts presents

Fiber to Finish of Valencia County “Colors of Enchantment”

***Opening January 26 with
demonstrations at noon.***

Saturday, February 9 2 - 4 p.m.

RJ Mirabal signs his book

Tower of Serrohe

Museum of Heritage and Arts

Corner of Main Street and Luna Avenue 352-7720

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

/ Work program is a pilot program in New Mexico; and

5) Conducting economic development workshops to make Village businesses aware of existing financial and economic development programs at the local, state, and federal level.

In the coming year we anticipate a lot of exciting economic development news to share. Be sure to follow this column each month to stay informed about our community’s latest accomplishments.

I also hope to meet all of you throughout the year. Feel free to visit the Community Development Department at the Village Administration Building located at Don Pasqual and Main Street.

If you have any economic development questions, please contact:

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Los Lunas Corridor Study Document Completed

The Los Lunas Corridor Study has been completed with the Morris B alignment recommended. The governing bodies of Los Lunas, Belen, Peralta, and Valencia County have concurred with this alignment.

Documentation of the process and maps of the alignments considered are detailed in the signed Los Lunas Corridor Study Alternatives Analysis document.

Key elements of this document are available online at www.mrcog-nm.gov under Special Studies, and electronic copies of the full Alternatives Analysis document on CD are available from Middle Rio Grande Council of Governments (MRCOG).

The Village and MRCOG thank people for their interest in the study. Hundreds of citizens attended public meetings and dozens offered public comment over the course of the study.

The input provided valuable information that strengthened the ultimate outcome of the study. Anyone with any questions about the process or the final decision, or who would like a CD of the full document, should contact Loretta Tollefson at ltollefson@mrcog-nm.gov.

Los Lunas Site of New ATV/OHV Training Course

River Park on the east side of the Rio Grande, south of Main Street, is the site of a new training course for drivers of all terrain (ATV) or off-highway vehicles (OHV).

Anyone under the age of 18 wanting to drive an ATV or OHV on federal or state lands must be safety certified and accompanied by an adult.

In addition, the state requires mandatory registration for all OHVs used on public lands.

The Village's Open Space Division (part of Parks, Recreation and Streets) has been working with Marc Hildesheim of the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish to make the safety course available.

The River Park training course was constructed by the Open Space Division according to Game and Fish specifications to train ATV and OHV safety instructors and for youth to train on so those youth can obtain their safety certification. Several instructors have already given safety certification classes.

While there is no charge for the training, participants must have their own OHVs or ATVs and must

wear New Mexico Department of Transportation approved helmet, goggles, gloves, long sleeve shirts, and pants with over-the-ankle boots.

The River Park Course is available for law enforcement agencies, organizations or businesses whose employees use ATV's or OHVs and safety certification is desired.

Registration for safety training is done through the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish so interested people should call Marc Hildesheim in Albuquerque, 222-4727, to register for a class.

El Cerro Road/Main Street Project Starts February 1

New traffic lights are on the way for installation at NM 263 (El Cerro Road) and Main Street, also known as NM6, as part of the \$288,000 project which includes new turn lanes, traffic signals and pedestrian improvements.

The contractor Viscom Inc., is slated to start February 1 with a 65 day estimated construction completion

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