

# **GREAT AMERICAN RECYLING DAY**

**Saturday April 20 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

**Don Pasqual - By the Fred Luna Senior Center**

**Recycle Your Glass Too!**

**Call 352-7658 for information**

## **VILLAGE OF LOS LUNAS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER**



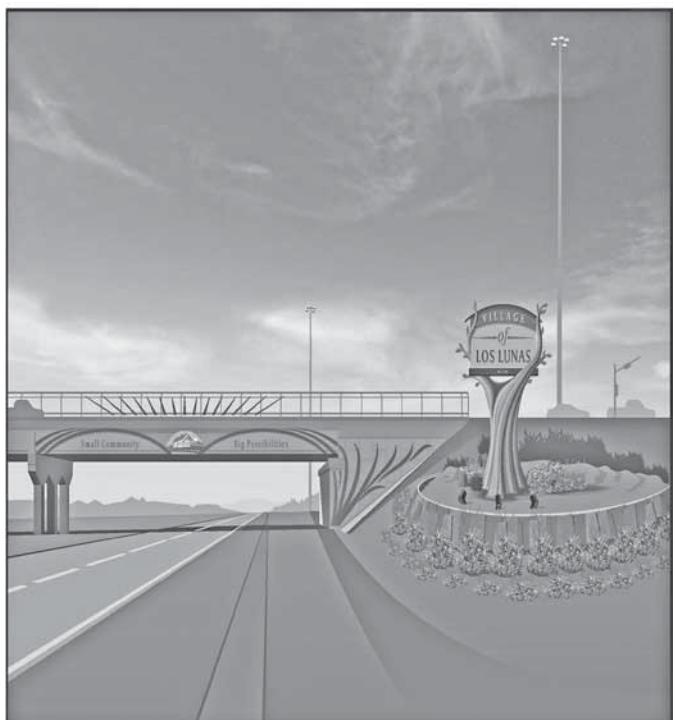
*Small Community.*

*Big Possibilities.*

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**505 839-3840**

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## **Presentation Describes Valencia Medical Center**

Darin Miller of Miller Development + Architecture described in detail the Valencia Regional Medical Center (VRMC) at a Feb. 20 Valencia County Commission meeting.

The presentation included renderings of the 110,000 square foot facility which would include 30 to 40 in-patient hospital beds, clinic space, an obstetrics unit, MRI and CT scan services, and an outpatient surgical unit.

The commission controls mill levy funds which could be committed to VRMC which is to be constructed west of Interstate 25.

The primary factor in making the medical center a reality for Valencia County and its residents is the commitment of the approximately \$14 million in hospital mill levy funds by the Valencia County Commission to the VRMC project.

The county commissioner representing most of Los Lunas is Mary Andersen. Other commissioners are Alicia Aguilar, Charles Eaton, Donald Holliday and Lawrence Romero. Letters of support for the medical center can be sent to the commission.

## **New Businesses Open**

Now open for business in the Village are:

Los Panchos Mexican Restaurant, 223 Hwy 314 SW, phone 505 866-8880, owners Jauena and Raul Saenz; and

Thrive Wellness Center, 2240 Main Street NE, phone 505 948-0616, owner Lorna Kadooka.

The Fill Up Gas Station is now Chevron Gas Station at 1655 Main Street SW, Douglas Cline, 505 916-0267.

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).

## **Home Building on Upswing in Village**

National statistics show home building is on the upswing and Los Lunas is now part of those positive statistics.

New homes are now being sold in Rancho Valencia subdivision, located in the southwest part of the Village.

Morningstar Homes will build in the Casitas area of Rancho Valencia while Twilight Homes will be in the Haciendas section.

The Casitas homes will be 1,000 to 2,245 square feet and start in the \$90,000 range. The Haciendas homes will be 1,465 to 2,516 square feet and start at \$175,990.

More information is available by calling Sales Manager Panos Kassimatis at 505 907-9856.

*To the left is an artist's rendition of the southbound Interstate 25 Los Lunas exit at Mile Marker 203. The rendition shows the future improvements which include a sculpture at the start of the ramp, new landscaping, and additions to the Main Street/ Highway 6 bridge over the interstate. This project is part of the new branding initiative for the Village.*

## **Norris Is New Patrol Sergeant**

Los Lunas Police Officer Jonathan Norris was promoted to patrol sergeant at the Feb. 21, 2013 Village Council meeting.

Los Lunas Police Chief Roy Melnick announced the selection of Norris as sergeant after the retirement of Sergeant Robert Ferreyra.

## **Police Annual Report Available**

The Los Lunas Police Department's 2012 Annual Report is now available on the village's website at [loslunasnm.gov](http://loslunasnm.gov).

The report includes crime statistics, community police events, police programs, grants, citizen complaints, the department's use of force, motor vehicle statistics, and information about police personnel joining or retiring from the department.

Police Chief Roy Melnick points out the report is an accounting of police activities to the Los Lunas and Valencia County community.

## **950 Pounds of Glass Collected**

There was no cleanup held in February but the Village cleaned up in another way as 27 residents showed up at the Solid Waste Department's yard to recycle what turned out to be 950 pounds of glass. Thanks to the Village employees who helped.

## **Fiber to Finish of Valencia County**

***"Colors of Enchantment"  
Through April 28, 2013***

## **Museum of Heritage and Arts**

*Corner of Main Street and Luna Avenue 352-7720*

*Open Tuesday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 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:

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

## **EASTER EGG HUNT Wednesday March 27 4 P.M. Free For All Ages Daniel Fernandez Park Highway 314 South Los Lunas**

## **Spring Cleaning Spruces up LL**

Spring officially arrives this month. Spring cleanups can keep your residential or business property looking good as well as making the Village attractive to residents and visitors.

Make sure you don't have any abandoned or disabled vehicles parked on your property. This includes vehicles with flat tires, dismantled or wrecked vehicles, and vehicles with no license plate or current tags.

Clean out any accumulation of trash, junk or debris and cut back any excessive growth of grass and weeds which the Village defines as four inches or higher.

## **LiveWork Meets March 19**

LiveWork Los Lunas meets Tuesday, March 19, at the Transportation Center, corner of Courthouse and Juan Perea Roads, from six to 7:30 p.m.

If you have a home-based or mobile business or are thinking about starting such a business then attending this meeting can give you great information.

There is no charge and the speakers are very informative. The April meeting will be Tuesday, April 23, at the same site.

## **Village Receives Route 66 Grant**

The Village has been awarded a \$24,000 Scenic Byways Grant for a Route 66 corridor management plan.

The funding will be used to identify and prioritize way finding features and information on the village's portion of Route 66.

Before Route 66 became a primarily east-west route as it is now known, the highway traveled up to Santa Fe, down to Los Lunas, and then on to Gallup.

## **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*

## **LiveWork Los Lunas Update — Can We Help You?**

*By Ralph L. Mims, Economic Development Manager*

Successful economic development centers on recruiting new companies, expanding and retaining existing firms, and supporting the growth of entrepreneurial start-ups. Our department's goal is ensuring Los Lunas has a thriving and sustainable business culture.

Deploying our latest economic development strategy, driven by our department's new tagline "A Community That Works," we are implementing exciting tactics to attract more name-brand businesses to the Village of Los Lunas.

Our branding and marketing efforts are starting to pay off as we generate more leads from prospective businesses from the region and across the country. The latest effort to bring the new hospital to Los Lunas is another indicator of our recruitment progress.

To support the growth of our local entrepreneurs at the same time, we have launched LiveWork Los Lunas, an innovative program that provides start-up support to home-based and mobile entrepreneurs. Although in its early stages, LiveWork Los Lunas offers knowledge, strategy, tactics, and the inspiration to start and grow a home-based and mobile business in our community. Lectures, mentoring, one-on-one consulting, entrepreneurial training, funding access, and business plan development are some of the offerings of the program.

By energizing and nurturing a vibrant start-up community, we create a prosperous local economy with more jobs and more financial means for residents.

### **Police Acquire \$50,000 in Parts**

The Los Lunas Police Department has acquired \$50,000 worth of brand new spare parts for the department's Mamba Armored Tactical SWAT 12-passenger transport vehicle.

The parts were acquired at zero cost through the federal/state 1033 transfer program and included a diesel engine, transmission front and rear axles, front and rear springs, air conditioning condenser and evaporator, and 6 wheels.

These parts are exclusively manufactured for the Village's armored vehicle and will keep the vehicle running indefinitely, said Police Chief Roy Melnick.

The police department acquired the SWAT vehicle in April 2012 from the New Mexico State Police replacing the department's outdated, less reliable Chevy van SWAT vehicle with over 140,000 miles with no armor plating or glass.

The current Mamba SWAT vehicle has only 21,000 miles, and is armor plated, bomb proof, and bullet proof with armored glass. The sticker on the window when Los Lunas received the vehicle showed a value of \$380,000.

Further, this success creates greater attention from name-brand companies and new residents to consider Los Lunas as a future home for their businesses, a win/win for all of us.

If you have a home-based or mobile business or are considering starting this kind of endeavor, LiveWork Los Lunas is for you. To learn more about LiveWork Los Lunas, contact me at (505) 839-5654 or visit our website at [www.liveworkloslunas.com](http://www.liveworkloslunas.com).

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### **Senior Olympians Qualify in April**

Senior Olympic hopefuls can begin qualifying in April to compete on a state level.

Senior Olympic sports include cycling, tennis, pickleball, bowling, shuffleboard, golf, table tennis, pool, basketball, track and field, archery, racquetball, boche, basketball, and softball.

For more information call 352-7662 or email [cattillom@loslunasnm.gov](mailto:cattillom@loslunasnm.gov). Information is available on the village website, [loslunasnm.gov](http://loslunasnm.gov), under Residents and then look for Fred Luna Senior Center.

## **CIRCUS COMES TO THE VILLAGE IN APRIL**

**Friday, April 12 — Shows at 5 and 7:30 p.m.**

**Saturday, April 13 — Shows at 2 and 4:30 p.m.**

**Location: Los Morros Business Park**

**Desert Willow Road West of Interstate 25**

**Ballet      Hip-Hop Jazz  
Bust A Move      Dance Center**

**Classes Held at the  
Fred Luna Senior Center**

**\$25 Per Class      197 Don Pasqual NW**

**Per Month      Contact Jeralyn Duran 352-7717**

**Ages 4 - 15      or Adela Thompson 440-5667**

**Years      Sponsored by the Parks,  
Recreation and Streets Dept.**

## **Fire Department Conducts Fire Hydrant Maintenance**

Los Lunas residents will see Village firefighters in their neighborhoods over the next months as the department conducts fire hydrant maintenance.

The goal of the program is maintaining public fire hydrants in a ready condition through flushing, inspection, lubricating, cleaning, and painting as recommended by the National Fire Protection Association. Hydrants needing repairs are reported to the water department for the necessary follow up.

Hydrant maintenance insures hydrants function correctly. Fire engines hold a maximum of five to six minutes of water for fighting fires. An improperly or non-functioning hydrant might cause an engine to run out of water which could endanger the lives of firefighters and increase the amount of fire damage.

The flushing of the hydrant sometimes results in a discoloration of the water coming from the tap which is caused by the water rushing through the pipe walls and dislodging sediment. The water is still bacteriologically safe even though there might be a discoloration.

If you see the discoloration then please be patient for 12 hours. If the water doesn't clear within 12 hours then call the water department at 839-3841.

Firefighters will still respond to any fire or medical calls that may occur while maintenance is taking place.

The firefighters will work in groups of two or four to facilitate emergency response. They usually work in two or four. For example, at a structure fire two firefighters operate the nozzle, maneuver the hose and enter the building while another firefighter operates the pump and a fourth firefighter commands the scene.

The Village currently has over 1,000 hydrants located throughout the municipal boundaries.

## **Commemorate Arbor Day and Month**

March 8, 2013, was Arbor Day and Governor Susana Martinez has declared March as Arbor Month.

Celebrating Arbor Day and Arbor Month is an opportunity for all New Mexicans to learn about how trees benefit our lives and our communities.

Commemorate Arbor Day and Month by planting a tree. Trees can be good for the environment and for the community.

## **Download Ebooks through the Library**

Now you can download ebooks, audiobooks and more for your computer, mobile device, or ebook reader through the Los Lunas Public Library -- go to [loslunasnm.gov](http://loslunasnm.gov) and then Library under Departments.

## **FREE Health & Wellness FREE**

**Fair**  
Friday, April 12, 2013  
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Daniel Fernandez Park Gym

*Highway 314 South Los Lunas*

**Health & Safety Information  
Provided by a Variety of  
Agencies and Businesses  
It's Free so Come on Out  
and See What Is Offered**



9th Annual  
**Cops and  
Kids  
Fun Run and Walk**

Saturday, March 23  
**Races Held at The Los Lunas  
High School Track  
Competitive 5K / 10K 8 a.m.  
Fitness Walk 5K 8 a.m.**

**Non-Competitive Kids 1K 9 a.m.**

**Male & Female Age Divisions**

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