

# **Construction to Start on Medical Center in LL; Efforts for County Mill Levy Will Continue**

Construction is expected to start in summer 2014 with an opening date of winter 2015 for the Valencia Regional Medical Center (VRMC) on the west side of the Village of Los Lunas.

In the meantime, people are being encouraged to continue their efforts to contact the Valencia County Commission to express their support for allocating the mill levy collected since 2007 to the facility in Los Lunas.

Darin Miller of Miller Development + Architecture has announced that he and his company intend to proceed with the development in Los Lunas of "a hospital that will initially not require mill levy support, but which will qualify for that support under the standards set in the Hospital Funding Act."

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

Miller said his company will work with Lovelace Health System on reviewing the studies done in the area about medical and hospital care to map out construction without mill levy support. But he emphasized that the facility would provide more services for the community's medical needs with the mill levy support.

Lovelace Health System has agreed to manage the new facility and its programs. According to the Lovelace website, Lovelace Health System began in the 1880s, when missionaries and philanthropists from the Midwest extended their mission of caring to Albuquerque. In 1901 they built a hospital and a year later opened a sanitarium to care for the growing ranks of tuberculosis patients seeking health in the high, dry air.

In 2006 Valencia County voters approved a mill levy to support a medical facility in the county. The mill levy funds are controlled by the Valencia County Commission.

To the right are instructions for an easy way to communicate with Valencia County Commissioners about supporting Valencia Regional Medical Center in Los Lunas with the mill levy funds approved by Valencia County voters in 2006. None of these funds have been spent on any medical facility in the county although the money has been collected since 2007.

The full \$55 million VCMR 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 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.

# **New Businesses Open**

Now open for business in the Village are:

- Flowers on the Bosque, 501 Main Street, owner: Linda Brazeal, (505) 869-9114, brazeal13@gmail.com;
- Little Sprouts (baby clothing), 601 Main Street 23B, Wendy Schmidts and Erin Suarez, (505) 865-6611, wlynnschmidt@hotmail.com.

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.

## **Celebrate July Fourth in Los Lunas**

**9 a.m. Parade on Main Street**

**4 p.m. Festivities at Daniel Fernandez Park**

*Register for the parade online at*

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

*or call 352-3584*

# **VILLAGE OF LOS LUNAS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER**



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**Administrative  
Offices:**

**505 839-3840**

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

## **Los Lunas Loves Lovelace**

Your support is needed for the new hospital!

**Visit the Village's website at**

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

**and follow the link to let the**

**Valencia County Commissioners  
know you want their support of  
the new hospital in Los Lunas**

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

# Recycling Event Helps Clean Up Los Lunas

April's Great American Recycling Event, sponsored by Keep Los Lunas Clean & Beautiful in conjunction with the Village's Solid Waste Department, proved a great success with 219 vehicles coming through carrying recyclables. Items collected included:

- 2,660 pounds of metal; 1.33 tons;
- 226 gallons of assorted paints;
- 2,210 pounds of glass bottles resulting in 1.10 tons of ground glass;
- 50 gallons of used oil;
- Ten four-yard bins of cardboard resulting in three bales;
- Four four-yard bins of plastic resulting in one bale; and
- 49 assorted televisions and 31 assorted CRT monitors which New Mexico Computer Recyclers collected at the event.

Cleanup Coordinator Marie Marquez thanked all the people who helped including staff and volunteers. She also thanked Village citizens who take recycling seriously enough to make and keep our environment cleaner and safer in Los Lunas.

Lunch was provided to all working staff.

The next recycling event, American Recycling Event, will be Nov. 16, 2013, from eight a.m. to noon.



Glass is ground at the April Recycling Event.

## Trash Pickup Alert

Trash pickup for Memorial Day, Monday, May 27, will be Tuesday, May 28. Trash pickup scheduled Thursday, July 4, will be picked up Friday, July 5. The Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 2, garbage pickup will be Tuesday, Sept. 3, 2013.

## Cleanup May 18 in Huning Ranch

A community cleanup will be held in Huning Ranch the morning of Saturday, May 18.

# Seventy Pounds of Medication Collected

The Los Lunas Police Department, partnering with the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) National Take Back Initiative, collected approximately seventy pounds of prescription medication on the last Saturday of April..

Two sites were available for people to drop off unused medication: the Los Lunas Police Department and Smith's Food and Drug, both open for four hours.

People were encouraged to bring any and all unused prescription medication in their possession. The service was free and anonymous. Officers did not ask questions or log any information.

According to the DEA, the purpose of the National Take Back Program is to reduce the amount of drug abuse through prescription drugs. The unused medications were turned over to the DEA.

## Historic Los Lunas

*at the Museum of Heritage and Arts*

*Luna Avenue and Main Street 352-7720*

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

*Featuring Los Lunas history, the road to New Mexico becoming a state, and the Civil War in New Mexico.*

## 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:

May 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).

## 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**

## **Attracting New Businesses Through Webinars**

*By Ralph L. Mims, Economic Development Manager*

Part of our economic development strategy is to attract new businesses to our community. Los Lunas is targeting companies seeking highly skilled employees willing to pay a good wage or salary commensurate with experience. We also seek companies who can enhance the quality of life by offering goods and services desired by our residents.

To attract these businesses, Los Lunas must ensure our brand is understood by the decision makers within these organizations. To accomplish this goal, Los Lunas has developed a brand that outlines the unique nature of our community and the benefits we offer to site selection managers. Now it's time to share our branding in the market place.

Los Lunas is now using the power of webinars to host bi-weekly meetings on the Internet with national and regional companies as well as developers to showcase and promote the Village.

Using GoToMeeting.com, a leading webinar application, Los Lunas invites business executives across the nation to spend thirty minutes with us as we highlight

life in Los Lunas, compelling facts and figures about the region, our proximity to Albuquerque, and the wonders we all enjoy in New Mexico.

The goal of these webinars is to pique the interest of companies to take a better look into doing business in Los Lunas, a community that works. It's nice to note that because of the power of the Internet and applications like GoToMeeting.com, Los Lunas will share our brand across the country virtually free while creating leads for our office.

And with more lead flow there will be more deals that will benefit Los Lunas, you, and other residents.

Reminder: The Village hosts the 2013 Rural Forum, the state's top economic development conference. You can support your community by volunteering as an ambassador 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 August 6 - 8, please contact me, Ralph L. Mims, MCP; Economic Development Manager, Community Development Department. Direct Line: (505) 839-5654 Cell: (505) 604-4156 e-mail: [mimsr@loslunasnm.gov](mailto:mimsr@loslunasnm.gov)

## **Attend and Bring A Friend To LiveWork Meetings**

Los Lunas LiveWork meets Tuesdays, May 21 and June 25, at the Transportation Center, Court-house and Juan Perea Roads, from six to 7:30 p.m.

Wells Fargo Bank small business champion Jonathan Vincent speaks May 21 about "Small businesses and big banking: How a big bank can help your small business succeed." Jonathan will describe the services a major bank offers to the home-based and small business owner, and how those services can support your business.

He is a 2001 graduate of Los Lunas High School who served in the U.S. Navy for ten years as a nuclear power production specialist before returning to New Mexico in 2012.

Personal financial counselor and small business start-up coach Kenneth Vincent will speak June 25 on "Bookkeeping basics for the home-based business."

Ken will share lessons and techniques that help the home-based business owner avoid the pitfalls of improper bookkeeping. He's developed an easy-to-understand system that any owner can use to ensure that taxes, gross receipts, and profits are tracked accurately and concisely.

*Remember*

*LiveWork Los Lunas —Your Home for Success*  
[www.liveworkloslunas.org](http://www.liveworkloslunas.org)

## **Police Officers Implement New Village Programs**

The Village's Community Policing Officers have started two new programs — "Partnering with the Los Lunas Police Department" and "Business Check" cards.

In the "Partnering with the Los Lunas Police Department" program residents and businesses are given a decal for their homes and store fronts, visible to the public. Participants receive monthly e-mail notifications titled "updates" which contains helpful information. The program goal is a partnership between the community and the department.

Village police officers will conduct checks of Los Lunas businesses during open hours and after hours for the "Business Check" program. Officers will build relationships with business owners and their customers while at the establishment. After hours officers will walk around the business, checking doors and windows. If the officer finds an issue of concern, the officer will write a note on the back of a business card requesting a call or e-mail back so the officer can relay the issue of concern to the business owner.

Police Chief Roy E. Melnick says, "Our officers have implemented these new programs and received very positive feedback. The police department's partnership with the community will help build relationships, solve problems, and make a difference."

## ***Los Lunas Library Offers Online Language Learning***

Los Lunas Public Library now offers the Mango Languages online language-learning system, announced Library Director Cynthia J. Shetter.

Learning a new language with Mango Languages is free for all library patrons, and offers a fast and convenient solution for increasing language-learning needs. Each lesson combines real life situations and audio from native speakers with simple, clear instructions.

The courses are presented with an appreciation for cultural nuances and real-world applications that integrates components of vocabulary, pronunciation, grammar and culture. Users learn actual conversation, breaking down complex linguistic elements within an audio-visual framework that draws important connections and builds on information they have already learned.

Mango is available in two versions:

- Mango Complete, a 100-lesson course designed to provide a deep understanding of a language and culture.
- Mango Basic, which teaches everyday greetings and helpful phrases in a short period of time and is designed to appeal to a beginner in a new language.

There are more than 40 foreign language courses and 16 English as a Second Language (ESL) courses.

"We are thrilled to add our library to the growing list of libraries across the country who have added Mango to their resources," said Cynthia Shetter.

To learn more about Mango, stop by the library for an introduction or access Mango through the library website at [www.loslunasnm.gov/library](http://www.loslunasnm.gov/library). For more information, contact the library at (505) 839-3850.

# **Graduates Deserve The Best Find Your Gifts for Grads in Los Lunas!**



*Village of Los Lunas*

# **Summerfest**

## **JUNE 7, 8 & 9**

### **HERITAGE PARK LAMBROS LOOP**

- CAR SHOW • MUSIC
- GAMES • OUTDOOR MOVIES
- AMATEUR BARBECUE COOKOUT

**FRIDAY, JUNE 7 - 4:30 P.M. OPEN**

**5-8 P.M. MUSIC 8 P.M. "AVENGERS" MOVIE**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 8**

**10 A.M. OPEN 15TH FREE ANNUAL CAR SHOW**

**3:30 P.M. BARBEQUE WITH AWARDS**

**4-7 P.M. KARAOKE FREE**

**8 P.M. "GREASE" MOVIE FREE**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 9 - 10 A.M. OPEN**

**11 - 3 P.M. EVENTS 4 P.M. CLOSING**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR REGISTRATION**

**CONTACT THE LOS LUNAS  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
AT 505 352-3596**

### ***Library, Museum Offer Summer Programs for Kids***

The Los Lunas Public Library and Museum of Heritage and Arts offer extensive summer programs for kids.

Activities include Story and Craft at the museum, summer reading contests, and other interesting events.

Check the village website at [loslunasnm.gov](http://loslunasnm.gov) or stop by the library at 460 Main Street NE or the museum at the corner of Luna Avenue and Main Street.