

# Council Looks to Community's Future With ICIP

The Village Council has approved the Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP) for 2015-2019 and that means the council, as well as Village staff, are planning for the future of the community

The ICIP is a list of projects that would improve life in the village if those projects are built. It is important to have the list ready should funding become available for the projects.

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## Planning Continues For Medical Center in Los Lunas

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

Information about VRMC is available on the village website at [loslunasnm.gov/vrmc](http://loslunasnm.gov/vrmc).

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

Allocation of mill levy funds to VRMC would result in a facility with more services including birthing services as well as satellite services throughout the 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](http://www.loslunasnm.gov/vrmc) to let Valencia County Commissioners know you want their support of the new medical facility in Los Lunas.

Funding comes from a variety of sources including legislative appropriations, grants, the village budget, and loans which are then repaid from the village budget.

Top projects for the 2015 budget year are —

- Capacity expansion of the wastewater treatment plant;
- Construction of a westside fire substation;
- Building a water line loop east of the Rio Grande;
- Extension of Morris Road; and
- Reconstruction of Highway 314 south of Main Street.

Other 2015 budget year projects include railroad crossing quiet zones, the Huning Ranch park, expansion of the Transportation Center, and park improvements to El Cerro de Los Lunas.

The complete 2015-2019 ICIP is available on the website at [loslunasnm.gov](http://loslunasnm.gov) under the Community Development Department / Capital Improvement Plan.

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## New Restaurant Opens, Therapy Office Expands

Paradigm Physical Therapy, 535 Hwy 314 SW, held a ribbon cutting for the business's expanded services and space.

Mariscos Altamar Restaurant opened the beginning of October. The restaurant specializes in southern Mexican seafood and is located at 2250 Sun Ranch SW on the west side of Interstate 25.

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 [mimsr@loslunasnm.gov](mailto:mimsr@loslunasnm.gov).

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# VILLAGE OF LOS LUNAS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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Big Possibilities.*

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

# Toss No Más Cleans Up; Be A Volunteer

More than 30 bags of trash were collected during September's Toss No Más Event.

Local businesses donating money and door prizes for the event included Ortega Plumbing & Heating, Inc., Marcie's Silver Needle, Huning Limited Partnership LLC, Don's Enterprises, Smith's Food Store, Walmart Stores, Huning Ranch Homeowners Association, Jer's Magic Carpets, Inc., D'Alicia's Fine Jewelers, and Rio Metro.

In addition, the Walmart Distribution Center loaned its grill to cook hot dogs for volunteers. The money collected purchased water, food, and door prizes.

Keep Los Lunas Clean and Beautiful coordinator Marie Marquez points out that the community is looking cleaner thanks to monthly cleanups and the help of NM Men's Recovery Group.

More volunteers are needed all the time and especially for monthly cleanups. Call Marie Marquez at 352-7658 to volunteer.

## Visit a Community That Works

A Community That Works is the trademarked slogan for the Village of Los Lunas and [acomunitythatworks.com](http://acomunitythatworks.com) is the URL for the economic development department of the Village.

[Acommunitythatworks.com](http://acomunitythatworks.com) takes you to the new website that is full of information about how and why Los Lunas is attractive to all sorts of businesses offering services and employment to people.

Take a few minutes to visit the site and find out about business resources in Los Lunas, why Los Lunas is a great place to do business, how to build your business, and much more.

## Police Awarded Bulletproof Vest Money

The Los Lunas Police Department has been awarded \$2,273 from the Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) initiative.

BVP is a unique United States Department of Justice program designed to provide a critical resource to state and local law enforcement.

The program reimburses police departments up to fifty percent of the cost of body armor.

Police Chief Roy Melnick points out that "body armor is important to the safety of the officers of the Los Lunas Police Department. Officers may be faced with a deadly force encounter and having body armor could be the difference between life and death."

# Village Voters Go To The Polls in March

All registered voters who live in the village limits may vote for the position of mayor and judge in the March 2014 municipal election. Registered voters in Council Districts Two and Four will also be voting for a village councilor in their districts.

You may only vote in this election if you are a registered voter in the village limits of Los Lunas.

People often believe that if their address is Los Lunas then they are in the village limits. This is not true. For instance, a person living in Meadow Lake in the foothills of the Manzano Mountains does not live in the village limits. Neither does someone in Tome east of the Rio Grande and south of Tome Hill.

If you are not registered to vote then contact the Bureau of Elections at the Valencia County Clerk's office, located in the Valencia County Administration building on Luna Avenue, or phone 866-2080.

## Trash Pickup Alert

Trash pickup for Thursday, November 28, Thanksgiving Day, will be Wednesday, Nov. 27. The Friday day after Thanksgiving pickup, will be Monday, Dec. 2.

**Winter Ball Friday, Dec. 6**

**Cops With Kids Saturday, Dec. 14**

Contact Treena Saavedra, 505 352-7648, or [tasaavedra@loslunasnm.gov](mailto:tasaavedra@loslunasnm.gov) for information.

## 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:

October 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](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**

# **Keeping Precious Dollars in Our Community**

*By Ralph L. Mims, Economic Development Manager*

With the holidays rapidly approaching, our attention starts to focus on readying our households to accommodate and entertain family and friends. And, of course, we all contemplate gift giving and taking needed time off from work to enjoy ourselves before the New Year.

The holiday season is a big retail period and Black Friday, the day after Thanksgiving, is the busiest shopping day of the year. During this time an extraordinary amount of money is exchanged by consumers for goods and services. This purchasing behavior can be a huge contributor to the sustainability of our local business community, if we spend our money in the Village.

When we buy locally our money stays within our community and continues to circulate from business to

business and person to person. This process is called the “multiplier effect” and keeps dollars flowing in the form of local wages, the availability of goods and services, and the increase in tax revenue for the Village to use to enhance our quality of life.

When dollars are spent outside the community, for instance in Albuquerque, this purchase behavior is called “leakage” and the multiplier effect now benefits another city.

As you plan your holiday budget, please consider spending your money in the Village first. Your local businesses will thank you and be in the position to sustain their companies and continue to support your local buying needs in the future.

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

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## ***Second Saturday Crafts At Los Lunas Public Library***

On Saturday, November 9, the Los Lunas Public Library, 460 Main Street NE, will host a craft session beginning at 10:30 a.m. on corn husk dolls for ages eight and up.

On December 14 the craft session will also begin at 10:30 a.m. and will be about birds and bees art quilts for ages twelve and up.

All material will be provided and no quilting experience is necessary for the quilting session.

## ***Knit and Crochet at the Library***

In Stitches Knitting and Crochet group will meet at the Los Lunas Library Wednesdays at 11 a.m. and Saturdays at noon. This is an open knitting/craft group. Participants should bring any projects they’re working on.

## ***Lego Club for Kids at the Library***

The Los Lunas Library is hosting an opportunity for kids ages six to eleven to use their imagination and creativity to construct fun projects out of Legos.

The group meets six to seven p.m. the third Thursday of the month. Space is limited to first come, first serve. Call Judi at 839-3850 for more information.

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## ***AMERICAN RECYCLING EVENT***

***SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16***

***DON PASQUAL***

***BY THE FRED LUNA MULTIGENERATIONAL CENTER***

***CALL 352-7658 FOR INFORMATION***

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## ***LiveWork Meets Oct. 15 For Home-Based/Mobile Business***

Anyone and everyone is welcome to attend the October 15 Live/Work meeting at the Los Lunas Transportation Center, corner of Courthouse and Juan Perea Roads, from six to 7:30 p.m. to learn about starting or improving a home-based or mobile business.

The Los Lunas LiveWork program provides start-up support to home-based and mobile entrepreneurs.

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](http://www.liveworkloslunas.org)

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## ***Planning/Zoning Commissioner Needed***

The Village of Los Lunas is searching for a volunteer to serve on the Planning and Zoning (P&Z) Commission for District 4, which encompasses the area east of the river and portions between the river, NM 314, Trujillo Road to the north and Morris Road to the south.

The P&Z is charged with monitoring and implementing the Village’s comprehensive plan and making recommendations to the Village Council on all matters related to zoning, subdivisions, and development.

The P&Z meets twice a month on the first and third Wednesdays at six p.m. Typical agendas include rezoning, conditional use, and subdivision applications. For more information or to submit your materials for consideration, please contact Christina Ainsworth, 352-7659, [ainsworthc@loslunasnm.gov](mailto:ainsworthc@loslunasnm.gov).



## Heating Tips To Keep Everyone Safe

Temperatures are dropping and heating homes and businesses will be important the next months. Here's some heating tips as part of the continuing series on fire prevention.

- Keep space heaters at least three feet away from all combustibles.
- Never leave space heaters unattended, turn them off while sleeping.
- Replace furnace filters regularly.
- Never use ovens or cook stoves for heating buildings.
- Clean lint from clothes dryers.
- Install a spark screen on fireplace openings.
- Have chimneys inspected and/or cleaned yearly.
- Install a spark arrester on the chimney.
- Burn only clean, dry firewood.
- Dispose of ashes in metal containers and water soak.
- Keep newspapers, other combustibles, and clutter away from water heaters and/or furnaces.

Remember that October is Fire Prevention Month.

## Arts & Crafts Fair Oct. 19

The fifth annual Arts and Crafts fair at Jubilee Los Lunas, the adult community two miles west of Walmart on Highway 6, will be Saturday, Oct. 19,

More than 30 artists and crafters will sell their handmade creations, along with gorgeous plant containers designed by Jubilee gardeners from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Some proceeds go to the Los Lunas Police Department

## Remember, Reflect, & Rejoice

### 1st Annual Juried Art Show

**Grand Opening Nov. 2 2-4 p.m.**

**Runs through Dec. 7**

### Los Lunas Museum of Heritage and Arts

251 Main St SE Under the Water Tower

(505) 352-7720 • [loslunasnm.gov/museum](http://loslunasnm.gov/museum)

**Saturday, Oct. 26 1- 3 p.m.**

*Unsolved: New Mexico's American*

*Valley Ranch Murders & Other Mysteries*

Don Bullis presents his case for investigating New Mexico's most baffling unsolved mysteries from past decades.

**Sunday, Nov. 10 2- 4 p.m.**

More than 30 area authors present their works in a presentation in conjunction with the Valencia County Historical Society at the Transportation Center, Juan Perea and Courthouse Roads.



**Turn in your unused or expired medication**

**Saturday October 26th  
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

**Village Administration  
Building**

**Don Pasqual and Main or  
Walgreen's  
Main Street and Highway 47**

# 2013 Halloween Extravaganza



*Join this fun and free event for all ages*

• *Carnival Games • Costume Contest • Candy*

*Get Spooked Touring the Haunted House at  
Daniel Fernandez Recreation Center*

*Highway 314 South Los Lunas*

*Doors Open from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.*

*October 30th and 31st and November 1st*



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