

Fire Prevention and Safety

Be Safe in Your Home and/or Business

This year's Fire Prevention Week is October sixth through twelfth with a focus on preventing kitchen fires, but Village Fire Inspector Jason Gonzales wants everyone to be safe from fire in their home and/or business.

More fires start in the kitchen than in any other part of the home, but practicing an E.D.I.T.H. (Exit Drill In The House) can help keep people safe in any building, whether occupied as a home or business.

E.D.I.T.H. involves

- Developing a home or business escape plan that includes two exits out of every room and having an outside meeting place such as a tree or mailbox.
- Practicing the escape plan with everyone who occupies the building.
- Using the nearest safe exit to escape.
- Escaping and then exiting away from any smoke.
- Crawling low to exit if a room is filled with smoke.
- Making sure everyone occupying the building knows how to call 9-1-1 in an emergency which includes stating your name, location, and the type of emergency.

Hospital planning continues as lawsuits are filed, adjudicated

The Village of Los Lunas has filed a complaint in 13th Judicial District Court against the Valencia County Commission and the City of Belen. The complaint was filed in response to the commission's decision to award mill levy funds to a health-care provider chosen by the City of Belen.

Village Attorney Larry Guggino contends that the New Mexico Hospital Funding Act does not allow the county to enter into a contract with a municipality when the county and the municipality are not going to jointly build or jointly operate a hospital or the city is not already operating a hospital.

In a separate lawsuit, 13th Judicial District Court Judge Violet Otero granted the Village of Los Lunas's motion to dismiss the City of Belen's request for an injunction against Los Lunas.

In April, Los Lunas councilors approved a resolution supporting a hospital in the Village. The resolution presented a side by side comparison of the Village's project and that of a competing hospital in Belen.

Belen then filed an injunction against the Village in an attempt to halt the distribution of the resolution, saying there was "blatantly false and misleading information in the document about the city's hospital project."

However, the court ruled that the resolution was legal and dismissed the lawsuit.

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.

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

Allocation of mill levy funds to VRMC in Los Lunas would result in a facility with more services including birth-

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ing services as well as satellite services in the county.

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.

Police Acquire Vehicle To Help in SWAT Situations

The Los Lunas Police Department has acquired a vehicle at no cost for the SWAT Team from the Department of Defense DLA Disposition Services 1033 Federal Transfer Program.

The vehicle is a 2007 International MaxxPro Mine Resistant Anti-Ambush Protected (MRAP) with 8,300 miles, sticker value at \$658,000. The vehicle can withstand attacks from up to 50 caliber rifles and can transport up to six officers in the rear and two officers in the front.

This is the second vehicle the Los Lunas Police Department acquired from the 1033 Federal Transfer Program. In April 2012, the Los Lunas Police Department received their first SWAT vehicle, a 1996 Mamba with 21,000 miles on it, valued at \$380,000.

\$1 Invested in Public Library Yields \$5 Return

A recently completed Return on Investment study for the Los Lunas Public Library and its branch library, the Museum of Heritage & Arts, shows that for every \$1 invested in the library there is a \$5 return.

The study was based on the concept of what it would cost if library patrons purchased the materials and services themselves. The study was prepared utilizing the figures in the library's fiscal 2012-2013 year.

An example of this cost is that 22,523 adult hard-cover books were borrowed at an average retail value of \$26.95 for a value of service of \$606,995.

A complete list of library services and their value as well as myriad other information are available in the Village of Los Lunas Public Library annual report available at the Village website, [loslunasnm.gov](http://www.loslunasnm.gov) under the library's section of the site.

The report also includes how the community uses the library and museum, what the library does for patrons, where the library gets its money, how the operational expenditures stack up compared to other local libraries, photos and information about the library's summer programs for kids, library online resources, membership policies, and information about what the museum has done.

Trash Pickup Alert

Trash pickup for Columbus Day, Monday, October 14, will be on Tuesday, October 15. The pickup usually done on Thursdays will be Wednesday, Nov. 27, for Thanksgiving. The Friday day after Thanksgiving pickup, will be on Monday, Dec. 2.

Recycling Made Easy In the Village of Los Lunas

The Los Lunas Solid Waste Division has a registered recycling drop off center at 197 Don Pasqual, north of the Fred Luna Multi-Generational Center. The drop off center is maintained Monday through Friday 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Trash is not to be left at the center. **No needles or syringes of any kind should be dropped off.** Items recycled at the center are:

- Cardboard (please break down)
- Plastics of all kinds (number one to seven)
- Paper products of all kinds
- Aluminum
- All metals
- Computers and all electrical devices
- TV's (there is a disposal charge of \$15 per set to help with the cost of removing heavy toxic metals).

Glass is ground once a month at the recycling center on scheduled weekends only.

Free pickup of cardboard from commercial business is available. Call 505 352-7699 Monday through Friday 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. for more information or visit www.loslunasnm.gov/solidwaste.

**BE A VOLUNTEER FOR
TOSS NO MÁS**
Sept. 21 9 a.m. – 1 p.m..
CALL 839-3842 or 352-7658 TO VOLUNTEER

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:

September 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

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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

Los Lunas Wins Best Marketing Campaign

By Ralph L. Mims, Economic Development Manager

The Village of Los Lunas has been working hard to develop its community brand and related marketing campaign. Our strategic branding accomplishments were recently honored at the 2013 Rural Forum, hosted by the Village, UNM Valencia Campus, and America's Small Business Development Center Valencia.

Each year the Rural Alliance, the governing body of the Rural Forum, solicits nominations for the best economic development achievements from around the state. Known as the EDDY Awards, five top honors are given for best marketing achievement, best marketing campaign, best marketing collateral, best social media campaign, and best signature event.

The Village of Los Lunas and its "Small Community, Big Possibilities" won the EDDY Award for Best Mar-

LiveWork Meets Sept. 24 For Home-Based/Mobile Business

Learn about starting or improving your home-based or mobile business at the September 24 LiveWork meeting at the Los Lunas Transportation Center, 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.

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

Murder, Mystery & Mayhem in the Rio Abajo

On Exhibit through Oct. 24

Showcasing some of the most intriguing history in the Rio Abajo. Stories range from unsolved mysteries, natural disasters, religious miracles, hangings, outlaws, and Sheriff's

Department history in Valencia County

Los Lunas Museum of Heritage and Arts

251 Main Street SE Under the Downtown Water Tower
505 352-7720 www.loslunasnm.gov/museum

Village of Los Lunas

Marketing Campaign. Mayor Robert Vialpando and Economic Development Manager Ralph L. Mims accepted the award at the August 2013 Rural Forum gala.

The Village branding initiative continues to be a priority in 2013 and will be in 2014. The more favorable impressions and widespread awareness created for Los Lunas the more opportunities to attract new residents, businesses, and visitors.

The EDDY award is now on display in the office of Community Development Director Christina Ainsworth. Stop by and take a look the next time you are in the Village Administration Building.

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.

Support for Holiday Children's Events Sought

Support is being sought for two events involving children coordinated by the Village of Los Lunas Police Department.

The annual Winter Ball, held the first Friday in December, includes a dance, food, and a toy for each child. Children may also receive other small gifts.

It is free to the public and will be held for the tenth year in 2013.

Shop With A Cop involves children being treated to a \$100 shopping trip at Walmart as well as lunch and a recreational activity. The children are chosen by school counselors for participation in the event depending upon need.

How many children are able to Shop With A Cop is dependent upon the funding for the project.

Anyone interested in helping either or both projects should contact Treena Saavedra, 505 352-7648, or tsaavedra@loslunasnm.gov.

PIE Helps Los Lunas Students

Los Lunas Partners in Education (PIE) works to increase the availability of resources for creative and innovative projects and programs to improve the academic and personal growth of all students in the Los Lunas Schools.

Projects funded by PIE positively impact students in the Los Lunas Schools.

PIE welcomes business and community members to help support Los Lunas Schools students.

For more information contact Debra Sanchez at 505 839-3840 or sanchezd@loslunasnm.gov.

Over 50 Exercise Class

If you are over 50 and looking for a way to exercise then join the Enhance Fitness® New Mexico Fun Group Exercise Class at Daniel Fernandez Recreation Center Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, beginning at 10:15 a.m.

The classes improve balance, flexibility, bone density, coordination, endurance, alertness, strength, and fall prevention.

- Class includes initial and follow-up fitness checks and health screening to measure results.
- Class participants make a 16 week commitment.
- All levels of activity are welcome from beginners to advanced.

For more information on classes and EnhanceFitness contact Daniel Fernandez Recreation Center 505 839-3845 or bacaj@loslunasnm.gov or call Arnie Routson, lead instructor, 505 866-7707

Jubilee Arts & Crafts Fair Supports Police Department

Start your holiday shopping early on Saturday, Oct. 19, at the fifth annual Arts and Crafts fair at Jubilee Los Lunas, the adult community two miles west of Walmart on Highway 6 west of Huning Ranch,

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.

Dozens of baked goodies will be available, along with a Jubilee Cookbook, featuring a variety of recipes.

Proceeds from the Garden Club and Bake Sale will be donated to the Los Lunas Police Department. Officers will be on hand to demonstrate the department's Segways at the event.

Jazz Ballet Hip-Hop Bust A Move
\$25 Per Class Per Month **Dance Center** Ages 4 - 15 Years Welcome

Daniel Fernandez Recreation Center

1103 Highway 314 -- South Los Lunas

For More Information Contact

Jeralyn Duran 505 352-7717 or bacaj@loslunasnm.gov

or Adela Thompson 505 440-5667 or

bustamovedancestudio@hotmail.com

Presented by the Village of Los Lunas Parks, Recreation and Streets Dept.

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Dash on the Ditch Set Oct 5

The Second Annual Dash on the Ditch community running event for La Vida Felicidad will be held at Heritage Park on Lambros Loop Saturday, October 5.

Events include a 10K and 5K Open as well as one-mile family fun walk.

Other activities will also be held at the park.

All proceeds go to La Vida Felicidad's programs which include in-home care, personal care, and adult day services for at-risk seniors; services for persons with developmental disabilities; child care; and services for infants and toddlers with developmental disabilities or delays.

Information about the October 5 event is available at <http://beta.active.com/los-lunas-nm/running/dash-on-the-ditch-2013> or contact Katie Otero, La Vida Felicidad executive secretary, at 505 565-1614.

Two Business Openings

Now open for business in the Village are:

- J Sharp Music, 428 Main Street NW, 505 633-6646, instruments, lessons and accessories.
- Western Finance, 910 Main Street SE, Suite C, 505 865-4013, Judith Perea, Judith_perea278@yahoo.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 mimsr@loslunasnm.gov.

Old Cars and Parts Swap Meet

Los Lunas Sports Complex

Corner of Morris Road and Highway 314

Friday – Sunday

September 27 – September 29

For more information contact New Mexico Council of Car Clubs at nmcarcouncil.org or joyce@nmcarcouncil.net or 505 450-1203

Sponsored by the New Mexico Council of Car Clubs and the Village of Los Lunas