

Gurule Appointed Police Chief; Martin and Chavez Reappointed to Positions

The Los Lunas Village Council approved the following appointments at an organizational meeting held after the March election:

- Gregory D. Martin, reappointed Village of Los Lunas Administrator.
- Naithan Gurule, appointed Village Police Chief; and
- Atilano "Lito" Chavez reappointed Village Fire Chief.

Martin arrived in Los Lunas in April 2012 after serving as city manager in St. Johns, Arizona, and assistant town manager in Strasburg, Virginia.

He attended school at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, where he earned a bachelor's degree in Spanish Translation and a master's degree in Public Administration.



Gregory D. Martin



Naithan Gurule

He and his wife Chelsey moved to Los Lunas where they settled in with their eight children, five boys and three girls.

Gurule most recently served as a lieutenant, Division Commander of the Professional Standards Division, of the Los Lunas Police force.

He was also responsible for internal investigations, the traffic division

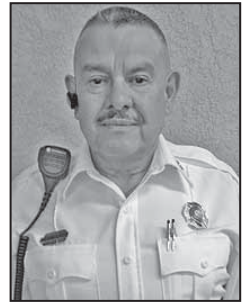
and served as one of the department's public information officers.

He was born in El Paso and raised in Los Lunas. He is married and he and his wife have six children. He has more than ten years of law enforcement experience.

Chavez has been chief of the Los Lunas Fire Department for 33 years. He began working for the village on March 28, 1977.

He has taken a variety of fire fighting classes and is an emergency medical responder. He has also taken leadership classes.

Chief Chavez is married. He and his wife have a son and grandson.



Atilano "Lito" Chavez

1st Annual Juried Student Art Show **Valencia County: Through a Student's Eyes**

Grand Opening: April 12, 2014 2 - 4 p.m.

Exhibition: April 12 - May 10, 2014

Los Lunas Museum of Heritage & Arts

• 251 Main Street SE. • Under the Water Tower • 352-7720

Village of Los Lunas **9th Annual Health Fair**

FREE Thursday, April 17 **FREE**
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Daniel Fernandez Gym

Mammogram Van and Blood Mobile available
Open to the public

For more information, contact: Debra Sanchez 352-7624 or Ginny Adame 352-7723

VILLAGE OF LOS LUNAS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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Local Flavor

Focus on Los Lunas Local Business

Henrietta's Restaurant is a Los Lunas staple that has been in business for 28 years.

Owned by Henrietta Rigoni, Henrietta's Restaurant is best known for its homemade red and green chile and its delicious sopaipillas.

Henrietta's is considered a family-style restaurant with friendly employees and prompt courteous service. Henrietta's homemade soups and specialty desserts (i.e. fried ice cream and adobe pie) have customers coming back for more.

Whether you crave American-style food from soups to pork chop dinners or New Mexico-style food from tacos to chimichangas, the place to be is Henrietta's where breakfast is served all day seven days a week.

Enjoy a meal at Henrietta's Restaurant — you will not be disappointed!

Henrietta's is located at 740 Main Street NE, phone 865-5284.



Hans Bazen opened Hans Foreign Car, Inc. in 1976 at 835 Highway 314 SW. Nearly 40 years later the shop is still repairing vehicles at the same location, phone 865-6331, with Hans' son, Roland, in charge.

The mechanics at Hans Foreign Car, Inc., can do mechanical work on just about any vehicle, domestic and foreign, and they even do the simple tasks such as changing the oil. They also work on diesel-engine vehicles

The most outstanding memory for the business is when mechanic Jay Shiplet worked with others in 1984 on rebuilding a 1928 Hudson for Earl Whittimore, then owner of the Luna Mansion,

Whittimore drove the car in the Great American Automobile Race from Palm Springs, California, to New York City, New York. Shiplet went along as a traveling mechanic to make sure the vehicle kept running.

Roland Bazen took over the business in 2004. Hans retired in 2013 and is living in the Truth or Consequences area.



Amanda Perea

Perea Selected Mayor Pro Tem

The Los Lunas Village Council selected Councilor Amanda Perea to serve as Mayor Pro Tem for the upcoming year. The Mayor Pro Tem fills in for the Mayor when the Mayor is not able to perform his duties.

Trash and Recycling Collected

Twenty-one bags of trash were collected and people in 117 cars recycled items at the Village's combined cleanup and recycling event in March.

Staff and volunteers worked the event which included taking in glass to be ground up for use as landscaping material. Glass is ground twice monthly.

Trash was cleaned up on Main Street and behind the Los Cerritos commercial area.

Clothes Helping Kids took in recycled items.

Workers enjoyed pizza and drinks for lunch.

Code Enforcement Looks for Illegal Dumpers

Code Enforcement continues to search and locate individuals who are dumping illegally. When located they are cited to court.

Attend A Council Meeting!

The Los Lunas Village Council meets twice monthly in the council chambers in the administration building at 660 Main St. NW, Main Street and Don Pasqual.

Scheduled 2014 meeting dates are:

April 24 May 8 & 22

June 12 & 26 July 10 & 24 August 7 & 21

September 11 & 25 October 9 & 23

November 6 & 20 December 4 & 18

Meetings begin at 6 p.m. Inclement weather might cancel a meeting so check at 505 839-3840 or the village website at www.loslunasnm.gov.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS

Charles Griego Mayor

Councilors

Paulette S. Montoya Amanda Perea

Gino M. Romero Gerard Saiz

Municipal Judge Avilio Chavez

Police Chief Naithan Gurule

Fire Chief Atilano "Lito" Chavez

Village Administrator Gregory D. Martin

Creating Signature Events

By Ralph L. Mims, Economic Development Manager

With the weather changing and Village residents looking to get out and stretch their legs, Los Lunas business owners should consider creating fun shopping experiences to attract community customers.

One way to accomplish this goal and to enhance the brand at the same time is to produce a signature event for your business. A signature event is a special activity, typically themed around the essence of the business, that is hosted on a recurring basis such as annually or semi-annually. A successful signature event will create favorable impressions in the minds of customers and be eagerly anticipated each year.

The signature event doesn't have to be on the grand scale of a Balloon Fiesta, Bernalillo Wine Festival, or the Santa Fe Indian Market. All it has to be is rewarding and memorable for customers. For instance, a candy store might celebrate the history of chocolate each year; an automobile repair shop might develop a car rally; and a hair salon might promote crazy hair day and have a contest for the most wild hairdo.

Even a group of like-minded Los Lunas merchants can collaborate to produce a signature event that pro-

motes all their establishments at the same time. A good example of this is Restaurant Week in Santa Fe. The participating restaurants create special menus for locals and market the event together. All the restaurants benefit as more locals dine out during the week.

Give some thought to your signature event and feel free to share your ideas with us. A successful event at your business also enhances the Los Lunas brand.

If you have questions, feel free to call me any time, Ralph L. Mims, MCP; Economic Development Manager, Community Development Department; 839-5654, direct line; 604-4156, cell; or e-mail mimsr@loslunasnm.gov.

Also, you can visit our economic development website at www.acommunitythatworks.com.

How to Improve Your Business

LiveWork Los Lunas meets Tuesday, May 20, 6-7:30 p.m., at the Transportation Center, corner of Courthouse and Juan Perea Roads.

An overview of techniques and tools to improve the process of your business will be presented. The goal is to ensure value-added either by reducing costs or improving quality.

Collecting Items to Send to Troops

The Blue Star Mothers of Valencia County (BSMVC) and Los Lunas VFW Post 9676 members are collecting food, non-food, and personal items to be sent to our troops serving overseas.

Collection will be April 19, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., at the VFW Post Home located at the entrance to Daniel Fernandez Park in Los Lunas.

For more information call Barbara Calberg at 807-1033 or Jack Lovato at 865-8841.

Join the Lego Club at Library

The Los Lunas Public Library is hosting a Lego Club on the first and third Thursday of the month from six to seven p.m. at the library, 460 Main St. NE.

Kids use their imagination and creativity to construct fun projects out of Legos. Donations of Legos are also being sought so bring what you can.

Callahan Appointed to National Committee

Martin Callahan, Information Technology Manager for the Village, has been appointed to the National League of Cities (NLC) 2014 Information Technology & Communications Policy and Advocacy Committee.

This Committee has the lead responsibility for developing NLC federal policy positions on issues involving telecommunications and information systems (and public access to these systems), privacy concerns, cable TV, phone services, spectrum issues, communications tower siting, universal service, broadcasting and defense of city rights-of-way from degradation caused by installation of communications facilities.

Friendship Tea and Fashion Show

The second annual Friendship Tea and Fashion Show to benefit the Valencia County Abundant Grace Free Store will be two to four p.m. Saturday, June 7, at the Peralta Memorial United Methodist Church, 25 Wesley Road.

Tickets are \$10 (credit cards not accepted). Call 865-9334 to reserve tickets.

Studio Hosts Ultimate Dance Contest

Dance With Me Dance Studio Boosters of Los Lunas is hosting the Valencia County Ultimate Dance Competition.

Competition genres are jazz, tap, ballet, pointe, modern, lyrical, contemporary, acrobat, hip-hop, drill/pom and open. Age divisions are five to eight years old, nine to twelve, 13 to 15, and 16 to 19.

More information is available by calling 507-7861 and emailing dancewithmebooster@gmail.com or jamber5267@aol.com.

New Businesses Coming to Los Lunas

Dirt has been turned and construction will begin on a new IHOP Restaurant located just west of the intersection of Main Street and Los Cerritos, next to the Applebee's Restaurant that opened in December.

Ground is expected to be broken this spring or summer for an O'Reilly's Auto Parts Store near the Main Street/Los Cerritos intersection, next to the Murphy Gas Station.

Clean Property, Building Numbers Essential

Summer's just around the corner and so is new growth on your trees, bushes, shrubs and other growing plants around your house, lawn and yard. Remember to

- Trim trees away from electrical wires and chimneys.
- Remove pine needles and leaves from roofs, eaves and rain gutters.

- Keep lawns and weeds mowed a minimum of 50 feet surrounding buildings, as well as cleaning up debris and clutter from that radius on in to the building.

Make sure buildings, houses, and businesses have street numbers that are clearly visible from the street to help find you, a family member, office mate or neighbor.

Survey Seeks Business Suggestions

Village Economic Development Department Manager Ralph Mims seeks input on what types of businesses people want in the Village of Los Lunas.

The survey is meant to determine the type of businesses lacking and what Mims should do to try to bring the businesses here.

Categories of businesses mentioned on the survey include restaurants, clothing stores, supermarkets, ethnic and fast food restaurants, quick take out food; and big box stores.

Mims is also looking for people's choices of educational facilities, cultural facilities, and manufacturers/industrial businesses.

In addition, the survey asks people to name the top three businesses that should come to Los Lunas.

The survey is available on the village website at loslunasnm.gov. Mims can be reached at 839-5654, direct line; 604-4156, cell; or e-mail mimsr@loslunasnm.gov.

COPS & KIDS FUN RUN 5K and 10K Saturday, June 28

Heritage Park Lambros Loop

Registration Available at Police Department
660 Main St. NW - Corner of
Don Pasqual and Main Street

Village of Los Lunas

Trash Pickup Reminder

Good Friday, April 18, is a holiday for the Village so the Friday trash pickup will be on Thursday, April 17.



Turn in your unused or expired medication

Saturday April 26

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Administration Building
660 Main Street NW
Smith's Parking Lot
Highway 47 -- Valencia Y**

Vote Where It Is Convenient In The Primary Election

Valencia County voters will be able to vote wherever is convenient in the June 3, 2014 Primary Election with a choice of 14 voting centers throughout the county.

Voting centers will be at the Fred Luna Multigenerational Center on Don Pasqual and the Los Lunas Schools Administration Building on Luna Avenue, both in Los Lunas.

Other northern Valencia County sites are Ann Parish Elementary School, Bosque Farms Library, Daniel Fernandez Campus Century School, Desert View Elementary School, El Cerro Community Center, Los Chavez Fire Department, and Old Isleta Head Start.

Southern voting centers are Belen Public Library, Belen Community Center, Del Rio Senior Center, Gil Sanchez Elementary School, and Tome Dominguez de Mendoza Community Center.

Early voting is at the Belen Community Center, Bosque Farms Library and the old Valencia County Courthouse. Last day to register to vote is May 6.

**Show How Much You
Love Your Mother
with A Gift You
Bought in Los Lunas**



**EASTER EGG HUNT
Wednesday, April 16
4 P.M. All Ages**



**Daniel
Fernandez Park**

**Highway 314
South Los Lunas**