



VILLAGE NEWS



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Help Needed with Route 66 Project

Mention Route 66 and few people outside of the very knowledgeable think about Los Lunas. But Route 66 originally veered north to Santa Fe, back down to Los Lunas, and then on to Gallup.

To help preserve the Route 66 that went through Los Lunas, the Village is working on a Corridor Management Plan listing Route 66 assets, both those in existence and those that once existed.



One of the plan's goals is preserving the history of Route 66 through Los Lunas. Another goal is to develop a way to facilitate letting people know where in Los Lunas to find the things associated with Route 66.

If you know of something associated with Route 66 in the Village call Community Development Director Christina Ainsworth at (505) 352-7659.

Chile Festival Set for September 5, 6, 7 in Los Lunas

Wagner's Farmland Experience will host the third annual Viva New Mexico Chile Festival on the 288-acre farm located at 1420 Desert Willow Rd on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, September 5, 6 and 7.

To celebrate New Mexico's hottest crop, there will be New Mexican cuisine, top-notch musical entertainment, arts & crafts, local wineries and brews, and plenty of delicious New Mexico chile in different forms.

Other activities include a corn maze, hayrides, petting zoo, cow milking demonstrations, a u-pick garden, pony rides, and much more!

The Chile Festival will be 4:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Friday, September 5; 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, September 6; and 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Sunday, September 7.

Wagner's Farmland Experience started as a six-acre corn maze, pumpkin patch and petting zoo, and now has a second corn maze in Los Lunas, which offers more land for the development of seasonal agri-tourism.

Entry fee is \$10 for adults (12 and up) and \$5 children (5-12), with four and under free.

Viva New Mexico Chile Festival Owner Roxanne Wagner pointed out that thousands of people attended the 2012 and 2013 Chile Festivals. She added "the events promise to

become a wonderful, enduring New Mexico tradition. We hope the 2014 festival will be the topic of conversation until the next one."

Jimmy and Roxanne Wagner started Wagner's Farmland Experience in 2005. The farm provides family-oriented outdoor activities that help children of all ages experience life on the farm.

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Transfer Station Available to Residents

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The transfer station is generally open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., closed for lunch, and open from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

This schedule can change because of workloads, inspections, severe weather or Village special projects, so residents should call (505) 352-7699 a day in advance of going to the transfer station.

Call (505) 352-7699 to ask about what can be brought to the transfer station.

Anyone bringing anything to the transfer station must have a valid New Mexico driver's license and a current and original Village of Los Lunas water bill. The addresses on these should match.



Village Makes Two No Charge Special Trash Pickups Per Year

The Village Solid Waste Department will pick up, at no charge, two special loads of trash and debris in the amount of a large pickup truck load (4.5 cubic yard) for each Village of Los Lunas address per calendar year.

Any additional requests will require a fee for each request. Only items that can be received at the Los Lunas transfer station can be picked up. For questions and concerns call (505) 352-7699.

All special trash pickup loads will be documented to track total cubic yards per address.

What Kind of Library User Are You?

Are you a "Library Lover"? An "Information Omnivore"? Or are you totally "Off the Grid"?

Take the Village of Los Lunas Public Library engagement quiz to learn how your library habits and attitudes stack up against the general population.

The what-type-of-library-user-are-you quiz will help you find out what type of library user you are.

Go to <http://www.pewinternet.org/quiz/library-typology/group/cd7c44> to take the quiz.

Los Lunas Library Director Cynthia Shetter points out that the quiz is courtesy of the Pew Research Internet Project. The quiz will help the Los Lunas Library gather information to help better serve our community's needs.

Library Director Shetter says thank you for participating in the quiz.

Area Youth Clean Up Village

Have you noticed the village looking cleaner and areas being spruced up?

If you haven't then take a look around. Area students were hired to work on cleaning up various areas in the Village this summer.

The students began their work with an orientation day that included explanations about paperwork and forms necessary in the working world.

Village Code Enforcement Officer Adolph Lopez, discussed safety issues, making students aware of the dangers of working close to the roadways as well as being aware of insects, etc.

Students were asked to wear protective clothing since they would be working in the hot sun and around weeds.

Participants collected a total of 481 bags of trash and weeds.



Students working this summer clean up Emilio Lopez Road near Los Lunas High School.

Multigenerational Center Offers Senior Meals

If you are a senior citizen and looking for somewhere to go for a meal or companionship then try the Fred Luna Multigenerational Center.

Lunch is served at the center Monday through Friday beginning at noon. Those sixty and older are asked for a \$1.50 donation while those under sixty are asked for a \$5.35 donation.

The variety of activities offered at the center include dances; socializing; educational and craft classes; bingo; cards; billiards; and more. Activities are held Monday through Friday.

The multigenerational center is located on Don Pasqual north of the Village Administration Building. More information about programs is available by calling (505) 839-3853 or at loslunasnm.gov.



Fred Luna Multigenerational Center in Los Lunas, NM

Tutors Needed for Literacy, ESL

Training will be held in September for tutoring in literacy and English as a Second Language.

The Valencia County Literacy Council is offering the free training which will be held at the University of New Mexico Valencia Campus.

Orientation will be held 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 10 with basic literacy training from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Friday, September 12, and English as a Second Language training from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Friday, September 19.

For more information or to sign up, call Brenda Parra at (505) 925-8935 at the Valencia County Literacy Council.

Insanity and Piyo Now Offered

The aerobics classes at Daniel Fernandez Recreation Center are offered Monday through Saturday and now include insanity (pilates) and piyo (yoga).

Aerobics can build flexibility and strength, improve core strength, and burn calories. Classes are as low as \$2 per day.

Contact Jeralyn Duran, recreation specialist, at bacaj@loslunasnm.gov or the recreation center at (505) 839-3845 for more information.

Daniel Fernandez Recreation Center is located at 1103 Highway 314 SW. Stop in for a visit to see the many recreational opportunities offered.

Be A Volunteer to Clean Up Los Lunas

Volunteers are needed for the Toss No Más Cleanup Los Lunas on Saturday, September 27.

Participants will meet at the Village Administration Building, Main Street and Don Pasqual. People should dress appropriately for that day's weather.

Lunch, as well as trash bags, will be provided.

In case of inclement weather, the cleanup will be canceled.

Call (505) 839-3842 or (505) 352-7658 to volunteer.

Speed Changed on Highline Road

The speed limit was changed on Highline Road to twenty-five miles per hour.

Please drive carefully and obey the speed limit wherever you are.



Los Lunas Events

Swap Meet

September 26-28

Sponsored by the

New Mexico Council of Car Clubs

and the Village of Los Lunas

Los Lunas Sports Plex

Corner of Highway 314 and Morris Road

Our Saints Among Us An Exhibition of 400 Years of New Mexico Devotional Art

Through October 25

Old ways meet new to express

over 400 years of Hispanic

New Mexican devotional art

Los Lunas

Museum of Heritage & Arts

251 Main Street SE

(505) 352-7720

Under the Water Tower

Your Los Lunas Farmers Market

At Heritage Park (across from Smith's)

Tuesdays, 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

For fresh, healthy, locally grown

vegetables, fruit, honey, eggs,

meat, bread and more...

from your neighbors!

Call George (505) 307-1891

for more information

Attend A Council Meeting!

August 21 • September 11 and 25

660 Main St. NW, Main Street

and Don Pasqual

Meetings begin at 6:00 p.m.

Trash Pickup Alert

Trash pickup for Labor Day, Monday,
September 1 will be Tuesday,

September 2. The trash pickup for
Columbus Day, Monday, October 13, will
be Tuesday, October 14.

Local Flavor: A Focus On Local Business

EyeDeal Vision, P.C.

EyeDeal Vision, P.C., was formed in 1998 and Dr. Christina Galos has practiced optometry in Valencia County since 1998.

Galos practiced until 2003 in Belen and then moved her practice to Los Lunas in the Gerald Chavez Realty Building.

EyeDeal Vision provides optometric services, including glasses and contact lenses. Evening appointments and same day service are available along with eye care for all ages.

The office is located at 511 Highway 314 SW, just north of the Los Lunas Transportation Center.

Phone number is (505) 565-EYES (3937).

On The Move Wireless

On The Move Wireless is located at 1400 Main Street NW, Suite B, the shopping center at the corner of Los Cerritos and Main Street.

The business has been open since November, 2013.

On The Move Wireless sells and repairs cell phones, tablets, accessories, and more. Christina Rocha says the folks at On The Move Wireless were very happy to start the business in Los Lunas.

They currently live in Albuquerque but are very interested in moving to and living in Los Lunas.

Phone number is (505) 866-4100.

Learn About Virtual Incubators at August 19 LiveWork Meeting

Set aside time on Tuesday, August 19, to attend the quarterly LiveWork meeting and learn how to enhance the success of a business by associating with a virtual incubator.

Business incubators provide knowledge, strategy and support to business startups and through virtual incubator programs, home-based businesses can receive the same kind of valuable assistance.

The LiveWork meeting is at the Los Lunas Transportation Center at the corner of Courthouse and Juan Perea Roads from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

LiveWork meetings are open to anyone and everyone interested in or wanting to know about working at home or working in a mobile environment or those wanting to improve their business.

The Los Lunas LiveWork program provides start-up support to home-based and mobile entrepreneurs by offering knowledge, strategy, tactics, and inspiration to start such businesses in our community.

LiveWork speakers cover a variety of topics that help businesses operate in today's world.