

# March 4 Municipal Election Slate Set

The slate has been set for the March 4, 2014, Village of Los Lunas Municipal Election.

Voters go to the polls Tuesday, March 4. The polling location, open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., is the Village Administration Building, 660 Main Street NW, the intersection of Don Pasqual and Main Street.

Filing for Mayor were Charles Griego and Robert Vialpando.

(Note that the candidates are listed in alphabetical order, not ballot order. Watch for the February newsletter for candidate ballot order.)

Paul Gabriel Luna, Gino Romero, and Lawrence T. Valenzuela filed for the position of Village Councilor, District Two.

Richard Lovato and Paulette S. Montoya filed for the position of Village Councilor, District Four.

Filing for Los Lunas Municipal Judge were Avilio Chavez, Frank Alex Gonzales Jr., Eulogio E.J. Jaramillo, and Henry L. Perea.

All candidates are running for four year terms in their respective positions.

Candidates will be certified on Wednesday, January 8, by the Municipal Clerk who will post the list of certified candidates on Thursday, January 9, by 9 a.m.

Candidates draw for ballot order Thursday, January 9, at 5:01 p.m.

The last day to withdraw as a named candidate is Tuesday, January 14, by 5 p.m.

Write-in candidates file Tuesday, January 14, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. The names of write-in candidates do not appear on the ballot.

Certification of write-in candidates will be Wednesday, January 15, with the list of write-in candidates posted Thursday, January 16, by 9 a.m. The last day to withdraw as a write-in candidate is Tuesday, January 28, also the first day to issue absentee ballots.

Voter registration closes Tuesday, February 4. Persons desiring to register should call the Valencia County Clerk's Bureau of Elections at 866-2080.

Early voting begins Wednesday, February 12, at the Village Administration Building,

The last day for absentee ballots and early voting is Friday, February 28.

Only people living within the village limits of Los Lunas may vote in this election.

## Important 2014 Election Dates

Tuesday, January 28

**First Day to Issue Absentee Ballots**

Tuesday, February 4

**Voter Registration Closes**

Wednesday, February 12

**Early Voting Begins**

Friday, February 28

**Last Day for Absentee/Early Voting**

Tuesday, March 4 — Election Day

7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

**Early and Election Day Voting at  
Village Administration Building  
Don Pasqual and Main Street**

## Open Space Receives “Engaged Citizens Award”

The Los Lunas Open Space Division received an “Engaged Citizens Award” in December, 2013, from the New Mexico Outdoor Coalition, presented for educating young individuals on enjoying the outdoors in a safe and responsible manner.

The Los Lunas group was nominated by the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish for its “outstanding role and leadership in outdoor recreation involving Off Highway Vehicle Safety.”

The New Mexico Outdoor Coalition (NMOC) has initiated a new, statewide award program celebrating and recognizing exemplary New Mexican individuals and/or organizations whose efforts support access to and engagement with the great outdoors, resources, and heritage in New Mexico.

The award recognizes exemplary community service promoting and advocating for engagement and access to the great outdoors in New Mexico.

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**Administration:**

**839-3840**

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*Photo by Barbara C. Arnold -- Museum Exhibitor*

## **Los Lunas Museum of Heritage and Arts Presents**

**Backyard Beasts and Sublime Sunrises Photography Exhibit**

**By Barbara C. Arnold**

**New Mexico Landscapes—Photography Exhibit**

**By William Pearson**

**Exhibit: January 11 - March 29, 2014**

**Grand Opening Jan. 11, 2014 2-4 p.m.**

**Los Lunas Museum of Heritage and Arts**

*251 Main St SE Under the Water Tower*

*505 352-7720 • loslunasnm.gov/museum*

## **Register Your Business Now**

Business registration should have been filed before Jan. 1, 2014, but you can still register, says Community Development Director Christina Ainsworth.

All businesses, whether Mom and Pop or multi-national, pay the same fee, \$25.

Registration is required for "all persons, firms, corporations or associations of any character engaged in any of the various pursuits, businesses or occupations."

Registrations are renewed annually. Village staff send out reminder letters in the latter part of the year to make it easier to renew.

*Village of Los Lunas*

## **Businesses Donate For SWAT Vehicle**

The Los Lunas Police Department's MRAP SWAT vehicle recently received new paint and graphics donated from local vendors.

Labor was donated by the Brad Francis Collision Center, estimated value \$12,000. Dominic Martinez from Sherwin Williams donated the paint, \$1,800 value. The graphics were donated by the owners of Dr. Vinyl, Doug and Tami Detwieler, \$1,200.

The Los Lunas Police Department acquired the MRAP for their SWAT Team free of charge from the Department of Defense Disposition Services 1033 Federal Transfer Program. This vehicle is a 2007 International MaxxPro Mine Resistant Anti-Ambush Protected with 8,300 miles and a sticker value of \$658,000.

## **LiveWork Los Lunas Meets Feb. 18**

LiveWork Los Lunas meets Tuesday, Feb. 18, at the Los Lunas Transportation Center, corner of Court-house and Juan Perea Roads, from six to 7:30 p.m..

Anyone is welcome to attend LiveWork meetings 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.

## **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.

Scheduled 2014 meeting dates are:

January 16 & 30 February 13 & 27

March 13 & 27 April 10 & 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](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 Bright New Year for Los Lunas**

*By Ralph L. Mims, Economic Development Manager*

The Village of Los Lunas is really a community that works. Have you passed by Applebee's lately? The parking lot is full, which is a strong indicator of our growing local economy.

The Village is very excited about the new year. As our brand continues to strengthen and our stature enhanced, we are attracting more interest from potential businesses, future residents and out-of-state visitors. And we thank all of you for working together to improve our brand.

Let's think of 2014 as the start of a new book we will title "A Community That Works." We have 365 blank pages to fill with wonderful stories of successes and accomplishments during the year. Let's collaborate to make each page (aka day) a best-seller. And remember it's the little things that will make our year-long

book a winner.

Continue sharing your warmth and friendliness with our residents and visitors. Take a moment to beautify your businesses a little more. Reward your customers with better product offerings and customer service. And most of all, share with everyone you meet how wonderful Los Lunas is as a place to live, work and recreate.

Imagine our book this time next year. It's sure to be a community classic. During the year please share any success stories you have with us. We'll make sure to promote your accomplishments on our website. Have a great 2014 and brand strong.

If you have questions, feel free to contact me anytime, Ralph L. Mims, MCP; Economic Development Manager, Community Development Department; 839-5654, direct line; 604-4156, cell; or e-mail [mimsr@loslunasnm.gov](mailto:mimsr@loslunasnm.gov).

And remember to visit our economic development website at [www.acommunitythatworks.com](http://www.acommunitythatworks.com).

## **LL Police Department Hosts Holiday Events**

Santa Claus greeted nearly 350 people who attended the 8th annual Winter Ball the beginning of December sponsored by the Village of Los Lunas Police Department at Daniel Fernandez Recreation Center.

Two weeks later the department hosted the annual Shop with A Cop event where 19 children were treated to bowling, laser tag, and lunch at the Isleta Fun Connection. This was followed by a \$100 shopping spree at the Walmart Supercenter.

Sponsors for the events included Mr. and Mrs. Louis F. Huning, Los Lunas Magistrate Court, Los Lunas DWI Program, Sun Loan Company #194, Isleta Casino and Resort, Katherine Gallegos Elementary Parent-Teacher Organization, Panda Express (which donated the food for the Winter Ball).

Also Spring Fresh Janitorial Service, Rainbow Clothing, Ciao Bella Salon, A & T Pump and Well Service, Jubilee Adult Community, Valencia Plaza LLC, Farm Bureau Financial of Bosque Farms, Los Lunas Fire Department.

Also Brad Francis Collision, Guns and Gold Pawn Shop, Market Auto Sales, Dion's of Los Lunas, Big 5 Sporting Goods, Los Lunas Parks, Recreation and Streets, and Los Lunas Municipal court.

### **Trash Pickup**

Martin Luther King Jr. Day is Monday, Jan. 20. Village offices will be closed. Monday trash pickup will be Tuesday, Jan. 21, on a double route.

## **Hispano Chamber of Valencia County 14th Annual Matanza**

**Saturday, January 25, 2014  
Gates Open 6:30 a.m.**

**Eagle Park (North of Belen High School)**

**Public Access on Delgado Street Only**

*Free Public Parking Available at Belen High School, Calvary Chapel (Hwy. 314) and Our Lady of Belen (Church and 10th Street) with free shuttles into Eagle Park*

**\$10 - 12 years and older: All Day Pass**

**\$1 - 11 years and younger: All Day Pass**

**Sponsorship and Vendor Opportunities 505 864-8091**

**Entertainment by: Kevin Michael Band, Remedy and Al Hurricane & Al Hurricane JR**

## **New Businesses Open Doors**

Auntie Nikki's Day Care has opened at 267 Courthouse Road SE, 866-8933 office, 480-0344 cell, email to [hummingbirds4jen@aol.com](mailto:hummingbirds4jen@aol.com), Jennifer Gonzales, director.

Route 66 Tees is now open at 100 Hwy. 314 which is the corner of Highway 314 and Main Street. Gage Brown is the contact with a phone number of 702-1201

Economic Development Manager Ralph L. Mims assists those interested in doing business in the village. He is available at 839-5654 (direct line), 604-4156 (cell), or e-mail [mimsr@loslunasnm.gov](mailto:mimsr@loslunasnm.gov).

## **Support Sought for Medical Center**

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

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. 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 is below.

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 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.*

## **Glass Crushing Continues in 2014**

The Village continues glass crushing in 2014 with the crushing machine purchased in 2013. Glass crushing will be at the recycling center near the Fred Luna Multigenerational Center, 197 Don Pasqual NW.

Bring the glass with no liquids inside the glass and, please, do not bring trash with the glass.

Glass crushing will be held the morning of the following Saturdays from 8 a.m. to noon in 2014: Jan. 11 and 25, Feb. 8 and 22, March 15 and 29, April 12 and 26, May 10 and 24, June 14 and 28, July 12 and 26, August 9 and 23, Sept. 13 and 27, Oct. 11 and 25, Nov. 15, and Dec. 13.

If you have questions about glass crushing, call the Village Solid Waste Office at 352-7699.

## **Marshals Service Gives Police \$5,000**

The U. S. Marshals Service has provided the Los Lunas Police Department \$5,000 in overtime funds to cover overtime when attempting to apprehend fugitives while working in partnership or alone.

Detective Mark Torres has been assigned to assist the United States Marshals.

The United States Marshals Service has worked with the Los Lunas Police Department in the past to assist with the apprehension of fugitives, most notably an aggravated burglary suspect Gary Wilson who was apprehended by the Marshals Service at an apartment complex in Buffalo, New York.

## **Everyone Can Work Toward A Healthier 2014**

### **At The Daniel Fernandez Recreation Center**

- Step Aerobics •Zumba**
- Yoga & Pilates**
- Strength & Stretch**
- Enhanced Fitness I**
- Enhanced Fitness II**



*Participate for \$2.00 per day*

*Seniors 65 & over receive 50% Off • No Monthly Membership Fee!*

### **Daniel Fernandez Recreation Center**

1103 Hwy 314 (505) 839-3845 [www.loslunasnm.gov](http://www.loslunasnm.gov)

**Accomplish Your Fitness Goals Here!**

