



# VILLAGE NEWS

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## Police Officers Honored; Department Gets Grants

**The Los Lunas Village Council has honored two Village police officers for saving the life of a six-month-old baby in the beginning of July.**

Officers Michael Romero and Ryan Gray saved the baby who had started turning blue. Police Chief Naithan Gurule commended them for their quick assistance.

Two Los Lunas officers have retired after many years of service: Lieutenant Joe Sanchez and Officer Horacio Deanda. As a result of retirement and resignations the department has hired Joseph Griego, Brenda Iturralde, Efrain Nunez, Jeremy Sanchez and Marcus Tafoya AND the sentence ends with as new officers in the department.



A 2014 Ford Explorer will be added to the police department's fleet courtesy of the U. S. Marshal's Office which will pay \$28,147 for the vehicle. The police department will spend approximately \$5,000 to equip the vehicle and will be reimbursed by the Marshal's office.

The Police Department will also receive \$999 for technology that will be used in the investigation and data collection of sexual assault, domestic violence, stalking and/or

teen dating violence cases.

The funds come from the New Mexico Crime Victims Reparation Commission STOP Violence Against Women Grant program.

The Police Department also received funding of \$4,607 through the Bulletproof Vest Partnership initiative to help purchase body armor for officers.

## Village of Los Lunas Water and Sanitary Sewer Rate Adjustment Public Notice

**The Village of Los Lunas Council will meet on November 20, 2014, to consider the approval of a rate adjustment for water and sanitary sewer services for residential and commercial customers.**

The Public Works Department has completed a multi-year utility rate study analyzing current revenues against existing

and planned operational and capital improvement costs for the water and sewer distribution, collection and treatment systems.

Concluding the study, a rate adjustment is being proposed to ensure the Village generates adequate revenue to meet existing water and sewer operational and maintenance costs, increasing costs for water supply treatment, sanitary sewer treatment, water distribution and sanitary

sewer collection system maintenance and proactive management for planned water and sewer system capital improvement projects.

Additional information on the proposed water and sewer rate adjustment will be available on the Village's website, [loslunasnm.gov](http://loslunasnm.gov), November 21, 2014.

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# 67 Pounds of Medications Collected

Approximately 67 pounds of prescription medication were collected during the National Take Back Initiative in Los Lunas at the end of September.

The Los Lunas Police Department partnered with the United States Drug Enforcement Administration with one designated drop-off site.

The service was free and anonymous; officers were not allowed to ask questions or log any information.



## Business Registration Renewal Time Is Now

If you are in business in the village it is time to renew your registration or it may be time to purchase that registration, says Community Development Director Christina Ainsworth.

All businesses, whether Mom and Pop or multi-national, pay the same fee, \$25. A registration is required for "all persons, firms, corporations or associations of any character engaged in any of the various pursuits, businesses or occupations."

Renew or purchase your registration before December 31.

## Village Holidays / Trash Pickup Reminder

The Village offices will be closed Thursday and Friday, Nov. 27 and 28, for the Thanksgiving holiday. Garbage picked up on Thursdays will be picked up Wednesday, Nov. 26, and trash picked up on Fridays will be picked up Monday, Dec. 1.

Village offices will be closed Wednesday, Dec. 24 and Thursday, Dec. 25., for Christmas. Garbage picked up Wednesdays will be picked up Tuesday, Dec. 23, while trash picked up Thursdays will be picked up Friday, Dec. 26.

## Visit with Santa in the Park

Saturday, December 13  
Starts at 6:00 p.m.

Daniel Fernandez Recreation Center  
1103 Highway 314 SW  
Stocking Given to Children Present

## Fire Department Collecting Non-Perishables

The Los Lunas Fire Department members and volunteers are collecting non-perishable food items for holiday boxes for the less fortunate in the Village of Los Lunas.

With your donations you can help complete the boxes and provide families with a complete meal for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

To donate your non-perishable items you can drop them off at the fire department at 465 East Main St. SE or call Vivian at 505 352-7616.



# Police Department Sponsors Holiday Events

The Los Lunas Police Department will be hosting the annual Winter Ball Friday, Dec. 5, from six to nine p.m. at Daniel Fernandez Recreation Center, 1103 Highway 314 SW.

This event is open to the public and every child will meet Santa and receive a gift. In 2013 food and a toy were provided to more than 300 children.

The police department is accepting donations, new toys, and gift cards for the event.

In addition, the police officers will be participating in Cops and Kids this Christmas. Officers take kids out for lunch and then a shopping "spree" for the holiday.

More information is available from Treena Saavedra at 505 352-7648. Donations can be made through her also.

## Shop Here in the Village

The holiday season often brings lots of shopping whether for special gifts for special people, dining with friends and family, or in preparation for traveling to visit people and places.

Do your shopping in Los Lunas and help your community thrive.

New Mexico municipalities depend on the gross receipts taxes paid within the limits of the communities to fund community services such as fire and police protection.

More than fifty percent of the Village's general fund revenues are generated through gross receipts tax and property tax revenue. The general fund pays for the services people depend on including the police and fire departments, municipal court, library and museum, parks and recreation, community development, and streets, as well as many others.

Look in Los Lunas before you shop anywhere else — and after you shop enjoy a meal in an area restaurant.

## Christmas Light Parade

**Saturday, December 6**  
**Starts at 6:30 p.m.**

Head West on Main Street to Village Administration Building

## Utility Billing Address Update

The Village Water/Sewer Division would like to advise customers utilizing their personal banking bill pay feature to update the payee address to the following:

Village of Los Lunas  
PO Box 1209  
Los Lunas, NM 87031

Please note the address for mail in payments has been updated as well. For customers mailing in payments, please ensure you are utilizing the return envelope provided with your current bill and discard any return envelopes with the Albuquerque address printed on them. The updated address is as follows:

Village of Los Lunas  
PO Box 912682  
Denver CO 80291-2682

Updating your records and ensuring the addresses are correct as identified above will prevent any future delays in payment processing. We apologize for any inconvenience this update may have caused and thank you for your continued understanding and patience as we update our billing services.



# Local Flavor: A Focus On Local Business

## The Coffee Shop

**The Coffee Shop at the Transportation Center/New Mexico Rail Runner Station is open from four in the morning to two in the afternoon serving burritos, sandwiches, soups, fruit, coffee, pastries, juices and frozen desserts.**

The coffee shop is owned and operated by José Arias and Consuelo Diaz. The couple operated the Star of Bethlehem Restaurant in Belen as well as a coffee shop in the Belen Library.

The Coffee Shop offers quick service at reasonable prices.

The Transportation Center/Rail Runner Station is located at the intersection of Courthouse and Juan Perea Roads. Phone for the Coffee Shop is 505 804-9222.

## Cowboy Cleaners

**Cowboy Cleaners has been open at 2225 Main Street SE for fifteen years with the phone number of 505 865-6596. Cowboy Cleaners is open 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday plus 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.**

Cowboy Cleaners does dry cleaning, laundry starching, and clean and press, plus an alteration service is available. A drive through on one side of the building makes it easy for customers to drop off items.

Owner Cathie Johnson-Raaff says she and her staff enjoy serving the customers who have come to depend on Cowboy Cleaners to make them look good for work or play.

# Los Lunas Business Update

## Businesses opened recently:

- Joe's Barber Shop, Joe Nilvo (Master Barber), 526 Sun Ranch Village Loop SW; phone 505 489-7310; email [jnilvo@comcast.net](mailto:jnilvo@comcast.net).
- State Farm, Matt Kunkle, Office Manager, 601 Main Street SE Suite 23, phone 505 565-3400; email [matthew.kunkle.nz7b@statefarm.com](mailto:matthew.kunkle.nz7b@statefarm.com).



If you are interested in opening a business in Los Lunas contact Economic Development Manager Ralph L. Mims at 505 839-5654, direct line; 505 604-4156, cell; or e-mail [mimsr@loslunasnm.gov](mailto:mimsr@loslunasnm.gov).

# Los Lunas Events

## Getting Around New Mexico: Then and Now

The Museum of Heritage and Arts  
2nd Annual Juried Art Show  
November 8, 2014 - January 10, 2015  
251 Main Street SE (505) 352-7720

## Los Lunas Chamber of Commerce Winter Wonderland Craft Fair

Saturday, November 22  
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
School of Dreams Academy  
1800 Main Street NW

## Messiah by Handel Community Sing-Along & Nativities Exhibit

Sunday, December 6  
Exhibit Opens 6 p.m. Sing-Along 7 p.m.  
Church of Jesus Christ  
of Latter-day Saints  
160 James Street NW

## Attend A Council Meeting!

November 20, December 4 and 18  
660 Main St. NW, Main Street  
and Don Pasqual  
Meetings begin at 6:00 p.m.