



VILLAGE NEWS

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Village Part of Senior Hunger Initiative

The Village's Fred Luna Multigenerational Center has been selected to participate in the Senior Hunger Initiative Program for calendar years 2015 through 2017.

The program is part of the Roadrunner Food Bank of New Mexico which has served New Mexico's hungry since 1980.

The food bank's senior hunger initiative distributes food through a network of hundreds of agencies in the state where seniors seek help with food.

Nearly 30% of the people who need help with food every year are seniors.

For information about the Los Lunas program call Renee Benavidez at the Fred Luna Center, 505 352-7667.

Fire Marshal Inspects Village Businesses

Fighting fires is an immediate vision when talking about the Los Lunas Fire Department. Another safety area is making sure businesses and residences are safe.

Los Lunas Fire Marshal Jason Gonzales inspects businesses and homes in the Village.

Marshal Gonzales says his job as inspector is to keep businesses operating without an interruption caused by some sort of calamity.

The Village enforces Industrial Fire Code 2003, which is what the State of New Mexico enforces, points out Gonzales.

Gonzales inspects industrial type of businesses yearly and others on an every two-year basis.

Homes are not inspected on a regular basis, but Gonzales said he will look at them to be sure people are safe.

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He drives a truck with distinctive Village Fire Department markings and wears a uniform.

Call the fire department 505 866-2116, with any questions.

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Trim Growth with Spring's Arrival

Spring has officially arrived and with it new growth on trees, bushes, and shrubs.

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.
- Clean up debris and clutter from that radius on in to the building.

King of the Hill Results

More than 100 people participated in the inaugural King of the Hill run held mid-March on El Cerro de Los Lunas.

The top five 5K finishers were Wayne Chick, Allison Miller, Melissa Watson, Jen Ogden, and Wayne Garcia.

The top five 10K finishers were Isaac Burleigh, Arnoldo Arrieta, Michael Turner, William Kessler, and Alyssa Jojola.

Sponsors included Molzen Corbin; State Employees Credit Union; Snap Fitness; La Vida; Marisco Altamar; Tillery Buick GMC; Caselle; and Mitchell Theaters.

A list of finishers in this first time event can be found on the village website loslunasnm.gov under Community Service/Recreation/KingoftheHill.

After Action: Talking Service for Veterans

A national reading discussion program for veterans will be held at the Los Lunas Museum of Heritage & Arts, 251 Main Street SE, at 10 a.m. Saturdays, April 18 and 25 as well as May 2 and 9.

The program enables veterans to reflect on their service and the challenge and opportunities of transitioning from active duty to civilian life.

Focus of the program is the anthology Standing Down: From Warrior to Civilian which features war-themed writing from noted authors such as Shakespeare, Yeats, Margaret Atwood, and Tim O'Brien.

A skilled veteran facilitator will moderate the one-hour discussions.

Reading material will be provided.

Registration by veterans is required.

To register or for further information, call the Museum at 505 352-7720.

Apply for the Summer Youth Program

The Village will accept applications for the Village's Summer Youth Employment Program.

Employment between July 6 and 31 includes cutting weeds, picking up trash, and some landscaping.

Those wishing to apply,

- Must be a resident of the Village of Los Lunas and enrolled in a public or private school.
- Must be 14 to 19 years old.
- Must have a Social Security card and school identification.

Applications may be picked up at the Village Administration Office, 660 Main Street NW, for youth employees and two supervisors.



Los Lunas Keeps Recycling

The Village March 2015 Great American Recycling Day event proved very successful with 206 vehicles bringing a wide variety of items to be recycled.

Event organizer Marie Marquez pointed out more and more people are becoming aware of the damage litter does to the community.

Clothes Helping Kids and New Mexico Computer Recyclers attended the event to take items.

Village Solid Waste Department employees helping were Joshua Chavez, Arturo Romero, Jason Marquez, Tommy Gurule, Jesus Montoya, Roberto Chavariz and James Flores.

Eric Beech from Vehicle Maintenance also helped as well as Lori Kurtz from the DWI program and Charlie Mills and Mark Aguilar from Code Enforcement.

Items collected include:

- 10 batteries
- 50 gallons of paints
- 12 cubic yards of metal totaling 450 pounds
- 680 pounds of glass
- 10 6-yard bins of cardboard
- 4 4-yard bins of mixed plastic
- 4 pallet-size boxes of paper
- 90 gallons of mixed oil
- 6 gallons of antifreeze
- 19 television sets
- 7 computers
- 5,136 pounds of e-waste (household electronics)



Great American Recycling Day event organizer Marie Marquez, right, talks to a recycler.

2014 Police Report Available

The 2014 Los Lunas Police Department Annual Report is now available.

Topics include crime and arrest statistics, special events, alternate revenues, and citizen complaints/use of force.

Police Chief Naithan Gurule said areas to note are a 57% reduction in citizen complaints and \$267,291 in alternate revenue.

The Village experienced an increase in the Uniform Crime Reporting category of larceny/shoplifting with 546 reports, an increase of 124.

In 2014 the police department received 19,704 calls for service, down 200 from last year.

The report can be found online under the Police Department at loslunasnm.gov.

Catch a Ride to UNM-VC

You can now ride the RioMetro van to the University of New Mexico-Valencia Campus from the Village Transportation Center at 101 Courthouse Road SE.

The van leaves several times daily from both sites for the 20-minute ride.

RioMetro vans provide a variety of other rides throughout Los Lunas and Belen for a minimal fee.

RioMetro schedules are available online at riometro.org. The RioMetro phone number is 505 352-3595.

Gross Receipts Tax to Increase

The Village Council has approved an increase in the amount of gross receipts tax (GRT) collected in the Village effective July 1, 2015.

The increase is .25 percent.

The additional GRT revenue means about \$930,000 annually with funds to be used to offset state reductions in Hold Harmless compensation.

The Valencia County Commission has also approved a three-eighths of one percent increase in GRT collected which, combined with the village increase, will result in 8.3125 GRT collected in the Village starting in July.



Local Flavor: A Focus On Local Business

The Color Works Inc.

Folks at The Color Works Inc. have been repairing, maintaining and restoring vehicles for more than 40 years.

Chuck and Joyce Rumschlag started The Color Works Inc. in 1973. In 1982 the business moved to 1920 Main Street NE, phone 865-6863.

The Color Works Inc. is now managed by Kenneth Landavazo, a certified

body repair technician, and JonPaul Rumschlag, a Certified Master Mechanic.

Chuck Rumschlag points out that everyone working at The Color Works has been highly educated in their vehicle specialty.

Hours of Operation: 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Los Lunas Business Update

Businesses opened recently:

- **JCAT Imaging Services, Inc.** in the Valencia Health Care Clinic, 311 Los Lentos SE, 575 322-8175. Owners are Johnny Crain and Anita Torrez. JCAT takes all types of insurances for scanning and imaging needs.
- **The UPS store** at 1402 Main Street NW, 505 866-9081.
Hours of Operation:
Monday - Friday: 7:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m., Saturday: 7:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., Sunday: Closed.
- **Joe's Barber Shop** at 412 Main Street SW, 505 489-7310, jlnilvo@comcast.net.



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.

Los Lunas Events

Community Health Fair

Includes Digital Mammography
Daniel Fernandez Recreation Center
April 17, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

2nd Annual Student Juried Art Show

Getting Around New Mexico
Then & Now
Through May 9
Los Lunas Museum of Heritage & Arts
251 Main St. SE, 505 352-7720.

Emergency Preparedness

Free Workshop
April 23, 4:00 p.m.
San Clemente Church
244 Luna Ave. SW
**Call the Valencia Extension Office
505 865-3002 for more information.**

Summer Day Camp for Kids

Free for Kids Ages 8-14
June 2 - 5, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Valencia County Extension Office
**RSVP required by May 28
505 865-3002.**

RT 66 Rodders Swap Meet

May 2 and 3, 8:00 a.m.
Los Lunas Sports Complex
Morris Road and Highway 314.

Attend a Council Meeting

April 23, May 7 and 21
660 Main St NW, Main Street
and Don Pasqual
Meetings begin at 6:00 p.m.