



VILLAGE NEWS



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The Los Lunas Fire Department staff provides support for many activities in the community. A G.O. Bond may provide fire dept. with funding.

G.O. BOND, TWO COUNCIL DISTRICTS ON MARCH 1, 2016 ELECTION BALLOT

Voters in the Village will be able to vote on a General Obligation bond question while voters in Council Districts One and Three will also elect one councilor in each district on March 1, 2016.

The bond issue question is "shall the Village of Los Lunas issue up to \$5,795,000 of general obligation bonds, to be repaid from property taxes, for the purpose of providing fire protection, including purchasing apparatus for fire protection and providing, enlarging, and improving fire protection equipment and facilities?"

The village has had construction of a new fire station on a 2.6-acre village-owned site on Sand Sage, located west of Interstate 25, as a priority for years.

In addition, Village Fire Chief John Gabaldon says the village needs to

purchase a fire truck with more aerial capabilities.

Because General Obligation bonds affect property taxes, nonresidents who own property within the Village limits are eligible to vote on the G.O. Bond question on Election Day.

However, they must contact the Valencia County Clerk to express their desire and certify their eligibility to vote.

For more information, contact the Valencia County Bureau of Elections, 866-2080.

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New traffic safety signs have been installed near the entrance of every park in Los Lunas except for those located on New Mexico Department of Transportation owned roads. These will be installed at a later date. The signs are designed to bring driver's attention to safety as they approach the parks.

LLPD OFFICER RECOGNIZED

Los Lunas Police Chief Naithan Gurule honored LLPD Officer Mark Gurule with a plaque at a November Village Council meeting.

Mark Gurule helped a homeless man on October 31 by buying him a pair of shoes and socks and giving him cash to buy food. Chief Gurule said the officer consistently helps those in need.

Mayor Charles Griego and the Village Council thanked Officer Gurule for his thoughtfulness.

FIRE DEPT. STILL COLLECTING FOOD

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

Be sure to check the expiration date. Expired food cannot be given to those who need it.

You can drop items off at 465 E. Main St. or call Vivian Lujan 352-7616 or email vlujan@loslunasnm.gov for more information.

VILLAGE STREETS TO BE IMPROVED

Franklin's Earthmoving Inc. will be working on the following Village streets:

- Garden Avenue Southwest
- Wanda Court Southwest
- Reeves Place Southwest
- Los Cerritos Road Northwest (north of Highline Street)

Ten bids were received for the road-work ranging from \$289,000 to \$414,297. Franklin's was low bidder.



At the November recycling event, Village workers took in over 4,277 pounds of recyclables, including 370 pounds of clothing donations.

VILLAGE DISPOSES OF ITEMS

The Village periodically disposes of items that are obsolete, not usable, damaged, or worn out.

These items range from bulldozers to police cars to much smaller items, and everything in between.

Many items go up for public auction. Others are disposed of in a variety of ways, including as scrap, such as a burnt bulldozer.

Check what is happening with these items by going to the Village website, loslunasnm.gov, click on Departments, choose Community Services Department, and then choose Facility Maintenance Division.

ALWAYS SHOP IN THE VILLAGE

When you are shopping for anything, holidays or every day, be sure to shop in Los Lunas.

Shopping in Los Lunas helps the community provide the services that keeps our community thriving.

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.

NOVEMBER RECYCLING EVENT

The Village's November American Recycling event resulted in the collection of a variety of recyclables.

Keep Los Lunas Clean & Beautiful partnered with the Village Solid Waste and Fleet Maintenance Division to make sure the 152 vehicles with recyclables were handled efficiently.

ITEMS RECYCLED INCLUDED:

- Cardboard - 10 bins, which equals 2,500 pounds (4 cubic yards)
- Plastic - 5 bins, which equals 600 pounds (4 cubic yards)
- Glass - 2 bins, which equals 736 pounds (2 cubic yards)
- Metal - 4 cubic yards
- TVs -13
- Motor Oil - 22 gallons
- Paint - 49 gallons
- Car Batteries - 2 batteries
- Household cleaners - 3 gallons
- Clothes Helping Kids collected 370 pounds of clothing.

FEATURED LOCAL BUSINESSES

At Beverly's Quality Cleaners the motto is "Look the Best By the Best." Beverly Montoya is the owner of Beverly's Quality Cleaners.

The store is located at 1400 Main Street NW, Suite B, phone 505 565-1281. Visit the website at www.beverlysqqualitycleaners.com.

Stop by the store Monday through Friday 6:30 a.m. until 6 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The store is closed Sunday.

The UPS Store is located at 1402 Main Street NW, Suite B, phone 505 866-9081, fax 505 866-9122.

Owner/operator is Raquel Montoya. You can stop by the store Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Saturday 7:30 a.m. to noon. The store is closed on Sunday.

Stay connected to the UPS Store: store6594@theupstore.com; theupstorelocal.com/6594; facebook.com/theupsstore6594.

RENEW BUSINESS REGISTRATION BEFORE DEC. 31

A reminder — If you are doing business in the Village of Los Lunas you need to purchase or renew your business license before Dec. 31, 2015.

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



Visit www.beverlysqqualitycleaners.com



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LOCAL EVENTS

VILLAGE OFFICES HOLIDAY CLOSURES

- Thursday and Friday, December 24 & 25 for the Christmas Holiday
- Thursday trash pickup will be Wednesday, Dec. 23.
- Friday trash pickup will be Monday, Dec. 28.
- Offices also Closed Friday, Jan. 1, 2016, for the New Year's Holiday.
- Trash pickup will be Monday, Jan. 4.
- Monday, Jan. 18, 2016, for the Martin Luther King Holiday.
- Trash pickup will be Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2016.

ATTEND A COUNCIL MEETING

December 17, and January 7 & 21

660 Main St NW
Main Street and Don Pasqual
Meetings begin at 6:00 p.m.

EVENTS AT THE MUSEUM OF HERITAGE AND ARTS

- Wednesday Jan, 6, 2016
Opening of Dust, Drought & Dreams Gone Dry
- Saturday, Jan. 9, 2016
10 a.m. - 3 p.m. (light refreshments), Ken Burns Video, presentation by BG Burr
- Friday, Jan. 15, 2016 6 p.m.
Grab a Hunk of Lightning Showing by Dyanna Taylor
- Saturday, Jan. 16, 2016
2 p.m. Think Like a Watershed, by Jack Loeffler
- Saturday, Jan. 23, 2016
2 p.m. Life and Writings of CarolineHenderson by John Taylor
- Saturday, Jan. 30, 2016
2 p.m.Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), Presentation by Richard Melzer
- Saturday, Feb. 6, 2016 2 p.m.
John Steinbeck Presentation by Noel Pugach
- Saturday, Feb. 13, 2016
2 p.m. Farm Security Administration (FSA), Presentation by BG Burr

**Museum of Heritage & Arts
251 Main St. SE 505 352-7720
Under the Water Tower
10 a.m. – 5 p.m., Tues-Sat.**