



# VILLAGE NEWS



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## Village Launches Mobile App

**Want to know about events or services in Los Lunas? How about where to stay or eat?**

You can find this information and more with the Village's recently launched mobile app.

The mobile app is a cutting edge tool that community members, as well as people across the world, can use to find out this information and more.

The Village is one of the few communities in New Mexico to have a mobile app.

The app is free for use on smartphones and tablets at the iTunes App Store and at the Android Market.



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The app was created by EFG Creative and Marketing, owned by Eric F. Garcia. The company is working with the Village on other uses of social media.

Links to the mobile app can be found at the Village website, [loslunasnm.gov](http://loslunasnm.gov), and on the Village Facebook page, as well

as the Village Economic Development website and its Twitter account which can be accessed from the Village website under economic development.

## Annual Fishing Derby March 28

**The Village Open Space Division, along with New Mexico Game and Fish and the Ditchbank Bandits, will hold the annual Fishing Derby Saturday, March 28, at the Los Lunas River Park starting at eight a.m. This is a free community event for all ages.**

More information is available from park rangers Pat Jaramillo and Andrew Gutierrez who work for the Open Space Division which is now located in the Village Transportation Center, 101 Courthouse Road. The phone number is 352-7728.

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# New Fire Chief Named

**Longtime Los Lunas firefighter and emergency medical technician John Gabaldon has been named Chief of the Los Lunas Fire Department.**

Gabaldon succeeds Atilano "Lito" Chavez who retired Jan. 31 after 38 years with the Village.

Gabaldon most recently served as interim assistant chief after being a captain.

He began his firefighting career as a volunteer with the Belen department in the mid 1990s and then came to Los Lunas where he decided to become a career firefighter and EMT.

*"I plan on continuing the progress of the fire department taking care of our growing community," said Gabaldon.*

Work will continue on getting a new fire station on the west side of Los Lunas. The village currently keeps equipment to deal with emergencies at the old Hospital and Training School.

The fire department currently has 12 full time firefighters with two more to be hired and 15 volunteers.

A Los Lunas High School graduate, Gabaldon and his wife Jessica have two sons, Kayden and John III.



*New Chief of the Los Lunas Fire Department, John Gabaldon.*

## Participants Wanted for Senior Olympics/ Fitness Challenge

**Are you over fifty and want to get more exercise? Or do you know someone over age fifty interested in a particular sport or perhaps several sports?**

Senior Olympians participate in archery, basketball, cycling, track and field events, table tennis, shuffleboard, pickleball, golf, horseshoes and many other sports.

Events are held throughout Valencia County so seniors can engage in fun and challenging activities.

All events are open to men and women with some events including doubles, mixed, and teams.

This year the Senior Olympics committee challenges Valencia County seniors to log 50 or 100 miles of exercise in 100 days. Miles can be earned a variety of ways including walking, wheelchair activity, and climbing Tome or Los Lunas Hill.

Contact Marcos Castillo, village sports coordinator, for more information at [castillom@loslunasnm.gov](mailto:castillom@loslunasnm.gov), 352-7662, or the Facebook page for the Valencia County Senior Olympics.



*Contestants in the 2013 National Senior Olympics.*

## Please Don't Block Sidewalks

**Many people enjoy taking walks in the Village.**

Having to walk around vehicles blocking sidewalks is not only inconvenient, but can be dangerous too. The Village reminds people to please not block any sidewalk in the Village.

Section 9.08.100 of the Village Municipal Code says "it is unlawful to intentionally restrict the movement of persons passing along any street, sidewalk, crosswalk or other public way."

# Neighborhood Watch Meeting Scheduled

**A Neighborhood Watch organizational/informational meeting will be held Wednesday, March 4, beginning at five p.m. at the Transportation Center, 101 Courthouse Road.**

Los Lunas Police Department Community Policing Officer Buster Whitley said the meeting will focus on the return of Neighborhood Watch to the area from Highway 314 east to the Rio Grande between Main Street and Morris Road, but everyone is welcome to attend.

Officer Whitley said discussion at the gathering will include issues in the area such as road construction, speeding, and items police officers deal with either periodically or every day.

Officer Whitley is one of two community policing officers in the Village. The other officer is Jeremy Shaw. Both will be working with the Neighborhood Watch program.

Anyone with questions regarding the upcoming meeting or the Neighborhood Watch program should call 505 839-3855.



*A sample of a Neighborhood Watch sign.*

# Keep That Resolution With Village Recreation Programs

**It's February but it's not too late to follow up on your resolution to improve your health this year. And you can do it in Los Lunas.**

The Village's extensive recreation program can help you with that New Year's resolution.

For instance, aerobics classes are offered at the Daniel Fernandez Recreation Center.

Also at the center is a wide variety of exercise equipment including treadmills, ellipticals and a stationary bicycle.

Open gym night to shoot hoops at Daniel Fernandez is Thursdays.

You can find information about the programs at Daniel Fernandez plus other village recreation on the village website, [loslunasnm.gov](http://loslunasnm.gov). Or call Daniel Fernandez Recreation Center at 505 352-7661. You can stop by the facility at 1103 Highway 314.

# 5k/10k Run on El Cerro March 14

**The inaugural King of the Hill 5k/10k trail run will be held Saturday, March 14, at El Cerro de Los Lunas.**

The 5k run proceeds along the Bowl Trail on the west side of El Cerro with a mostly flat course with a few small hills.

The 10k begins on the same route as the 5k before diverting up a steep hill to meet the Lookout Trail. This route meets back up with the 5k course to finish.

Information is available at the Los Lunas Transportation Center, 101 Courthouse Road, from noon to five p.m. daily.





## Local Flavor: A Focus On Local Business

### Flowers on the Bosque

**Flowers on the Bosque started in Bosque Farms, but now calls 501 Main Street SE in Los Lunas home.**

Owner Linda Brazeal moved to Los Lunas two years ago where people welcomed her to the community.

The store specializes in fresh flowers in bouquets and baskets, for weddings and funerals, and just about any way imagined. A variety of gifts, jewelry, and plants are for sale also.

Clients rely on Linda and have even paid her way to other places to create floral arrangements for events.

Flowers on the Bosque is the only place in Valencia County where a tuxedo can be rented.

*"Los Lunas is a good place to do business," said Linda.*

Store phone number is 505 916-0347.

## New Health Care Business

**Integrated Healthcare of New Mexico, a family-oriented medical and mental health practice, has opened at 2235 Main St. NE, Suite C.**

The practice offers comprehensive ongoing primary care, urgent care, and physicals. In addition, psychotherapy and mental health medication management are available.

Dr. Stephen Cheshire, a prescribing psychologist, and Maryam Bornaei, a family practitioner, work at the facility.

Phone number is 505 916-0820, hours Monday-Thursday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Same day and walk-in appointments can be made.

If you have questions on how to start or grow your business, call 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).

## Los Lunas Events

### Great American Recycling Day

Saturday March 14, 8 – 11 a.m.  
Don Pasqual — By the Fred Luna  
Multigenerational Center  
Call 352-7658 for information  
Recycle your glass too!

### Winter Gardening Class

Thursday, March 19, 7 p.m.  
Get Your Gardening Questions Answered  
Valencia County  
Cooperative Extension Office  
404 Courthouse Road NW  
For more info call 505 565-3002.

### No Village Holidays in February or March

All Garbage Pickups Remain  
On Normal Schedule.

### Attend a Council Meeting!

February 26, March 12 and 26  
660 Main St. NW, Main Street  
and Don Pasqual  
Meetings begin at 6:00 p.m.

**"Wildlife of the Middle Rio Grande Valley" by Christopher Tafoya (photography).**

**& "Capturing Light" by Barbara Huffcutt Garrett (pastel art)**

January 17 - March 7, 2015  
Los Lunas Museum of Heritage and Arts  
251 Main Street SE, 505 352-7720.