



# VILLAGE NEWS



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## Come Join National Night Out

The Village Police Department will host the annual National Night Out on Tuesday, August 4, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Daniel Fernandez Park, 1103 Highway 314.

Food will be provided for those attending until the food runs out. School supplies will be distributed also until those supplies run out. Children must be present to receive



those school supplies. A wellness area will be set up in the park for people to get a variety of information. Donations are being accepted of school supplies including backpacks.

To make donations or for more information contact Treena B. Saavedra, support services at the Los Lunas Police Department, 505 839-3855 or email [tsaavedra@loslunasnm.gov](mailto:tsaavedra@loslunasnm.gov).

## Billy the Kid at LL Museum

**Billy the Kid arrives at the Los Lunas Museum of Heritage and Arts July 18.**

The Billy the Kid show includes history, folklore, and legend with most of the items on loan from the collection of Ray John de Aragon. The show runs through September.

The museum is located at the corner of Main Street and Luna Avenue, under the water tower, phone 505 352-7720.

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# Los Lunas Gets \$1.1 Million in Capital Outlay

Watch for improvements to the Fred Luna Multigenerational Center and the 30-acre Sports Complex in Los Lunas thanks to capital outlay funding approved in the special legislative session this spring.

The Fred Luna Center will see reconstruction of the parking lot, new fire alarms and a sprinkler system plus other improvements to the tune of \$700,000.

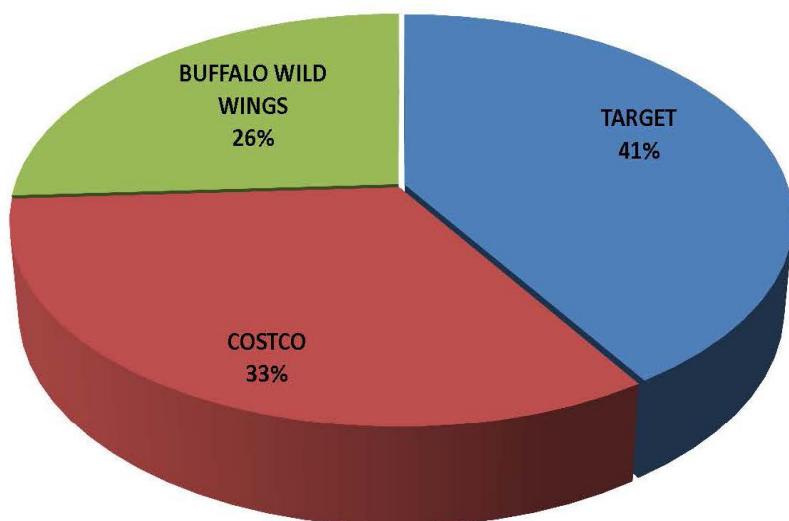
In addition, another \$400,000 will be used for the design and construction of improvements to the 30-acre Sports Complex near Morris Road and Highway 314.

## Businesses People Would Like to See in the Village

More than 2000, 2028 to be exact, economic development surveys have been filled out revealing what businesses people would like to have in the Village of Los Lunas.

The results show:

- **Restaurants** — Buffalo Wild Wings, 23%; Golden Corral, 27%; Olive Garden, 21%; Red Lobster, 16%; and Hooter's, 13%. Buffalo Wild Wings opened in June.
- **Clothing** — Ross, 24%; Kohl's, 22%; JC Penney, 19%; Hollister, 18%; and Target, 17%.
- **Supermarkets** — Costco, 29%; Sam's Club, 24%; Target with pharmacy/grocery, 18%; Whole Foods, 16%; and Trader Joe's, 13%.
- **Ethnic Restaurants** — Italian, 41%; Chinese, 22%; Mexican, 15%; Greek and Japanese, each 11%.
- **Fast Food** — Chic-Fil-A and In-N-Out Burgers, each 29%; Dairy Queen, 16%; Jack in the Box and Whataburger, each 13%.
- **Quick Take Out** — In-N-Out Burgers, 31%; Einstein Bros. Bagels, 21%; Keva Juice, 21%; Chick-Fil-A, 15%; and Wing Stop, 12%.
- **Educational** — UNM branch, library and Sylvan Learning Center, each 23%; CNM branch, 18%; and complete/improve Valencia High, 13%.
- **Cultural Centers** — museum, 43%; gallery/art, 18%; theater/live, Natural History Museum and Hispanic Cultural Center, each 13%.
- **Big Box Stores** — Costco, 36%; Sam's Club, 31%; Target, 25%; Best Buy, 5%; and Cabela's, 3%.
- **Manufacturing** — food processing, 27%; automotive manufacturing, 26%; solar and textile (clothing) each 17%; and Apple, 13%.
- **Top Three** — Target, 41%; Costco, 33%; and Buffalo Wild Wings, 26%.



Economic Development Manager Ralph Mims coordinated the study. He can be reached at 505 839-5654, direct line; 505 604-4156, cell; or e-mail [mimsr@loslunasnm.gov](mailto:mimsr@loslunasnm.gov).

# Police Department Open House

The equipment used by the Los Lunas Police Department Special Weapons and Tactics team towers over two little girls during the June Open House. Visitors toured the police facility, saw various equipment, and met police officers during the event.



# Seniors Keep Fit with 18,168 Miles

The Valencia County 100-Fitness Challenge drew 63 seniors from across Valencia County who completed 18,168 miles of exercise from February 10 through May 20.

All citizens fifty or older were encouraged to log 50 or 100 miles of exercise in 100 days. Participants

competed for their communities and Los Lunas was the winning community with 10,876 cumulative miles. The Village of Los Lunas hosted the fitness challenge awards banquet and barbecue at the end of June at Daniel Fernandez Park. Watch for details about the 2016 Valencia County 100-Fitness Challenge so you can participate.

# Village Presented Award for El Cerro Preservation

The Valencia County Historical Society presented the Village of Los Lunas its 2014 Historic Preservation Award for the work done by the municipality and its employees on El Cerro de Los Lunas, located just west of I-25.

El Cerro de Los Lunas was dedicated to the village by Huning Land and Trust in 2006. Since then the Village has made improvements to the hill as well as making it accessible. The award was given to the Village at the Historical Society's Annual meeting held this spring at the Los Lunas Museum of Arts and Heritage.

# Business Incubator Is A Possibility

The Village is looking at the possibility of a business incubator in the community.

A business incubator is just like it sounds, an organization that helps businesses start and grow. Russ Combs, managing director of the WESST Enterprise Center in

Albuquerque, spoke to interested people about an incubator in Los Lunas in June.

For more information contact Ralph Mims, Village Economic Development Manager, at 505 839-5654 (work) or 505 604-4156 (cell).





New Los Lunas businesses from left to right: UPS Store, Buffalo Wild Wings, Beverly's Quality Cleaners.

## New Business Openings

### UPS Store

The UPS Store has opened at 1402 Main Street NW, Suite B, (phone 505 866-9081) in Los Cerritos Shopping Center. The grand opening was held in June. Village Councilor Gino Romero stands at left.

### Buffalo Wild Wings

Buffalo Wild Wings is now open at 1901 Main St. SW (phone 505 565-9464). At the opening Village Economic Development Manager Ralph Mims received a personalized greeting.

### Beverly's Quality Cleaners

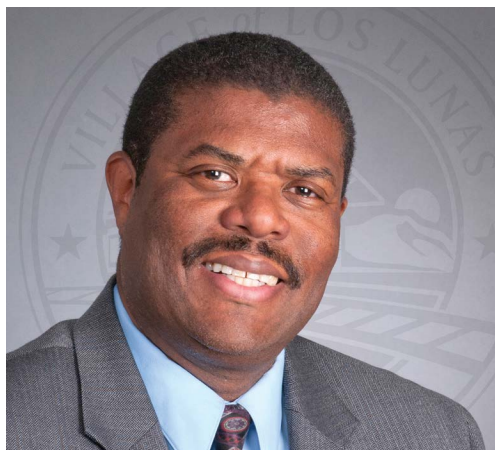
Beverly's Quality Cleaners had its grand opening in June at its location at 1400 Main Street NW, Suite B, (phone 505 565-1281) in Los Cerritos Shopping Center.

## Los Lunas Business Update

### Welcome new business:

- **Boost Mobile, 1400 Main Street NW, Suite A, Los Cerritos Shopping Center. 505 916-5907; owner Emilio Zacueta.**

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

### Farmer's Market

Now Open  
Tuesdays 4-7 p.m.  
Heritage Park Lambros Road

### Police Safety Day

July 24  
Museum of Heritage and Arts  
Call 505 352-7720 for more information.

### Viva New Mexico Chile Festival

Sept. 4, 5 & 6  
Wagner's Farmland Experience  
1420 Desert Willow Road NW

### Attend a Council Meeting

July 23, August 6 & 20  
660 Main St NW, Main Street  
and Don Pasqual  
Meetings begin at 6:00 p.m.