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Housing Survey Results

The results of a survey conducted to find out the public perception of housing issues in Valencia County have been released.

The survey was also designed to supplement a housing needs assessment of Valencia County.

The survey was conducted electronically and by paper with 458 surveys tallied. The paper surveys were handed out at area schools, senior centers, and other establishments.

Forty-one percent of respondents live in Los Lunas with the others spread out across the county. The other communities include Bosque Farms, 17%; Belen, 14%; El Cerro-Monterey Park, 13%; and Valencia, 11%.

Communities with less than ten percent are Meadow Lake, Rio Communities, Casa Colorado, Rio Communities-North, Tome-Adelino, Peralta, Jarales, and Los Chavez.

Some survey questions and responses are:

- How many people live in your house? One or two people, 44%; three to four, 37%; and more than five, 19%.



- What is your annual income? Over \$50,000, 26%; less than \$15,000, 23%; \$15,001-\$20,000 and \$30,001-\$40,000, both 14%; \$20,001-\$30,000, 13%; and \$40,001-\$50,000, 9%.
- What type of home do you live in? Single family, 57%; mobile/manufactured home, 36%; townhouse, 4%; and apartment, 3%.
- What do you pay per month in mortgage or rent? Both less than \$300 and more than \$900 had 23%; \$501-600, 13%; \$601-\$700, 11%; \$300-\$400, 10%; \$701-800, 9%; \$801-\$900, 7%; and \$401-\$500, 4%.
- Do you own or rent your home? Own, 76%; and rent, 24%.
- If you rent, are you interested in buying a home? Yes, 49%; no, 51%.
- Is anyone disabled in your household? Yes, 24%; no, 76%.
- Are there any seniors living in your household? Yes, 43%; no, 57%.
- Is there a lack of affordable housing in Los Lunas/Valencia County for renters? Yes, 37%; no, 5%; and don't know, 58%.
- Is there a lack of affordable housing in Los Lunas/Valencia County for owners? Yes, 31%; no, 10%; and don't know, 59%.

Survey results will be incorporated into the Los Lunas/Valencia County Affordable Housing Plan being developed to determine the housing needs of the community. More survey information is available at the village website loslunasnm.gov.

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Easter Egg Hunt April 1

The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held Wednesday, April 1, at Daniel Fernandez Recreation Center, sponsored by the Village Community Services Department, Children Youth and Families Department, and Youth Development Inc.

Organizers encourage people to bring the whole family out for fun, games, music, and education.

The event begins at 3:00 p.m. April 1 at the center located at 1103 Highway 314 SW.

Egg hunt times are 4:30 p.m. for zero to three-year-olds; 4:45 p.m. for four to seven-year-olds; and 5:00 p.m. for children eight and over.

Participants are asked to bring their own bags or baskets as there are to be 20,000 filled eggs plus prize giveaways.

For more information contact Jeralyn Duran at 505 352-7717.



Time to Clean Up Property

Now's the time to clean up your property before temperatures rise.

The Village Municipal Code prohibits the accumulation of debris, refuse, garbage, trash, or similar material on property when the accumulation constitutes a detriment to public health and a fire hazard.

Residential garbage pickup is once weekly which facilitates keeping property clean.

Two free special pickups of trash and debris in the amount of a large pickup truck load per pick up are allowed per year per address with a Village garbage account.

Keeping Los Lunas clean and beautiful is easy when you don't let your trash accumulate.

Upcoming Events at the Village Library

Lego Club

Lego Club meets Thursday, March 19 and Thursday, May 21.
Come build with Legos.

Monthly Movies at the Library

Pitch Perfect Tuesday April 7 (rated PG-13) 4:30 p.m.
Big Hero 6 Tuesday May 5 (rated PG) 4:30 p.m.

Join the audience for nail art as you watch the movie. Popcorn and drink provided.

Library Snap Shot Day April 16

Snap Shot Day provides a way for the library to show what happens in a single day at the Los Lunas Public Library. That day is April 16 this year.

Information gathered for the day includes:

- How many books are checked out.
- How many people find jobs thanks to the library.
- How many people use the library to do their homework.

This initiative provides a way to collect statistics, photos, and stories that prove the value of the library to decision-makers. It also increases public awareness of the library.

Many libraries across the United States participate in Snap Shot Day.

Park Improvements Continue

Recently finished park work includes a complete overhaul to Neighborhood Park at 1151 Park St SE.

The improvements took three years with three phases. Estimated cost was \$300,000. With the support of businesses, contractors, and the Village Community Services Department, the project was done for \$220,000.

The most recent work was a new parking lot and landscape improvements.

Improvements to Daniel Fernandez Park, 1103 Highway 314 SW, include replacing the 32-year-old asphalt and paving a dirt area in the horseshoe complex.

Work should be done for spring as landscaping, curb, and turf work is finished. In addition, walls have been painted and the irrigation system adjusted.

The work cost \$82,000 with the Community Services Department pitching in.

Come Out to the Health & Wellness Fair

The free and open to the public annual Health and Wellness Fair will be held Friday, April 17, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Daniel Fernandez Recreation Center, 1103 Highway 314 SW.

Among the health organizations participating will be the blood mobile, acupuncture specialists, and the mammogram van.

Many health experts will be there to answer questions about subjects that range from assisted living to transportation to adult/child abuse.

Area businesses will also participate.

Come on out! You will find someone to talk with.

Summer Recreation Registration

Registration for Summer Recreation begins Monday, April 6, at Daniel Fernandez Recreation Center, 1103 Highway 314 SW.

Cost is \$40 per child.

The program is offered in two sessions: June 1 to June 18 and July 6 to July 23.

Children will be registered up to eighth grade.

The Village's Summer Recreation Program is a service to children in the Los Lunas School District.

It is intended to provide educational, healthy, and wellness activities as a service to the participants.



Ray Marquez, an employee of the Street Division of the Community Services Department, stirs a pot of chicharrones during Valencia County Day.

Valencia County Day

The Village Community Services Department with the Los Lunas Chamber of Commerce, Belen Chamber of Commerce, and City of Belen hosted a matanza at the State Capitol in Santa Fe for Valencia County Day at the Legislature in February.

Participants interacted with various officials including state senators and representatives as well as other elected and public officials.



Local Flavor: A Focus On Local Business

A&R Firearms Inc.

A&R Firearms Inc., located at 3415-D Highway 47, is owned by Abran Torres.

The store has been open since March 2013. Products include guns, ammunition and accessories as well as archery accessories. Products are bought, sold and traded.

FFI transfers can be done at the store. Torres said that soon hydro graphics (hydro dipping) for guns, accessories, and even vehicle parts, will be available at A&R Firearms.

Store hours are: Tuesday through Friday 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturday 11:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Store phone number is 505 916-0034.

Los Lunas Business Update

Businesses opened recently:

- Metro PCS, 1402 Main Street NW, Suite D-2, 505 916-0674, owner: Avef Musci.
- Mobile Lock Service 505 385-6354, owner: Joseph Padilla.

On the Move Wireless has moved to 1930 Main Street NE Suite 4.



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

Annual Fishing Derby

Saturday, March 28 Starts at 8 a.m.
Los Lunas River Park
For info call 505 352-7728

Student Art Show Opens

Saturday, March 28
Museum of Heritage and Arts
251 Main Street SE 505 352-7720

Friday, April 3 Village Holiday

Village Offices Closed
Trash Pickup Thursday, April 2

Attend a Council Meeting!

March 26, April 9 and 23
660 Main St. NW, Main Street
and Don Pasqual
Meetings begin at 6:00 p.m.

Spring Outdoor Adventures

March 30 - April 1
10 a.m. River Park
Call 505 352-7661 for info

Rt 66 Rodders Swap Meet

May 2 & 3 - 8 a.m.
Los Lunas Sports Complex
1600 Highway 314 SW