



# VILLAGE NEWS



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## INTERCHANGE BEAUTIFICATION HAS BEGUN

**Work has started on the beautification of Exit 203 into Los Lunas**

Both the north and south bound exits will be improved.

Groundbreaking for the beautification project began with a ceremony on August 20, 2015. Speakers at the groundbreaking were Ralph L. Mims, economic development manager, Mayor Pro-Tem Gerard Saiz, Director of Community Development Christina Ainsworth, and Eric Garcia, owner of EFG Creative.

Albuquerque-based EFG Creative designed the gateway. Garcia is a lifelong Valencia County resident.

The design is a 22-foot tall cottonwood tree with a sign in its branches welcoming people to Los Lunas. The design symbolizes the Village's connection to the Bosque, agriculture, and the importance of family.

The Village has also partnered with Molzen Corbin, Roddick & Dunbar



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Ltd., and Sequoia Landscaping on this project that will include painting the overpass, landscaping and lighting, and incorporating the Village's community brand "Small Community, Big Possibilities!"

The Village Council approved a bid from Sequoia Landscaping of \$812,395 for their part of the beautification project. Sequoia Landscaping was not the low bidder, but due to concerns over federal requirements

for the Disadvantaged Enterprise Plan, Sequoia Landscaping was awarded the project.

Funding for the beautification project is primarily coming from the federal government through the State Transportation Department.

The project is scheduled for completion later this year.

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Folks line up for food at the August 4, 2015, National Night Out at Daniel Fernandez Park in Los Lunas. Many activities were offered for the evening with lots of people attending.



Los Lunas PD put together 469 backpacks filled with school supplies donated by the community.

## SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM CLEANS UP VILLAGE

During the four weeks the 2015 summer youth employment program operated, the workers picked up 737 bags of trash and weeds from different areas in the Village.

Workers ended the session with a lunch at the Buffalo Wild Wings. Workers recognized for their diligence were Daniel Aranda, Jonathan Luce-ro, and Benjamin Martin. Program coordinator Marie Marquez said the supervisors, Jared Sanders and Ann



Summer youth workers pick up trash as they clean up around the Village

Cooper, did an excellent job making sure as many areas as possible were cleaned of trash and weeds.

All workers were presented certificates noting their hard work. Village Administrator Greg Martin thanked the students and presented them with a small token from the Village for a job well done.

## GLASS NOW ACCEPTED 24/7 FOR RECYCLING

**The Los Lunas Recycling Facility is now accepting glass 24/7.**

Bins have been placed east of the existing plastic bins with signage designating the bins for glass use as well as what type of glass is accepted and what is prohibited.

All glass should be placed in the proper bins and not left on the ground or beside any recycling bins.

Everyone should follow all rules posted to keep the recycling facility safe, clean and operational for all recycling patrons.

Thanks to the community for making the glass grinding recycling effort such a success.

**If you have any questions please contact the Village Solid Waste Division office at 505 352-7699 or visit the Village website [www.loslunasnm.gov](http://www.loslunasnm.gov).**

## BASKETBALL LEAGUE REGISTRATION

Registration online for the Los Lunas basketball league continues for all grades through Oct. 31, 2015, on the [llybl.org](http://llybl.org) website.

**Walk up registration dates include Sept. 19 and 26 at AYSO soccer fields from 8 a.m. to noon.**

**Late registration will be Oct. 3 and 4 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Los Lunas Middle School gym (\$10 late fee).**

Contact 505 659-7905 or [llybl2@outlook.com](mailto:llybl2@outlook.com) or [www.llybl.org](http://www.llybl.org) for info.



*The Trek for Trash event will be held Saturday, September 26, 2015. Help keep Los Lunas clean and beautiful. Call Marie Marquez at 505 352-7658 for more information or to help.*

## JURIED ART SHOW

The theme for this year's Annual Juried Art Exhibit at the Los Lunas Museum of Heritage & Arts is Seasons.

Selected entries will be on display November 7 through December 30 at the Museum located at the intersection of Luna Avenue and Main Street, under the water tower.

Show awards include Best of Show, first place, second place, and third place. Cash prizes are given for these awards which come from the entry fees for the exhibit.

Entries for the show were accepted from artists living in New Mexico sixteen years old or older.

**More information about the juried art show is available at the museum's home page on the village website at [www.loslunasnm.gov/Document-Center/View/7409](http://www.loslunasnm.gov/Document-Center/View/7409).**

### ART SHOW DATES

**Deadline** for entries: Post-marked/received by September 19, 2015

**Notification** mailed & acceptance posted: October 1, 2015

**Delivery** of accepted work to museum: October 30, 2015

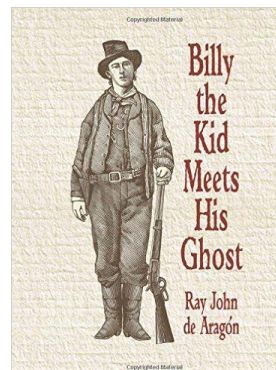
**Opening Reception:** November 7, 2015 from 2:00-4:00

**Exhibition:** November 7, 2015 – December 30, 2015

**Pick up work:** December 31, 2015

### SHOW AWARDS

Best of Show - \$300  
First Place - \$200  
Second Place - \$100  
Third Place - \$50



Author Ray John de Aragon will sign his book "Billy the Kid Meets His Ghost" 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19 at the Los Lunas Museum of Heritage and Arts.

## WALKING THE LINE TO END DWI

The Village Community Services Department / Valencia DWI Program is having a Walking The Line To End DWI 5k walk/run Saturday, Oct. 10, 2015, to raise awareness against drinking and driving.

**All proceeds will be donated to MADD New Mexico. Register at the Daniel Fernandez Recreation Center, 1103 Hwy 314 SW, Los Lunas.**

## ADULTS WELCOME IN SPORTS PROGRAMS

Adults from across Valencia County may participate in adult sports programs offered by the Village of Los Lunas Recreation Division.

All adult team sports are designed to provide the best recreational activities possible for participants.

**Activity registration is conducted at Daniel Fernandez Recreation Center, 1103 Hwy 314 SW, Monday through Thursday, 7:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. and Friday, 7:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.**



*Gathering Stitches is a popular local shop for quilters in the Village of Los Lunas.*

## LOS LUNAS BUSINESS OPENINGS

**Gathering Stitches** has been in business since May 2012. The original idea was for Julie Smith, the sole proprietor, to have a space for stitchers to gather and share ideas and techniques. The business is now a popular local shop for quilters in the area. Gathering Stitches hosts a knitting group on the first and third Tuesday of every month at 10 a.m. Holly Bayley joined the business recently so hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday at 643 Highway 314 NW. Phone number is 505 865-5003 during business hours or 505 379-9076, website [www.gatheringstitches.com](http://www.gatheringstitches.com), or e-mail [julie@gatheringstitches.com](mailto:julie@gatheringstitches.com).

**Bella Vida Health** Care Clinic and Medispa has opened at 1400 Main St. NW, Suite M, phone 505 926-0533, website [www.bellavidaclinic.com](http://www.bellavidaclinic.com).

**Minerva Canna Group, Inc.** is located at 336 Main Street NW, 505 865-7809, website [www.minervacanna.com](http://www.minervacanna.com).

**American Natural Spa Casa Bonita Salon**, Sandra Elizabeth Gonzalez, owner, welcomes customers at 351 Courthouse Rd. SE, Suite D, 505 480-6888, [gon\\_sandraraminez1961@live.com](mailto:gon_sandraraminez1961@live.com).

**Route 66 Smoke Shop** has opened at 100 Highway 314 NW, Mahmoud Alqasom, owner, 505 865-9009.

**Snake Ranch Farm Stores** is located at 232 Main Street NE, carrying locally grown produce, phone 505 865-6543, [www.sichlerchili.com](http://www.sichlerchili.com).

## LOCAL EVENTS

### FARMERS MARKET STILL OPEN

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

### VILLAGE OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED

Monday, October 12, for  
Columbus Day  
Monday trash pickup will be  
Tuesday, October 13

### RAY JOHN DE ARAGON SIGNS HIS BOOK "BILLY THE KID MEETS HIS GHOST"

Saturday, September 19 2 p.m.  
Museum of Heritage and Arts

### TREK FOR TRASH

Saturday, Sept. 26  
Help Clean up Los Lunas  
Call Marie Marquez at  
505 352-7658 to help

### ATTEND A COUNCIL MEETING

September 17 October 8 & 22  
660 Main St NW  
Main Street and Don Pasqual  
Meetings begin at 6:00 p.m.