



VILLAGE NEWS



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INCREASES TO WATER/SEWER RATES FOR 2016

Village of Los Lunas water and sewer bills sent in February 2016 will reflect a slight increase as part of a five-year plan approved by the Village Council in December 2014.

The Council approved the five-year water and sanitary sewer rate increase to both the base usage charge (0 – 2000 gallons) as well as the per thousand gallon usage charge above the base usage charge.

The rate adjustment is necessary to ensure the Village generates adequate revenue to meet existing water and sanitary sewer operational and maintenance costs; increasing costs for water supply treatment, sanitary sewer treatment, water distribution and sewer collection system maintenance, and proactive management for planned water and sewer system capital improvement projects.



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Year Two (2016) of the Five-year Plan:

- 0-2000 gallon water usage increase of \$1.47 or \$19.84 base rate; and
- 0-2000 gallon sanitary sewer increase of \$1.86 or \$25.08 base rate.
- Water and sewer usage per thousand above 2000 gallons will have no increase to the current calculation of \$4.25 per thousand for water and \$3.75 per thousand for sewer.

The following are the projected increases for years 3-5 of the approved plan:

Year Three (2017)

- Base rate water increase of \$1.59, and base rate sanitary sewer of \$2.00.

Year Four (2018)

- Base rate water increase of \$1.71, and base rate sanitary sewer of \$2.17.

Year Five (2019)

- Base rate water increase of \$1.85, and base rate sanitary sewer of \$2.34.

The Village of Los Lunas water usage charges are based on a metering system. Both residential and commercial users are charged for the water used per the meter reading.

In addition, the Village residential sanitary sewer usage is determined by taking the average water usage from the months of November through February and is reflected in the April statement. Village commercial sanitary sewer usage is determined as equal to the water meter reading.

For further information, please visit the Village of Los Lunas Website at www.loslunasnm.gov.

DROP YOUR WEIGHT

Register for the “Drop It Like It’s Hot” weight loss challenge at Daniel Fernandez Recreation Center for only \$20.

Price includes a fitness card with 20 visits valued at \$30.

Contact Brittany Armijo at 352-7719 with any questions.

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

All registered voters in the Village of Los Lunas are eligible to vote on the General Obligation Bond question on the March 1, 2016, ballot.

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?"

Passage of the issue would give firefighters additional facilities and equipment to protect lives and property in the Village.

Fire Chief John Gabaldon said the Village needs to purchase a fire truck with more aerial capabilities such as very high ladders attached to the truck.

An additional fire station on the west side on Sandsage would give the Village a station on both sides of Highway 314.

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND

Monday, Feb. 22, 2016
Open Meeting
Los Lunas Fire Station 6 p.m.
465 Main Street SE
Park at the station or the
Middle School.

Village Administration Office: 505 839-3840

Passage of the bond issue would also mean improving the current level of emergency services, said Gabaldon.

The Village recently acquired a rescue truck equipped with a power gurney which facilitates loading patients into the vehicle. It is the only one in the state with the power gurney capability and was partially funded by a \$57,000 state grant.

Passage of the G.O. bond could fund other emergency service improvements.

The polling site for the March 1, 2016, election is the Village Administration Building, 660 Main Street NW, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Early voting begins February 10 at the Village Administration Building.

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.

For more information, contact the Valencia County Bureau of Elections, 505 866-2080.

COUNCIL CANDIDATES FILE

A total of three candidates filed for the position of councilor to run in the March 1, 2016, Village election.

Running for Council District One are Christopher S. Ortiz and Amanda M. Perea.

Running for Council District Three is Gerard Saiz.

Registered voters living in these districts may vote for one person for this position.



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MASTER GARDENING PROGRAM NOW OPEN

The Valencia County Extension Master Gardening Program is accepting applications for 2016.

The New Mexico State University program trains volunteers to provide science-based information to community members on horticulture and gardening in the arid southwest.

Classes meet weekly on Mondays 1-5 p.m. and run through April.

For more information contact Newt at the extension office (505) 565-3002 or jnewton3@nmsu.edu.

In addition, the Winter Gardening series is held monthly on the second Thursday of each month at the extension office on Courthouse Road.

Topics in the series include landscape design, drip irrigation and butterfly gardens.



FRIENDS OF LIBRARY/ MUSEUM FORMING

The Friends of Los Lunas Public Library and Los Lunas Museum of Heritage and Arts is being established to help fund new library and museum programs, organize and operate book sales, build museum exhibits, purchase art supplies, provide field trips and other ventures to enhance what is available to the community.

A membership drive is being held. Individual memberships are \$10, \$5 for students and seniors.

Call the Los Lunas Library at 505 839-3850 or museum at 505 352-7720.

ENCHANTEMENT LITTLE LEAGUE REGISTRATION

Registration is now being held for 2016 Enchantment Little League baseball and softball.

Online registration is at www.enchantmentlittleleague.org.

Registration is being held at Daniel Fernandez Youth Center, Tuesday, Jan. 19, and Wednesday, Feb. 3, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.; Saturdays, Jan. 16 and Jan. 30, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

LLPD OFFERS TRAINING FOR SHOOTER SITUATIONS

The Los Lunas Police Department is offering training on how to respond to an active shooter situation.

This has been developed as a response to the recent San Bernardino, CA, incident and is intended to keep the community safe.

The two-hour training session teaches employees that they are not helpless in such situations, and provides them with response options to choose from, depending on the specific circumstance.

The active shooter response training is available to businesses in the Village.

Anyone interested can call Los Lunas Police Department at 505 839-3855 for more information.



WELCOME NEW BUSINESSES

Takeover Ink

244 Main Street NW
Trebtor (T.K.) Kaneshiro
505 227-1392

LOS LUNAS BUSINESS OPENINGS

Nemesis Performance, Lubricants and Parts, LLC

1930 Main Street NE, Suite 10
Darren & Charlene Trexler
www.nemesisperformanceracing.com
505 507-5214.

STILL IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Henrietta's Resturant will mark 30 years on Main Street in Los Lunas in February 2016.

The eatery is open 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. seven days a week at 740 Main Street NE, phone 505 865-5284.

The menu is very varied, ranging from burritos and eggs for breakfast, soups, salads and sandwiches for lunch, and steak or pasta for dinner.

Plus there are many other choices.

The New Mexican food features great chile, red, green or Christmas!



Shamarie Shells and Ernest Armijo of EME

Evolved Media Empire is a digital creative marketing and advertising firm that specializes in small businesses. EME is a one-stop-shop with branding, websites, graphic design, marketing, social networking, photography and even print services. After relocating from the Phoenix, AZ market, Shamarie Cyndi Shells and Ernest Armijo look forward to helping small businesses in New Mexico flourish.

For more information or to schedule a free consultation, contact EME at 505 608-0703 or www.geteme.com.



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LOCAL EVENTS

LOS LUNAS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Friday, Jan. 22 & Saturday, Jan. 23
Book Sale at the
Los Lunas Public Library
460 Main Street NE 505 839-3850

Saturday, Jan. 23, 2016 3 p.m.
First meeting of a new
Book Club
Los Lunas Public Library
460 Main St. NE 505 839-3850

EVENTS AT THE MUSEUM OF HERITAGE AND ARTS

Saturday, Feb. 6, 2016 2 p.m.
John Steinbeck Presentation
With Noel Pugach

Saturday, Feb. 13, 2016 2 p.m.
History of the
Farm Security Administration
(FSA) Photographers
With BG Burr

Saturday, Feb. 20, 2016 2 p.m.
All In, Down and Out, The Great
Depression in Song & Story with
Jane Voss & Hoyle Osbourne

Saturday, Feb. 27, 2016 2 p.m.
The Bosque Farms Project
with Dr. Richard Melzer.

Dust Drought and Dreams
Gone By through Feb. 27.

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

ATTEND A VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

January 21, February 4 & 18
660 Main St NW
Main Street and Don Pasqual
Meetings begin at 6:00 p.m.

www.loslunasnm.gov