



VILLAGE NEWS

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VILLAGE ISO RATING DROPS TO FOUR

Beginning in December 2016 the Village of Los Lunas will have an ISO (Insurance Services Office) rating of four, a drop from five.

The last time the Village ISO rating dropped was in 2008 when it went from six to five.

The ISO collects information on municipal fire-protection efforts in communities throughout the United States.

The ISO analyzes relevant data using a Fire Suppression Rating Schedule (FSRS) before assigning a Public Protection Classification from 1 to 10.

Class 1 generally represents superior property fire protection, and Class 10 indicates that the area's fire-suppression program doesn't meet ISO's minimum criteria.

Village Fire Chief John Gabaldon attributes the continual lowering of the community's rate to having the necessary equipment, the amount and quality of the staff, and the training of that staff

Open House

More than 250 people learned more about the Village Fire Department during an October open house.

The event included free flu shots given by Walgreens Pharmacy and hot dogs with drinks donated by Farmers Insurance.

BE CAREFUL COOKING THAT TURKEY

The Los Lunas Fire Department asks you to prevent turkey fryer fires!

Frying food is the greatest risk of cooking fires, says Fire Chief John Gabaldon.

Consider the dangers and risks before using a turkey fryer. Go to www.loslunasnm.gov/98/Fire-Department for more information.



New Fire Station

The Village's rating could be further influenced by construction of a new fire station on the west side of I-25.

Voters approved funding the station in the March municipal election.

Chief Gabaldon says the station should be operational by late 2018/early 2019.

Smoke Detectors

The fire department continues its proactive work in the community. In early October fire department staff installed 47 smoke detectors in 21 houses as part of fire prevention month.

This makes a total of 80 smoke detectors installed during 2016.

Folks need to remember to replace smoke detectors every ten years and to change detector batteries twice a year.

The Village Fire Department has nine-volt batteries available to the public at no charge.

Call Vivian Lujan 352-7616 or email vlujan@loslunasnm.gov to make arrangements to pick up.

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NIAGARA BOTTLING PLANT NOW HIRING

Niagara Bottling Company has taken over part of the old Merillat plant on the west side of I-25 and is hiring workers.

If you are interested, go to <https://niagarawater.wd5.myworkdayjobs.com/Niagara/jobs>.

A job fair will be held at the Los Lunas Transportation Center, 101 Courthouse Road, Thursday, Nov. 17 2016, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., sponsored by the Village and New Mexico Workforce Connection.

Andrew Peykoff Sr. started bottling Niagara water in five-gallon glass containers for home and office delivery in 1963.

Niagara is now the leading private label bottled water company in the United States.



SHOP AND EAT HERE IN THE VILLAGE

Over the last few years new shops and restaurants have opened in Los Lunas giving everyone more opportunities to stay in the Village to shop and eat.

New Mexico municipalities, including Los Lunas, depend on the gross receipts taxes collected to fund services such as fire and police protection.

Gross receipt tax and property tax revenue generate more than 50% of the village's general fund revenues.

The general fund pays for services such as police and fire departments, municipal court, library and museum, parks and recreation, community development, and streets, as well as others.

Spend your money in Los Lunas!



Unusual items available to purchase in the Village.

RENEW YOUR BUSINESS REGISTRATION NOW

Now is the time to purchase or renew your business registration, says Community Development Director Christina Ainsworth.

All businesses, whether multi-national or Mom and Pop, pay the same fee, \$25.

A registration is required for "all persons, firms, corporations or associations of any character engaged in any of the various pursuits, businesses or occupations," says the Village Municipal Code.

Renew or purchase your registration before Dec. 31.

A BREW OR WINE AT THE TAP ROOM

Want to try one of New Mexico's craft beers? Or maybe wine made in Tome?

Head to the Camino Real Winery and Tap Room located at 133 Vallejos Road NE, open noon to 10 p.m. Monday through Sunday.

Jon and Dolores Chavez are the owners of the tap room as well as the Camino Real Winery on Tome Hill Road.

The wine comes from the winery. New Mexico beer available includes Bosque, Marble, Canteen, Sierra Blanca, de la Vega, Alien, and Tractor Brewing.

Food is available from Casa de Pizza located in the next building over.



Jon and Dolores Chavez

TRANSPORTATION CENTER

The Village Transportation Center has undergone extensive renovations including adding a plaza on the north end of the building. Drop by the building at 101 Courthouse Road SE and see what has been done.

Village Administration Office: 505 839-3840

FIRE DEPT. COLLECTING NON-PERISHABLE FOOD

The Los Lunas Fire Department members and volunteers are collecting non-perishable food items for holiday boxes for the less fortunate in the Village of Los Lunas.

Be sure to check the expiration date before donating. Expired food cannot be given to those who need it.

You can drop items off at 465 Main St. SE.

Call Vivian Lujan 352-7616 or email vlujan@loslunasnm.gov for more information.

Your donations can help provide families with Thanksgiving and Christmas meals.

VILLAGE MAKES RECYCLING EASY

The Village Recycling Center, located at 197 Don Pasqual NW, north of the Fred Luna Multi-Generational Center, offers the opportunity to recycle:

- Plastics - numbers one through seven
- Cardboard - please break down
- Paper products of all kinds
- Glass
- Aluminum
- All metals

During special recycling events, computers and other electrical devices, can also be recycled.

VILLAGE HOLIDAY EVENTS

Holiday events coordinated and presented by the Village Community Services Department are:

The Christmas Electric Light Parade

Spread holiday cheer Saturday, Dec. 3, 2016, beginning at 6:30 p.m. for the Christmas Electric Light Parade.

The parade travels Main Street from Highway 47 and Lambros Loop to Don Pasqual.

Anyone interested in participating in the parade can register on the village website at loslunasnm.gov.

Santa Claus at the Transportation Center

Santa Claus will be at the Transportation Center Saturday, Dec. 10, 2016, 101 Courthouse Road SE, at 6 p.m.

That night's events include sipping hot chocolate, watching a classic holiday movie, and meeting Santa and Mrs. Claus as well as receiving a free gift.



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THE BRANCH BISTRO & CAFÉ OFFERS MORE

Looking for a place to eat breakfast or lunch? Try The Branch Bistro and Café at 2357B Main St. SE, phone 565-1543, located in the Albertsons Shopping Center.

The Branch menu includes coffee roasted by Bosque Coffee Roaster in Los Lunas and a green chile bagel sandwich. There's also homemade soups, salads, and daily lunch specials.

The Branch is open 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday but is also open Tuesday evenings 5 to 7 for tutoring.

In addition, the first and third Fridays of the month are hang-out nights with coffee on the house.

The Branch also offers a variety of Christian supplies along with gifts and inspirational items.

Visit The Branch at branchbistro.com on the web.



The green chile bagel sandwich is a Branch specialty.

HOME FURNITURE MORE THAN 50 YEARS

In 1960 Los Lunas had a population of 1,186. In 1962 brothers Bernard and Bennie Sanchez opened Home Furniture at Main Street and Los Lentes.

More than 50 years later, Home Furniture continues to offer furniture for all rooms of the house or office, window coverings, flooring, appliances, electronics and more.

Bernard bought Bennie out over the years and now Bernard's

daughters, Marilyn and Beverly Sanchez, run the store.

Marilyn points out that customer service is very important. The store offers free delivery with free setup, and various forms of financing. Home Furniture is located at 704 Main Street NE, phone 505 865-9891, open Monday – Saturday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.



Home Furniture offers free delivery.

LOCAL EVENTS

Adult Coloring Night
Los Lunas Public Library
460 Main St. NE
Every Tuesday 5-6:30 p.m.

Museum of Heritage and Arts

Luna Avenue and Main Street
505 352-7720

4th Annual Juried Art Show
Art Show: Milestones
Through December 31st

Bill of Rights Exhibit
December 3 - December 31

Story and Craft Time
for Preschoolers (age 3-5)
Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

Village Offices Closed for Thanksgiving Nov. 24 & 25
Thursday garbage pickup
Wednesday
Friday pickup Monday

Attend a Village Council Meeting

November 17 Dec. 1 & 15
660 Main St NW
Main Street and Don Pasqual
Meetings begin at 6:00 p.m.

LOS LUNAS CHAMBER MEETS

The Los Lunas Chamber of Commerce continues meeting on the third Thursday of the month, registration at 11:30 a.m., at Teofilo's Restaurant, 144 Main St. NW. in Los Lunas.