



VILLAGE NEWS

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RIO GRANDE BRIDGE TO BE REPLACED

The Village's bridge over the Rio Grande was built in 1974 so it is nearing the end of its 50-year design life and is scheduled to be replaced.

A public presentation with a question and answer period about the bridge will be held Tuesday, April 11, 6 p.m., at the Transportation Center.

Bridge alternatives being considered are:

- Bridge rehabilitation
- North side new parallel alignment
- North side new curved alignment
- South side new parallel alignment
- Split bridge
- North side offset alignment
- South side offset alignment
- In-line replacement

It is hoped NM 6/Main Street will remain open with four lanes during the bridge work because 25,900 vehicles travel on the bridge each day.

Also, pedestrian and bike routes can hopefully be accommodated.

Things to be taken into consideration for the replacement are cost, right-of-way, environmental, drainage, utilities, access, public input, drains and Riverside Park.

The schedule is selection of preferred alternative in spring 2017; environmental clearance in early 2018; design completion in early 2019; and construction in 2019-2020.

The bridge was rehabilitated in 2013 to extend the life of the bridge until it could be replaced.

Check the Village's website for more information, loslunasnm.gov.



Church's Chicken Grand Opening

GOT DRUGS? TAKE-BACK DAY

Anyone can bring unused or expired medication for safe disposal, with no questions asked, to the Village Administration Building lobby, Don Pasqual and Main Street, on Saturday, April 29, between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.



CHURCH'S CHICKEN DOES RECORD SALES

The Village of Los Lunas Church's Chicken enjoyed the highest opening week of store sales in the history of the company — \$81,000!

Village Economic Development Director Ralph Mims points out that this shows that the Village is an excellent market to do business in.

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MEMORIAL DAY RUN

The annual Believe in Heroes/Cops for Kids Memorial Day Run will be May 27, beginning at 7:30 a.m.

The event is a fund raiser to benefit Valencia County veterans and the Los Lunas Cops for Kids Program. It includes a 5k run/walk, 10k, kids k, and 5k rucksack.

The run starts and ends at the Starlight Cinema 8, 2226 Sun Ranch Road SW.

Entry forms are available at Main Street Muscle and Fitness Center, 435 Main Street SW, www.LosLunasVets.com or at <https://register.chronotrack.com/r/23614>.

Call 505 235-3580 for info.

SUMMER RECREATION

Registration begins Monday, April 17, for the Village's 2017 Summer Recreation Program.

Registration is at Daniel Fernandez Recreation Center, 1103 Highway 314 SW.

Cost is \$45 per session per child.

The sessions are limited to 300 students per session.

Session One is June 4 through June 22. Session Two is July 10 through July 27.

Recreation is held Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.



Village Administration Office: 505 839-3840

KING OF THE HILL RESULTS

Nearly 200 people participated in the King of the Hill races on El Cerro de Los Lunas in March.

The top five finishers in the 5k race were: 1. Elias Salazar; 2. Elvis Bitsilly; 3. Manny Romero; 4. Deborah Valencia; and 5. Noahlaya Bitsui.

Top five finishers in the 10k race were: 1. Michael Small; 2. Kevin Johnson; 3. David Benavidez; 4. Luis Contreras; and 5. Jaycob Ross.

Top five finishers in the half marathon race were: 1. Will Marquardt; 2. Derek Logan; 3. Glen Gibson; 4. Alyssa Jojola; and 5. Ryan Roanhorse.

A complete list of participants and how they finished can be found on loslunasnm.gov.



Top three half marathon King of the Hill winners.

LOS LUNAS CHAMBER MEETS

The Los Chamber of Commerce continues to meet on the third Thursday of the month from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

More information including the luncheon location can be found at www.loslunaschamber.com

GET YOUR BEAUTY SUPPLIES IN LL

SallyBeauty supply is now open at 2510 Main St. NE, phone 505 565-5249.

A wide range of beauty supplies for nails, hair, skin, and the body can be found at the store.

A variety of makeup is also available as well as accessories.



SallyBeauty supply now open.

YARD SALE MAY 6

A yard sale, sponsored by the Friends of the Los Lunas Public Library and Museum, will be held in the Los Lunas Administration Building parking lot, 660 Main Street NW, Saturday, May 6.

Vendors will set up after 7 a.m. and must be packed up by 3 p.m.

To reserve a \$20 space, vendors should go to the Los Lunas Public Library, 460 Main St. SE.

The sale will be held rain or shine.

WATER AND THE VILLAGE - PART 2

With Facebook and Niagara Bottling Company arriving in Los Lunas, people have raised questions about water in the community.

This is the second of a three-part series in the Village newsletter about water and water rights.

Water and water rights are the lifeblood of New Mexico.

Water rights refers to the legal or physical ways the Village compensates for any impact made on the Rio Grande so that the river is "kept whole."

The Village has four types of water rights:

- Retirement of irrigation rights that date from 1907 or earlier. These are almost all rights from Valley farms bought by developers and donated to the Village as a condition of subdivision approval.

- Lease of San Juan Chama Project (SJCP) water which is water imported to the Rio Grande from southwest Colorado by a federal project.

- Return to the river of treated wastewater which is roughly 50 percent of what is pumped by Village wells

- A credit given to the Village for groundwater it developed before the State Engineer took jurisdiction over regional groundwater, which is termed "vested" rights.

The Village currently holds the rights to divert 5,534 acre-feet per year of water which is more than twice the current rate of usage.



By 2050 the Village projects a need for up to 4,250 acre-feet per year of water to accommodate population growth and associated commercial development.

This projection does not include demand for Facebook and Niagara.

Since the Village will not need all its water rights in the near future, Los Lunas leases out its unused water rights to government agencies or individuals to generate income and benefit the Valley.

The leases can be cancelled when the Village needs the rights.



BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

Los Lunas hosts the New Mexico State Battle of the Books Saturday, April 29, at Los Lunas High School, 1776 Emilio Lopez Rd NW, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Battle of the Books is a reading competition for students in grades four through eight.

Children read and meet with their peers throughout the year before entering a quiz-style battle about books read for the battle.

Contact Karin Trujillo at ktrujillo@llschools.net or 505 865-1750, ext. 6818, for more information.

Volunteers are needed to read and be timers for the battle.

Contact Amy Deutsch at adeutsch@dexterdemons.org to volunteer.

FIESTA SUBDIVISION NOW OPEN

Las Terrazas de Fiesta is a master planned housing community which captures the essence of small town living in Los Lunas just off Highline Street.

At Fiesta, Twilight Homes offers 9 floor plans. From 1,332 square feet to 2,618 square feet, there is sure to be a home design that perfectly fits anyone's lifestyle.

There's quick access to Los Lunas schools, large box retailers, restaurants, outdoor spaces, and I-25, which delivers you to downtown Albuquerque in 20 minutes.

Twilight Homes is the fastest growing builder in New Mexico while achieving personal, friendly small builder services in a conveniently quicker manner.

The Twilight Homes team works to find the right home, whether it will be built or is from the existing homes inventory.

Come find a new home in the Las Terrazas at Fiesta community.

Twilight Homes is the Los Lunas new home choice.



One of 9 different styles built by Twilight Homes.

FIBER INTERNET COMING TO LL

Plateau Communications has plans to come to Los Lunas with services over an advanced fiber optic network for residents.

These services include an ultra-fast one gigabit per second (Gbps) internet connection, paired with crystal clear high definition TV and home phone service.

One gigabit per second (Gbps) is a 1,000 megabits per second (Mbps) connection.

For the service, Los Lunas has been divided into zones. Residents in zones need to pre-register for Plateau fiber services.

When a zone meets 100% of the pre-registration goal, Plateau will build fiber throughout that zone.

A minimal \$10 fee is charged when pre-registering which is a \$20 discount on the Plateau invoice when service begins.

The answers to Frequently Asked Questions about these services can be found at plateaufiber.com.

The website also offers the opportunity to chat with a Plateau representative and/or send an email.

The Plateau toll free number is 1 877 PLATEAU (1 877 752-8328), Monday through Friday 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.



NEW OWNERS AT PIZZA 9

Ruben and Paula Holguin are the proud new owners of the Pizza 9 in Los Lunas, 1603 Main St. SW, Suite E, phone 505 866-6463.

This is their second location.

The past 2-1/2 years they've been working at their first location at 6136 4th Street NW in Los Ranchos.

Prior to becoming Pizza 9 owners, Ruben worked at the Wal-Mart DC in Los Lunas for over 16 years.

Paula worked for 10 years as a district manager for Twister's in Albuquerque.

They look forward to serving and working with the great village of Los Lunas.



Pizza 9 on Main Street.

Museum of Heritage & Arts

Main Street and Luna Avenue
505 352-7720

Exhibits

Birds of the Rio Grande
Photographs by Chris Tafoya
Through April 29
The Civil War in New Mexico
Through May 27
4th Annual Juried Student
Art Show — Milestones
Through May 19
Civil War Exhibit Panels
Through May 31
American Illustrators 1890-1950
Through May 31
(exhibit extended)

LOCAL EVENTS

Subdivision Ordinance Revision Meetings

April 19, 2017
Pre-Application Procedure and
NEW Replat Procedure Sections

May 17, 2017
Preliminary Plat Procedure and
Final Plat Procedure Sections

June 21, 2017
Improvements, Public Parks
and Water Rights Sections

6 p.m. Village Council Chambers
660 Main St. NW

Village Offices Closed

Friday, April 14 – Good Friday
Garbage collection on
Thursday, April 13

Saturday, April 22, 2017
Book Sale
Los Lunas Public Library
Parking Lot 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Los Lunas Public Library

460 Main St. NE

Adult Coloring Night
Every Tuesday 5-6:30 p.m.

Attend a Village Council Meeting

April 20 May 11 & 25
660 Main St NW
Main Street and Don Pasqual
Meetings begin at 6:00 p.m.

Museum of Heritage & Arts

Tours

Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge
Saturday, April 29
(tour rescheduled)
Saints & Sinners Tour
Friday, May 12
Visit loslunasnm.gov
for more details.