



VILLAGE NEWS

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FILL OUT WATER CONSERVATION SURVEY

Take a few minutes to fill out the Village of Los Lunas water conservation survey available at <http://www.loslunasnm.gov/wcpsurvey>.

The goal of the survey is to help provide awareness, offer an opportunity to provide feedback, and guide future conservation efforts in the community.

It takes only a few minutes to fill out the survey.

Survey results will become part of the Village's water conservation plan.

The water conservation survey will be available online until March 27, 2017.

The water conservation plan describes the progress made by the Village implementing water conservation actions identified in the 2010 Forty Year Water Development Plan.

The Water Conservation Plan is available on the Village website.

WATER SOURCE PROTECTION PLANNING

Village officials worked with Daniel B. Stephens & Associates, Inc. to develop a Source Water Protection Plan (SWPP).

The SWPP provides the management tool for current and future approaches to prevent source water contamination, thereby protecting the Village drinking water system and customer health.

The SWPP says that by 2050 the Village water system will serve 43,662 residents and 1,500 inmates at the Central New Mexico Correctional Facility.

The Village's 40-year-plan shows adequate water supplies into the future.

The draft plan is available at the Village Administration Offices, 660 Main St. NW, and online at www.loslunasnm.gov/swpp.

RECYCLING SITE CHANGES



The Village recycling site is moving, but not very far, just north of the current site.

More and more people recycle which means the recycling site is moving to accommodate the increased usage.

A new recycling facility is being constructed. No shut down of the recycling area is anticipated during the construction.

The Village's Solid Waste Division personnel will move to the transfer station on Highway 6 west of I-25.

Also moving to the transfer station are the Solid Waste Division equipment and the old First Choice building from South Highway 314 to serve as new office space.

Be careful driving into the recycling area as there will be the reconstruction of the recycling center and the construction of the Valencia Regional Emergency Communications Center.

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HIGHWAY 6 & 47 IMPROVEMENTS

Work is expected to begin soon on improvements to the intersection of NM Highway 6 (also known as Main Street) and Highway 47.

The \$484,108 project includes installation of new traffic signals, new signage, and other traffic items as needed to improve vehicular traffic flow and pedestrian safety including ADA improvements..

Funding for the project is 100 percent provided by the Highway Safety Improvement Program with no funds provided by the Village.

Bixby Electric was awarded the project contract by the Village Council.

Be extra cautious in this area during construction. Watch out for workers.

VALENCIA COUNTY SENIOR FITNESS

Registration for the Valencia County Senior Fitness 100 has begun.

The event encourages citizens age 50 and up by Dec. 31, 2016, in Valencia County to log as many miles of exercise as they can in the 100 days between Feb. 15 and May 25.

Cost to participate is \$5 per person.

Those reaching 50 miles receive a certificate of completion. The two top female and male participants receive a special award.

Registration forms and exercise logs are available at the Daniel Fernandez Recreation Center, 1103 Highway 314 SW. For more information call Jorge Venegas at 505 352-7725.

Village Administration Office: 505 839-3840

VILLAGE LANDMARKS ON VAN

In the Village's continuing effort to bring great service to the community, the water/sewer division has repurposed a municipal van so it is easily recognizable and carries the tools/equipment necessary to repair water leaks.

Watch for this vehicle with its brightly colored wraps showing Village landmarks around the community.



Water/sewer van shows landmarks.

SPEED TRAILER AVAILABLE

The police department wants to reduce the number of crashes in Los Lunas.

The Village Police Department Speed Trailer is an educational tool to remind drivers to travel the posted speed limits thus making the roadways safer in Los Lunas.

If you would like to request the speed trailer in a certain area, contact Sergeant James Rich at jrich@loslunasnm.gov or call 505 839-3855.

INCREASES TO WATER/SEWER RATES

A reminder — Village water and sewer bills sent in February 2017 reflect a slight increase.

The increases are:

- 0-2000 gallon water usage increase of \$1.59 or \$21.43 base rate; and
- 0-2000 gallon sanitary sewer increase of \$2.00 or \$27.08 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.

Village water usage charges are based on a metering system.

The Village residential sanitary sewer usage is determined by taking the average water usage from November through February and shows in the April statement.

Village commercial sanitary sewer usage is determined as equal to the water meter reading.

For further information, visit the Village website at loslunasnm.gov.

LOS LUNAS CHAMBER MEETS

The Los Chamber of Commerce continues to meet on the third Thursday of the month. See their website www.loslunaschamber.com for details.

www.loslunasnm.gov

KING OF THE HILL MARCH 11

The 3rd Annual King of the Hill 5K/10K and half marathon trail run will be held Saturday, March 11, starting at El Cerro de Los Lunas Trailhead, three miles west of I-25 on Highway 6.

The 5K goes along the Bowl Trail on the west side of El Cerro and is mostly a flat course with a few small hills.

The 10K begins on the 5K route before diverting up a steep hill to meet the Overlook Trail, which offers views of the Rio Grande Valley and the Sandia and Manzano Mountains.

The 10K has approximately 700 feet of elevation change.

The Half Marathon has 2100 feet of elevation gain/loss covering the 10k overlook trail and continues to the east side of the Los Lunas Hill.



Anyone can enjoy the King of the Hill trail run.

POLICE CHIEF EARNS MASTER'S

Congratulations to Village Police Chief Naithan Gurule on earning his Master of Science degree in Criminal Justice (with a concentration in legal studies) through Saint Leo University.

The degree was awarded in December, 2016.

FACEBOOK DATA CENTER BRINGS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

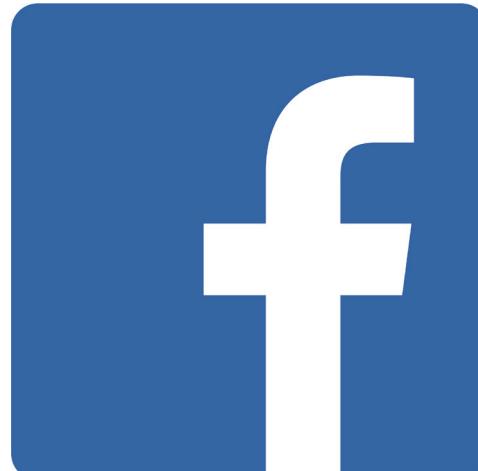
A study prepared by David Taussig & Associates, a California based consulting firm retained by the Village, projects significant fiscal and economic impacts over a 10-year period for the new Facebook data center in the Village.

The document is dated December 2016.

The report states that the goal of the study was to "determine whether the project is expected to generate enough revenues for the Village to fully offset expenditures for Local Economic Development Act (LEDA) assistance as well as services provided on its behalf by the Village."

The study says:

- Total economic output over 10 years — the temporary impacts of the construction project, and the more permanent impact of the data center, are projected to reach \$1.88 billion if "indirect and induced" impacts are also included. That number reflects the creation of 5,660 jobs countywide and the addition of \$234.77 million in wages.



- Assuming the maximum six buildings are constructed, the project is expected to generate a net of \$2.17 million per year in revenue for Los Lunas's general fund, \$21.71 million over 10 years

- Los Lunas is expected to net nearly \$28 million in gross receipts tax revenues related to the construction project over a decade-long period, a figure that accounts for the amount forgiven in the incentive package. Gross receipts tax revenues countywide are projected to total \$83.41 million over the same period.

- The project will require "significant new infrastructure . ultimately owned by the Village and maintained by the Village's general fund" and "financed through public or private funds," including water main extensions, additional fire hydrants and sewer improvements.

PNM is also building a high-voltage electrical line and several solar facilities for the data center.

GALA NIGHT AT UNM-VC

The eighth annual scholarship fundraiser at the University of New Mexico-Valencia Campus wil be held Saturday, March 4.

The event will be a "totally 80s" evening catered by Scalo Northern Italian Grill with live and silent auctions, music and dancing, and participants dressed in "rad" 1980s threads.

Call Christina Martinez at 505 925-8550 for more information.



ANDY'S BOOTS AND SHOES – 34 YEARS

In 1983 Andy Luna opened Andy's Boots and Shoes. Now he and his son, Andrew Luna, work together and the enterprise is going strong.

From dressy pumps to hardworking boots, and just about everything in between, the folks at Andy's Boots can repair it.

A wide variety of boots are for sale including the steel-toe kind required in many jobs.

Also found in the store are belts, straw hats, wallets, and many shoe-related products.

Andy's Boots and Shoes is located at 1920 Main St. NE, phone 505 865-5888.



Andrew Luna with boots offered at Andy's.

WELCOME NEW BUSINESSES

Church's Chicken has opened at Main and Los Lentes SE.

Sally Beauty is expected to open in March in the Smith's Shopping Center.

The Jerky Shack has opened in GoodFellas Pizza, 959 Highway 314 SW.

Cactus Rose Salon and Spa is located at 2060 Main Street NE Suite B. Owner is Kim Owens, 505 539-5181.

The New Mexico National Guard opened a new location at 1400 Main St. NW Suite D.

Andrew Spears is the financial advisor for Edward Jones at 3459C Highway 47, phone 505 865-0303, andrew.spears@edwardjones.com.

MUSEUM HAPPENINGS

The Village Museum of Heritage and Arts has many events so drop in at 251 Main St. SE, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

Among the current museum displays is American Illustrators 1890-1950, which has more than 30 works by American Illustrators from the collection of Dennis Coberly. This display continues at least through March 11.

On February 18, John Taylor speaks at 2 p.m. about the Civil War Battles of Peralta and Valverde in New Mexico.

Taylor discusses the Confederates' campaign to seize New Mexico and the Union's campaign to repel the Confederates.

LOCAL EVENTS

Subdivision Ordinance Revision Meetings

February 15, 2017
Definitions Section

March 15, 2017
General Provisions,
Administration and Enforcement,
Plat Vacation Procedure, and
Design Standards Sections
6 p.m. Village Council Chambers

Los Lunas Public Library
460 Main St. NE

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

Attend a Village Council Meeting

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

The museum will also have a Civil War display opening February 18.

The 4th Annual Juried Student Art Show with the theme Milestones runs March 4 through May 19.

The Museum is sponsoring the following tours:

- Tour of Fort Craig (ruins), the largest U.S. military outpost in New Mexico before and during the Civil War, Feb. 25
- Tour of the Mystery Rock (west of Los Lunas), March 11
- Tour of the Salinas Pueblos, March 25

Call 505 352-7720 for more information and to make reservations.