



# VILLAGE NEWS



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## WORK BEGINS ON REGIONAL RAIL PARK PROJECT

Work has started on the Central New Mexico Rail Park, a project which could transform New Mexico's transportation and logistics industry while creating thousands of jobs.

The Central New Mexico Rail Park is located in the Village near the Burlington Northern Santa Fe rail line, a major connection between Los Angeles and Chicago, and places along the way.

Developers plan to create a new warehouse, manufacturing and distribution center on more than 400 acres of undeveloped land along N.M. Highway 6.

"The Central New Mexico Rail Park has the potential to become a transformational project for Central New Mexico, creating jobs throughout the region and connecting major markets across the country," said Village Councilor Gino M. Romero.

The Bernalillo County Commission has approved a memorandum of understanding that would reimburse

the Village of Los Lunas up to \$400,000 for a rail spur between the rail park and the existing rail line.

"Construction workers, truck drivers, warehouse employees and many more will find meaningful work at the Central New Mexico Rail Park," said Bernalillo County Commission Chair Art De La Cruz.

"Creating new jobs and more economic opportunity has been my No. 1 priority over the past eight years, and this project has already delivered now that construction crews have broken ground," continued De La Cruz.

Romero said, "I want to thank our colleagues on the Bernalillo County Commission for having the vision and the foresight to invest in a regional project that will help our economy."

## SERENDIPITY FUN CENTER OPEN

Serendipity Fun Center at 340 Los Cerritos Rd. NW is a family entertainment center featuring three nine-hole miniature golf courses, private party facilities, an arcade, and a snack bar offering Pinky's Italian Ice.

The private party rooms are expandable into one large room.

The miniature golf courses include a wheelchair accessible one.

Serendipity Fun Center is open 2:30 to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday; Fridays 2:30 to 11 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.; and Sundays noon to 8 p.m. Phone number is 505 865-4511.

Check out [serendipityfuncenter.com](http://serendipityfuncenter.com) on the web.



*Arcade at Serendipity Fun Center.*

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## INCREASE TO WATER/SEWER RATES FOR 2017

Village of Los Lunas water and sewer bills sent in February 2017 will reflect a slight increase as part of a five-year plan approved by the Village Council in December 2014.

The rate adjustment ensures 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.

The 2017 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 residential and commercial users are charged for the water used per a meter reading.

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.

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

For further information, visit the Village website at [loslunasnm.gov](http://loslunasnm.gov).

Village Administration Office: 505 839-3840

## FIRE HYDRANT COLORS CHANGING

Fire hydrants throughout the Village are being painted to match the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards for color coding according to flow.

The lower part of fire hydrants is painted a reflective silver to assist firefighters in locating them, especially at night.

The hydrant tops will be color coded based on the flow under normal operating conditions, expressed in gallons per minute (GPM).

Standard color codes for flow at 20 pounds per square inch are:

- Class C - less than 500 GPM  
- red
- Class B - 500 to 999 GPM  
- orange
- Class A – 1000 to 1499 GPM  
- green
- Class AA - 1500 GPM and above  
- light blue

If you have questions, contact: Ray Vigil Water/Sewer Superintendent at 352-7657 or [vigilr@loslunasnm.gov](mailto:vigilr@loslunasnm.gov)



*Nimitz inspects a newly painted fire hydrant.*

## GROUND BROKEN FOR 911 CENTER

A groundbreaking has been held for the site of the new Valencia County Regional Emergency Communication Center (VRECC) building on Don Pasqual behind the Village Administration building.

The VRECC, currently located in the Los Lunas Police Department, is home to the county's 911 services.

The VRECC has outgrown its space in the station due to population growth and increased call volume.

The new \$3.2 million, 11,490 square foot VRECC building will have 13 work stations, an increase over the current nine.

It is hoped the structure, to be built by SDV Construction, will be completed by August 2017.

There will be \$875,000 worth of new equipment which includes a complete upgrade to the outdated 911 equipment, new dispatch console furniture, a new generator, and a new phone/radio recording system.



*Dirt flies at the ground breaking for the 911 center.*

## FRIENDS SELLING USED BOOKS AT LIBRARY

The Friends of the Los Lunas Library & Museum have stocked the bookshelves in the hallway at the front of the Los Lunas Library with books for sale.

Books are sorted by category and labels on the shelves identify different categories of books.

If you see something you want, take it to the circulation desk in the library for payment.

## JUBILEE DONATION MEANS NEW RESCUE EQUIPMENT

Residents of Jubilee, a Los Lunas active adult community, donated \$9,834 to the Village Fire Department to upgrade its life-saving cardiac monitoring equipment.

"We're grateful to the residents of Jubilee," said Fire Chief John Gabaldon. "This equipment purchase allows us to upgrade our cardiac monitoring equipment helping the survivability of heart attack patients throughout the community."

The upgraded equipment allows emergency service personnel to view 12 areas of the heart at one time, as opposed to the three areas in the older equipment.

Funds were raised as part of the September 2016 Jubilee Arts and Crafts Fair, donations, and proceeds from a resident's downsizing sale.

## SITE LOCATION FOR EXCHANGE TRANSACTIONS

The Los Lunas Police Department invites Los Lunas residents and business owners who buy and sell on Craigslist, or other exchange sites, to conduct their transactions in the parking lot or front lobby of the Los Lunas Police Department at the corner of Don Pasqual and Main Street.

The Los Lunas Police Department is taking a "proactive" approach to ensure people are not victimized through theft or violence when selling an item or conducting a transaction. The primary concern for police is the safety of citizens.

The parking lot and front lobby are active throughout the day, monitored by staff and security cameras, and are well lit in the evening.

The lobby is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, however, Police Department employees may not be used to supervise or complete any sales.

Those using the police facility during the weekend or after hours may use the parking lot, which is under video surveillance 24 hours a day.

## TWO NO CHARGE SPECIAL TRASH PICKUPS PER YEAR

The Village Solid Waste Department will pick up, at no charge, two special loads of trash and debris in the amount of a large pickup truck load (4.5 cubic yards) for each Village of Los Lunas address per calendar year.

Any additional requests require a \$25 fee for each request.

All special loads are documented to track total cubic yards per address.

## INFRASTRUCTURE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

The Village Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP) for 2018-2022 has been approved by the Village Council which means the council, as well as Village staff, are planning for the community's future.

The ICIP lists projects that improve life in the Village if those projects are built. This list must be reviewed every year so the Village is ready should project funding become available.

Top projects for the 2018 budget year include phase one of water line installation across the Rio Grande; extension of Morris Road; I-25 interchange and bridge construction; improvements to aerobic digester and sludge handling; and Huning Ranch Park Improvements.

Funding comes from a variety of sources including legislative appropriations, grants, the village budget, and loans which are then repaid from the village budget.

The complete ICIP is available at [loslunasnm.gov](http://loslunasnm.gov).

## 2017 VALENCIA COUNTY SENIOR OLYMPICS

The 2017 Valencia County Senior Olympics will be held at various sites throughout Valencia County March through May.

Registration begins January 2017. The cost is \$20 for an unlimited number of events.

Contact Village Sports Coordinator Jorge Venegas at [venegasj@loslunasnm.gov](mailto:venegasj@loslunasnm.gov) or 505 352-7725.



## RAMOS FLOWERS DELIVERS

Ramos Flowers and Gift Shop is now open in the building that once housed Adobe Flowers at 2211 Main St SE.

Ramos Flowers delivers in the greater metro area for all events and occasions, but specializes in weddings.

The arrangements include those made with edible fruit and fresh flowers. There's a wide variety of other arrangements for all occasions.

Open 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday, closed Sunday, phone 505 916-0339.



*Lots of gift items available at Ramos Flowers.*

## 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](http://www.loslunaschamber.com) for details.

Village Administration Office: 505 839-3840

## METRO PCS OFFERS TWO LOCATIONS

Looking for a pre-paid phone? Want to find out about different phones?

Try Metro PCS which has two locations in Los Lunas, 1402 Main St. NW Suite D, the corner of Los Cerritos and Main Street, and 2211 Main St. SE which once housed Adobe Flowers.

Metro PCS offers a variety of plans and phones that can suit just about any phone user.

In addition, there is a variety of accessories available.

Metro PCS is part of the T-Mobile network.

The stores are open seven days a week. Reach the Los Cerritos store at 505 916-0674 or contact the franchise owner, Aref Ramos, at 773 799-1157, for the Main Street Southeast store.



*Metro PCS offers wide variety of phone services.*

## NOTED AUTHOR SPEAKS

Noted New Mexico author Mike McGarrity will speak Saturday, Jan. 21, 2017, at the Village Transportation Center, 101 Courthouse Road, beginning at 2 p.m.

He will sign his books also.

## LOCAL EVENTS

**Museum of Heritage and Arts**  
Main Street and Luna Avenue  
505 352-7720

Birds of the Rio Grande:  
Photographs by Chris Tafoya  
Jan. 1 – April 29, 2017

American Illustrators Exhibition  
Jan. 7 – May 29, 2017

Civil War Exhibit  
Jan. 25 – May 27, 2017

600 Generations of Changing  
Land Use in the San Clemente  
Land Grant Region  
Jan. 28, 2017 2 – 4 p.m.  
A Lecture by Dr. David Edward  
Stuart

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

**Los Lunas Public Library**  
460 Main St. NE

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

**Attend a Village  
Council Meeting**

Jan. 26, Feb. 9 & 23, 2017  
660 Main St NW  
Main Street and Don Pasqual  
Meetings begin at 6:00 p.m.

**Subdivision Ordinance  
Revision Meetings**

Jan. 18, 2017  
Updated Subdivision Ordinance  
Outline  
6 p.m. Village Council Chambers

Feb. 15, 2017  
Definitions Section  
6 p.m. Village Council Chambers  
660 Main St. NW