



VILLAGE NEWS



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FIRE STATION #2 UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Work has begun on construction of the Village's second fire station on Sand Sage Road west of Interstate 25.

T.A. Cole and Sons, an Albuquerque general contractor, has been awarded the job to construct the Village's second station for \$4.4 million including gross receipts tax.

Fire station #2 will be built on 2.3 acres purchased by the Village in 2006.

The facility will have five bays, six dorms, laundry room, training room, offices, exercise area, kitchen, bathrooms, a decontamination area, an EMS station, and a triage area for walk-in emergencies.

Funding for the station comes from a \$5.8 million mill levy approved by Village voters in March 2016.



Village Fire Station #2

A new ladder truck will also be purchased with the mill levy funds.

Fire Chief John Gabaldon has said the ladder truck will run about \$960,000.

A ladder truck will allow firefighters to more effectively fight multi-story structure fires, and get water to the center of fires, which will help contain those fires.

Molzen Corbin Architect John Pate said the new fire station is designed to be serviceable long into the future.

GET MORE VILLAGE INFO

More information about what is going on in the Village is available by going to the Village homepage, loslunasnm.gov, click on SERVICES and then select NOTIFY ME on the left.

You can subscribe to the Village Weekly Updates, the Village Newsletter, the Village Council Agenda, Burn Notifications, Planning and Zoning notices, and Parks and Recreation notices.

In addition, it is possible to receive notifications about bid postings and government jobs.

This is another service of the Village of Los Lunas.

ROMERO NOW MAYOR PRO TEM

Village Councilor Gino Romero is now serving as Mayor Pro Tem for the Village.

The Mayor Pro Tem fills in for Mayor Charles Griego when he is not able to perform his duties.

Romero was elected Councilor from District 2 in March 2014.



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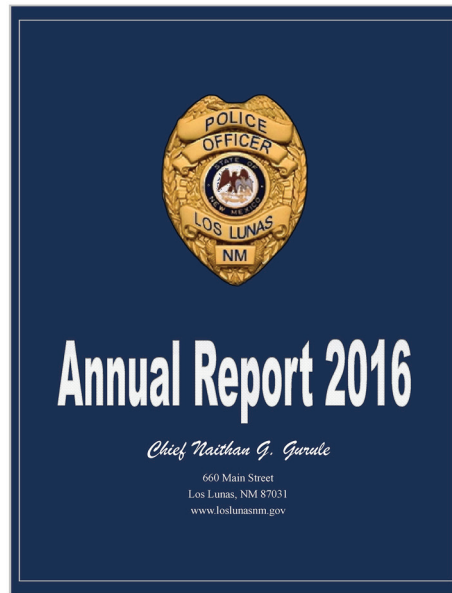
VILLAGE BUDGET APPROVED

The Village Council has approved the municipality's 2017-2018 interim budget and it includes several capital outlay projects, as well as increased revenue and spending.

Among the projects in the 2017-2018 interim budget are:

- Construction of a right-hand turn lane at the eastbound corner of Main Street (Highway 6) where it intersects with Highway 314
- Improvements to Don Pasqual Road from Main Street to Tondre Road
- Preliminary design work on extending Camelot Road to the south for eventual access to Morris Road
- Design and construction of a \$6.6 million wastewater sludge management project to expand the wastewater treatment capacity
- Construction of an east side water loop to provide greater water pressure to fight fires and prevent water service disruption
- Purchase of additional land for right-of-way in anticipation of building a second Interstate 25 interchange and east-west corridor along Morris Road extending to NM 47

The Village budget is available at loslunasnm.gov under DEPARTMENTS and then Administration. The final budget is scheduled to be heard and approved by the Village Council on July 27.



LL POLICE 2016 REPORT NOW AVAILABLE

The Los Lunas Police Department 2016 annual report can now be found on the Village's website, loslunasnm.gov.

Here's some interesting information from the report:

Two new specialized units have been created, a Traffic Unit and Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) Unit:

The Traffic Unit consists of a Sergeant and two police officers.

The unit responds to traffic crashes and conducts traffic enforcement in areas where there are increased crashes and areas where citizens have complaints about traffic issues. The unit conducts speed surveys using the speed trailer.

The officers collect and analyze the data to increase traffic safety.

The DWI Unit consists of a Sergeant and one police officer. The DWI Unit detects and arrests drivers impaired by alcohol and/or drugs.

The Sergeant manages the traffic safety grant. The officers are drug recognition experts and instructors.

The police department arrested 115 people for DWI in 2016.

The police department had \$290,527 in alternative revenues in 2016 from:

- 1033 Program (tactical robot), \$187,812
- Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant, \$12,000
- U.S. DOJ Justice Assistance Grant, \$11,692
- New Mexico Municipal League Body Worn Camera Reimbursement, \$11,039
- NM Law Enforcement Trust Fund, \$41,600
- NM Traffic Safety Grant, \$26,384

SWIMMING POOL OPEN

The Los Lunas High School swimming pool is open through Saturday, August 5, on Mondays through Saturdays.

A variety of activities is offered including aqua aerobics, lap swimming, swimming lessons, and infant-parent classes.

Private pool parties may be booked subject to the availability of the pool.

Extensive information about the pool, which is owned and operated by Los Lunas Schools, with financial support from the Village of Los Lunas and, open to the public, is available at loslunasnm.gov, under Parks and Recreation.

SIGN UP FOR ALERT SENSE

The Valencia Regional Emergency Communications Center (VRECC) is using a new comprehensive emergency alert and notification system powered by AlertSense.

The system allows the VRECC to send emergency alerts, severe weather warnings, and community notifications that affect you. This free service makes it easy to receive alerts.

To sign up for AlertSense and receive these emergency notifications from VRECC, please visit <http://www.loslunasnm.gov/vrecc> and click on the link to sign up.

Previously, VRECC used the CodeRED service for emergency alert notifications.

However, due to a large cost savings and the gaining of new functionality, a decision was made to change to the new AlertSense service.

If you had previously signed up to receive emergency notifications through the CodeRED service, you will need to sign up for the new AlertSense.

FRIENDS FUNDRAISER FOR LIBRARY, MUSEUM

On Saturday, Aug. 26, the Friends of the Los Lunas Public Library and Museum of Heritage & Arts sponsors its first annual fundraiser.

Theme for the event is "On the Homefront: America During World War II" with prizes for the best costumes from the WW II era.

It includes a buffet dinner at Teofilo's Restaurant on Main Street from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. with live music, author and historian Baldwin G. Burr portraying WW II journalist Ernie Pyle, and a silent auction.

Tickets may be purchased at the Los Lunas Public Library or from any member of The Friends board.

Tickets are \$40 per person with all funds used to support the library and museum.

For more information call the library at 839-3850.

VISIT DANIEL FERNANDEZ PARK AUGUST 1

Two community events will be held at Daniel Fernandez Park, 1103 Highway 314 SW, Tuesday, August 1.

The Battle of the Badges Blood Drive will be from 2 to 7 p.m. People donate blood using the United Blood services available that day. Those donating choose to support the fire department or police department.

National Night Out activities will be from 5 to 8 p.m. at the park.

Food will be available at no charge.

A variety of community services will be there.

There will be activities for children and adults.

CPR CLASS SCHEDULED

This year's Project Heart Start instructed a total of 136 people in "hands only" CPR over eight sessions.

Heart Start is an annual regional event held in Los Lunas, Albuquerque and Rio Rancho simultaneously every June.

The next cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) course for certification, through the American Heart Association, will be August 12 for both CPR and First Aid and Basic Life Support (BLS) for First Responders on August 19.

Contact Endeavor Safety Rescue Inc. for details. 505 565-EDVR (3387).



Lots of construction continues near the recycling area on Don Pasqual so be careful when in that vicinity.

Work continues on improvements to the Fred Luna Multigenerational Center as well as construction of the Valencia Regional Emergency Communication Center in the general area of the recycling center.

AUTHOR THOMAS SPEAKS AT LIBRARY

Romance author Jodi Thomas will speak about her writing process at the Los Lunas Public Library, 460 Main St. NE, at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday Aug. 8.

She will also discuss and sign her books including the latest in the Ransom Canyon series, Indigo Lake. The books will be available for sale.

Refreshments will be served.

A dinner, with a seminar for aspiring writers, will be held at Teofilo's Restaurant with Thomas.

Only the first ten people who sign up may participate at their own expense for dinner.



Jodi Thomas

JUBILEE LOS LUNAS RECOGNIZED AS ONE OF 50 BEST

The publication Where to Retire has released "The Short List: 50 Best Master-Planned Communities in the United States," and Jubilee Los Lunas is on the list.

The July/August Where to Retire issue is on newsstands now.

The list is the only one of its kind, focusing on communities rather than locales and featuring first-person testimonials by current residents.

Jubilee Los Lunas is the only master-planned community in New Mexico to be recognized this year.

The selected 50 best master-planned communities showcase the variety of housing options and amenities that enrich the lives of retirees.

The communities come from 18 states.

Twenty-one developments are active-adult communities where residents must meet minimum age requirements.

The communities are listed alphabetically by state and then by development name. They are not ranked.

LOCAL EVENTS

Subdivision Ordinance Revision Meetings

August 16, 2017 Preliminary Plat, Final Plat and Replat Procedures
Follow Up Discussion
September 21, 2017
Improvements, Public Parks and Water Rights
6 p.m. Village Council Chambers
660 Main St. NW

Farmers Market

Tuesdays, 4-7 p.m.
Heritage Park on Lambros Loop

Los Lunas Public Library 460 Main St. NE

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

Attend a Village Council Meeting

July 27 August 10 & 24
660 Main St NW
Main Street and Don Pasqual
Meetings begin at 6:00 p.m.

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

Exhibits

Outhouses of New Mexico
Photos by Dr. Richard Melzer
Open through August 31
Ernie Pyle Exhibition
July 29 2-4 p.m. Opening Reception
Open through August 31
The Way It Was
Adult Art Show
Nov. 11 – Dec. 30
Entry Deadline Sept. 30

CROSSFIT IN LOS LUNAS

Located at 303 Stover Road, TBE CrossFit delivers a fitness that is, by design, broad, general, and inclusive.

The CrossFit program is for universal scalability making it the perfect application for any committed individual regardless of experience. The same routines are used for elderly individuals with heart disease and cage fighters one month out from televised bouts.

For more information go to tbecrossfit.com or call 505 866-0284.

Mark Summerlin is owner and a coach.