



# VILLAGE NEWS



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## NEW FIRE STATION UPDATE

In March 2016 Village voters approved the General Obligation Bond to fund Fire Station #2 in Los Lunas plus new equipment.

If all goes according to plan, the new station will be up and running by Spring 2018.

The station will be on Sandsage off Highway 6/Main Street, west of I-25, on 2.3 acres purchased by the Village in 2006.

Currently the station is in the design phase.

The station is expected to have office space, conference and training rooms, dormitory area, laundry facilities, exercise area with equipment, rest rooms, storage space, and four or five bays for emergency equipment.

The schedule calls for the project to go to bid in April. Hopefully, construction will start in May or June.

New equipment to be purchased includes a ladder truck, a first for the Village.

## EASTER EGG HUNT

The Village's annual Easter Egg Hunt will be Wednesday, April 12, at Daniel Fernandez Park, 1103 Highway 314 SW.

The Easter Bunny will be attending with the opportunity for pictures.

This event is free to the public with doors opening at 4 p.m.

Egg Hunt Times are

- 0-3 years of age - 4:30 p.m.
- 4-7 years of age - 4:45 p.m.
- 8-13 years of age - 5 p.m.



*Easter Egg Hunt is popular.*



## OFFICER COMPLETES TRAINING

Los Lunas Police Officer Anthony Baca has completed a two-week advanced motorcycle training course.

The training included maneuvering the motorcycle through cone exercises designed to prepare the officer for any obstacles encountered while operating on the roadway.

Baca also received training in operating the motorcycle at high speeds for presidential and funeral escorts.

He is the third Los Lunas police officer to successfully complete motorcycle training.

He has been promoted to the Los Lunas Police Traffic Enforcement Unit.



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## VCC EXPO GOLF TOURNNEY

The Valencia County Community Expo fundraising golf tournament will be held Friday, April 28, at Isleta Eagle Golf Course, 4001 Highway 47 SE, Albuquerque.

Play begins at 8 a.m. with a shotgun start.

The \$125 registration fee includes greens fees, golf cart and staging plus breakfast and lunch.

Sponsorships are available ranging from \$150 hole sponsorship to the \$5,000 title sponsorship.

The Valencia County Community Expo supports youth 4-H and Future Farmers of America programs throughout Valencia County.

Contact Kendra West at 505 280-6510 or [kendrawest14@gmail.com](mailto:kendrawest14@gmail.com).

The 9th Annual VCC Expo will run July 29 - August 5th. Expo location is at the corner of Morris Rd & Hwy 314 across from the Valencia County District Courthouse.

Visit [www.vccexpo.org](http://www.vccexpo.org) for more information.



Village Administration Office: 505 839-3840

## 73.52 TONS OF GLASS

The Village's glass recycling program successfully ground 73.52 tons of glass in 2016, exceeding the projected goal of 36 to 40 tons for the calendar year.

Village officials said the glass grinding was accomplished with a minimal downtime of equipment and no overtime.

The program goal is to double the 73.52 tons in 2017.

The ground glass is used in landscaping around the village. Glass can be taken to the village's recycling center on Don Pasqual, as well as paper products, cardboard and plastics.



*It's easy to recycle glass.*



## FRIENDS OF LIBRARY, MUSEUM

Officers of the Friends of the Los Lunas Library and Museum board are president - Jim Rickey; vice president - Kristi Whistler; treasurer - Stephanie Williams; and secretary - Gabriel Gamboa.

Other board members are Doris Vialpando, Tammie Nolde and Cynthia Shetter, ex officio as Village library director.

The group supports the library and museum in a variety of ways including holding book sales. Used books are for sale in the library foyer.

## HELP CLEAN UP LOS LUNAS

Are you or a group you belong to wanting to help improve the Village?

How about periodically cleaning up a special area in the community?

Several area groups and neighborhoods are currently cleaning up trash and clutter.

Call Raymond Marquez, assistant street supervisor, at 505 980-4510 or email [marquezr@loslunasnm.gov](mailto:marquezr@loslunasnm.gov) to help keep Los Lunas clean and beautiful.



[www.loslunasnm.gov](http://www.loslunasnm.gov)



## WATER AND THE VILLAGE

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

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

The Village of Los Lunas has sufficient water rights to meet the needs of residential and commercial customers as well as the initial demands of Facebook and Niagara Bottling Company.

The Village currently obtains its water from four wells with plans for a fifth coming online in 2018.

In the future, the Village may need to drill a sixth well.

The wells are located west of, but not far from, the Rio Grande, with the supply produced partially from water stored in the aquifer, and partially from a reduction in river flows.

The aquifer that the Village relies upon has a large volume of storage so that the wells can supply projected demand until at least 2050 and likely beyond.

In 2016 Los Lunas pumped 2,461 acre-feet of water (about 800 million gallons, or an average of about 2.2 million gallons per day) to supply water to residential and commercial users.

The water system is continuously upgraded so the water can be treated and distributed.

Upgrades are also made to the wastewater treatment system.

To protect its investment in water, the Village monitors outside interests using the same aquifer. Such monitoring helps protect the Village and the Village water supply.

## OUTDOOR ADVENTURES PROGRAM

The Village Open Space Division is accepting registrations for the Spring Outdoor Adventures Program at Daniel Fernandez Recreation Center, 1103 Hwy 314 SW.

The Outdoor Adventures Program is for children eight to twelve-years-old.

It will be held March 20-22 at the Los Lunas River Park.

The cost, \$30 per child, is due at the time of registration.

The Open Space Division accepts registrations for the Summer Outdoor Adventures Program starting July 3 at Daniel Fernandez Recreation Center.



*A park ranger works with an adventurer.*

## LOS LUNAS CHAMBER MEETS

The Los Chamber of Commerce continues to meet on the third Thursday of the month. March 16th luncheon will be held at Rutilio's in Los Lunas at 11:30 a.m.

More information can be found at [www.loslunaschamber.com](http://www.loslunaschamber.com)

## HOME AND GARDEN EXPO

The Master Gardeners and Extension Service of Valencia County is hosting its annual Home and Garden Expo Friday, April 7, from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at UNM-Valencia Campus, 280 La Entrada Road, Los Lunas.

This year's keynote speaker is Baker Morrow, Professor of Practice, School of Architecture and Planning, UNM, and author of Best Plants for NM Gardens and Landscapes.

Breakout sessions will be on topics, such as Container Gardening, Soil Health, Drip Irrigation, Food Preservation, and Herbs for Your Health, plus many more.

Registration is \$5 and includes lunch.

For questions, contact 505 565-3002.

## HEALTH & WELLNESS FAIR

The 12th Annual Community Health and Wellness Fair will be held Friday, April 7, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Daniel Fernandez Recreation Center, 1103 Highway 304 SW.

This focus of this event, which is open to everyone, will be on health, wellness, and safety.

Anyone interested in participating as a vendor should contact Brittany Armijo at 505 352-7719 for more information.



## CHURCH'S CHICKEN NOW SERVING

Church's Chicken is now open at the southeast corner of Main Street and Los Lentos.

Hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., Sunday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Saturdays.

Church's menu has a wide variety of chicken choices including legs, thighs, wings, and sandwiches.

Other items are sides such as macaroni and cheese, cole slaw, fries, mashed potatoes, Cajun rice, fried okra and corn.

There's also apple pie and biscuits.



*Church's Chicken has more than chicken.*

## MUSEUM OF HERITAGE & ARTS

Main Street and Luna Avenue  
505 352-7720

Saturday, April 1  
Diana Molina  
Rarámuri, the Foot Runners  
Of the Sierra Madre

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

Tours  
Salinas Pueblos Tour  
Saturday, March 25

Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge  
Saturday, April 22

Saints & Sinners Tour  
Friday, May 12

Visit [loslunasnm.gov](http://loslunasnm.gov) to view the Museum's spring newsletter for event details.

## LOCAL EVENTS

### Subdivision Ordinance Revision Meetings

March 15, 2017  
General Provisions,  
Administration and Enforcement,  
Plat Vacation Procedure, and  
Design Standards Sections

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

March 23 April 6 & 20  
660 Main St NW  
Main Street and Don Pasqual  
Meetings begin at 6:00 p.m.

## NATIONAL GUARD OFFICE OPEN

A new recruitment office for the New Mexico Army National Guard has opened at 1400 Los Cerritos NW, Suite D.

Among the dignitaries attending the opening was Brig Gen Tom Bump who said the National Guard is a great way to serve your country, state, and community.

Signing up to serve in the Army National Guard is an eight-year commitment that starts with basic training.

The National Guard recruitment office is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and weekends by appointment.



*National Guard office opens.*