



VILLAGE NEWS



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EFFORTS ON SECOND INTERCHANGE, NEW ROAD CONTINUE

With Main Street (NM 6) currently the only exit from Interstate 25 into Los Lunas, Village officials continue their work on obtaining funding to create a second I-25 interchange and east-west corridor.

Another interchange and corridor are needed to improve traffic flow, access to high growth areas, and the efficiency of emergency response throughout the area.

The current Main Street route through Los Lunas provides the only crossing of the Rio Grande within a seventeen-mile stretch.

Studies show a new interchange south of Main Street would decrease eastbound Main Street traffic by about 43% if completed from I-25 to NM Highway 47.

Village officials have recently approved the funding of a partial Interstate Access Change Request (IACR) Study.

The purpose of the IACR is to examine and identify specific intersections and interchange designs within the study area which could be constructed in multiple smaller phases.

Instead of two phases at approximately \$48 million apiece, the entire I-25 Interchange/East-West Corridor project may consist of six phases at approximately \$16 million apiece, which will assist Village officials in applying for and obtaining Federal grant funding.

The proposed I-25 interchange project is approximately 1.5 miles south of the current exit, as well as an eastward extension to NM 314, aligned with Morris Road.

Then it continues eastward with a new bridge over the Rio Grande and a new intersection at NM 47.



Traffic on Main Street/NM 6.

While Village officials work on an additional interchange/corridor route, the New Mexico Department of Transportation is working on replacing the existing Main Street bridge over the Rio Grande in Los Lunas.

This bridge was built in 1974 and is nearing the end of its 50-year design life. Bridge replacement is anticipated in 2019-2020.

More information about the I-25 Interchange/East-West Corridor project is available at loslunasnm.gov/interchange.

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 benefits Valencia County veterans and the Los Lunas Cops for Kids Program.

It includes a 5k run/walk, 10k, kids k and 5k rucksack starting and ending 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.

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Library Patron Survey

1. What kind of author (genre) would you most enjoy seeing at an Author Talk at the Los Lunas Public Library?

- ☐ Western ☐ Mystery ☐ Paranormal
☐ Romance ☐ Other: _____

2. Would you be more likely to attend an Author Talk during the day or in the evening?

- ☐ Morning (9am-12pm) ☐ Afternoon (1pm-4pm)
☐ Evening (5pm-7pm) ☐ Other: _____

3. How likely would you be to attend an Author Talk at the Los Lunas Public Library on a weekday?

- ☐ Very likely ☐ More likely in the morning ☐ More likely in the evening
☐ Unlikely to attend at any time on a weekday, sorry

4. At an Author Talk, what aspects are you most interested in?

- ☐ Hearing the author speak about their new book and writing process
☐ Purchasing a signed copy of a book ☐ Q&A with the author
☐ A writing seminar for aspiring writers ☐ Other: _____

Thank you for your feedback! Please return to Los Lunas Public Library Staff at:

460 Main St. in Los Lunas, or mail to PO Box 1209 Los Lunas, NM 87031

Questions, please call 505-839-3850

CASA NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

CASA, a volunteer-powered network of committed people who believe society has a fundamental obligation to advocate for children within the court system, makes sure a qualified, compassionate adult fights for and protects children's rights to be safe.

CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates for children) needs volunteers to work with children in Valencia County.

With a CASA volunteer, a child is half as likely to languish in the foster care and child welfare system and may find a home.

Call Marie Nunez at 505 720-7030 or Terry Romero, 505 322-8662.

DOG GONE DOG JOG 5K FUN RUN

The New Mexico State 4-H Dog Program hosts the 3rd Annual 4-H Dog Gone Dog Jog 5K Fun Saturday, May 20, 2017, at 8 a.m. at Los Lunas River Park to raise funds to support the 2017 NM State 4-H Dog School.

The Dog Gone Dog Run is a fun way for people to hang out with their dogs while raising money to help 4-H youth.

Beginner or experienced runners (or walkers) compete, with or without their dog, in the open-to-the-public event.

The NM State 4-H Dog Program is a non-profit organization teaching 4-H youth how to be a responsible dog owner.

On-line registration: <https://www.signmeup.com/site/on-line-event-registration/112306>.

Village Administration Office: 505 839-3840

FARMERS MARKET OPENS MAY 16

The Los Lunas Farmers Market will be open from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. every Tuesday, May through October, weather permitting, beginning Tuesday, May 16, at Heritage Park on Lambros Loop across from Smiths Grocery Store.

The market provides shoppers with fresh locally-produced vegetables, fruit, honey, eggs, meat, bread, and more, in a friendly environment that supports the local economy, agriculture and community.



Valencia County Extension Service staff will periodically be demonstrating how to cook with locally grown items.

CREATE A DEFENSIBLE RING

It's a good time of year to create a defensible ring around buildings, says Los Lunas Fire Chief John Gabaldon.

A defensible ring can protect a building against a fire that could feed on shrubs and trees close to a building.

Protect your home and/or business against fire.

www.loslunasnm.gov

WATER AND THE VILLAGE - PART 3

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

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

The Village has sufficient water rights to meet the initial demand of both Facebook and Niagara Bottling Company.

Facebook water use will depend on many factors including temperature and humidity.

The Village is obligated to provide an allocation of 500 acre-feet per year (AFY) of water to Facebook in accordance with the Village water rights ordinance.

This should meet the demands of Phase 1 of the development.

Facebook must provide and pay for the water rights for any use over the 500 AFY.

Facebook and the Village are already working together to secure additional rights even though Facebook is not projected to need them until 2018.

The Village currently has enough water rights to meet Niagara Bottling Company's demand until June 30, 2018.

The Council has approved an agreement with Niagara Bottling Company granting Niagara a start-up period until June 2018 to acquire and transfer water rights to offset its demand.

The Agreement requires Niagara to purchase or lease and transfer suitable water rights into the Village's wells to offset its water consumption.

If Niagara does not transfer adequate water rights, the Village will bill the company for wastewater as a conventional commercial customer.

The Village will allocate a portion of the wastewater fees to pay for wastewater treatment and will use the remainder of the wastewater fees to purchase water rights to offset Niagara water use.



GOLF TOURNAMENT BENEFITS RENAISSANCE PROGRAM

The Los Lunas Schools 6th Annual Golf Tournament is June 1, 2017, at the Isleta Eagle Golf Course.

Registration is 7 a.m. and tee off at 8 a.m. Entry fees are \$125 for individuals and \$500 for a four-player team.

Entry fees include breakfast burritos, range balls, green fees, lunch buffet, and an awards banquet.

Trophies and pro-shop gift cards awarded for 1st through 3rd place, as well as a chance to win various other prizes.

All proceeds benefit the Los Lunas Schools Renaissance Program.

Contact Gwen Huston at 505 866-8338 or ghuston@lloschools.net to register or for more information.

FRED LUNA CENTER RENOVATIONS

The Fred Luna Multi-Generational center, located behind the Village Administration Building on Don Pasqual, is undergoing renovations.

The Village Council awarded low bidder, CC Construction of Belen, the \$1.2 million contract to make numerous improvements to the building including:

- Expanding the multipurpose room to the east which will eliminate the grass area
- New serving line for food
- Fire suppression system
- Parking lot and ADA improvements

During construction, the senior program, including meals, will be held at the Transportation Center, 101 Courthouse Road SE.

The project is 100% funded through Capital Outlay from the Aging and Long Term Services Department.



Fred Luna Center is being renovated.

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. The May 18th luncheon will be at Ribs in Los Lunas.

VILLAGE LAUNCHES BILLBOARD CAMPAIGN

The Village of Los Lunas has launched its first billboard campaign which announces the newest "friendly face" arriving in Los Lunas.

The Village has strategically placed billboards in two high traffic areas along I-25, northbound near Socorro and southbound near the Albuquerque Sunport.

By highlighting the major economic developments achieved by the Village, Los Lunas continues to attract retailers, manufacturers, and homeowners.

The billboard campaign joins the many other digital and printed efforts by the Village to not only attract economic growth, but to also engage and interact with residents.

Visit facebook.com/loslunasnm, twitter.com/workloslunas, loslunasnm.gov, acomunitythatworks.com and download the mobile app in the Android App Store and the Apple App Store.



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HIGHWAY 6 WORK

If you are heading west out of Los Lunas to Interstate 40 on NM 6 then be very careful as NM 6 is being rehabilitated and reconstructed.

The work, which is overseen by the NM Department of Transportation and will take about a year to complete, includes replacing bridges and widening the shoulders.

Because NM 6 is a two-lane roadway, most of the work will be performed using a pilot car operation.

LEARN HANDS-ONLY CPR

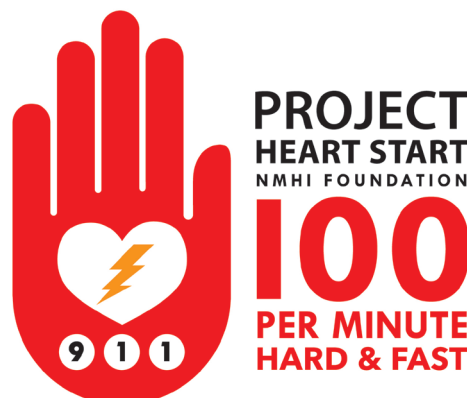
Learn life-saving hands-only CPR at Dr. Barry Ramo's Project Heart Start Saturday, June 17, at Daniel Fernandez Park, 1103 Highway 314 SW, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.,

A free community health fair will be held at the same time.

Fire trucks will be on display with firefighters and rescue personnel answering questions.

The event is presented by Valencia County Emergency Services, the Los Lunas Fire Department, and Endeavor Safety Rescue Inc.

Contact Karla J. Laurie for more information at 505 565-EDVR (3387), office@endeavorsafety.com, or www.endeavorsafety.com.



LOCAL EVENTS

Subdivision Ordinance Revision Meetings

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

Monday, May 29 – Memorial Day
Garbage collection on Tuesday, May 30

Los Lunas Public Library
460 Main St. NE

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

Attend a Village Council Meeting

May 25 June 8 & 22
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

Gaye Garrison Solo Pastel Show
June 3 – July 1
Outhouses of New Mexico
Photos by Dr. Richard Melzer
Opens mid-June
The Civil War in New Mexico
Through May 27
Civil War Exhibit Panels
Through May 31
American Illustrators 1890-1950
Through May 31

Tours

Saturday, June 17
Tome Church, Plaza, Hill

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