



# VILLAGE NEWS



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## VILLAGE RECEIVES \$1.3 MILLION GRANT

The Village of Los Lunas has been awarded a \$1.3 million grant to install a 21,000-foot potable water pipeline along NM HWY 6 to the Central New Mexico Rail Park on the western edge of the Village.

The U.S. Department of Commerce is investing the \$1.3 million for water infrastructure improvements to support business growth in the village. It is estimated the project ultimately could create more than 3,000 jobs.

Los Lunas Mayor Charles Griego said, "It's great that we received the grant. I think the Commerce Department is looking for job creation and thinks this is a good project."

The Rail Park will increase intermodal freight capabilities, which will power the growth of the manufacturing, warehousing, and distribution industries.

The grant was pursued by Los Lunas Public Works Director Michael Jaramillo, who said it is a 50/50 grant that the village will match with local LEDA funds awarded for the Facebook Data Center's infrastructure needs.

"This definitely opens the door for economic opportunity," Jaramillo said.

The grant will be used in the first phase of a two-phase process, which includes building a sewer line.

## GOVERNOR SPEAKS AT SLUDGE PROJECT GROUNDBREAKING

New Mexico Governor Susana Martinez commended the Village of Los Lunas and its staff for working together on economic development in the community at the Monday, July 16, 2018, groundbreaking for the Village sludge management project.

Governor Martinez said that the new sludge project will provide service for years into the future to the citizens and businesses of Los Lunas including the now under-construction Facebook facility.

New Mexico Economic Development Secretary Matthew Geisel congratulated those who made the project groundbreaking happen.



*Governor Susana Martinez at sludge groundbreaking.*

He pointed out that the announcement of Facebook coming to Los Lunas has resulted in other projects happening.

The sludge management project increases the Village's sludge management to a capacity that will take care of future growth and development. It will also provide additional options for disposal of sludge including creating compost.

Additional speakers at the event were Village Mayor Charles Griego, Clayton Ten Eyck of Molzen Corbin, the Village engineers, and Clay Blair, president/operations of RMCI Inc., contractor for the \$8.6 million project.

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## VISIT WIENERSCHNITZEL IN LOS LUNAS

The world's largest hot dog chain is now open at the corner of Main Street /NM HWY 6 and Los Cerritos Road in Los Lunas.

Visit Wienerschnitzel at 1433 Main St. SW from nine a.m. to midnight for hot dogs, corn dogs and chili cheese fries.

This store also serves shakes, cone and sundaes made from Tastee-Freeze soft serve.



*Drive up to the Drive-Up at Wienerschnitzel.*

## THE MOLTOS ITALIAN CAFÉ

At The Moltos Italian Café, located at 143 NM 314 SW in Los Lunas, the authentic Italian delicacies are made from scratch, says owner/manager Edel Chavez.

The Moltos Italian Café offers a wide variety of food including:

Appetizers – antipasto, bruschetta, caprese, fried ravioli with eggplant

Salads – Caesar, Italian, Mona Lisa, Rosina

Pasta – fettuccini creamy pasta, penne el pesto, creamy chicken marsala

Panini – Americano, Sofia, chicken or eggplant parmesan

Subs – Italian beef, meatballs, vegetarian

Desserts – tiramisu, cannoli, a variety of cheesecakes

The café is open 10 a.m.–9 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Friday and Saturday; and 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Sunday.

The phone number for The Moltos is 505 539-5203.

Village Administration Office: 505 839-3840



*The Moltos owner/manager Edel Chavez.*

## LL LIBRARY BUSY SUMMER PLACE

It was a busy summer for kids at the Los Lunas Public Library. Among the activities:

- Cupcake Wars where participants decorated cupcakes to a book theme and explained their design.
- Peter and the Wolf by the Music Guild of New Mexico where 60 participants were introduced to orchestral instruments.

## WESTERN NIGHT FUNDRAISER

The Friends of the Los Lunas Public Library and Museum of Heritage & Arts will hold a fundraiser Saturday, Sept. 15, 2018, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

The event will be at the Southwest Event Center on Dalies Road about six miles west on NM HWY 6 from the intersection of NM 314 and NM HWY 6.

The event center is the last building on the left on Dalies Road and is part of the Southwest Livestock Auction House.

Tickets will be available from the library and museum as well as from The Friends of The Los Lunas Library & Museum of Heritage & Arts board members.

The \$50 tickets can be purchased by cash or check.

Music for dancing will be provided by the band "Up a Creek."

The event theme is "Once Upon a Time in the West" and includes a matanza-style meal provided by Steven Otero's Getaway Grill.

There will be a silent auction and a drawing.

For more information, call the library at 505 839-3850.

- LEGO Club participants built performance stages.
  - At the I CAN Program participants learned about gardening and healthy eating plus sampled smoothies!
- The early childhood reading program for ages three to five years old began August 2 and runs to June 1, 2019.
- Check out the Los Lunas Public Library on Facebook.





Art work for sale at the Goodwill store.

## GOODWILL STORE NOW OPEN

A brand-new Goodwill Industries of New Mexico store and services facility has opened in Los Lunas.

Goodwill has dedicated the Los Lunas store as the Craig Protz Learning Center in memory of Craig Protz who served on the Goodwill Industries of New Mexico Board including as chairman.

The 14,500 square-foot facility, located at 201 Desert Willow Road NW, will create as many as 20 new jobs.

The store will be open 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, phone 505 944-0286.

Shoppers will find a broad selection of gently used clothing for the entire family as well as household items, decor, and furniture.

## START HOLIDAY SHOPPING EARLY

The Annual Arts and Crafts Fair will be held at Jubilee Los Lunas Active Adult Community Saturday, Sept. 22, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Jubilee is located west of I-25 on Highway 6.

Area artists will display their paintings, photography, fiber arts and handmade creations.

There will also be homemade baked goods for sale, as well as plants, and craft items made by residents. A food truck will also be available.

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All proceeds from the bake sale, plant sale, book sale and a raffle will be donated to the Los Lunas Police Department for the annual holiday "Shop with a Cop" event for local children.

## MIGHTY MITES CLEAN UP

The Los Lunas Mighty Mites Cheer Group partnered with the Village of Los Lunas Street Division in June to perform a needed cleanup effort on Main Street and Los Cerritos Road.

The group cleaned up both sides of the roadway and filled a dumpster twice.

Public Works Director Michael Jaramillo says the Village is excited these individuals sacrificed their Saturday to participate in a community cleanup.



Mighty Mites prepare to help clean up.

## SCHOOL BACK IN SESSION

Students attending Los Lunas Public Schools and the School of Dreams Academy will be back in school during the middle of August.

School zones will be back in force and school buses return to the streets.

Watch out for students and obey all traffic laws.

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

# MUSEUM OF HERITAGE & ARTS HAPPENINGS

Main Street and Luna Avenue  
505 352-7720

## EXHIBITS

*Water Color Society of New  
Mexico Exhibit  
More Than 40 Artists  
Through Saturday, September 22,  
2018*

*Wildlife Photographs  
of the Rio Grande  
by Chris Tafoya  
Sept. 22 – Oct. 2*

*Pastel Society  
Signature Show  
Sept. 29 – Nov. 3  
Reception Oct. 6 2-4 p.m.*

## EVENTS

*Challah Rising in the Desert  
Film about the Jews of New Mexico  
Los Lunas Transportation Center  
1:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 1*

## TOURS

*Cerro de Tomé hike and  
Tomé Museum Visit  
9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 18*

*Inscription Stone Visit  
Off Highway 6 West of the Village  
9 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Sept. 15*

## VILLAGE BUDGET APPROVED

The Village Council adopted the 2018-2019 fiscal year revenue and expenditure budget at its July 26 meeting.

The budget is available on the Village website, [loslunasnm.gov](http://loslunasnm.gov).

## LOCAL EVENTS

Labor Day Holiday  
Monday, Sept. 3  
Village Offices Closed

Last Wednesday of the month  
Business Watch  
Cops and Business Folks meet  
at Benny's Restaurant 8:30  
a.m.  
1503 Main St. SW

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

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

**Attend a Village  
Council Meeting**

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

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