



VILLAGE NEWS



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GIFTS FROM OUR MUSEUM

The Village Museum of Heritage and Arts, located under the water tower at the intersection of Main Street / NM HWY 6 and Luna Avenue, now has a great selection of unusual items for gifting any time of the year but especially for the holidays.

There's a variety of books on a wide spectrum of topics including many local subjects.

Also available —

- Southwestern jewelry
- Coffee mugs
- Ceramics
- Notecards and postcards
- Elaborately decorated skulls
- Woven bags and coasters

The museum is open Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., phone 505 352-7720.



A wide variety of gift items at the Museum of Heritage and Arts.

RECYCLING EVENT A SUCCESS

The November Great American Recycling Event brought 90 people to the village's recycling facility who recycled:

- 1 gallon used oil
- 15 gallons of assorted paints
- 5 four-yard bins cardboard, estimated 1,250 pounds
- 5 four cubic-yard bins plastic, estimated 700 pounds
- 8 cubic yards metal
- 50 pounds aluminum
- 20 pounds tin
- 2 yard bins glass, estimated 423 pounds
- 5 televisions
- 250 pounds electronics
- 1 pound assorted batteries

Village Recycle Operator Joshua Chavez thanked the employees who worked the recycling event — Jason Marquez, Jesus Montoya, Carlos Chavez, Jason Palumbo, Arturo Romero, Troy Hibdon, and Lori Kurtz.

The Village continues to accept glass, paper and cardboard at the recycling center on Don Pasqual north of the Village Administration building.

LLPD OFFICER RECEIVES DEGREE

Los Lunas Police Department Lieutenant Lisa Valenzuela-Medina has received her Master of Science Degree in Leadership from Grand Canyon University.

She completed her degree with a 3.89 grade point average, and attended the October graduation in Phoenix, Arizona.

Valenzuela-Medina has more than eight years of law enforcement experience, starting her career as a field officer.

She was promoted to the rank of sergeant and then to lieutenant where she is currently in charge of professional standards.

Valenzuela-Medina hopes to attend the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia, in Spring 2019.

LOS LUNAS CHAMBER MEETS

The Los Lunas Chamber of Commerce continues holding a monthly luncheon on the third Thursday of the month from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm at Teofilio's Restaurant in Los Lunas.

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DON'T BE A VICTIM OF CRIME

The Los Lunas Police Department has important safety tips to keep your house safe and enjoyable during the holiday season.

- Lock your doors including the garage door. Unlocked doors are open invitations to intruders.
- When you leave on vacation, ask a trusted family member, friend, or neighbor to watch your home. Have your mail held at the post office.
- Put lights on timers to give the impression someone is home.
- Do not post on social media that you are leaving town and wait to post pictures until after you have returned.
- Make sure the outside of your home is well lit with motion or solar lights.

Do not leave valuables in your car and check the backseat and around the car before getting into the car.

VILLAGE IS PART OF FOREIGN TRADE ZONE

Along with Valencia County, Los Lunas is within a Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ).

A FTZ is defined as an isolated area adjacent to an international port of entry (the Albuquerque Sunport is a port of entry) where an industry can store, repack, sort, mix, or perform value-added manufacturing with foreign goods without being subjected to import duties (taxes).

A FTZ can be a catalyst to attract manufacturing economic-based industries to Los Lunas.

MOBILE APP REPORTS TO LLPD

The Los Lunas Police Department has launched a smartphone mobile app, STOPit, that allows citizens to report incidents anonymously and communicate with the police department in real-time awareness.

The app allows citizens to submit tips through text messages, photos, and video anonymously. Text-a-tip is no longer available.

Administrators manage incidents in a backend management system called DOCUMENTit which provides investigative tools, including the ability to message with the reporter, which allows police to address issues instantly.

STOPit is an important step in the department's continued effort to partner with the community in addressing crime.

To learn more about STOPit, visit stopitsolutions.com.

Access STOPit on a mobile device by downloading the STOPit app and entering access code loslunaspd.

ALBERTSONS REMODELS STORE

A Starbucks, fresh sushi, bulk foods, gluten-free foods, and a salad/delicatessen bar with prepared foods are all part of the newly remodeled Albertsons Market, located at the intersection of Main Street / NM HWY 6 and NM HWY 47.

Store manager Vince Dominguez points out the remodel has resulted in bringing a greater variety of foods to the Village of Los Lunas.

The Los Lunas Albertsons Market is now offering Street Side Online Grocery Shopping. Shop online and go to Albertsons to park in a convenient space and have your groceries loaded. You can customize your grocery list using the "adding notes" feature.

ALBERTSONS CONT'D

Grocery delivery is also available, but check with the store on whether a fee is charged. Free delivery of prescriptions is offered in a limited area.

The new Starbucks is located just a few feet from a store entry.

The new sushi bar is part of the store's delicatessen with sushi made fresh throughout the day.

In early December a self-checkout area will open to facilitate the shopping experience.

Store departments include fresh produce, fresh meat, fresh seafood, bakery, service deli, liquor, floral, and pharmacy.

Albertsons Market is operated by The United Family, a Texas-based grocery chain with 93 stores in Texas and New Mexico under five unique brands.

The store is open 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. with 150 full and part time "team members" to serve the "guests" who shop in the store.

Dominguez points out that all team members are proud to be working in and with the greater Los Lunas community.

Store address is 2351 Main St SE, phone 505 865-3313, pharmacy phone 505 865-2089.



Starbucks now open at Albertsons.

BECOME A MASTER GARDENER

The Valencia County Extension Master Gardener Program is accepting applications for 2019.

The New Mexico State University Master Gardener program trains volunteers to provide science-based information to community members on horticulture and gardening practices in the arid southwest.

Starting January 7, classes meet weekly on Mondays 1- 4 p.m. through April.

For more information, contact Newt at the Valencia County Extension Office, 505 565-3002, or jnewton3@nmsu.edu.

MACHINE SHOP BUILDING UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Another new building is being constructed on Sand Sage Road west of Interstate 25.

The almost 50,000 square-foot-structure will be home to a machine shop which will manufacture products under a contract with the Department of Defense.

The machine shop is part of Accurate Machine & Tool Company which moved to Los Lunas in 2014.

Herb Pluemer started Accurate Machine & Tool Company in Albuquerque in 1962.

Herb's two sons, Greg and Steve, grew up in the business and now are part of it. Herb continues to work at the company at the age of 78.

Accurate Machine & Tool Company specializes in the design and manufacture of high precision tools, dies, molds, and complex parts.

Accurate Machine & Tool Company built their first building in Los Lunas on Purple Sage where the business continues to operate.

The new building on Sand Sage joins the recently opened Village Fire Station #2 in the neighborhood as well as Fresenius Distribution Center and Wall Colmonoy Corporation.



New machine shop under construction.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Please remember to avoid

Drain Disasters

Be kitchen sink smart:

Water that contains fats, cooking oils, and grease can clog your drain, pipes and sewer system.

Use paper towels to wipe grease and food particles off of your pots, pans and plates, and then dispose of these in the trash.



Village of Los Lunas

The Wastewater
Treatment Plant
loslunasnm.gov

CAR WASH NOW OPEN

Champion Xpress Car Wash, a family-owned business, has opened at the corner of Main Street / NM HWY 6 and Coronado Street.

Champion Xpress is open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. seven days a week. There are 7 other Xpress Car Wash tunnels throughout New Mexico and Texas.



Champion Xpress Car Wash

PAYING YOUR VILLAGE UTILITY BILL ONLINE

The Village online bill payment option can save time and give more flexibility in paying that bill.

Paying the bill online needs an Internet connection and an email address as the Village has partnered with Xpress Bill Pay, a provider for online bill payment systems.

When you sign up for online bill payment you get a unique password used to access your personal account at the Xpress Bill Pay site.

Every month the Village sends a reminder by email that the utility bill is online.

Then the customer logs in through a Web browser and views the bill, which looks like the paper statement that is mailed.

Select a payment type, credit card, debit card, or electronic funds transfer, enter the information, and the payment is made.

It can only take a few minutes each month to make an online payment.

Go to the Village website, loslunasnm.gov, and you will find online bill payment.

MUSEUM OF HERITAGE & ARTS HAPPENINGS

Main Street and Luna Avenue
505 352-7720

EXHIBITS

Descansos (Resting Places)
in Valencia County
Through Dec. 29, 2018

Folk Art By Area
Native Matt Baca
Through Dec. 29, 2018

Juried Art Show
"Expressions of New Mexico"
Through Jan. 26, 2019

American Illustrative Art
Saturday, Jan. 5 –
Saturday, Feb. 16, 2019
Original Artworks Used
in Popular Magazines

PRESENTATIONS

The History and Art
of Carlos J. Otero
Awarded New Mexico's
Hispanic 2018 Master's
Award for
lifetime achievement
Dec. 15, 2018 2-4 p.m.

LOCAL EVENTS

Wednesday, Dec. 19
3 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Open House
Valencia Regional Emergency
Communication Center
123 Don Pasqual Road NW

Monday, Dec. 24 & Tuesday, Dec. 25
Christmas Holiday
Village Offices Closed
Monday Garbage Pickup
On Previous Friday
Tuesday Garbage Pickup
On the Following Wednesday

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

Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2019
New Year's Day
Village Offices Closed
Tuesday Garbage Pickup
On Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2019

Attend a Village Council Meeting

Dec. 20, 2018 Jan. 10 & 24, 2019
660 Main St NW
Main Street and Don Pasqual
Meetings begin at 6:00 p.m.

LOS LUNAS LIBRARY EVENTS

460 Main St. NE 505 839-3850

Saturday, Dec. 15, 2018
1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Santa and Mrs. Claus at the Library
Free gift for children
Come Visit!!!!

Tuesdays 5 - 6 p.m.
Adult Coloring Night
Thursdays 10:30 a.m. - noon
Preschool Story Hour
Thursdays 3 – 4:30 p.m.
Movies or Games for Teens

MUSEUM OF HERITAGE AND ARTS

The Los Lunas Museum of Heritage and Arts connects the present generation to the history of Los Lunas, surrounding communities, and the State of New Mexico, inspiring a deeper appreciation and understanding of the area's rich heritage.

A branch of the Los Lunas Public Library, the museum is located under the water tower at the intersection of Main Street / NM HWY 6 and Luna Avenue. It is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

The museum provides exhibitions and programs that enable people to understand and learn from the past in ways that enrich their lives and help them shape a better future.

In keeping with this mission, the Museum seeks to:

- Collect and preserve the oral histories, photos and artifacts of longtime area residents and businesses.
- Provide an educational outlet by exhibiting selected histories, arts, and traveling displays and sponsoring guest speakers.
- Provide genealogical materials for research purposes.