



VILLAGE NEWS



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EARLY, ABSENTEE AND MARCH 6 VOTING

Early voting begins Wednesday, Feb. 14, at the Village Administration Building, 660 Main St. NW, and ends Friday, March 2 for the 2018 Village municipal election.

Registered Village of Los Lunas voters can vote for mayor and municipal judge.

Candidate for mayor is Charles Griego.

Candidates for municipal judge are, in ballot order, Henry L. Perea and Avilio Chavez.

Voters in Village Council District Two and Four can also vote for a village councilor. Council candidates are:

District Two: Gino M. Romero.

District Four: Paulette S. Montoya.

Election day is Tuesday, March 6. The polling place, open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., is the Village Administration Building, 660 Main St. NW, corner of Main Street and Don Pasqual.

Voters may also vote absentee.

The last day for absentee ballots to be issued is Friday, March 2.

VILLAGE CONTINUES ADDITIONAL INTER- CHANGE EFFORTS

Village of Los Lunas officials continue their work on obtaining funding for creation of a second I-25 interchange and an east-west corridor.

Los Lunas and other area officials attended a presentation about this project at a New Mexico House Transportation Committee meeting in late January.

Main Street in Los Lunas (NM 6) is currently the only exit from Interstate 25 into Los Lunas.

Another interchange and corridor could improve traffic flow, the access to high growth areas, and the efficiency of emergency response within the Village of Los Lunas as well as 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.

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 12-14 at the Los Lunas River Park.

The cost, \$35 per child, is due at the time of registration.

KEEP YOUR VEHICLE SAFE

Like to leave your vehicle running outside your home or office or in a parking lot?

Then learn not to do this, urges Los Lunas Police Chief Naithan Gurule.

Cars left unattended to warm up or for any other reason, give out a clear message . . . steal me!

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INCREASES TO WATER/SEWER RATES

A reminder — Village water and sewer bills sent in February 2018 reflect a slight increase.

The increases are:

- 0-2000 gallon water usage increase of \$1.71 or \$23.14 base rate; and
- 0-2000 gallon sanitary sewer increase of \$2.17 or \$29.25 base rate.

Water and sewer usage per thousand above 2000 gallons will have no increase to the current calculation of \$4.25 per thousand for water and \$3.75 per thousand for sewer.

Village water usage charges are based on a metering system.

The Village residential sanitary sewer usage is determined by taking the average water usage from November through February and shows in the April statement.

Village commercial sanitary sewer usage is determined as equal to the water meter reading.

For further information, visit the Village website at loslunasnm.gov.

Customers should keep in mind that the water and sewer bill also generally includes the charge for garbage pickup in addition to the water and sewer charge.

The increase is part of a five-year plan approved by the Village Council in December 2014.

KING OF THE HILL MARCH 10

The annual King of the Hill 5K/10K and Half Marathon trail run is Saturday, March 10, 2018, starting at El Cerro de Los Lunas Trailhead, located 3 miles west of I-25 on Highway 6.

The 5K proceeds along the Bowl Trail on the west side of El Cerro de Los Lunas on a mostly flat course with a few small hills.

The 10K begins on the same route as the 5K and then diverts up a steep hill to meet the Overlook Trail, which offers breathtaking views of the Rio Grande Valley and the Sandia and Manzano Mountains.

Runners descend the hill and meet back up with the 5K course to finish.

The 10K has approximately 700 feet of elevation change.

The Half Marathon has a 2,100-foot elevation gain/loss covering the 10k overlook trail and continuing to the eastside of Los Lunas Hill.

Additional information and registration forms are available at the Village website, loslunasnm.gov.



Come out for the March 10 King of the Hill.

UNM-VALENCIA GALA

UNM-Valencia's 9th Annual Scholarship Gala, Denim & Diamonds, will be held Saturday March 3.

Folks are encouraged to put on boots, denim, jeans, and diamonds to support student scholarships at UNM-Valencia.

The evening includes barbeque by RIBS Restaurant of Los Lunas, beer and wine, music, and silent and live auctions.

Contact Marcus Gallegos at 505 925-8550 or mgalle2@unm.edu for sponsorship or ticket information.

NEW P&Z MEMBER

The Village Council has appointed Andy Gomez as member at large on the Village's Planning and Zoning Commission.

Gomez will complete the current term of Stephanie Williams who served on the commission for nine years, more than eight of those as chairman.

The other four members of the Planning and Zoning Commission represent Village Council districts:

District One – Frank Vigil

District Two – Terry Ulibarri

District Three – Walter Baca

District Four – Philip Jaramillo

AARON'S RENT TO OWN MOVES

It's a new year and a new location for Aaron's Rent to Own in Los Lunas.

Aaron's is now located at 1221 Main St. SW, next to O'Reilly's Auto Parts on the south side of the highway.

You can furnish your entire house with what is offered at Aaron's. Furniture includes sofas and sectionals, living room sets, sofa and loveseat sets, bedroom sets, dining room sets, mattresses, recliners and chairs, and television stands and accessories.

Electronics includes televisions, laptops and tablets, desktops and monitors, audio and video, and gaming.

If you are looking for an appliance, Aaron's carries washer and dryer sets, refrigerators, freezers, ranges, and dishwashers.

Seasonal offerings include lawn and outdoor items for the warmer months and fireplaces for the cooler time of year.

Aaron's opens at 10 a.m. Monday through Saturday, closes at 7 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, at 8 p.m. Fridays, and 5 p.m. Saturdays. Closed on Sundays.

Phone number is 505 865-8533. Check out much more information about furnishing your home at Aaron's Rent to Own online at aarons.com.



Lots to choose from at Aaron's.

Village Administration Office: 505 839-3840

CELEBRATING 90 YEARS

Watch for historical info about the Village In honor of the 90th anniversary of Los Lunas as a municipality in 2018.

On July 10, 1928, the Valencia County Commission met at the Valencia County Courthouse and approved the incorporation of the Village of Los Lunas.

At the first election of village officials, held August 7, 1928, Antonio J. Archuleta was elected mayor. Trustees elected were Joseph F. Tondre, Fred D. Huning Sr., Abelino A. Gutierrez, and Jesus Maestas. G.C. Luna was elected clerk.

Notary public F.C.H. Livingston swore in the elected officials. He was supposed to swear in Simon Neustadt as city treasurer, but Neustadt died before he could take office. Climaco Aguirre was appointed city treasurer to fill the unexpired term.

Mayor Archuleta appointed Juan Luna as Village Marshall; Roberto G. Sanchez, Justice of the Peace; and F.C.H. Livingston, village attorney.

At the first council meeting ordinances adopted concerned Rules and Order of Business; Ordinances; Village Seal; and Occupational Tax.



First Mayor of Los Lunas Antonio Archuleta

NEW SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE OKAYED

The Village Council has approved a revised subdivision ordinance after a year of public meetings and discussion regarding the ordinance.

The ordinance is meant to assure harmonious and orderly development of the Village and the surrounding area as well as promote health, safety, morals, and general welfare.

In addition, the ordinance is intended to secure equitable treatment of all subdivisions by providing uniform procedures and standards to be used by subdividers, the Village Planning and Zoning Commission, and the Village Council.

Anyone wanting to subdivide land into two or more parts, or to amend or vacate a plat for any previously subdivided land, will furnish a plat of the proposed subdivision, amendment, or plat, prepared by a surveyor, and will comply with the subdivision ordinance requirements.

The new subdivision ordinance can be found on the Village website, loslunasnm.gov, under the section MUNICIPAL.

LOS LUNAS CHAMBER MEETS

The Los Lunas Chamber of Commerce continues holding a monthly luncheon from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm at Teofilio's Restaurant in Los Lunas. Visit www.loslunaschamber.com for additional information.

www.loslunasnm.gov

MUSEUM OF HERITAGE & ARTS HAPPENINGS

Main Street and Luna Avenue
505 352-7720

EXHIBITS

Through February 17, 2018
San Clemente Land Grant Exhibit

March 3 - April 14, 2018
5th Annual Student Juried Art
Show
(Opening Reception March 3,
2018 - 2 - 4 P.M.)

February 24 - April 7, 2018
Civil War Exhibit

TOURS

Call Museum 505 352-7720
or stop by to sign up

February 24, 2018
Gutiérrez-Hubbell House Tour
(\$5)

March 24, 2018
Old Los Lunas:
Historic Buildings in Our Back-
yard
(\$20 Includes Tour & Lunch at
Teofilo's)
RSVP-Limited Space

- Historic Luna Mansion Tour
- Historic Wittwer Building Tour
(Currently Teofilo's Restaurant)
- Historic Huning Home Tour

SPEAKERS

Saturday, Feb. 17, 2018 2 p.m. -
4 p.m.

"That Sink of Vice and Extrava-
gance."

Fort Marcy in 19th Century Santa
Fe

Presented by Matthew Barbour
Captain Maximiliano Luna: A New
Mexico Rough Rider

Presented by Richard Melzer

Saturday, March 10, 2018 2 p.m.
Rio Abajo Agriculture by Maggie
McDonald

VILLAGE CAFÉ NOW OPEN FOR DINNER

Village Café, located at 223 High-
way 314 SW, has extended its
hours so it is open for dinner.

Anthony Ferraro and Henry
Sanchez opened the Village Café
two years ago,

The restaurant has focused on
breakfast and lunch with an
extensive menu for those meals
since then.

New Village Café hours are
Monday through Friday 10 a.m.
to 7 p.m., Saturdays and Sunday
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Village Café burgers include
the jumbo and regular "Village"
tortilla, the "Village" green chile
cheeseburger, the "Daniel Fer-
nandez" burger, plus more choic-
es.

Burger add-ons include bacon,
onion rings, green chile, bleu
cheese, deep-fried jalapenos,
and cheese.

In addition to the bacon-wrapped
jalapeno poppers, other appetiz-
ers are chips and salsa, mozza-
rella sticks, taquitos, chile cheese
fries, and fried mushrooms.

New Mexico meals include tacos,
a variety of combination plates,
enchiladas, burritos, tostados,
menudo, and posole.

Sandwiches range from grilled
cheese to fried bologna to a load-
ed BLT to grilled chicken

Kids have a special menu and
there is a wide variety of drinks
available.

Call the Village Café at 505 865-
2830 or stop by 223 Highway 314
SW

LOCAL EVENTS

Saturday, April 28, 2018
Turn in Unused or Expired
Drugs
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Village Administration Building
660 Main St. NW

Saturday, April 14, 2018
Friends of the Library and
Museum
Book Sale 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Los Lunas Library Parking Lot
460 Main Street SE
1503 Main St. SW

Los Lunas Public Library
460 Main St. NE

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

Wii Games
Every Friday 3 p.m.

**Attend a Village
Council Meeting**

Feb. 22 March 15 & 29
660 Main St NW
Main Street and Don Pasqual
Meetings begin at 6:00 p.m.



*Lots of different burgers at Village
Café.*