



VILLAGE NEWS



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ELECTION DAY IS MARCH 6

Registered Village of Los Lunas voters who vote in the 2018 election can vote for mayor and municipal judge.

Candidates for mayor are:

Charles Griego

Candidates for municipal judge are:

Avilio Chavez
Henry L. Perea

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

Candidates are listed in alphabetical order, not ballot order.

Write-in candidates could file on Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2018, after the deadline for this newsletter.

Election day is Tuesday, March 6, 2018.

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 or early.

Early voting begins Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2018, at the Village Administration Building and ends Friday, March 2, 2018.

The last day for absentee ballots to be issued is Friday, March 2, 2018. Voter registration closes Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2018.

Contact the Valencia County Bureau of Elections, 505 866-2080, to register to vote.

MAIN STREET CONSTRUCTION

TLC Plumbing is scheduled to install storm water drains on Main Street between Don Pasqual and NM 314 through the end of February.

A lane closure is planned between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Contact for this job is Andrew Torres, TLC Plumbing Project Manager.

ADB Companies is scheduled to install a fiber cable using directional boring from Los Morros west of Interstate 25 to NM 314 on Main Street/NM 6 between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. through Feb. 1, 2018.

Contact is Bradley Melton, project manager at ADB Companies.



Construction continues on the Village's second fire station on Sand Sage Rd west of Interstate 25.

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INCREASE TO WATER/SEWER RATES FOR 2018

Village of Los Lunas water and sewer bills sent in February 2018 will reflect a slight increase in the base rate as part of a five-year plan approved by the Village Council in December 2014.

The rate adjustment ensures the Village generates adequate revenue to meet existing water and sanitary sewer operational and maintenance costs; increasing costs for water supply treatment, sanitary sewer treatment, water distribution and sewer collection system maintenance; and proactive management for planned water and sewer system capital improvement projects.

The 2018 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.

This year, 2018, is the fourth of the five-year plan.

The fifth, and final year of the plan, is 2019 when the water rate increase will be \$1.85 and the sanitary sewer increase will be \$2.34.

Village residential and commercial users are charged for the water used per a meter reading.

Village residential sanitary sewer usage is determined by taking the

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average water usage from October through February and is reflected in the March statement for February services.

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 bill for water and sewer also generally includes the charge for garbage pickup in addition to the water and sewer charges.

COMMERCIAL CONSTRUCTION

The Facebook Data Center is under construction, but there are several smaller commercial construction projects underway in the Village as well as other economic news.

Just east of the Chevron Gas Station at the intersection of Grant Boulevard and Main Street a new strip mall is being built.

Across the street, in front of The Home Depot, two new eateries are under construction, Jersey Mike's Subs and a second Burger King.

Work is complete on the Aaron's Rent to Own east of Murphy's Gas. The store will move to this location from the site in the Smith's Shopping Center in January 2018.

Goodwill Industries of New Mexico is building a 14,500 square-foot facility at 201 Desert Willow Road which will create as many as 20 jobs.

LITERACY COUNCIL NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

The Valencia County Literacy Council will conduct free new tutor training from 1 to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2018.

A basic literacy training session will be held Friday, Jan. 26, 2018, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. with English as a Second Language training on Friday, Feb. 2, 2018, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

All sessions will be held at the University of New Mexico-Valencia Campus.

Literacy Council Director Jill Oglesby points out that literacy volunteers help build a better world.

For more information about the trainings contact Cecy Rodrigues at 505 925-8935.

SCAVENGER HUNT IN LL

Drop by the Los Lunas Public Library at 460 Main St. SE and see how well you know Los Lunas.

On the back wall are 12 photographs taken in the Village.

If you can name the areas where the photos are taken then you could be entered to win a \$50 gift card to Teofilo's Restaurant.

Contestants must have a valid Los Lunas library card to play.

All correct entries will be placed in a drawing for the gift card.

Deadline to enter is Feb. 2, 2018.

The hunt is sponsored by The Friends of the Los Lunas Library and Museum of Heritage and Arts.

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LLPD OFFICER GRADUATES FROM FBI ACADEMY

Los Lunas Police Lieutenant Frank Lucero graduated from the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Police Academy (FBINA), Class #270 Section 5, in Quantico, Virginia, in December 2017.

The FBINA is a professional course of study for U.S. and international law enforcement managers nominated by their agency chief for their demonstrated leadership qualities.

The FBINA consists of an extensive 10-week program that offers classes in law, behavioral science, forensic science, understanding terrorism/terrorist mindsets, leadership, communication, and health/fitness.

Officers participate in a wide range of leadership and specialized training.

Lieutenant Lucero is an 11-year veteran of the Los Lunas Police Department. He began his LLPD career in November 2006, as a Patrol Officer. In 2009, he was promoted to Patrol Sergeant.

In 2015, he was promoted to his current position as Lieutenant of the Criminal Investigations Division.

LOS LUNAS CHAMBER MEETS

The Los Lunas Chamber of Commerce monthly luncheon will be held at Teofilio's Restaurant on Thursday, January 18th at 11:30 am.

The guest speaker will be from Leigh Van Gilst, CPA & Associates, LLC.

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KEEPING FIT IN LOS LUNAS

The holidays can be tough on our bodies.

If you are looking for a way to stay in shape, try Daniel Fernandez Recreation Center, the village's fitness center at 1103 Hwy 314 SW.

Exercise machinery includes one bench press, two Smith machines, leg extension attachments, cable crossover, leg press, and an assortment of curl bars and dumbbells.

In addition, there are four treadmills, two elliptical machines, and one stationary bicycle.

The hydraulic equipment can help you work on your entire core. Center staff can assist with any questions.

Aerobics classes are offered Monday through Saturday.

Whether your preference is building flexibility, improving core strength, or burning calories, classes are available that help achieve a healthier life style.

Fitness Cards are available for easier access.

For more information call 505 352-7661.

VILLAGE WINS AWARDS

The Village of Los Lunas has won two awards from the New Mexico Water and Wastewater Association (NMWWA).

The Village won Good Housekeeping Awards for Activated Sludge Plant 20 years and older, and for Mechanical Plant 20 years and younger.

Village wastewater staff will accept the awards in late January 2018.

BICYCLE MASTER PLAN APPROVED

The Village Council has approved the Bicycle Master Plan for the community.

The plan improves the connectivity between existing bicycle facilities and encourages designated bike-ways where such do not exist.

The plan helps define and explain the roles of each bikeway facility with key design elements for each option.

A bikeway primarily provides, but is not limited to, bicycle travel. Bikeways can include:

- A multi-purpose path which provides a completely separate right-of-way (paved or unpaved) for use of bicycles, equestrians, joggers, hikers, etc., with cross flow by motorists minimized.
- A bike lane which provides a striped lane for one-way bike trails on a street or highway.
- Shared use which provides for shared use with pedestrians or motor vehicles. This typically has "shared lane" pavement marking.

All three of these bikeways can currently be found in the Village.

The bicycle plan includes a Bicycle Master Plan map.

The Bicycle Master Plan is available on the Village website loslunasnm.gov.



Bicycle rider uses dedicated bike lane.

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MUSEUM OF HERITAGE & ARTS HAPPENINGS

Main Street and Luna Avenue
505 352-7720

EXHIBITS

January 3 - 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 Exhibits

TOURS

(Call Museum 505 352-7720
or Stop by to Sign Up

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

TOURS CONT'D

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

SPEAKERS

Saturday, Jan. 27, 2018 2-4 p.m.
Martin the Guitar by Local Author
Harry Musselwhite

Saturday, Feb. 17, 2018 2-4 p.m.
That Sink of Vice and Extravagance:
Fort Marcy in 19th Century Santa Fe
by Matthew Barbour

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

LOCAL EVENTS

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.

Wii Games
Every Friday 3 p.m.

Attend a Village Council Meeting

Jan. 25 Feb. 8 & 22
660 Main St NW
Main Street and Don Pasqual
Meetings begin at 6:00 p.m.

2018 TRASH PICKUP

HOLIDAY OBSERVED

New Year's Day
M. L. King Jr. Day
Easter Holiday
Memorial Day
4th Of July
Labor Day
Columbus Day
Veterans Day
Thanksgiving Day
Day After Thanksgiving
Christmas Eve
Christmas Day

REGULAR TRASH PICKUP DAY

Monday, Jan. 1
Monday, Jan. 15
Friday, March 30
Monday, May 28
Wednesday, July 4
Monday, Sept. 3
Monday, Oct. 8
Monday, Nov. 12
Thursday, Nov. 22
Friday, Nov. 23
Monday, Dec. 24
Tuesday, Dec. 25

WILL BE PICKED UP ON

Tuesday, Jan. 2
Tuesday, Jan. 16
Thursday, March 29
Tuesday, May 29
Thursday, July 5
Tuesday, Sept. 4
Tuesday, Oct. 9
Tuesday, Nov. 13
Wednesday, Nov. 21
Monday, Nov. 26
Friday, Dec. 21
Wednesday, Dec. 26

PLEASE NOTE

Garbage can(s) need to be out for pick up by 7:00 AM on your scheduled pick up day. Any can(s) that are missed will be charged for a 2nd pick up. If you have any questions or concerns about your garbage services, please contact the Solid Waste Department at (505) 352-7699.

