



VILLAGE NEWS

Small Community • Big Possibilities

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VILLAGE COUNCIL SETS PRIORITIES

The Village Council has approved the following Strategic Priorities for the next four years for the community:

- Interstate 25 Interchange and East-West Corridor Project
- Quality of Life Improvements
- Evaluate the current staffing levels of the Police and Fire Departments
- Evaluate and improve the Village infrastructure
- Evaluate possible options for expansion of the Village Hall, Public Library, and consider other facility improvements.

The Village Council also has approved the Fiscal Year 2018-19 Interim Budget.

The \$76 million budget is the spending plan for the Village of Los Lunas from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019.

The budget is available on the Village website at www.loslunasnm.gov, under Departments/Administration.

LLPD CHIEF HONORED

Los Lunas Police Chief Naithan Gurule will receive the 2018 International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) 40 under 40 award.

The award recognizes 40 law enforcement professionals under the age of 40 from around the world who demonstrate leadership and exemplify commitment to their profession.

Award winners represent the law enforcement Leaders of Today as well as the Leaders of Tomorrow.

Selection criteria includes strong values and commitment to the law enforcement field.

Recipients lead by example by providing training and mentoring for others, serving as role models, developing more effective methodologies for their departments, and building up those around them.



LLPD Chief Naithan Gurule

ROCK OUT AT THE LIBRARY

This summer the Los Lunas Public Library staff is holding a variety of programs at the facility at 460 Main St. NE.

Programs will be Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays at 10:30 a.m. through August 3.

Topics include yoga, Houdini the Magician, crafts, talent show auditions, and much more.

Check out the library on Facebook or stop by for the Rock Out brochure.

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VILLAGE HAS NEW TOURISM PLAN

The Los Lunas Village Council has approved a strategic tourism plan, with the goal of creating a thriving tourism sector and outdoor recreation industry.

Village officials hope to collaborate with other county governments to build a tourism network for visitors and residents alike based upon attractions in Valencia County.

The plan, along with a brand for Los Lunas tourism, "Los Lunas — The Road Less Traveled," was created with the belief that developing the tourism industry will enhance the quality of life for residents and visitors as well as complement economic development now taking place.

The Village began with economic development when the Village embarked on its branding strategy entitled, "Small Community, Big Possibilities."

The first phase was retail and industrial jobs recruitment, and now the last phase is the tourism plan. The Village will work with local businesses and services to draw tourists to the area.

The tourism brand promise is, "Los Lunas is the personable place that shares memorable and 'soul-feeding' adventures that visitors simply love."

The plan calls for a roadmap brochure so visitors can follow site to site.

The aim is to attract new businesses to support the emerging tourism industry and attract new visitors, extend their stays, as well as engage the Village's businesses and residents with information and tools to become brand ambassadors.

Another strategic priority includes attracting the tourism infrastructure to deliver a first-class tourism experience.

A Route 66 Museum and Visitors Center, on land purchased west of the Luna Mansion, is part of the tourism plan.

The Village is partnering with New Mexico True, the state tourism brand, to collaborate on many strategic tourism initiatives so the Village can maximize its branding reach and better leverage financial resources.

The Los Lunas Strategic Tourism Plan is available on the website at loslunasnm.gov.

SECOND BURGER KING NOW OPEN

The Village of Los Lunas's second Burger King location is now open on Main Street west of Los Cerritos.

Hours are Sunday through Thursday 5:30 a.m. to midnight, Friday and Saturday 5:30 a.m. to 2 a.m.

The restaurant has 31 employees.

The store phone number is 505 565-1144.

Menu items cover breakfast, lunch and dinner as well as in-between. Beverages include coffee and cold drinks with a variety of frozen beverages. Also available are Value Meals and King Jr.™ meals.



Breakfast, lunch and dinner at Burger King.

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 HWY 6 from the intersection of NM 314 and 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.

\$30,000 IN CELL PHONES RECOVERED

Los Lunas Police partnered with the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Department to recover nearly \$30,000 worth of cell phones stolen during a June robbery of a Verizon Wireless store on Main Street in Los Lunas.

Two men stole the phones during an armed robbery.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AUG. 7

Meet law enforcement and emergency responders at National Night Out Tuesday, Aug. 7, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Daniel Fernandez Park, 1103 Highway 314 SW.

Food will be available at no charge while the supply lasts.

A variety of community services will be there giving out information.

A child safety seat fitting station will be available.

There will be activities for children and adults.

School supplies will be given out:

- Kindergarten through third grade, 5:30 – 6 pm.
- Fourth through sixth grade, 6 – 6:30 p.m.
- Seventh through 12th grade, 6:30 – 7 p.m.



Activities for kids at National Night Out.

SLUDGE AS COMPOST

Sludge is not usually a topic of conversation for the family.

Village officials, however, have figured out a way to repurpose the sludge produced by the Village's water and sewage treatment processes.

Currently the sludge is taken to a 220-acre site off HWY 6 west of Los Lunas.

There is a limit to how much sludge can be handled there and the site now has a 15-year life expectancy.

A new process used by the Village turns the sludge into a cake product which can be used for composting or be taken to the landfill.

Use for composting is preferred and the Village intends to use the new product initially as a soil amendment in the Village parks and wherever else it can be used on Village property.

Eventually the material may be available to the public.

Village Public Works Director Michael Jaramillo points out that the new sludge process is another way the Village is working to make a more efficient community.

THIRD NM 314 PROJECT

A third NM 314 improvement project is currently in the design phase.

This project will improve NM 314 from Main Street/HWY 6 north to about James Street.

Work includes sidewalk improvements, a new trail, safety fences around the railroad track, and pedestrian bridges over the Otero Ditch.

The project is expected to cost about \$1.7 million with \$1.45 million of that funded by the New Mexico Department of Transportation Transportation Improvement Program and the remainder by the Village of Los Lunas.

The project will go to bid this summer with an anticipated start date of April 2019.

Work is expected to begin soon on the NM 314 Bike and Pedestrian Improvement Project at the intersection of NM 314 and Morris Road.

The reconstruction of the NM 314 and Courthouse Road intersection is also in the design phases.

SWIMMING POOL OPEN

The Los Lunas High School swimming pool is open through Saturday, August 4, on Mondays through Saturdays.

A variety of activities is offered including aqua aerobics, lap swimming, swimming lessons, and infant-parent classes.

Private pool parties may be booked subject to the availability of the pool.

Extensive information about the pool, which is owned and operated by Los Lunas Schools, with financial support from the Village of Los Lunas and, open to the public, is available at loslunasnm.gov, under Parks and Recreation.

JERSEY MIKE'S SUBS OFFERS VARIETY

The seventh Jersey Mike's Subs in New Mexico is at 1660 Main St. NW, just west of Los Cerritos in Los Lunas.

The store is open 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. seven days a week, phone 505 866-4466.

The location includes a drive through.

Jersey Mike's Subs has hot and cold subs that feed one, two, or four; wraps filled with fresh vegetables and protein; kids' meals for children eight and under; a variety of chips; drinks that range from fountain sodas to water; and desserts that include chocolate chip brownies.

There's also tossed and chicken salads to choose from.



Jersey Mike's Subs now in Los Lunas.

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.

Village Administration Office: 505 839-3840

DENTAL SERVICES AT LOS LUNAS SMILES

Los Lunas Smiles offers a variety of dental services.

Located at 219 Courthouse Road SW, phone 505 865-4341, services at Los Lunas Smiles include bonding, crowns/ bridgeworks, dermal fillers, fast denture repairs, fillings, oral cancer screenings, periodontal (gum) disease therapy, porcelain veneers, and teeth cleaning.

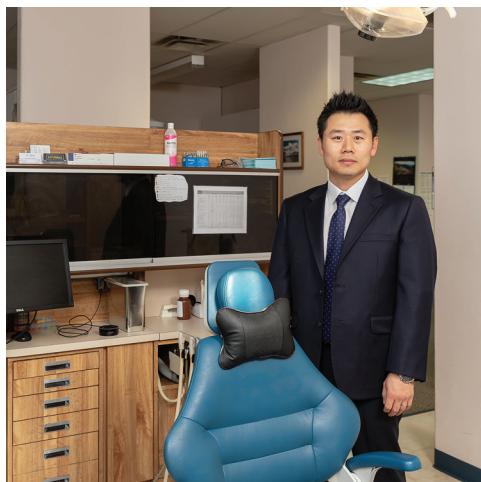
Los Lunas Smiles staff also provide root canal treatment, sealants, silver diamine fluoride, teeth whitening, TMJ/TMD treatment, and tooth extractions.

Same day emergency appointments are available for people having dental problems or pain.

Most traditional insurance plans are accepted as well as checks, cash or credit cards. There is also a flexible payment plan.

Dr. Jajung Yoon is the dentist at Los Lunas Smiles. He is a graduate of the Rutgers School of Dental Medicine.

Visit the website at llsmiles.com or look for Los Lunas Smiles on Facebook for more information.



Los Lunas Smiles welcomes patients.

LOCAL EVENTS

Farmers Market
Tuesdays, 4-7 p.m.
Heritage Park on Lambros Loop

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

July 26 August 9 & 23
660 Main St NW
Main Street and Don Pasqual
Meetings begin at 6:00 p.m.

MUSEUM OF HERITAGE & ARTS HAPPENINGS

Main Street and Luna Avenue
505 352-7720

EXHIBITS

Spirit and Beauty
Works by Katherine Morris Soskin
Through Saturday, July 28, 2018

Sixth Annual Juried Art Exhibition
"Expressions of New Mexico"
Application deadline:
Sept. 29, 2018