



# VILLAGE NEWS

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## FIRE STATION #2 OPENS THIS SUMMER

The Village of Los Lunas's new fire station opens this summer.

Fire Station #2, located on Sand Sage west of I-25 and north of NM 6, is an almost 17,000-square-foot state-of-the-art facility.

The building includes living quarters, offices, full kitchen facilities with dining area, plenty of storage, plus conference, training, exercise, decontamination, and laundry rooms, as well as other amenities.

The station is set up as a backup.

site for the Valencia Regional Communications 911 Center should there be problems at that facility.

With five bays, the building has enough room to house the ladder truck, which arrives in the fall, plus other firefighting equipment.

This will be the first ladder truck in the Village fire department.

The ladder truck will be used when a vertical or horizontal reach is needed.

Firefighters will have special training to handle the ladder truck.

Fire Station #2 and the ladder truck were made possible by Village voters approving a general obligation bond issue in March 2016.

With the opening of Fire Station #2, the Village will be able to send fire equipment and firefighters from the new station, Fire Station #1 at 465 Main St. NE, and/or the New Mexico Campus (formerly the Los Lunas Hospital and Training School).



Village Fire Chief John Gabaldon stands in the kitchen area of Fire Station #2.

## TREATMENT PLANT WINS AWARDS

In January 2018, the Village of Los Lunas Wastewater Treatment Plant Division received two awards for Good Housekeeping -- one for the mechanical plant and the other for the activated treatment plant.

The first award is for an activated sludge plant 20 years and older. The Village division also won this award in 2011 as well as 1998.

The second award is for a mechanical plant 20 years and younger.

These awards are presented annually by the New Mexico Water and Wastewater Association.

Any association member in the State, which includes all water facilities and wastewater treatment plants, are eligible to receive the awards.



Pictured left to right, back row, are Andres Montoya, David Sanchez, Jacob Lovato, Ruben Moreno, Craig Byers, Angel Martinez, Kevin Mireles. Front row are Steven Freeman, Oscar Diaz.

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# VILLAGE RECOMMENDED TO RECEIVE ROUTE 66 GRANT

The Village has been recommended to receive a \$25,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) to support designing and planning the Los Lunas Route 66 Museum & Visitors Center.

The Village will work with UNM School of Architecture and Planning on the project.

NEA Chairman Jane Chu announced 60 awards totaling \$4.1 million supporting projects across the nation through the NEA's Our Town program.

Chu said, "Through the work of organizations such as the Village of Los Lunas in Los Lunas, NM, NEA funding invests in local communities, helping people celebrate the arts wherever they are."

Los Lunas Mayor Charles Griego said, "It's an honor and a privilege to be awarded this grant. The proposed project for a Route 66 Museum has been in the Village's plans for several years and will become a focal point for our community."

Griego added, "We are excited to partner with the UNM School of Architecture and Planning to develop the design concept and look forward to engaging Village residents and businesses in the effort."

School of Architecture and Planning Associate Dean Tim B. Castillo said, "The School of Architecture and Planning has had a legacy of working with many communities in New Mexico.

"The faculty and students are excited at the opportunity to work with the community of Los Lunas to design and plan for the Route 66 Museum & Visitors Center."

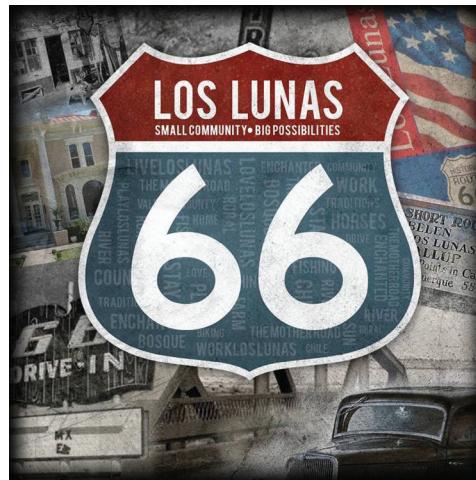
The Village has purchased a historic property for the Route 66 Museum & Visitors Center which would be an expansion of the Los Lunas Museum of Heritage & Arts.

The Route 66 facility will tell the history of the Mother Road when it extended through the Village from 1926 to 1937.

The Village will work with professors at the School of Architecture and Planning to offer studio courses focused on this museum project. Through these courses, students will work with asset mapping, site planning and design, historical preservation inventory and planning, and architectural design.

For a complete list of projects recommended for Our Town grant support, visit the NEA web site at [arts.gov](http://arts.gov).

To join the Twitter conversation about this announcement, please tag the NEA @NEAarts and use the hashtag #NEASpring18.



## JULY 4th FESTIVITIES

Start your Fourth of July with the parade along the Village's Main Street. The parade starts at 9 a.m. and heads west on Main Street from Heritage Park to Don Pasqual.

Activities begin at 4 p.m. at Daniel Fernandez Memorial Park where there will be live entertainment, food of all kinds, and activities for the whole family.

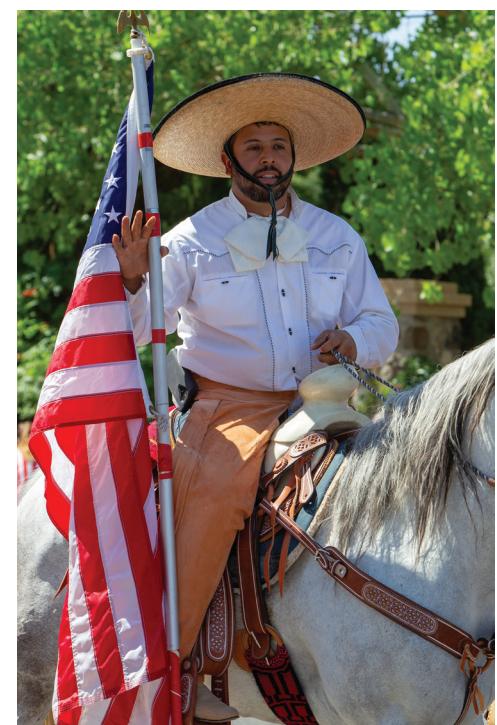
The Black Pearl Band of New Mexico plays from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

From 5:30 to 7 p.m. the Tylor Brandon Band takes the stage.

Playing a special acoustic set from 7 to 7:30 p.m. will be The Gershom Brothers.

Revíval plays from 7:30 until the fireworks show.

And the fireworks show starts at dusk.



Enjoy the 4th of July parade in the morning.

## LEARN TO SAVE A LIFE

Are you prepared to save someone's life?

If you are not prepared then attend Project Heart Start the morning of Saturday, June 23, at Daniel Fernandez Recreation Center gym.

Project Heart Start teaches people how to apply compression-only CPR (cardio pulmonary resuscitation) to save lives.

The first class will be at 8 a.m. to be followed by 9, 10, and 11 a.m. classes.

This is the sixth annual Project Heart Start. It is intended to be a family affair teaching all the community how to save lives.

For more information call the Los Lunas Fire Department, 505 866-2116, or contact Nicholas Moya, from the Valencia County Emergency Services Department, at 505 507-6964.

## COUNCIL MEMBER NAMED

Longtime Village administrator Phillip Jaramillo has been named to serve on the Village Council from Council District Four.

The position was previously held by Paulette Sanchez-Montoya who died April 15, 2018.

Jaramillo served more than 20 years as village administrator, retiring in April 2009.

## ROAD WORK ON NM 314

Two different areas on NM 314 will be rebuilt over the next few years.

Work begins soon on the NM 314 Bike and Pedestrian Improvement Project at the intersection of NM 314 and Morris Road.

The project is funded through the New Mexico Department of Transportation with State Transportation Improvement Project Funds (STIP) as well as money from the Village.

Funds have been allocated for the construction of sidewalks, bike lanes, lighting, roadway medians, curbs, storm water retention, landscaping and American with Disabilities Act signal light improvements.

The Village Council approved the low bid of Desert Fox, Inc., for this work.

Public meetings have been held regarding the reconstruction of the NM 314 and Courthouse Road intersection.

Planned improvements include realigning either Courthouse Road or Juan Perea Road to intersect NM 314 at Colonial Avenue, adding northbound and southbound left-turn lanes and a northbound right turn lane on NM 314 and reconstructing the rail crossing, pedestrian trail, and sidewalks at the new intersection location.

## 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.

## AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM AVAILABLE

The first Village after school program starts this Fall, running until six p.m., even on half days.

Transportation will be provided from Raymond Gabaldon Elementary, Los Lunas Elementary, and Katherine Gallegos Elementary every school day to Daniel Fernandez Recreation Center.

The cost will be \$25 per child per week or \$90 per month.

The kids will receive a snack each day as well as recreational and educational activities including homework help

Space is extremely limited due to transportation capabilities.

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## 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.

# BURRITOS ALINSTANTE OPENS 5TH RESTAURANT

Burritos Alinstante's newest location in the Kicks 66 gas station, 105 Sun Ranch Loop SW in Los Lunas, is now open.

Hours are 5 a.m. to 10 p.m., the hours the station operates. Phone number is 505 565-2580. This will be the fifth location for Burritos Alinstante.

The original Burritos Alinstante opened in Belen in 1989 and remains operating on Highway 314.

The other restaurants are in Bosque Farms, Albuquerque's South Valley and at 1140 Main Street NE in Los Lunas.

Menu items not only include a variety of burritos, but also tacos, nachos, tamales, and frito pies.

Burritos can be filled with eggs, bacon, chorizo, carne adovada, steak, ground beef, chicharrones, chicken, and/or potatoes. And there's the beans, cheese, and red or green chile too.



A 5th Burritos Alinstante is now open at Kicks 66.

## MUSEUM OF HERITAGE & ARTS HAPPENINGS

Main Street and Luna Avenue  
505 352-7720

### EXHIBITS

Juried Art Show Winner Exhibition  
*Works by Charles "Bud" Edmundson and Friends*  
Through Saturday, July 21, 2018

*Spirit and Beauty*  
Works by Katherine Morris Soskin  
Through Saturday, July 28, 2018  
Opening Reception Saturday, June 16 2-4 p.m.

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

### GENEALOGY WORKSHOP FOR BEGINNERS & ENTHUSIASTS

Saturday, June 30, 2018  
10 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.  
Los Lunas Transportation Center  
• Genealogy • Family History  
• Publishing • Research  
• Networking  
Presented by  
Henrietta Martinez Christmas  
and Paul Rhett

## FIELD-TO-FOOD DINNER

The 11th annual field-to-food event will be held at the Center for Ageless Living, 3216 Highway 47, Los Lunas, at 7 p.m. Saturday, June 23.

Tickets are \$45 each for the five-course dinner featuring local ingredients from within a 100-mile radius.

Tickets available at [nimagelessliving.com](http://nimagelessliving.com) or call 505 865-8813.

## LOCAL EVENTS

Independence Day  
Village Offices Closed  
Wednesday, July 4  
Wednesday garbage pickup  
on Thursday, July 5

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**

June 21 July 12 & 26  
660 Main St NW  
Main Street and Don Pasqual  
Meetings begin at 6:00 p.m.

## SUMMER YOUTH VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

A summer youth volleyball league will be offered in the Village for kids eight through 13.

Games will be on Saturdays in July and August at Daniel Fernandez Recreation Center, 1103 Highway 314 SW.

Cost is \$30 per child for the league, which will be competitive and will include fundamentals.

There will be an end-of-season tournament.

Call 505 352-7661 for more information.

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