



# VILLAGE NEWS

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## VILLAGE HOLIDAY EVENTS THIS YEAR LIGHT UP THE VILLAGE

Holiday events coordinated and presented by the Village Community Services Department are:

### *The Christmas Electric Light Parade*

The Christmas Electric Light Parade starts at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, at Highway 47 and Lambros Loop and proceeds west along Main Street to Don Pasqual. Anyone interested in participating in the parade can register on the village website at [loslunasnm.gov](http://loslunasnm.gov).

### *Santa Claus is Coming to Town & Village Tree Lighting Ceremony*

Welcome Santa Claus to the Village of Los Lunas at the Transportation Center, 101 Courthouse Road, Friday, Dec. 7, 2018, at 6 p.m. Christmas Tree lighting ceremony begins at 6:30 p.m.

Events that night include sipping on hot chocolate, snacking on cotton candy, climbing on the rock wall, meeting Santa, children receiving a free gift while they last.

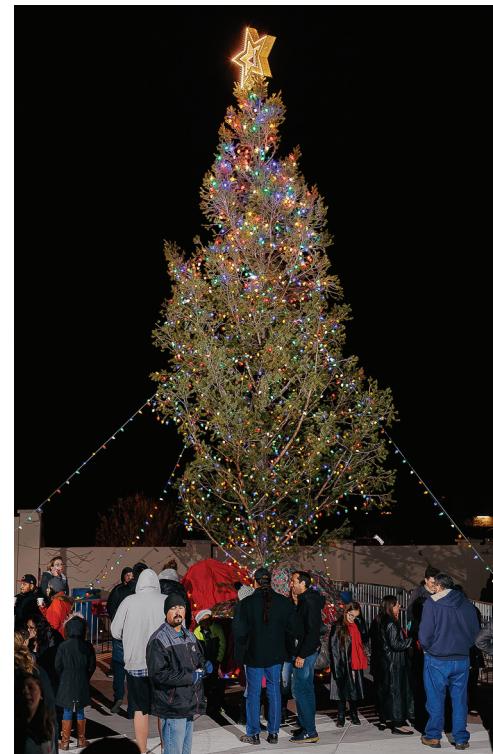
The Village Community Development Department invites participation in the First Inaugural Light Up the Village contest.

All businesses within the Village limits and businesses and residences along the Electric Light Parade route are encouraged to register, participate, and compete to be recognized for their community spirit!

Residents can enjoy the holiday displays and then like them on Facebook to show their support.

Please call 505 839-3842 for more details.

Two winners will be selected and receive a personalized award to display all year long!



*Happy Holidays  
from the  
Village of Los Lunas  
Mayor, Council and Staff*

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## TOP VILLAGE PROJECTS

The Village is planning for the future with the Village Council's approval of the Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP).

The ICIP lists projects that would improve life in the Village if the projects are built. The list must be reviewed every year so the Village is ready if funding becomes available.

Funding comes from a variety of sources, including legislative appropriations, grants, the village budget, and loans repaid from the budget.

Top five projects for the 2020 budget year are:

Interstate 25 Interchange/East-West Corridor Project.

Phase one of a water line crossing the Rio Grande.

Utility extensions to the Central Rail Park on the Village's west side.

Museum of Heritage and Arts improvements.

Sports Complex improvements.

## ROAD MAINTENANCE PROJECT

The Village will use a New Mexico Department of Transportation COOP grant to complete a maintenance project on Panay Drive, Panda Drive and Pandarey Drive.

The streets will be milled and repaved, including addressing all Americans with Disabilities sidewalk deficiencies.

Construction has started and is expected to be completed by December 2018.

## NON-PERISHABLES NEEDED

The Los Lunas Fire Department members and volunteers are collecting non-perishable food items for holiday boxes for the less fortunate in the Village.

Remember that expired food cannot be given to those who need that food.

You can drop items off at the fire station located at 465 Sand Sage NW. This is the new Village fire station west of Interstate 25.

Call Vivian Lujan 505 866-2116 or email [vlujan@loslunasnm.gov](mailto:vlujan@loslunasnm.gov) for more information.

## SEWER RATES

Water use during the months of October 2018 through February 2019 are used to calculate your new sewer rate average for the billing that begins with the March 2019 billing.

Review the usage on your statements and be sure to repair any leaks immediately.

## ROSS DRESS FOR LESS COMING

Ross Dress for Less™ will open in Los Lunas in 2019.

The store will take over the building which housed Staples at the intersection of Main Street / NM HWY 6 and NM HWY 47.

Ross will be hiring team members for this store. The first hires will train and work in Albuquerque while the Los Lunas store is being built.

Applications will be accepted at [RossStores.com/careers](http://RossStores.com/careers). Search for the Ross Dress for Less store on Paseo/Wyoming (Store 1972). There will be a link to the Los Lunas location.

## RENEW YOUR BUSINESS REGISTRATION

Now is the time to purchase or renew your business registration for the Village of Los Lunas, says Community Development Director Christina Ainsworth.

All businesses, multi-national or Mom and Pop, home-based or otherwise, pay the same fee, \$25.

Renew or purchase your registration before Dec. 31.

## MANAGING WATER RESOURCES GRANT

The Village of Los Lunas has received a \$74,681 Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) WaterSMART: Small-Scale Water Efficiency Grant.

The grant agreement allows the Village to leverage Village money and resources by cost sharing with the BOR on projects seeking to conserve, better manage, or otherwise make more efficient use of water supplies.

The Village will construct a treated effluent water load out station for use within the community.

The treated water will be available for pick up and use at construction sites in the area, saving potable water for domestic use.

The project was identified in the Village's Water Conservation Plan, pointed out Public Works Director Michael Jaramillo.

## AFTER HOURS EMERGENCY

For after hour emergencies for water or sewer in the Village of Los Lunas call 505 865-9130.

## FIRE STATION #2 HAS GRAND OPENING

Hundreds of people attended the grand opening of the Village of Los Lunas's second fire station in October.

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.

Those attending the grand opening enjoyed hot dogs and hamburgers (with the fixings), climbed the rock wall, met firefighters, talked with representatives of emergency preparedness agencies, and mingled with friends and others.

With five bays, the new building has enough room to house a new ladder truck which should arrive before the end of the year plus other firefighting equipment.

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



*The uncoupling of the hose is the ribbon cutting at the grand opening of Fire Station #2.*

## TRAIL SYSTEM PLANNED

The Village of Los Lunas is working on creation of a trail system through the Bosque thanks to an agreement with the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District to use 1,000 acres of MRGCD land.

The village has budgeted \$50,000 for the start of this project during this fiscal year north and south of River Park which is off Main Street / NM HWY 6 east of the Rio Grande.

Plans are to eventually create a loop trail for walkers and bicyclists. Plans are not to damage the natural habitat while creating the trail.

## SHOP IN THE VILLAGE

Over the last years the number of stores and restaurants in the Village has increased.

Remember to look first in the Village for what you need and want before shopping elsewhere.

When you eat out be sure to check what's available in Los Lunas before going somewhere else.

Gross receipt tax and property tax revenue generate more than 50% of the village's general fund revenues.

The general fund pays for services such as police and fire departments, municipal court, library and museum, parks and recreation, community development, and streets.

# Happy Thanksgiving

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.

**Thank You,**

Village of Los Lunas  
The Wastewater Treatment Plant  
loslunasnm.gov

# MUSEUM OF HERITAGE & ART 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

Southwest Model  
Railroad Club  
Nov. 27 – Dec. 8

## PRESENTATIONS

The Great War  
and New Mexico  
Nov. 17 2 – 4 p.m.

Author Nasario Garcia  
and Dolores Aragon  
New Kids Book  
Nov. 24 2 – 4 p.m.

## PRESENTATIONS cont'd

"The History and Art  
of Carlos J. Otero  
Awarded New Mexico's  
Hispanic 2018 Master's  
Award for  
Lifetime Achievement  
Dec. 15, 2018

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## **SATURDAY, DEC. 1**

Museum will be open during the  
Christmas Light Parade with the  
Model Railroad Club train on display

## LOS LUNAS LIBRARY EVENTS

460 Main St. NE 505 839-3850

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

Fridays 3 - 4:30p.m.  
Xbox Gaming

## LOCAL EVENTS

Sunday, Nov. 11 11 a.m.  
Veterans Day Commemoration  
(Especially Veterans from the  
Gulf War, Iraq and Afghanistan  
Conflicts)  
Daniel Fernandez Park

Monday, Nov. 12  
Village Offices Closed  
in commemoration of  
Veterans Day

Thursday, Nov. 22 & Friday, Nov. 23  
Thanksgiving Holiday  
Village Offices Closed  
Thursday Garbage Pickup  
On Wednesday  
Friday Garbage Pickup  
On the Following Monday

## **Attend a Village Council Meeting**

Nov. 15 Dec. 6 & 20  
660 Main St NW  
Main Street and Don Pasqual  
Meetings begin at 6:00 p.m.

The Village of Los Lunas has many village forms and applications available on line. The following can be found under FORMS & APPLICATIONS at [loslunasnm.gov](http://loslunasnm.gov).

## Water/Sewer Applications

- Application for new service
- Bulk Meter Deposit Form

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

### Building Applications

- Building Permit
- Sign Permit
- Mobile Home Permit
- FEMA Elevation Certificate

### Business Applications

- Business Registration
- Home Occupation Registration
- Vendor Permit
- Liquor License

### Zoning Applications

- Conditional Use
- Designated Use
- Zone Change
- Variance
- Special Use Amendment

### Subdivision Applications

- Summary Plat
- Minor Subdivision
- Major Subdivision - Preliminary Plat
- Major Subdivision - Final Plat
- Plat Vacation