



VILLAGE NEWS



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CAMELOT BOULEVARD EXTENSION

The Village Council has approved the contract for construction of the extension of Camelot Boulevard to Morris Road.

The construction will include a new concrete ditch crossing, streetlights, storm water retention, and a new base asphalt roadway.

The New Mexico Department of Transportation Improvement Program will fund 80% with a Village of Los Lunas 20% match from the Infrastructure Fund.

Franklin's Earthmoving Inc. received the contract with a low bid of \$1.097 million plus gross receipts tax.

PANCAKES FOR KIDS

The Los Lunas Rotary Club's first "Pancakes for a Cause" breakfast will be Saturday, Sept. 29, from 8 to 11 a.m. at Ribs Restaurant, 120 Nelson Lane.

The event will raise funds for the club's long-time service project — Clothes for Kids.

VILLAGE RECYCLING CHANGES

The Village now only accepts Plastics #1 and #2 and absolutely no trash bags for recycling

Public Works Director Michael Jaramillo said this is due to new rules and regulations placed on recycling by China's Green wall and the Green Sword.

In addition, the Village will no longer take any chipboard or wax board or any box with a waxy exterior.

The Village still accepts a variety of other items for recycling. Visit the website at loslunasnm.gov for a complete list of items accepted.

Jaramillo encourages people to find alternate methods of disposing of items not found on the new list of items. Do not dump illegally.

HOLIDAY SHOPPING AT JUBILEE

The Annual Arts and Crafts Fair will be held at Jubilee Los Lunas Active Adult Community Saturday, Sept. 22, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Jubilee is located west of I-25 on NM HWY 6.

Area artists will display paintings, photography, fiber arts, and handmade creations.

There will be baked goods, plants, and craft items.

Various proceeds will be donated to the Los Lunas Police Department for the annual holiday "Shop with a Cop" event for local children.

Club members shop with families at Walmart for winter apparel for students in need.

Rotary provided \$100 worth of clothing each for some 80 kids in 2017.



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ROAD WORK ON NM 314, NM HWY 6

Desert Fox Paving will construct sidewalks, bicycle lanes, lighting, medians, driveway access controls, and signage and landscape improvements on NM 314 until Feb. 1, 2019.

The project starts from Courthouse Road on NM 314 and goes south to Morris Road.

The \$2.4 million project is funded primarily by a Federal Highway Administration (FHA) Transportation Improvement Program grant with a required 20% match from the Village.

Drive slowly in the construction zone and watch out for workers.

More road work is being done by Bixby Electric on behalf of Fortis Construction (Facebook).

Bixby Electric will install new intersection traffic lights on the Main Street / NM HWY 6 and Los Morros Road intersection.

Be careful of the various lane closures thru Nov. 30, 2018. Traffic detour signs will guide motorists.

SUCCESSFUL NIGHT OUT

National Night Out in Los Lunas was a success as Albertson's Market provided enough food and drink for 1,500 people.

Approximately 500 kids were given backpacks and school supplies to start off their school year.

Los Lunas Police Department officers inspected numerous car seats and provided free new car seats to those who needed one.

R & R Glass in Los Lunas donated five bicycles raffled off during the event.

LOS CERRITOS WATER PRESSURE PROJECT

The Los Cerritos Water Pressure Zone Project has been completed.

The project produced more favorable water pressure for residences at the higher elevation of the water system's middle pressure zone and for development on the north end of Los Cerritos Road. To establish this new water system pressure zone the following improvements were accomplished:

- Provide a source of supply to the new pressure zone by constructing a pipeline.
- Adjust the existing pressure reducing valves (PRV) station to higher pressures.
- Close existing valves to isolate the new pressure zone from the existing pressure zones.
- Install two new PRV stations as fire suppression devices.

TLC Plumbing & Utility conducted the six-month project which had a \$389,300 completion cost, a savings of \$13,300 due to reduced supplies.

Police Chief Naithan Gurule and Deputy Chief Vince Torres received numerous positive compliments from citizens about the 2018 National Night Out.



Thanks to Albertson's Market at National Night Out.

SENATOR HEINRICH CONGRATULATES VILLAGE

U.S. Senator Martin Heinrich congratulated Village officials on investing in infrastructure at a special event held Friday, August 17, to formally announce the \$1.3 million Department of Commerce grant to install a 21,000-foot potable water pipeline along NM HWY 6 to the Central New Mexico Rail Park on the western edge of the Village.

Heinrich added that project foundations are created by building infrastructure.

In a video, U.S. Senator Tom Udall said Central New Mexico is the key to a better economic picture in New Mexico.

Economic Development Administration Regional Director Jorge Ayala pointed out that "amazing things" are happening in the Village and congratulated the Village and Valencia County on successful economic development.

Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway representative Peter Hjertstedt said that the rail park is strategically located on the railroad's Southern Transcon, the BNSF mainline between Southern California and Chicago, Illinois.

Other speakers were Bernalillo County Manager Julie Morgas Baca and Dewey V. Cave, executive director of the Mid-Region Council of Governments. Bernalillo County is partnering with Los Lunas on the Central New Mexico Rail Park project.



WATCH FOR RANGE CAFE

The Range Cafe is taking over the former Henrietta's location at 740 Main Street NE.

The building will undergo a complete remodel adding a covered patio on the east side and increasing the seating to about 150 guests. The kitchen, dining rooms, bathrooms, and entryways will be updated.

The location will acquire a New Mexico dispenser's liquor license and feature a full bar.

The total cost of the project will be around \$2 million and will employ around 50-60 people.

The Range Cafe will be open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner seven days a week starting at 7 a.m.

The Range Cafe debuted in Bernalillo in 1992 and now has six locations.

JAPANESE HIBACHI GRILL & SUSHI BAR

Sakura, a Japanese Hibachi Grill and Sushi Bar with an extensive menu, has opened in the heart of Los Cerritos Shopping Center in Los Lunas.

Sushi choices at Sakura include appetizers, sushi and sashimi a la carte, sushi roll and hand roll, and sushi bar entrées.

There are 31 varieties of chef's special rolls that includes the New Mexico Roll with snow crab, cream cheese and jalapeno inside and topped with steamed shrimp and avocado and served with the chef's special sauce.

The lunch menu features specials from the Sushi Bar, Hibachi Grill and Bento box lunches. Diners can choose from a wide variety of roll specials for lunch.

Sakura is located at 1400 Main St. NW, the corner of Main Street / NM HWY 6, Suite H, phone 505 433-4014.



Great choices at Sakura.

WOMEN'S CLOTHING AT BOHOTIQUE

Looking for a different type of women's clothing store in Los Lunas? Try BoHoTique at 3414 Highway 47, Suite D.

BoHoTique offers slightly used clothing in ladies, juniors, and girls' sizes plus accessories, handmade gifts, jewelry, purses, and candles.

Bring slightly used clothing to the store and you can get store credit.

The store is run by mother/daughter team, D' Karney (mother) and Shiya Genson (daughter).

Karney says the focus of the store is to offer good quality clothing at affordable prices and to celebrate the talent of women.

Phone 505 274-5122 or 505 250-9531. You can find BoHoTique on Facebook.



Stop by BoHoTique on Highway 47.

P&Z MEMBER NEEDED

The Village of Los Lunas is seeking letters of interest from people interested in serving on the Planning and Zoning Commission.

The Planning and Zoning Commission hears land use applications and policy amendments and makes recommendations to the Village Council.

Candidates must reside within the boundaries of Village Council District 4 which includes Carson Park as well as the incorporated areas of the Village on the east side of the Rio Grande and east of NM 314 / north of Main Street.

For more information, contact Christina Ainsworth at 352-7659 or ainsworthc@loslunasnm.gov.

MUSEUM OF HERITAGE & ARTS HAPPENINGS

Main Street and Luna Avenue
505 352-7720

EXHIBITS

*Water Color Society of New
Mexico Exhibit
More Than 40 Artists
Through Saturday, September 22,
2018*

*Wildlife Photographs
of the Rio Grande
by Chris Tafoya
Sept. 22 – Oct. 2*

*Pastel Society
Signature Show
Sept. 29 – Nov. 3
Reception Oct. 6 2-4 p.m.*

*6TH ANNUAL JURIED ART SHOW
Entries due by Sept. 29, 2018*

"Expressions of New Mexico"

*Call the Museum at 352-7750 for
more information*

Los Lunas Parks

Skate Park

The Village Skate Park in Heritage Park features 15,000 square feet of skating area. All the modern structures to grind, scoot, and ride are at the park. The park is designed for BMX bikes, skate boards and in-line skates. This "high end" park requires helmets under the age of 18 which are recommended for all others. Additional safety equipment is also encouraged.

Neighborhood Parks

Main Street Memorial Park

Village Employee Memorial, playground, basketball court, picnic tables
643 Main St SW

Artistic Park

Basketball court, playground, grass field.
901 Camino Del Rey SW

Chester Skinner Park

Basketball court, playground, grass field.
1660 Heaton Lp SE

Artiaga Park

Basketball court, playground, grass field.
1160 Artiaga Ct SE

Neighborhood Park

Basketball court, playground, grass field.
1151 Park St SE

Valley View

Native grasses, nature trail
922 Grant Blvd SW

Village Administration Office: 505 839-3840

Community Parks

Daniel Fernandez Memorial Park

Recreation center, adult softball field, football field, basketball court, tennis courts, playgrounds, picnic shelters, gazebo, restrooms
1103 Hwy 314 SW

Los Lunas Sports Plex

Soccer fields, softball fields, playground
1600 Hwy 314 SW

Heritage Park

Visitor Center, Wellness Center, soccer fields, basketball courts, playground, sand volleyball courts, restrooms, walking trail, Skate Park
3447 Lambros Loop NE

Riverside Park

Nature trails, picnic tables, fishing, stack wall
1601 Main St SE

Huning Ranch Park

Walking path, basketball courts, playgrounds, swings, fitness area, picnic shelters, grass fields
400 Huning Ranch Loop East

Buena Vista Park

Basketball court, playground, grass field.
Carrisa Court

Enchantment Little League

Baseball fields, softball field, t-ball field
1251 Hwy 314 SW

Los Cerritos Park

Basketball court, playground, picnic tables, grass field.
1501 Los Cerritos Rd SW

LOCAL EVENTS

Monday, October 8
Columbus Day Holiday
Village Offices Closed

Attend a Village Council Meeting

Sept. 20, Oct. 4 & 18
660 Main St NW
Main Stree and Don Pasqual
Meetings begin at 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 13
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Grand Opening /
Open House
Los Lunas Fire Station #2
465 Sand Sage NW
Call 505 866-2116
for information

San Antonio Park

Walking path, tennis courts, basketball courts, playgrounds, picnic shelters, grass field
1819 North Los Lentos Rd NE

WESTERN NIGHT FUNDRAISER

The Friends of the Los Lunas Public Library and Museum of Heritage & Arts fundraiser is 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 Highway 6 from the intersection of NM 314 and NM HWY 6.

The \$50 tickets are available from the library and museum as well as Friends of the Los Lunas Library & Museum of Heritage & Arts board.

The event theme is "Once Upon a Time in the West."

For more information, call the library at 505 839-3850.

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