



VILLAGE NEWS



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VILLAGE PROJECTS UPDATE

The Village of Los Lunas has more than sixty projects being worked on or in the process of being designed. Here's a few that are completed, or expected to be completed this summer –

- Erection of a new digital sign at the Village Administration building, budgeted for \$50,000.
- Huning Ranch Park restrooms, \$400,000.
- Huning Ranch Park tennis courts, \$794,450.
- Fleet maintenance building addition, \$900,000.
- NM HWY 314 bike/pedestrian improvements from Courthouse Road to Morris Road, \$1.8 million. Completed.
- Construction of a right-turn lane on Emilio Lopez Road onto Main Street / NM HWY 6, \$445,000. Completed
- Right turn lane from Main Street / NM HWY 6 onto NM HWY 314. \$353,750. Completed.
- Continued work on new I-25 interchange south of I-25 Exit 203/ East-West Corridor, different parts of this project are allocated specific funding.

A few projects in the design stage are –

- NM HWY 314 bike / pedestrian improvements from Main Street to James Street, \$1.8 million.
- NM HWY 314 bike / pedestrian improvements from Ellen Drive to Griego Road, \$200,000.
- NM HWY 6 trail from Sun Ranch Road to Jubilee Road, \$220,000.
- Splash Pad at Daniel Fernandez Park, \$600,000.
- The Village Council has approved \$150,000 for landscaping improvements on Main Street / NM HWY 6 between Canal Boulevard and Los Cerritos Road in front of the New Mexico State Campus, which will include sidewalk replacement, irrigation, trees, plants, rock, and park benches.

Funding for projects comes from a variety of sources including legislative appropriations and the Village budget and some projects are funded through grants and state revenue.

VILLAGE BUDGET APPROVED

The Village Council adopted the 2019-2020 fiscal year revenue and expenditure budget at its July 25, 2019, meeting.

The budget is available on the Village website, loslunasnm.gov.

NOW IT'S PARKS AND RECREATION

The Village of Los Lunas Community Services Department has been renamed the Village of Los Lunas Parks and Recreation Department.

The divisions, organizational structure, authorized positions and associated programs will remain the same in the newly renamed Village Parks and Recreation Department.

PANCAKES FOR KIDS

The Los Lunas Rotary Club's second annual "Pancakes for a Cause" breakfast will be Saturday, Sept. 28, 2019, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Ribs Restaurant, 120 Nelson Lane.

The food includes pancakes, bacon, eggs, juice and coffee with tickets \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.

The event raises funds for the Los Lunas club's long-time service project Clothes for Kids.

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FIREFIGHTERS HAVE TRAINING TOWER

Village Fire station #2 is a year old and has a new training tower to help Los Lunas firefighters become better in their jobs of protecting and helping citizens.

The training tower is behind the station located on Sand Sage west of the Walmart.

The structure was purchased for \$267,420, \$100,000 was a Fire Protection Grant from the State Fire Marshal's office and the remainder approved by the Village Council from the Village budget.

The tower includes reconfigurable rooms, fog machines, rappelling equipment with a wall to rappel on, windows and doors, ladders with exterior and interior stairs, and various other training equipment.

Chief Gabaldon says the department will be working with other fire departments in the county as well as law enforcement agencies on training using the tower.

The Village now has 30 volunteer and career firefighters. Crews are stationed at the Sand Sage building and Fire Station #1 located at 465 Main St. SE. Additional fire equipment is kept at Fire Station #3 on the New Mexico State Campus, formerly known as the Hospital and Training School.

Fire station #2 and a new ladder truck are possible because Village voters approved a general obligation bond issue in March 2016.

Chief Gabaldon reminds people that the Los Lunas Fire Department does not do any soliciting. If someone calls or knocks on your door seeking funds for LLFD, tell them you need to call the department to verify. Then call the LLFD at 505 866-2116 and relate what happened.

Village Administration Office: 505 839-3840



Workers erect new fire department training tower.



Completed four-story training tower.

FLYING SAUCER HISTORY

The Friends of the Los Lunas Library and Museum of Heritage and Arts will present physicist and mathematician Dave Thomas talking about "The Flying Saucers of New Mexico: an Illustrated History" at 2 p.m. Saturday, August 17, 2019, at the Transportation Center next to the Rail Runner station, 101 Courthouse Road.

LLPD LIEUTENANT GRADUATES FROM FBI ACADEMY

Los Lunas Police Lt. Lisa Valenzuela-Medina is the first female officer from the Los Lunas Police Department to graduate from the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Police Academy.

Valenzuela-Medina successfully completed classes in leadership, labor law issues, communication, fitness and contemporary issues in law enforcement. She also completed several physical fitness challenges during her 10 weeks at the FBINA.

Valenzuela-Medina is currently the Los Lunas Police Department's professional standards lieutenant. She has been with the LLPD for eight years and is an instrumental member of the department's command staff.

In October 2018, Valenzuela-Medina received her Master of Science degree in leadership from Grand Canyon University.

The FBINA is a prestigious training academy offering classes to local and international law enforcement.

AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM OFFERED

The Village offers an After-School Program which includes transportation from Raymond Gabaldon Elementary, Los Lunas Elementary, and Katherine Gallegos Elementary every school day to Daniel Fernandez Recreation Center.

The program runs from after school until 6 p.m. The cost is \$25 per child per week.

Kids receive a snack each day as well as recreational and educational activities including homework help. Space is extremely limited due to limited transportation capabilities.

Contact Marcos at 505 352-7662 or castillom@loslunasnm.gov or Brittany at 505 352-7719 or pereab@loslunasnm.gov.

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START YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING EARLY

The 10th Annual Arts and Crafts Fair will be held at Jubilee Los Lunas Active Adult Community on Saturday, September 21, 2019, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Jubilee is located west of I-25 on Highway 6.

Various local area artists will display their paintings, pottery, photography, fiber arts, jewelry, and other artistic creations. Homemade baked goods and potted plants will be for sale and there will be a raffle of donated items from local businesses. A food truck will also be available.

All proceeds from the vendors' fees, bake sale, plant sale, and the raffle will be donated to UNM Valencia for a scholarship program and to the Valencia County Animal Shelter.



Lots to choose from at Jubilee.

LOS LUNAS LIBRARY

505 839-3850

The Los Lunas Public Library offered many activities for children and teens during the summer. Check out the library on Facebook for fall happenings. Stop by the library at 460 Main St. NE to check out a book, DVD or CD.

And try out the Los Lunas Library app for your smart phone. Go to this link for more information: <https://tinyurl.com/y5vmktux>.

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JUBILEE RANKS IN TOP 50

Jubilee Los Lunas is the only master-planned community in New Mexico to be recognized by Where to Retire magazine's "The Short List: 50 Best Master-Planned Communities in the United States."

The July/August issue's list focuses on communities and features first-person testimonials by current residents.

Residents of Jubilee praise the quiet atmosphere and access to Albuquerque and its airport.

In the community's 11,000-square-foot clubhouse, they shoot billiards, play poker and enjoy happy hours, while the pool, archery range, pickleball courts and multipurpose trails offer outdoor recreation.

Where to Retire is published six times a year and has a national circulation of 200,000.

For more information contact Samantha Sais of Jubilee at: samantha@myjubileehome.com or 505 730-6134.

CENSUS 2020 COMMITTEE

The Village Council has appointed the following for the Village's Census 2020 Complete Count Committee:

- Cruz Munoz, member of the village council.
- Erin Callahan, Village community development director.
- Brian Baca, Los Lunas Schools assistant superintendent.
- Claire Cieremans, Los Lunas Schools chief financial officer.
- San Clemente Catholic Church Deacon Jimmy Snell.
- Kristi Whistler, a middle school teacher.
- Stephanie Williams, associated with the Tony Williams law firm.

LLPD ANNUAL REPORT AVAILABLE

The 2018 Los Lunas Police Department Annual Report is now available on the Village website loslunasnm.com.

Included in the report are:

- Message from Police Chief Naithan Gurule.
- Organizational chart / staff.
- Alternative revenues for LLPD.
- Arrest statistics in the Village.
- Village 2018 calls for service.
- Citizen complaints and response to resistance.
- Employees of the Year salute.
- K-9 statistics.
- Community policing.

FOURTH OF JULY WINNERS

The Village's Fourth of July parade winners were:

- 1st Place: Peralta's Playhouse
- 2nd Place: Smiths Food & Drug
- 3rd Place: Yucca Little League

Honorable mentions were The Jurassic Park Jeep, Dance with Me Studio and the Scouts.

Remember that the Christmas Electric Light Parade will be Saturday, Dec. 7, 2019.

LOS LUNAS CHAMBER

The Los Lunas Chamber of Commerce continues to have monthly luncheons on the 3rd Thursday of the month. Visit www.loslunaschamber.com for more information on time and location.

www.loslunasnm.gov

RANGE CAFÉ NOW OPEN

The newest restaurant in the Village of Los Lunas has a full bar, an extensive breakfast-to-dinner menu, will be supporting community activities, and accepts reservations.

The Range Café is now open at 740 Main St. NE, the space formerly occupied by Henrietta's Restaurant for many years.

Restaurant Manager Elias Montaña says the folks at the Range Café want to be part of the greater Los Lunas community.

As part of this effort, the Range Café has selected El Ranchito de los Ninos as its community partner. El Ranchito de los Ninos is a non-profit children's home located in Valencia County.

Montano points out The Range Café wants to work with people and organizations throughout the community.

The first Range Café was and is in Bernalillo. There are now four restaurants in Albuquerque and the Bernalillo one continues to thrive. The Range Café in Los Lunas will employ about 60 part and full time workers.

Breakfast is served all day but there is so much more to the menu. Offerings include salads, big plates of food that run the gamut of mac and cheese to blackened salmon, hamburgers and sandwiches, and North of the Border New Mexico specialties.

The dessert and bakery choices could be overwhelming with lots of pie flavors, different cakes, many homemade bakery items, plus an extensive dessert menu.

There's a Happy Hour with drink and food specials.

The Range Café in Los Lunas is open 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., 363 days a year, closed Thanksgiving and Christmas, phone 505 508-2144, website rangecafe.com.



Dancing cows welcome customers at The Range Café.

AUGUST VOLLEYBALL

The Village is sponsoring a youth doubles volleyball tournament on Friday, August 23, 2019, at Heritage Park beginning at 6 p.m.

The event is for boys and girls ages 8 to 15 with a \$40 team registration fee.

Then, on Saturday, August 24, the Village is sponsoring a co-ed volleyball tournament for ages 16 and up beginning at 5 p.m. at Heritage Park. There is a \$40 team registration fee.

For more information, contact Jorge Venegas at 505 639-6805 or venegasj@loslunasnm.gov.

ENTER THE JURIED ART SHOW

Applications are now being accepted for the Los Lunas Museum of Heritage and Arts next adult juried art show which has the theme "Frontiers of New Mexico."

Entries must be original work and may be any medium as long as the work portrays the theme.

LOCAL EVENTS

Monday, Sept. 2, 2019

Labor Day

Village Offices are Closed

Monday, Sept. 2, garbage pickup will be Tuesday, Sept. 3

Farmers Market

Tuesdays, 4 – 7 p.m.

Heritage Park on Lambros Loop

Sept. 28, 2019 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Book Sale by Friends of the Library and Museum of Heritage & Arts
Los Lunas Public Library
460 Main St. NE

Sept. 13, 2019 8 a.m.

La Vida Felicidad 2nd Annual Golf Tournament Isleta Eagle Golf Course Check out charitygolf@lvfnm.org.

Attend a Village Council Meeting

August 22 Sept. 5 & 19

660 Main St NW

Main Street and Don Pasqual

Meetings begin at 6:00 p.m.

MUSEUM OF HERITAGE & ARTS

Main Street and Luna Avenue
505 352-7720

PRESENTATIONS

Saturday, August 24, 2019 2 - 4 p.m.
La Llorona, La Catrina & Other Feminine Icons of the Borderlands
By Diana Molina

Saturday, Sept. 21, 2019 2 – 4 p.m.
The Preservation of the Abo Ruins & Frederico Sisneros
By Donna Deiner & Dixie Boyle

EXHIBITS

New Mexico Watercolor Society Exhibit
Through September 21, 2019

2018 Juried Art Show Winner
Gerald Armijo Art Exhibition
Opening reception Saturday,
Sept. 14, 2019 2- 4 p.m.
On display through Nov. 2, 2019