



VILLAGE NEWS



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WORKFORCE TRAINING CENTER

A workforce training center will be built on Huning Ranch Loop East as part of the University of New Mexico Valencia Campus.

Funding for the center was approved during the 2019 legislative session and then the legislation signed by Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham. The anticipated 18,000 square foot building will be constructed on a nine-acre site donated to UNM-Valencia by Huning Partnership LLC.

At a Los Lunas Planning and Zoning Commission hearing for a conditional use permit for the site, UNM-Valencia Chief Executive Officer Alice Letteney said that the site is ideal because it is near an area of Los Lunas housing manufacturing and industrial businesses.

The Planning and Zoning Commission approved the conditional use permit.

It is anticipated the building with its programs should be operational by sometime before 2022. Letteney said one of the good things about the location is that programs can be taken to the businesses so that people learn in familiar surroundings.

The building will be one story with extensive landscaping on the site.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AUG. 6

Meet law enforcement and emergency responders at National Night Out Tuesday, Aug. 6, 2019, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Daniel Fernandez Park, 1103 NM HWY 314 SW.

Food will be available at no charge while the supply lasts. Albertsons is providing the food and cooks.

A variety of community services will be giving out information.

A free child safety seat fitting station will be available. VIN etching will also be offered.

There will be activities for children and adults.

School supplies will be given out while they last:

- 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.



National Night Out is for everyone.

LIVE RECREATION UPDATES

The Village of Los Lunas Recreation Division goes live with weekly video updates at 11 a.m. on Tuesdays on Facebook.

Watch Marcos Castillo and Brittany Armijo engage with the community, answer questions regarding the recreation division, give information about upcoming programs and events, and interview guests.

See what is going on in recreation in the Village on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/loslunasrecreation/videos/2301445346795874/>.

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MAINTAINING FIRE HYDRANTS

Crews from the Village Fire Department have been performing hydrant maintenance and testing throughout the Village of Los Lunas.

The testing process involves flowing water from each hydrant in the Village.

This stirs up the sediment in the water mains and may cause discolored water to flow into homes and businesses.

Although the sediment in the water mains may give tap water an unpleasant appearance, it is not harmful and can be cleared by simply allowing the faucet to run until the water clears.

Annual testing is required by the Insurance Service Office and affects the Village's fire rating.

If you have any questions or concerns, call the Los Lunas Fire Department at 505 866-2116.

LLPD RECEIVES AWARD

The Los Lunas Police Department received the Excellence in Traffic Safety award for mid-sized departments for fiscal year 2018 from the New Mexico Department of Transportation.

This NMDOT award means LLPD used 100% of funding on time, completed all required documentation, completed all reimbursement claims accurately and on time, and maintained a high average of arrests and citations.

Lieutenant Charles Files is in charge of the LLPD traffic safety program. Police Chief Naithan Gurule said that Lieutenant Files always responds promptly when needed.

Lieutenant Files is also in charge of statewide Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) training and regularly provides DWI training.

LLPD received this NMDOT award for fiscal year 2016 as well.

2020 U.S. CENSUS IMPORTANT

The Village of Los Lunas and Valencia County are working with the U.S. Census Bureau to make sure that our jurisdictions are properly counted during the upcoming 2020 Census.

In order to do that, both the Village and the county will form Complete Count Committees, or CCCs, which will enable the Village to use the training and expertise of the Census Bureau to have local leaders and community influencers engage with their fellow community members to spread the word about the importance of the Census.

The Village Council passed a resolution authorizing a seven-person, volunteer-based, CCC.

A joint training session with Valencia County and Village of Los Lunas representatives and led by the local Census Bureau representative, was held in June.

For more info about the village committee, contact Los Lunas Community Development Director Erin Callahan at callahane@loslunasnm.gov.

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USING VILLAGE PARKS, FACILITIES

Use of Village of Los Lunas shade structures, gazebos, or park space is on a first come, first serve basis, but facilities can be reserved for birthdays, picnics, weddings, or other family social activities.

A park permit must be filled out one week prior to an event. The park permit can be filled out online on the village's website, loslunasnm.gov.

Any group, organization, club, or resident requesting to use any Village of Los Lunas park, recreation, sports, or open space facility involving 200 or more persons must submit a Special Events permit 60 days prior to the event.

Sports playing fields and gymnasiums may be reserved for recurring practice and projected game dates. A letter stating the name of the organization, purpose, dates and time requested must be submitted to the Village for scheduling at least 60 days in advance of the first practice or game.

A permit is required if any type of recreational activity other than walking or hiking on the El Cerro de Los Lunas Preserve.

SUMMER SEND OFF BLOCK PARTY

A Summer Send-Off Block Party will be held Saturday, August 3, 2019, at the Village Rail Runner Station, located at 101 Courthouse Road SE, beginning at six p.m.

The event includes food trucks, jumpers and the rock wall for the kids, craft beer (in a beer garden), live artists, clothing and jewelry vendors, and free school supplies while supplies last.

Bands playing include the Gershom Brothers, Right On, Kid!, and John Reagan & Olvide.

ROUTE 66 MUSEUM WORK CONTINUES

Students and faculty from the UNM School of Architecture and Planning presented information to the Los Lunas Village Council at a May meeting about possibilities for the buildings proposed for a Route 66 Museum and Visitors Center on Main Street / NM HWY 6 just west of the Luna Mansion.

Presenters provided recommendations for the buildings as well as the design of the site. A mobile kiosk about Route 66 has been constructed.

The Village received 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.

A public meeting was held in April to discuss possibilities for the proposed museum.

CLEAN AND BEAUTIFUL PROGRAM

The Los Lunas Clean and Beautiful Program is a collective partnership between the business community, residents, volunteers, and the Village of Los Lunas.

The mission of the program is to empower individuals to take action that will improve our community's environment through beautification projects, graffiti removal, recycling initiatives, and litter prevention.

Many communities have built and maintain appealing public spaces, removed millions of pounds of trash from the landscape, recycled waste that would otherwise have ended up in landfills, and educated youth about the value of clean, green, and beautiful spaces.

Contact Joshua Chavez, Assistant Supervisor, Solid Waste Division, at chavezj@loslunasnm.gov or 505 352-7706 to help keep Los Lunas beautiful.

Village Administration Office: 505 839-3840

FACEBOOK PARTNERS WITH STUDENTS

CodeFWD by Facebook hosted an event in partnership with Los Lunas Middle School to provide new robots and programming training to students as the school year ended.

CodeFWD by Facebook is an online training program created to cultivate interest in computer science.

CodeFWD and Facebook teamed up with Sphero Edu which provides app-enabled robots to the schools from data center communities who apply and qualify through the CodeFWD program.

The robots are used predominantly by fourth through eighth-grade students and teachers.

After the online training, a workshop is held to get hands-on training, which starts at a basic level of coding, and allows the students to work their way up from the foundations of coding to more advanced coding.

SCHOOL BACK IN SESSION

Teachers for Los Lunas Schools return to work Monday August 5, 2019.

First day for kindergarten and pre-kindergarten students is Wednesday, August 14, 2019.

All other students return Monday, August 12, 2019.

Watch out for changes in traffic since we become used to no school traffic during the summer. Follow the speed limit in school zones.

SWIMMING POOL CLOSED

The swimming pool located near Los Lunas High School is no longer in use due to the condition of the facility.

VILLAGE HOSTS WOOD BAT CLASSIC

The Village of Los Lunas will host the Inaugural Los Lunas Wood Bat Classic!

This United States Sports Specialty Association Baseball event will be held August 9-11 at Enchantment Little League and Daniel Fernandez Park on NM HWY 314.

With the Village's partners at Marucci, each team will be provided with premium wood bats to use during tournament play.

The event will feature youth baseball teams from the region in age groups ranging from eight to fourteen. The Village is excited to have this awesome baseball tournament in Los Lunas!

Go to <https://www.ussa.com/baseball/event/home/?eventID=322898> for more information.



LOS LUNAS LIBRARY

The Los Lunas Public Library is offering many activities for children and teens this summer. A calendar of events can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/y5bgrog6>. Or stop by the library at 460 Main St. NE to find out what will be happening. While you are there, check out a book, DVD or CD.

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

www.loslunasnm.gov

HARBOR FREIGHT TOOLS NOW OPEN

Harbor Freight Tools has opened in Los Lunas at 331 Emilio Lopez Loop NW.

From hand tools and generators, to air and power tools, from shop equipment to automotive tools, Harbor Freight Tools offers more than 7,000 tools and accessories at quality levels that match or exceed competing brands, but at prices that are considerably less.

The company tests tools in a Harbor Freight Tools state-of-the-art lab putting tools through tests that ensure the tools perform to professional standards.

Customers find a 100% satisfaction guarantee, no hassle return policy, and a lifetime warranty on all hand tools.

Harbor Freight Tools buys direct from factories and passes savings on to customers.

The company began in 1977 as a small family-owned business and is still family owned with the same mission: deliver an incredible assortment of great quality tools at the lowest price.

Hours for the Los Lunas store are Monday through Saturday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Phone 505 908-3131. Website shop. harborfreight.com.



Harbor Freight Tools on Emilio Lopez Loop.

STREETLIGHT PROBLEMS?

Have you noticed a streetlight off or flickering? Want to report it?

Go to the Village website, loslunasnm.gov, and under RESIDENTS you will find Online Forms and Applications. Under Public Works is the Streetlight Repair Form.

Use the form if you live in the Village of Los Lunas.

When filling out the form provide a very specific location and describe as best as possible what the problem is.

Indicate if the light is out, flickering, winking in and out, glass casing missing or damaged.

The Village asks that PNM not be contacted because streetlight repairs in the Village are centrally managed by the Village, even though many of them are repaired by PNM.

If a faulty streetlight is in the county, contact the PNM link to report that streetlight: <https://www.pnm.com/streetlights>.

HELP SUPPORT MUSEUM, LIBRARY

The Friends of the Los Lunas Public Library and Museum of Heritage and Arts Gift Shop, located in the museum at the intersection of Main Street / NM HWY 6 and Luna Avenue, offers a variety of jewelry, handbags, books, and Southwest decorative accessories at reasonable prices.

Proceeds of items sold go to help support museum and library programs.

The Los Lunas Museum of Heritage & Arts has a new app. Go to this web page for more information: <https://lineupr.com/loslunas/museum/>.

LOCAL EVENTS

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

Business Watch
Last Wednesday of the month
Cops and Business Folks meet at Benny's Restaurant 8:30 a.m.
1503 Main St. SW

July 20, 2019
Author Anne Hillerman 2 - 4 p.m.
Transportation Center
Courthouse Road and NM HWY 314

Attend a Village Council Meeting
July 25 August 8 & 22
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, July 20, 2019 2 - 4 p.m.
New Mexico in the Mexican-American War and
Battle of the Bloodless Conquest
By Ray John de Aragon

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

EXHIBITS

New Mexico Watercolor Society Exhibit
Saturday, July 27 – September 21, 2019
Opening Reception Saturday,
July 27 2 - 4 p.m.

TOURS

El Rancho de las Golondrinas Festival
Saturday, August 3, 2019
\$5 tour fee plus \$8 museum entry
RSVP to 505 352-7720