



VILLAGE NEWS

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VILLAGE HOLIDAY EVENTS

Holiday events coordinated and presented by the Village Parks and Recreation Department are:

The Christmas Electric Light Parade New Parade Route

Due to the construction of the new river bridge, NMDOT has required the Village change the route of the Christmas Electric Light Parade. The parade starts at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, 2019.

The new route begins at NM Hwy 314 and Courthouse Road, heads north on 314, turns west on Main Street to go to Emilio Lopez Road.

Line up and staging will be at Daniel Fernandez Park, Enchantment Little League and the Los Lunas Sports Complex.

Call Village Recreation Supervisor Marcos Castillo, 505 352-7662, for information.

Anyone interested in participating in the parade can register on the Village website at 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. 13, 2019, at 6 p.m. Christmas Tree lighting ceremony begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Transportation Center.

STAY IN THE VILLAGE TO SHOP, EAT

Always look first in the Village for what you need and want before shopping elsewhere for the holidays or any other time of year.

The number and variety of stores and restaurants in the Village has increased greatly over the last few years offering many choices.

When you eat out be sure to check what's available in the Village of Los Lunas before leaving the community.

Gross receipts 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.



LIGHT UP THE VILLAGE

Businesses in the Village limits and businesses and residents along the Dec. 7, 2019, Christmas Electric Light Parade route are encouraged to decorate for the holidays so they can register and possibly be recognized for their community spirit for the second annual Light Up the Village contest.

The Village Community Development Department is coordinating the event where people look at the participating holiday displays and then "like" their favorite display on the Village of Los Lunas Facebook page.

Participants are divided into two categories with one winner chosen from each: all Village businesses and Village businesses and residences along the parade route.

Participants should register with Cynthia Lavato at the Community Development Department by 5 p.m. Nov. 29, 2019, at 505 352-7670. Call her for more information or visit the Village website, loslunasnm.gov.

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](http://loslunaschamber.com) for more information on time and location.

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VILLAGE BUDGET AVAILABLE

The Village of Los Lunas Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 is now available on the Village website, loslunasnm.gov, under departments/administration / budgets and financial statements.

If you have ever wondered what the Village spends money on, the budget should provide you with the answers to your questions.

The budget was developed through a comprehensive analysis of the Village's short- and long-term revenue and operating expenditure projections, as well as projected capital improvement plans.

NATIVITY WALK

Peralta Methodist Church, 25 Wesley Road (off Hwy 47) will host a Nativity Walk on Saturday Dec. 14, 2019, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. A wide variety of nativity scenes will be on display. The event is free and everyone is welcome!

AVOID DRAIN DISASTERS

Remember to avoid drain disasters during the holiday season, says the staff at the Village Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Be kitchen sink smart by using paper towels to wipe grease and food particles off pots, pans and plates and then disposing of the paper towels in the trash.

Water that contains fats, cooking oils, and grease can clog household drains and pipes and ultimately the Village sewer system.

CONSTRUCTION COULD MEAN BUILDING PERMIT

Want to add a room to your home? Need a new roof? Think your garage would be better as a family room?

Before you, or a contractor, start work on building changes or you spend money on supplies at the home improvement store for a project, you (or your contractor) should visit with the folks at the Village Community Development Department to find out if you need a building permit for the work.

And if any permits are required, then obtain those permits.

If you are using a contractor to do work on a structure then that contractor must be registered with the Village.

The intent of requiring a building permit for work on a structure is to promote the health and safety of the community, says Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Supervisor Adolph Lopez.

In addition, requiring a building permit keeps the community clean and orderly with a safe environment.

Re-roofing jobs require a building permit, but not all other work may need one which is why it is important to check with the Village Community Development Department located in the Village Administration Building, 660 Main St. NW, or call 505 839-3840.

Folks at Community Development will gladly answer questions as part of their job is to educate the public about building permits and other codes/ordinances that help create a good quality of life in Los Lunas.



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TJ's RESTAURANT FAMILY OWNED

TJ's family-owned and operated restaurant has been serving Valencia County residents for almost thirty years.

TJ's opened on Becker Avenue in the heart of Belen in 1991. After five years the restaurant moved to the F & E Plaza at Main Street and Didier Avenue in Belen. Then in 2006 TJ's moved to 319 Highway 314 NW in Los Lunas and the restaurant has been there ever since.

Charles and Julie Gonzales started the restaurant which is now run by their son and daughter, Charles Gonzales Junior and Jessica Zamora, with the help of Jessica's son and daughter who are both servers.

Jessica says she loves the business and the customers.

TJ's serves a wide variety of New Mexico food including menudo, chicharrones, enchiladas, burritos, stuffed sopapillas, tacos, tostadas, carne adovada, chile rellenos, and fajitas.

Other items include hamburgers, desserts, lots of beverage choices, and a Kids Menu.

Breakfast is served all day with choices of breakfast burritos, omelets and much more.

Carryout is available.

Hours for TJ's are Tuesday-Thursday, 9 a.m.- 2:30 p.m., Friday 9 a.m. - 7:45 p.m., Saturday, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., and Sunday, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Phone number is 505 866-5123. Located at 319 Highway 314 NW in Los Lunas.



Red chile goes with everything.

OPENING OF REMODELED KFC

The grand opening of the newly remodeled Los Lunas KFC at 2264 Sun Ranch Village Loop SW will be Saturday, Nov. 16, and Sunday, Nov. 17, 2019.

The first 50 people at the store on Saturday will receive a gift card entitling them to two pieces of chicken and a biscuit every week for a year.

The remodel features touches of Colonel Sanders, the creator of KFC almost seventy years ago.

THE TOE DOC VISITS AT HOME

The Toe Doc is an in-home podiatric medical service providing foot care to people throughout central New Mexico including in Los Lunas.

Adam Cornejo, DPM, the Toe Doc, grew up in New Mexico and earned his Bachelor of Science in Nutrition and Dietetics at the University of New Mexico, and his Doctorate of Podiatric Medicine at Western University of Health Sciences in Pomona, CA.

He finalized his training with a residency at the Veterans Administration New Mexico Health Care system.

The Toe Doc offers a variety of services including general / diabetic foot exams, toenail care, steroid injections, and in-grown toenail removal.

Call 505 596-1852 for information or to make an appointment.

LOS LUNAS LIBRARY 505 839-3850

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>.

Village Administration Office: 505 839-3840

MUSEUM OF HERITAGE & ARTS HAPPENINGS

Main Street and Luna Avenue
505 352-7720

EXHIBITS

Juried Art Show Winners
New Mexico Frontiers
On display through Jan. 10, 2020

Southwest Model Railroad
Train Exhibit
Dec. 3-14, 2019

Meet Mr. & Mrs. Claus during
The Los Lunas Christmas Electric
Light Parade
Saturday, Dec. 7, 2019

COMING SOON!

Strange and Unusual
Mailboxes in New Mexico
Exhibit by Richard Melzer
January 2020

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

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Enjoy Breakfast with Santa at Applebee's Restaurant, 1540 Main St. NW. from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 7, 2019, and you will be raising money for the New Mexico Credit Unions Connected Academy (NMCUCA).

Tickets must be purchased ahead of time at Sandia Laboratory Federal Credit Union, 2700 Palmilla Rd. NW. A \$10 ticket covers the price for two flapjacks, two sausage links, scrambled eggs, and coffee or juice.

NMCUCA is a nonprofit helping to fund a full-time teacher to help kids who are admitted to the UNM Children's Hospital for an extended period of time.

FAMILY THERAPIST IN LOS LUNAS

Dr. Jan is a licensed family therapist, with more than 33 years of experience as a therapist, who practices in Los Lunas. Her full name is Jan Karasz-Rothell.

Dr. Jan, whose office is located at 20 El Cerro Road, treats adults suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder, anxiety, depression, trauma, childhood issues, sexual abuse issues, and strife. She also does life coaching.

Dr. Jan is a Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT) and has been licensed in the state of Oklahoma since 1991 and in New Mexico since 2005.

She earned a Ph.D. in Adult and Higher Education from the University of Oklahoma in 1990. Dr. Jan is available for in office sessions, or by video. Phone her at 505 385-4242. Website is oktodaycounseling.com.



Dr. Jan

DON'T LET YOUR VEHICLE BE STOLEN

The term "Warm-Up Theft" is widely used among car thieves to describe the stealing of a car that has been left running and unattended to "warm-up," says Village Police Chief Naithan Gurule.

During the winter months, motorists may be tempted to leave a vehicle running to warm up the interior prior to getting behind the wheel. The practice of leaving a vehicle running and unattended provides for a quick and easy target for car thieves. Following these simple tips will help keep you from being left out in the cold:

- Never leave your car running or the keys in the ignition when you are away from it, even for "just a minute."
- Keep valuables out of sight or in the trunk. Purses, credit cards, and cell phones in plain view only help attract thieves.
- Always roll up the windows and lock your car, even if it is in your driveway, garage, or in front of your home.

LAW OFFICE OPENS

The office of Payne and Jimenez, P.C. attorneys at law, has opened at 643 Highway 314 NW in Los Lunas.

Partner Vern Payne has dealt with most areas of the law while representing thousands of clients including people, corporations, banks, schools, construction companies, the State of New Mexico, counties, municipalities, and other entities with all types of legal needs.

Payne served as a District Court Judge and Justice on the New Mexico Supreme Court. He has been an attorney for more than 55 years.

Partner Joshua Joe Jimenez has spent his career litigating cases for the District Attorney's offices in Valencia and Bernalillo counties before Magistrate and District Courts of New Mexico at jury and bench trials.

Payne and Jimenez represent clients needing help with contracts, wills and trusts, estates and probates, criminal matters, family and domestic relations issues, business and property matters, elder law, and general legal needs.

They can be reached at 505 508-3221.



Jimenez and Payne.

LOCAL EVENTS

Veterans Day, Monday Nov. 11, 2019
Village Offices Closed
Monday, Nov. 11, 2019 Garbage Pickup on Tuesday, Nov. 12

Thursday, Nov. 28 & Friday, Nov. 29, 2019
Thanksgiving Holiday
Village Offices Closed
Thursday, Nov. 28, Garbage Pickup On Wednesday, Nov. 27
Friday, Nov. 29, Garbage Pickup On the Following Monday, Dec. 2

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

Attend a Village Council Meeting
Nov. 21 Dec. 5 & 19
660 Main St NW
Main Street and Don Pasqual Meetings begin at 6:00 p.m.

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.

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

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

Call Vivian Lujan 505 866-2116 or email vlujan@loslunasnm.gov for more information.