



VILLAGE NEWS



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DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS FUNDRAISER

The Friends of the Los Lunas Public Library and Museum of Heritage & Arts will hold a Día de los Muertos gala fundraising event on Saturday, Nov. 2, 2019, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Southwest Event Center west of Los Lunas.

Dinner will be provided by Steven Otero's Getaway Grill. Music before dinner provided by guitarist Omar Villanueva. Dance to the music of the Austin Van band after dinner.

There will be a silent auction, cash bar, and costume contest. Tickets are \$50.

All proceeds benefit programs and events at the Los Lunas Public Library and Museum of Heritage & Arts. For more information, call the library at 839-3850.

Tickets are available at the Los Lunas Museum (cash, check, or credit card) or at the library (cash or check).

GROSS RECEIPTS TAX INCREASES

The gross receipts tax collected in the Village will increase by 3/8 of one percent effective Jan. 1, 2020, after the Village Council approved the increase.

The new total rate will be 8.675% in the Village.

It is anticipated the tax will generate more revenue and make up for the loss of reduced amounts of hold harmless revenue from the state.

The state has estimated that the tax would generate an additional \$2.2 million per year to help provide services throughout the Village.

Of the new 8.675% gross receipts tax, 5.125% goes to the state. The village portion of the tax is currently 1.8125% and with the proposed increase it would go to just over 2%. The county portion of the GRT tax is 1.375%.

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.

STEM ROBOTICS AT LIBRARY

Starting in October, 2019, and continuing through April, 2020, the Los Lunas Library will offer a STEM robotics program to all elementary and middle school students.

Learn programming with sphero robots on Tuesdays from 3 to 4 p.m. or Thursdays from 4 to 5 p.m.

Those wanting to participate must enroll by calling the library at 839-3850 and providing information to Ronda.

This program is made available thru a generous donation from Facebook.

VETERANS DAY NOV. 11

Veterans Day is Monday Nov. 11, 2019. A variety of activities will be held throughout Valencia County including at Daniel Fernandez Park in Los Lunas at 11 a.m.

The Valencia County News-Bulletin will produce a special section honoring military veterans titled A Salute to Valencia County Veterans.

Remember to honor veterans and soldiers in every branch of the military.

Thank them for their service to our country.

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HALLOWEEN EVENTS

The Village Haunted House will be open Friday and Saturday, Oct. 25 and 26, plus Wednesday, Oct. 30, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

There will be fun and free festivities at the Halloween Extravaganza on Halloween Night Thursday, Oct. 31, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Events will include carnival games, costume contests, face painting, and more.

Halloween activities will be at Daniel Fernandez Recreation Center located at 1103 NM HWY 314 SW in Los Lunas.



CLEANING UP THE VILLAGE

Saturday, Sept. 14, 2019, was a cleanup day in the Village."

There were 34 volunteers who collected 49 bags of garbage at the Quarterly Jubilee Trash Pick-Up Event between NM HWY 6 Mile Markers 31 & 32.

Daniel Chavez and Joshua Chavez from the Solid Waste Division picked up all the bags and placed them in the dumpster so they were not on the highway shoulder.

A total of 31 volunteers from the Police Athletic League Program (PAL), a community volunteer, and three Village employees cleaned Lambros Loop, Heritage Park, the lot next to Heritage Park, Desert Willow Road, and Edeal Road which resulted in 47 bags of litter/trash.

Village Administration Office: 505 839-3840

FLYER PRESS NOW A FEDERAL EXPRESS CENTER

The Flyer Press is now a full-service Federal Express shipping center.

The Flyer Press, located at 601 Main St. SE, is open nine a.m. to five p.m. Monday through Friday, by appointment Saturday, and closed on Sunday.

Another new innovation at Flyer Press is wide-format scanning for blueprints and other large format items. Flyer Press is the only place in Valencia County that does wide-format scanning.

And if you want clothing with a specific logo, Flyer Press has purchased a direct-to-garment printer which prints directly on clothing items.

Addressing mail and sending direct mail is a specialty at the Flyer Press as well as taking an address list and creating a customized mailing.

Flyer Press also offers the standard print shop services such as copies, faxing, design work, and printing of business cards, postcards, NCR forms, business forms, blueprints, banners and signs.

Seven people, including owners Theresa, Chris, and Kevin Montoya, work at Flyer Press.

Stop by and talk to the folks at Flyer Press to see if they can accomplish what you want or call 505 865-6365.



GOODWILL SOURCE FOR JOBS, TRAINING

Goodwill is more than gently-used clothing, household items and furniture. Goodwill is also a source for skills training and finding a job.

Goodwill Career Specialist Jonna Toledo helps people find jobs in the community for free. She helps people over 18 create or revise a resume, practice interviewing skills, and can help with job applications.

A Goodwill teacher/trainer offers a computer basics training class at The Workforce Connections usually on the first Friday of the month. On the following Monday she does trainings at the Los Lunas Goodwill that include Job Applications and Resumes plus Interviewing Skills.

Goodwill in Los Lunas has a computer lab that anyone can use, for free, to search or apply for jobs.

Free training classes are offered at the Albuquerque Goodwill at 5000 San Mateo NE. Information about classes can be found online at Goodwillnm.org.

People often only think of Goodwill as a place to go and get good items at a good price, but there is much more to the organization.

Jonna Toledo points out that Goodwill is a non-profit organization that "gives back" to the community.

Halloween is coming up so remember that Goodwill is a great place to find costumes and decorations on a budget!

The Goodwill store in Los Lunas is located at 201 Desert Willow Road NW, open 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, phone 505 944-0286.



www.loslunasnm.gov

SIGNS IN THE VILLAGE

We stop at the stop signs, pay attention to the speed limit signs and watch for children when we see that sign.

The Village has 2,238 traffic signs with a total cost of \$58,862. Most of those signs meet the retro reflectivity requirements set by the Federal Highway Administration.

The Village has an inventory of Village signs with a database managing the data. There is a management, maintenance, and replacement process for the signs.

The 2,238 traffic signs are 1,000 street name signs (949 in 2015); 687 stop signs; 243 20 MPH signs; 93 30 MPH signs; 115 Watch for Children signs; 10 Yield signs; 10 Pedestrian Crossing signs; and 50 Bike Lane signs.

More information about the Village's signs and retro reflectivity of those signs is available on the Village website loslunasnm.gov/Departments/Public Works/Street Division.

AIRPLANE RIDES FOR YOUTH

The EAA Chapter 530 is offering Young Eagle flights on Saturday, Oct. 19, 2019, at Mid Valley Park on NM HWY 314 south of Los Lunas.

The flights are free to those ages eight to seventeen from 8:30 a.m. to noon at the south end of the field at the EAA hanger.

Breakfast and lunch will be served for a \$5 donation.

The Young Eagles program has dedicated more than 25 years to giving youth their first free ride in an airplane.

For more information call Lee at 775 842-9144.

MUSEUM OF HERITAGE & ARTS HAPPENINGS

Main Street and Luna Avenue
505 352-7720

PRESENTATIONS

Saturday, Oct. 26, 2019 2 – 4 p.m.
Dia de Los Muertos – Day of The Dead
Presentation by Sean Wells

Saturday, Nov. 2, 2019 2 – 4 p.m.
Commerce and Trade Along the Camino Real
Presentation by Robert J. Torrez

EXHIBITS

2018 Juried Art Show Winner
Gerald Armijo Art Exhibition
On display through Nov. 2, 2019

TOURS

Saturday, Oct. 19, 2019 2 - 4 p.m.
Inscription / Mystery Stone
Tour & Presentation
\$5 Tour Fee – RSVP
505 352-7720

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

TWO SPECIAL TRASH PICKUPS

The Village Solid Waste Department will pick up, at no charge, two special loads of trash and debris in the amount of a large pickup truck load (4.5 cubic yards) for each Village of Los Lunas address per calendar year.

Any additional requests require a \$25 fee for each request.

All special loads are documented to track total cubic yards.

FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE OCT. 12

The Village of Los Lunas Fire Department has teamed up with the National Fire Protection Association, the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week for more than 90 years, for the 2019 Fire Prevention Week campaign, "Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice Your Escape!"

The campaign works to educate people about the small, but essential, actions necessary to keep themselves and those around them safe.

NFPA statistics show that in 2017 U.S. fire departments responded to 357,000 home structure fires which caused 2,630 deaths and 10,600 injuries.

While NFPA and the Village of Los Lunas Fire Department are focusing on home fires, these messages apply to virtually any location.

"Situational awareness is a skill people need to use wherever they go," said Los Lunas Fire Chief John Gabaldon.

He continued, "No matter where you are, look for available exits. If the alarm system sounds, take it seriously, and exit the building immediately."

The Village Fire Department is hosting a series of events in support of this year's Fire Prevention Week campaign including a Public Safety Education and Prevention Open House October 12, 2019, at the Los Lunas Fire Station #1 at 465 Main St 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

To find out more about Fire Prevention Week programs and activities in Los Lunas, contact the Village Fire Department at 505 866-2116.

For more general information about Fire Prevention Week and home escape planning, visit www.fpw.org.

SEÑOR JALAPEÑO OFFERS FAST CASUAL FOOD

Fast casual Mexican food is now available from Señor Jalapeño located at the northeast corner of NM HWY 6 / Main Street and Los Cerritos Road.

Señor Jalapeño has an extensive menu that ranges from burritos to tacos to the New Mexico favorite, green chile cheeseburgers, and other items. In addition, Señor Jalapeño offers appetizers (nachos, chips with salsa, even a guacamole bar) and salads.

There are a variety of drinks and desserts plus there will be beer and wine once the license is approved.

Owner Raul Aboytes says the restaurant will offer fast casual service. All menu items will be made from scratch with natural ingredients.

Aboytes has been in the restaurant business for more than two decades in Santa Fe. He has moved to Los Lunas where he finds the people friendly and helpful. He said, "I have a feeling Los Lunas is going to be a good home."

Aboytes said the restaurant will employ 15 full-time employees. Señor Jalapeño is located at 1402 Main St. NW, phone 505 588-2564, open 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. seven days a week when fully operational. Consider eating outside on the colorful chairs at the colorful tables.



Eat outside at Señor Jalapeño.

SCHOOL GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND ELECTION

Los Lunas Schools™ is asking district voters to vote in the upcoming bond election on Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2019.

It is a four-year, \$22-million General Obligation Bond with no tax increase.

The district is asking voters to continue supporting LLS students by providing a means to continue building, renovating, and maintaining school grounds, as well as athletic facilities through these funds.

The plan includes a new multi-purpose athletic complex, site security upgrades, playground renovations, HVAC improvements, new LED lighting, parking lot upgrades, including the redesign of the Katherine Gallegos Elementary School parent pick-up / drop-off parking lot.

Other projects include replacing the Valencia Middle School gym floor, repair/replace several school site roofs, upgrade student and staff restrooms, renovate floor finishings, plumbing and drainage systems, adding ADA access to many classrooms, and landscaping, plus more.

These bonds benefit the students who attend LLS every day, as well as the community members who use facilities across the district with no tax increase.

For more information, go to www.llschools.net, follow Los Lunas Schools on social media, or call 505 865-9636.

The Election Day polling location is the Los Lunas Schools Central Office, 119 Luna Ave SE, in Los Lunas. Early voting is Oct. 19 – Nov. 2, at the Valencia County Bureau of Elections, 444 Luna Avenue SE, in Los Lunas.



LOCAL EVENTS

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

American Recycling Event
Saturday, Nov. 2, 2019
8 a.m. to noon Recycling Facility
315 Don Pasqual NW

Learn to Square Dance
Friday Nights 7 – 9 p.m.
Call 505 883-8681 or contact
tillerysdcaller@aol.com

Attend a Village Council Meeting
Oct. 24 Nov. 7 & 21
660 Main St NW
Main Street and Don Pasqual
Meetings begin at 6:00 p.m.

HOLIDAY BAZAAR SET NOV. 22, 23

The 41st Holiday Bazaar hosted by "The Crafty Ladies" will be at Peralta Memorial United Methodist Church Friday, Nov. 22, 2019, from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 23, 2019, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

A wide variety of craft items, including holiday decor, will be available along with jams/jellies and baked goods. United Methodist Men will sell breakfast burritos and taco soup, plus drinks.

Church address is 25 Wesley Road in Peralta just off NM HWY 47. For more information, call during church office hours, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 865-9334.

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>.