



# VILLAGE NEWS

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## MUSEUM CONFORM PROJECT WINNERS

The Los Lunas Museum of Heritage & Arts online art contest, the Conform Project, drew many entries via Facebook.

Contest entries represented the COVID-19 circumstances, surrounding health issues, and stay-at-home / shelter-in-place orders issued because of the coronavirus. All art had to be appropriate for all ages.

Conform Project contest winners are:

- 1st Place: "Resilience" by Jeremiah Bahe
- 2nd Place: "Isolation/Depression" by Wayne Bodmer
- 3rd Place: "Life in Radiology" by Jenna Pressle

Due to the popularity of submissions, three People's Choice awards were presented:

- "Thank You For Saving my Life" by Gerardo Castro
- "First Responder, COVID-19 Prayers" by Amaris Avila
- "Wash your Hands" by Julia Rangel

Judges were the staff of the Valencia County News Bulletin, Brent Thomas (Valencia High School art teacher), Carrie Ryan (Los Lunas High School teacher), and Doris Karney (local gallery owner).

An exhibit of all submissions will be on display at the museum at a later date.

## KEEP SHOPPING AT STORES, EATING AT RESTAURANTS

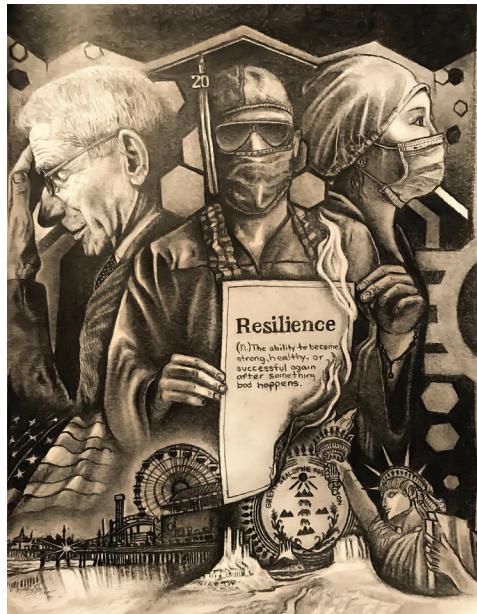
Restaurants and other businesses continue to recover from having to deal with COVID-19 public health orders that meant closing or figuring out how to provide their services.

These restaurants and other businesses need everyone's help to continue operating in Los Lunas and Valencia County.

Village of Los Lunas staff developed an interactive map showing what restaurants and stores are offering in the Village.

You can find it on the Village website under Economic Development.

Village Economic Development Manager Ralph L. Mims urges people to shop in Los Lunas and Valencia County. Remember to follow Covid-19 safe practices.



"Resilience" by Jeremiah Bahe

## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT RESCHEDULED

National Night Out has been rescheduled from its usual August date to Tuesday, Oct. 6, at Daniel Fernandez Park.

This date may be canceled or changed depending on the COVID-19 public health orders in place in New Mexico.

The event usually includes meeting law enforcement and emergency responders, free food, and community services representatives giving out information.

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## LL HOME CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES

Growth continues in Los Lunas and so does construction of new homes.

Residential construction is ongoing at **Inspiración at Fiesta** where Abrazo Homes is planning on building 21 homes, all with views.

The **Inspiración at Fiesta** home prices range from \$237,900 to \$332,990 and range in square footage from 1,311 to 2,963. The model home is in Rancho Valencia at 1620 Camino Canyon SW, phone 505 510-4626. Website [abrazohomes.com](http://abrazohomes.com).

Sivage Homes is building **The Homes at Inspiración** in Fiesta with houses starting at \$189,990, and floor plans that range from 923 to 1,868 square feet.

The Sivage model home is at 1212 Tierra Verde NW. Schedule an appointment with agent Gloria Tafoya at [gtafoya@sivage.com](mailto:gtafoya@sivage.com) or by phone at 505 550-1371.

**Las Terrazas** at Fiesta subdivision by D.R. Horton model home is located at 1717 Nicho Court NW.

The homes are created for every stage in life including raising children, entertaining friends and family, or enjoying retirement.

**Las Terrazas** offers a variety of home designs, sizes, and amenities.

For more information, visit [www.drhorton.com/nm](http://www.drhorton.com/nm) or call the local sales counselor at 505 750-1209.

Rancho Valencia is a master-planned community where Westway Homes is constructing a variety of homes with a wide range of prices. Westway Rancho Valencia homes carry the Heritage series of included features.

The Westway model home is located at 1621 Camino Cancun SW, phone 505 226-7928, website [thewestway.com](http://thewestway.com).

**Jubilee** is a gated active adult community for those over 55 with a clubhouse and swimming pool as well as other amenities. Located adjacent to El Cerro de Los Lunas at 500 Jubilee Blvd. SW, phone 505 866-1777, website [jubileeloslunas.com](http://jubileeloslunas.com).

The homes in Jubilee have different floor plans and a range of prices.

In addition to these, dirt is being moved for the **Legacy@Sierra Vista** subdivision, which will consist of 750 homes and 300 apartment units located west of Jubilee Los Lunas.

## LLPD AWARDED CORONAVIRUS FUNDING

The Los Lunas Police Department has been awarded the Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF) Program grant by the Office of Justice Programs at the Department of Justice (DOJ).

The award amount, \$37,935 will be used to purchase remote workplace infrastructure equipment and Personal Protective Equipment.

The CESF Program provides funding to assist eligible state and local units of government in preventing, preparing for, and responding to the coronavirus.

## SPIRIT OF LOS LUNAS ALIVE

The Village Parks and Recreation Department did not let COVID-19 put a complete damper on Fourth of July activities in Los Lunas.

Arrangements were made for a fireworks show set off on the east side of El Cerro de Los Lunas.

The fireworks could be seen from most of Valencia County.

## INCUBATOR PROJECT GETS GRANT

The Village will receive a \$40,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture for the Valencia County incubator.

The incubator project is being organized by the Village of Los Lunas and the City of Rio Communities, but will be open to anybody in the county.

The site for the business incubator is 22 El Cerro Loop, on the road between Main Street / NM Hwy 6 in Los Lunas and NM Hwy 47.

The 4,000 square foot building is divided into two 2,000 square foot spaces which can be divided into smaller areas for offices and businesses.

A study about the project, completed in 2018, found that a business incubator is feasible in Valencia County especially centering around edible products.

## DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE

The Parks and Recreation Department and its affiliated divisions have been offering a variety of different activities this summer where participants follow public health orders to be part of the activity.

Those activities have included BB gun and archery class; wrestling camp; music camp; forage art class; fly tying and fly fishing for beginners; science and art camp.

Also, volleyball, basketball, softball and soccer camps; virtual talent show; gaming tournaments; Call of Duty Gunfight Tournaments; and hike with a Village park ranger.

Check out the Parks and Recreation Facebook Page for more information about the many activities offered.

## PLAYGROUNDS ARE OPEN!

The Village playgrounds are back open.

Please be courteous to others, observe COVID-19 safe practices, and continue to practice social distance throughout parks.

Remember to sanitize hands before and after use.



Playgrounds are open.

## VILLAGE OPEN SPACE DIVISION

The Village Open Space Division was established in June 2007 to meet educational and enforcement needs throughout the Village Parks and Recreation Department.

Part of the Village's Open Space is El Cerro de Los Lunas Preserve which contains approximately 1,444 acres of natural open space.

Park rangers oversee Village Open Space and perform duties that help keep the Open Space attractive.

Park Rangers also carry out conservation efforts to protect plant and animal life in park lands from fire, disease, and visitor usage along with historical artifacts.

Park Rangers perform duties that help keep the Open Space safe and attractive.

## FLUSH ONLY TOILET PAPER

The Village Public Works Department reminds everyone to flush only toilet paper in the toilet.

Do NOT flush sanitary napkins, paper towels, wash rags, baby wipes, unpaid bills, junk mail, a pet goldfish, or anything but toilet paper down the toilet.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS ON VILLAGE WEBSITE

The Village often posts announcements about what is going on in the community on the home page of the Village website, [loslunasnm.gov](http://loslunasnm.gov). Visit the website to find those announcements, which usually appear on the right side of the home page.

The Village also has an alert center which can be accessed from its home page: <https://www.loslunasnm.gov/>

## 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.

## DON'T LEAVE CHILDREN OR PETS IN HOT CAR

It's that hot time of year again, very hot, points out Los Lunas Police Chief Naithan Gurule.

If you are worried about COVID-19 and your children/pets, leave them at home with a responsible person. If you must take them with you, provide children with a face covering.

Here's some key facts about children's deaths in a hot car:

- 1) An average of 38 children have died in hot cars each year in the U.S.A since 1998.
- 2) Since 1998, 619 children have died in vehicles from heat stroke in the U.S.A.
- 3) More than 70% of heat stroke deaths occur in children younger than age two.
- 4) More than half of heat stroke deaths occur because a caregiver forgot the child in the car.
- 5) Roughly 30% of heat stroke deaths occur because the child got in the car without a caregiver knowing and couldn't get out.
- 6) Nearly 20% of deaths occur because a caregiver intentionally left the child in the car.

Take a second look in the backseat before leaving a vehicle parked, and don't let children or pets play in unattended vehicles even if it's in your own driveway.

As a community we should look out for each other. If you see a child left in a vehicle unattended, call police immediately. Every second counts.

## MUSEUM OF HERITAGE & ARTS HAPPENINGS

Some events may be added to the Village Museum of Heritage & Arts schedule depending on changes in Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham COVID-19 orders. Check with the museum at 505 352-7720, 251 Main St. SE.

### EXHIBITS

Wonder Women of the Rio Abajo:  
Celebrating 100 Years  
of Women's Rights  
Extended to July 30, 2020

20 Pastel Signatures  
Saturday, August 8, 2020  
through Friday, Sept. 11, 2020

Marilyn Drake's Art Exhibit  
Juried 2019 Art Show winner  
Saturday, August 8, 2020  
through Saturday, Oct. 31, 2020

### PRESENTATIONS

(pending COVID-19 lift)

Local Herbs along the Rio Grande  
by Elena Ayla  
Saturday, July 18, 2020

### TOURS

(pending COVID-19 lift)

Los Lunas Historical Tour  
Saturday, August 15, 2020

Saints and Sinners Tour  
Saturday, August 22, 2020

## LOCAL EVENTS

### **Farmers Market**

Tuesdays 4-7 p.m.  
3447 Lambros Loop  
Across from Smith's  
Through mid-October

### **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**

July 23 August 13 & 27  
660 Main St NW  
Main Street and Don Pasqual  
Meetings begin at 6:00 p.m.  
These meetings may be conducted  
electronically,  
Check the village website [loslunasnm.gov](http://loslunasnm.gov)

## AT HOME AT GOODLIFE SENIOR LIVING

Residents of GoodLife Senior Living & Memory Care feel like they have never left the comfort of their home.

Located at 1650 North Lentes, phone 505 866-6100, the staff at GoodLife Senior Living & Memory Care has been taking care of people at the Los Lunas facility for ten years.

There's a homey feeling at GoodLife Senior Living & Memory Care. Residents can spend their time in the facility's living room, dining room, on the trail or by the pond in the back yard, or in their room.

Caregivers are on site all day and all night. Volunteers often interact with residents. During the COVID-19 epidemic a local church group held a parade for residents.

GoodLife Senior Living & Memory Care's mission is to provide residents with superior care, coupled with compassion, to ensure the individual's needs and to ensure residents feel safe and that they matter.

Call to take a tour of GoodLife Senior Living & Memory Care, 505 866-6100.

Village Administration Office: 505 839-3840

## VALENCIA TAP ROOM OPEN

Looking for a different beer to quench your thirst? Try the Valencia Tap Room by The 377 Brewery located at 785 Main St. SW, phone 505 916-0331.

The Valencia Tap Room came into existence because people from Valencia County enjoyed the beers served at The 377 Brewery at Gibson and Yale Southeast in Albuquerque. Managing Partner Cliff Sandoval, with partner Fred Atencio, found the location in Los Lunas and made it Valencia County-centric with photographs of the county and artwork by county artists.

The beer is brewed at The 377 Brewery in a wide variety of flavors. Valencia County folks have their favorites already which include Peach Wheat and Ginger Beer.

The kitchen at the Valencia Tap Room is currently undergoing renovations but eventually food will be served from it. In the meantime, food trucks offer varied menus.

There's 2,500 square feet of space including the building and outdoor patio, more than enough room for live music on Friday nights. Partner Sandoval says there is no karaoke and no DJ and the bands will keep customers moving.

The 377 Brewery has won national and international medals for its beer which is European style.

The regular hours for Valencia Tap Room will be Sunday through Thursday 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Friday/Saturday 11:30 to midnight.

In the era of COVID-19 hours might be different so call before going, 505 916-0331.



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