



# VILLAGE NEWS



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## FOURTH OF JULY PARADE, EVENTS CANCELLED

The Village of Los Lunas annual Fourth of July parade on Main Street and events at Daniel Fernandez Park are cancelled due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

The Number One priority of everyone at the Village of Los Lunas is the health and safety of the community. All options and contingencies are considered when making decisions such as cancelling a major special event.

Parks and Recreation Department staff is developing summer youth / adult camps that meet New Mexico public health order guidelines. These will consist of daily and bi-weekly no-contact camps where social distancing and proper sanitizing protocols can be followed.

Baseball Camp and Volleyball Camp are scheduled for June. Each camp costs \$20 per session per child and only one session per child. Campers must reside in Los Lunas.

More camps will be scheduled during the summer.

The 2020 Summer Recreation Program was cancelled. Daniel Fernandez Recreation Center opened when allowed to under the public health order.

If you have questions or concerns about Parks and Recreation events, call 505 839-3845.

## OPEN FOR BUSINESS IN LOS LUNAS

Village of Los Lunas staff has 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 support local businesses.

Business and restaurant owners and workers are depending on customers to help keep the doors open as people figure out how deal with the "new normal."

The Village of Los Lunas continues to provide its usual services, but with adaptations made to deal with the effects of COVID -19.

## WATER REPORT AVAILABLE

The Village of Los Lunas 2019 Annual Water Quality Report / Consumer Confidence Report will be available this month (June 2020) on the Village website, [loslunasnm.gov](http://loslunasnm.gov).

The report provides details about where the Village's water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to standards set by the New Mexico Environment Department / Drinking Water Bureau (NMED / DWB).

Village Public Works Director Michael Jaramillo says, "The Village is committed to providing this information about water quality. We want everyone to be aware of what is in the municipal water."

## MUSEUM ART CONTEST

The Los Lunas Museum of Heritage & Arts sponsored an online art contest, the Conform Project.

Contest entries had to represent the COVID-19 Pandemic circumstances, surrounding health issues, and stay-at-home / shelter-in-place orders issued.

Entries are on display on the Museum's Facebook page.



Conform Project entry by Billie Saiz.

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**RECORD YOUR SUMMER READING TIME AND WIN AWESOME PRIZES!!**

The Summer Reading Program at the Los Lunas Public Library rewards YOU for reading and learning during summer break. Keep track of the minutes you spend reading between **June 1 – July 31** and be entered in weekly prize drawings, and in a grand prize drawing at the end of the summer.

You must read at least 10 hours total between June 1 – July 31 to be eligible for the grand prize drawing.

Participate in online programs and at-home activity challenges, and write book reviews and guest blog posts to receive bonus entries. **Readers of all ages** are invited to stretch their imagination with the Los Lunas Public Library this summer!

**Prizes:** gift cards, bikes, books, school supplies, exercise equipment, t-shirts, thermoses, and MORE!

**To be entered into the Los Lunas Public Library weekly prize drawing, keep track of the minutes you spend reading each week and submit your reading log to the library!**

**Here's how it works:**

Starting June 1<sup>st</sup>, record the minutes you read Monday through Sunday. To be eligible for the weekly prize drawing, read for at least 60 minutes during the week. Then, report the minutes to the library by the following Tuesday at 8 a.m.

Prize drawings will take place every Saturday at 10:30 a.m. on Facebook Live. (You do not need to watch the video to receive your prize. All winners will be notified via phone or email.) All entries into weekly programs will be re-entered into the drawing for grand prizes the first week of August. Participants must read at least 10 hours during the months of June and July to be eligible for the grand prize drawing.

**For example:**

Log reading minutes: Monday, June 1 – Sunday, June 7

Turn in reading log: by Tuesday, June 9 @ 8 a.m.

Drawing for prizes: Saturday, June 13 @ 10:30 a.m.

Log reading minutes: Monday June 8 – Sunday, June 14

Turn in reading log: by Tuesday, June 16 @ 8 a.m.

Drawing for prizes: Saturday, June 20 @ 10:30 a.m.

**How to log and submit your reading time:****Online:**

Fill out this google form:

<https://forms.gle/ebQSw4ADkXWoPNWm7>



Fill this form out every week to be entered for the weekly prize drawing! Due by 8 a.m. the Tuesday following the week for which you recorded your reading.

**Paper Forms:**

Available via Curbside Pickup. Call the library 505 839-3850 to request paper reading logs and set up a time to pick them up.

Log your reading every week to be entered into weekly prize drawings. Paper reading logs must be turned in to the **LIBRARY BOOK DROP** by 8 a.m. the Tuesday following the week for which you recorded your reading.

**Sources for free online eBooks:****NM Overdrive**

<https://nm.overdrive.com/>

logon with your library card # and pin #  
or as a guest

**Tumblebooks**

<http://hitchhiker.nmstatelibrary.org/free-access-to-tumblebooks-ebooks-for-all-new-mexicans/>



**Remember the Los Lunas Public Library is now open for curbside pickup. You can request books for the summer reading challenge online or by phone.**

**How to Get Bonus Entries in Weekly Drawings:****Like the Los Lunas Library on Facebook!**

<https://www.facebook.com/loslunaslibrary/>

Participating in the programs and activities posted on Facebook will get you bonus entries throughout the summer!

**Subscribe to the Los Lunas Library Blog!**

<https://birrs3.wixsite.com/loslunaslibraryblog>

Get book suggestions from librarians and view archived virtual content. Plus, you can submit book reviews and ideas for guest blog posts directly on the blog for bonus entries.

**Paper Options:**

New activity sheets will be available for curbside pickup every week. Schedule a time by calling 505 839-3850 to come pick them up, complete the activities, and turn them into the book drop by 8 a.m. on the Tuesday following the week printed on the activity sheet to receive bonus entries.

Submit book reviews to the book drop and receive bonus entries. Please be sure to include your name and contact information on your review. Book reviews will be collected like the reading logs, every Tuesday @ 8 a.m.

**If you have any questions please contact the Los Lunas Library at 505 839-3850 or email Stephanie Birr, the Children's Librarian: [birrs@loslunasnm.gov](mailto:birrs@loslunasnm.gov).**

## LOCAL FACEBOOK GRANTS TOTAL \$210,000

Seventeen Valencia County nonprofits and schools will receive grants in 2020 from Facebook to support their work.

Facebook's Community Action Grants address needs in Valencia County by putting the power of technology to use for community benefit, connecting people online or off, and improving STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) education. 2020 Facebook Los Lunas Data Center Community Action Grants recipients are:

- All For Animals, Inc., \$10,644, support county-wide animal welfare and control through specialized software and rugged laptops for outdoor use.
- Belen Consolidated Schools, \$23,600, fund a STEM lending library in the Belen District to ensure teachers have the science and technology resources needed for student success.
- Civil Air Patrol, \$7,500, support Civil Air Patrol search and rescue efforts, disaster relief, and STEM / aerospace education.
- Community Wellness Council, \$1,990, support community wellness classes that promote behavioral health, healthy eating, and prevention of substance abuse and domestic violence.
- Crossroads for Women, \$7,000, provide laptops and software to support teaching computer and workplace technology skills to women in need.
- La Promesa Elementary School, \$8,000, support the school with a SMART technology display and presentation equipment.
- Los Lunas Public Schools, \$23,600, fund a STEM lending library in the Los Lunas District to ensure teachers have the science and technology resources for student success.
- Los Lunas Public Schools, \$32,020, support STEM education in the Los Lunas District with Makerspace equipment and virtual reality headsets.
- New Mexico HOSA-future health professionals, \$9,000, support health science education at the high school level, including professional development and training for science teachers.
- Rio Communities Optimist Club, \$9,570, technology and teacher grant for a multi-day STEM camp using LEGO WeDo and LEGO Mindstorm robotics kits.
- School of Dreams Academy (SODA), \$15,000, support expansion of the SODA Junior Botball program, instilling STEM values in students through robotics demonstrations and competitions.
- Sundance Elementary School, \$13,800, support science exploration kits at Sundance.
- TNT Boxing and Mentoring Club, \$12,180, provide computers and internet access to Valencia County youth mentorship programs.
- University of New Mexico Valencia (UNM), \$16,000, support summer youth STEM camps at UNM Valencia, teaching skills such as coding, game design, robotics, digital media, and career exploration.
- Valencia County Amateur Radio Association, \$9,800, assist the association in providing support to emergency response agencies, participating in county events, and providing communications support.
- Valencia County Partnership for a Work Ready Community, \$5,296, support career, technical, job skill, workforce development, and education programs in Valencia County.
- The Wright Choice Learning Center, \$5,000, support pre-K STEM education in Valencia County with computers, monitors, and tablets.

Last year, nearly \$170,000 was given out to various Valencia County groups who submitted applications in the fall. This year, the 17 non-profits and schools were awarded \$210,000.

## LOCAL EVENTS

**Friday, July 3, 2020**

**Fourth of July Holiday**

Village Offices Are Closed  
Friday Garbage Will Be  
Picked Up Thursday, July 2.

**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**

June 25, 2020 July 9 & 23, 2020  
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)

## DO NOT WATER 10 A.M. TO 4 P.M.

Village Public Works Director Michael Jaramillo reminds Village water customers that outside trees, plants, and turf should NOT be watered between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.,

Watering should be done between 4 a.m. and 10 a.m. and / or 4 p.m. to 11 p.m. when the water treatment plant is more efficient using the water received.

Village ordinance 8.24.040 (Water Restrictions) states that starting April 30 and ending September 30, plants, trees or turf should not be watered during the hours of 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Watering during the heat of the day increases water loss.

## FACEBOOK GIVES SCHOOLS GRANTS

The Los Lunas School District has received a \$150,000 grant from Facebook.

Belen Consolidated Schools received a \$300,000 grant.