



VILLAGE NEWS



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VILLAGE OFFERS SMALL BUSINESS GRANTS

The Village has been awarded \$335,475 in CARES Act Small Business Grant funding from the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration and has offered funding to Village small businesses impacted by COVID-19 pandemic public health orders.

The Village has offered grants up to \$10,000 to cover business continuity expenses, business redesign expenses, and all expenses that fit into these categories: non-owner employee payroll, rent, scheduled mortgage payments, insurance, utilities, marketing, installing plexiglass barriers, purchasing web conferencing or other technology to facilitate work-at-home, and employee PPEs.

Eligible businesses must be headquartered in New Mexico, have 50 or fewer full time equivalent employees, have annual revenue of \$2 million or less, and demonstrate the business was impacted by COVID-19 public health orders.

The Village made funding available in two rounds of applications. From Sept. 11 through Oct. 2 businesses could apply for up to \$10,000 for eligible expenses incurred from March 1, 2020, through Oct. 2, 2020. From Oct. 2 through Oct. 16, 2020, businesses can apply for funds for proposed future expenditures.

Further information is available from Village Economic Development Manager Ralph L. Mims at mimsr@loslunasnm.gov or call 505 839-5654. Check the Village website loslunasnm.gov or Facebook.

NOV. 3 IS ELECTION DAY

The General Election will be held Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2020.

Registered voters who have not voted early or absentee before that day can cast a ballot at any polling place in Valencia County on that day.

HALLOWEEN

Due to COVID-19 pandemic state health orders, the Village's Halloween activities will be changed or even cancelled.

Stay in touch with Parks and Recreation on Facebook.

VIRTUAL VETERANS DAY

The annual Veterans Day program in Los Lunas will be a virtual one starting at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2020. The event will be available on Facebook and YouTube.

Guest speaker will be Colonel John Chavez (retired). Participants include Chris Sais; Daniel D. Fernandez VFW Post 9676; "Jubilation!" Barbershop singers; Veteran Jean Davies; and Colonel Joe Long (retired).

The event is hosted by the Village of Los Lunas, Los Lunas Invested in Veteran Events (LIVE) Inc., Blue Star Mothers of Valencia County, and RAKS Building Supply.

EASY REPORTING FOR ISSUES

Are you troubled by dogs that get loose in your neighborhood, or about a house with two-foot-high weeds in the front yard?

It is now easier than ever to report these issues in the Village with the new Code Enforcement Service Request. This new reporting system replaces the old online Residential Code Enforcement Complaint Form.

It allows residents to report any type of code enforcement or animal control issue by easy-to-use categories, and to view recently reported issues and status updates through an online map.

Find the Code Enforcement Service Request under the Forms tab on the Village website, loslunasnm.gov.

LLPD GIVES OUT BACKPACKS

The annual National Night Out could not be held this year due to the coronavirus pandemic, but the Los Lunas Police Department held a backpack and school supplies giveaway through curbside pickup on a September Saturday at Daniel Fernandez Park.

The school supplies in the backpacks included a notebook, folder, pencils, markers, crayons, and glue sticks.

The event was open to all Valencia County residents. The child / children had to be present at the time of pick up to receive a backpack.

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POLICE CHIEF TALKS ABOUT DEPARTMENT

The following was prepared by Village of Los Lunas Police Chief Naithan Gurule to inform the public about Village of Los Lunas Police Department procedures. This is a three-part series that started in August. This third part addresses different aspects of the department. The entire article previously appeared in the Valencia County News-Bulletin.

Additional Q&A About the Village of Los Lunas Police Department Answered by Chief Naithan Gurule

Q How does LLPD approach people who are victims of sexual assault and domestic violence? What protocols do officers use and what agencies do they utilize, if any?

A “We regularly work with the SANE (Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners) Unit, the domestic violence shelter as well as the Valencia County domestic violence advocates.

“We are proud to have participated in a new program, which requires our officers to complete a lethality assessment during these types of calls. The lethality assessments have assisted the district attorney’s office in having more successful prosecutions for these types of cases. We are now a model agency and helping to train other agencies within the county.”

Q How does the Los Lunas Police Department handle homeless people?

A “If, in fact, our officers encounter a homeless person, we treat them with the dignity and respect that we would treat any other member of our community. If an officer is called to a location where someone is asleep, we would check on their welfare to ensure they are okay.

“If they needed any further resources, we would do all we could to put them into contact with them such as the Salvation Army, etc. We have had instances in which our officers have purchased shoes, bought food or rented hotel rooms out of their own pocket for the homeless.”

Q How does LLPD address immigration — is ICE called? What steps are taken if someone is undocumented? What is their policy?

A “The Los Lunas Police Department does not address a person’s immigration status. I do not know what ICE’s policy is.”

Q How does the Los Lunas Police Department handle protesters and rallies/civil militia groups?

A “With regard to protests/rallies, and militia groups, we would follow our standard operating procedures and police the situation as we would handle any other situation or call for service. We will, of course, do our best to de-escalate and keep the peace.

“Should a peaceful/lawful protest occur, we will support and assist them in any way we can. In the event we have people who decide to commit a crime, such as damage property, we will handle it accordingly.”

Q “What changes is the department considering in the coming months pertinent to the use of militaristic equipment?”

A “... I do not know what you consider to be militaristic equipment but if you are referring to the use of rifles and the use of our armored vehicle, we are not considering any changes. These tools are important to our community so that we can better protect them from incidents, such as active shooters, school shootings, etc.

“This year, I will have six children at two different school sites, and personally know several other children from coaching, etc., at various other Los Lunas schools. Knowing the Los Lunas Police Department is responsible for responding to these school sites adequately armed and trained, provides me with confidence and comfort.”

Q “How does LLPD address transparency with the public and how (can) we obtain information about police violence accounts, the budget for our respective law enforcement departments, and what kinds of training LLPD receives?”

A “The Village of Los Lunas budget is all public record. The budget is on the village website. We publish an annual report every year, which covers use of force, complaints, etc ...”

Q How does LLPD approach people who are under the influence of drugs and having difficulty — both for DUIs and for people harmlessly in public — and do officers carry NARCAN?”

POLICE CHIEF TALKS ABOUT DEPARTMENT CONT'D

A "All Los Lunas Police Department officers carry NARCAN, per state law."

(Los Lunas Police Chief Naithan Gurule grew up in Los Lunas and graduated from Los Lunas High School in 1999. His wife, Carolina, also graduated from Los Lunas High School in 2001. They were married in December 2001, and have six children together (four boys and two girls). This year, they have a senior, a junior, and a freshman in high school, along with a sixth grader, a third grader, and first grader. Their children have been involved in sports since they were young, and he's coached sports in the community.

Gurule's father's side of the family has lived in this community for generations. A positive from all of this is he knows a majority of community members personally.

Gurule has been with the Los Lunas Police Department since July 2002. During that time, he obtained his Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice, Master's degree in Criminal Justice, attended the FBI National Academy and the Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command.



LLPD Chief Naithan Gurule

GET A LIBRARY CARD ONLINE

If you don't have a Village library card you can register online! Once you complete the online registration then you call the library for instructions on how to verify your mailing address.

Here's the link: <https://www.loslunaspublishing.org:8486/onlineBorrowerRegistration.html>;

Mobile printing is available at the library. Using the PrinterOn app or through their website you can send print jobs to the library and pickup through curbside. Ten pages a day are free. Here is the link: <https://www.loslunasnm.gov/DocumentCenter/View/10394/Mobile-Print-Library>.

The library continues to offer Mango Languages where you can learn up to 70 different languages.

This is a service offered to those who have a library card in good standing. You will need your library card number to sign in.

Here is the link for the library homepage. The Mango link is on the left sidebar. <https://www.loslunasnm.gov/103/Library>

Village Administration Office: 505 839-3840

GLASS DOCTOR® HAS YOUR AUTO GLASS NEEDS

Glass Doctor® of Los Lunas specialists are fully qualified to take care of your auto glass needs.

Glass Doctor® glass experts can repair chipped windshields before they become larger and more expensive to fix. Most repairs can be made in under an hour and the car insurance company often covers the cost. From the back window of a hatchback to an RV windshield.

Glass Doctor® can replace the auto glass on any vehicle. That vehicle will be back to the way it was when the vehicle first rolled off the lot.

The Glass Doctor® team will even handle filing the insurance paperwork.

To show the Glass Doctor® commitment to your auto glass, Glass Doctor® offers a G12 Windshield Breakage Guarantee. This 12-month warranty protects auto glass against normal road hazards. Some restrictions apply.

Glass Doctor in Los Lunas can be reached at 505 588-1999, located at 335 NM Hwy 314 SW. Website - [GlassDoctor.com](https://www.GlassDoctor.com). Owner is Marcos Jimenez.



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HEALTH CLINIC NOW OPEN

Providing quality and affordable healthcare to Valencia County and the surrounding area is the commitment of the owners of Acute Care House Calls and Chronic Care Clinic in Los Lunas.

Co-owners of the clinic are sisters Gloria Montoya and Diana Gutierrez. Montoya is administrator of the clinic. Gutierrez is an Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner board certified by the American Association of Critical Care Nurses.

In 2019 she graduated from the University of New Mexico College Of Nursing Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Program.

Gutierrez has served Valencia County since she started her nursing career in 2010 with home healthcare and hospice work.

She says she has seen health disparities where people must choose between groceries and medication. Acute Care House Calls offers \$45 urgent care / primary care visits for patients who don't have health insurance.

The clinic accepts most insurance plans and offers payment plans. The clinic is located at 106 Main St. NE Suite A, phone 505 361-2111.

In addition to clinic and telehealth visits, Acute Care House Calls offers a house-call service for patients who are homebound.

A few of the services at Acute Care House Calls and Chronic Care Clinic:

- Alternative Pain Management
- Alzheimer's disease and related dementia
- Arthritis
- Cardiovascular Disease
- Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
- Common Cold / Flu
- COPD / Diabetes
- Depression / End of life care
- Many Types of Vaccines

- Hyperthyroid / Hypothyroid
- Migraines
- Physicals
- Seasonal allergies
- Urinary tract infection
- Wound care

Visit the website acutecarehousecalls.com for more services.



Patients Come First at Acute Care

LOCAL EVENTS

Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2020

Village Offices Closed
Wednesday Garbage Pickup
On Thursday, Nov. 12, 2020

**Thursday, Nov. 26 &
Friday, Nov. 27, 2020**

Village Offices Closed
Thursday garbage pickup on Wednesday
Friday garbage pickup on Monday

Attend a Village Council Meeting

October 22 November 5 & 19
660 Main St NW

Main Street and Don Pasqual

Meetings begin at 6:00 p.m.
Meeting may be conducted virtually.

Check agenda on Village website
loslunasnm.gov

MUSEUM HAPPENINGS

The theme for the Museum of Heritage & Arts Adult Juried Art Show is "Celebrations of New Mexico." Artwork will be on display Nov. 14, 2020, through Jan. 9, 2021.

Awards presented for this 8th annual show are Best of Show (a solo exhibit in 2021) plus first, second and third place (all presented cash prizes).

Exhibits through Oct. 31, 2020, at the Museum are:

- An extension Exhibit of the "Wonder Women of the Rio Abajo: Celebrating 100 Years of Women's Rights."
- 2019 Juried Art Show Winner Marilyn Drake's Private Exhibit: "Wanderlust, Getting Around the World."

Presentations are:

- Oct. 17, 2020 Sean Wells: "Llorona to Ginsburg: Death & Awakening."
- Oct. 24, 2020 Deb Blanche, NM Humanities Presentation & Dramatization: "The Story of La Nina Otero Warren."

Must reserve a presentation seat at 505 352-7720.

The museum is located at the intersection of Main Street and Luna Avenue, under the downtown water tower, phone 505 352-7720, <https://www.loslunasnm.gov/104/Museum-of-Heritage-and-Arts>.