



# VILLAGE NEWS



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## GIFTS FROM THE VILLAGE MUSEUM

The Village Museum of Heritage & Arts, located under the water tower at the intersection of Main Street / NM Hwy 6 and Luna Avenue, has a great selection of unusual items for gifting any time of the year, but especially for the holidays.

There's a variety of books on a wide spectrum of topics including many local subjects.

Also available —

- Southwestern blankets and pillows
- Coffee mugs
- Ceramics
- Notecards and postcards
- Woven bags and coasters
- Southwestern jewelry
- Many different scarves

Stop by the museum and check out what is available.

The Southwest Model Railroad Club is showcasing model trains at the museum through Dec. 18 and the 9th annual Juried Art Show, Miracles & Remedies, is on display through Jan. 9, 2022.

The museum is open Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., phone 505 352-7720.

## SUPPORTING THE LL LIBRARY

Purchase a snowman and support the Los Lunas Library.

Friends of the Los Lunas Library and Museum provides funds to the library for various purposes and to support its goals for the community.

Funds have been and will be used for

- purchase of Playaway launchpads for preschoolers in the children's room
- establish a \$500 annual scholarship for a student at UNM Valencia Campus
- books for children
- prizes for the summer reading challenge program

Purchase a "snowman" for a dollar and add your personal message.

Snowmen will be displayed in the public library at 460 Main St. NE / NM Hwy 6 through Jan. 1, 2022.

Thank you for supporting your library.

## HEAR THE COMMUNITY CHOIR

Join the Community Choir singing holiday music Sunday, Dec. 12, 2021, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 160 James St., beginning at 6 p.m.

Nativity scenes will be on display 5 - 7:30 p.m.

## RECYCLING FOR THE HOLIDAYS IN THE VILLAGE

The holidays always seem to generate more "trash" than is generated other times of the year. That makes the Holiday Season a good time to recycle as much as possible which is easy to do in Los Lunas.

The Village Recycling Center is a state-registered drop-off recycling center located just north of the Fred Luna Multigenerational Center on Don Pasqual Road.

The Village of Los Lunas Recycling Program began in 1993.

The Recycling Center accepts:

- Cardboard (no chipboard/wax board)
- Plastic (#1 and #2 only)
- Aluminum
- Metals
- Paper
- White goods (i.e., washers, dryers, stoves, water heaters, refrigerators)
- Glass
- Paints are accepted at the transfer station with prior approval from the Solid Waste office.
- Oils accepted at the transfer station with prior approval.
- Electronics
- TV's: all TV's cost \$20, not just the monitors that contain a CRT.

Plastic bags should not be left in the recycling bins.

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## DANIEL D. FERNANDEZ HONORED

The bridge in Los Lunas over the Rio Grande has been dedicated as the Daniel D. Fernandez Veterans Memorial Bridge.

VFW Post 9676 has created a bridge fund to assist with the initial cost of fabrication and installation of the plaques and any future costs of maintaining the memorial and tributes to Daniel D. Fernandez and all veterans.

Donations to the VFW Post 9676 bridge fund can be made by visiting the post website, [llvfw9676.org](http://llvfw9676.org), or sending a check to Daniel Fernandez VFW Post 9676 PO Box 224 Los Lunas 87031.

At its July 15, 2021, meeting in Las Cruces, the New Mexico State Transportation Commission unanimously voted to name the NM Hwy 6 / Main Street river bridge "Daniel D. Fernandez Veterans Memorial Bridge" after the local Medal of Honor recipient.

Fernandez was a U.S. Army specialist 4th class who died on February 18, 1966, while serving during the Vietnam War. He threw himself on top of a grenade to save his comrades while they were rescuing another wounded soldier.

Fernandez's name is also on a park, the local VFW Post 9676, and the former Daniel D. Fernandez Intermediate School.

U.S. President Lyndon B. Johnson posthumously awarded Fernandez's family with the Medal of Honor in 1967.

Naming the bridge in Fernandez's honor was brought up in 2015 when several Valencia High School National Honor Society members presented a petition to the Los Lunas Village Council with 75 signatures supporting the bridge be named in Fernandez's honor.

The council unanimously approved the name change in 2017.

The students and their sponsor, Lori Kastelic, wanted to raise awareness of Fernandez and build a memorial in a public place.

The \$18.7 million reconstruction of the bridge essentially concluded this year.

## KING OF THE HILL MARCH 5

King of the Hill 2022 has been scheduled for Saturday, March 5, 2022.

King of the Hill offers 100% trail running at 5k, 10k, and half marathon distances.

The races take place in the beautiful and challenging trails of El Cerro de Los Lunas Preserve.

The course features beautiful views and large elevation changes on the 10k and half marathon courses. The event has grown every year, and this is the 6th annual so it could be the biggest and best yet!

Entry prices vary with type of race, distance, and day of entry. Check the Village website, [loslunasnm.gov](http://loslunasnm.gov), for specific prices. Entry is also possible on that website.

Interested in sponsorship opportunities? Contact Marcos Castillo at 505 352-7662.

## EXTRA TRASH PICKUPS

The Village will pick up two special large pickup loads each calendar year (January – December) at each Village address at no charge.

Additional pickups per address within the calendar year will be charged a fee which is the cost of collection and disposal.

Please call 505 352-7632 for questions and information.

## VILLAGE BUSINESS REGISTRATION RENEWAL

Remember to renew or get a new business license.

You can pay your Village of Los Lunas business registration renewal using Express Bill Pay.

Create an account or use an existing account at [www.expressbillpay.com](http://www.expressbillpay.com) for the renewal.

## QUILTING PRESENTATION

The Valencia County Historical Society, with the Village Museum of Heritage & Arts, is sponsoring a pre-recorded lecture on quilting by local master quilter Roberta Scott.

The presentation is available on the Los Lunas Museum of Heritage and Arts Facebook page beginning Dec. 8, 2021.

The presentation features examples of several unique quilts by Valencia County quilters and includes a discussion about techniques and local resources for all levels of quilting expertise.

Stitching fabric and padding together, a process commonly known as quilting, may date as far back as 3,400 BCE.

Everyone interested in quilting is encouraged to log on to this fascinating presentation.



## SURRENDER HOT YOGA STUDIO OPENS

Surrender Hot Yoga Studio is now open in Los Lunas, the first hot yoga studio open from Los Lunas to Las Cruces. It is located at 435 Main Street SW / NM Hwy 6, Suite C, phone 505 503-6672.

Surrender offers a variety of classes, including Hot Vinyasa Flow, Warm and Gentle Vinyasa, Hot Yin and Yoga Sculpt.

"This is a family supported, lifelong dream that finally came true," said owner and instructor Suzanne Sais-Mirabal, who has been teaching yoga for 15 years. "Our goal is to provide a service to the community that all ages can take advantage of and reap the lifelong benefits."

In addition to classes geared for all skill levels, led by a team of four instructors, Surrender offers an app to make scheduling and paying for classes more convenient, as well as an \$80 monthly membership that allows participants to enjoy unlimited classes.

"We're thrilled to welcome Surrender Hot Yoga Studio to Los Lunas," said Kristen Gamboa, Economic Development Director at the Village of Los Lunas. "Diversifying our local businesses and adding an option for our community members to stay healthy, is an incredible way to help our Village grow and thrive."

For more information, visit the Surrender Hot Yoga Studio website.



*Surrender Hot Yoga Studio*

## 2022 COUNCIL MEETINGS & HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

### JANUARY 2022

Council meetings: 13 & 27  
Holidays: 1/17 Martin Luther King Day

### FEBRUARY 2022

Council meetings 10 & 24  
Holiday: 2/21 Presidents Day

### MARCH 2022

Council meetings: 10 & 24

### APRIL 2022

Council meetings: 7 & 21  
Holiday: 4/15 Good Friday / Easter Holiday

### MAY 2022

Council meetings: 5 & 19  
Holiday: 5/30 Memorial Day

### JUNE 2022

Council meetings: 9 & 23

### JULY 2022

Council meetings: 14 & 28  
Holiday: 7/4 Fourth of July

### AUGUST 2022

Council meetings: 11 & 25

### SEPTEMBER 2022

Council meetings: 8 & 22  
Holiday: 9/5 Labor Day

### OCTOBER 2022

Council meetings: 6 & 20

### NOVEMBER 2022

Council meetings: 3 & 17  
Holidays: 11/11 – Veterans Day  
11/24 & 11/25 Thanksgiving Holiday

### DECEMBER 2022

Council meetings: 8 & 22  
Holidays: 12/23 & 12/24  
Christmas Holiday  
12/30 In observance of New Year's Day

## MOVE OVER FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLES

Not all "work zones" on the road involve construction, but all workers on the road deserve attentive and cautious drivers -- especially in emergency situations, points out Village Police Chief Naithan Gurule.

New Mexico's Move Over Laws are intended to protect workers performing their necessary duties on New Mexico roadways.

As soon as drivers see flashing emergency lights, they should reduce their speed and increase the distance from the vehicle in front of them. This increases visibility and the ability to safely react to whatever situation is ahead.

On multiple-lane highways, change lanes away from the emergency vehicle if it is safe to do so to provide a safer space for workers and help traffic see the emergency vehicle.

If it is not safe to change lanes, drivers should reduce speed at least ten miles per hour under the posted speed limit, move as far away as possible within their lane, and proceed with caution.

Motorists should not stop in the road because this can cause a chain reaction of rear-end collisions.

As you drive, look well ahead and watch for these vehicles:

- Police vehicles
- Ambulances
- Fire trucks and rescue equipment
- Highway maintenance vehicles
- Utility service vehicles
- Vehicle recovery equipment such as tow trucks.



## HISTORY OF THE MUSEUM OF HERITAGE & ARTS

In 2004, New Mexico State Senator Michael Sanchez appropriated \$50,000 to the Los Lunas Public Library to purchase equipment to record the oral histories of area residents. The equipment was purchased, and the Mayor and Council hired area historian Patty Guggino to start collecting these histories.

As the collection grew, Mayor Louis Huning, Councilwoman Cecilia Castillo, Councilmen Charles Griego, Gerard Saiz, and Robert Vialpando recognized the need for a home for the collection.

It was decided to refurbish and renovate the Agustin Archuleta Building, a Works Progress Administration (WPA) building located under the downtown water tower. Work began in the spring of 2007.

In discussions with Village Administrator Phillip Jaramillo, Library Director Cynthia Shetter agreed that the new branch should be a cultural resource center for the community.

Not only would the branch house the oral histories and the library's southwest research collection, but art exhibits and other cultural endeavors as well.

A bank of computers would be installed for genealogical research to enhance the oral history project.

James Fernandez was hired in the fall of 2007 to coordinate the project. He worked with library and village staff as well as volunteers not only to build the collection but to create and book exhibits for the museum.

The endeavor has been a success.

To date the museum has collected over 150 oral histories and thousands of photos as well as artifacts for the collection. In addition, more than thirty local and traveling exhibits have been displayed.

The August 2021 Village News carried a story about the history of the Village of Los Lunas Public Library. Find it at [loslunasnm.gov](http://loslunasnm.gov) on the web.

## LOCAL EVENTS

**December 24 & 25, 2021**

Village Offices Closed for Christmas Holiday

Garbage pick up  
Thursday, Dec. 23, for Friday

**Friday, December 31, 2021**

Village offices closed for New Year's Holiday

Garbage pick up  
Thursday, Dec. 30, for Friday

**Monday, Jan. 17, 2022**

Martin Luther King Day

Monday, Jan. 17, 2022 garbage collected

Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2022

**Attend a Village Council Meeting**

6 p.m. Thursday, December 16, 2021

6 p.m. Thursday, January 13 & 27, 2022  
660 Main St NW

Main Street and Don Pasqual

Meetings will be virtual and in-person.

Check Village website for agenda  
[loslunasnm.gov](http://loslunasnm.gov).

## BUSINESS ROUNDUP

### Shop locally for the holidays!

The greater Los Lunas area has lots of choices for gift giving any time of year and especially during the holiday season.

Check out the many shops ready to provide shoppers with the perfect gift for a loved one, friend or anyone special in your life.

Be sure to wear a mask in the appropriate setting and follow COVID19 precautions.

### NEW BUSINESSES:

#### Rocken JV Design

959 Hwy 314 SW Unit C, where The Rusty Needle Embroidery & Apparel used to be, 505 386-8810.

Offering customizable metal art and gifts. Rocken JV Design can do anything you might imagine. All products are handcrafted.

#### Maverik Gas Station

Corner of Los Morros NW and NM Hwy 6. Scheduled to open early December, 2021 Maverik fuels adventures in more than 350 locations across 11 western states, making it the largest independent fuel marketer in the Intermountain West. Maverik is known for its premium BonFire™ food — made fresh in every Maverik, every day — and awesome values on fuel, drinks and snacks. Maverik sells exclusive products such as fresh-made, gourmet burritos, sandwiches, pizzas, toasted subs, cookies, and coffee blends from around the world.

### ESTABLISHED BUSINESSES:

**The Rusty Needle Embroidery & Apparel**  
Home-based business. Call for location. 505 206-7565

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The Rusty Needle specializes in custom embroidery and customized printing for all your sports and / or business, caps, shirts and more!

#### China Super Buffet

2510 Main St NE Suite C  
505-865-8822

China Super Buffet is a cornerstone in the Los Lunas community and has been recognized for its outstanding Chinese cuisine, excellent service, and friendly staff. Food can now be ordered online!

## CHECK OUT VILLAGE OF LOS LUNAS ON FACEBOOK

