



VILLAGE NEWS

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VILLAGE COUNCIL ELECTION NOV. 2, 2021

Registered voters in three Village Council districts may vote in the November 2, 2021, election. Any voter who is not registered by October 5 may register and vote the same day at any early voting site.

Up for election are Council Seats in Village Council Districts One, Three, and Four.

Candidates are Christopher S. Ortiz, District One; Cruz Muñoz, District Three; and Phillip Jaramillo, Helen A. Jaramillo, and James T. Runyun, District Four.

In addition to other Voting Convenience Centers (VCC) located throughout Valencia County, two polling sites will be open in Los Lunas from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, November 2, 2021:

- Village of Los Lunas Village Hall, 660 Main St. NW, Los Lunas
- Los Lunas Schools Administration, 119 Luna St. SE, Los Lunas

For more information about other polling locations, or other information about the election, including Absentee and Early Voting, please contact the Valencia County Bureau of Elections Office at 505 866-2073 or www.co.valencia.nm.us, search for Bureau of Elections) and / or New Mexico Secretary of State (www.sos.state.nm.us, search for Voting and Elections).

The Valencia County Bureau of Elections office will be handling the Village election.

There is no council election in Village Council District Two, or for Mayor, or Municipal Judge, which will take place in November 2023.

VILLAGE PROJECTS INCLUDE ADDITIONAL I-25 OFF RAMP

More than 60 projects are being worked on in the Village of Los Lunas. Some projects might be considered minor like sidewalk repair. Other projects could be called major such as the rebuilding of road intersections.

Projects are not always visible to the public like improving computer technology or the wastewater treatment plant.

Other projects are not the responsibility of the Village, such as the Courthouse Road and NM Hwy 314 realignment project (state), or miscellaneous fiber optic line installation projects (private companies).

Funding for the projects comes from a variety of sources including loans, the Village budget, grants, and state funds.

Several current projects were featured in the August 2021 Village Newsletter.

Here are five more:

- Edeal Road and Main Street / NM Hwy 6 Intersection Improvements -- construct a new signalized traffic intersection with turn lanes and concrete medians.
- Main Street / NM Hwy 6 Landscaping Improvements from Canal Boulevard to Los Cerritos Road -- landscaping improvements on Main Street between Canal Boulevard and Los Cerritos Road in front of the New Mexico State Campus to include sidewalk replacement, irrigation, trees, plants, rock, and park benches.
- NM Hwy 6 Trail / Sun Ranch Village Road to Jubilee Los Lunas -- design and construct a multi-use trail along NM Hwy 6 between Sun Ranch Village Road and Jubilee Boulevard, including signage, striping, drainage, landscaping, and lighting.
- Water Tank 3 Site Improvements ("Tiger Tank") -- drill new water well; water tank rehab, and build new arsenic treatment facilities.
- Interstate 25 Off-Ramp Second Lane -- construct a second right-turn lane southbound onto NM Hwy 6 from Interstate 25, including roadway signal improvements on Desert Willow. This improvement will support upcoming economic development west of I-25 and meet New Mexico Department of Transportation State Access Manual (SAM) requirements.

To stay up to date about current and upcoming Village projects, visit loslunasnm.gov/list.aspx, where you can sign up to receive regular updates and alerts.

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FIRE PREVENTION WEEK YEAR-ROUND

Fire Prevention Week is October 3-9, 2021, but fire prevention should be year-round.

Village Fire Chief John Gabaldon points out that everyone should learn the sounds of fire safety. If there is a beep or chirp coming out of your smoke or carbon monoxide alarm you should know what it means.

Knowing the difference between a beep and a chirp can save you, your home, and your family! Make sure everyone in the home understands the sounds of the smoke and carbon monoxide alarm and knows how to respond.

Learn the sounds of your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms by checking the user guide or research the brand and model online.

Make sure your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms meet the needs of everyone in your home, including those with sensory or physical disabilities.

Some tips: install a bedside alert device that responds to the sound of the smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. Use of a low frequency alarm can also wake a sleeping person with mild to severe hearing loss.

Sleep with your mobility device, glasses, and phone, close to your bed.

Keep pathways like hallways lit with nightlights free from clutter to make sure everyone can get out safely.

Remember that if you hear a chirp make a change! A chirping alarm needs attention. Replace the batteries or the entire unit if it's over 10 years old. If you don't remember how old the unit is then replace it.

Hear a Beep, Get on Your Feet!
Call 9-1-1 from outside.

VILLAGE ICIP PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

The Los Lunas Village Council has approved the Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP) for Fiscal Years 2023 through 2027.

The top five ICIP projects are:

- I-25 Interchange and Bridge Construction in the category of Transportation - Highways/Roads/Bridges, has a total project cost of \$125 million with \$93.1 million funded to date.
- Central Rail Park Utility Extensions – Other Category-Utilities (publicly owned), \$6.4 million total project cost, \$4.1 million funded to date.
- Carson Park Phase 2 Infrastructure Improvements – Water - Storm/Surface Water Control \$7.5 million total project cost, \$2.0 million funded to date.
- Valencia Regional Emergency Communications Center (VRECC) Radio Upgrades – Equipment - Public Safety Equipment; \$3,230,560 total project cost, \$0 funded to date.
- Castillo Street (Road Improvements) – Transportation - Highways/Roads/Bridges, \$1,255,000 total project cost, \$0 funded to date.

DON'T BE SCAMMED

As our community, state and country continue to cope with the COVID-19 pandemic there are unscrupulous people conducting scams.

Be on the lookout for people conducting those scams. Individuals may knock on your door or call you on the phone making claims about testing for COVID-19 or any number of things.

If someone arrives at your residence claiming to be something you think they are not, do not open the door, but contact the police immediately.

The Los Lunas Police Department encourages citizens to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity by calling the department at 505 865-9130.

ADMINISTRATOR ELECTED

Village Administrator Greg Martin was elected president of the New Mexico City Management Association (NMCMA) at the 2021 annual meeting of the New Mexico Municipal League.

Martin will serve for one year or until a successor is elected. He started in the position immediately upon being elected by his peers and fellow city managers.

Martin said, "I am honored and humbled to serve in this capacity, and will strive to represent the Village of Los Lunas positively, and to meet the expectations of the association and fulfill my duties and responsibilities in this role to the best of my ability."

VILLAGE BUSINESS REGISTRATION RENEWAL

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.

All you need is your business registration account number and last name or business name.

CHECK OUT VILLAGE OF LOS LUNAS ON FACEBOOK



LOS LUNAS FAMILY PRACTICE WELCOMES PROVIDER

Twila Reider, a Board-Certified Family Nurse Practitioner, has joined Dr. Joseph R. Aragon and Rodrigo Perez-Resendez, PA-C, at Los Lunas Family Practice.

Los Lunas Family Practice is located at 127 Sandoval Road SW, Los Lunas.

Twila has more than 20 years experience as a Registered Nurse.

She has worked for San Juan County Health Department, Bernalillo County Department of Health, Presbyterian Healthcare Services, Correct Care Solutions, Guardian Angel Home Health, Aztec Healthcare and Welbrook Transitional Rehabilitation.

Twila received her Associate's Degree in Nursing from CNM, Bachelor's in Nursing from Eastern New Mexico, and a Master of Science in Nursing from Grand Canyon University.

Dr. Aragon, Rodrigo Perez-Resendez, PA-C and Twila Reider, FNP-C are accepting new patients. Dr. Aragon continues to see patients in clinic as well as hospice patients, while Rodrigo and Twila see patients in clinic, they conduct home visits Friday afternoons.

CDLs are still being performed in clinic.

Twila is originally from Farmington, New Mexico. Her dad worked for the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Her family lived at the Huerfano Dorm on the Dzilth-Na-O-Dith-Hle Reservation and eventually moved to the Navajo Reservation.

Twila enjoys gardening, camping, spending time with family, friends and her dog, hiking, biking, dancing, baking, and reading.

Twila is excited to call Los Lunas her new home while pursuing her passion and service to the community in Women's Health, Hospice, and Health Literacy.

Call the office at 505 865-3373 or stop by to meet Twila. The website for Los Lunas Family Practice is loslunasfp.com.

PNM SUPPORTS LLPD PROGRAMS

PNM provided funding to support Los Lunas Police Department's Cops for Kids Program and LLPD's annual National Night Out event in early August.

The Cops for Kids program is designed to build relationships between children and law enforcement in our community.

PNM's generous donation helped purchase and give away more than 800 backpacks and school supplies given to kids at National Night Out.

At National Night Out, Lieutenant Frank Lucero presented PNM with an appreciation award for purchasing school supplies and making this event a huge success for children in the community.

In addition, the funds received from PNM will assist LLPD's "Shop with a Cop" event in December.

LLPD's "Shop with a Cop" is an annual event dedicated to assist children and families in need during the holiday season.

Officers take underprivileged kids shopping for Christmas for presents or school supplies to show those children that the police in their area are friends and always there to help. Giving a child a present when they wouldn't have received one, or the supplies they need to excel in school, can make a lasting impression.

The children selected are based on needs including, family situations, unemployment, not having the fiscal means to provide gifts during the holidays, or other family hardships.

Each participating child is paired with an officer to go shopping at our local stores.



Twila Rider

LLPD RECEIVES ACCREDITATION

The Los Lunas Police Department has earned its accreditation for another three years with the New Mexico Law Enforcement Standards Council through the New Mexico Municipal League.

Accreditation is the ongoing process whereby agencies evaluate policy and procedure against established criteria and have compliance with that criteria verified by an independent and authoritative body.

The criteria, or standards, are policy development guidelines that represent a level of quality service delivery. The true indicator of compliance, however, lies with an evaluation by trained, independent professional peers.

The establishment of meaningful and professional standards and an evaluation of compliance with those standards are the two fundamentals of an accreditation program.

The standards are the basis of an accreditation program that affects every component of the agencies involved. Through the dedication to service and professionalism evidenced by the attainment of accredited status, law enforcement agencies can positively affect the communities they serve.

Los Lunas Police Department's Professional Standards Lieutenant Lisa Valenzuela-Medina, worked to ensure LLPD met and, in some cases, exceeded these standards.

As a result of Valenzuela-Medina's work, the Los Lunas Police Department met all the requirements of over 220 professional standards during a rigorous peer review by a team of assessors in June 2021.

The Police Department received a "Certificate of Accreditation" which is proudly displayed at the agency.

The Los Lunas Police Department's Accreditation is for three years.

HAPPENINGS AT THE MUSEUM AND LIBRARY

The annual juried art show will be on display Oct. 9, 2021, through January 2022, at the Village Museum of Heritage & Arts, located under the downtown water tower at Main Street / NM Hwy 6 and Luna Avenue. The art show features "Miracles and Remedies." Grand Opening Reception Saturday, October 9th at 2 p.m.

October pre-school activities at the Village Public Library, 460 Main St. NE, include Cathy's Corner Story Time with story time videos on Facebook Live.

There is also October family friendly crafts with no need to sign up. Crafts available on a first-time first-serve basis.

If you have questions, call 505-839-3850 or email Stephanie Birr: birr@loslunasnm.gov.

URGENT CARE LOCATION OPENS

New Mexico owned and operated Duke City Urgent Care has opened its new Los Lunas location at 1044 Main Street NE.

Duke City Urgent Care offers urgent medical care seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

"We are thrilled to open our new Los Lunas location and are planning on others to offer fast, friendly, quality, emergency care to Valencia County residents," said Mark Taliaferro, Duke City Urgent Care Founder and CEO. "It's important for people to have medical options, and we are here for the area's growing population."

Duke City Urgent Care has a team of board-certified emergency medicine doctors, physician assistants, nurses, paramedics, and technicians with an enormous amount of medical experience within both the emergency department and urgent care settings such that we can provide top-notch care in our urgent care for a wide variety of illnesses.

The Duke City Urgent Care facilities are equipped with on-site X-rays and laboratory testing to help facilitate timely diagnoses and appropriate medical treatments. For more information, visit dukecityurgentcare.com.



HONOR VETERANS

Honor all Who Served and Serve on Veterans Day Thursday, Nov. 11, 2021, at 11 a.m. with fellowship and food at Daniel Fernandez Park, 1103 NM Hwy 314.

Hosted by the Village of Los Lunas, RAKS Building Supply, Valencia County, and Los Lunas Invests in Veterans Events (L.I.V.E., Inc.).

LOCAL EVENTS

Farmers Market

Tuesdays 4 – 7 p.m.
Intersection NM Hwy 6 / Main Street and NM Hwy 47

October 11, 2021

Columbus Day
Village Offices Are Open
Garbage Pick Up
Monday, October 11, 2021

Attend a Village Council Meeting

6 p.m. Thursday, October 7, 2021
6 p.m. Thursday, October 21, 2021
660 Main St NW
Main Street and Don Pasqual Meetings will be virtual and in-person. Check Village website for agenda loslunasnm.gov.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

COVID is still affecting businesses. Here's a few businesses to patronize. Remember to shop in Los Lunas.

Ramos Flowers & Gift Shop

2211 A Main Street SE, 505 916-0339. Whether you prefer a look that is classic and traditional, modern and trendy, soft and romantic or unusual and offbeat, at Ramos Flowers & Gift Shop, we customize designs with you in mind!

Los Lunas Motorsports

337 Emilio Lopez Road NW, 505 865-1700. With over 500 new and used vehicles in stock at our stores, Motorsports of New Mexico is one of the largest sport vehicle dealerships in the great state of New Mexico carrying motorcycles, dirt bikes, scooters, ATVs, and UTVs, side-by-sides, trailers, jet skis and more.

Wolff Family Chiropractic

643 Hwy 314 SW Suite 1. 505 866-1226. Our mission at Wolff Family Chiropractic is simply to serve you. We provide excellent chiropractic care to help our patients reach and exceed their health goals.